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Check YES or NO

Do you think your fuel bill is too high? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Have you roasted in the living room, in order to maintain a livable temperature in the rest of the house? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Do you realize the impossibility of maintaining a comfortable temperature all over a house, whether big or little, with one little thermostat on the wall in one room? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Have you found your kitchen too hot when cooking or washing dishes? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Does your furnace or boiler supply heat when your thermostat demands it and then during the “off period” does your house feel chilly before the heat comes on again? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Do your radiators get too hot, then too cold, or do your registers send out hot blasts and then cool down, causing a chill to set in? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Is your bathroom too cold for comfort? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Is the sunny side of your house warmer than the othersides, and is the windward side always colder? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Are your rooms hotter at the ceiling than at the floor? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Are your floors drafty and too cold for the children to play on? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

Wouldn’t you like to maintain selected temperatures in various rooms of the house? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

(For example, 72 degrees in your living room, 65 degrees in your bedrooms, 50 degrees in your built-in garage or storage rooms.)

Don’t you want to save the fuel now being used to heat an unoccupied bedroom, or make it available for the living room? ........................................

Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

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Yes □ □ □

No □ □ □

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THE AMERICAN HOME, AUGUST, 1944
Dear American Home

Whether or not women could build better homes than men, as debated by Mrs. Jean Austin and Mr. William J. Hennessey in the April issue, there's no question that the subject is as stimulating as a pin-prick. The letter response is pure reflex action! We can only relay excerpts from a few, leading from the feminine lists with: "... It may be a detail, but having a kitchen routed so that dishes are washed toward the dining room and food prepared in the direction of the dining room is very important in saving steps and time. When I even prepared the meals and washed the dishes they would soon see to that saving! These neat looking kitchens with kettles behind doors would lose some of their doors, so that a man could grab a kettle without leaning ever, unlatching a door, slopping down, reaching in and onto a deep shelf for said kettle, raising up, latching the door, and then going about the business of putting food into it to cook... Men have swivelled chairs in their offices, but how many will buy a kitchen stool with adjustable height for their wives? Also, they have files and drawers of varying sizes in their work centers. Most clothes closets boast only a shelf, a bar for garments, and a few hooks. And has it ever occurred to male architects that most families have children? Most houses do not have a nursery or play room located near the work centers where a woman spends most of her time. On the subject of time, another recent article, "I Seem to Work in Circles" reminds me that I like to work with an executive point of view. A "time budget" may offer some readers as much relief as impulsive working and playing offer your inspirational writer. Tell them to make a list of all the things they want to do in the year (bridge club meetings, being hostess at the U.S.O. cleaning, or dates with the husband), then a list of the things to be done once, weekly, and finally daily, with the hour to begin and to end the tasks set for certain times... This plan gives an executive point of view. Homemaking, in its complete meaning, is or was, manufacturing gas burning cooking appliances and I was struck by your reference to the "horizontal position" and disappointed that you did not go further into the subject. Any ideas a woman has are considered "impractical and bizarre." They have denied us the foresight, but on the contrary! "My business is, or was, manufacturing gas burning cooking appliances and I was struck by your reference to the horizontal position" and disappointed that you did not go further into the subject. It is quite impossible for me to understand any man who is satisfied with an oven so far below the working level... To use the broiler in the same stove, she can guess what is going on or lie on the floor. But every manufacturer has had high oven stoves, some as recently as three and four years ago. Their sale has been so low as to be a threat to the oven so far below the working level... To open a refrigerator, then a list of the things to be done (the oven of the Brothers Ulander), then a list of the things to be done (the oven of the Brothers Ulander) and drawers of varying sizes in their work centers. Most clothes closets boast only a shelf, a bar for garments, and a few hooks. And has it ever occurred to male architects that most families have children? Most houses do not have a nursery or play room located near the work centers where a woman spends most of her time. On the subject of time, another recent article, "I Seem to Work in Circles" reminds me that I like to work with an executive point of view. 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CASE HISTORY

ALMA ARCHER, whose absorbing account of house building appears on page 20, deals out commonsense advice seasoned with salt for the woman's page of a Metropolitan daily. At one time, she was a buyer and thought nothing of making $100,000 purchases—yet none offered her the intrigue, fun, and romance of her cement and timber purchases for the house her own "jack" built.

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This widow will receive Social Security benefits when she finds the official and family records to support her application.

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Just Musing,
Thank You!

About a year ago we published Geneva B. Williams' story of her "typical American antique collector's home." The letters she received in response were very inspiring to her. Here Mrs. Williams thinks out loud about the most interesting ones her first article brought to her mail box:

I've read a lot of articles, stories, poems, and other things, but I never remember seeing in print a writer's reaction to the human interest stories that come in his mail box from those who have read and seen pictures of "what I had in a magazine." It was my first, and I imagine my only magazine appearance, but I'm getting such a kick out of these human interest stories that I cannot help writing about some of them . . .

One day a letter came from a woman in the country who, because her husband is soon to be drafted, must move to one room in the city, give up her home and part with her cherished antiques. She offered to send me some of her things to see if I would care to buy them; not knowing me at all, she would trust me to have them on approval. She's kind. Her unwritten tragedy I read between the lines. She has a knack of saying such complimentary things. All this I imagine my only magazine appearance, but I'm getting such a kick out of these human interest stories that I cannot help writing about some of them . . .

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Another letter came from a woman financially well fixed and a little fastidious. She writes on a fine, silver gray paper in white to match the deckled border. The character of the paper matches her name. She doesn't have any children, only time on her hands. She wants to sell me some things, not because she needs the money, but because the novelty of certain items has worn off. I am sure she has many friends because she has the knack of saying such complimentary things. All this I imagine my only magazine appearance, but I'm getting such a kick out of these human interest stories that I cannot help writing about some of them . . .

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Still another letter for musing, this time on very neat paper, perfectly typewritten, and a self-addressed envelope enclosed. I see in the blank spaces of her letter a very efficient secretary. Her employer is probably an architect. She "lives alone and likes it" but she takes much interest in her family tree. I take this interest for granted because she writes about a platter I have in my collection, that was brought over by her ancestors. She has read somewhere that the platter was of a particular ware used by the middle class. She hopes I shall contradict this. But I can only offer her consolation by saying all very early dishes brought over were crude. And if she wants her ancestors to have come over very, very early, then she should be glad the platter was crude.

A sixty-five-year-old widow wants me to tell her how to hang plates on the wall now that she can't buy commercial hangers. (Simply use three drapery hooks over the edge of the plates, wire them together tightly with picture wire and make a loop at the top.) She saw mine, by the dozen, hanging on the dining room wall, a picture that was shown in THE AMERICAN HOME. Not long ago, she gave a talk before the Fine Arts
I Tixin's BILL'S HOME... got in yesterday... thanks to all you folks who stayed put so Bill and the boys could travel in your place! Now Mom's discussing plans for tonight's supper... things that Bill specially likes, of course. How about the chocolate cake she always made for birthdays, and some of those good Swift's Premium cold cuts? "Sounds just swell!" says Bill.

SALAD MAKINGS are picked in the Victory Garden after Bill's gone off to see some friends. The Brown's get maximum production from their garden for they know planting is only half the job, have kept it well weeded and watered. Mom gathers lettuce, onions, and carrots. Her clever Carrot Flowers will glamorize the cold meats platter.

MARY BREAKS HER NEWS at supper. Starting next week, she's a WAC! Bill's last letter decided her—"They sent some WACs up the other day. Didn't realize how much help they'd be—wish we had more!" Bill's pleased, Dad's proud. Is there a tear in Mother's eye? Mary's just turned twenty. But several of her friends are enlisting with her.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO START YOUR PLANNING

Whether you intend to build a new home or to remodel your present one, now is the time to start your planning. Study the space you want your bathroom or kitchen to occupy—plan the arrangement—provide for storage space—consider the architectural features—make up your mind on the kind of plumbing you want and, finally, plan the color harmonies.

Planning is a lot of fun; and if you do this preliminary work now you will have your new bathroom and kitchen sooner when construction becomes possible. It is wise to check your plan with your plumbing contractor. His knowledge can often save you many dollars.

Half the women of the town actually tried to buy it from him, so I'm sure she could make a profit if she would care to sell it.

The friend who gave us our first copy of The American Home was surprised and delighted to see our things pictured. She wrote: 'I found out how many lovely things you have collected since you lived here.' But what I read between the lines of her letter is that she wants, more than anything else, to get settled, so she can collect to her heart's content. Her small apartment will soon overflow with the lovely things she finds she must have. She expresses my thoughts, too, by saying: 'What a pleasure it must be to have others enjoy a hobby with you.' I have always loved taking hold of any chance to pass on the compliments to me.

Then, there's the letter from the woman who can't trust her own ideas. She wants to know how to hang her sleigh bells. It took me seven hours to get the tarnish off my bells, but at last I got them all polished with vinegar and salt and lacquered with clear nail polish. It would have taken me hours longer, but it was near Christmas and I can always cut my working hours in half when there is an urgent need behind my work. With the evergreens tied on and the Christmas bow placed at the top, my bells were very lovely hanging down the middle of my front door. After the holiday season, I merely hung them beside the door on the frame.

To Dott whose grandfather, great, great removed, fought in the Revolutionary War and grandfather in the War of 1812, I would like to ask if the latter brought home one of the little souvenir Liverpool pitchers! Our pitcher says, 'Republicans are not always unfaithful,' but as far as I know, my grandfather who was governor of one of the provinces, as I learned when I climbed the family tree, never had anything to do with passing it on. My husband 'antiqued' it, but we love our pitcher as much as she loves her Staffordshire platter. What began all this was her seeing my picture of an old shelf clock like hers which her father bought secondhand before the Civil War. He was on the Union side; I am sure that my Batts ancestors have been on the other side of the line! At any rate, she didn't mention this war so I have one on her for I promised if my pictures came out in The American Home that my husband, who is in the war, would be so thrilled that he would win this war all by himself. What a big promise! But I have been doing my bit by having a benefit Open House to raise money for a local Service Men's Club Room.

"Is a little boy on horseback, with a dog barking, from Currier and Ives' handpainted calendars of 1847, of enough value to help save a grandfather's farm?" I am sure that I don't know, but I would let the little dog bark in my hallway if I love little dogs when painted by women who were employed to tin the Men's Club Room.

The photographer who took the picture, and is a lovely wisp of a single girl, writes me—"Thanks for passing on the compliments to me. The whole thing makes me very proud." Collecting brought us together in the first place. She wanted a carved stick that I had and wanted some pictures to send to the magazine, and presto, she has the stick, and I have the pictures and we both are publicized, overnight.

"Your story was like a good pep talk," writes another woman, "and when the black and yellow paint came off, I found I had an old maple table." I'm glad that my pep is contagious, I am then doubly repaid for the vitamins that I take. They will really keep your hair from turning gray and will some times even restore it to its natural color! So that for all the people who want to know if I have a boy seventeen, really, and why doesn't my hair turn gray at my age. By all rights I should be an invalid, but I am not—well, just about everything!

GEDNA B. WILLIAMS

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MOZART’S BRILLIANT DON GIOVANNI, CAPTURED IN LIVING, ELECTRONIC TONE! Seville in the 17th century, and the amorous Don Giovanni. A sword, the flight, duplicity anew, and flames in a banquet hall. So realistically does the Musaphonic recreate Mozart’s opera that you almost seem present at the performance!... The Musaphonic is a product of General Electric electronic research. Twenty-two tubes, including two rectifiers, twin speakers, a de luxe automatic record-changer and silencer, and a built-in home recorder, offer new standards of enjoyment. Cabinets are exquisitely wrought of finest woods.... All General Electric research and manufacturing facilities are devoted to war now. But tomorrow’s Musaphonic, with Frequency Modulation, will be an even finer instrument, its glorious tone enhanced by a new method of electronic reproduction.

Stella Roman and John Brownlee, Metropolitan Opera stars, as they appear in the Mozart opera, Don Giovanni.

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MUSAPHONIC BY GENERAL ELECTRIC
PROVING THAT NO CELLAR IS HOPELESS UNLESS YOU WILL IT SO
Some years ago many of us went overboard in our own cellars in the hope that the magic words "rumpus room" would make us feel we really weren't in the cellar after all. Some have "paid out" but, sad to relate, most of them were little used after the first few parties given in them. However, not all cellars were caught up in the great recreation fervor and remained in the same sad state as the one you see below—a dreary place in which to do the laundry, a catchall for old boxes and bales of junk, and somewhere in it all, a pitifully inadequate space for appy's tools and work bench. Now whether the chilly, unused rumpus room or the catchall condition is saddest, we won't say. What we do say, emphatically too, is that the cellar is too large and potentially a useful area to be caught in either condition and perhaps our sensible use of it may give you the urge to use yours in the same sensible way—for pleasant laundry use, for an organized workshop, for food storage, and garden activities. We've made it gay but we've kept it practical and we've made it available to all by keeping a clear, photographic step-by-step record and have made patterns for you, too. We cannot supply the will to do, but never let it be said that we have not supplied the way!... Let us look, then, at what we have accomplished.

HOME PATTERN NO. A 688 includes full-sized stencils for the motifs you see on shutters, the motifs on all doors, as well as the washers, tub decorations, and the jolly bulletin board. In other words, full-sized stencils for all the decorations you see in photographs A, B, C, and D. Price only 35c. And there's even a pattern for the pretty patchwork mother and daughter pinfores designed for us by Marion B. A. Tubbs. Ask for AMERICAN HOME PATTERN A 689 and send a mere thin dime for the set.

Photographs by F. M. Demarest
with a real-life cellar with available materials. Mr. Seymour, the owner, is also looking at the miracles accomplished by Mr. Hennessey, though of course to Mr. Seymour the supreme achievement is his work bench!

Study first the plan, directly above. You will see that we have moved neither walls nor plumbing but have merely organized the space at our disposal and increased said space by using all available wall space and under counter spaces for storage. We used Armstrong's Asphalt Tile on the floor, built in efficient lights, housed the laundry equipment, provided food storage, provided a place to store garden seeds, garden reference books, a desk for making garden records, and even a bulletin board for utility. We took a photograph of it after we'd covered it in plain blue Fir-Tex, and while it is as utilitarian as our final stage, note how gay our decorations have made the room and without detracting one whit from its usefulness. Glance now again at the "before" and say it was not worth the doing!

Now let's go over to the other side of our ex-cellar room. We've made the old door gay by painting it up, and where once was ban
wall, we have built in a closet-desk unit which houses the electric
ironer beneath, desk and storage above, and beside it built in the old
ironing board. Note wall socket and note too the gaiety our decora-
tions have added to the same unit shown above before the paint
brushes flew. The little bulletin board holds enough pin-ups to keep
the average gardener busy or can be used for notes from me-to-me or
you-to-the-laundress. Soaps, starches, bluing, clothes pins, and hand
iron are all nicely housed over the laundry tubs where they belong.

Now can you think of anything else a little cellar
room might reasonably be
asked to do? My yes, we forgot to tell you that the jams, jellies, and pre-
serves are all taken care of too, over in the cool corner beside the work
bench and over the electric washing machine and that the simple shutters
will keep out sun or night from the busy workman at his bench.

The construction, as you can see, is extensive but comparatively simple
for even the home handyman, and the decorations purposely kept simple
so that when it came Ma's turn to decorate what Pa had built, she would
feel no qualms about tackling it. And, of course, as well as adding color
and gaiety, the decorations help keep it cleaner than would plain surfaces.

Since it's to be Dad's job to start work first on the construction end of
the transformation, here are a few practical notes about how we tackled the
work. First, something had to be done about the maze of ceiling pipes that
ran around without rhyme or reason. Taking the lowest hung pipe as our
guide, we built a hung ceiling of extra large panels of Fir-Tex, nailing them
to a framework of 2x3's attached to the ceiling itself. Because the new ceil-
ing came below the tops of our windows, inverted area wells were invented
and really add a lot to the room's attractiveness. These wells, too, were
lined with wallboard. A long rectangular opening, covered with stamped
metal was used under the main heating line and affords just the right
amount of warmth. Our recessed lights are nothing more than flashlight
reflectors. The fluorescent fixture over the workbench is of
pine and our own design. Cupboard door stiles and rails are
of pine, panels of Fir-Tex backed with plywood. All exposed
woodwork was given a thin coat of shellac for protection
against any steam that the laundry tubs might give off. We
especially like the combination of natural wood and blue
wallboard. Paints used throughout were ready-to-use colors,
although for variety we did blend a few of them in our en-
thusiasm. Furring out the walls to receive the wallboard
would be the best practice, though we did not feel that this
extra precaution was necessary. If you have a curved surface,
it is best to cut the Fir-Tex into narrow strips, this makes the
wallboard more flexible. The edges were sandpapered down
and produce an effect comparable to clean stone jointing.
## HANDLING THE LATE SUMMER CROPS

### CORN

With new, improved hybrid varieties available, and effective methods of fighting earworms, gardeners can stretch the sweet corn harvest over a long season. But don’t overdo it by leaving ears ready to eat. Test, not by tearing fashion, but by feeling for the husks, huskster, plump firmness and husk tightness sweetness. Then rush ears to the you know what! Summer enough, but late kinds and pumpkins can be left until frost is imminent; if it comes unexpectedly, gather the fruit in piles and

### SQUASH

Late cabbages need ample room to develop their big, firm, round or flattened heads. Light frost won’t damage them, but if fall rains stimulate excessive growth and a head starts or threatens to split, grasp it with both hands and give it a half twist, or bend it to one side and back. This breaks some of the feeding roots, checks growth, and delays splitting. For storage in trench or coldframe, leave roots and outer leaves on; for shelf or box storage in cellar, trim heads. The crisp Chinese cabbage doesn’t store well, but slight freezing of the outer leaves rarely harms the firm hearts, so leave plants in the

### CAULIFLOWER

Cucumbers and tomatoes, though induced to bear until late fall by keeping them supplied with picking the fruits before are trained to one stem or a must be pinched or broken off pick all ripe ones before frost, side down in garage or cellar, or shelves or in a window or coldframe to ripen; they need not be wrapped...For pickle-making, definitely warm weather annuals, can be in protecting them from pests and diseases, food (and moisture during droughts), and they are old enough to ripen seed. If tomatoes few, side shoots starting in the leaf axils while small. As frozen tomatoes are useless, then either pull up the plants and hang them up; gather all good sized green ones and put them on

### CUCUMBERS

Of the “big three” root crops for the home garden—beets, carrots, and turnips—there are two types that can be grown for a late harvest. One season varieties which, planted in midsum-usable size (while still small and tender) be too long, they become tough and lose flavor, be pulled for immediate use. The slower-growing sorts which, planted by thinning, attain large size without and are best for storage in just above freezing temperatures. Here they can be piled in

### TOMATOES

In the tree fruits, both under- and over-ripeness are marked by poorer texture, flavor, and quality. An important guide to optimum maturity is the “ground color,” (that found in the area not highly colored). In peaches, this changes from dull green to yellow as the ready-to-pick stage is reached; if the fruit is still hard, a few more days of ripening, on or off the tree, are needed. Plums gathered before this color change oc- curs never lose a sharp acidity and rubberiness. But if allowed to hang until over-ripe, they become stringy, tough-skinned and flatly characterless in taste. Apricots ready to eat are fairly firm
cover over night with straw, old burlap, or the pulled-up vines. In harvesting them, cut with about 2" of stem, not for use as a handle, but to avoid causing an easily infected scar. Handle each fruit like a baby; it, too, has a tender skin that bruises easily. As squash ripen, they develop a glossy, sparkling color, and yellow tinges the dark green color and turns the grayish varieties a softer shade.

When the cauliflower buds or "buttons" attain the size of eggs, it is time to pull them with soft cord or raffia. Do this well as needed, even from under the head. If necessary, build a temporary one around them, transplanted to a coldframe or put all the rest on the compost heap. Take down the compost heap. And treat all fruits gently.

cover cucumbers when they are the proper size but still firm and green; this runs from 55 to 75 days from seed-sowing. For salads, cooking and relishes, they can be picked at any size, so long as they are not yellow or soft. Sliced without having been peeled (but, of course, after thorough washing) they contain more of the vitamins which, with their succulent crispness, warrant their being given some out more space in gardens, so long as they don't crowd nutritious crops. P.S.—If you find yourself with lots of green tomatoes on hand, don't fail to try the American Home tomato pie recipe! It's given on page 58.

a bed of straw, or in baskets or sand kept just moist enough to harm (they should be cut off should be dug before the soil washed), and handled carefuly, on the contrary, are ing left in the ground and dug any time until, in early spring, they...
I BUILT A HOUSE
and lived to tell it!

OR...WHAT THE LONE FEMALE SHOULD KNOW
IF DETERMINED TO HAVE A "HOME OF HER OWN"

BUILT a sportshack in Vermont. It's a honey. You'd be crazy about it. The "Bobcat" represents 125 acres and has a million trees although it's on top of Bald Mountain. I wanted the shack to simplify my way of life, and to secure independence for me in a goofy world. Through this special charm spot 2,000 feet up in the air, I'll always be able to remain true to myself and the American ideals of democracy. What is life without freedom? Or say it again, what is life without Vermont? I'm a Vermont addict and an incurable mountain fan. What I have done, you can do, if you'd like the joy of "a home of your own." I tested the merit of being a "career" girl and came out victorious—strictly thumbs up, what with a job, a house and a new outlook on life! Of course, any woman starting to build a home will be tagged fool-hardy. She remains in that bracket until the abode is completed, then all the hoss-laughers will arrive with demands for picnic privileges and week-end rights. Unless you know the sign language, you may have trouble with your contractor. They are not a lippy crew. Therefore it won't be until the architect has had the septic tank built in one place that the contractor will say that it should have been somewhere else. It's these twenty-dollar drops here and there which represent what I term my "Can't Win Fund." Never build anything unless you have a backlog of dough to cover the chagrin moments of the various men hired to do the work. Shake hands with the builder, plumber, and architect before taking the devil dive of starting the job and agree to speak only of their good qualities when the job is finished. When I discovered that my architect had left off any back door escape I almost expired. In return, I gave him a double case of heebies by insisting on a double-duty fireplace for my bedroom and terrace. The chagrin of everyone had to be covered by my hard-earned gold when it came to figuring the cubic footage of my stone walls. I imported some Italian stone masons from New York who did quite the best stone laying job I've ever seen. However, their method of figuring the footage was quite different from the New England system. A man and team spend 211 hours hauling the stone from all corners of the property so that my experts could do a perfectly matched job. Some people wouldn't be that fussy. A feature of my property was two flat, old stone slabs, absolutely huge "stepping stones" of native rock, ideal for the hearthstone of the living room and as an entrance step on the terrace. Friends said that we'd never be able to move these stones. Natives prophesied that the stone would crack due to the fire's heat. It was a frightening job, hitching the straining horses to the heavy slab. But somehow the stones were hauled into position. After this, no one spoke to me for days. At times I wondered why I didn't throw in the building sponge and quit. But blondes can be tough! My dream was too close to realization. I just couldn't slip into my shroud, no matter what obstacles lay ahead.

In going into a new community, it is likely that the local hard-hided business men will treat a woman as an incompetent. They skeptically regard her reliability, credit, and stability. The fact that Uncle Sam wants his women to have homes is one thing, but meeting the money powers and convincing them that you're entitled to help as a citizen is another thing again. I've always believed in enforced saving, especially for a woman. Building a home, financed as I did the "Bobcat," just represents another way of "saving." The usual career woman frits away enough money to build five homes. In putting one word after another, I've related the tribulations in acquiring a real heart's desire. What happened to me can happen to you. Of course, I was lucky to get in before priorities. A home of your own, girls, take it from me, it's the business!
Any remote resemblance to scientific theory is purely unintentional, but here's a thought: Could it be that the way to arrange for sons is to count on having daughters? A lady who began to collect miniatures for the perfect doll house at the outset of her marriage twenty years ago became the mother of three fine sons instead, one of them now in Uncle Sam's armed forces. That is the story back of the fine collection owned by Mrs. John Louis, of Evanston, Illinois, shown in the accompanying photographs. Once begun, the search for tiny pieces, beautifully designed and executed, needed no excuse. The miniatures come from all parts of America and Europe and back of the designs are stories of eras past. Of the handsome tea sets exhibited in an old Sheraton case, the loveliest and most complete is the Swedish service on the top shelf with its twelve cups and saucers, teapot, creamer and sugar bowl, and exquisitely impressive oval tray. These were discovered in a silversmith's shop in Oslo, Norway, and the service is a copy of that used by the royal family in Sweden. On the lower shelf is a miniature of a Georgian English service, found in the Caledonian market, and at the right a modern set in Adam design. On the second shelf is a set the Louises found in Edinburgh. The old lady who sold it to them hated to part with it for, she said, it was a facsimile of the service used in the Queen's doll house and for years she had kept it in the window in the hope the Queen herself might pass by, recognize it and want to buy it. On the top of the desk are a few of Mrs. Louis' choice miniature cups: Spode and Copeland china and Royal Crown Derby ones, a gift from Fredric March, the famous actor. In a large case over the sofa are miniatures of all descriptions, from all countries. Here on the top shelf are Georgian compotes from London shops, a chair and table from Holland, a nutmeg grater for eggnog from New England. Just below these are Sheffield platters, wine coolers and coffee pots, all reminiscent of England's 18th Century. On the third shelf are French miniatures—salt and pepper shakers, mustard pots, and a Louis XV desk set. Beneath these are tiny prints and lithographs by Rowlandson, the artist who illustrated Dickens' wonderful tales. Some of the coffee pots, from England and Scotland, are dated around 1800. Exhibited on the lower shelf are George Baxter oil portraits, in miniature, of Albert and Victoria, circa 1850. There are tiny snuff boxes from all over England, an icon and vodka goblets from Russia, a goblet from Buenos Aires for liqueur, a fish from Copenhagen with a bit of perfumed cotton inside practically used for sniffing in the fish market.

MRS. LOUIS, BUSY NOW WITH WAR WORK, EXAMINES SOME OF HER FAVORITE MINIATURES FROM LONDON, EDINBURGH, ITALY, AND RUSSIA

RUTH W. LEE

Photographs by Novell Ward

BEAUTY OF DESIGN AND WORKMANSHIP PLUS A STORY MAKE THESE MINIATURES A DISTINCTIVE PART OF MRS. LOUIS' DECORATIVE SCHEME.

AMONG THE PORTRAITS ARE TWO OF ROYALTY
Just birds on a telephone line to your child or an endless source of speculation as to where these lovely creatures have their summer and winter homes?

Projected to them through the dark. They learn to hate and murder. They learn about cheating and lust and sex, all sugared over with glamour. They know how to fall screaming from a burning plane; how it is to be tortured in a foxhole; how it feels to have a grinning Jap stick his bayonet in their back. It's much more real to them than the stuff they're getting at school or the well-mannered fun of family conversation across the dinner table.

**CURIOSITY... The Greatest Gift You Can Give Them!**

You, like a few million other intelligent parents, are worried over your child because, even through the haze of your own worries, added duties, and frayed war nerves, you have perceived that this child is subtly different—war different.

Mrs. Catherine Clarke, mother of two boys, writes: "The life of a boy is divided into three parts—home, school, and play. Home is where they eat, sleep, and dress; school, where they learn their lessons. Both institutions are plentifully strong on criticism, sorrowfully weak on strengthening the ego. But it is the third part that is the living part of a boy's life—his play, the time when he can do what he likes. It is this play life that is therefore of the utmost importance to us as parents. Where and how do they spend it?

"Let's see what they like to do. They love to go to war movies. Sitting tensely on the edge of the seat they avidly drink in every thought and scene..."

Do you make it a dutiful health walk or an illustrated moving lecture of a sunlit dappled trail peopled by fascinating creatures nibbling and scurrying at one site, brook music at the other, exciting evidences of where a grouse took a dust-bath..."
Just an apple tree in the back yard, or a wise old tree advertising so that the bees will come and feast and in feasting, produce a beautiful apple crop.

...And finally we have the blood-thirsty comics that make the old classics dwindle to dry and dull reading... What to do—blame everything on the war and let it go at that?

Mrs. Clarke suggests crafts and nature, but it is my contention that the first gift you must give your child is curiosity. Certainly it is the only gift exciting enough to compete with this false stimulation he is absorbing through his eyes and ears when he goes to war movies or listens to Superman stuff over the radio. A good book and fatherly talks somehow won't do anymore. But instill curiosity about everything he sees and hears when he's outside the movies or away from the radio and you can compete most successfully, for he will be possessed of constant, never-ending absorption beyond anything you can contrive or buy for him. Give him curiosity and you will find he needs precious little entertaining and will at the same time develop a sane perspective about these blood-thirsty things that worry you so much now. They may continue to his statement has never been challenged. For parents, however, I should like to revise it to read “The most precious things of life you can give your child are near at hand, will cost you nothing, PROVIDED first you give him the great gift of curiosity.” For without curiosity he will go through life insensitive and unseeing, react to nothing except synthetic and in later life man-made stimulations.

One has only to talk with adults who have traveled extensively and remain curiously poor in memories to realize how little they have carried back from their travels. They used the fastest trains, the fastest planes, the biggest boats, and confused transportation with travel! Or take the usual stupid family Sunday drive along manicured asphalt roads. Always moving, never stopping, never observing at less than forty miles per hour through a small, streamlined pane of glass! What has possessed us that our mania for speed and constant motion has dulled our curiosity about the outside the movies or away from the radio and you can compete most successfully, for he will be possessed of constant, never-ending absorption beyond anything you can contrive or buy for him. Give him curiosity and you will find he needs precious little entertaining and will at the same time develop a sane perspective about these blood-thirsty things that worry you so much now. They may continue to his statement has never been challenged. For parents, however, I should like to revise it to read “The most precious things of life you can give your child are near at hand, will cost you nothing, PROVIDED first you give him the great gift of curiosity.” For without curiosity he will go through life insensitive and unseeing, react to nothing except synthetic and in later life man-made stimulations.

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Daddies, we warn you! Once the young mother of the house sets her eager eyes on this doll’s Dream House, there’ll be no peace until you get out hammer and saw and start building. An exact duplicate of the week-end house on the opposite page, its charm is inescapable. What an ideal birthday present—or, for that matter, why not plan now for that incuriosity will come off your own eyes and your hearing senses sharpen considerably when a pile of driftwood is no longer just a pile of driftwood but starts you wondering whether the wood itself may not be the tragic remains of a shipwreck, that bottle from where, that strange variety of animals and insects that live there so busily and so contentedly—on what? Or that idle gazing upon the little island off shore—how did it get there, are there animals there and no people and how did the animals and insects get there? Or what sixth sense do photographers have that they can make a photograph of city rooftops against a sour-milk sky look as thrilling as a snow-capped mountain reflected in a quiet pool.

Is it really true that a spotted adder stings with its tail, does the moon really influence crops, do all eels go back to the Sargasso Sea to spawn? Why shouldn’t your son envy a boy who has fun with frogs and lizards and skunks and things that scare him; or envy a real, live boy who knows that a hog-nosed snake is just a bit bluff and can make him roll over and “play dead” instead of envying the make-believe supermen he listens to over the radio and can never know? Why? Because you have not told him there are such boys, have not endowed him with an acuteness for this kind of excitement instead of his synthetic thrills.

Tonight, on your way home from the office or, if you’re the mother trying to be both father and mother to your boy, on your next trip for groceries, buy yourself a copy of Raymond Tiff Fuller’s book “Now That We Have to Walk” (Dutton) and turn first to the chapter “By Night.” Here is excitement far beyond that you put aside in the detective novel or the shouts coming over the program you turned off. Here, in the briefest, most exciting, and best bit of writing you’ve read in a long time you will have experienced beauty and brutality, mystery and excitement in a true tale that you and your children can actually experience—escape reading of a sort you perhaps did not know existed, and close the chapter possessed of an inner excitement you cannot help but convey to your children. It’s not dry, dull “nature stuff” we’re asking you to read because we know that if your child is to be offered a substitute for guns and war and gangsterism it’s got to be exciting stuff, and surely you know it too.

Feed and clothe your children. Send them to school, give them money for the movies and toys. But in giving, don’t forget the greatest gift of all, a gift for all their lives—the gift of curiosity.

ideal Christmas gift. Here’s one that will lead straight to the heart of every young girl. Want to be the best daddy in the world? Well, the answer is right before you!

AMERICAN HOME PATTERN No. 687 contains complete half scale drawings of every construction detail—floor plan, front, back and side elevations, sections and general isometric view, plus complete specifications and assembly instructions. Details include diagrams for built-in bunks, fireplace, and lift-off roof. Everything complete for 35 cents.

Send stamps or money order to THE AMERICAN HOME 55 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 3, N. Y.
Inspired by an issue of The American Home, the owners undertook their own decorating, with the interior reminiscent of a Swedish farmhouse. There is a scalloped molding, gaily stenciled, and a corner Swedish fireplace, with flagstone hearth, galvanized iron apron also with scallop trim. Window shutters painted on the knotted pine take the place of curtains. Here again colorful peasant designs are stenciled. There is a corner bunk, and a blanket chest settee of pine.

Dutch doors lead to the small porch with scroll railing, and to the back part of the house which houses the tiny kitchen, with two-burner electric grill and sink, and a bathroom, furnished with a washstand, bowl and pitcher, and chemical toilet. The outside is board and batten, painted gray with white trim, and roofed with green asbestos shingles.

HARRY BENSTON, Builder

RUTH W. LEE
Photographs by Charles H. Keller
Short, saucy curtains that fit any width window, matching cushion for the stepladder work perch, book shelf, berry box gallery are a few home touches that get you settled “on the double”.

Our front curtain material is cherry red and white plaid and that left over has been put to good use in other home touches. Over the kitchen window is a plywood shelf, easy to move, which provides extra book space. The shadow boxes hold enlarged snapshots of the baby and are made of berry boxes, elegant with lemon yellow enamel and red plaid slip covers matching the curtains. Pictures of the baby or friends also enliven the breakfast nook. If wall space permits, these are matted on a strip of the curtain fabric and hung up. This same hard-working material dresses up the stepladder and covers a soft pad to make it a comfortable work perch. Odds and ends of candles are melted into a jumbo size candle in a milk carton mold. As the first wax is poured, the cord is attached to the center of the base for the wick. The frame of a dime store lamp shade does nicely for our own shade. We remove the paper carefully and use it as a cutting guide for three-ply drawing paper, write in recipes in waterproof ink, make sketches in water colors, let it dry, rub linseed oil into the paper to make it translucent, and let it set for a few days. It is shellacked, holes punched, laced to the frame with ribbons.
Mr. and Mrs. Milland say their Servel Gas Refrigerator is so quiet they'd almost forgotten about it until we asked questions. "It just sits there," says Ray, "and keeps things cold, and never causes a moment's trouble."

Two million families are glad they own Servels today, when repair men are hard to find. Servel, the Gas Refrigerator, is different—it has no moving parts in its freezing system to wear out, break down, or become noisy.

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We'll make homes more comfortable, too... with the Servel All-Year Gas Air Conditioner. It will heat homes in winter, cool them in summer—keep proper humidity all year round. Perfected before the war, these systems are already on test in hundreds of homes across America...and doing fine.

The Gas Refrigerator that "stays silent—lasts longer" was first introduced through your Gas Company. And that's where new Servel products will be announced. Buy War Bonds and Stamps today so that you can modernize your home in the future. Your Gas Company will be glad to help you plan.
STENCILING is the art of applying ornamental design to any surface by brushing paint, stain, or dye through the openings of a stencil pattern. It can be used successfully on textile fabrics, parchment lampshades, as well as on woodwork and furniture. For each color in a design a separate stencil pattern must be cut and in translating a design into a stencil it usually has to be simplified. Stencil technique doesn't allow for frills and furbelows that may be used in a painting design. So you'll probably prefer to do your veils in leaves or other accent details in free hand later. Also in working out your designs leave what are called "bridges," to break up long lines and sections. Here we show you, step by step, how to make patterns for your individual designs.

Materials: firm, stubby bristle brushes, sharp stencil knife, stencil board; poster or textile paints; glass plate or palette for mixing colors.
SHE LIVES IN A TENT, with a slit-trench nearby. Her "children" now are wounded men. She has been bombed and shot at... put aside almost everything a woman wants, and deserves. At battlefronts around the world, she watches over your sons and sweethearts and fathers and husbands. None of us can ever repay this debt to her. But we—all of us—must see that all America's women who have sacrificed so much in the war get a better America afterward. An America of greater opportunity. Better jobs for their men. Finer homes for themselves... comfortable, convenient, well-equipped as never before. Today, the AVCO job is making war goods... airplane engines, propellers, precision parts. But when we can finally turn from just this job... then in addition to aviation products, AVCO will make household goods. Kitchen stoves or lawn-mowers or whatever these new AVCO products are, they'll put the skills, ingenuity, dependability of the aviation industry into things you use every day. And thus we'll help make better homes... and better jobs... and greater security for the people of America.

Homeless Angel...
EVERY CHILD'S DREAM HOUSE

This could be a page out of every woman's childhood since Eve. It is the perfect setting for the fascinating game of "let's pretend"—an enchanting house just the right size, not too large or too small and hot, and far enough away from the big house so grown-ups are not always around to spoil things with their knowing smiles, and a real tea table under the trees, and two very proper young ladies. You can take it from there... "Do have another cup of tea, Mrs. Sinatra. You've only had four."... "Oh, no, thank you. I have to get my bicycle and go this very minute. My goodness. I am giving a dinner party in half an hour and I have to stop and get a permanent and some hot dogs and fix all the food. Of course, everybody will be on time for once."... Shades of our childhood! The original intent was to tell you about the loft bedroom over the barn owned by Mrs. Neya H. Newman, who lives in San Gabriel, California. Her attractive young nieces who appear in a couple of the illustrations are to blame for the momentary digression. It is such an ideal place for children, and, for that matter, for grown-up guests. The first time it was used was when Mrs. Newman offered to a young bride and groom a choice of the master bedroom and bath or the room over the barn which has no plumbing. They unhesitatingly chose the latter—and probably made believe it was theirs. Whenever guests overflow the main house, some man of the group is quick to put in a bid for the loft room. The model of Dexter, old-time race horse which forms the weather vane, is
TRUE or FALSE?

1. Conscientious meal planners use canned foods freely.
2. Liquid should be drained from canned foods and not used.
3. It is unsafe to leave food in the open can.
4. Beverages in cans are easier to chill.
5. Canned foods retain valuable vitamins and minerals.

**ANSWERS**

1. **TRUE.** Cans bring you a variety of foods, inexpensively, the year around... help you plan meals by the rules for good nutrition. And food in cans is good food. Vegetables and fruits are often grown from special seed... harvested and canned at the peak of their flavor and food value.

2. **FALSE.** The liquid is wholesome and contains valuable food elements which are wasted if you throw it away. Either serve the liquid with the food, or save it to use in soups, sauces, or beverages.

3. **FALSE.** Probably the safest place there is to leave unused portion of the can's contents is the can, since can and food are sterilized in the canning process. Cover the opened can and keep in your refrigerator like other leftover cooked food.

4. **TRUE.** Fruit juices placed in the refrigerator in the can chill faster than in any other container. Try it.

5. **TRUE.** Due to modern canning methods, canned foods retain more minerals, more vitamins, than many home-cooked "fresh" foods.

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AFTER VICTORY—THEY'LL ALL BE BACK!
evidently taken as a sign of masculine priority by week-end guests.

Braided rugs used on the random plank flooring of the room repeat the red, beige, and blue of the dashing coach and horse wallpaper, which is the same as that in the tap room of the tavern in Mr. Ford’s Greenfield Village. What might easily have been so much waste space has been cleverly utilized for storage chambers, with a special place for luggage and hat boxes, and a large compartment back of the paneled section where you see the washstand. The tile picture, a Brittany scene, set in the wall above the stand serves as a splash board for the bowl and water pitcher. The entrance door is the Dutch type and the one near the washstand gives on what is referred to as the “meditation room,” sound-proof, and furnished with the conveniences of the ante-plumbing era.

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**FIESTA VEGETABLE SALAD**

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Arrange carrots, peas and radish roses in concentric circles on escarole on chop plate, leaving space in center. Heap cottage cheese in one half this center space and fill remaining half with *Real* Mayonnaise. Sprinkle chopped chives along dividing line. Serves 6.

**SERVE...AS THEY DESERVE...WITH REAL MAYONNAISE**

Naturally, nothing is too good for the pride-and-joys of your growing hand! And even if the vegetables aren't fresh from your own garden (Shh-shh! This salad does all right on market beauties!), you'll want the real flavor, real nutrition, that only *Real Mayonnaise* can give.

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**MAYONNAISE CURRY SAUCE**

Saute 1 large onion, sliced, in 3 tbsp. *Real Mayonnaise* over low heat. Add 3 tbsp. flour and ½ tsp. pepper, ½ tsp. curry powder and stir until smooth. Dissolve one bouillon cube in 1 ½ cups boiling water and add gradually to onion mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until smooth and thickened. Serve with rice molds, garnished with pimiento. Serves 6.

**MAYONNAISE MUFFINS**

Sift together, three times, 2 cups sifted flour, 3 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. salt, 3 tbsp. sugar. Combine 1 egg, well beaten, with 1 cup of milk. Add to flour mixture. Add 3 tbsp. *Real Mayonnaise* and mix well. Fill greased muffin pans ⅓ full. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20-30 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

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**GROW MORE IN '44**

**IN THE WEST**

**IN THE EAST**
If you are inclined to think of lavender and antimacassars in connection with gentle ladies of 70, this is a story that will jolt you out of any such old-fashioned notion. It is about two sisters of approximately that age who have as much spunk and enterprise as any two high school graduates. What they did was tantamount to a youngster's leaving home! They actually did break completely with the old way of living and struck out for new lands. Through their initiative and industry they have established dream homes and earned a way of living that makes every day an adventure in happiness and independence.

This break from the old, secure pattern was a drastic step and, naturally, greeted with general filial consternation. But how well it has turned out is evident in the serene, smiling expressions of the two ladies, shown resting on the porch. They are Mrs. Martha Hodges and Mrs. David Woodhead, taking their ease at the latter's cottage, and finding it a bit hard to visualize the neglect and shabbiness that were manifest in these same delightful surroundings just seven years ago, when Mrs. Hodges came across a little gray house in the quiet community of Meiners Oaks, some 80 miles north of Los Angeles, where the children lived, and where she could always have "a room of her own." She rented the little shabby house to begin with.

She liked it for the sun pouring through the windows and the beautiful oaks, and

the garden, which soon became a riot of color under her magic "green fingers," and the congenial neighbors. So for the sum of $1,000, she became a landowner. Then she really went to work and with every improvement, the visitors—Mrs. Woodhead among them—became more impressed with her ability to get along by herself, and nicely. The day came when her sister wanted a home of her own and bought the house next door, with no planting, but a fireplace, for $1,500. So both sisters came into their own—and set about to make a "home."

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City.

With the aid of a carpenter down the road, an old man who also did some painting, a screen porch was added to Mrs. Hodges’ cottage. It boasted shelves inside and out for bright red geraniums and gay pottery and was furnished with a dining table, put together from scraps of wood but so perky in spanning yellow paint you’d never guess, and a cot, so that it could double as a guest room. With the comfortable couch in the living room, two guests could then be accommodated, overnight! Next big event was the installation of the bathtub, a proper luxury after years of no choice but the shower, and finally, the cheery white and yellow paint that suggested the name, “Canary Cottage.” And all the while, Mrs. Hodges’ “green fingers” were never idle. The place making the place as livable outdoors as in, with a flagstone terrace, furnished with easy chairs and a swing gay with cushions.

When Mrs. Woodhead bought her house, “the children were dubious, to put it mildly.” They reminded her that she had never before slept alone in a house at night, and that she was admittedly timid. But, as in her sister’s case, she smiled and went right ahead. She also began with the porch, but roofed it only over the entrance and left the other rafters unroofed to form a pergola and to let the light in the newly cut living room window by the fireplace—it was the sight of the sturdy chimney that convinced her the house was meant for her in spite of its drab paint and dark living room. Then, with a thick coat of whitewash and vivid red for the front door, there was “Geranium Cottage.”

The geraniums started from slips out of her sister’s garden began to bloom, and callers to drop in to chat by the while she crocheted outside the porch. The geraniums started from slips out of her sister’s garden began to bloom, and callers to drop in to chat by the while she crocheted outside the porch. The geraniums started from slips out of her sister’s garden began to bloom, and callers to drop in to chat by the while she crocheted outside the porch.

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GARDEN ROOM

of Mrs. Clyde A. Dillon, Raleigh, N. C.

When summer settles down in Manhattan, we long, just for a little while, to be some place that is the antithesis of the city with its bus drivers pleading “Step to the rear, all the way back, please” when the rear is already bulging, its subway guards wedging you into a car spiked with elbows and parasoled with newspapers. We know the exact spot—Mrs. Clyde A. Dillon’s quiet and beautiful garden retreat down in Raleigh, North Carolina.

At the foot of the garden sloping away from the house itself is this extra living room. The stone chimney glimpsed through the rear window in the upper picture shelters a cook stove and is something of a shrine to Southern fried chicken and beaten biscuits. The table of shining pine has banquet board proportions for a good reason. Nothing less would suffice for the Dillons’ famous hospitality. Screening along one entire side plus old furniture give a sense of space. The lantern suspended from the ceiling must be as old as some of the furniture, made 100 years ago—before “global” was in everyday use.

The American Home, August, 1944
There's ALWAYS Room

even when the table surface is cleverly multiplied, as in suggestion from Cobbett Williams. First a tier of painted plywood shelves is secured to the wall with wood nailing strips, with the top shelf about thirty inches from the floor and extending out six inches wider than the lower shelves. An old carved picture frame gives you an ornamental mirror and gay colored ball.

Sketch by Isabelle Vaughan

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What's apt to be wrong with the average woman's make-up? She has no place for putting it on. The general tendency is to pause before a medicine chest mirror for two or three minutes and slap on just about everything in the cosmetic kit. So says one of the film experts noted for his ability to take an ordinary set of features and the usual cosmetics and turn out a face that has glamour. "Sit down and take your time" is his advice. That may mean making room for beauty. On these pages are suggestions to help you utilize the space you have to better advantage or to see some possibilities you may have overlooked in your super-streamlined living quarters.

The top sketch is a dressing room arrangement in the home of Mrs. Charles Mansel Evans in Shreveport, Louisiana. The dressing table is built across one corner and the space back of the mirror is used for a medicine cabinet. Shelves on either side extending to the ceiling and enclosed with doors allow plenty of room for all the beauty aids and baubles so dear to the feminine heart. Besides cosmetics, gloves, purses, and other costume accessories, Mrs. Evans keeps her collection of ear-screws, nearly one hundred pairs, on these shelves, all within easy reach. Beneath the table is a soiled clothes bin and, on each side, are built-in drawers.

One of the most ingenious contrivances along this line is the guest screen — credit goes to Mrs. Mary H. Barnes. Its points will be immediately appreciated by anyone whose hospitality is limited to the living room couch. Notice the mirror and cosmetics shelf.

A corner can be enough for beauty when the table surface is cleverly multiplied, as in suggestion from Cobbett Williams. First a tier of painted plywood shelves is secured to the wall with wood nailing strips, with the top shelf about thirty inches from the floor and extending out six inches wider than the lower shelves. An old carved picture frame gives you an ornamental mirror and gay colored ball.
and chain cotton fringe trims the lamp, shelf, and skirt edges.

How to make the most of plenty of space or a little is illustrated by two beauty units in the master bedroom of the Sheldon Hartwell home in Balboa, California. The dressing table-cupboard takes up an entire wall and the chest fits into a recess but the treatment is equally distinctive. Notice the plaid valance, drawer pulls made of old amber tie-backs, and the oil lamp of pressed and milk glass, lower left, which add charm to utility in a limited amount of space.

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We saved for years before we had enough material for the dusky blue braided rug, 15 feet by 11. Over by the windows is a spindle-back day bed of warm maple covered in soft green. At its elbows are pine night tables and close by, a Boston rocker. A Pennsylvania Dutch cupboard has wooden lower doors with hearts cut in them and twelve glass panes set in the top doors that show off our yellow ware and Bennington and blue Willow plates. The grandfather's clock patiently marked time for years in a shoemaker's shop for the entire village. My pride and joy is the pumpkin pine secretary with its prim lines but with bullets from an exciting past still embedded in the wood—with it, an old barroom chair. At the foot of the stairway, an old butcher's block does telephone service. The lower stair is a vantage point for seeing the full sweep of the room and for taking in the details such as the H & L hinges, and the brass key and lock on the ponderous front door, with the great West waiting just outside.

GRACE M. BREHM
Photographs by Zweifel-Roelf Studio
The telephone table was formerly a chopping block in one of the Amish shops. The cupboard contains lovely old glass.

An especially interesting view of the down-East-in-Duluth room. The prim-looking desk and chair could tell some tales.

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(What, Seth Thomas clocks are not available now)

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Entering through the side door, you now pass through the game room, en route to the front of the house. Here is a large ship's model mounted on a pine wall. A real ship was copied from this model and now serves in the Coast Guard Service for the duration. The decorations are definitely nautical.

There were strenuous months when the house was given over to carpenters, masons, and plumbers, but seeing their dreams take shape was worth it. Because the house had been badly undermined, a new cellar was built and a heating unit installed so that the house could be used in winter too. A cement tunnel was constructed extending from basement to beach and is a real convenience to bathers. The porch was completely redesigned so that one side is permanently screened and boarded part way from the floor. A shelf under the openings provides room for summer reading matter. This porch is now furnished with colorful summer pieces. The former kitchen was made into a guest room.

The dining ell is pine paneled and furnished in maple. A large picture window gives an uninterrupted view of the everchanging bay. Adjacent to this ell is a terrace for sun bathers, reached by a ladder. A huge living room with a stone fireplace and pine paneled bedrooms complete the floor plan. Everywhere is a view of the waterfront, everywhere an atmosphere of nautical comfort and charm.
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Treet and Deviled Eggs... this one’s cold

Grand for parties—ready in a jiffy! Surround deviled Cloverbloom eggs with chilled Treet slices.

Treet Shortcakes... this one’s hot!

To serve 4, you will need 1 tin of Armour’s Treet. Use standard corn bread recipe. Pour batter into rectangular or square pan and bake. Cut Treet into 8 slices and fry until lightly brown—about 1¾ minutes to the side. Cut corn bread in half. Place slice of Treet between pieces of cornbread and on top. Pour cheese sauce, made as follows, over shortcakes: Blend 2 tbsps. of melted Mayflower margarine or Cloverbloom butter with 2 tbsps. flour. Add 1 cup milk gradually. Stir constantly and cook until thick. Season. Add 1 cup grated Cloverbloom cheese and stir until melted. Garnish with stuffed green olives.

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ALMOST all good wartime parties are surprise parties. Usually, they just happen, when the right people and the opportunity are thrown together. Very often a trip is necessary. It's against feminine nature to pack in a hurry. But since there's not apt to be much advance notice, you will have to do your own long range planning to be ready to go anywhere, overnight or for the week end at the drop of a sudden, inspired invitation. You can do it! One of the smartest tricks for your "practically packed" bag is an assortment of accessories that double as costume changes. Many of these can be made in the long, un­exciting hours when the telephone doesn't ring. For instance, there's a crocheted hat that packs as flat as a crepe suzette and springs back into shape at the flip of the debonair brim. You can match it with a bag—an extra one to wad up in a corner of your overnight case—and you can make your own play shoes, the exact shade of your slacks or dirndl, also exclusively yours.

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Bowlegs may be the result of an improper diet. Get the help of your doctor or a child health station in planning a diet that includes the body building foods and the essential minerals and vitamins. You may be sure the heel fits snugly for proper leverage in walking and to prevent friction.

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probably know all about the sunshine vitamin, D, also supplied in cod liver oil. But there are other nutrients just as important. Plan baby's diet to supply them and accustom him to eating all kinds of food just as a matter of course. Another factor in bowlegs may be bulkiness of the diaper. Some mothers use several. The bulk spreads hips and legs. And another mistake is in pinning the diaper so tight the baby cannot exercise. The square style is the most comfortable. A kiddy car is all right for the toddler provided the seat is the proper height from the floor. If it is too low, it may cause flat feet and knock knees. Take care! When a child complains of pain in the legs, take it as a warning. It may mean muscle strain from overactivity. Rest is needed. All children benefit from an afternoon rest period up to the time they go to school, and the child who awakes early needs a mid-morning nap as well. After an illness such as tonsillitis, measles or the like, the generalized weakness often affects the

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Keep shoes in good repair. Heels worn down on inside further weaken arches they indicate are weak.

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Arch pain may mean that muscles and ligaments are strained. Ask your doctor about this and make sure the child's shoes fit properly.

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if the end is framed and fitted with a wire mesh cover. Against this should be placed a removable wooden door. The barrel must lie on gravel or cinders to insure drainage, and the soil covering must be thick enough to keep out frost. The straw blanket overall gives extra insulation and facilitates removing food as needed.

N. Y. State College of Agriculture

No matter how plentiful fresh vegetables are the day you read this, remember that gluts are temporary and likely soon to be followed by shortages, that victory, whenever it comes, will not immediately solve the problem of feeding millions of starving people in the theatres of war, and that for some years to come every farsighted and patriotic family will put away a good supply of home grown or locally obtained vegetables and fruits for winter months' use.

Just as much can be said for walking, however speedy and luxurious motoring may be, so there are strong arguments in favor of natural storage for the late season products of the garden, notwithstanding the advances made in canning, freezing, and other forms of home food processing. Like sun-drying, it is one of the oldest and easiest methods, requiring a minimum of preparation and equipment. It is adapted to all but the frostless regions of the country and, properly carried out, it keeps the products for which it is suited in excellent condition with practically no loss in quality, tenderness and value. The list of suitable crops is a generous one, including apples and pears (late varieties), the root crops (beets, carrots, celeriac, horseradish, parsnips, winter radishes, rutabagas, salsify, and turnips), cabbages, onions, sweet and white potatoes, squash, and pumpkins. With four exceptions, all those named keep best under conditions of low temperature—between 33 and 40 degrees F.—high humidity and complete darkness, such as are found in an unheated, dirt-floored cellar or frost-free pit. Onions (also garlic) need a cold but dry place, such as an attic, which need not be dark; and sweet potatoes, winter squash, and pumpkins must have both dryness and warmth—above 55 degrees.

With the required conditions provided, watch these further essentials to successful storage: Products must be of good size and maturity, but not overripe; absolutely sound and healthy, and clean. Avoid washing them if possible and do not handle them while wet or let them be subjected to frost before they are stored. Leave at least half an inch of tops on root crops and harvest squash and pumpkins with two or three inches of unbroken stem. If containers are used, bushel or smaller sizes are preferable.
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HOW TO MAKE A PIE
IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Make a pie in your refrigerator? You certainly can—
filling, crust and all! And here are some things you
should know about making one of those grand-tasting
frozen treats that gives a real lift to wartime menus.

Don't Be Stumped if your freezing compartment's
too small for a pie plate. Just make the pie in your
refrigerator's freezing tray and serve in slices.

Choose Your Flavor and Filling! Whether you
prefer peach, lemon or chocolate—buy your favorite
ice cream for the filling or make one like the recipe
on this page. You may prefer a chiffon filling. Then
remember: all chiffon pies should be chilled thor-
oughly in the food compartment until served. And
to be sure your chiffon fillings stand up and stay light,
chill the gelatin thoroughly before whipping.

Here's Something Unusual if you want an oven-
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  coldest position. When frozen, remove to bowl, whip
  until light. Now fill crust which is made as follows:

To make Crust and Assemble

Blend crumbs with sugar and butter. Line pan with
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In March, 1942, we told about the Gunnar Ulander household. Last year, passing through the neighborhood, we noticed the house next door, stopped to make inquiries, and learned of the fraternal relationship. Both dwellings are painted the traditional Swedish red with white trim; Nils' is surmounted by a replica of the rooster weathervane that topped his grandfather's church back in Sweden. At the rear of each house is a flagged terrace, screened for outdoor eating and relaxation beneath a real sod roof upheld by rough-hewn timbers. Employed, as it was used to be in their native land, by both its economy and its insulating qualities, this type of construction is expected to keep the terraces cooler on hot days and warmer on cool ones; also, it is unusual and distinctly attractive.
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- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 c. Mazola
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 2 c. hot water

Wipe pieces of oxtail with damp cloth. Bring about 6 cups water to a boil in a large, covered kettle at high heat. Add meat and remaining spices. Cover and simmer about 2 1/2 hrs.—until meat is tender—adding additional boiling water if necessary. Remove meat to hot platter. Thicken and sauté 1 c. gravy, using 2 tbs. flour blended with 3 tbs. cold water to each cup of liquid. Pour over meat. Serve 4. (Garnish with carrots, if desired.)

**LIMA BEANS with TOMATOES**
- 2 tbs. minced onion
- 1/2 c. grated onion
- 2 tbs. Mazola
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 c. hot water
- 1 tsp. sugar

Sauté onion in Mazola until tender; then add tomatoe, sugar, salt, and pepper, and simmer 10 mins. Next add lima beans and heat. Add crumbs, heat and serve. Serves 4.

**OATMEAL CRISPS**
- 1 1/4 c. rolled oats
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 c. Mazola
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 c. all-purpose flour, sifted

Combine oats and sugar. Stir in egg and Mazola. Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt; add alternately with combined milk and vanilla to first mixture. Drop by level tablespoonfuls onto Mazola-oiled cookie sheet—about 2" apart. Flatten to 1/4" thickness, top with raisins or cherries. Bake in moderately hot oven (400°F) for 10 min. Remove at once from cookie sheet. Makes 30 to 35 cookies.

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Do you eat pie?" was once asked of Emerson, the New England essayist. "What is pie for?" was the prompt philosophic reply. This, indeed, is the reaction of all Americans, for pie is as American as the country itself with a parallel development and perfection. Our pie has even made history. The chroniclers tell us that in 1688, a small town in Connecticut postponed Thanksgiving because of failure to receive a cargo of molasses, which was one of the chief ingredients of pumpkin pie — without which the citizens evidently considered no fitting feast was possible. True pioneers, though sticklers for form! It's true the English created the meat and mince pies, which were open and were referred to as "traps." But our present-day pie originated in the kitchens of the Pennsylvania colonial housewives whose Dutch oven technique is one of our cherished traditions. They used large, deep earthenware plates and turned out pie in great variety: berry, cherry, apple, mince, pumpkin, and shoofly pie (gingerbread baked in a crust). The hearty Pennsylvanians thought very highly of pie for breakfast — a custom still preserved by many New Englanders; in fact, the latter have been so devoted to pie that Don Marquis once wrote, "I love you as New Englanders love pie!" New England frugality gave us the flat pie, perhaps to save on filling, though it did not spare the necessary spices.
Golden as a fall sunset, luscious as a sun-kissed berry—that, my friend, is pie!

The first New England pumpkin pie was a very different affair from the kind we know. It was made by slicing the top off the pumpkin, scooping out the sides and filling, adding milk, spices and maple syrup, and baking it in a brick oven. This delicacy was eaten from the shell. Later, the forms changed from the open face to the covered top which was called the “coffin” type, and eventually to the “grated” top which we know as the lattice-top. We can thank the Carolinas for sweet potato pie, Georgia and Louisiana for the luscious pecan pie that is so loved by Southerners. And our own kitchen, this month, gives you six recipes which, we believe, are all there with the traditional delectability, but which are new and different. For one thing, they offer a solution for the Victory garden problem of what to do with the surplus of green tomatoes! We can think of no better use for them than our green tomato and meatless mince pie and are willing to wager you will share this sentiment the instant you taste the pie. Our raspberry fluff pie is really a Bavarian pie in disguise for we have combined evaporated milk and cream cheese as a substitute for the bygone heavy cream. The meat pie we have featured is an up-to-date and streamlined version of the old-time English pie minus the top. The sour cream peach pie was voted “out of this world” by everyone who got a taste of it. We believe you will agree. Either fresh or canned peaches do very nicely for this luscious concoction but fresh fruit is the preference—besides it does save on your ration points.

For pie crust you can’t beat the standard that accompanies the saying “the kind mother used to make.” That covers a lot of very different pastry recipes but the aim is the same: a crust that is light and tender and which shatters rather than crumbles when a bite is taken out of it. The surface should be a golden brown and delicately blistered rather than smooth. Few ingredients are used for the making of plain pastry but in the amounts and the blending of the ingredients lie the secret of perfection. Before setting to work, assemble all the ingredients and utensils.

Pastry flour makes a crust that is not flaky but crumbles easily, and all-purpose flour a flakier crust for pie crust. If you are able to get the regional flour, try it. It will make a difference in the outcome of your attempts. The flour is sifted with the salt to ensure complete blending of the ingredients. Sugar can be used or omitted, but will add extra color and flavor.

CORRECTION: In the recipe for Summer Fruit Ice Cream on page 72 of our June issue an unfortunate typographical error was made in the amount of sugar to be added to the egg whites. The correct instruction is as follows: "Fold in egg whites (stiffly beaten with 4 lbs. sugar)." Will you please make this correction on the recipe filed in your menu maker.
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My second outside interest is my perennial flower border, though it's smaller this year than any since 1928 when it was started. This year I've studied, planned, and discarded until it is just the size I can conveniently handle and every plant is one I particularly like. While I am weeding the carrots and onions, I can lift my eyes to the iris, veronicas, lilies, and phlox. The third part of the whipped cream is music. Before December 7, 1941, we had saved for an automatic phonograph, and we had a small but good collection of records which keep housework from palling.

Finally, I like birds and they help provide the whipped cream. Our farmhouse is near a wooded, swampy area which comes up to two sides of the kitchen garden and I can hear the birds sing as I work. With a pair of binoculars I can make quite a study of bird life in the midst of my kitchen work. It rounds out the interests that put whipped cream on my routine. Find yours and lighten the day.

Sketches by Dollie Tingle
FLEAS JUST AREN'T IN MY BUDGET

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Long evenings, lazy Sundays, mean leisurely meals on porch or terrace, and waffles at one time of the day or another. It's hard to decide when and whether, for main course or dessert! At breakfast, hot waffles with crisp bacon and maple syrup, put the family in good humor for the entire day. Cheese waffles, with a tangy meat and vegetable sauce, make a de luxe and hearty lunch. But, then, you might hold off till supper, and serve them with a special spread made of the leftover chicken, diced, and mixed with chopped celery, and nuts, and mayonnaise, and seasoned to taste. When unexpected company pops in, waffles are the potluck ace. Have you tried them with cream cheese and apple butter? With a little sleight-of-recipe, waffles become the dessert. Serve them with ice cream or with crushed fresh berries. Since the batter keeps for a week, covered and on ice, it can be prepared in advance for any meal.

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Do soak bed clothes before washing—white things in lukewarm, soapy water, those that are pastel tinted or have colored hems in cool, soapy water for five to ten minutes. Add enough dissolved soap to the wash water to make a two-inch standing suds, with a temperature as high as 160°F. For the white clothes, but only slightly more than lukewarm for the pastel tinted bed clothes.

Don't overload the washing machine. The normal load is four to six sheets or just one spread and the time allowance from five to fifteen minutes. Don't stint on the rinsings. Put the white things through clear lukewarm water, then cool, and, if bluing is used, move the articles about to prevent streaking. Give the pastels a soapy rinse of the same temperature as the wash water, then two rinses in clear, cool water.

Do put clothes through the wringer carefully to prevent unnecessary wrinkling and simply dryify the job of ironing. And inspect the clothesline to make sure it is clean. A dirty line leaves dirty marks. Save the shady part of the line for the tinted things and the chintzes and crotomes. Give the white things full benefit of the bleaching sun. Give the sheets a good shaking before you hang them on the clothesline to get rid of the wrinkles.

Don't hang up the clothes just any which way or they will be harder to iron. Fold the sheets right side out, hem to hem, with corners squared, with a liberal over-hang of the hemmed edges for fastening. Hang the pillowcases by the closed ends and pillowcases lengthwise, then crosswise in quarters as you take it. If your dealer is temporarily out of Roley Poley Slip Covers, please be patient until his next shipment arrives. Roley Poley Mfg. Co., Chicago.

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Don't be too meticulous about ironing sheets. Some of the most fastidious housekeepers are skipping this chore. But if you don't like the looks of an un-ironed top sheet, try this method: Remove sheet from the line while still slightly damp, fold crosswise in quarters as you take it down, and run the iron lightly over the top fourth. This irons the part that shows and takes the wrinkles out of the lower part of your sheet.

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Y ou're supposed to have two high energy levels a day—one around eleven o'clock in the morning and the other about four in the afternoon. But your youngsters can bounce out of bed in high gear and keep going without a break in pace until he succumbs reluctantly, to sleep in the midst of animated plans for tomo- morrow. Let his friends help him work off some of that exuberant energy. Give a party! Children's parties are not much work, especially at this time of the year, with the whole outdoors for a rumpus room. You won't even have to bother with putting away your fragile and irreplaceable knickknacks. You can be quite carefree about the whole thing and have fun yourself. Let the children help as much as possible—yours and their best friends. It's their show. Keep the preparations simple and inexpensive. Plan to serve the "eats" outdoors. If you have a ping pong table or can borrow one, set it under the trees or on the shady side of the house for the festive board. As second choice, set up bridge table. And for third, spread a picnic cloth on the lawn. Discarded summer draperies that have kept their bright hues make very effective cloths. So does plaid or checked flannel purchased for school frocks. We will particularly please the first graders for soon the table-cloth will be going to school, too. If the guests are from the younger generation, you might take one of the flowered percale crib sheets for the table cloth and perk up the place cards by pasting on tiny artificial posies. For the pigtail age, ribbons, bows, scattered hit-or-miss over a white cloth, tied to the lemonade glasses, or pinned to the topknot of ten-cent store dolls make fine favors. Or have the peanut and popcorn dishes for the favors. You can find small ones of handmade glass or Mexican pottery in the dime store that will attract young fry.

Now, for the entertainment! How about a treasure hunt? It's tops to the eight-, nine-, and ten-year-olds and rates advance advertising on the invitations. U. S. post cards are what you need for these. Get your youngster to help. Sketch in a treasure chest and add a jingle, something like—

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How children feel and live in the pre-school years and the influences that affect them are, perhaps, far more important than even the clothes they wear or the food they eat. So if it is a nursery school your child needs, get the best value for him as well as for yourself, for this is his life you are dealing with—his happiness, his health, and his growth! Of course, proximity, convenience of hours, and the wide age range in a nursery are matters of importance to practically all working mothers with young children. But do these tell the whole story as far as the children themselves are concerned? The information is rather sparse. The wise consumer would be more careful in the selection of a new coat. Let’s say we know we need one. Winter is coming on and the old coat has fallen apart. We know how much we can spend; we want good value for our money. The neighborhood store may have what we want. We’ll go and see. But if we don’t find just what we want, we’ll try elsewhere. We are willing to spend considerable time and energy in finding just the coat—one that fits, is in good taste, and suits our own personality, etc., etc., etc.

We can’t wait until the snow is on the ground. We know that the first coat we see may not be the one we want to buy. Certainly, as much—or even more—care is needed to find the right nursery school.

Things most important to us are not purchased sight unseen. If they are, we first make sure that we are dealing with a reputable firm and that the goods may be returned if unsatisfactory. Life experiences for our children cannot be exchanged. Harm done often can never be undone.

Parents need to look before they leap in selecting a school, and then to look and look again. Visit the nursery before making your first payment and spend a morning or, if possible, a whole day observing the school in action. Any good school welcomes a prospective parent. You can sense whether the children are happy and active and whether the adults like the children, have feeling for them, and understand their needs. Find out what City Department the standards for nurseries are established and what the requirements are. Then see whether they are being met. Are the children busy with activities that interest them and that they enjoy? Are their questions answered satisfactorily and honestly? Are they too crowded?

In spite of your anxiety to place Johnny and Mary, because of the war pressures that burden parents today, try to take time out to analyze what is best for you and the children. Living away from home practically all one’s waking hours, among a group of children, imposes certain strains and pressures on your youngest generation. The nursery needs to have an awareness of these pressures to be able to protect children from over-stimulation and fatigue as much as from apathy and listlessness. Sometimes, a halftime job for mother is far better for everyone and keeps things on a steady keel all around.

Every Good Nursery School Should Provide:

1. The kind of care and supervision good parents would give their children.
2. Those activities which are useful to the child in his own growth and development.
3. A chance for every child to learn about the world around him—the world of people and things.
4. Good physical care, including periods of activity and of rest, adequate and appropriate food, freedom from nervousness and emotional strain.
5. Liaison with parents which assures their continuing to understand the child’s status in the nursery and wise planning for the child’s future.
There is every conceivable kind of care center in our country today—good, bad, and indifferent. Experts in counselling and guidance can be of great help to perplexed parents. Services of this kind are widespread, and experienced staff. The best nursery is not necessarily good for another, just as the good coat, which suits someone else perfectly, might not be the coat for you. Look around and you may find a reliable guidance service in your community—a training school for teachers, a council of social agencies (for example, persons who could send you directly to the good nurseries). But still it is your job to pick the one best suited to your child's needs. In most American communities, some public agency, usually a Department of Health, Education, or Welfare, has set up rules and has registered or licensed nurseries. In New York City, all nurseries should have a license from the Department of Health. Nursery schools with good standards are registered by the State Department of Education. Incorporated day nurseries are inspected by the State Department of Social Welfare. Does the nursery you have chosen meet the standards set up by one or several of these groups? Many of the guides set up to assist parents in distinguishing good nurseries are full of points on which you will want to check, but a few specific ones may be a help to you. You will want to look at the standards already in the nursery to which you propose taking your child. This may well be the proof of the pudding. Are they happy and busy, yet relaxed? And is there an air of friendliness and security about the place? Experts judge a nursery more by the general atmosphere and the staff it has than by the elegance of its physical plant and equipment. For they know that a good staff will watch the things of importance in the environment and know how best to guide the child. Do the staff members provide an environment that encourages a child's self-expression, his self-confidence, and a wholesome attitude toward others, and toward himself and his own body? At the same time, does the staff adjust the activities in the nursery to the needs of the children housed in the project. Never before have so many children, in such numbers, lived in such in¬volve. These children need love, security, and wise guidance such wise parents would give them. They need safety and space, indoors and out, with opportunities for the activities that make for growth and development. They must have the chance to learn about the world around them, the world of people and things. They need good physical care, including periods of activity and of rest, adequate and appropriate food, and freedom from nervous and emotional strain. The ultimate need is to be with adults who care and understand, adults who know the inner growth processes of young children, adults with laps and arms to give young children the reassurance they need from time to time, wherever they are. All that, the good nursery strives to provide!

Those aims of the nursery are identical with what you, sincerely, want for your child. Analyzing them, the scant information that a child care center has opened around the corner, that the hours are from eight to five in the morning and five in the afternoon, and that it will take children from two to six years of age, is just enough to start on. You have to give the problem much more careful consideration. Besides the good and bad nurseries, there is a difference in the good nurseries. What is good for one child is not necessarily good for another, just as the good coat, which suits someone else perfectly, might not be the coat for you. Look around and you may find a reliable guidance service in your community—a training school for teachers, a council of social agencies (for example, persons who could send you directly to the good nurseries). But still it is your job to pick the one best suited to your child's needs. In most American communities, some public agency, usually a Department of Health, Education, or Welfare, has set up rules and has registered or licensed nurseries. In New York City, all nurseries should have a license from the Department of Health. Nursery schools with good standards are registered by the State Department of Education. Incorporated day nurseries are inspected by the State Department of Social Welfare. Does the nursery you have chosen meet the standards set up by one or several of these groups? Many of the guides set up to assist parents in distinguishing good nurseries are full of points on which you will want to check, but a few specific ones may be a help to you. You will want to look at the standards already in the nursery to which you propose taking your child. This may well be the proof of the pudding. Are they happy and busy, yet relaxed? And is there an air of friendliness and security about the place? Experts judge a nursery more by the general atmosphere and the staff it has than by the elegance of its physical plant and equipment. For they know that a good staff will watch the things of importance in the environment and know how best to guide the child. Do the staff members provide an environment that encourages a child's self-expression, his self-confidence, and a wholesome attitude toward others, and toward himself and his own body? At the same time, does the staff adjust the activities in the

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