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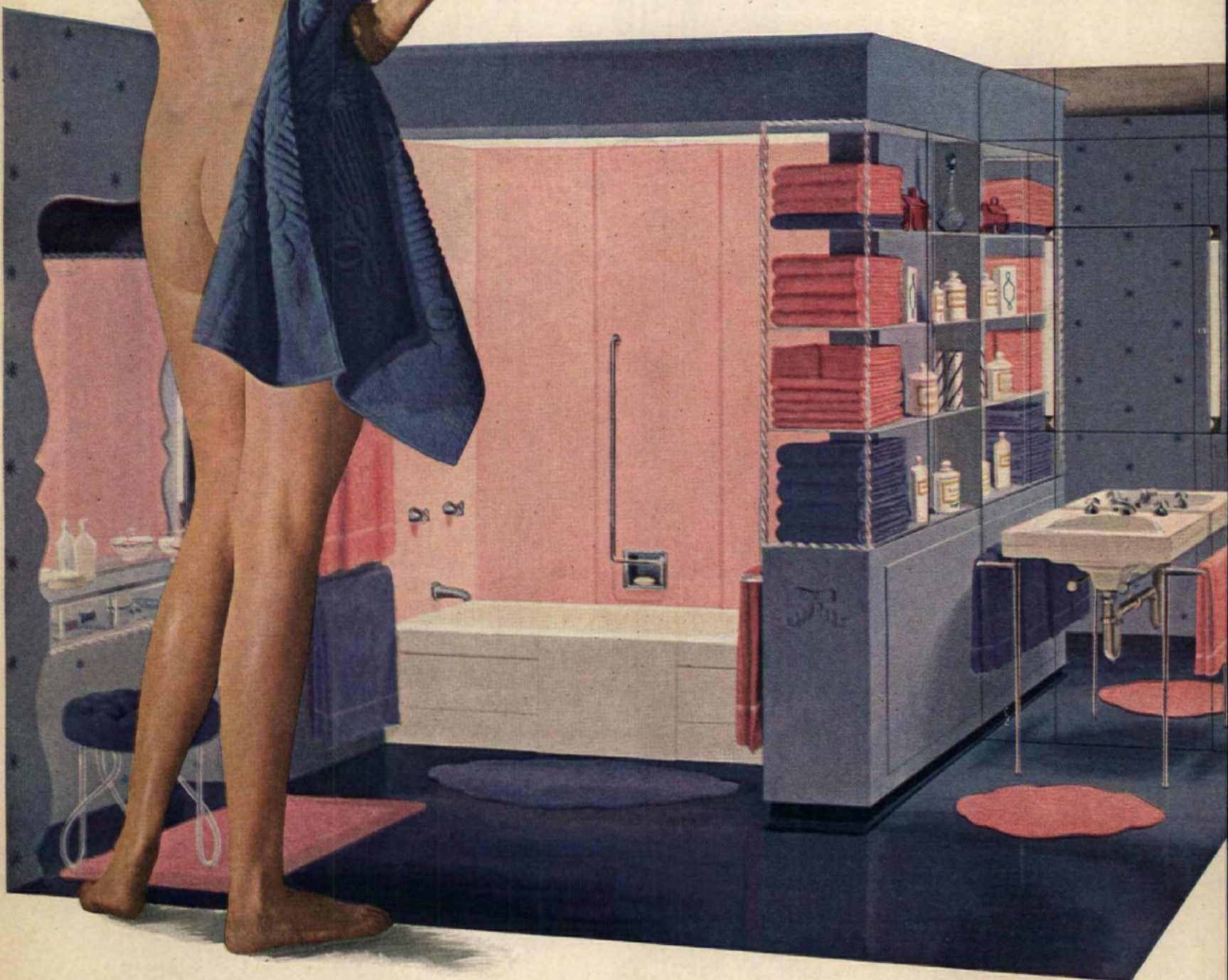


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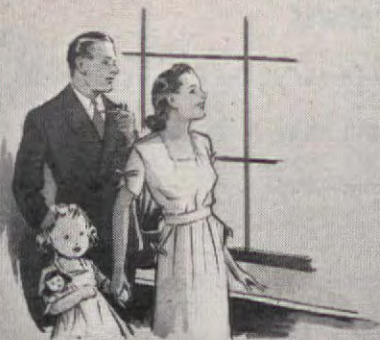
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WHETHER or not women could build better homes than men, as debated by Mrs. Jean Austin and Mr. William J. Hennessey in the April issue, there's no question that the subject is as stimulating as a pin-prick. The letter response is pure reflex action! 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. It's my belief that if men 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 over, unlatching a door, stooping 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 swivel chairs in their offices, but how many will buy a kitchen stool with adjustable heights 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 release 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 not business or philosophy. It is business and philosophy."—ESTHER L. STROUP.

An energetic housekeeper of eighteen years' experience in fourteen different homes suggests that the building of a "workable home" start in the lumber mills. "First, let us find

out if it is not possible for window sills and casings on doors and windows to have less detail—or, at least, detail without deep crevices that are hard to clean. Notice all the window frames that have two or three crevices that join together in the corners of the window pane. I count forty-eight here by my desk. Can anyone keep those corners? As for the general floor plan, did you ever hear of a doctor running back and forth through his reception room to his operating room? In 90 per cent of the houses, it is necessary to go through either the living room or the dining room to get from the kitchen to any of the bedrooms or baths. ... Windows are placed to look right from the outside but all wrong for furniture arrangement on the inside. Even the fireplaces sometimes are built between two doorways so a chair can't be placed anywhere near without a draft down your neck. And what percentage of fireplaces in homes really heat and don't smoke? And, incidentally, have you ever argued with a male contractor?"—MRS. EDDIE TIFFANY.

One more letter should implement the woman's angle: "... True, there are few women architects. Since time began, man has accepted the maxim 'man makes the house, woman makes the home.' Women have been so busy trying to turn their misfits into homes they have had little time for study. Any ideas a woman has are considered 'impractical and bizarre.' They have denied us the right to be house planners, but insist on proficient housekeepers."—MRS. O. MEDSKER.

At first glance the next communicate might read like a masculine concession to feminine 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 how any woman could be 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 make it necessary to drop them from the line. A recent survey would indicate that women still are not interested in their pur-

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A number of letters register agreement with both sides, as: "Men are the designers and constructors so the blame falls on them for those 'too often inadequate misfits.' Mr. Hennessey has the fine sense of color and good taste which 'all too few' men have. Otherwise, I am sure more women would take a back seat and 'give the old man his head.' Home, to a man, is his relaxing and hobby center. Before the war, woman's place was in the home. Ask any woman if it doesn't get dull looking at the same rooms day after day. Women go to extremes just to have something different to look at."—MRS. G. A.

Another point for the man's side is scored by a lady who remonstrates that "As a subscriber and admirer of your magazine, particularly its stand with the moderns in architecture, I feel strongly that you have made one real error. (Or is it just being gracious to the ladies?) A 'professional woman's idea' of a house was Mr. Schindler's idea ten or twelve years ago when I visited some of his houses. I always find his and Mr. Neutra's houses superb."—MRS. J. G. C.

And from the professional woman whose house provided such remarkably apt illustrations of the theory that the homemaker is naturally gifted as a home builder comes a prompt note in the interest of fair play: "Much of what you say is true from the modern woman's point of view, but I must give credit where credit is due. I was fortunate in procuring the services of Mr. Schindler, whom I believe is the rare combination of artist first, architect second. His own background of music and art gave him the insight and capacity to see and suggest much more than the structural plan of this house. I am enclosing some recent snaps of the home in action. In the last year, it has become a war emergency preschool of creative living—The School of Tomorrow!"—MILDRED SOUTHALL.

It is a logical transition from home

building to bringing up children, with the article "I've Raised Three Little Savages"—as a result of progressive education methods—which also appeared in the April issue a second focus for reader discussion, with emphasis on personal interest. Another mother of three children adds her condemnation to the author's: "She has said in words what I have wanted to express as my own conviction. I like the author, have found out the folly of progressive education, though I have stopped this practice and have returned to the old-fashioned way of 'spare the rod and spoil the child' before it was too late to do anything about it. I do not put my family up as an example. All one needs to do is look around and see the effects. I only wish that more magazines would publish articles such as this. To my way of thinking, this is the problem of today and not to be slighted."—MRS. B. N. C.

If there were not parents who are satisfied with progressive education for their children, of course, there wouldn't be any schools of this type. Writers on nursery schools in this issue stress that the school which best suits the child is best for him—and that applies to any age. And here is a parent who writes: "The attack on progressive education has disturbed me very much. . . . I have three children of my own, twelve, fourteen, and sixteen, and we have moved around enough so that we have sampled both progressive and traditional methods. We feel enthusiastic about the progressive schools and grateful to them."—MRS. J. C. C.

But let's change to a subject with a chance for calm consideration. "Please, can't something be done about the avalanche of roses and overpowering bouquets that are swamping us up? Too much of anything is simply too much. Can't you pioneer in a Down with Daisies movement? Figures everywhere are exhausting. One needs uncluttered areas to rest eye and mind, in these busy days—or any day. . . . I can't say how much I enjoyed your guest town article."—MRS. J. A. BILHEIMER.

And one more on towels. "When I arrange my guest towels, I unfold and drag the one closest to the sink a bit carelessly, with the result in order. That one little act turns into something of us and, sisters, it works like magic!"—MRS. H. A. B.



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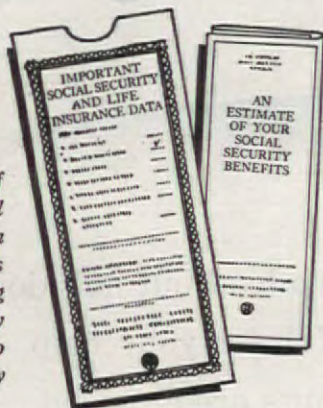
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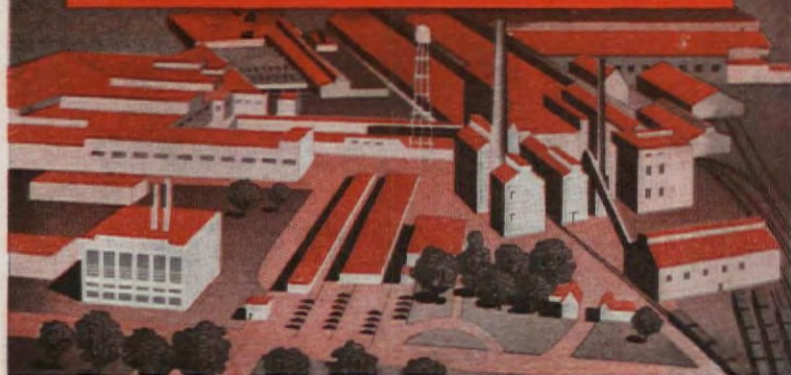

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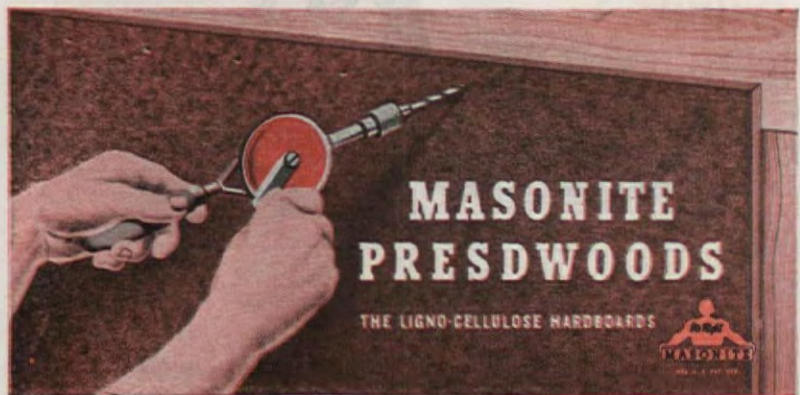
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Just Musing, Thank You!



About a year ago we published Geneva B. Williams' story of her "typical AMERICAN HOME antique collector's house." 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. I can see the war over and her husband coming home—their cherished things gone. If I should buy some of her things, they would hold a tender spot in my heart.

Another letter came from a woman financially well fixed and a little fastidious. She writes on a fine, silver gray paper with her name 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 read, both in her lovely handwriting and in the exquisite silver gray paper that she uses.

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



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MAKE A HIT
WITH BILL!



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 Browns 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.



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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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Club. Her fine handwriting suggests the Victorian period. She has her lovely old pieces of heirloom furniture with her although she is a thousand miles from her old home.

I can just see the next woman and her husband saying—"See, that is just like ours, but what is it called?" They have asked all of their friends, but not one of them knows. It so happens that the object was called in an old catalogue a swinging water pitcher. Most of them I have seen are worn off, but they are beautiful re-silvered. After I had mine done the jeweler asked me if he could put it in piece. 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 that I find to help anyone grasp the idea that collecting affords much enjoyment and, if done right, can be highly profitable as well. I also try to impress the fact that the first step is to study your particular interests before you buy.

Then, there's the letter from the woman who doesn'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 must 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 help 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. I love little dogs when painted by women who were employed to tint Messrs. Currier and Ives' calendars. However, I am sympathetic even if I am piggyish.

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 I 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 sometimes 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 for the doctor said that he will positively have to stuff me if he ever has to cut me open again. I'm still kicking, Dr. —, wherever you are. But I think my pep comes from my interest in things, such as—well, just about everything!

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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



Photographs by F. M. Demarest



There's A Way if You've A Will!

somewhere in it all, a pitifully inadequate space for happy's tools and work bench. Now whether the lonely, 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

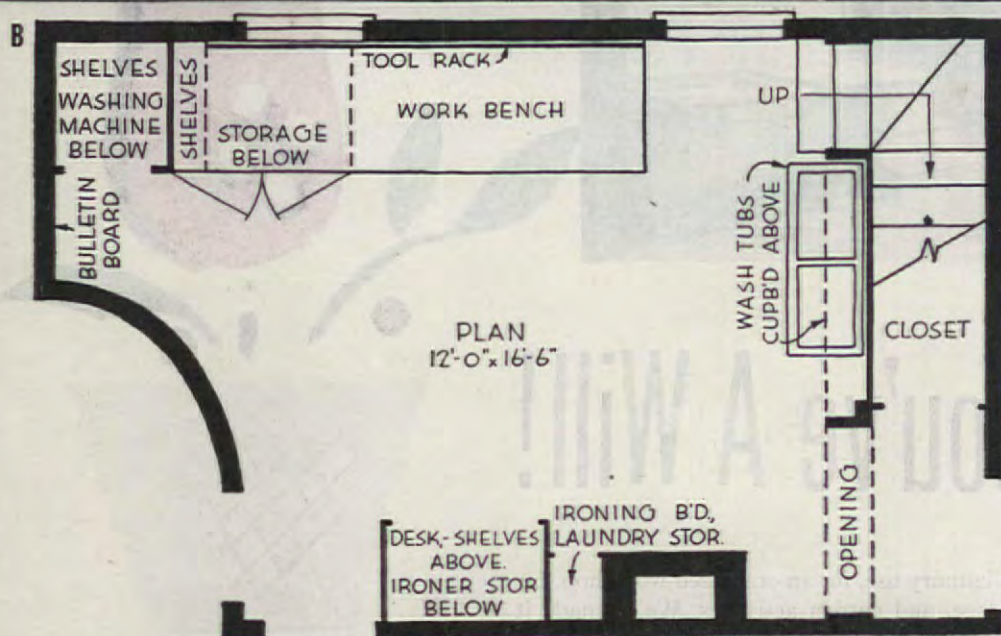
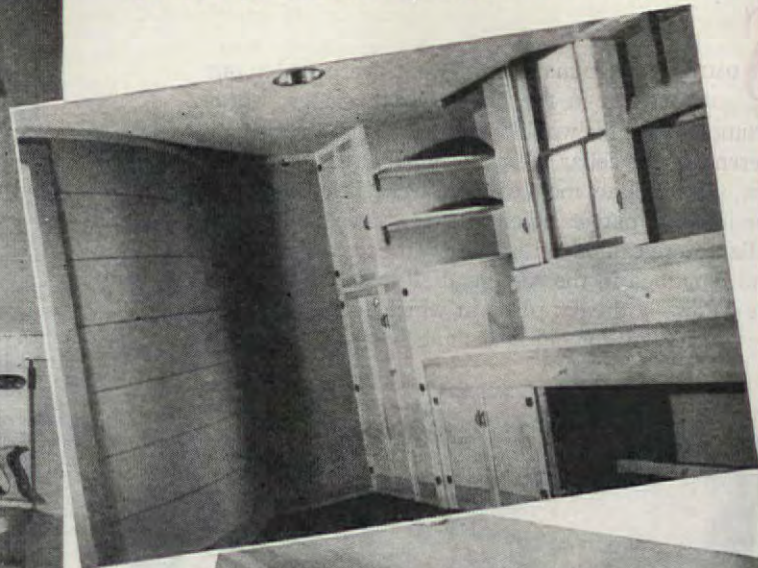
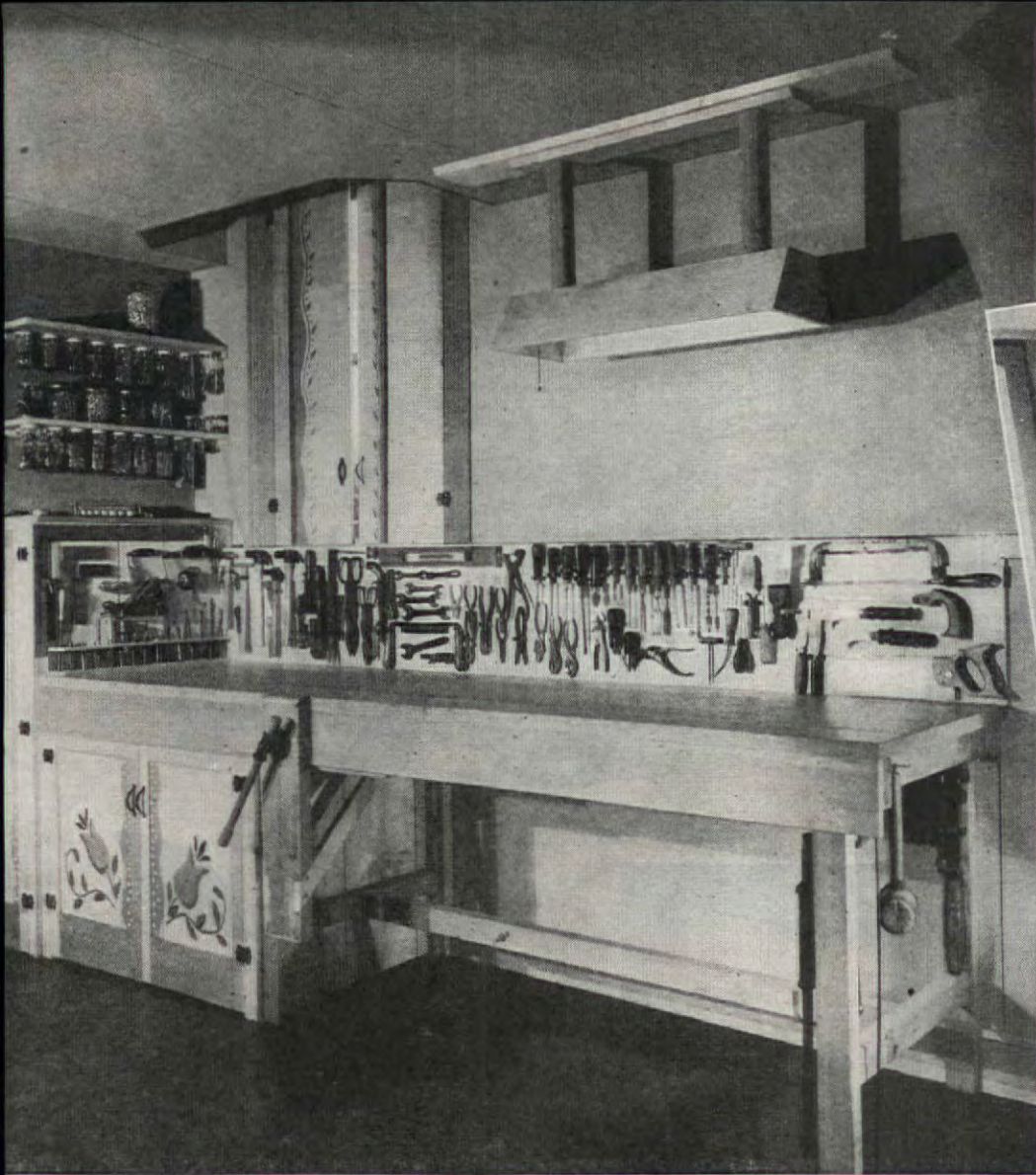
pleasant laundry use, for an organized workshop, for food storage, and garden activities. We've made it gay but we've kept it practical and we've made it available to all by keeping a clear, photographic step-by-step record and have made patterns for you, too. We cannot supply the will to do, but never let it be said that we have not supplied the way! . . . Let us look, then, at what we have accomplished



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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 coun-

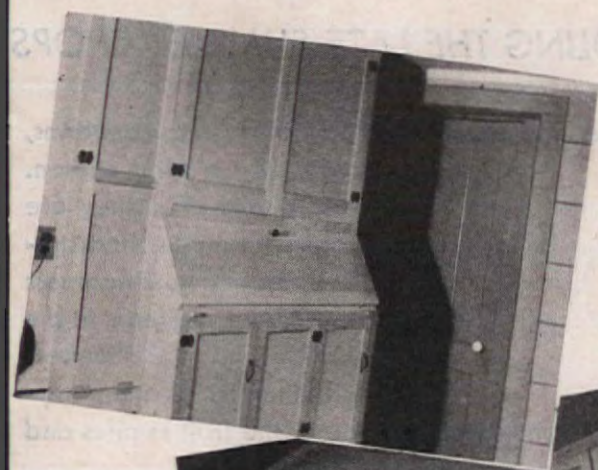
ter spaces for storage. We used Armstrong's Asphalt Tile on the floor, built in efficient lights, housed the laundry equipment, provided food storage, provided a place to store garden seeds, garden reference books, a desk for making garden records, and even a bulletin board for utility. We took a photograph 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 bare

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 decorations 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.



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 enthusiasm. 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.

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 preserves 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 ceiling 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



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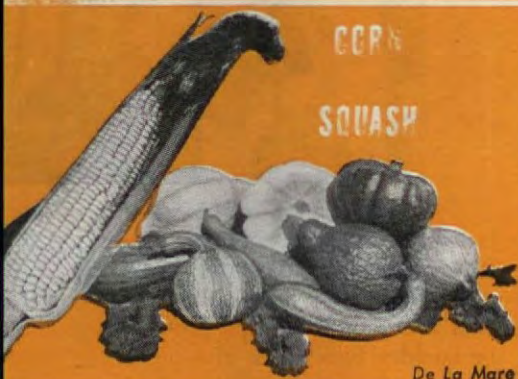
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HANDLING THE LATE SUMMER CROPS



CORN

SQUASH

De La Mare

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 that marks maturity plus maximum kettle, boil or steam briefly, and — squash are best eaten as soon as large



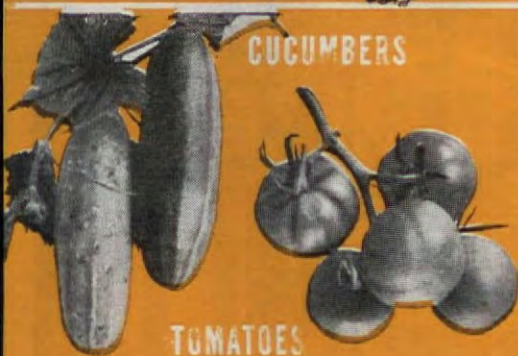
open the husks, huckster-plump firmness and husk tightness sweetness. Then rush ears to the you know what! . . . Summer enough, but late kinds and pumpkins can be left until frost is imminent; if it comes unexpectedly, gather the fruit in piles and



LATE CABBAGE

CAULIFLOWER

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



CUCUMBERS

TOMATOES

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

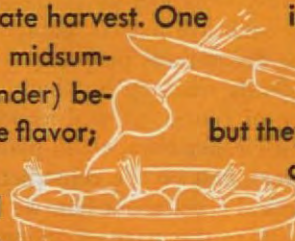


BEETS

TURNIPS

CARROTS

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 includes the quick-growing, short-mer as succession crops, reach fore freezing weather. If left but they are not good keepers so should other type comprises main crop, early and given ample space loss of quality or tenderness and are best for storage in just above freezing temperatures. Here they can be piled in



APPLES

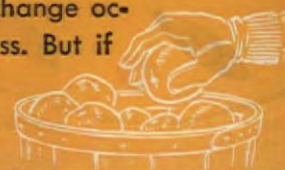
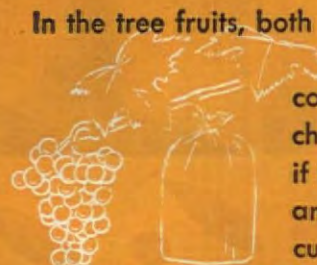
PEARS

PLUMS

PEACHES

GRAPES

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 occurs 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



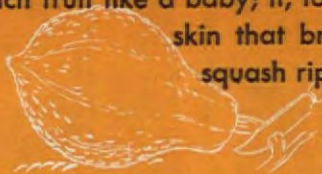
HOME GARDENER

The Harvest Bounty

AND EXTENDING THEIR SEASON

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 winter squash ripen, they develop a glossy, almost ground-



As squash ripen, they develop a glossy, sparkling color, and yellow tinges the dark green color and turns the grayish varieties a softer shade.



Lord and Burnham

rows and cover lightly with straw or litter . . . When the cauliflower buds or "buttons" attain the size of eggs, it is time to pull the them with soft cord or raffia. Do this well blanching white heads or "curds" (which develop to full size. Be sure there is no moisture or rot may develop before the head cabbage tribe—brussels sprouts and completely weather-resistant that gathered as needed, even from under



large leaves up around them and tie up toward the top so as to allow the are actually the inflorescences) to de-ture trapped around the bud at this does . . . The hardiest members of the kale (the Siberian type)—are so they can be left in the garden and the snow, until another spring.

gather 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 space in gardens, so long as they don't crowd nutritious crops. P.S.—If you find yourself with



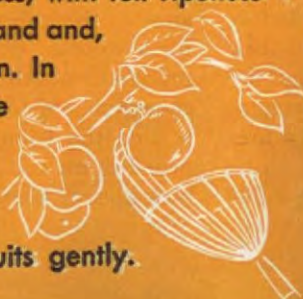
lots of green tomatoes on hand, don't fail to try the American Home tomato pie recipe! It's given on page 58.

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 carefully, on the contrary, are ing left in the ground and dug any time until, in early spring, they warm kitchens, keep fresh carrots in cold water to prevent loss of vitamins.



crates, or laid in boxes in layers separated by clean prevent shriveling. Frosting of the tops does no about an inch from the roots), but the crops freezes, shaken clean (not fully. Parsnips and improved by be- as wanted, start growing again. In

but yellow all over . . . Pick pears while still hard and ripen off the tree to prevent the development of grittiness; with full ripeness comes a springy feeling when squeezed in the hand and, in some varieties, a bloom or wax on the skin. In apples (except solid red kinds) yellowing of the ground color is a good sign; also the flesh assumes a yellowish tinge and becomes crisp and mellow . . . Let grapes color thoroughly, bagging them if necessary. And treat all fruits gently.



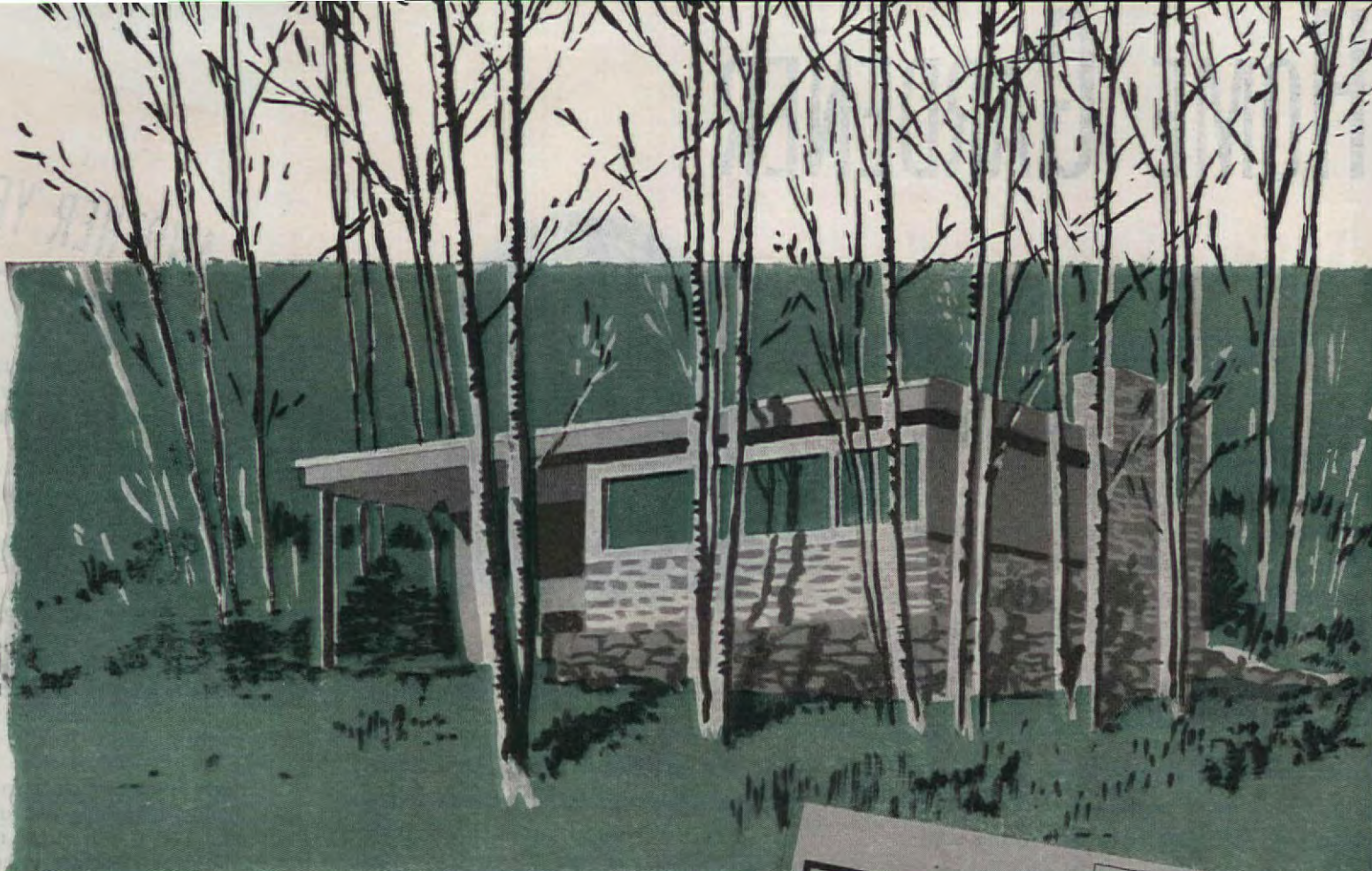
Start Now for
ANOTHER YEAR!

THE gardener's year is unique in that it has no beginning and no end. The different seasons open and close, we "put the garden to bed for the winter," we plan for next year. But actually every month brings need or opportunity to do or start something, the effects of which may not become apparent for months. Thus, even as we harvest our 1944 crops, we can and should be taking steps to make our 1945 gardens better. Here are some of them:

As fall approaches, carefully lift thrifty young plants of lettuce and cabbage (started so late that they cannot possibly mature before winter), transplant to a coldframe or build a temporary one around them, and cover with straw and boards. With that head start they will give an extra early yield next summer. . . . Clear up all rubbish; burn any that is pest-infested (as borer-harboring corn stalks, etc.) and put all the rest on the compost heap. . . . Take down (or pull up) all temporary supports—bean poles, tomato trellises, etc. They look slipshod and ugly over winter and mean just one more thing to be done next spring when the days are all too short and the jobs all too many. . . . Do everything you can to build up your soil. If it is heavy clay and your land is level, or if you are preparing a new piece of sod land, late fall digging or plowing is advisable. Otherwise, try to have every foot of ground not occupied by perennials, go into winter with a cover or green manure crop, such as rye, to protect it from erosion and build up a supply of humus to be turned under next spring. This can be sown as fast as crops are cleared away, or even between the rows of the latest, any time from late September until the ground freezes and can't be raked; for rye will germinate and grow during winter mild spells. Of course, if manure is obtainable it can be spread at any time. . . . Lastly, record this year's results and schedule changes to be made next year.

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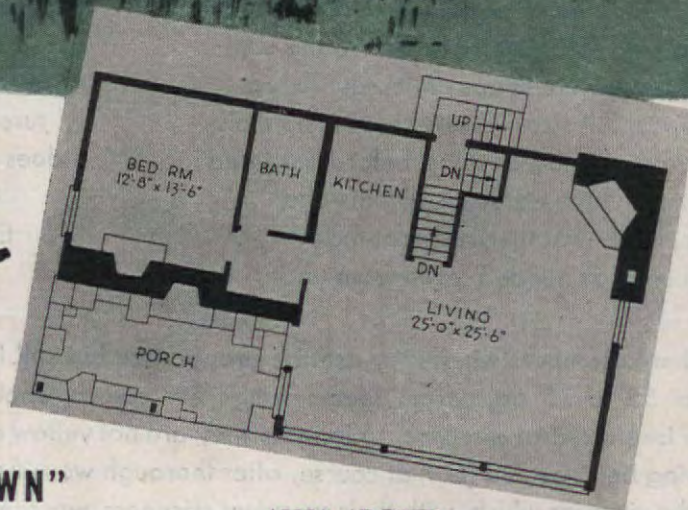


I BUILT A HOUSE

and lived to tell it!

OR...WHAT THE LONE FEMALE SHOULD KNOW

IF DETERMINED TO HAVE A "HOME OF HER OWN"



ALMA ARCHER

I 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 foolhardy. 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!

Miracles of Design



in miniature

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 silver-smith'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 Norwell 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 sugar-coated with glamour. They know how it is 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 a bayonet in their back. It's much more real to them than the stuff they're getting at school or the well-mannered far-

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

ily conversation across the dinner table.

"Next we have their 'programs.' Our son lies on the floor in front of the radio, utterly oblivious to outside influence and follows the fortunes of astounding children his own age who do amazing feats, live more than nine lives, and are superior in every way to their adult contemporaries. Do you wonder that your life, your suggestions of 'fun' at times seem tame and dull by comparison?

JEAN AUSTIN



IS YOUR CHILD CURIOUS ENOUGH, GENTLE ENOUGH TO MAKE FRIENDS OF THE BIRDS? JUST TREES TO HIM. OR FLOORS AND HOUSES, FURNITURE, FURS, FEATHERS, FIBERS, MEAT AND FUEL? OR HAVEN'T YOU TOLD HIM?

Do you make it a dutiful health walk or an illustrated moving lecture of a sinuous dappled trail peopled by fascinating creatures nibbling and scurrying at one side, 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 bloodthirsty 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



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IS WATER JUST SOMETHING WET TO SWIM IN OR AN ENDLESS SOURCE OF FASCINATION TO YOUR CHILD? IS HE AWARE OF THE TEEMING, MYSTERIOUS WORLD HIDDEN BENEATH THE SEA. INHABITED BY MONSTROUS AMPHIBIANS, BEAUTIFUL AND AMUSING DARTING FORMS, INSECTS, CLAMS, COCKLE SHELLS, SCUTTLING CRABS AND OVER ALL, STRONG AND BEAUTIFUL GULLS?

stimulate him, but they will cease to be the only exciting, real things in his life. Boys live in dreams, but healthy dreams can be mighty exciting too.

"The most precious things of life are near at hand, without money and without price . . . yours by stretching forth your hand and taking it." So said the great John Burroughs, and

very things we speed to. What do you mean, a "drive in the country"? Can we enjoy nature only on our semi-annual hunting and fishing trips?

Professor E. Laurence Palmer of Cornell University writes, "There are peony flowers of three colors before me and insects are crowded around only one, why? . . . Yesterday, it was

warm and the tadpoles in my pool crowded to the surface; today, it is cool and none are visible! Why? How many know that the common bouncing Bet of the roadside makes good soap, young ferns are as delicious as asparagus, and milkweed shoots mighty good eating?" He's been giving a course to adults on outdoor living, and we could wish that he would also supply an arm's-length list of just such questions to every parent that they might shoot them at the children to instill the germ of curiosity!

Parents, you will have to begin with yourself, of course. And it is only fair to warn you that this curiosity bug is an insidious one. In priming yourself with curious questions to instill curiosity in your child, you may be bitten by the bug yourself. The glaze of

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

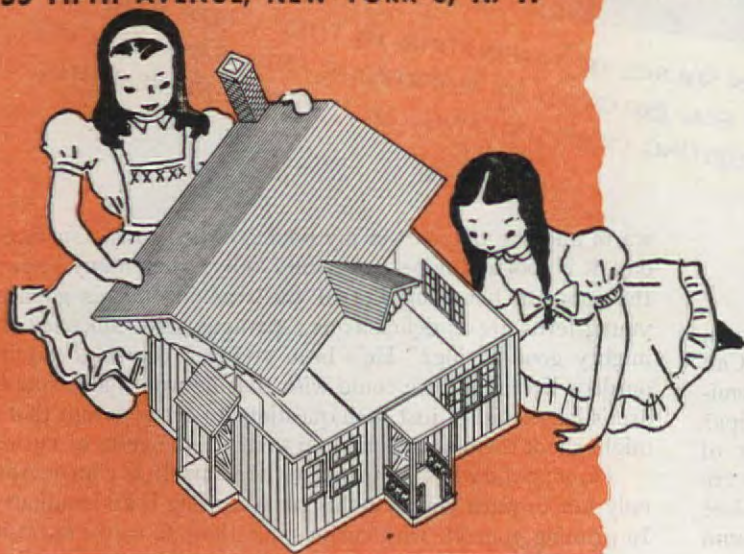
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incuriosity will come off your own eyes and your hearing sense sharpen considerably when a pile of driftwood is no longer just a pile of driftwood but starts you wondering whether the wood itself may not be the tragic remains of a shipwreck, that bottle 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 big 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.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH POWERS
actually accomplish

ALL FUN, NO

It took a back-and-forth to the farm movement to give us a week-end house that really offers a holiday from housework. The Joseph Powerses, week-end farmers, have built an eminently satisfactory model on their acreage near Barrington, Illinois, not many miles from their home at Glencoe. The little work connected with the house is so different that it's fun, as young Ann, shown below making a bed, will tell you. This is one

of a set of double deckers at the end of the big living-dining room. During the day, the beds are closed off from the room by wide cupboard doors made of the same natural waxed Ponderosa pine that panels the room. The beds are three-quarter size and each has its own window, exactly the same width as the bed. There is excellent cross ventilation even on the hottest nights. The churn on the corner shelf is for drinking water.



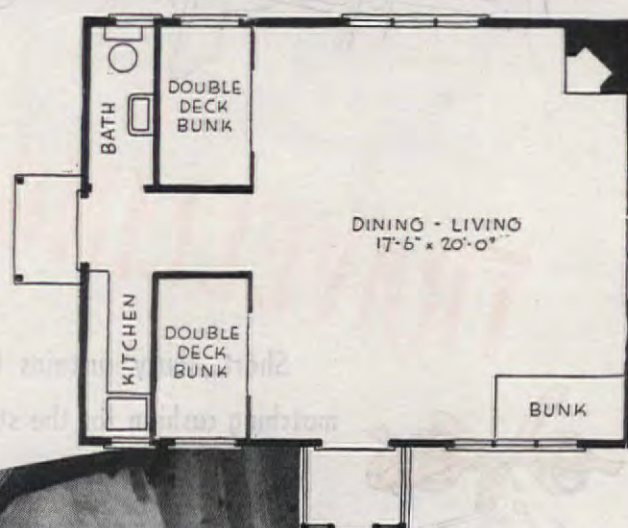


WORK WEEK-END HOUSE

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

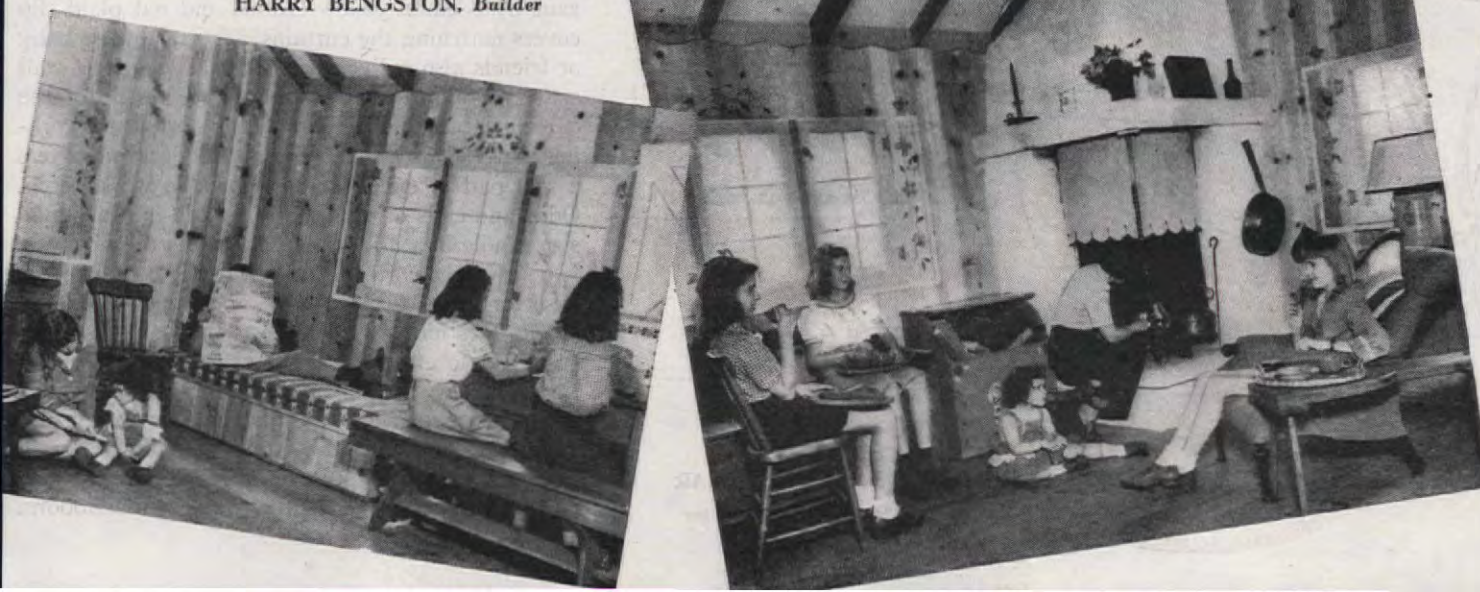
bunk, and a blanket chest settee of pine.

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.



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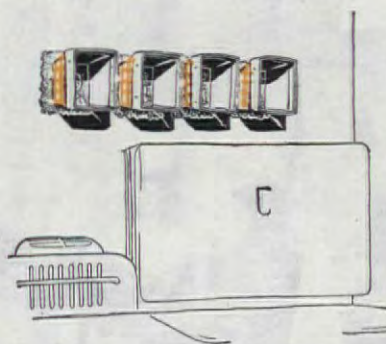
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TRAVELLING KITCHEN

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"



JOY HEARN BEAR
Sketches by the author

NOBADS of the duration learn to be quick about settling down in a new home or they find themselves on the move again before they have had the chance to enjoy their brief residence. Since Pearl Harbor, we have had three different homes and with a real estate agent busily showing our latest abode to prospective buyers, we have cause to be elated over our "travelling kitchen," as we call it, that makes short work of sudden shifts.

I have sketched some of the furnishings we particularly like and which our friends—who always seem to spend a good part of an evening in the kitchen—have found attractive. One is our Lucky Guest Log, contrived of wishbones on which are written the names of our guests and the dates they dined. These are scrubbed, dried, given a coat of colorless nail enamel, the ends dipped in red, and strung on a blue ribbon terminating in a rosette. Ordinary window curtains, invariably too short or too long, are not for our hasty settling down. We have a 14-inch model of long strips of material.

Rods are no problem because we don't use them. We string our curtains, long strips of material, on double cords, and both curtains and cords can be adjusted to fit any window. In back hangs a trifle longer white curtain edged in eyelet embroidery.



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.

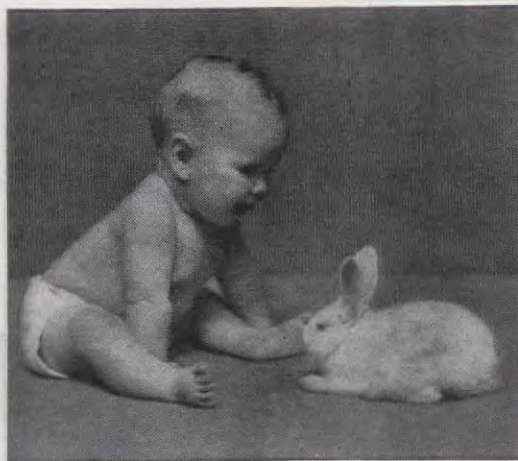
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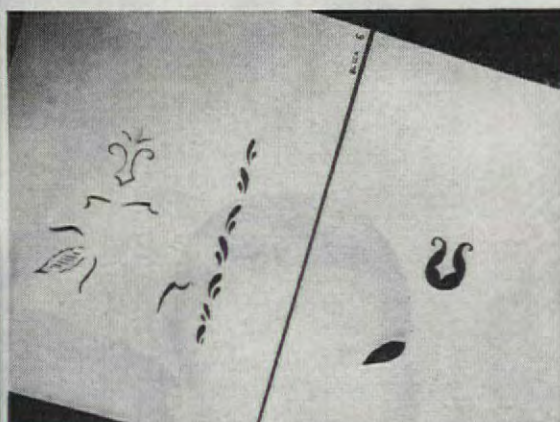
STENCILS YOUR OWN PATTERNS



Materials: firm, stubby bristle brushes, sharp stencil knife; stencil board; poster or textile paints; glass plate or palette for mixing colors



Place original colored sketch under board and secure with thumbtacks. With hard lead pencil trace around areas to be in one color. Remove



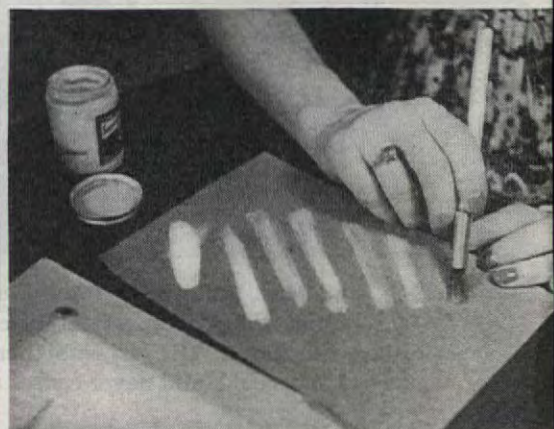
original sketch from under first sheet, cut away all outlined sections. Repeat tracing and cutting of separate sheets for each color



Label each cut stencil with its sequence number and specific color. Check for accurate position. Place material to be stenciled on cardboard and



outline around edges to serve as guides for placing each pattern. Thumbtack each stencil as used and outline to correspond with material



After mixing paints, if necessary for desired colors, dip brush and wipe off excess paint on glass plate, leaving brush comparatively dry



Rub brush in circular motion over cut stencil, working from edges toward center. Hold brush at right angle to prevent paint from running under



Permit paint to dry between each stencil color. Clean both sides of patterns. Under thin fabric use blotting paper to absorb extra paint



This design above, in six colors, required six separate stencils. Motifs, simple in line and accenting large areas, are most effective

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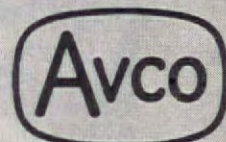
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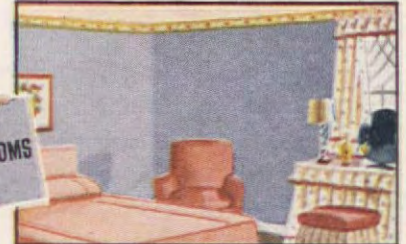


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2 cups cooked sliced carrots	Cottage cheese
3 cups cooked peas	<i>Real</i> Mayonnaise
Radish roses	Chopped chives
	Escarole or salad greens

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.

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Sauté 1 large onion, sliced, in 3 tbsp.

Real Mayonnaise over low heat. Add 3 tbsp. flour and $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. curry powder and stir until smooth. Dissolve one bouillon cube in $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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, $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ full. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20-30 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Use all foods wisely, without waste. Plan menus within your ration points.

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Life Began at 70!

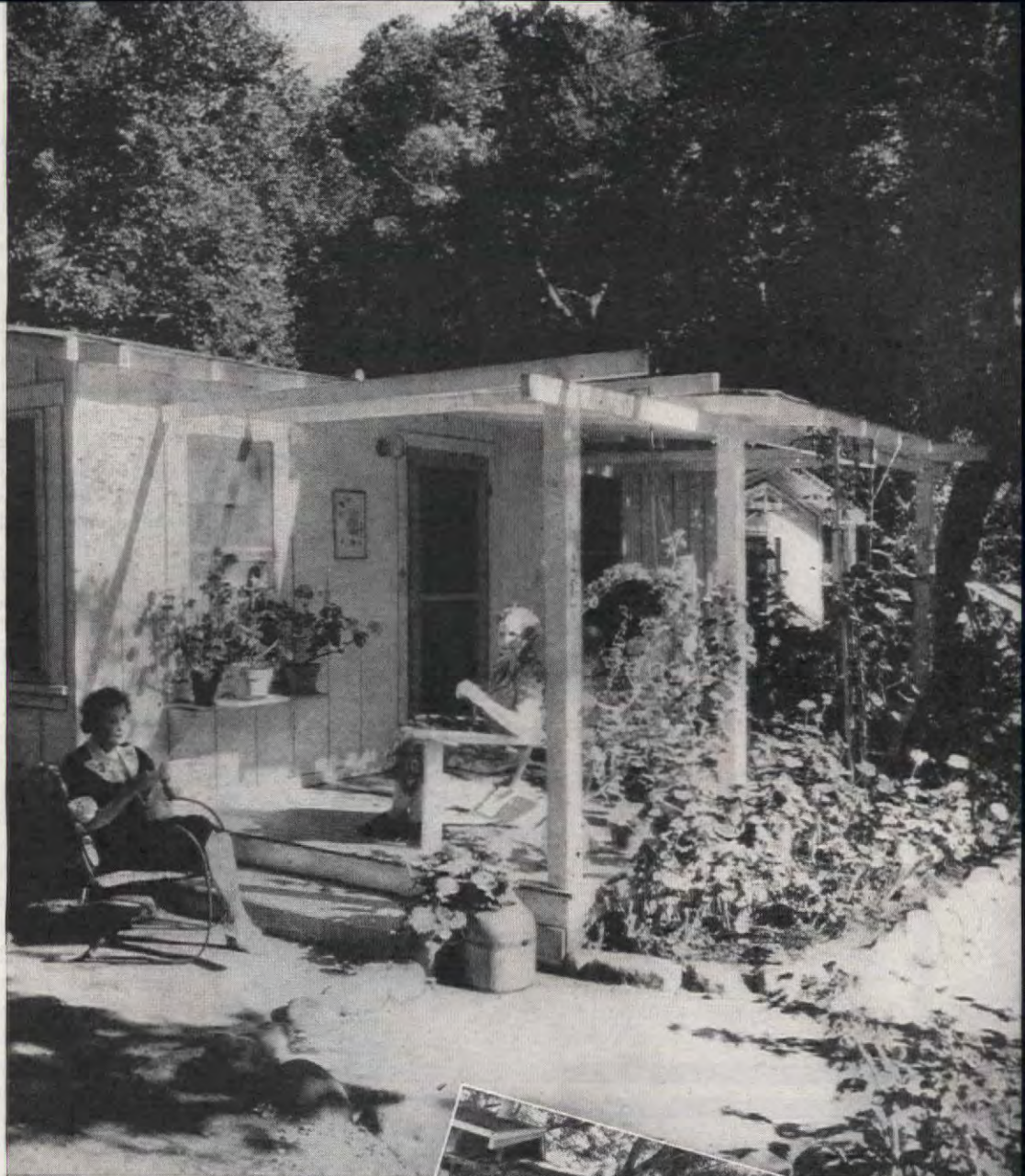
IF YOU are inclined to think of lavender and antimacassars in connection with gentle ladies of 70, this is a story that will jolt you out of any such old-fashioned notion. It is about two sisters of approximately that age who have as much spunk and enterprise as any two high school graduates. What they 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

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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."



These dream houses were shabby and neglected until spirited, 70-year-old sisters gave them a new lease on livability, inside and out

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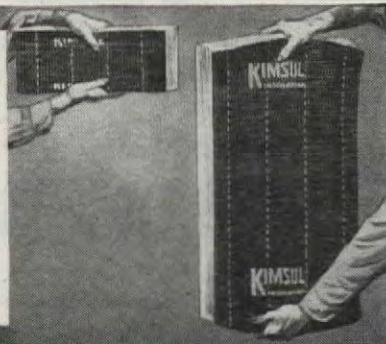
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With the aid of a carpenter down the road, an old man who also did some painting, a screen porch was added to Mrs. Hodges' cottage. It boasted shelves inside and out for bright red geraniums and gay pottery and was furnished with a dining table, put together from scraps of wood but so perky in spanking 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. She was 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 paint 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 such gorgeous furnishings as the red and white bedroom rug.

They alternate as hostesses and one goes out to dinner every night. They share a telephone, which lets them be in quick communication with the family, and have a buzzer extension and signal system. One buzz means "telephone for you"; two, "come on over." Toting up their original and running expenses, they feel a little sorry for friends who think they can't afford homes of their own—even at seventy!

CORRECTION: In the Gardener's Primer feature on "Garden Warfare" in the June issue on page 25, the word "aluminum" was mistakenly used in giving the name of a new weed-killing chemical now obtainable under the trade name "Ammate." The correct technical name of this product is ammonium sulphamate.



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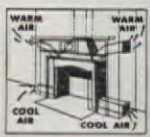


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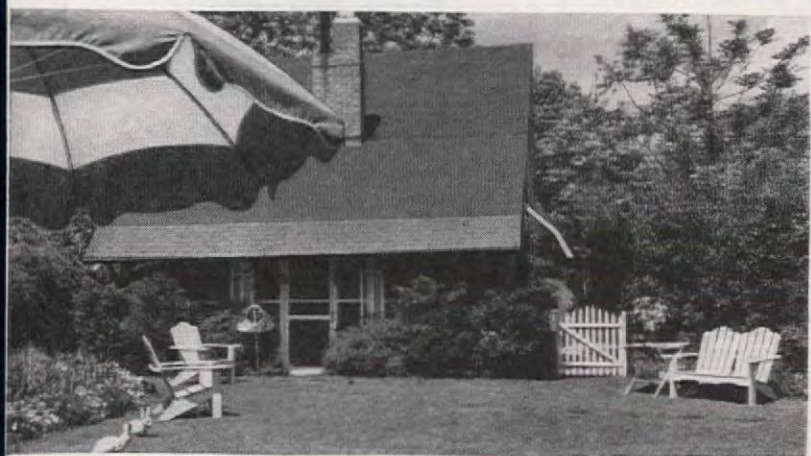


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GARDEN ROOM



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

WHENEVER 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.

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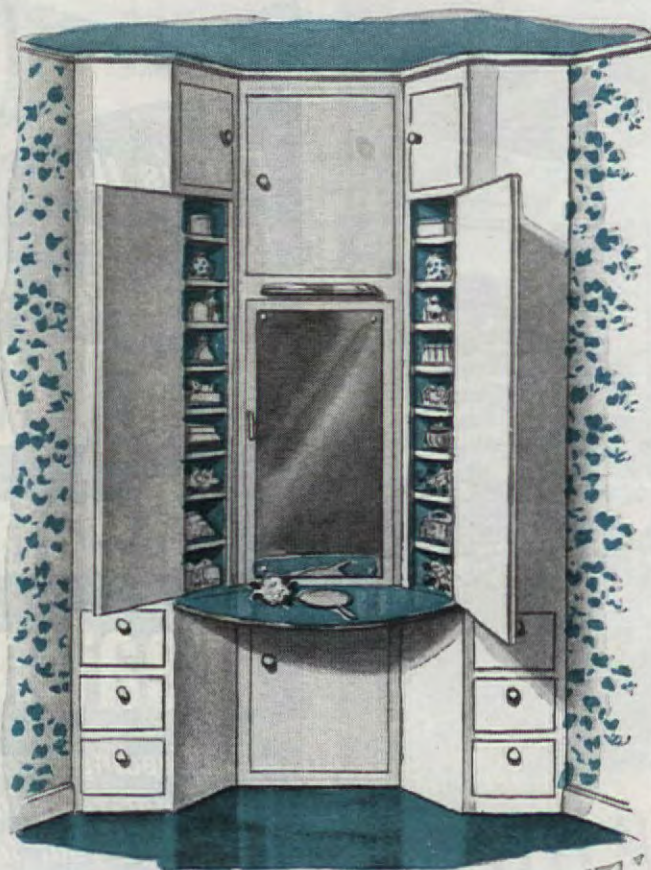
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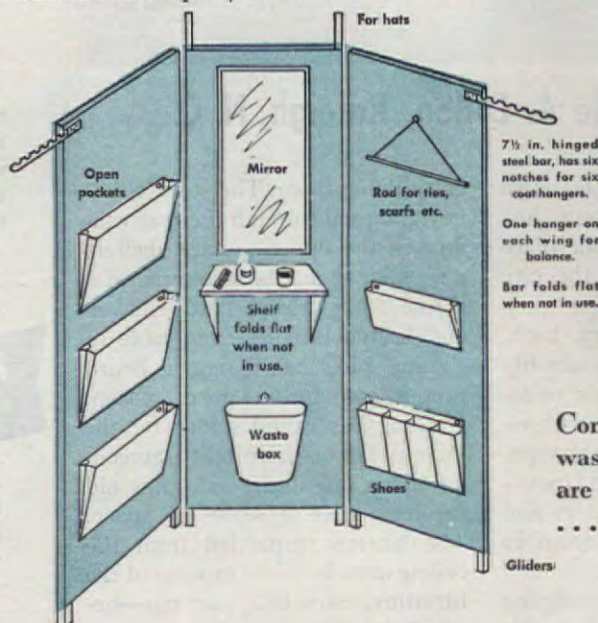
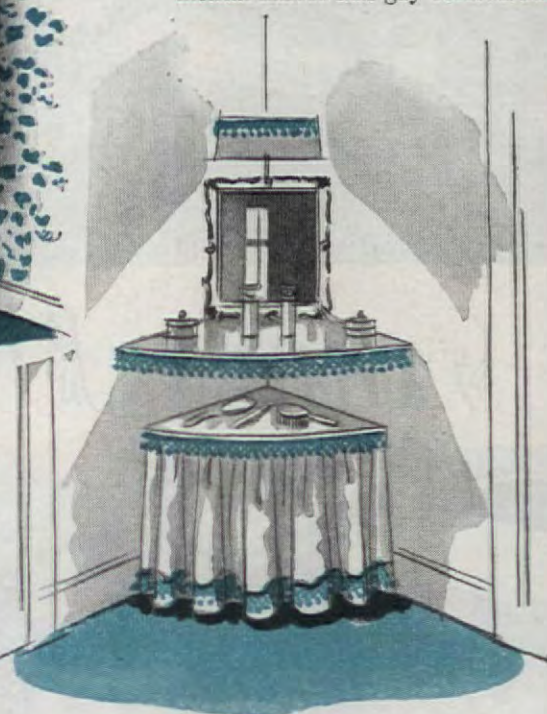
Sketch by Isabelle Vaughan

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 earscrews, 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

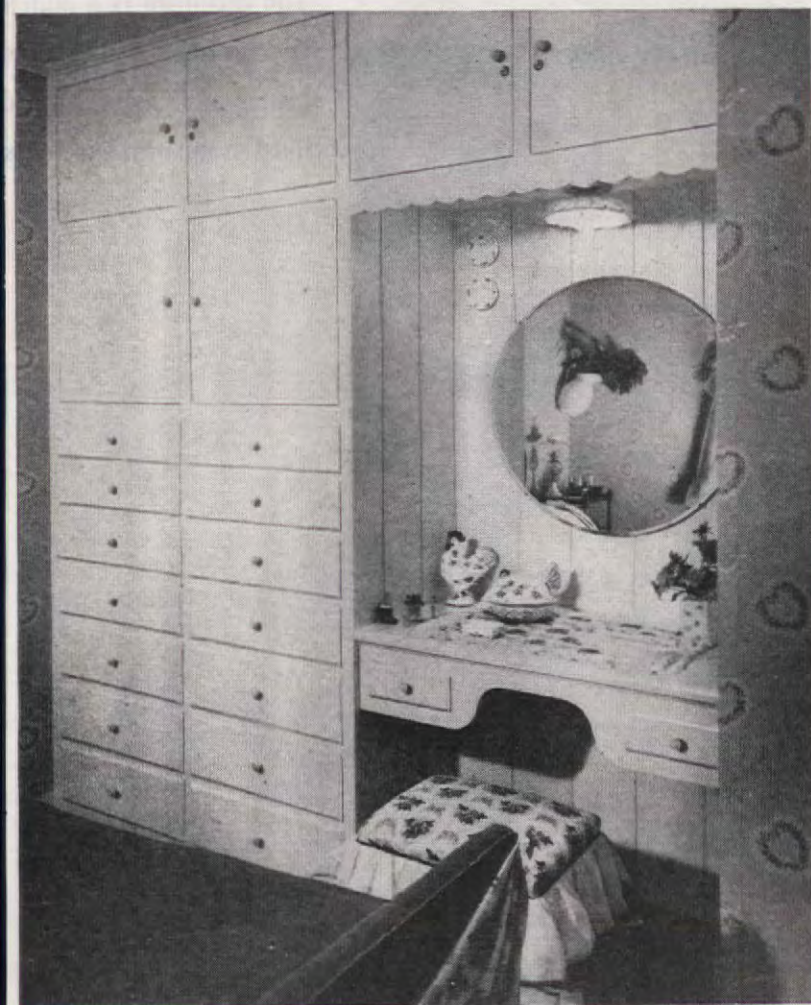
to Mrs. Mary H. Barnes. Its points will be immediately appreciated by anyone whose hospitality is limited to the living room couch. Notice the mirror and cosmetics shelf.

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



Corners are usually so much waste space, whereas there are never too many shelves... Mrs. Charles M. Evans

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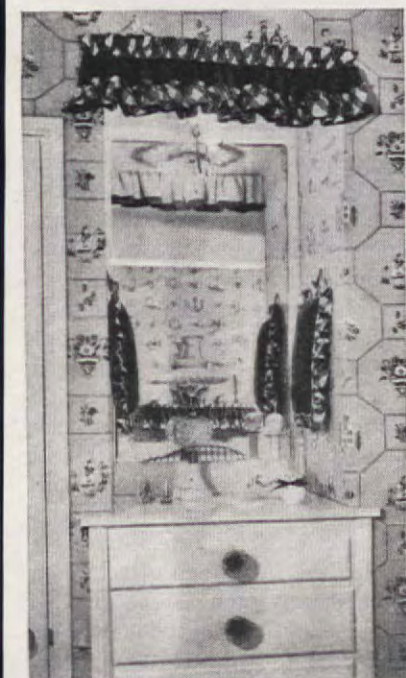


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and chain cotton fringe trims the lamp, shelf, and skirt edges.

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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A dressing table with the theme "pretty as a picture," in the H. W. Ziemer home, in Milwaukee

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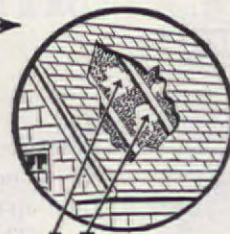
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We saved for years before we had enough material

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.



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



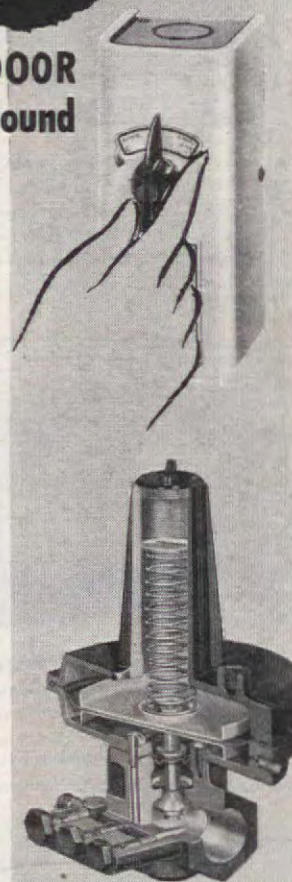
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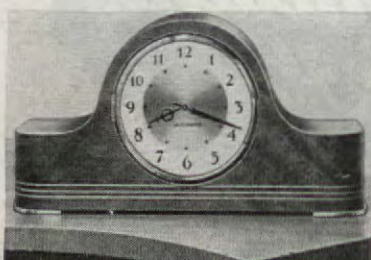
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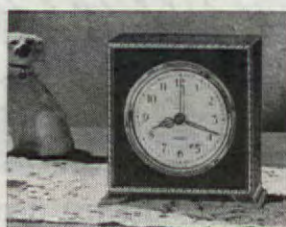
A Smart Little Girl is Joan!

1. Joan's husband, Bill, went into the Army. And Joan went into a war job. But is she forgetting that little home they were planning to furnish? Not Joan! She's clipping items and ideas out of magazines—things she wants to get or do for that home when the wonderful day arrives. See, for instance, what she's clipped in Seth Thomas clocks for after the war....

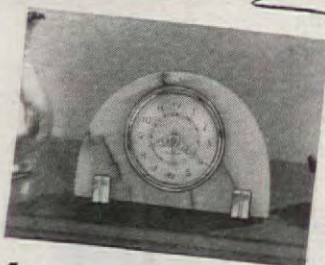
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3. Look at this graceful Seth Thomas in polished brass and mahogany that Joan has picked for their bedside table. Yes, and its pleasant, polite alarm says, "Pardon me, but —"



4. Then for her dressing table or perhaps a bookcase, Joan has her eye on the trim Seth Thomas above in translucent onyx and light ivory. It's a beauty for any occasional use!



5. Even if Joan and Bill could set up housekeeping now, they couldn't, of course, buy Seth Thomas clocks. But Joan invests part of her pay in War Bonds. Smart little girl, isn't she?

6. When you plan your post-war home—and why not start a scrap book today?—remember that few things give a room such warmth and character as does a fine clock—a Seth Thomas clock. Seth Thomas clocks for homes are not being made now. But just as soon as our country no longer needs our entire productive capacity, there'll be even more surprising values in Seth Thomas clocks than ever before!... All these clocks will be notable for exquisite design, faultless timekeeping, and long-lived dependability—as all Seth Thomas clocks have been for more than a century.... They're something to look forward to!



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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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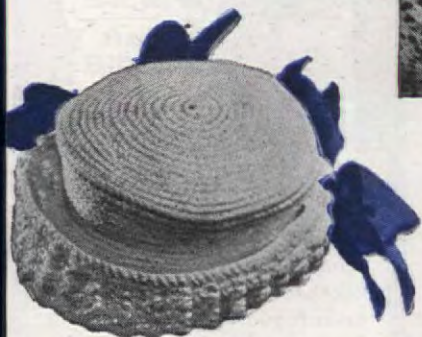
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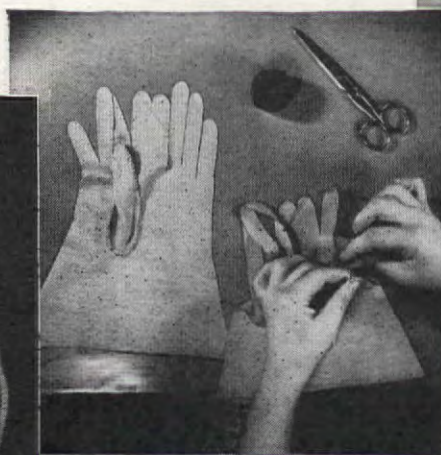
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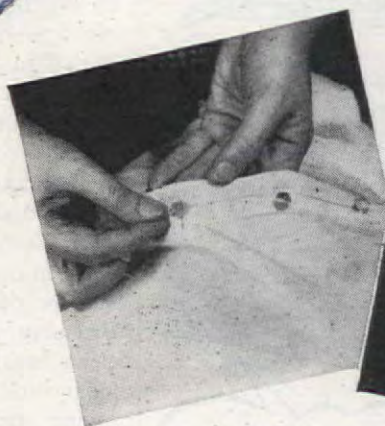
If you are a white collar girl, a dickey or two in a flattering pastel is a change for your suit. So is a sweater and there's no better traveler or more adaptable week-end. The one shown here is of lightweight cotton, gone gala with ribbon for evening wear. As you see, there are gloves and more gloves. Why sit on your hands when you could be making gloves? And, for flourishes, there are shoe and belt buckles and any number of hair ornaments guaranteed to win masculine approval and feminine envy. All of these are so easy to make it's fun. You also need a readiness routine. This is simple, too. Part of it consists in fitting your bag with the necessities for frequent trips. Either buy a cosmetic kit or assemble your own with dime-store sizes of the following: tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, rouge, lipstick, face powder, cold cream, body powder, manicure set, and needle and thread. Also tuck in a few cleansing tissues and band-aids, aspirin, a fresh powder puff along with a small box of your face powder, a face cloth, and a few sheets of stationery and stamps. Keep these *always* in your bag. While you are at home, you'll have to fight a temptation to treat these supplies as reserves. Just put



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them out of your mind except when you check to see that they are in readiness for the next unexpected trip. That way, you will never be caught short and have to storm the stores or infringe on the generosity of your hostess. There is one other item to add to your already-packed list, a pair of bedroom slippers. These should be the kind made for traveling. You can buy rolled up washable canvas slippers for about fifty-nine cents. Or you may be able to find the light leather ones which fit in an envelope case for around three to five dollars, provided the stores still have any.

Another and very important part of your routine is to make a habit of keeping your clothes in handbox order. Each time you undress, hang every garment in one of four groups: 1. Ready to wear again. 2. Needs cleaning. 3. Needs pressing. 4. Needs mending.

Your wardrobe filing system will tell you, at a glance, when you haven't a thing ready to wear.

One night a week, preferably Monday or Tuesday, do a thorough refurbishing job. Launder lingerie and handkerchiefs, roll briefly in towels, then dry quickly on coat hangers. Wash gloves and hang on stretchers. If you are trying to save on hairdressing bills, this is the night to shampoo your hair and let it dry in pin curls. Wash everything that comes in contact with your hair and skin—hairpins, brushes, combs, and powder puffs, including those in your purse. Wash combs and brushes in cool suds with a few drops of ammonia, rinse twice in cool water, and dry, brush bristles down, on a clean towel. Brushing your hair often, with a clean brush, keeps it clean much longer and that is another way of saving on professional service. Clean out your pocketbooks and stow fresh cleansing tissue in each. Take care of the mending and pressing, and wind up with a relaxing tub that leaves you with just enough energy for a pedicure and manicure. Put things in Group 3 on a chair to take to the cleaner in the morning on your way to work, and, with a cream massage for feet and hands, to bed, rehabilitated in body as well as wardrobe.

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DANGER ... GROWING FEET

MARGARET M. COLEMAN, R.N.
Guest Health Editor of the Month

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THERE'S one thing to be said for foot trouble. If you have ever had it, you ought to make an exceptionally capable parent. You will be eager to do everything in your power to see that your child has strong healthy feet. If you begin while he is still in his crib—even though he does think his pet pink toe is a lollipop—you can almost guarantee that he will never find out how feet can hurt. After you bathe him, wipe carefully between each toe. Don't let his nails grow long so they break off. Keep them trimmed. Cut straight across. Rounding the corners may cause ingrowing. If there should be an ingrown toenail, slip a bit of cotton under the corner with a toothpick. When you tuck him in bed, be careful not to draw the sheet and blanket too snug across his feet. The same rule applies to his carriage blanket. Often baby is not only covered too tightly, but an older child is put into the foot of the carriage so that robes are even more constricting. The same thing happens when bundles are so carried. Don't encourage your baby to walk because someone else's baby is beginning to walk. He will walk just as soon as his legs are strong enough. If he is a heavy baby, don't urge him to stand on his feet. Let him make the effort of his own free will. When it comes to the strength of feet and legs, baby knows best. Soon enough, he'll be leading you a merry chase all over.

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

Toeing out is both a sign and a cause of foot weakness. Correction is properly fitted shoes



Wrinkled or torn lining hurts young, tender feet and may be the cause of trouble later on



Leg pains are a danger sign: they result from weak arches which cause strained muscles



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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 over-activity. 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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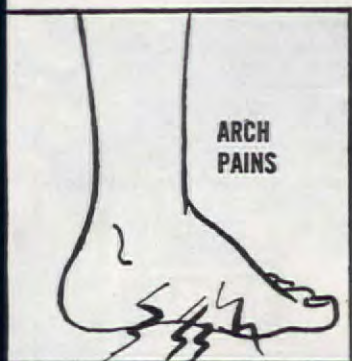


Keep shoes in good repair. Heels worn down on inside further weaken arches they indicate are weak

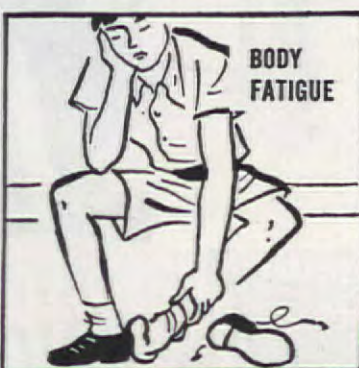
Shoes should extend at least one-half inch beyond toes, with room on top to keep toes from rubbing



Ill fitting shoes not only break down the feet, but cause fatigue along with headache and backache



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



feet. Use a bed cradle or box to keep the weight of the bed clothing off his toes and ask the doctor to examine his feet before the final visit. No infant or child can relax and sleep soundly with shoes on. Always remove them. If baby has but one pair, place them on the window sill to air. At night, stuff them with newspaper to absorb the moisture. Stockings and shoes can do great harm to growing feet. Stockings too tight around the legs interfere with the circulation. Frequent washings, especially of woolly stockings, may shrink the feet both in width and length. If these are worn, they will cause the toes to become bent. On the other hand, too large a size will make bumps and bumps that are injurious and uncomfortable. Before walking, baby should wear a shoe with a soft top and sole. But when he begins walking he needs a leather sole, flexible in length but firm in width. If the sole is pliable in its width, dampness will cause warping and the shoe will cramp the foot. If the sole is too heavy and rigid, the delicate bones cannot propel the foot in its stiff casing and the baby may go back to creeping. The rigid shank should be used only on the doctor's orders—and only then to correct a defect.

What about high or low shoes for the growing child? Doctors

vary in this advice but most suggest the high type lace shoe for the first walking shoes. The size should fit. Too large or too small shoes are apt to cause corns and deformed toes. When it is impossible to take baby to the store for fitting, stand him on a piece of paper and draw the outline of his foot, then buy according to the outline, not shoe size. Before you let him wear the new shoes, roughen the soles with a file or grater so he won't slip and fall. The shoes that meet these requirements are the ones to buy:

1. Good leather—cheap leather burns the foot and does not wear.
2. To determine size, measure foot while standing, not sitting.
3. Shoes should extend at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " beyond toes, with ball of foot or great toe joint at widest part.
4. Width should permit toe movement but not allow foot itself to move up and down.
5. Toe should be high enough to prevent rubbing of toes on top.
6. Ample room over instep or the arch will be compressed and cannot develop normally.
7. School child needs heels of moderate height for walking on hard wood floors and cement.
8. The shoe should fit snugly at heel—no bulging at side.
9. Keep shoes on trees and in good repair, both heels and soles.



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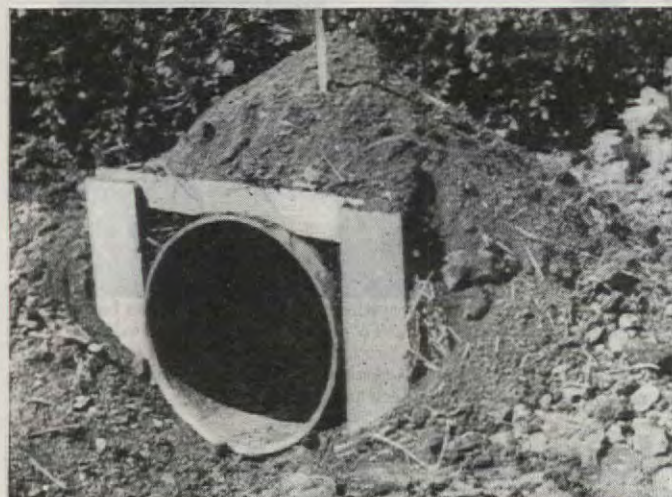
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Dr. "Pat" Pirone, of N. J., has an insulated bin in his garage. Above, an easily made basement window-well pit. Geo. Burkhardt on Long Island uses a bottomless box sunk in sandy soil

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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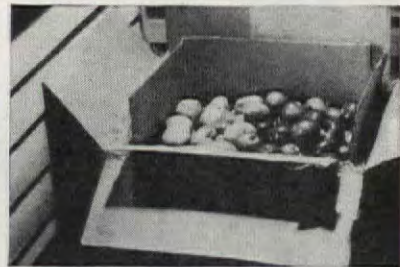
as deeply as winter climate demands. For extra drainage protection, dig a ditch around pit. Because it is hard to make



such a pit frost-proof after opening it, limit its capacity to what can be kept on hand and used up in a fortnight or so

10 WAYS to Store Your Victory Garden!

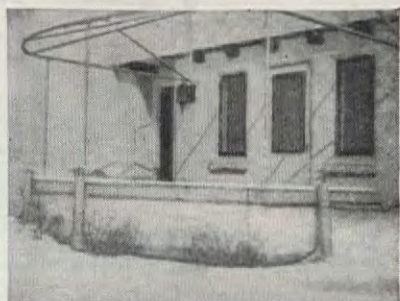
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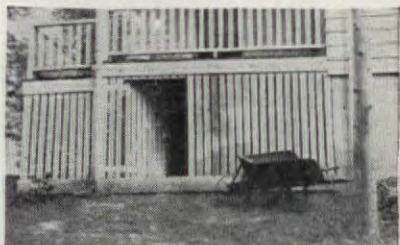
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$\frac{1}{2}$ cup granulated sugar	1 cup milk
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup light corn syrup	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup lime juice
Green coloring	1 tsp. grated lime peel

Beat eggs until lemon colored. Add sugar gradually to egg until mixture is thick, custard-like. Add remaining ingredients in order listed. Freeze with control at coldest position. When frozen, remove to bowl, whip until light. Now fill crust which is made as follows:

To make Crust and Assemble

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups graham cracker crumbs	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup powdered sugar
	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or substitute

Blend crumbs with sugar and butter. Line pan with $\frac{3}{4}$ of mixture. Chill. Fill with ice cream or add lime filling after it has been beaten, cover with remaining crumbs, freeze until firm, with control at coldest position. Garnish with strawberries.

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.

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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.

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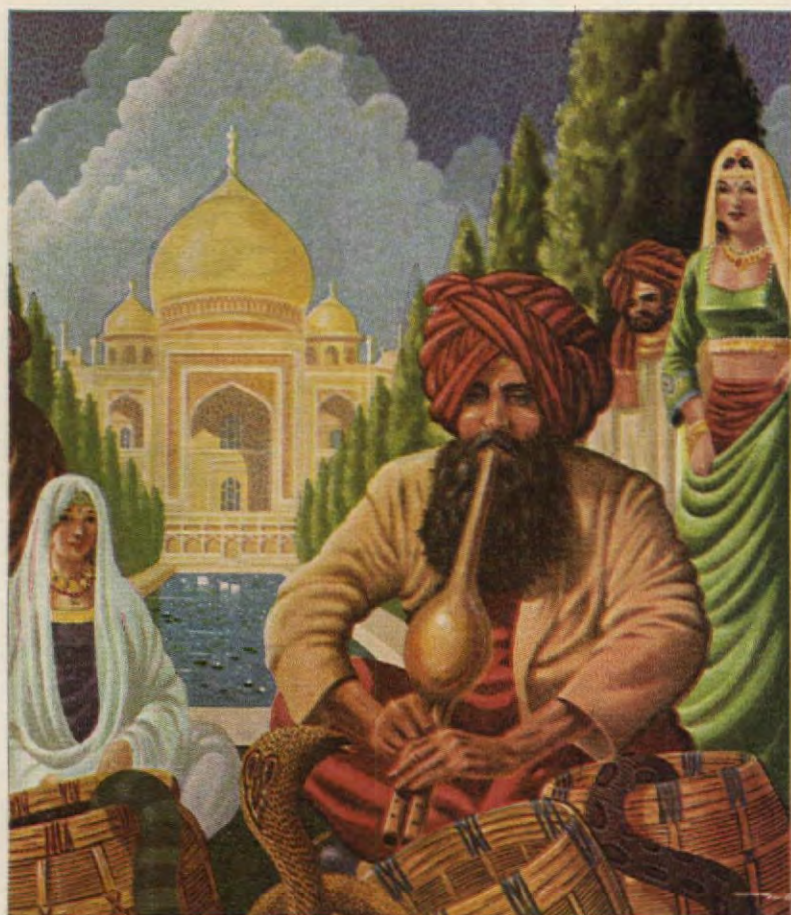
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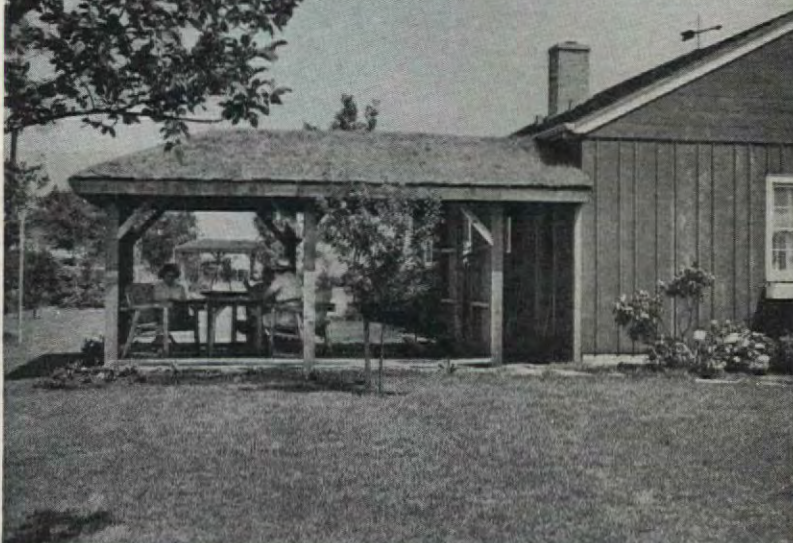


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The Homes of the Brothers Ulander



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NILS and Gunnar Ulander are Swedish-born American citizens who live in Glenview, Illinois, in almost identical five-room houses situated at opposite ends of a one-acre property. This they have developed as a unit with balanced landscaping and jointly owned—and cared for—victory garden, fruit trees, and grape vines. Both are milkmen; both their wives are active in war work; their children—Gunnar's nine-year-old Eric, and Nils' 14-year-old Margaret and 11-year-old Norman—are the sort of youngsters that make America's future bright with promise; and their family lives, in the homes that they are buying on F. H. A. terms for about \$30 a month, are inspiring complete, happy, and productive. 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 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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**LIMA BEANS
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Try this delicious meal prepared with Mazola

BRAISED OXTAILS

2 oxtails, cut in 2" pieces
1 tbs. minced onion
3 tbs. Mazola
2 c. hot water
1 tbs. vinegar
½ tsp. minced garlic
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
1 tbs. sugar

Wipe pieces of oxtail with damp cloth. Broil about 10 mins., turning frequently, until golden brown on all sides. Sauté onion in Mazola in large, covered kettle until tender. Add meat and remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer about 3½ hrs.—until meat is tender—adding additional boiling water if necessary. Remove meat to hot platter. Thicken gravy, using 2 tbs. flour blended with 3 tbs. cold water to each cup of liquid. Pour over meat. Serves 4. (Garnish with carrots, if desired.)

LIMA BEANS with TOMATOES

2 tbs. minced onion
2 tbs. Mazola
1½ c. (cooked or canned) tomatoes
2 tsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
speck pepper
1¼ c. (cooked or canned) green lima beans
¾ c. soft bread crumbs

Sauté onion in Mazola until tender; then add tomatoes, sugar, salt, and pepper, and simmer 10 mins. uncovered. Next add lima beans and heat. Add crumbs, heat and serve. Serves 3-4.

VITAMIN VEGETABLE SALAD

Wash, prepare and chill, using all or a selection of these vegetables: Raw spinach, carrots, cucumber, cabbage, green pepper, radishes, celery, cauliflower, lettuce, watercress, parsley, tomatoes, beets, onion.

Toss with Spicy Mazola French Dressing:

¾ tsp. salt
1½ tsp. pepper
¼ tsp. dry mustard
Dash of cayenne
½ tsp. Worcestershire

¼ tsp. paprika
2 tsp. grated onion
1 tsp. sugar
¾ c. Mazola
¼ c. vinegar

Measure all ingredients into bowl or jar; beat thoroughly. Shake or beat again just before serving. Makes 1 c.

OATMEAL CRISPS

1½ c. rolled oats
½ c. sugar
½ c. Mazola
1 egg, beaten
¾ c. all-purpose flour, sifted
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
5 tsp. milk
1½ tsp. vanilla

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 ½" thickness, top with raisins or cherries. Bake in moderately hot oven (400° F.) for 10 mins. Remove at once from cookie sheets. Makes 30 to 35 cookies.

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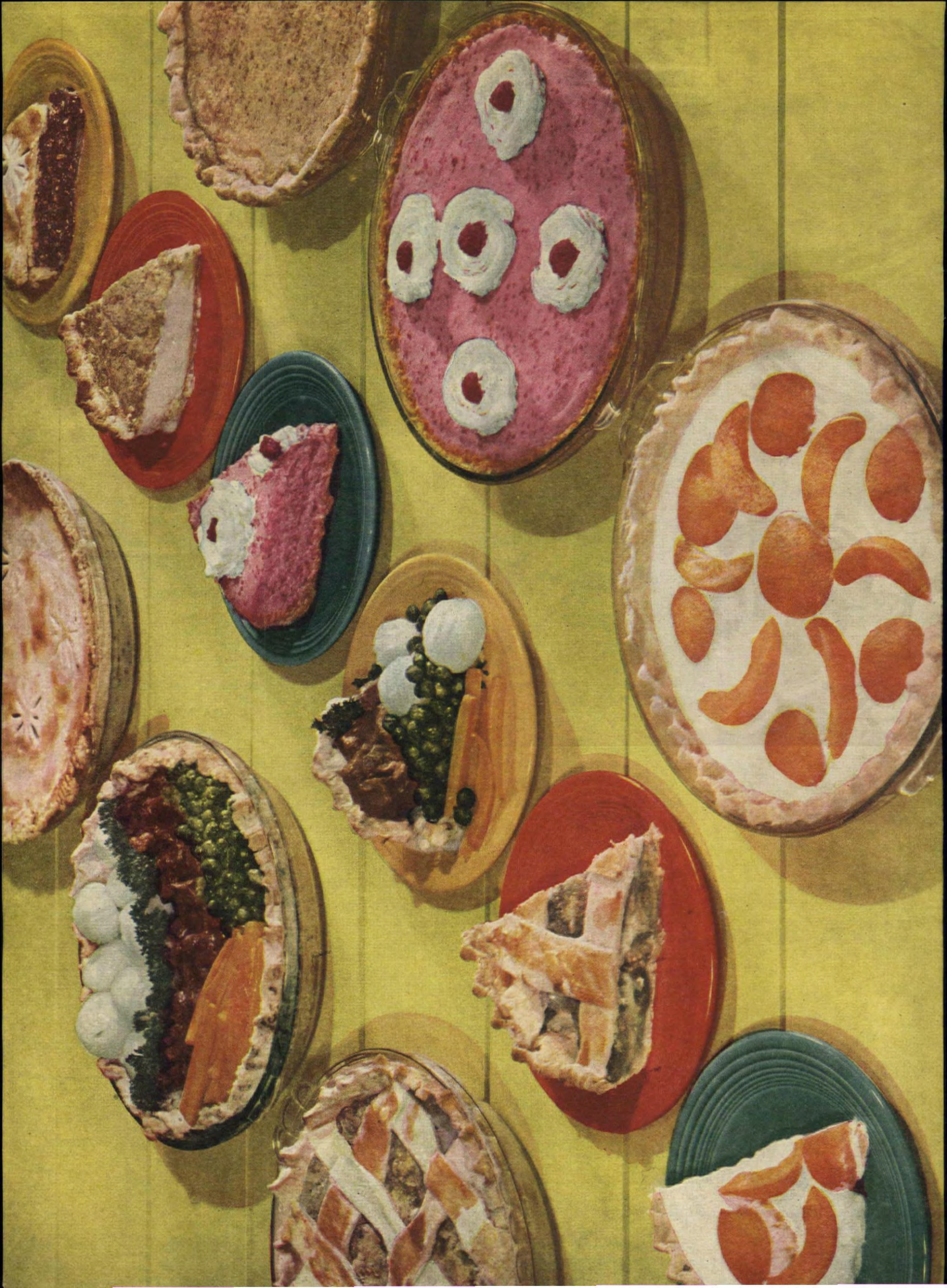
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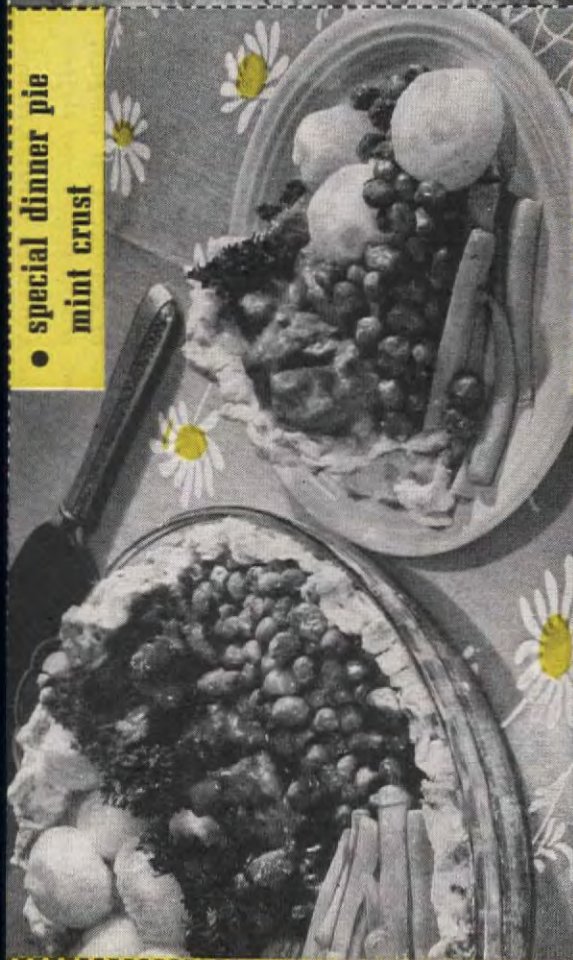
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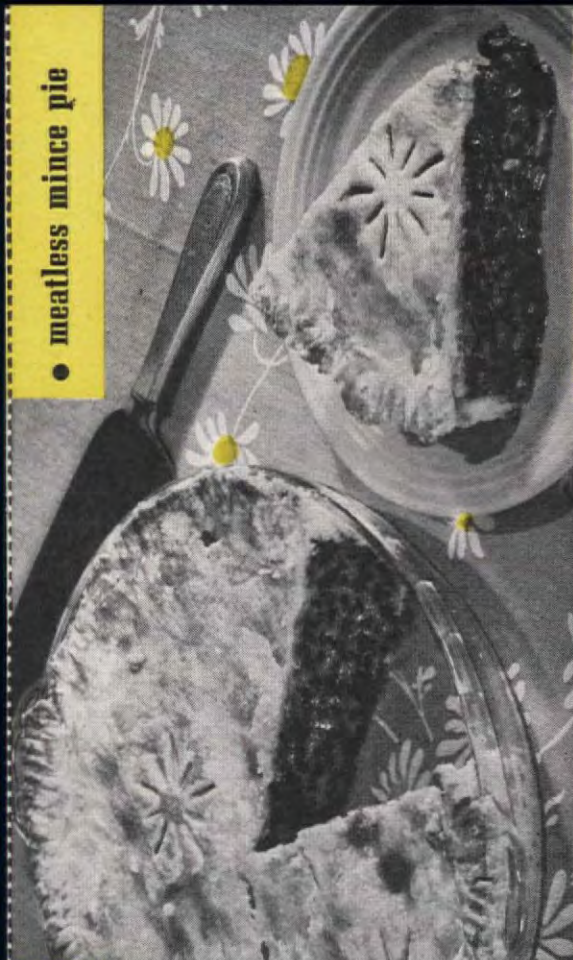
• special dinner pie
mint crust



• green tomato pie



• meatless mince pie



• sour cream peach pie



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AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS — 4... PIE

“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 shoo-fly 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,
light as a fleecy cloud,
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



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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



Brush the edge of the lower pie crust with water before placing the top crust. This moisture assures a well-sealed edge

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

Preparation time: 65 min.

• sour cream peach pie

7-8 peach halves
¾ cup peach syrup
2 tbs. tapioca
½ cup sugar
1½ cups thick sour cream
½ tsp. vanilla
1 baked 9 inch pie shell

Mix together ¾ cup peach syrup, 2 tbs. tapioca and ½ cup sugar in a double boiler. Cook until mixture thickens (15 minutes). Cool. Meanwhile mix the sour cream with ½ tsp. vanilla. Combine the two mixtures. Fill the baked pie shell with ½ the mixture. Add peach halves and pour over the remainder of the mixture. Garnish with any leftover peaches which may be sliced and arranged in a design. Bake in a 350°F oven until set (40 minutes).

Serves 6-8 408 cal. per serving.

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Preparation time: 60 min.

• green tomato pie

4 cups green tomatoes peeled and sliced
½ cup sugar
2 tbs. flour
grated rind of 1 lemon
¼ tsp. allspice
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. lemon juice
3 tbs. butter or margarine
pastry for 9 inch pie

LINE a pie pan with your favorite pie dough. Mix flour, sugar, lemon rind, spices and salt together. Sprinkle a little on the bottom of pie shell. Arrange sliced tomatoes in the pie shell, a layer at a time. Cover each layer with sugar mixture, lemon juice and dot with butter. Repeat this sequence until pie is filled. Cover with a latticed top and bake in a moderate (350°F) oven for 45 minutes.

Serves 6-8 288 cal. per serving.

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Preparation time: 80 min.

• special dinner pie

mint crust:
2 lbs. lamb shoulder (cut in 1 inch cubes)
1 cup water
1 cup mushrooms sliced
2 cups peas
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. shortening
6 medium carrots cut in strips
8 small white onions
¾ cup shortening
¾ cup chopped mint leaves

FOR pie crust, measure and sift together flour and salt. Cut in shortening until evenly blended. Add the chopped mint. If moisture from mint is not sufficient, add a little cold water. Roll out, fit in a 9" pie tin. Bake in a 425°F oven for 10 min.

Cut lamb up into 1 inch cubes, season with salt and pepper and brown in a skillet with 2 tbs. shortening. Add 1 cup water, 1 cup of mushrooms and simmer for 30 minutes. Cook vegetables in boiling salted water. When done, season vegetables and flavor with butter or a sauce. Arrange around edge of baked pie shell. Remove meat and mushrooms from the skillet, thicken gravy and pour over meat which can be arranged in the center of the pie with a border of vegetables.

Serves 4-6 493 cal. per serving. Source of vitamins A, B complex.

Note: A mint sauce may be poured over the carrots or a white sauce over the peas if desired.

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Preparation time: 75 minutes

• meatless mince pie

8 cups green tomatoes, chopped
¼ cup vinegar
1½ cups sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 cup raisins
3 tbs. butter or margarine
pastry for 8 inch pie

PLACE 8 cups of chopped green tomatoes in a saucepan and add just enough water to cover. Cook 30 minutes. Drain off juice thoroughly and add the remaining ingredients. Continue to cook until mixture thickens (about 20 minutes). Cool. Pour mixture into a pie shell, cover with a top crust and bake in a 375°F oven for 30 minutes.

Serves 6 520 cal. per serving

Submitted by
Elsie M. Lewis

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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 these 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

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 tbs. sugar)." Will you please make this correction on the recipe filed in your menu maker

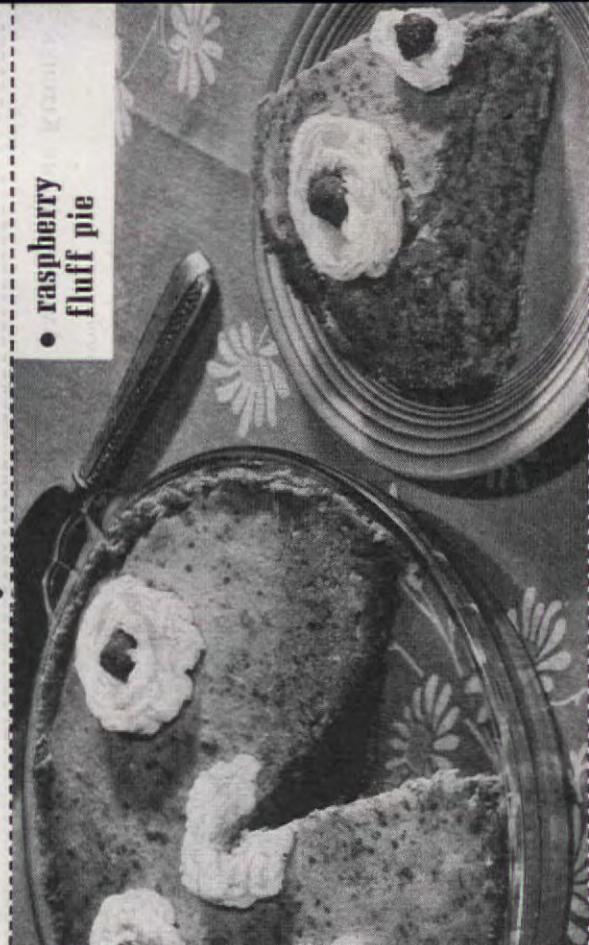
Evaporated milk will whip more easily and quickly if chilled in refrigerator tray



beforehand. Let it stay there until it becomes crystal-like. Then whip gently

etches by Deborah McNair

• raspberry fluff pie



• maple custard pie —walnut crust



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Before placing a top crust make several slashes in it to allow the steam to escape

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which browns easily and is only slightly less tender. Although perhaps not as flavorful as butter, the hydrogenated fats make a crust that is more tender. The best proportions are in the ration of one part fat to three parts all-purpose flour. The amount of liquid varies but will average two to four tablespoons per cup of flour. The pastry blender, two knives, or a fork will do a wonder job in blending the shortening with the flour. Adding the liquid in several spots and blending throughout with a fork until the dry spots disappear will help in keeping the crust flaky. If the day is rather warm, you might try chilling the pie dough for a short time in the refrigerator before rolling it out to facilitate easy handling, and to prevent its becoming sticky. When you are ready to roll your dough, a

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• raspberry fluff pie

Preparation time: 45 minutes (3 hrs. to chill)

cracker crust:
1½ cups vanilla wafers rolled fine
2 tbs. sugar
¾ cup softened butter or margarine

1 tbs. gelatine
½ cup cold water
½ cup sugar
1½ cups crushed raspberries

1 tbs. lemon juice
1 egg white beaten stiff
½ cup evaporated milk
whipped
¾ cup cream cheese

For pie crust, mix cracker crumbs, sugar and butter together thoroughly. Grease a 9 inch pie pan, pat and shape crumbs in it. Bake in a (375°F) oven 12-15 minutes. Set aside to cool, while filling is being made. Measure 1 tbs. gelatine in the top of a double boiler, add ½ cup cold water and let stand 5 minutes. Add sugar and the remaining ¼ cup water. Stir over boiling water until the gelatine and sugar have dissolved. Remove from fire, add the crushed fruit and lemon juice. Chill mixture until it starts to thicken and congeal. Beat with a rotary egg beater until foamy. Carefully fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Next whip a ½ cup chilled evaporated milk; add cream cheese to this and whip together for a few minutes. Combine this mixture with the gelatine fruit mixture. Pour into cracker pie shell and chill in refrigerator for 3 hours.

Serves 6-8
276 cal. per serving.

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Cracker crumb crust will stick to the pan more firmly if pan is greased beforehand

• maple custard pie—walnut crust

Preparation time: 60 min.

pie crust:
1½ cups flour
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. baking powder
½ cup shortening
1 tbs. vinegar in
2 tbs. water
¾ cup walnuts, chopped fine

custard:
3 cups scalded milk
¾ cup maple syrup
4 eggs slightly beaten
¼ tsp. salt
½ tsp maple flavoring

For pie crust, sift together flour, salt and baking powder, cut in shortening until evenly mixed. Add enough vinegar water to make a stiff dough. Roll out, sprinkle with walnuts and press into dough with the rolling pin. Place in a 9 inch pie tin and flute edge.

Beat egg slightly, add maple syrup, salt and gradually stir in scalded milk. Add flavoring. Pour this mixture into the unbaked pie shell and bake in a hot oven (450°F) for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°F and bake 25-30 minutes longer until custard is set. Cool before serving.

Serves 6-8
348 cal. per serving.

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To test custard pies insert blade of silver knife. It will come out clean if pie filling is done

Photograph printed on back of each recipe

canvas pastry cloth and knit cover for the rolling pin will make rolling an easy process. Once you've used these two articles you will never want to make a pie without them. They require a small amount of flour to prevent sticking, thus keeping your product light and tender. Rolling the dough from the center out in each direction and not pressing too hard will keep it in shape and make handling easier.

By now, with these general directions for the pastry and the tempting new recipes for the fillings from main course dishes to delicious desserts, you are all set for a culinary masterpiece. It's pie time, so why not get into the swing of American Institutions and try our tested recipes? Your family will be pleased, and you'll love their shouts of praise!



Pie shells should be pricked several times before baking to prevent becoming puffy



WHIPPED CREAM ON MY HOUSEWORK!

Topped with frothier
interests, routine
takes on new zest

BLANCHE E. PEARSON



YOU MAY be one of the fortunate women who really love housework. I enjoy it sometimes. But, to me, a steady fare of washing dishes, sweeping, dusting, and putting up lunches would be bland and heavy without the froth of other interests. These make the whipped cream that keep housework from palling. I have discovered four ways of topping the routine with interest and they suit my needs exactly—and may give you some ideas. First, I had been neglecting my reading, and I delight in good magazines and books. The remedy? I put a magazine rack on one end of a kitchen counter and whenever I have a few free minutes, instead of aimlessly puttering or turning on the radio, I snatch a magazine. I can—and do—leave articles in the middle. I just mark the paragraph so I can go on with it at the first opportunity. I am able to keep up in my reading in this way, too.

Sketches by Dolli Tingle

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 I was always promising myself to play so I could learn good music. I play them now, every afternoon, for 30 minutes or more, and they lift me right out of the humdrum. 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.

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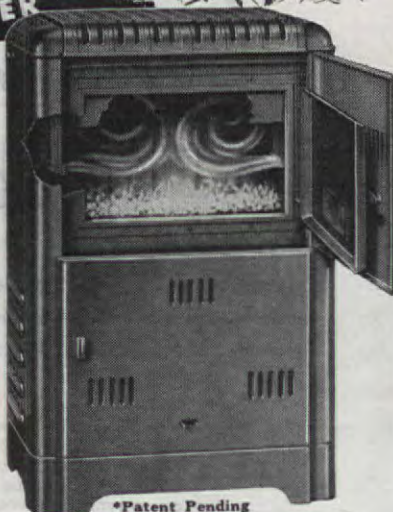
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• cornmeal waffles chicken spread

Preparation time: 25 min.
1 cup sifted flour
1 cup cornmeal
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tbs. sugar
2 eggs separated
1 1/4 cups milk
3 tbs. melted shortening

Sift together dry ingredients. Add well beaten egg yolks to the milk and stir into flour mixture. Next add melted shortening. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and bake on a hot waffle iron.

Yields: 6 waffles

chicken spread:

2 cups cooked chicken
chopped
1/2 cup diced celery
1/4 cup walnuts chopped
fine
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup mayonnaise

Mix chicken, celery, walnuts in a bowl, season with pepper and salt. Stir in enough mayonnaise for a spread of moist consistency.

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• molasses waffles cream cheese, apple butter

Preparation time: 20 min.
1 cup white flour
1 cup buckwheat flour
3/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 cup sour milk
2 eggs separated
6 tbs. shortening melted
3 tbs. molasses
3 tbs. coffee
1/4 cup sweet milk

Sift together dry ingredients. Add sour milk and beaten egg yolks. Stir in melted shortening, coffee and molasses. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Add sweet milk if batter seems too thick. Bake on a hot waffle iron and spread with cream cheese and apple butter.

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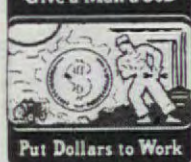


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Summer Time

• cheese waffles
• tangy prem sauce

Preparation time: 30 min.

2 cups sifted flour
3/4 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tbs. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt

2 eggs separated
1 1/2 cups sour milk
1/2 cup grated American cheese
2 tbs. melted shortening

Sift together the dry ingredients. Beat egg yolks and combine with sour milk; stir into dry ingredients. Add cheese and stir in melted shortening. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake on a hot waffle iron.

Yields: 6 medium waffles

tangy prem sauce:

1 cup Prem cut in small pieces
2 tbs. chopped olives

1 can condensed mushroom soup
1/4 cup milk

Pour mushroom soup into a double boiler and thin down with 1/4 cup milk. Add chopped olives and Prem and cook until piping hot.

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• orange waffles
• fruit sauce

Preparation time: 25 min.

2 cups sifted flour
3/4 tsp. baking powder
2 tbs. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. nutmeg

3 eggs separated
1 1/2 cups milk
1/4 cup melted shortening
1 tsp. grated orange peel

Sift together dry ingredients. Add milk and shortening to beaten egg yolks. Pour into flour mixture and beat until smooth. Add orange rind and fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake on a preheated waffle iron 3-3 1/2 minutes.

Yields: 4 average size waffles

fruit sauce:

2 cups fresh berries
1 cup sugar

1/2 cup water

Mix sugar and water in a saucepan and cook until sugar syrup forms. Add 2 cups of whole or crushed berries and cook 5 minutes longer.

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is Waffle Time!

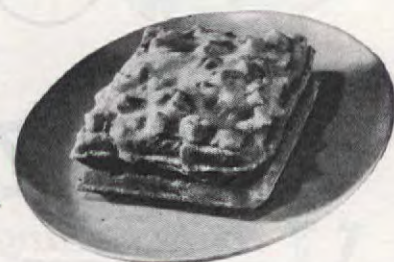
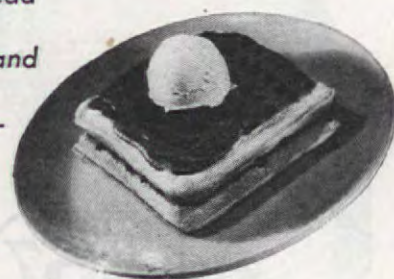
Long evenings, lazy Sundays,

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.



If there is no electric outlet convenient to the spot you have picked for these waffle snacks, hook up extensions to make a long cord for the iron.

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Sweet Dreams!

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OUR favorite bedtime story is the one about the fairy princess who couldn't sleep for a tiny pea concealed beneath her fine, thick mattress. Ordinary sleepers are not quite so easily disturbed—but almost, these sultry nights. Wrinkles in the bed linen are about as conducive to rest and sleep as nettles.

soiled. Complete, once-a-week changes pay dividends both in sleeping comfort and in longer wear from your sheets and pillowcases. But if laundering has become a problem, with service curtailed on your by-the-day paragon off to a war plant, you will welcome these tips to make your work easier.



Fold a Turkish towel under a monogram or embroidery so as to bring out the design in ironing



Do the ruffles first, going across then up into gathers then press with the thread of the material



Do not comb fringe; wait till spread is thoroughly dry and brush with clean whisk broom



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Tack coarse crochet or lace bed spread to an old sheet for washing and it will hold its shape



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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 simplify 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 cretonnes. 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 with a fold-over deep enough for a firm hold with the pins. To keep a loosely woven crocheted lace or filet spread from stretching out of shape in drying, baste to an old sheet before you launder it and spread out flat.

Do sprinkle the dry linen evenly and thoroughly and leave rolled up until you are ready to iron. Place a clothes basket under the ironing board to catch the overflow and keep the large pieces from trailing on the floor and picking up dirt. Press on the right side and follow the thread of the fabric. First fold the sheets and pillowcases lengthwise, then crosswise. Don't iron organdy over and over, or iron it toward you. Always iron it away from you.

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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THE AMERICAN HOME, AUGUST, 1941

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If you have never organized a treasure hunt, you may want some specific suggestions. Suppose you have invited twenty children... Cover a large piece of cardboard with sky-blue paper sprinkled with silver stars, and upon this paste twenty large silver stars (size about 2"), each with a number printed on it, so that it forms an envelope for a small slip of paper that is the first "clue." Explain this to the children and line them up so they can march past the board and select their numbers. One clue leads to another and a spirited contest develops to see who finds his or her treasure first. To keep from getting mixed up yourself, you just assign a certain number of places to search to each child who keeps the number he starts with throughout the search. Here is a pattern in rhyme, which may be a help:

- #1. On a wall your fortune lies,
To find it, use your eyes.

On the wall then the child finds another #1 with his next clue:

- #1. Now up on the roof—
If Dad sees, he'll say "Woof!"
Then to his third clue:
#1. Darkly hidden under a stone
Is a lead to a gift, not a loan.

And finally to his fourth clue which leads him to his treasure.

- #1. Your next is around Yappy's neck,
Right with the fleas, by heck!

That gives the Number One hunter four places to search. Let's see what we can do with the one who draws Two:

- #2. Your first clue is in the cellar
And don't you dare bawl and beller
#2. Now crawl under yonder bush—
Just tell Yappy "Shush!"
#2. It's back of a leaf,
And don't come to grief!
#2. You have to move a stone,
But you're not the kind to groan
#2. It's there back of the cactus,
And you can start to practice

Give each child four or five places to go, depending on the difficulty. And so on until he comes to his final clue and his treasure. Continue until all the children are included. You may run out of words. Don't try to write all the clues yourself. This comes under the heading of group activity and your own children will love taking over.

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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 nervous 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.

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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 you make 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 by 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 our 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.

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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 available in many cities. But the responsibility remains to inform oneself as to what is offered the child. A satisfactory nursery usually depends primarily on two things—an adequate physical plant and facilities, and an adequate trained and experienced staff. The best equipment and plant will be of no benefit to the children living in it unless it is well-used by the staff which controls the destinies of all the children housed in the project. Never before have so many children, in such numbers, lived in groups away from their parents for such long hours as now! New patterns are being established and are making their imprint on every one of the formative, impressionable youngsters involved. 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, 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

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Every good nursery protects its children's health by providing for a morning inspection to pick up the early signs of illness and has a plan for caring for and isolating sick children. It also plans the program for the day in relation to a child's physical needs. The easily fatigued child is caught before he becomes overly tired. The poor eater's appetite is fostered and developed without pressure or forcing. Records are kept of the weight and height of each child, as well as notes of the more pertinent facts of his growth and progress.

Every child is learning something every turn he makes. What will your child learn in the nursery? Just because there isn't a "teacher," don't think he will just stay there and not learn! It is most important to determine what he will learn—not in terms of pictures he can draw or songs he can sing, but in terms of the kind of child he will "learn" to be. His whole body and

his whole self should grow and develop, but only as fast as he "can take it." This implies that the staff not only will be interested in what a child does or does not do, but in why he does or does not do it, and, also, in how he can be helped as he needs helping. Lastly, let us check to see what the nursery's attitude is to us as parents and to our home. For the good nursery is a supplement to the home, not a substitute for it. In this regard the questions to which you want answers are chiefly these:

1. Are there plans that acquaint you with your youngster's development as shown in the nursery?
 2. Will the teacher be interested in hearing how he behaves at home?
 3. And will you be extended help in the problems you have with him?
- Finally, you may come to a decision—a decision based on knowledge of the product and needs for that product—the basis for wise decisions of wise consumers.

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Ruth Wood

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