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OPEN THE DOORS and everything is right at hand. No wasted motions. It's such an easy kitchen to keep in order. Easy to keep clean, too, with its floor of Armstrong's Embossed Inlaid Linoleum, Style 5641, with rounded cove base, and its black linoleum sink top.



CLOSE THE DOORS and all signs of meal preparation disappear behind the gay, friendly "home town" mural. List of furnishings and sketch of room plan will be sent you free. Just write us. And see offer below of a whole bookful of smart ideas like this.

### There's no other kitchen like it in town!

GRACE THOMPSON, my next-door neighbor, stopped in the afternoon I was starting to prepare the first meal in my new kitchen—just as I was opening the big doors. I wish you could have seen her face. For a minute she was speechless and that's something for Grace!

Finally she said, "I declare to goodness, Myra, that's the first *really new* idea in kitchen planning that I've seen for years."

I just went ahead and Grace kept on talking. "Look at the way everything's so handy...all in plain sight ... no clatter and confusion getting things out... and imagine being able to shut everything out of sight after dinner, just by closing two doors!"

Grace had to close them herself, just to see how they worked. And then she saw the map of our town! It was worth all the nights Tom and I had spent on it to hear Grace rave. You should have heard her when she saw the farm where she was born even the big white barn. She stood there for ten minutes picking out landmarks—the little white church, the old courthouse, the little pond on the edge of town where we take the children to sail their boats. If I hadn't stopped her, she would have called in all the neighbors right then and there to see my "masterpiece," as she calls it.

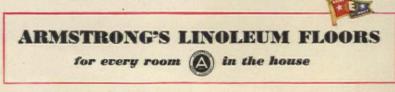
Well, she was so enthusiastic I let dinner slide for a few minutes and showed her everything—the hardwood work counter, inside the all-inone closet, that really takes the punishment of cutting and pounding the two cupboards in the corner, one for my cleaning things and the other for dishes—my new Armstrong's Linoleum Floor . . .

Right there Grace broke in. "I thought it must be Armstrong's—it looks so nice. And you know it does more for this kitchen than you think. The color's so perfect, so rich and . . . well, you certainly must be proud of it."

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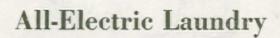
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## OLD EASIEROMED METGERBORIUM



in service and ask them to dinner or a barbecue with the family-let's do as much for the homesick women

ETHEL McCALL HEAD

AN you begin to imagine what it means to the soldier's wife who has been waiting three months for a letter to be asked in for a cup of tea? To the wife of a young sailor to bring her baby and have Sunday dinner "in a real home' after months of living in a single room? Or to the new neighbor down the street just to hear the friendliness that goes with a few

	pointers on where to buy vegeta-
	bles or have a suit cleaned or what
	doctor to call in an emergency?
	Our communities are filled with
	women who have followed their
	soldier husbands to new bases, or
1	their civilian husbands to war jobs
	-and with women carrying on
	alone while their men are overseas.
	This is our chance to put good, old-

fashioned friendliness into prac-

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## "If my mother could see me now!"

I Tip Off Ladies-in-Need

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When gals must buy sheets (and they shouldn't buy

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light-though they're woven with 25% more thread

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"'Can't boil water'? Why-I'm putting up almost my whole winter's supply of food!

"'Can't make a bed'? Mom should see my hospital corners and the expert way I smooth out my lovely Cannon Sheets! What's more, I'll bet I could show Mom tricks about getting *extra wear* out of sheets!

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### I Make Pets of My Sheets

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### I Give Another Good Steer

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tice. Friendliness is needed now.

Recently, I spent an afternoon in the home of a young woman who had asked two soldiers' wives to tea. It was a modest home but there was a bowl of marigolds on the tea table and the smell of fresh gingerbread in the air. One of the army wives was very quiet, but as they left, she said, "It's wonderful to be in a real home. Joe and I had a little house for a year. Of course, I am happy to be near him, but I do miss a home terribly."

As a home service worker for the Red Cross, I come across this homesickness and loneliness again and again. When I called on a young woman with a three months' old baby not long ago, she greeted me cheerfully. The baby was fine. Bill had just written. She had adequate funds . . . "It's just that I don't know anyone here and I get so lonely." And that explained the traces of tears. So one day I brought Sally and the baby home with me and we made tea and cinnamon toast. In the course of our conversation, I admitted I couldn't make a good berry pie. But Sally could-and did! We have become good friends and sometimes we get a neighbor's fourteen-year-old daughter to take care of the baby while we go to the movies.

Another time I met a soldier's mother-she was partially crippled by paralysis but had come from Minnesota, where she had lived all her life, to Los Angeles to be near her son in an army camp. "I only have Jim and this way I see him about once every three weeks and it's worth being here for that. But I miss having some neighbors drop by." As soon as possible, I casually mentioned her to an elderly friend, who said, "But that's awful! Someone ought to call on her!" She did. She saves her gasoline now to take her new friend for short drives along the ocean.

Then, there was a young woman who was one of the most efficient workers in a USO canteen in San Francisco . . . she volunteered to work all day Christmas so the people with families could stay home. Her husband was overseas. She was fine as long as she kept busy, but when it was over and she was finished for the day, there wasn't anyone to go home to and the senior hostess found her crying at the prospect of a lonely supper and evening. Of course, that isn't what happened in this case. She was

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EMERGENCY STEERING STATION on U.S. battleship. The helmsman gets steering instructions over a battle telephone. The two other men are intently watching their gauges.

## The Big "Battle Wagons" Are Run by Telephone

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There are more than 2000 telephones on just one battleship. And many, many thousands on all the ships in the Navy.

The needs of war have first call on the country's manufacturing capacity and manpower. That is why there is not enough telephone equipment to take care of all civilian requirements and why many people now have to wait for telephone service.

It will be some time before all who want service can get it. We'd like those who must wait to know that we shall continue to do everything possible to shorten that time.

"GIVE 7 TO 10 TO THE SERVICE MEN" and help their night-time Long Distance calls from the camps get through quicker to the folks at home.

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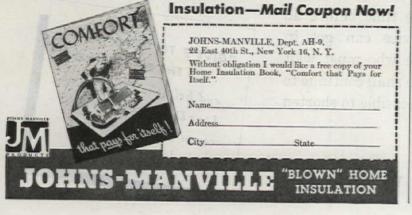
That's why every contractor for Johns-Manville "Blown" Home Insulation is carefully selected on the basis of his integrity, experience and reputation.

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Why not take the first step by sending for the free Johns-Manville Home Insulation book which gives you the fascinating story.

NOW-No Down Payment, Three Years to Pay! To stimulate fuel conservation, the U.S. Government has authorized a liberal Extended Payment Plan, so that you can insulate your home now, pay first installment as late as Nov. 1, with 3 years to make easy monthly payments.

### FREE Book tells fascinating story of Rock Wool Home



taken into the senior hostess' home for a real Christmas dinner. She said later, "You've made my Christmas-just being with a family has been a beautiful ending for a day I dreaded. Now, I'm going back to my room and write Pete a long letter all about it."

A middle-aged couple, with two sons in the service, are sharing their spacious home with an army wife who has a year-old baby. It's no Lady Bountiful arrangement but one of give and take. The young woman and her child have a home; the older woman has help with the housekeeping. Her husband said, "It's so nice to have someone young in our house again. We love it. We are crazy about the baby and are getting in some practice for the time when we'll have grandchildren of our own."

One woman, working with War Housing, saw such great need of homes for newcomers and met so many lonely young women that she has decided, "No sailors, soldiers, WACs or WAVEs for my war work. I've picked the WIVES for my interest. They need to feel they belong in some way to the communities to which the war has brought them." She has begun reserving Friday afternoons for servicemen's wives and their children. They play bridge or sew and the children have graham crackers and milk, the mothers hot coffee and some homemade treat. The group is kept small and, in that way, the wives get to know each other.

In many places the YWCA and the USO have tried to make life more cheerful for women far from their own homes. In Highland Park, Illinois, local women undertook a house-to-house canvass to find housing for the army and navy wives. In meeting these women they were impressed with the loneliness, worry over departure of a serviceman husband and anxiety over a coming baby which seemed to be the common lot. They tried out a club program for these wives but what they appreciated most was an invitation to a "real home." Wherever we live, there are plenty of opportunities to exercise neighborliness to the WIFE who lives down the street and knows no one.

### CHRISTMAS MAIL

"Christmas Mail Month" for the boys overseas will run from September 15 to October 15. Christmas packages will be accepted for mailing only within present limitations of weight and size: 5 lbs., 15 in. in length and 46 in. in length and girth combined. Perishable articles will not be accepted and fragile articles will be discouraged. Mail early and please address packages properly.



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Her fiery words lit a flame in his heart . . . they fought for a great cause together!



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• • BARBARA JENKS BARSTOW. From this issue forward, the sight of a Hitchcock chair or Boston rocker will set the beholder to wondering whether some lovely old design, a rosette or piece of fruit, might not be hidden under all the tayers of paint. Perhaps it should be stressed that Mrs. Barstow is especially qualified for her success in restoring such designs. She is a graduate of Boston University Art Department — later taught there—and of the famous Ecole des Beaux Arts at Fontainebleau.



• • • LIONEL WURTS should be in line for a medal of appreciation from the small boys with errant baseballs for, on page 68, he tells how to mend broken window glass. He went into architectural photography 50 years ago and, besides household topics, writes on photography. He revels in scientific and mechanical problems.



• • • BLANCHE WHEELER'S job is the promotion of fun at parties. To her way of thinking, one dull moment is too many. She plans good times for all ages, from the kindergarten on up, and broadcasts her ideas via the air and the printed page. Her own leisure is crammed with work for the USO, nurse's aid duties, and Victory gardening. She does so well with her garden that she kept four families supplied with vegetables all summer, and intends to expand. "Boy," her 108-pound Spaniel, cooperates by never putting a foot in her garden. He watches from the edge.







**MORAL:** For appliance repair or care for your hair... "Look in the Classified."

The Classified section of the telephone book is a big help today when things need attention for more wartime use. Busy women save time and steps by turning first to the Classified for answers to problems of repair...for dealers in trade marked products and services.



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SHE PLANS AHEAD as generals have to do. Budgets her time, money; balances nutritional values for healthful meals. Right now she's working out tomorrow's dinner. It must be quick and cool-tomorrow's canning day. Happy thought! Sugar-cured Prem, the readyto-eat meat that's delicious hot or cold!



HER KITCHEN IS G. H. Q. for all the homecanners in the block. Mrs. G., proud owner of a pressure cooker, is glad to let the other Victory Gardeners use it too. Non-acid foods (and that means all vegetables except tomatoes) are not entirely safe if canned by any other method. Cooking time varies for each vegetable, of course.



**CANNING IS FUN** when they all work together. One squadron prepares foods; another sterilizes the jars; another fills the jars. They're doing green beans and corn in pressure cooker; tomatoes, peaches, pears, by hot-water-bath method. Good eating, good vitamins and good meal-time variety for all next winter!

MEAT

of War!



**GOODNESS ME - IT'S 6 O'CLOCK!** Only 15 minutes till Jim comes home, and dinner still to get. But *Prem* makes it easy. It's chilled and ready to serve. And the 12 oz. can means plenty for Mom, Jim and Junior. Add tomatoes, cottage cheese, and cornthere's an elegant and hearty meal!

Prem



**BOTH THE BOYS GRIN** when they see this dinner. Jim and little Jim sure go for sugarcured Prem. Mrs. G.'s strong for it, too. All solid meat, no waste, Prem is easy on the budget. Fine for nutrition, with its highquality protein, B vitamins, and minerals. And Prem is *Swift's Premium* quality meat!



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Here's another new Treet recipe to add to your collection of favorites!

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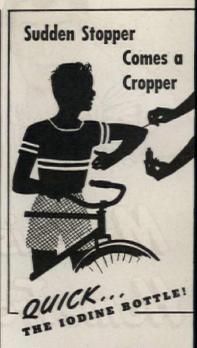
• • • ALFHILD JOSEPHINE AXEL-SON. Her discussion of the health aims of the school and suggestions for carrying over the program in the home makes thoughtful reading for the parent. She is school nurse and teacher of health in Horace Mann-Lincoln—the experimental and demonstration school of Teachers College, Columbia University, which is where she received her master's degree.



• • MARCEILLE BROWN and AMY GAMBLE built a house, an amazing feat. Still more amazing, they built it at a cost so low they are sticklers for the "and sixty-seven cents" whenever the price is quoted! Except for the help of Mrs. Brown's son, a young man of twelve, they did every bit of the work. The fireplace draws, too. For recreation, they built a pool in the garden, put the terrace in shape, and worked in their Victory garden.



• • • MARY BOSTWICK DAY. For many years she was librarian of the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. When she retired, she began to take an active interest in the collection of children's ABC plates, such as shown on page 58 of this issue. Many of these depict scenes from books; some commemorate historical events. She has over 200 of these plates in her interesting collection.



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### **Treet Corn Casseroles**

 1 can Armour's Treet
 1/4 cup Mayflower Margarine or drippings
 1/2 cup chopped onions
 5 tbsps. flour
 2 cups milk
 13/4 tsps. salt

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2½ cups cooked whole kernel corn (No. 2 can) ⅓ cup chopped green pepper ⅓ cup dry bread crumbs

1/8 tsp. pepper

Melt fat and lightly brown onions. Blend in flour. Add milk gradually and stir until thick. Add seasonings, corn and green pepper. Fill 4 individual casseroles or 1 large casserole half full with corn mixture. Sprinkle with crumbs and finish filling with corn. Cut loaf of Treet into 8 slices and place 2 on top of each corn casserole. Bake 30 minutes in 350° F. oven. 4 servings.

### Treet is Mighty Good Cold, Too!

For a quick, cool meal, slice chilled Treet and serve with potato salad on tomato slices. Treet is tender, juicy pork shoulder meat... delicately seasoned, then vacuum cooked in its own juices. It's an excellent source of vital Vitamin B1. Enjoy it often! Keep an extra can of ready-to-serve Treet always on hand.

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## TAKE A LOAD OFF YOUR MIND AND YOUR TIRED FEET...



### GOLDEN BROWN STUFFED EGGS

Cut 6 hard-cooked eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks. Mash. Add 1 tsp. Best Foods Mustard-with-Horseradish, 3½ tbsp. *Real* Mayonnaise, 1 hard-cooked egg finely chopped. Fill whites with yolk mixture. Dip in 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs, then in wellbeaten egg to which 2 tbsp. water has been added; dip again in crumbs; place in Nucoa'd baking dish, dot with Nucoa, bake in moderate oven (350° F) 20 minutes. Serve with tomato sauce and green pepper rings. Serves 6.



### STRING BEANS DE LUXE

Cook 1½ pounds of string beans in boiling, salted water until tender. Drain and serve with a generous amount of *Real* Mayonnaise. Equally delicious, served in the same way, are freshly cooked broccoli, carrots, peas, cabbage, spinach, beets, and small white onions.



### Here's an easy dish for a dressy meal that hits the spot with all!

TOMATO-POTATO SALAD

6 cups cooked, diced potatoes 1/4 cup chopped enion 1/2 teaspoons salt 3/4 teaspoon pepper Hellmann's or Best Foods Real Mayonnaise Chopped parsley 4 tomatoes Grilled frankfurters Romaine or salad greens

Toss potatoes, onion, seasonings together lightly. Mix ½ cup *Real* Mayonnaise with one chopped tomato. Add to potatoes and nix well. Pack firmly into an 8-inch layer pan. Chill thoroughly. Loosen from sides of pan. Unrhold on chop plate. Frost top of potato salad lightly with *Real* Mayonnaise. Sprinkle parsley around edge, garnish center with tomatoes, sectioned, Arrange furters and romaine or salad greens around potato salad. Serves 6.  Company coming—and you fresh out of ideas and energy? Family bored with their food—you bored with meal planning...worn out with hot weather, war work?
 Relax. We dreamed up this salad special for you! Out of simple ingredients everyone likes. Put together with a flair for flavor and for making food look exciting. Hearty

enough for a satisfying main dish. Try it tonight—or tomorrow, or Sunday. It's so very easy to make!

### We recommend - Real Mayonnaise

We make this Real Mayonnaise and know what's in itwhat it adds to your salad in real nourishment and flavor.

Eggs freshly broken from the shell, added egg yolks, our exclusive "Fresh-Press" Salad Oil, mild vinegar, spices —all double-whipped to a satin smoothness—that's *Real* Mayonnaise! Stretch it with milk or fruit juice, it's *still* creamy-textured—not watery.

Other uses: Spoonful for spoonful, this *Real* Mayonnaise provides almost the same amount of food energy as vitaminized margarine, or butter. Good for many of the same uses...in tasty cooking...as a spread for bread.





Moss Roses From a water-color by Edith F. Johnston

Faith E Johnston

Pinocchio, a Floribunda Jackson and Perkins Co.

> Fall is the time to plant them. ... Now is the time to order them.... Always is there justification for enjoying them.... Here are hints for those who would grow them

UDGING by last spring's demand for rose plants, stimulation of increased interest may be unnecessary, and even embarrassing to overtaxed sources of supply. So we'll call these notes merely reminders of basic facts that rose growers—actual and would-be—should keep in mind. The first is that, in our modern gardening calendar, September, no less than June, is the month of roses. Sometimes, indeed, the late summer bloom of remontant sorts is more abundant and perfect than the spring flowering, being less subject to insect injury and sudden onslaughts of scorching weather. Another point is that, generally speaking and in most regions, fall planting—that is, after the plants have matured but before hard freezing weather sets in—is preferable to spring planting. This is especially true while victory gardens have first call on our time in the busy spring season, but there are also arguments based on climatic and other growth-influencing factors.

Hence the wise gardener will make his selection promptly and place his order soon; otherwise labor shortages and reduced propagation activities in nurseries may combine to bring disappointment and the return of late remittances. Incidentally, this situation has an advantageous side, for the strictures and hardships that affect all business in wartime are, of course, felt in the nursery industry and have acted to squeeze out of it a good many small, irresponsible or fly-by-night concerns—those that were in it mainly for any easy money that could be made and which the industry—and its clients—can well do without. Thus the business of the last two years has been done, in the main, by the better class firms whose quality of stock and standards of service have held up, even though their inventories, working forces and ability to fill orders may have been reduced. Buyers have, perforce, dealt with real representatives of the nursery business as they—and we—like to think of it. More good stock and less poor stock has been handled (good firms don't bother to produce, dig, pack, and ship culls), and consumer satisfaction has been relatively greater. The lesson here for both buyer and seller is: grow and buy good plants, from reliable sources, and don't underestimate their worth and the care they need and deserve. Learned and remembered, this lesson can benefit all concerned and help keep horticulture generally on a higher level.

Jow in classifying rose types in relation to various home garden uses, let's start with those of largest stature—the climbers. Of these there are two main groups: the polyanthas or small-, cluster-flowered, represented by the well-known Ramblers and their descendants; and the large-flowered, in which there is considerable variation in form and type of flower, growth habit, etc. The climbing tendency varies widely from a rampant, stalwart growth that will cover trellises, arbors, and even garden houses, to a less vigorous form suitable for the draping of pillars, and a loose, sprawling habit that serves admirably as a ground cover or to clothe steep banks and the edges of garden steps. Next in size come the shrub or species roses which supply charming informal background and hedgerow effects, require a minimum of care, and are long lived and, in most cases, hardy. The majority are, as the name implies, true botanical species, but there are also some hybrids of especially handsome and useful kinds. Next, and probably best known of all, come the bedding roses, usually grown for cutting, but strikingly effective, too, in mass plantings. Here are the Hybrid Perpetuals which mostly expend their year's display of beauty in one



Jackson and Perkins Co.

From Turkestan came Rosa Ecae (more properly R. primula), a handsome shrub with graceful foliage, very early, yellow bloom

Beauty of bud, a striking feature of some Hybrid Teas, is demonstrated in the streamlined, rich yellow flowers of variety Eclipse

Climbers in a variety of forms adapt themselves to a wide range of uses. At left, Blaze over a doorway; below, an Alabama mail box



brief, but glorious period of bloom; also the beloved Hybrid Teas with their wealth of lovely forms, colors and fragrance; and the true Tea varieties, less sturdy than their cross-bred progeny and not so widely grown. Here, too, are kinds with flowers in clusters, some with small blossoms (formerly burdened with the inaccurate name "baby ramblers") and others with larger blossoms borne in dense trusses over a long season; the latter have been given the collective name "Floribundas," which is in pretty general use although the American Rose Society does not recognize the class or approve the group name. Varieties of H.T.'s and H.P.'s grafted on tall, branchless stems give us "tree roses," useful in formal garden designs and, grown in tubs, for the decoration of terraces. Finally, there are some miscellaneous, novelty, and specialty sorts, including, for example, the petite and charming dwarfs developed from the rouletti species, with blossoms the size of a finger nail, delightful for miniature arrangements or rock gardens, especially raised plantings in which they can be enjoyed and cared for at waist level without the need of getting down on one's knees.

The lore of rose selection, use, planting, and care is a long but delightful story. It calls for some study, a certain amount of work, and the right kind of attention at the proper times. But the rewards are proportionately great. There are many excellent sources of detailed information, and many experts ready to help beginners. The American Rose Society, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, or THE AMERICAN HOME will be glad to put rose-hungry garden lovers in touch with them.

## PRIMER FOR THE AMERICAN HOME GARDENER



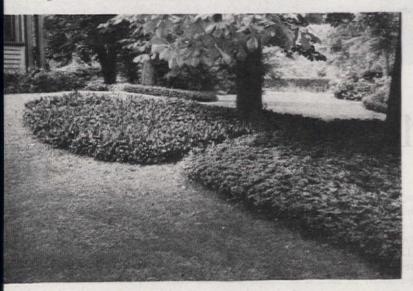
Lawns can lend space for victory gardens and still be places live in, as this scene in John Frank's Winnetka home prov

HE lawn is about as essential a part of a garden as a floor-covering is part of a room. Traditionally, it is an expanse of smooth, close ly mown grass, but that is no more the only kind than an Oriental rug, broadloom carpet, or linoleum is the only kind of floor-covering. It the most desired; it is well worth the considerable effort and expen it requires: first, for the thorough preparation of a rich soil bed, good uniform depth, well drained, and stocked with a lasting store fertility; second, for the securing of a mixture of first class seed definite suited to the location; third, for the careful seeding and after-treatme that give it a good start; and, finally, for regular, conscientious attention thereafter. All this should be viewed as modest premiums paid insure the enjoyment of a long time annuity in terms of beauty, us fulness, and satisfaction. Though spring is a natural planting tin for almost any crop, early fall (that is, mid-September with a possib two-week leeway in both directions) offers many advantages for law making. One is the opportunity for the grass established in the autum to make dense, vigorous growth the following spring before it would I possible to even fit the ground for a spring seeding. If your seaso permits, a good plan would be to dig up that new lawn area right now, turning under manure or compost if available and sowing buck wheat, millet, cowpeas, or anything that will start quickly and produc a succulent cover crop to be dug under in ample time to perm sowing the grass seed within the recommended period. Some of th alternative materials to be weighed against the orthodox grasses are special kinds especially adapted to extreme conditions of heat, shade drought, sunshine, etc.; perennial ground covers which will grow unde trees where no true grasses will survive; and even certain low, shrubb perennials, rock garden plants and the like which can be establishe on steep, windswept or otherwise uncongenial areas where a sleek so would be impractical and inconsistent. Your lawn is a regional, local prol lem; solve it with help from your County Agent or Agricultural College

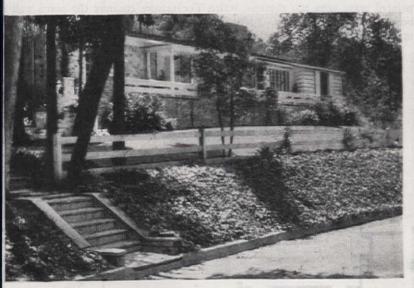
## LESSON 7 Garden Elements . . . The Lawn



When lawn-edge maintenance and protection become burdensome an English ivy "ruffle" is effective, unusual, and most attractive



Two useful ground covers for densely shaded spots are, in the rear bed, lily-of-the-valley, in front, Japanese spurge or Pachysandra



Why push a lawn mower over a steep bank or bemoan its ugliness when easily kept ivy or some such ground cover can do this to it?



In raking the soil to a fine, level, stone-free seed bed, work plant food (about 4 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.) into the upper four inches. Use a back-and-forth stroke to avoid hill-and-valley surface

Contrary to widespread belief, grasses do not need soils more than mildly acid. But deep preparation and the incorporation of abundant organic matter to improve the texture are highly essential





Good seed is an asset even when conditions are unfavorable; poor seed never gives good results. To insure even seeding, mix it well with sand or fine soil or compost. Broadcast half across the area walking north and south, and the rest walking east and west. Rates of application vary with local conditions and the kind of grass, from 5 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. for bluegrass to 6 lbs. for fescue. A quiet, damp, gray day is best

Don't mow until grass is so tall that a mower set at highest adjustment will just trim it. Thereafter, keep it neat, not shaved putting-greenwise; and let clippings lay. Apply top-dressings of fertilizer seasonally (and lime when soil test shows need) by hand or with distributor (above). Water when drought necessitates, not for fun, or regularly. Then do it thoroughly or not at all



Immediately after sowing, rake and roll - both lightly - then wet thoroughly, but with a light sprinkle, not a stream



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## 2Nd GENERATION

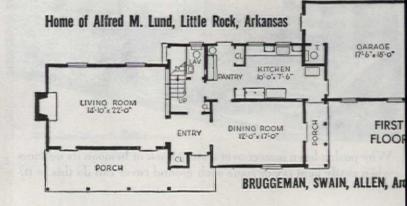
Photographs by George Van

## American Home

### WILLIAM J. HENNES

ATE was kind to us when we first set eyes on this charming gray-sided house with sparkling white trim. The late spring sun was high; the air crystal clear; rambler roses iris were fairly bursting with colorful blooms. Immediately we knew that we had four perfect AMERICAN HOME "cover" house. Naturally our pride knew no bounds when the ov Mr. and Mrs. Lund, informed us that the house's inspiration had indeed come from the p of this magazine over ten years ago. Of course, the plan had been adapted to meet the n of the Lund household; in fact, it is smaller than the original. Seldom have we seen a h whose every detail was so consistently in scale. From the delicate cornice dentils to its exsitely designed entrance doorway with panelled recessed arch, everything was as it should The massive stone living room chimney is an appropriate accent. Main exterior walls an narrow siding, painted gray; trim and shutters, white. For texture contrast the porch wall i white painted boards, shadowed by long, flat arched openings. The house is not large but a definite feeling of space. The fireplace wall in the living room is of pickled pine, a color

> carried in paint to the other walls. Recessed bookcases at the entrance this room definitely furnish that end. Wallpaper in the dining room also inspired by an AMERICAN HOME cover. Here we find small corner of nets housing Mrs. Lund's collection of early American glass. Draperie this room are of yellow faille. An ample kitchen and two second f bedrooms with bath complete the layout of this most charming ho



### Dear War Widows: Here we are, in the same boat, trying to be fathers and

mothers both at one time. And what a real job it has turned out to be! Here's an idea-how about making each Tuesday boys' day? Let's take turns planning something especially for your boy and mine and Kate's, and Mrs. Weaver's, and the Jacksons' twins. I'll spend one Tuesday on it, Kate the next, and so on. That way, it won't tax any of us too much and our boys will be in good hands and busy with some purely boy activities once a week. Let's get together and talk it over. -ME OVER HERE AT THE CORNER

Dear Granddad: Yes, I know you would like to settle down with

your stamps for a quiet

Sunday afternoon, But could you, once in awhile, spare a day for your grandson? Uncle Sam has borrowed his father for the present and he -YOUR GRANDSON'S MOM needs a father, needs a man, needs you!

Dear Neighbor: You have a punctured ear-drum or something, so you

didn't get drafted. The next

time you and your son go to inspect the new dam, could you please include my son, whose father is in Italy? And there are three other boys near by whose dads are not here to explain the workings of that dam to them. So couldn't you take them, too? They are in need of some real he-man fathering. -YOUR SON'S PAL'S MOTHER



Dear Me: (and I don't mean oh, dear me): Yes, now it's my turn You know the story now it's my turn. You know the story. Too much petticoat isn't good for any boy.

Look at Hubert! He was the youngest child and had three sisters, a mother, a grandmother, and a school-teaching aunt, but nary a manfolk. He actually thought like a girl. I swore I would never let that happen to a son of mine and with Bill in the army, one of my gravest responsibilities is to steer my Joey into anti-sissy activities. The first test came on Tuesday. Joey burst in with the announcement that "Me and Jerry are gonna play ball, but that ain't enough to play ball." I stopped in the middle of washing a window and said sweetly, "You work for me, and I'll play for you." The prompt answer was, "Okay, it's a deal." So, out in the hayfield, I parked baby on a gopher mound and, in spite of worry that the boys might plant a "fly" in Edith Ann's face and Sweetie Pie would come toddling up to home plate just as Joey struck out, settled down to a smashing game of bounce-out. Afterwards, Joey evened things up by finishing the window and bringing in two boxes of wood for the cookstove. Another test was when Gordon showed us his "store boughten" kite and proposed that Joey have one like it. Without really thinking, I said how much more fun it would be to make their own kites, that Uncle Cliff and I always had and "they flew fine." We wangled a few kite sticks at the sash and door factory, bought a ball of beautiful blue carpet warp, and ransacked the Christmas box for tissue paper. For the next three days, Joey and I made, broke, and repaired kites! And last week, we had four neighbors' boys to a wiener roast supper. Another busy stretch for Joey was offered by the problem of the unwanted maples, which he undertook to remove. He was somewhat diverted by the possibilities for making maple sugar. Once when I looked, he had a bunch of the twigs in each hand and was sucking alternately at one and then the other.

Among the jobs he is taking over is the eradication of the poison ivy-having learned the hard way why he should keep clear of it!and he is going to paint his own furniture. He will be in on all the construction and repair work around the place. He shares in the Victory garden and the canning. I shall encourage him to be an "excavation watcher" and intend to hike and go fishing with him regardless of hay fever and the fact I don't come from a fishing family! Our man-making home equipment includes a swing, horizontal bar, teeter, sandbox, trapeze, and jumping standards.

In a statement, my plans for making a man out of Joey include offering him every home job a man would otherwise do, even those beyond his years, not unsupervised dangerous ones, (he'll make mistakes-but so would Bill!) along with manlike recreation. When Bill comes home, I hope he'll say, "What a man Joe has got to be." And I'll be proud, knowing he didn't just get that way!-JOEY'S ERSTWHILE FATHER, BETTER KNOWN AS MOMIE.



JANET LOGAN Photograph by Ewing Galloway

What do the boys "over there" dream about? Some are credited with "plenty of ice cream," some with "our old jobs back," some with "just to put my feet on Yankee soil again." But how many times have the boys been credited with dreaming about building a home?

UR readers' mail in one week contained two letters from boys in the Army and the Navy who are dreaming about building a future home, and asking our help in doing it. We're proud that they wrote us, and we herewith share their home-building dream with you.

"I have been a subscriber to THE AMERICAN HOME for years, and now that I'm over here I have plenty of time to think and plan. I don't spend much time any more mulling over the course of civilization for I realize that personally I can do nothing to alter it; if there's going to be a fourth term, there'll be one, and my permission won't be asked; if we lose or if we win the peace, I won't have a hand in winning or losing it. So all that's left for me is to plan and dream about my own immediate family and future.

"Before I came in the Army, there was a small house described in your magazine. That would be an issue sometime before June, 1942. Anyway, the cover ran 'How would you like all this for \$2500?' It was a brown shingle cottage, evidently built in California. . . . Now to get to the core of the matter. I figure I'm going to get out of this war with a little more than \$2000 saved, if I stay over another year, for there're not many expenditures involved in life here. I'm sold on getting a plot of ground and a small house that I can afford without meeting the mortgage for years and years. I don't care how small the house is if it's well designed and appropriately furnished, and on a lot large enough for a big backyard that would support a croquet set and both a flower and vegetable garden. Then if worse comes to worse and some upheaval emerges from this mess we're in, the whole area could be plowed under and we could at least grub in the soil for carrots like Scarlett did at Tara. If you can't be rich, you can be resourceful-I keep deluding myself.

"So I wondered if you would mail a copy of that issue to me. I thought I might amuse myself by drawing up the plan on larger scale, and planning where each piece of furniture would be placed, and what would be salvaged and even how the place would look decorated at Christmas, or after a drenching spring rain that beat the tulips to the ground. . . . When I get back home I want to have everything set up, so I can start right in and make good headway during the two months period of grace that I'm going to allow myself before beginning the dreary rounds of the employment agencies."-2ND LT. CLIFTON E. HAZARD.

And here's the home-building dream from the boy in the Navy. "I am sending to you the plans of the home that we want to build when I get back home. This home was planned and put together on paper and in our minds, with the help of your magazine. As my wife and I are just amateurs, your experienced eye will no doubt pick out flaws but I will say that we have had a lot of fun planning and dreaming. We have War Bonds tucked away and we are still buying one each month." -ARTHUR BLANCHARD, S/C.

Convincing proof, isn't it, that HOME is the focal point of their dreams? Neither seems very excited over what we've called "postbaloney," does he?

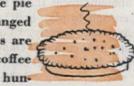
JEAN AUSTIN

Sketches by Burmah Burris

H. Armstrong Roberts

HE illustration you see above may not be your idea of the postwar home you're all in a dither about, but it's ten to one that it's a family scene anywhere in these United States as far off as the year 195x. People are funny that way-they'll still congregate on the front steps and settle the world's affairs, and I'll wager it will be a long time before they move their soapboxes to the runway on their roofs. Our correspondents come back from the front, despondent because our boys aren't discussing the peace-all they'll talk

about is Mom's apple pie nothing will be changed because while gadgets are of time, the smell of coffee bedroom is incense a hun-



and the hope that nothing, absolutely since they left it. Why? Well, perhaps wonderful and capsule eating saves a lot and bacon in the morning wafted to the gry family can't get from capsules. In



fact some of us are so old-fashioned we think that an odorless kitchen takes half the fun out of eating! Now don't mistake me-I'm not one to want another single little pseudo English job with fake stone, or

one that enjoys sleeping in a cutie-pie Colonial bed all draped in stuffs and never a wisp of night air coming in the bedizened little dormer window. Not I!

Richard J. Neutra, Architect The pho-

tograph exactly at



your left is my idea of a home (and how!) but I don't confuse "modern" with stone piles and running miles of glass. I like the glass, but first they've got to find a way for me to keep it clean. Modern to me doesn't mean planning a structure around 3 serving maids

and a full-time window washer, nor

will I be fooled by forty-foot walls of glass brick that

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only an ape could reach and wash. When I say modern I mean more comfort, less work, and, until they invent a gadget to make window washing easy, an all glass house is not my idea of a house for the



little woman to keep clean singlehanded. Sure I'll be among the first customers for a helicopter, and I think it's wonderful to sit on one's own roof and sip cooling drinks watching for Dad to land on our roof runway-but I'm not the gal to climb the three

flights to get the drinks there or dust off the roof furniture. And to get back to those running miles of glass, have any of these designers ever had to sit facing the sun, attracted by all this frontage of glass? It's downright painful, and at night it's shocking unless the draperies draw across said frontage. One hundred yards is the minimum required in these houses they show us. Now draperies have a way of fading-that is until these same bright guys design a fabric that won't streak and fade, won't conceal dirt and dust, won't cost a month's salary to have dry-cleaned . . . and the cleverest washing machine of 194x doesn't mention that it will launder pinch pleats! Or am I being unreasonable? And all these wonderful gadgets I read about that will do everything but diaper the baby-could I please just have a room

where electric light cords aren't snaked in and around furniture? I may be fussybut an electric cord dangling from a table-even a blonde



table-does not fill my soul with modern joy. But have you ever, just once, read a single word about what these wizards of electricity are planning to do about electric light cords? You haven't, and I haven't. And chairs! Such tricky chairs I see in the pictures-but not for me. I'm a long legged gal, but even I couldn't get up from one



of 'em quickly to answer the door bell without waving my limbs-all four of them-to gain traction soon enough to catch the caller before he'd left. I don't want to recline at a forty-five degree angle-all I want is to sit in my own

living room in a chair that's as comfortable as those in the new day coaches or the Greyhound buses. They ain't handsome, but they're sure kind to the anatomy. They can do away with all the miserable tippy little tables women

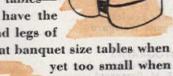


dote on and see if I care, but let's not get so excited about something new-anything new -that we give up tables as useful and beautifully simple as the little job you see here and are familiar with, and let's not swap this kind of thing for terrifying radios that swoop at us

like a big-bosomed dowager. I don't care for powerful curved fronts-on radios or ladies! Let them get to work on dining tablesthere's a job to be done. We now have the choice of wrapping our limbs around legs of

some miserable little table or sitting at banquet size tables when

there are two of us, there are eight of us. expend postwar energy other for 'em-beders built for neither



THERE'S a field to on, and I've anroom suites! Drawdrawers nor shorts.

Everything swoozling around, too deep and too wide. Couldn't we please just send our bedroom designers into some nice shop and

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take a quick look at the bins they have? Stockings, gloves, shirts-everything shipshape, yet handled hundreds of times every day! Visible too! At your right, you behold an early SHAKER built-in. Have YOU a closet in your house as dandy as this one? Oh, these modern designers give us builtins all right, but usually they're attached to something else, so that it takes three men and a boy to get at one of them. Modern beds, for instance, with built-ins at each end. You can't make the beds without losing limb and nails, nor can you reach the built-ins unless you sit on a spot marked X. And somebody ought to tell

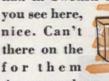


them that too much compactness makes for more work, not less. Accessories I'll not even mention-they frighten me. When I



see great handles twice the size of the container, or have to drink out of a square cup I just get confused and frightened. Which reminds me, I have some of the most stunning wood-

en handled silverware you've ever seen. But the guy got so interested in conformity of design, he made the spoon handles the same length as the fork handles, and it's a perilous journey my soup takes from way out there! Now the little woman is ever a fall guy for less-work-in-that-awful-kitchen, and so our postwar planners have gone frenzied over the wonders of our postwar kitchens. No super delicatessen has anything on the ones I've viewed. But who's going to keep 'em clean, who's going to keep 'em clean? A little smudge on a wooden door won't show for weeks, but imagine one day's finger marks on those all-glass fronts. Ah me-not only finger marks on every glass door, but everything inside will show. But do you know what they have had in Sweden for years and years? Just plain built-ins, like



for sugar and spice and all that's "run out of" anything and right wall where you naturally reach when whipping up a cake. And the marvelous things the restaurants have always had-

refrigerators that manage to be all storage, not only 6 measly cubic feet of storage and 500 feet of white enamel to keep clean! I saw some new refrigerators-to-be. Full bosomed like the postwar radios and looking for all the world like the costliest juke boxes.



All design and precious little storage space-the butcher or the grocer wouldn't give their curves floor space! But to get back to swell commercial ideas not available to house fraus-have you seen hospital food conveyers? In a home, they'd save

millions of steps, keep all things hot at elbow reach. But I guess they're too practical to design and to price for the housewife. And electric toasters that make four pieces of toast instead of dainty servings of





two. Guess they're too sensible, too, to expect in our postwar world. Well, nobody asked me, but when they do I'm going to ask for some first things first-and call all the rest postbaloney!

By the way why don't they ask us gals who will use 'em and buy 'em-maybe we have a few tricks up our sleeves!



for the basement playroom. The tunes, all from the same musical, harmonize colorfully with the playroom scheme from Carol and Clifford McGlone 2 Global draperies for a library-made

of unbleached muslin tinted pastel, then appliqued with the countries in bright colors. Distorting the sizes allows for fulness in folds and accuracy is somewhat subordinated

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Stack vari-sized wooden bowls in a

tier and fill with fruit and nuts for

a decorative and refreshing snack on

the porch, within arm's reach of the

most comfortable chairs to emphasize

informal, lazy weather hospitality

1 Don't clutter a small bathroom with

unnecessary paraphernalia-the less

clutter, the larger it looks, the easier

to keep clean. Waxing linoleum floor

also lightens the job of mopping up

Making long curtains out of short

ones is an exercise in ingenuity; for

a child's room, glazed chintz pets

enhance the plain insertion which is

then outlined by bands of a darker

material, entirely hiding the seams

Wide curtains yield self material for

piecing out the needed length. The

gay yarn blanket stitching and fringe,

crochet-hooked on the ends, suggest

design more than necessity. Piecing

contributes to the decorative effect

A confetti of colored thumb tacks

on a painted plywood valance con-

ceals the curtain piecing at the top

Three ideas from Paige Perkins

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Paint and sheet music transform a

stodgy old piano into a swing-piece

from Ethel Clifford

from Helen W. Brown

After rinsing, pigtail ribbons can be dried and ironed in one easy gesture Wrap them around quart jar or mill bottle to dry. Keep colors separate to prevent running into each other The ribbons dry straight and smooth from Ellen Osgoo

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For the woman who wants a sewing kit that holds the works: snaps, tape crochet hooks, knitting needlesa man's fishing tackle box proves eminently satisfactory. Its roomy com partments even accommodate such extras as a sewing machine belt! from Edith Tucke

methanteral Qua A "baffle screen" makes a charmin room division. The frame is of up right rods; the screen, of climbing ivy, growing in a box on the flore If a windbreak is needed, set plat glass in frame in back of the rod

Gimlet holes edging panels of ligh wood screen are threaded with stou twine to make lattice for the vine planted in pots. The greenery can be changed. The screen is easily move 19

## In the W. J. Carter home doors to

tiny bar off the library open wide for elbow room. Ingress to bar itsel is through the paneled front section Decorated by Otto Lenke of Morrison-Nees

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Provision for that extra guest in the P. N. Denison home. Built-in unit has radio, oupboards for blanket storage and shelves for books or knickknack from Ethel McCall Hea

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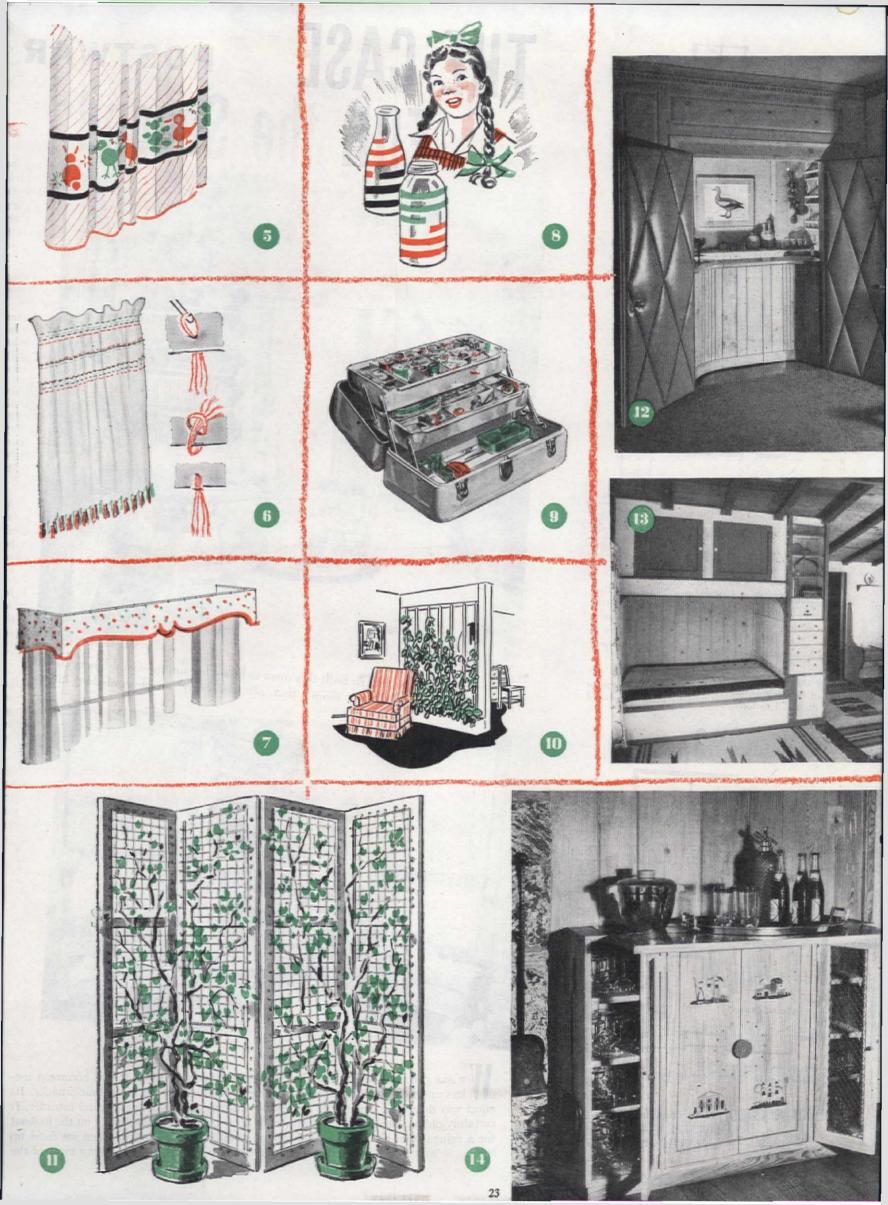
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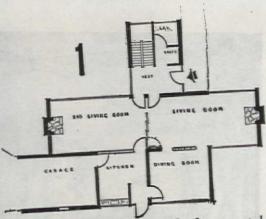
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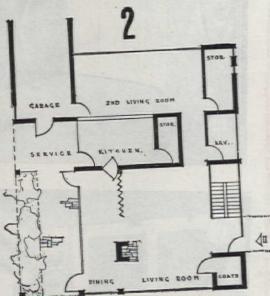
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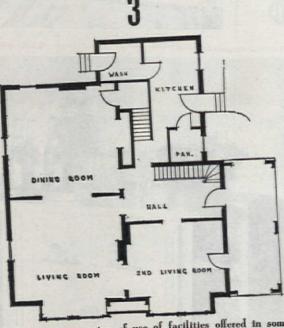


Two living rooms adjacent to each other, separated by large sliding door which makes it possible on special occasions to combine full space of both



Separation of the two living rooms. Toilet facilities are accessible from living room two without interfering with activities in living room one or entrance traffic. Thus second living room can be used for a study-bedroom combination as well as guest room

Note that in both cases second living room is adjacent to kitchen, thus possible to use as playroom for the small children who can be easily supervised



Suggesting reversion of use of facilities offered in some older homes. "Parlor" can be used as second living room

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## THE CASE POSTWAR FOR the Second



HARRIET I. MILLER built this room to house her antiques and has achieved a "second living room" that attracts every member of her family



W E ARE proud of having abandoned the old-fashioned parlor. It had become a useless museum piece, had become a deposit for dust catchers and knickknacks. Its effect was deterrent. The parlor seemed on the defense against any casual intruder. It certainly did not serve as a social center for stray members of the family on the lookout for a refuge from the overcrowded living- or dining-room. And so when we fixed up the house we thought we could do without a parlor. The room was empty most of the

## REALITIES....4 Living Room!

time and did not seem worth all the cleaning and dusting. Then we built a new house and the parlor was thrown out altogether. The purse-strings had a convincing argument in the matter.

We forgot one thing: the parlor was not dropped because there was too much room in the house, but because this particular set-up from grandfather's time did not lend itself to efficient use. Today, in various disguises, the parlor enters our homes again via the back door. Before the doors were closed on the sanctum sanctorum of the 19th century, the most awkward pieces of furniture were carefully transplanted into the living room. Here they flourished again: the writing desk, too small for paper work and filled with knickknacks and family portraits, an altar for ancestor worship; the small tables collapsing at the slightest hint; and what with "formal" arrangements not much space left to live or be comfortable in.

Of late many families have noticed an uncomfortable overcrowding of the living room. In retrospect we sometimes think the old parlor might indeed be a very handy place to have around. conference with his business friend in the evening hours. The minister was always welcomed by the members of his congregation and did not cause embarrassment on his occasional visits. Girl and boy could meet at home without feeling too much under observation. There was a chance for blissful privacy under the shadow of the parlor.

Perhaps we may be on the lookout for something very much like the good old-fashioned parlor, but let's give it a different name: we need a second living room. When the daughter plays the piano, the more sensitive members of the family may feel confined to their bedrooms-if they do not prefer a desperate rush to the movies. When the son wants to read or study, he may be discouraged by the radio program which can be as irritating to its opponents as it is soothing and relaxing to the radiofiend. We want to be able to relax and read our paper in the living room; we want to listen to the radio. We want to entertain our friends: we want to study and to attend to some urgent business taken home from the office. Sometimes the consequences of the "overcrowded

The youngest plays and eats here, the older children study here, the lounger reads and listens to his favorite program here long after the family is tucked in bed



There was always a room, clean and respectable, to receive the visitor who happened to drop in. The parents did not need to rush into the kitchen when the daughter's boy friend appeared at the front door. The children did not have to retire to the bedroom or kitchen when the father had arranged for a living room" are of a less desirable nature. The home may be left altogether by the younger generation for hunting grounds that are better—or worse. Yes, the one and only living room is signed up for more activities than it is able to hold. Definitely, we need a second living room, but we definitely do not want



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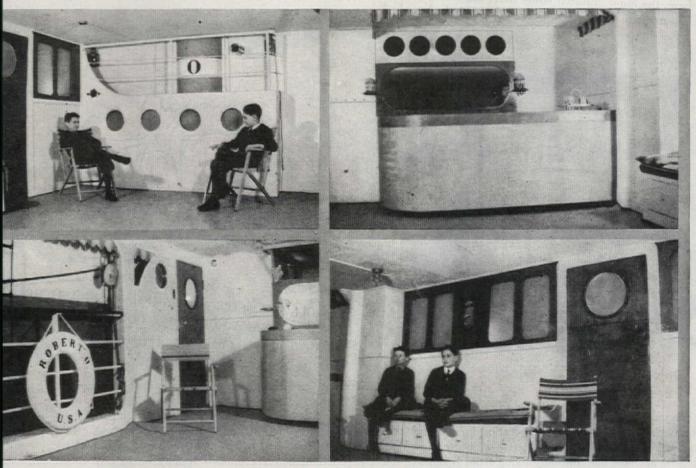
WHEN BIG SISTER WANTS HOT MUSIC AND THE SMALL FRY HOLD OUT FOR BLOOD AND THUNDER, YOU DEFINITELY NEED TWO LIVING ROOMS!

to revive that prim and uncomfortable room, the "parlor."

It takes courage to plan the living room furniture for actual use in everyday routine. It calls for individual planning and requires imagination. It would be wrong also, to underestimate traditional sentiments. Even knickknacks have a function, however difficult it may be to give this function a name. But if we preserve a place for visitors and formal entertaining in the family home, let us realize that other important activities remain without accom-



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By laying linoleum and lining the walls with books the ex-garage becomes a delightful room



modation—activities that demand more elbow room or more privacy than the traditional living room can provide. A few daring "moderns" have broken the spell. They have exploded the traditional stereotype. They say the living room does not have to furnish the background only for a leisurely chatting family group in the evening hours. The most courageous have moved the workbench into a corner of the living room, and the sewing equipment beside an armchair.

Why not make it a place for your hobbies? Why not have company while you solve a mechanical problem with your screwdriver? There may be bookshelves also, an easy chair and reading lamps in another corner of the room. A game table and chairs should not be missing. Such a living room buzzes with activities. Individual pursuits are not thwarted by an inflexible furniture arrangement which tells you to sit down and be "sociable" by doing nothing in particular.

Actually the movement for the second living room is in full swing. New needs make themselves felt. The individual member of the family requires opportunities for self-expression. Previously there were friends of the family as a whole. Now they are divided into groups which are either friends of the parents or friends of the adolescent boys and girls, of school children, or of playmates of



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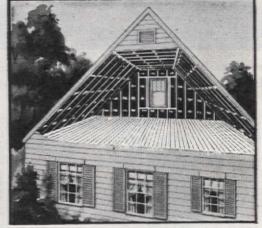
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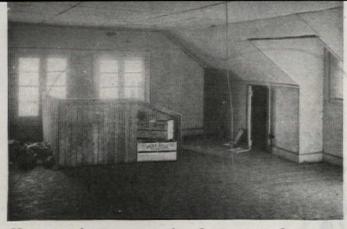
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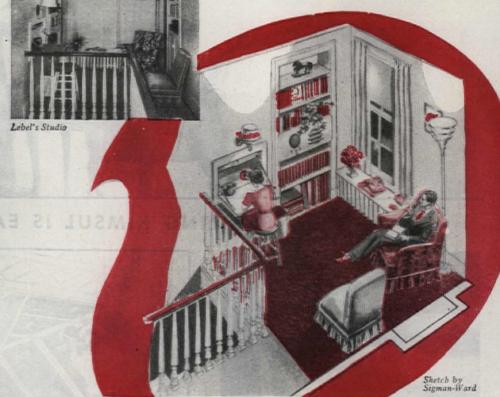
pine, built-in filing cabinets and books, with comfortable furniture-above all, it's a real man's room



the pre-school child. Various groups of the wider community move into the family home and raise their claims for recreational space.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to tear down our homes and build new and better ones as soon as new requirements are visualized. On the contrary, most of us face again and again—at various phases of "style." You will need space for the following activities: 1. General recreation for different ages. 2. Study. 3. Secluded conversations. 4. Informal meetings. 5. Privacy. 6. Extra bedrooms. 7. Play room. 8. Place for children's guests. 9. Sewing. 10. Place for extra radio. 11. Entertaining. A second living room may not be as glamorous as some postwar promises, but it is a foregone conclusion that a modern family needs another living room for these many and various activities.

An upstairs hall furnishes a comfortable retreat for MR. and MRS. GORDON J. EACKER. Built-ins are the secret of their hallway spaciousness



our family history and under the impact of changes in social customs -the necessity of squeezing our activities into a residential structure which has been designed for an outmoded pattern of family life. Thus we discover in our family homes any number of makeshift arrangements by which the "second living room" in one form or another is smuggled into the existing housing accommodations. Many such solutions you see pictured were and, under the circumstances, have been successful. To be sure, where parents and children understand each other, they will be able to cooperate on the basis of a mutual give and take. They may go out of each other's way when privacy is badly needed by either party. There are examples of parents who retire to their bedrooms or go to the movies when their children need the living room to entertain friends of their own age. And the children will reciprocate by vanishing out of sight when their parents arrange for a bridge party. But this is not a desirable solution of the problem. It is, at best, a workable compromise.

But if you are planning a new home, think of activities, not of



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by the simple expedient of casting off "summer" furniture and rearrangement become attractive year 'round "second living rooms"

James Hollingsworth home, top; Michael Lyman home, bottom

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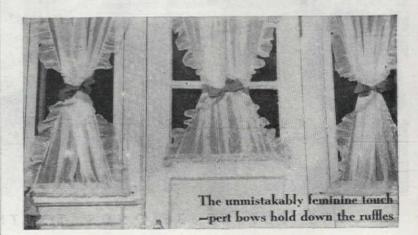
SUSAN JONES MEDLOCK This attractive Cape Cod cottage in Atlanta is the "home of our own" of the Medlocks—Susan Jones and Ed, now a Captain in the U. S. Army

TKE so many other couples—"If we ever have a home of our own" was our theme song for several years, during which we clipped all the clever ideas we could find in magazines, and crammed our small apartment with furniture and bric-a-brac. When our plans began taking actual shape, we were all set as to what we wanted and our only furniture purchases were a living room rug and sofa. The rest was done with slip covers, skirts, and ruffles. Some of our friends try to tease us by saying we have a pink and blue cottage, or a "ruffle haven," and either is, literally, true. We found we could achieve a feeling of more space by the use of the same color theme throughout and pink and blue it is! Also,

there are roses in every room, from the small entrance hall, with a top border of dainty roses and the old-fashioned water color of cabbage roses, on through the house. Against the large bay window in the living room is a love seat, slip-covered in chintz splashed with roses, peonies, and green leaves. A flounce-skirted wing chair, with slip cover of gray, pink, and blue taffeta, forms a conversational group. By the mantel is a barrel chair, covered in soft blue sailcloth. Ruffles appear in the pinkish rose taffeta swags which



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The cut glass lamp—once a vase —seems to belong in our ruffled bay window grouping. In the dining room, the mirrored niche caused a ruckus because the man





Photographs by Ralph Burton Janes

pink and blue mocking birds in the Gould prints above are framed with pink mats, the same shade as the sofa. Use of cording, matching the rose taffeta swags, on all the slip covers for the furniture in the front rooms makes an unobtrusive but definite link. Blue needlepoint makes a central band for the sofa pillows and in lighter and deeper shades covers the antique white Victorian and the French chairs. The walls and woodwork are light blue and the carpet a deep, delphinium shade. The pair of white columns on each side of the bay window have a history. We rescued them from an old house which was being wrecked. They had been

The ceiling-high mantel mirror and wide bay window make for a light, airy living room. Roses brighten the dining room walls

of the house couldn't see "a hole in the wall with a mirror in it." But he *likes* it! The shield back chairs have bob-tail slip covers and the curtains are rosy-pink sheer fabric, the rug a deep blue.

Out of deference to the man in the house, we couldn't go too sissy on the front bedroom, but the guest bedroom swishes with femininity. Probably my favorite evening dress is responsible. Having reached the end of its successful social career, it seemed to be the very thing for

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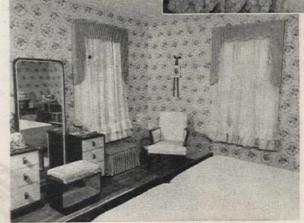
Use all the Lux you need to get rich suds, but no more than you need. To make your Lux go even further, scrape and rinse dishes before washing. the dressing table in this room. The seat for the table is an old bathroom stool dressed up with a lace cushion and taffeta skirt. The walls are pale pink with a wallpaper border of roses, ragged robins, and summer flowers which my husband—who pretends he doesn't even like to go into the stiff white half-curtains, double flounced in the fashion of oldtimey petticoats. We have two closets in each bedroom, four large linen and coat closets in the hall, and large spacious ones in the kitchen—twenty closets and cabinets in all! For all its ruffles, it's a livable and comfortable house.



room—occasionally mentions he put in a summer cutting out! The bed, a box spring with little legs and a mattress, goes high hat with a blue, quilted sateen spread, skirted in pink taffeta with a ruffle edge. Overhead is an old gold mirror, painted antique blue and hung with a blue velvet ribbon.

In our own bedroom, we veered toward the Swedish style. We used our brown and white furniture and selected wallpaper with a tailored rose design on a blue-green background. There are white throw rugs and tufted white spreads for the very low twin beds. Green and white striped chintz window valances contrast pleasantly with the





The two bedrooms are a study in contrasts—one as frivolous as the dance frock adorning the dressing table, the other neatly tailored



### There and then ... the assembly line was born

EARLY in 1913, Henry Ford had his tech-nicians try a new production idea which had come to him as he observed a watch factory in operation. Instead of having a single group of men make the entire assembly on each flywheel magneto, the unit was moved from one worker to another. The experiment resulted in a 50% saving in time!

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That it can be done, that the obstacles are not nsurmountable, we herewith prove with the tories of nine women, stories that are true, inpiring, and courageous If you too have had the word of Damocles held over your head, read arefully and well these next few pages There re as many problems presented as there are olutions given, and you cannot help but find in me of them the courage you need to realize your ream—a home of your own.

First, there is the story of a little yellow and white house under the trees in a quiet town of California, a home designed and built entirely by wo women with the help of a twelve-year-old on A lot plus a total of \$180 in cash was the start of their great adventure In the spring they but up army cots under the trees That they put n the foundation, a floor, a primitive kitchen and path before they had walls or roof is of consequence to the finale of their story Now they have a home—a charming one, too, of which they are

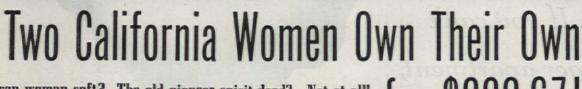
#### Ewing Galloway

proud, and all for the princely sum of \$662.67! But, you may say, such pioneering spirit is not for you? Skip over to the next page, then, and read of the two school teachers in Winnetka who built their little houses. They were tired of paying high rents for tiny apartments, they wanted to feel a part of Winnetka community life Their friends, too, told them buying was far too expensive an undertaking on teachers' salaries —but nothing could stop them and they have now the pride and joy of a home of their own.

Follows a story of Miss Frances J. Green and her sister Susie and the completely charming hundred-year-old house they have remodeled—a drab little house when they saw it, a house that needed imagination and courage to visualize as the home they'd always dreamed about. Miss Green is a welfare worker in Chicago and her sweet house is in a small town fifty miles away "Please do ask me to use it," she wrote us. "I would like other single women to know that they too can plan a home." We did—if it's recreating an old home you crave, here's inspiration.

Then there's the story of two women who said goodbye to hotel apartments, two women who had been friends for years, each with a yen to own a home, pooled their wits and resources and built a lovely little smoke blue Cape Cod, complete with white trim shutters, and a red brick walk. Perhaps neither one might have had the courage to build a house and live alone and yet together, they have had the time of their lives. Opposite it, you'll find a trim and modern house outside Madison, Wisconsin, the home of a teacher and an artist. On the crest of a hill this little red and white house sings a cheery note to the busy woman, away from her home all day, returning in the evening for rest and leisure.

And if, with all this, you still lack courage it's courage you'll have when you've finished the last word of Mary Louise Coleman's story called "One-Woman Power." It was *her* courage that turned her from looking subjectively at her work in the city to objectively surveying her mode of life and determined her to own her own home in the country. On a salary which averaged thirtyfive to forty-five dollar's a week, her idea brought forth shrieks of derision from every friend she possessed. To her, it became a game—a game to be played and to be won—and win she did.



American woman soft? The old pioneer spirit dead? Not at all! This house was built—every stone, pipe and board—by Miss Amy Gamble and Mrs. Marceille Brown with the help of her young son



T GREW, really from the fact that they were tired of paying rent. A 65'x100' lot in a wooded glade, close enough to town that they could walk, plus \$180 in cash was the start of their adventure. In the spring they put up army cots under the trees and knew that by autumn they must be under cover of their own roof.

In a most feminine way, they decided that after putting in the foundation and laying the rough floor they must get the sink in so that with the stove and refrigerator they could have decent meals without too much work. When you are carpentering, sawing, and moving rock all day, campfire meals are too much effort. Also 38 Photographs by Robert Cla

they had to have a hot tub at the end of their arduous day's labor, so to the amusement of their friends there was soon a floor, a primitive kitchen, and bath, but no walls or roof. With a slight shaking of heads, their friends wondered if the two women needed a little attention from a psychiatrist. After all, women don't build houses all alone—what do they know about joists and vents, plumbing and electrical wiring, masonry and fireplaces that draw, windows, doors, and roofs that drain?

After eighteen months the house is done. The Victory garden is furnishing vegetables and berries for the inner woman and flowers cheer the soul! The experiment has been proved a success-no doubting Thomases left among their friends

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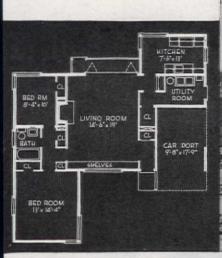
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To go back a bit, after the origina sum of cash was used, each month there went into materials only the amount of their previous rent plu a little from the gasoline budget since a car is not used when two women are working eight, ten, or twelv hours a day building a home. Wisely they started with a list of their personal requirements. Room for the writer-her typewriter, plenty o desk space and filing cases. Space for the art teacher and her drawing supplies. Elbow room for a boy who liked to putter with everything from airplanes to old engines. They drew up a list of do's and don't's-and started. The little house grew under the trial and error method. They had no knowledge of building. They had to learn the feel of the grain . . the touch of the hammer . . . the best way to saw across a board.

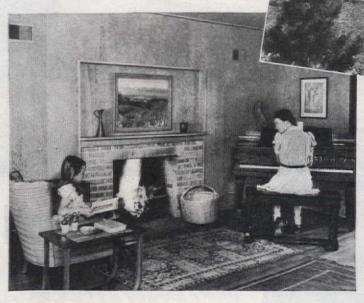
Came Autumn and the teacher and the boy went back to school and Mrs. Brown worked on alone. They were in the house, but there was still much to do. The whole house is comprised in 524 square feet with every single foot planned to yield the maximum amount of space and livability.



BOTH Mrs. Steffan and Miss Lil-ley are teachers in the Winnetka progressive public schools. They wanted homes of their own, were tired of paying high rents for tiny apartments (only available in Winnetka's business district). They wanted a feeling of permanence, wanted as home owners to feel they were active members of community life. Their friends told them it was far too expensive-but nothing could stop them.

They bought their 50' lots for a few hundred dollars, negotiated a loan under F. H. A., made a down payment of about \$500, and are now making monthly payments of \$41.80 each. They are within easy walking distance of the public schools where they teach, and have all the pride and joy of ownership. Both taught summer school to make their down payments. All of this took careful planning, considerable courage, and firm determination. Though simple, both now have charming, comfortable homes.

Photographs by Charles H. Keller Mrs. Lilabel Steffan starts the planting of her home in Winnetka, while daughter Eva looks on. Ernst A. Benkert was the architect for both of these little houses RUTH W. LEE



Below, Miss Agnes Lilley invites her neighbors in to dine. An art teacher, she has painted a geological map in greens and browns against a pale blue plywood wall



### **Two Illinois School Teachers** Tire of Renting-and BUY!



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### Frances Green, Social Service Worker,

# Remodels a Century-Old House

N ALL honesty, it really would be unfair to stress the word "remodeling" when describing the changes my sister and I have made in our centuryold house. Drastic alterations were not necessary. We are constantly amazed at the eternal youthfulness of its appearance. That, to us, is one of its most enchanting qualities.

Today it looks pretty much as it did nine years ago, when first bought. Oh, naturally, a few pieces of exterior siding had to be replaced; a sun porch was added in the interests of modern living—but that was about all. The original bark is still clinging to the wooden oak supports in the basement; roof lines have weathered without signs of sagging or fatigue. It is still a simple house, unpretentious in appearance and plan, but just right for our manner of living.

We are active women. I am employed by the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago; my sister, a public health nurse. The rest of the family consists of our Scotty, Susie, active, too, but along different lines. Like most city folk, we had always craved a place in the country. Now we have one and are completely happy. This little house, located in Yorkville, fifty miles from Chicago, solves many of the problems that had heretofore confronted

Une hundred years ago this house was built today it stands as youthful and sturdy as ever a tribute to the craftsmanship and skill of our forefathers FRANCES J. GREEN Photographs by Frank Wilming

us. We know now where vacations will be spent and what a joy it has been as a week-end retreat. Puttering in the garden is just the medicine for getting rid of city jitters, a malady to which all social workers seem particularly susceptible.

Yorkville was named after settlers from New York state and the architecture of the houses is exactly like those built there a hundred years ago. . . . Like many of the other homes here, ours is located quite close to the highway. Its wood siding is wide and the windows on the first floor have nine panes in the top and six in the bottom sash. The upper windows are characteristically small. We are especially fond of the quaint narrow staircase leading to the upper bedrooms. In structure and framing the house is as strong and sturdy as when first built. Our early builders were certainly convinced that this country was here to stay forever. Their houses prove it.

Furnishing the interiors in character was really fun and traveling nurses have many opportunities for picking up all sorts of nice old pieces at out-of-theway auction sales. Our braided rugs are faithful reminders of old coats and dresses belonging to both friends and family. From all kinds of places came our interesting collection of old glass. This is also true of the many early American prints that form the greater part of our wall decoration. Perhaps many of our furnishings have little value as museum pieces, but the atmosphere they produce is most satisfying. After all, I think this is the final proof of any real home.

My sister and I are pretty happy now that we did not give in to the fears and uncertainties that seem to possess most single women. We know now that owning a house gives one a sense of security and protection—a feeling that we, too, have a stake in the many good things that this topsy-turvy world has to offer. To us this is a very comforting thought. Interiors possess a friendly glow of good living. Books, colorful braided rugs, fine antiques, and an interesting collection of old glass, add immensely to this restful, cheery atmosphere

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# These Two California Women Said Goodbye to Hotel Apartments



Home of Mrs. Alice C. McKinney and Miss Mary Ann Pavlich in Westwood Hills

Photographs by Maynard L. Parker

Miss Pavlich designed the house, and Mrs. McKinney took over the role of business manager. They planned the house around a mountain view, their books, and the shape of the lot which drops off at the back. As you enter the front door you look out to the Santa Monica mountains. Choice books, a carpet of soft green, curtains of mellow yellow corduroy at the big window, and lounge chairs upholstered in dark brown and gay chintzes make it a charming room. Green is a favorite color with both and has been used in one way or another in each room. Knotty pine and red tone paper for the kitchen, a blue that blends with the sky for the exterior-none of it is even remotely reminiscent of hotel apartments. MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE



Une Noman

"HORSEPOWER" and man power are familiar designating terms, but who ever heard of "one woman power" as a unit of measure of ability for owning and maintaining one's home in the country? But the phrase "one woman power" gave me the solution of the economic problem, the courage of maintenance, and the freedom for enjoyment of a home in the country.

Having resolved myself into one woman through the exigencies of life, meaning I have to work for my living with no immediate dependents, the conciseness of one woman power suddenly turned me from looking subjectively at my work in the city to objectively surveying my mode of life. As I went back and forth from room (not home) to office, meeting business and professional women who were all my age, delicately over twenty-one, I became determined to own my own home in the country. On a salary which averaged thirty-five to forty-five dollars a week, this idea brought forth shrieks of derision from every friend I possessed. Time was when we had all known better days with fatter salaries and had had relatives settled someplace as background of stability. Times have changed, but change is growth. We all wanted homes, but the remembrance of what homes used to cost and maintain had relegated the thought of owning a home to some dark nostalgic corner of our brains and there it remained.

As any woman knows, it requires quite some energy, forty strenuous hours a week, to execute and hold a job these days. The salary was budgeted to the last penny and then it hardly covered expenses. Friends sceptically remarked that if both ends did not meet right in town how could I indulge in the added expense of luxurious living in my own home in the country?

"Added expense" were the words which clinched my determination; I would not add expense but reshuffle the budget. Living as economically as possible, year in and year out, my room cost me twelve dollars a week and my food eleven dollars and twenty cents for the same period of time. These two items were the only ones possible to revalue and continue living on a decent scale, so I set to work to turn \$23.20 a week into a home of my own, including all living expenses.

The main burden of friends' warning was "what if you become ill?" and "what if you lose your job?" These two factors were deciding ones for and not against my determination. If I became ill I should rather be ill in my own room than be ousted from a rented one; and if I lost my job, the roof over my head would be an asset to tide me along. My sole reserve after several years totalled \$750.00, a discouraging amount, considering the fact that I certainly was not growing any younger.

Drastic indeed were my recapitulations of the value of possessions and what was necessary in a home. Nothing, absolutely nothing, would be acquired which one woman could not care for, if occasion demanded. This meant ground maintenance, construction upkeep, household management, and repairs as well as the chores of cooking, cleaning, and ironing while carrying on in the office daily, weekly, and annually. The whole idea was so fantastic from the viewpoint of energy alone, that it became a game to be played and won alone.

For eight week ends I scoured the country. The normal reaction to \$750.00 cash in hand for property in-

#### MARY LOUISE COLEMAN

Power

vestment was an endless parade of bungalows in the suburbs or of farms way off in the Styx. Years of experience had taught me when applying for a job to go direct to the head of the firm, if I could. Two weeks' looking at bungalows, restless in the waves of neighbors' radios, or investigating farms, the buildings of which demanded limitless income to be made habitable, brought me up with a jerk. I went direct to the most expensive neighborhood in the country and bought outright a patch of ground, less than an acre, with my precious \$750.00. On the line between two towns this patch remained neither fish nor fowl to the real estate dealers principally because city water was not available, mail service was R.F.D. and telephone could be one town or the other—it was just good red herring!

One thousand dollars-plus is quite a good price to pay for land per acre, no matter in what part of this affluent country of ours. But I had a patch of fertile soil in a neighborhood bound to increase in value, apple trees of prime bearing age, and wonder of wonders, a shallow well of clean water. This well was really a stroke of luck. Had I been looking for such a thing it could never have been found. The water supply on any place is of prime consideration; trees can be grown, houses can be built, soil can be made, but water and its accessibility in the country is always a gambling matter.

My next move was to acquire the mortgage money with which to build. So ignorant was I, that I thought if the land cost \$750 the first mortgage would be on a building which cost \$750.00. Imagine my surprise to learn that if the land were free and clear, the first mortgage for building could be had to the amount of fifty per cent or more of the finished value of the whole property. Instead of building just an enclosed shed, as I had been willing to do, I could design and build my ideal of a comfortable New York apartment. In affluent times I had achieved great comfort in living in attractive one room apartments, so there was no reason why I needed more space in my house. The living room measures 18'x22', the screened porch 10'x18', the bed room 8'x9', the bath-dressing room 8'x9' and a 7' high cellar underneath the entire house. This is all I need, all I want to care for and all I am going to have. Suffice it to say that such a limited division of space in a house just is not considered normal. "I would need a maid's room." "I would want an attic." "I would soon discover a guest room and bath imperative." "One woman power" rang in my ears and I would growl, "Those additions will come in the sweet bye and bye."

By the display of forceful determination and will power in curbing any extravagant desires, the building cost \$2,790.00, the plumbing \$350.00 and oil burning hot air system for heat \$355.00. That total demanded interest and amortization to the tune of one week per month's allowance for living expense.

It all sounds so simple now that it is done. I stress the economic side first because all lone women tell me they want a home in the country but they permit economics to defeat them before they have taken the first step toward fulfilment. "It isn't the original investment, it's the upkeep." That same upkeep on my house would have to be attended to, in all probability by one lone woman, and a part time woman at that. So from the

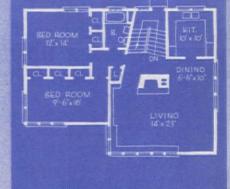


# Studio Home for a Wisconsin

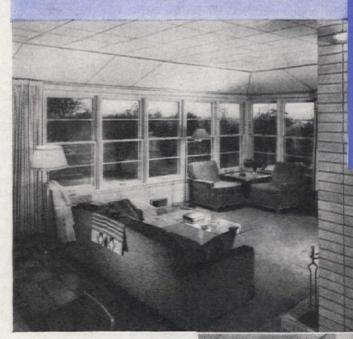
**U**N THE crest of a hill outside Madison, Wisconsin, stands this attractive red and white modern house, whose owner, Miss Irene Buck, is a teacher and an artist. It was essential that she have comfortable living quarters and a studio in which to paint and exhibit her own collection of art.

The architects looked the piece of property over with careful eye and said, "we will build a two story house with the major living quarters on the second floor, and that means putting the studio (used chiefly at night, anyhow) on the first floor close to entrance." This plan was so logical that it was at once accepted as the perfect solution.

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Art Teacher



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beginning of original design through fiery building disputes to final dining on a porch in screened comfort, one woman-power was the firm answer to all arguments. No proverbial Philadelphia lawyer ever had the ability to argue, dissent, and plead as have architects and contractors.

My apartment comfortably squats on its terrace. To every argument for a two story box of a house I had three arguments to build only one story. Tax assessments are less, there is no attic in which to store trash and if the worst comes to the worst I can climb to the roof to inspect leaks or to clean the gutters without a fatal attack of vertigo.

The next bone of contention was the finish of the exterior walls. Everyone has a white house for miles around in this part of the country. Having wielded a paint brush most of my life, I would have nothing whatever painted which was not absolutely necessary for preservation. No labor of mine for love, cash, or sympathy would undertake the necessity of painting the entire outside of the house every two or three years. So the exterior walls are of pecky cypress, unsullied by paint, oil or stain; they are dutifully turning a silvery gray without any labor but that of the weather, and harmonize with the stones in the fields.

All construction from foundation to roof is as strong as the rock of Gibraltar. In addition, five layers of insulating material keep heating costs in zero winters to the small total sum of \$70.00. Such determination it took on my part to install a furnace which burns either oil or coke! The ability of the furnace to burn coke if necessary is in the realm of one woman-power because a shovelful of coke is light in weight and the quantity of ashes to be removed is negligible. Hot air heat requires no water pipes to drain in freezing weather nor does it produce a pounding of steam for an alarm clock. For once the best for my purpose was the least expensive.

There is only one entrance door for callers and service and access-to the cellar. A woman can answer only one bell at a time, and I refuse to be Dutch enough to scrub two stoops, ever. Neither could I be persuaded to have a ceiling lower than nine feet; but amazement at having any ceiling in a small house higher than the customary 7'6" vented itself with anathemas such as "the extra cost of heating would fall on my own head." That same head has been remarkably soothed by a sound-deadening ceiling neatly stuck up in squares.

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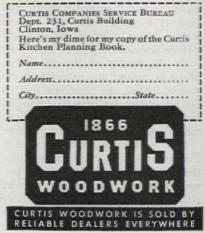


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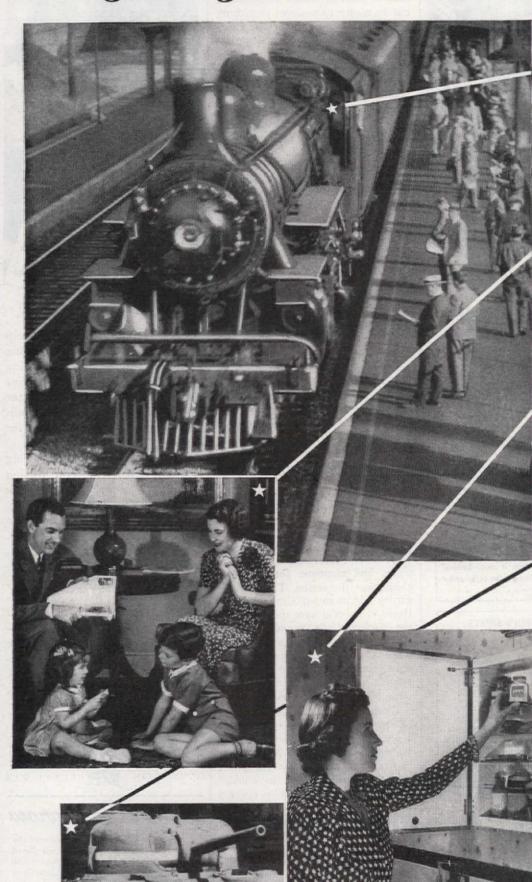


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with traffic wax, the same non-skid wax used in stores. Wiping with delicate soap and water once a week were my instructions for maintenance. but in reality to perform that chore once a month is sufficient. The greatest tribute ever paid to my singleness of purpose is the remark made by my meticulous housekeeping Mother, "These are the most remarkable floors. I can sweep and sweep and then I cannot find the piles of dust. No dirt ever shows on these floors."

Each woman to her own taste in furniture; my inclination is for little or none, but if fortune is with me I shall soon have two comfortable chairs instead of one. I remain adamant however in not having ten or twelve chairs, emptily staring at me seven days a week. When seating space is needed for ten or twelve guests which is seldom, but sometimes imperative, ten or twelve comfortable decorative deck chairs will be unfolded from their rack in the closet. One woman cannot move and sweep under an excess amount of heavy seating space and catch the eight-fifteen.

Two rooms and bath in the country automatically extend their walls to the infinity of the horizon, by looking out of the windows in winter or by walking out of doors in summer. The size of my house is approximately 140x200 feet. It is not for aesthetic values alone that I have made a garden for each room of the house, including an extra one for the salad bowl. Subsistence is the definite aim. Gardening begins at the kitchen-herbdining terrace adjacent to the kitchenette. The living room garden is green though I generously admit regal lilies, tuberoses, spicy white pinks, and nicotiana for fragrance throughout the season. The bedroom garden has more practical than aesthetic values and were the truth told the garden's sole connection with that room is the fact that it grows while I sleep. There are permitted only perennial fruits and vegetables: grapes, asparagus, raspberries, rhubarb, blueberries and horseradish.

Garden maintenance is not going to run me into the grave, as long as I hear the wee small voice whispering one woman power. Not a blade of grass will I have on the place, except that which is way back under the apple trees. All ground is covered with pachysandra, myrtle, and ivy. Evergreens take the place of all varieties of shrubs. Annuals are taboo, and this decision requires great will power to adhere to when the flower catalogues bloom in the spring. If vast expanse of lawn and wide English borders surrounded the house, I should be utterly exhausted before I could ever walk to the flowers to weed.

In this manner has the budget been juggled for interest and stability and health. Self denial, some think, is good for the soul. I prefer to use my head to save my heels by setting the scale of all desires to the simple rule of one woman power. Who fears the Sword of Damocles?



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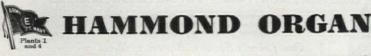
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## Need Not be Dull Schemes

Ideas from ELIZABETH VAUGHAN



Photograph by Gerald Young

HE homemaker usually selects a color scheme the way a man, given the philosophy that comes of experience or observation, goes about choosing a wife. The unusual may be more interesting but, also, there is the chance it may prove impossible to live with. It is more comfortable to play safe and risk the dull side. But there needn't be a dull side to



rules as to logical grouping of furniture and "safe" color schemes. Nonetheless, they are rooms with warm and interesting personalities



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your color scheme! You can get c away from it without the extremes.

Let's say green is your favorite background color. It is safe enough. And besides Nile green and jade, there is a variety of lovely shadesmarine green, olive, the deep green you see in a lily pad, and the still deeper shade that mantles the spruce in wintertime. You may prefer a background color in a shade you are sure of-delphinium blue, gray, lime green, or dusty pink. You can give your color scheme a lift by the use of a second color not usually seen with these, such as certain shades of mauve, orchid, or pale yellow. Rich purple goes well with pale yellow or beige. But when you use purple for accent, be sure that it is a soft shade, exactly right for contrast, and use with caution and economy. Then it gives your room a delightful lift.

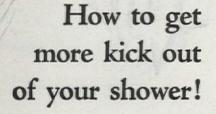
The various blues make flattering backgrounds and if you decide on delphinium, delft, lapis lazuli, or marine, you might consider combining it with coral pink, dusty pink, one of the mauve or purple tones, one of the greens, or a pale, clear yellow. The rug weavers "down Mexico way" get some surprisingly harmonious effects by combining simple basic colors and pointing them up with some exclamatory shade. Canary yellow, beige and the right brown, and beige, rust and electric blue make interesting threesomes. The success



### GREEN

A safe green scheme may be the perfect medium for an unusual treatment such as the darker wall, or picture that claims attention of this is to confine the strong vivid color to a small area. The smaller the area, the stronger the color can be without shrieking. Pottery, glass, or bric-a-brac is an excellent medium for bright contrasts.





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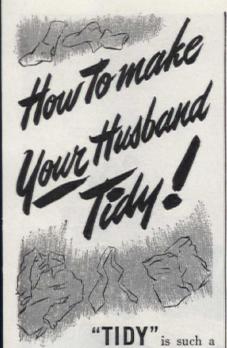
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A color easily overdone is brown. Too much of it makes for a sluggish color scheme. If you have brown for the floor covering, you might like to continue this restraint and select a beige tone for the walls, then have bright orange, rust, olive green, or yellow in almost any shade, for use as the third color in your room.

Use of color depends to a great extent on the size of the room and the lighting. It is better to relegate strong, warm colors—those containing reds, yellows and rich, bright browns—to rooms large enough to keep those colors from closing in on you, and to rooms either on the north side of the house or shy on windows. The cool colors, gray, green, blue, and white, are more compatible with small rooms and rooms that get sunlight.

In a small living room, the sofa bids for the longest unbroken wall space. It is important to arrange the large pieces of furniture parallel with the walls and as flat against the walls as can be managed. With plenty of space, however, you may like the sofa drawn out into the room, perhaps to form a right angle with the wall-provided you have a long sweep toward the opposite end of the room with furniture heavy enough for balance. If you have a long unbroken wall, you could paint a panel of the wall, against which you center the sofa, the same width and shade as upholstering. To do this successfully, the other walls must be in light contrast.

A room that is too high and narrow can be made to seem lower by the use of horizontally striped draperies. Hanging the pictures with the centers at eve-level is another means of keeping the interest low. In choosing your color scheme, decide whether you want clear tones or gray tones to predominate, and follow through with them for your second and third colors. In arranging your furniture, make the groupings logical-the most important pieces at the most. interesting part of the room, by the fireplace or by a window with a view or where you want to focus the interest. Your desk should be placed by a window so the light falls over your left shoulder, with a comfortable side chair in front or conveniently near. This is just common sense-but common sense really doesn't need to be dull!



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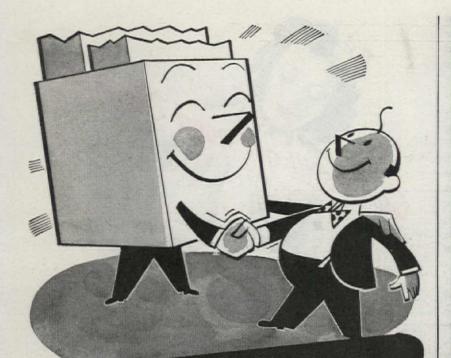
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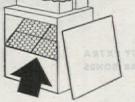
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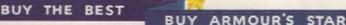
UR interior decoration might be called "Junk Period 1941-?" But we prefer to think of it as upto-the-minute "War Style." For the furniture, we haunted junk shops which, before December 7, 1941, we would have passed with a decided uptilt of the nose. But we were governed by the premise that, having one completely furnished home—rented furnished when the architect of the family went into war work in the city—anything but the most modest investment

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**MEAL 2.** Simmer the bone side in water to cover for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours or until tender. Use broth for a hearty bean soup. Use meat as follows:

MEAL 3. For a grand hot dish, use the recipe given here for Armour's Star Scalloped Ham with potatoes and corn.

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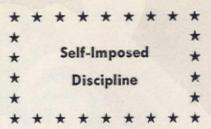
#### Broiled Armour's Star Ham with Lemon Battered Cabbage

Place four <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch slices, cut from the cushion side of Armour's Star Ham, on broiler set 4 inches under heat. Broil 3 minutes to the side. Serve with 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups coarsely shredded cabbage, which has been cooked 6 to 7 minutes in boiling salted water, then drained and seasoned with the juice of 1 lemon and 4 tablespoons Cloverbloom Butter. Serves 4. Armour ideas make the most of meat.

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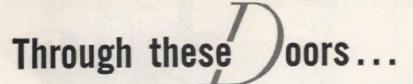
cases and refrigerator legs. In fact, those were the makings of the coffee table, almost six feet long and two feet wide, which is our special pride. The low legs are from the refrigerator cased into our own modern kitchen. We covered the plywood with a box with cream wall linoleum, our favorite material, and painted it chartreuse, an effective color against the wine red couch. A friend offered us two white wicker rocking chairs and "Pappy"-a zealot by now with the saw-changed them into low chairs which were also painted chartreuse and upholstered in wine red. The couch was one of two good pieces we had been able to

bring from our own home. The two end tables were whipped out o scraps of plywood, long cherished with dowelling for supports an blue-green linoleum for the tops Wine moss fringe covers the coars machine stitching which betray the bargain basement origin of th lamps. I have found moss fringe beautiful medium for hiding sur dry evils. The gap by the pati door was meant for a modern built in. We bought some lumber, cov ered it with remnants of wallpape built a radio into the unit, applie a wall linoleum to the flat surface. and affixed a flat spring that ha been in a porch swing. The mat tress we purchased for two dollars



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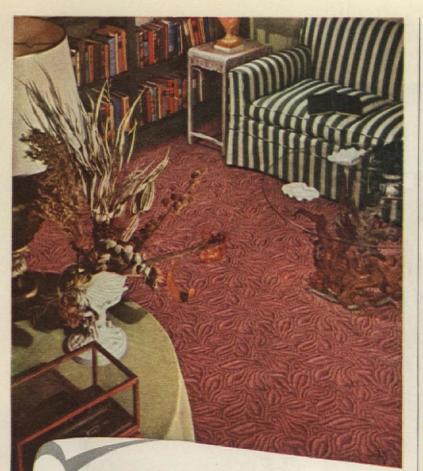
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The beds for one of the bedrooms have simple frames made of discarded lumber which are concealed by spreads of unbleached muslin, trimmed in blue denim. The dressing table is made of an old box, topped with thin linoleum, and a mirror from a battered dresser. When the mirror, scrolls and worn brass hardware were removed from the dresser and it was refinished with a white top and dusty pink paint and given dowel handles of natural wood, it became a handsome piece. The chest of drawers between the beds was purchased unpainted and the same dowelling (once used for a garden trellis) made modern handles for it. Theblue rug, the work of the state blind, was not expensive. We furnished another bedroom with what had been a studio couch and an army cot, revamped to tally in height and set in wood frames. The

spreads are sheets, tricked out with red blanket binding. Our junk chair swanks with red chintz and white moss fringe and the fine study table, white with red linoleum top bears no resemblance to the scarred typewriter table we picked up for two-fifty. It's a bright red and white room, even to the wallpaper, and the total cost was only about thirty dollars.

My feminine brain finds no logic in economics, for a ceiling price of fifty-three dollars gave us a rebuilt refrigerator which purrs along for about a fifth of what we paid for the smaller one in our home. The stove, restored with steel wool and kerosene, bakes better than the one of gleaming enamel that cost a small gold mine. This one cost eight-fifty. We wonder sometimes whether we will ever again be able to buy a table as such, or insist on just buying junk!



An old dresser, stripped of scrolls and brass, became a modern piece



Dressing table, once an old box, linoleum topped, painted mirror above

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#### As a child, did you learn the alphabet from an old plate made of tin, pewter, glass, or possibly, fine china?

T WASN'T so long ago that a child could learn his ABC's, get acquainted with the great, and digest a little solid advice on right living along with his dinner. Evidently, the potters liberally concurred in the theory that education should be made as palatable as possible! Today the collection of such plates can be an absorbing, sometimes exciting, hobby. Then, as now, breaking things was a childhood prerogative and it is not easy to find "alphabet plates" that are in good condition, particularly the early ones, but I have managed to acquire about 200 of them, many from attics.

MAN)

During Colonial times, many of the plates were brought over from England and sold by traveling pedlars who carried their wares and bits of news and gossip to the lonely housewives. In "The Pedlar's Caravan," William Brighty Hands referred to them:

"Chairs to mend, and delf to sell! He clashes the basins like a bell; Tea-trays, baskets ranged in order, Plates with the alphabet round the border."

(From The Posy Ring, edited by K. D. Wiggin and N. A. Smith, Doubleday, Page & Co., 1911)

Many of the early ABC plates were made into a series, a half dozen or dozen to the set, and illustrated with such subjects as domestic and wild animals, "nations of the world," flowers, fishing and hunting scenes, "Buster Brown," or with a clock, months of the year, days of the week, and numerals. Some had the deaf and dumb language. Occasionally, there were riddles, with the answer on the back of the plate.

Among the fables handed along in pottery of this kind were "The Travelers and the Bear," "The Fox and the Grapes" and "The Men and the Ass."

There were nursery tales-"Old Mother Hubbard," "Simple Simon," and a Robinson Crusoe series. Famous books were not neglected in this ceramic cycle of literature. There were some beautifully executed scenes from the Bible, "Don Quixote," and "The Old Curiosity Shop." It was inevitable that the personality of Benjamin Franklin would leave its strong imprint on this type of pottery. Both his international activities and his maxims were duly noted and widely circulated. Consequently, as a young American ate his meal, he was admonished to "Plough deep while sluggards sleep," or that "Three moves are as good as a fire." Or he might ponder the ironic observation of a farmer, presumably grown prosperous through application of Poor Richard's advice, that "Now I have a sheep and a cow, everybody bids me good morning."

It is not surprising that so much of this ware came to us from England. South Kensington museum pieces, mentioned in "Some Minor Arts as Practiced in England," printed in London in 1894, were wooden fruit trenchers on the backs of which were such "epigrames" or "posies" as: "Be nethyr dumbe, nor give yi tongue the lease; But speak thou well, or heare and hold yi peace." Another stated that "Women are like netles who toucheth them they sting; But hurte not those that wringe them." These were supposed to have been the rage back in the 1750's, and probably created more of a stir than gin rummy in our day.

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inspections of heads, hands, and teeth, and of trite lessons on hygiene from textbooks, much of which has made no sense to children, and so has not affected their living. Schools now recognize that aside from inheritance, health is a matter of the right kind of living. It is a by-product of this living, for healthy is as healthy does.

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Particularly necessary is the cooperation of parents, your cooperation, for children live many more hours a day at home than in school. First, find out what your



The guinea pig will show what happens when the vitamins are left out of a youngster's diet

school is doing for health. Early in the school year it might be valuable to have a parent-teacher association meeting for this purpose. Make it a discussion meeting with a free exchange of ideas. The subject might first be presented by a panel group made up possibly of the principal, a teacher, the school doctor, the nurse, and a parent. An important phase of the discussion should be the role of the parents. Bring up health also in classroom parent-teacher meetings. Most teachers welcome reports from parents on children's reactions to health teachings, for the carry-over into wholesome living is the vital test of their worth, and

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parents are the strategic persons from whom to get this information.

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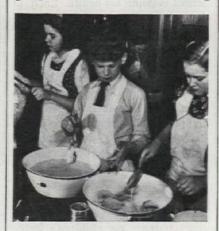
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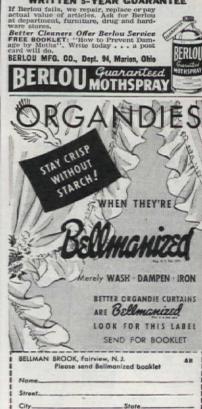
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not who has him after that." It is well to consider these pertinent facts about the building and upkeep of habits:

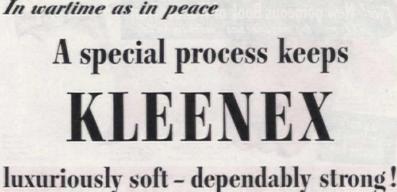
1. Your own health habits are a factor. If you are a wholesome person with well established routines, your children will have helpful attitudes toward health.

2. Feelings or attitudes determine whether or not we repeat acts. Children, therefore, must get satisfactions out of routines. Judicious praise, but never scolding, helps them get this satisfaction as does ease in carrying out the routine. This means having towels and washcloth low enough to reach, and a stool or steps leading to the wash basin for young children, and children's very own places for clothes and possessions. It is important also to have children do only things they are able to do.

Your child's lunch should provide about one-third of his day's food needs. If your school has no cafeteria, arouse interest in the parent-teacher's association, mothers' club, or the local home bureau unit for the establishment of a service for school lunches, for it is difficult to pack box lunches that meet a child's needs. Interest might first be awakened by an exhibit arranged by the home bureau agent to show the need for the project and ways of developing it. This might include planning and packing of adequate lunch boxes.

Cooperate with the school in its plan for health examinations and be present if the school invites you. Carry out, also, the doctor's suggestions for correction of any remedial defects, such as malnutrition, dental cares, and defects of vision. Without the latter cooperation there is no immediate value to the examination. If your child has not been immunized against smallpox and diphtheria during his first year of life or in the preschool period, follow the school's policy in having this done. Have your child stay at home in bed if he is ill-and acute colds are illnesses. When your child returns to school after a serious illness have your doctor write a letter to the teacher or school nurse, stating that your child is able to return, and including possible suggestions for modification of his program. These modifications might be no physical education until the doctor gives permission, extra rest or perhaps just a half-day session. In cooperating in the above ways

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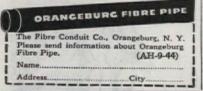
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stacles, but to utilize them as parts of our design. We did no grading but laid limestone slabs for our terraced floor on two levels, connected by the interesting steps shown above. The lower area, though only 15' by 5', accommodates a table and comfortable wicker chairs which give a good view of badminton games played in the side garden. It is shaded by a willow tree planted to shield us from our neighbor's windows. Right smack in the middle of the



rectangular upper level, is our huge boulder. As we could not move it. we used it as one side of a triangular fishpool, made by digging out the earth from between granite outcroppings, and filling in with cement where necessary. Here, one summer, we raised 55 goldfish from an original family of three! In its deepest spot a sunken tub holds waterlilies, whose golden cups reflect the noonday sun, Natural basins in the rugged outcroppings provide footholds for miniature evergreens along the second side of the pool, while the third is a straight line of vivid Spanish tiles. set in cement. Since flowers are a serious problem, I have introduced color by the copious use of gaily patterned tiles. Some, brought from Algiers, form a sea-blue and sun-yellow geometric pattern, on the face of the fountain that edges the pool. Old Dutch tiles, found in Kingston, N. Y., are sunk in the risers of the steps, while studded among the limestone terrace slabs are barbaric specimens from Mexico and Brazil. One need not travel widely to find such tiles. My most exotic ones were bought in a Mexican restaurant in Greenwich Village and antique shops have yielded others. But do not disdain the luscious bathroom tiles of our own land, colorful evidence of our superior American plumbing! I used small, deep blue ones, such as are often seen in American kitchens, to outline the curved arch of my fountain, seen in the lower picture. Surely, if the hearth is the heart

of the house, a fountain, with its movement, sparkle, and cooling murmur, is the focal point of interest in a summer lounging place. Ours is so near the iron dining table under its fringed umbrella, that we can watch the fish sporting among its bubbles while we breakfast. As a water spout, I used an interesting bronze keyhole in the form of a Gorgon's head that served once on a stable door in medieval Florence. The water that trickles from its mouth comes from a small copper tube tapped into the garden hydrant and led underground and up the back of the fountain. For the younger generation, space for games is provided. In one angle of our upper level, we can put a pingpong table without disturbing the dining table or invading the contemplative corner reserved for the head of the family, near the pool. Except for the broken shade cast by the tree and the privacy afforded by the shrubs, we sought to keep our summer living room open to breezes and sunshine. -ELEANOR BLACK MITCHELL



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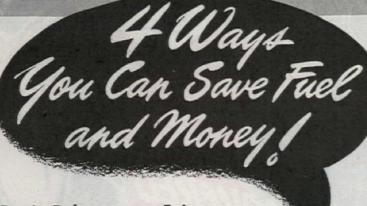


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Mistakes will happen to the best of houses-just how to remedy them is the owner's real test

MRS. LOUIS C. JORDY

N TELLING the story of our house, the adage about profiting by one's mistakes comes often to mind. In this case the mistakes were the builders. At the time, they seemed incurable, but we know better now. It seems that nothing is really impossible, though for a mighty long time I would certainly have laughed at such advice.

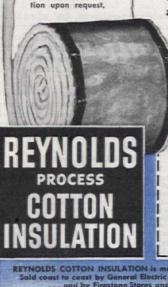
Our house was erected ten years ago on the edge of a college campus. My husband is a teacher and we wanted the house conveniently located. We checked over a number of plans at the time; but though many were attractive, few had accommodations for four bedrooms. Our budget was quite limited. Comfort had to supersede artistry in order to squeeze our requirements to meet an inelastic pocketbook. Thus the shoe-box type of house was decided on in order to make every available square inch of upstairs space usable.

When the house was being plastered, we realized that the builders had made a mistake in the height of the downstairs rooms. They were a foot higher than originally planned. This made the distance between the upper windows and roof too great, throwing the entire exterior out of proportion. You can imagine our feelings at the time!

For years we toyed with the idea of remodeling. We liked the location and dreaded moving. At last a plan for adding a Southern Colonial porch seemed to be the ideal solution. But the house was so narrow! Surely a tall porch could only exaggerate this point. However, Mr. George Mysel, a building consultant, assured us that such an addition really could be incorporated successfully into our overall design. By cleverly studying proportions he gave us a two-story porch which actually adds width to the house's appearance. A new fan light was put over the front entrance and a wrought iron lantern added for that "authentic" touch. So you see, our mistakes led to an excellent solution. We really feel that we now have a new house-it has grown in stature, is most appealing, with just the right amount of colonial dignity that had most certainly been heretofore lacking! REYNOLDS COTTON INSULATION More efficient per inch thickness than any other insulation

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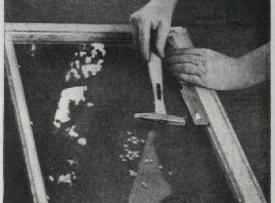
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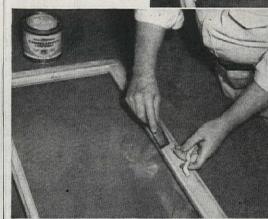


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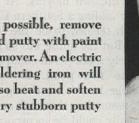


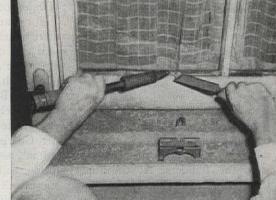


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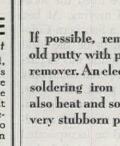
If possible, remove old putty with paint remover. An electric soldering iron will also heat and soften very stubborn putty

To apply the putty, roll into string shape, lay along inside edge of the sash and smooth into triangular shape with the putty knife





O REPLACE broken window glass, first lay sash flat and knock glass from frame with hammer. Always use gloves when dealing with broken sharp pieces. A narrow chisel will help remove putty and glazier's points. If your dealer is unable to deliver glass of proper size, cut your own. In measuring glass always cut  $\frac{1}{16}$ " scant to allow for putty bed plus expansion and contraction. Lay glass on perfectly flat surface, over marked piece of paper and use markings as guide lines. Use ruler to guide glass cutter. A fine crack along the glass is most desired. The part to be broken off should be pushed over edge of table and slight pressure applied for breaking. Notches in glass cutter are helpful in cutting very narrow strips of glass. Gently rest glass in sash, tack in glazier's points, and firmly press putty into place all around to form neat triangle.









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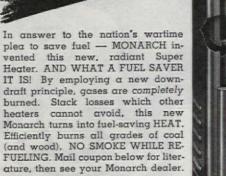


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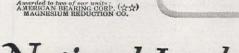
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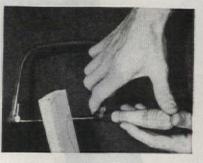


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contrasting to the groundwork. Black lining on green, red, or yellow seems to have been the rule. In the first part of the nineteenth century, top rails and vertical slats of chairs and settees were often decorated with conventional floral designs. "Hitchcock" is a classification given a type of chair displaying a broad panel back ornamented with fruits or flowers in faded gold, and with the turned legs banded in gold. Sometimes the words "Hitchcocks-ville, Conn." are lettered on the back. The name of the town is now Riverton but in 1821 it went by the name of the founder, Lambert Hitchcock, a furniture maker, who came to devote his entire business to the manufacture of chairs of his own design. The turned legs and front stretcher of his chair are suggestive of the Windsor; the top rail of the Sheraton chair. The criticism that these chairs were not strongly constructed is refuted by the fact that there are so many in good condition today. In the days of their manufacture they were sold at a reasonable

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and the rest of the chair painted. variation was the little Boston, with out arms and only five spindles.

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price and meant to be both useful

and decorative. Since both delicate

handling and a sense of decorative

effect were required for the applica-

tion of the dry gold powder, women

were employed for the stenciling.

How the Boston rocker came by its

name seems to be a riddle, for this

piece of furniture-only recently

called an antique-was made in many

other places besides Boston. I believe

the first was made in Connecticut.

Lambert Hitchcock manufactured

them in Hitchcocks-ville between

1826 and 1829. The first were derived from the Windsor rocker. The

main part of the seat is cut from a

flat plank with the back portion curv-

ing up and the front curving down so that the effect is a continuous curve.

Most of the seats were of pine or

whitewood, the legs and spindles of

hickory, ash, or maple. After 1840

cane seats were not uncommon. After

that date, also, some of the chairs

were made wholly of maple with nat-

ural finish. Sometimes the arm rests

were made of cherry, finished natural,

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The majority of the painted Hitch cocks and Bostons were decorated gold. Occasionally one finds bits red, green, or silver but, in genera all the fruit, flowers, and baske were painted in gold, beautiful shaded to make the fruit appe round and the leaves to turn. The fine striping was always-in yello paint, for it followed the contour of the chair and gold paint thicker quickly and does not flow evenly The stencils for the designs were cu by hand and a number of units we combined for a complete design-or unit being a bowl or basket, a lea or piece of fruit. The high lights an details went in first, then the shading The most desirable Bostons are th stenciled ones. On the Hitchcocks, more or less elaborate design, usuall an elongated rosette, occurs in th center panel of the upper rail in back the major decoration on the wid slat below. There is much of interes in these old designs. Some are beau tiful in proportions, others quain Seldom do I uncover two alike.

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As SURELY as dollars buy food, so does food buy dollars. Whether or not it is the way to the heart, there is no question that food is the way to the great American pocketbook. Any time we get together to raise funds—fairly frequently these days—food figures importantly in our plans. For precedents, we have the Girl Scout cookie campaigns, the Camp Fire girls' doughnuts-to-dollars drives, all the various women's club and auxiliary finance affairs such as bake sales, and fairs and bazaars which almost count in advance the proceeds from the cakes, pies and jellies made by locally famous cooks. Our grass roots upbringing connotes box suppers held in the church social rooms and club and civic

luncheons and dinners that were held in the high school or under the trees in the community park. Everyone ate too much and had a wonderful time—particularly the finance committee. For an interval of a few years, we were inclined to pay someone to put on our campaigns. But with our urgent present needs, they have become the order of the day. We discover they are no more old-fashioned than eating. And, as a matter of fact, the Wall Street wizards have not yet devised a surer or more pleasant means of making money. One group of women can accomplish an astonishing lot, too. These photographs show the St. Mary's Hospital Junior Auxiliary, of Maplewood, New Jersey, which conducted a lawn bridge and a food sale to raise funds for an oxygen tank. The only slow-up in the sales occurred when some ready customer paused to ask for the recipe. Several of the tempting foods shown here are passed along to you. You will find them just as delicious as they look. A first-hand account of the occasion, including the humorous attempts to fit plans to the weather, is given by

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

ANNE-MRS. JOHN E.-BROCKEY ... The week before, we ran into a heavy storm. It poured almost constantly. We had decided to have the bridge out of doors at the home of one of our members, but, finally, we called the delivery men and instructed them to send everything to the recreation room at the nurses' home. No sooner had we put down the 'phone than the skies

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A prize for each table consisted of a cotton hand-fringed bridge set made by the committee

cleared and the sun burst through. After a hurried committee meeting, over the 'phone, we called the men again. Our woman's intuition had been vindicated after all the disturbing doubts of the stormy week. But the rain woke us the following morning! This meant calling the delivery men again!

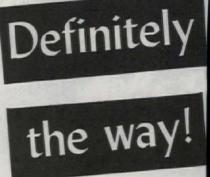
Women's intution, indeed! All morning our telephones rang with inquiries as to the shortest route to the nurses' home. We arrived there ourselves just as the Boy Scouts were setting up the tables.

It helped a little when we saw how really cheerful the room looked and we were almost reconciled when a little sliver of sunlight lit up the tiled floor, and we rushed outside to see if it were really true. The sky was still gray, but the sun was gaining, and the little puddles in the drive were disappearing. So we called our hostess, who informed us the weather man had promised the rain would stop at noon.

We decided to risk it, since he had been partly right, and hastily made preparations to remove the tables and have the driver, who, fortunately, was still with us, take them to our still wet but sunny lawns. So much for the "lawn" part of our bridge!

Our refreshments, consisting of homemade flat cakes and gingerale with ice floating in it, were served on paper plates and cups, with paper napkins. Our table prizes consisted of hand-fringed cotton bridge sets, made by the committee, and they were unbelievably easy to do, as you will realize if you take a cut end of material and pull the threads-exactly as if you were unraveling the material.

The cake table, placed on the screen porch in full view of the incoming guests, was not only decorative with its lovely pink vase filled with flowers, but highly profitable. The coffee cake aroused particular interest. All the cakes were homemade and home decorated. We could have sold twice as many! Door prizes were placed on a table under a gaily striped umbrella and lucky numbers and consolation messages were put in capsules and placed on the bridge tables. The weather man was right-the rain didn't begin again until after six!



HERE is no more unequal contest than that staged between the fond, nutrition-minded parent and even a baby who has made up his mind he does not like to drink his milk. You know he needs from one and one-half pints to a full quart of milk a day for its protein, calcium, vitamins, fat, and carbohydrate. So you try to sell him the idea that it is good, as well as good for him. You cajole. And the cherub looks at you with twinkling eyes that see disconcertingly straight through your blandishments. "Just between us pals," he seems to say, "we know it tastes something awful." Sometimes you get so exasperated, you threatena personally administered spanking or, when he is unimpressed by that, "vour father will attend to you." Either he doesn't believe you, the sweet skeptic, or he turns on the tears. And if you goad him too far,

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<ul> <li>sea foam fudge</li> </ul>	cake .	Preparation time: 60 min.
% cup cocoa % cup sifted brown sugar 1/4 cups scalded milk % cup shortening	1 cup granulated sugar 3 unbeaten eggs 1 tsp. vanilla 2 cups sifted cake flour	1 tsp. salt 1 tsp. baking powder 34 tsp. baking soda
M EASURE and sift cocoa a lally and stir until smooth. Let l egg at a time, beating after ead and salt together 3 times. Add to ture. Add vanilla and beat until in a moderate (350° F.) oven for	cool cool cool cro smoo smoo	brown sugar together; add scalded milk grad- . Meanwhile cream shortening, add sugar and ddition. Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda aamed mixture alternately with the cocoa mix- oth. Pour into two 9-inch cake pans and bake ninutes.
sea foam frosting: 2 egg whites unbeaten 1½ cups brown sugar (firm	1 tsp. 1 tsp. 5 tbs.	light corn syrup vanilla water
Combine egg whites, brown olace over rapidly boiling wa mixture holds its shape and beat until cool and thick en	n sugar, corn syrup and water water. Beat constantly with an of stands in peaks (7 min.). Re enough to spread.	Combine egg whites, brown sugar, corn syrup and water in the top of a double boiler and blace over rapidly boiling water. Beat constantly with an electric or rotary egg beater until nixture holds its shape and stands in peaks (7 min.). Remove from fire; add vanilla and beat until cool and thick enough to spread.
Serves 8-10 Recipe su	by Mrs. Teste	Thomas Rogers 502 cal. per serving 1 in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN
<ul> <li>colonial coffee r</li> </ul>	cake	Preparation time: 3 hrs. (rising time: overnight)
1 cup scalded milk 1 yeast cake (dissolved in 14 cup lukewarm water) 12 cup shortening 1 cup sugar	3 eggs well beaten rind and juice of ½ lemon 1 tsp. cinnamon 1 tsp. salt	6 cups sifted all purpose flour 25 cup chopped nuts 34 cup raisins 24 cup chopped citron
Scato milk; cream s and mix thoroughly. Next add ially stir in milk (cooled to lu s smooth and doesn't adhere to vernight in a warm place free n nuts, raisins and citron, kin bout 18 inches long and brain Bake in a 400° F, oven for 30 ioners sugar and a few tsp. of	n shortening, add sugar, wel dd flour which has been sifte lukewarm) and dissolved ye is to the bowl. Transfer to a c ree from drafts. In the morn kneading slightly. Divide an raid. Place on a greased bak 30 minutes. Spread with me of boiling water.	Scato milk; cream shortening, add sugar, well beaten eggs, lemon juice, rind, and mix thoroughly. Next add flour which has been sifted with salt and cinnamon. Grad- ially stir in milk (cooled to lukewarm) and dissolved yeast. Mix thoroughly until dough s smooth and doesn't adhere to the bowl. Transfer to a clean, greased bowl, cover, let rise vernight in a warm place free from drafts. In the morning, punch dough down and mix n nuts, raisins and citron, kneading slightly. Divide and shape dough into three strips boout 18 inches long and braid. Flace on a greased baking sheet and let rise 2-2½ hrs. Bake in a 400° F, oven for 30 minutes. Spread with melted butter and ice with confec- ioners sugar and a few tsp. of boiling water.
Recipe submitted by Mrs. Martha Dillon		Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN.
• tumatu conserve 5 cups tomatoes peeled and cut in 6 cups sugar	1.4	• Preparation time: 75 min. 1 ths. chopped ginger 1 cup water 5 lemons sliced thin and cut into fourths
${f R}_{{\tt EMOVE}}$ skins from tomatoes by drop ninutes and quickly immerging in cold water oughly and put into a saucepan with 6 cups of sliced thin and quartered and 1 ths. chopped colling boil and continue to simmer for one h thout 5 minutes and pour into sterilized jars.	s skins from tomatoes by dropping into boiling water ckly immerging in cold water. Cut in eighths, drain into a saucepan with 6 cups of sugar, 1 cup water, 3 quartered and 1 ths. chopped ginger. Bring mixture continue to simmer for one hour, stirring frequently, and pour into sterilized jars.	${f R}_{{\sf EMOVE}}$ skins from tomatoes by dropping into boiling water for 2 ninutes and quickly immerging in cold water. Cut in eighths, drain thoroughly and put into a saucepan with 6 cups of sugar, 1 cup water, 3 lemons liced thin and quartered and 1 ths. chopped ginger. Bring mixture to a olling boil and continue to simmer for one hour, stirring frequently. Cool bout 5 minutes and pour into sterilized jars.
Vields: 3 pt. jars		
Recipe submitted by Mrs. John Brockey	Tested in THE	AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

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the session ends with his being upset digestively, your being a nervous wreck, and perhaps a milk bath for you both. You can't make any child drink his milk, and it is a waste of energy to try. Besides, there are really many ways of serving milk that make it a treat instead of an issue.

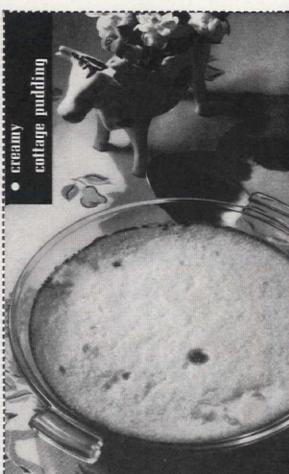
A child who balks at drinking plain milk may surprise you with his hearty approval of the same beverage only slightly disguised. Sometimes the addition of molasses or maple syrup is enough to turn the trick. A spoonful of crushed berries or a banana gives the drink an entirely

different and delicious flavor. Lemon eggnog is certain to win favor. While the weather is still warm, you can make ice cream sodas at home simply by adding one-fourth cup of gingerale, one tablespoonful of chocolate syrup, and a ball of ice cream to the milk. Then, as cold weather comes on, serve hot chocolate topped with a marshmallow with lunch or for the mid-afternoon snack with homemade cookies or crackers.

Such beverages will appeal, also, to the older members of the family, who need at least one pint of milk a day but who often are quite as

• creamy

Coaxing, nagging or threatening to get a child to drink his milk only make him dislike it all the more. A much better way is to slip it into delicious recipes





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Kitchen	Vanilla Ice Gream Vanilla Ice Gream from our basic
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d in THE	opposed to milk-drinking as little Johnny or Janet. Besides the beverages, there are many tious dessert, chock-full of the essential vitamin

tempting recipes that are largely milk and, for-

tunately, eating milk is equivalent nutritionally

to drinking it. Start cooking with milk. In this

way, milk can be given its rightful place in the family fare with no arguments, no necessity for

sales talks on your part. In fact, some of these recipes will become favorites with the entire

family. They will ask for these dishes and will

expect liberal servings-with second helpings.

able quantities. Our recipe page this month fea-

tures a Creamy Cottage Cheese Pudding, made

with cottage cheese, eggs, milk, and a layer of fruit. Just see if everyone doesn't rave about its

Puddings, custards, sherbets, soups, and casserole dishes all make use of milk in consider-

Milk, the most nearly perfect food in itself, is one of the most versatile ingredients,

t but highly nutritious dessert, chock-full of the essential vitamins, minerals, and protein-and good. Another milk dessert recipe you will want to try is the Chocolate Chip Pudding. While it is still ice cream weather, you might serve this dessert fairly frequently. Plain vanilla cream is easy to make and hard to beat for popularity in any child's language. If you want to dress it up, you can make a sauce of crushed fresh fruit or berries.

Getting your family to take their daily quota of milk need not be a problem. As you may have discovered, coaxing or nagging is definitely not the way. If they don't like milk plain, serve it in beverages and cook with it. And, WARN-ING: Don't point out to them how they like milk, after all! That might spoil everything.

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Recipe submitted by Mrs. John Brockey

<ul> <li>refreshing milk drinks</li> <li>refreshing milk drinks</li> <li>Chocolate milk soda—mix 1-2 tbs. chocolate syrup, ½ cup gingerale, 1 cup milk together, add a scoop of your favorite ice cream.</li> <li>Lemon or orange egg nog—combine 1 well beaten egg with 3 tbs. lemon juice, 1 tbs. sugar and add to 1 cup milk, mixing thoroughly.</li> <li>Molasses mocha milk—mix 1 ths. molasses, 1 tbs. coffee, 1 tsp. sugar, 1 cup milk together.</li> <li>Fruit milk shake—combine 2-3 tbs. crushed fruit with 2 tsp. sugar, add to 1 cup milk, chill and serve.</li> <li>Maple or butterscotch drink—mix 1-2 tbs. maple or butterscotch syrup with 1 cup of milk, add a dash of lemon flavoring and beat thoroughly.</li> <li>Banana fluff—mix ½ cup mashed bananas with 1 tbs. orange juice and 1 tbs. honey, add to 1 cup milk and beat with a rotary egg beater until smooth.</li> <li>Nore Most of the milk drinks are for 1-3 string.</li> </ul>	Tested in THE	macaroni luncheon ring     Preparation time: 90 min.     Is cup suncooked elbow     Its chopped     its chopped     its chopped     its cup arsley     its cup bread     its saft     its     its	Cook macaroni in boiling salted water until tender. Drain. Mix together scalded milk, bread crumbs, chopped pepper, parsley, onion and grated cheese. Add macaroni and season with salt and Worcestershire sauce. Place in a well greased ring mold and bake in a 350°F oven for 40 minutes. While ring is baking prepare sauce to serve with it.	<ul> <li>senfood sauce:</li> <li>4 ths. houter or margarine</li> <li>4 ths. butter or margarine</li> <li>2 ths. butter or margarine</li> <li>2 ths. chopped green</li> <li>4 ths. and prepret</li> <li>2 ths. chopped paraley</li> <li>4 ths. for the safe</li> <li>4 ths. for the same same same same same same same sam</li></ul>	• corn relish Preparation time: 90 min.	1doz. ears of corn (6 cups kernel corn)1/2 tsp. pepper2medium onions chopped1 tbs. celery seed2medium green peppers chopped1 tbs. dry mustard3cup of chopped cabbage1 cup sugar2tbs. salt1 %4 cup vinegar	Cur corn from cob; mix with chopped onions, peppers and cabbage, pour into a saucepan. Add seasonings, sugar and vinegar. Cook slowly for one hour stirring occasionally. Turn into sterilized jars and seal at once,	Yields: 5 half pint jars
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4 tsp. salt tsp. vanilla cup crushed fruit (pincapple, peaches, apples)

Preparation time: 90 min.

creamy cottage pudding

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1 lb. cottage cheese1 lb. cottage cheese1 cup milk1 cup light cream2 cup light cream34 cup sugar

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M IX together well beaten eggs, milk, cream, sugar, salt and vanilla. Force cheese through a sieve three times and then add to the first mixture. Place a layer of crushed pineapple or other fruit in the bottom of casserole; add cheese mixture and set in a pan of hot water, bake in a  $350^{\circ}F$ . oven for

60 minutes until set.

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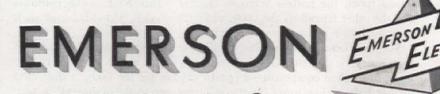
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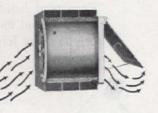
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F THE bride or the bride-to-be in your circle is going to keep house, she will need kitchen utensils many of which will be as difficult to obtain as the proverbial nylons. You couldn't do better than to give her a kitchen shower and, in addition to the new gifts, try to include some precious hand-

MARGUERITE ASPINWALI Sketches by Clare McC.

> Recipe for this "guess bag" centerpiece-1 potato masher for body, 1 dish mop for hair, 1 dish towel for the veil, and stand in a flower pot

me-downs in good condition, such as an aluminum saucepan or a gadget that isn't being manufactured for the duration. It's possible that you have a duplicate or two in your own cupboards. Someone may have a well-stocked relative on the distaff side, mother or aunt, who can be beguiled into parting with one of her utensils. While you are all together,

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make up the list of new gifts to prevent duplications. At one party of this kind, a member of the Shower Committee who has the knack of rhyming, wrote a "K.P. Primer" for the bride, with each letter of the alphabet corresponding to a gift conspicuously marked with the same letter and giving a riddle which referred to the contents. Before she could open the package, she had to guess the contents. When she missed, the package was put aside for opening later. The last two letters, Y and Z, were reserved for a large caterer's box, containing a white-iced cake decorated with a bride doing "kitchen police." The chairs for the party were arranged in rows, as in a school room, the hostess acted as teacher, and the other friends as the class, while the guest of honor recited from her primer.

coins, thimbles and such SUSAN JONES MEDLOCK has a clever centerpiece suggestion that will have everyone guessing. The bride for the center of the tea table can be made of kitchen equipment-a potato masher for the body, a dish mop for her hair, a dish towel for the veil, and her "only ornament" a tiny

rolling pin. She can be made to stand in a small flower pot weighted with



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pebbles. She should be posed under some bower of foliage and flowers, with ribbons attached to the veil leading to the guests' places and ending at tiny bags with "What am I?" written on the outside, and filled with rice, grits, meal, peas, coffee, tea, etc., which can be guessed from the feel. The first to guess correctly gets first prize.

BLANCHE WHEELER believes in expanding the kitchen theme for a "pantry shower," with jams and tidbits for hor d'oeuvres for the gifts; or a "pound shower" with a pound of this and that; or even a "bottle shower" which could mean anything from Worcestershire sauce to the mixings for a delicious drink.

But let's get on with the "K.P. Primer" party. . . . The letters Y and Z conveyed general felicitations, and when the cake was cut, it proved to have various amusing fortune-telling trinkets mixed in with the usual ingredients: a wee wedding ring, a silver coin, the old maid's silver thimble, a silver horseshoe for luck, and a wishbone to make the finder's "dearest wish come true." At the feet of the doll bride were miniature dishes and utensils-whatever could be found in toy shops or begged from young sisters and nieces. After the cake and coffee, the crowd settled down to an afternoon of bridge and whenever the guest of honor was dummy she was allowed to open one of the packages she had missed guessing in "class."

Here are the jingles to go by:

- A is your K.P. fatigue uniform,
- B keeps a good Boston recipe warm;
- C's what you'll go by from morning till night. D
- after meals is a housewifely rite. keeps your husband's ties tidily E
- pressed. sizzles loudly, with buttery zest. F
- G for the gadgets all good cooks endorse,
- H holds your laundry-that's easy, of course.
- I for long drinks, e'er the hot weather passes,
- J for the "makings" to go in those glasses.
- K is so keen you must 'ware how it uses vou.
- L casts a light on the task that confuses you
- M comes in nests which you'll find indispensable,
- N keeps you out of a state reprehensible.
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When the packages were opened, their contents checked with the "K.P. Primer": A-her K.P. fatigue uniform, was an apron. B-a set of individual baked-bean pots. (Beans being a good dish in these days of meat shortages). C-a kitchen clock. D-after-meals-a set of hand-hemmed dish towels, Ean electric tie-presser. F-two sizes of frying pans. G-a collection of "gadgets," including cork screw, can opener, kitchen scissors, apple corer, cooky cutters, etc. H-a small laundry hamper, painted white. I-set of ice-cube makers, travs for her refrigerator. J-juiceextractor, K-kitchen knives, from bread size to small, sharp paring knife. L-pin-up lamp, to go over her kitchen table. M-nest of mixing-bowls in assorted sizes. Nhalf a dozen gaily bordered tea-size *n*apkins. O — several pieces of "ovenware" — heat-proof pottery casseroles and baking dishes, in pretty, warm colors. P-a coffee percolator. Q-quart Mason jarsa whole dozen. R-revolving refrigerator set; covered glass dishes to keep food cold. S-sauce pans (a generous array including precious aluminum). T-tea pot; with sugar and cream companions. U-utility dish, of glass, large enough to hold a roast, for storage in refrigerator. V-"visible cooking" utensils, sauce pan and soup pot, with the new heat-proof glass lids through which the cook can observe the progress of her culinary efforts, painlessly. W-a whistling tea kettle; and the X-cellent advice to a bride was a set of basic recipes.



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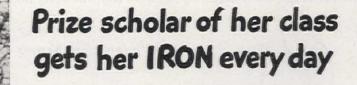
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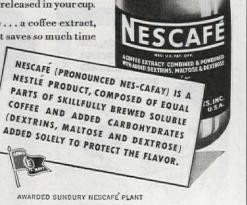
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# ARE YOU "Point Drunk"?



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ROM plough to plate, we wasteful Americans lose 20% to 30% of all the food we produce. Even war shortages and rationing haven't stopped us. Last year we threw away more than we need this year to feed our invading armies, chiefly the bits and driblets that go into garbage cans every day, multiplied by our 34,000,000 families and by 55,000,000 meals eaten daily in restaurants. Now for the first time statisticians have a new set of figures. They say we not only waste twice as much good food as we need to send to our allieswe waste our shopping money, too.

"Point-drunk" they call us, in the War Food Administration offices. According to the Weights and Measures inspectors in the fortyeight states, most of us don't bother to ask the price; we just say, "How many points will it take?"

The result is we are not only eating into wartime wages with abandon, but every time we neglect to look at scales when we shop, we not only run the risk of being short-changed on weight, but we are helping break down the painful process of education of buyers and sellers which has been going on for years, undermining the slow work built by men and women we helped appoint in our own state, county and city governments to protect us.

Don't lean back in your armchair and say, "I've been shopping with my corner grocer for years; I know John wouldn't cheat me!" Probably John wouldn't. But his

### JULIETTA K. ARTHUR

The shopper who is preoccupied with points cannot keep an eye on the scales to guard against short-changing in weight. This carelessness figures in the increase in marketing violations



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\*2 heaping teaspoons in 8-oz. glass of milk



new clerk might—or he may not have been on the job long enough to learn his business, or yours.

Weights and Measures Inspectors believe part of your job and mine is to help an honest merchant combat uncontrolled chiselers and swindlers that give grocers and butchers cutthroat competition. If



New Yorkers buy 19% of the meat, fruit, and vegetables produced in the United States. Here a housewife is joined by a city inspector for a check on weight

this sounds like tall talking, just take a quick look at violations in just one state—maybe it's yours —typical of those which have mounted with dizzy swiftness since war broke out:

1939-1940 ...violations, 8605 1940-1941 ..." 9204 1941-1942 ..." 10035

The 1943 report hasn't been submitted yet, but it's safe to say the sum total of housewives' carelessness—and the blame is squarely on our own shoulders—will make it even higher.

To drive the point home, listen to what one Inspector says about the way to check the penny-waste:

"If the buying-public were as particular in checking quantity received as they are in checking their ration points and counting their change, it would relieve Weights and Measures officials of one of their greatest wartime problems, and benefit merchants, who suffer most of all from the post-graduate course they've had to take in price ceilings and ration stamps."

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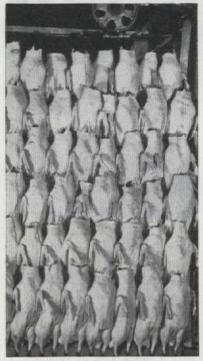
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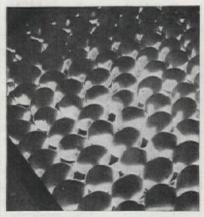
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wage a war we have to pay for, it won't be difficult to help harassed inspectors keep up a standard it's dangerous to lower now.

Do become weight and measureminded. Stand in front of the scale when you make a purchase and look at the indicator to see that it registers what you are paying for. Look at your ration book later. Don't order by telephone unless you are compelled to use this



These elegant ducks were graded by the Farmers Commission House. Of course there will be an extra charge for such service



Color has nothing to do with the nutritional value or taste of an egg but white eggs are thought to be better, may increase price

short-cut. A careless grocer's boy or a short-minded clerk may cost you ounces on your roast beef. If you must order through someone else instead of doing your own marketing, get a kitchen scale. They are still obtainable. You don't need to weigh every pound that comes into the house, but do check your parcels occasionally and don't fail to let your butcher





try giving him Ovaltine

SCIENCE has proved there are certain food elements everyone needs for health. If there aren't enough of them in a child's food, serious things happen, such as *poor appetite*—faulty nerves, bad teeth—perhaps worse! Stunted growth, soft bones, defective eyesight.

soft bones, defective eyesight. Ovaltine supplies food elements frequently deficient in ordinary diets. Three glasses daily, made with milk as directed, provide a child's full minimum requirement of appetite Vitamin B., Vitamins A, D and G, and Minerals Calcium, Phosphorus and Iron-also supply niacin, pantothenic acid, pyridoxine. In addition it provides the basic food substances —complete proteins to build muscle, nerve and body cells-high-energy foods for vitality and endurance. It thus acts as an insurance against food deficiencies that retard appetite and normal growth. So-if your child eats poorly, hates

So--if your child eats poorly, hates vegetables, or is thin and nervous, turn to Ovaltine.



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and your grocer know you are this type of careful buyer.

Do go to stores yourself, and to your fishmarkets if your town has them. Select your own vegetables and meat and see that you get what you have chosen. Ask the price, as well as the points, and don't be hurried into careless buying and forget to watch the scales.

Don't buy from peddlers or pushcarts, particularly when you don't know their owners. The scales they carry are almost always old, may not be correct—or can be made less so with little difficulty.

*Do* buy packaged goods and not bulked commodities; the latter is often a slipshod road to underweight. Generally speaking, nationally advertised brands have a reputation they live up to not only in quality standards but in weight.

*Don't* buy packaged goods when you don't know the packer.

Do cooperate with your local weights and measures inspectors. They have to watch ceiling prices now too, in most instances, but they still want you to report violations. The War Food Administration asked a nation-wide question about consumer cooperation with weights and measures offices. On that question your national average was about zero. Although a majority of the inspectors say there are more infringements of the laws now than before the war, your cooperation is less. Only two states said you are "good," and two said you are "improving." The rest said, you are uninterested.

Yet, as one matter-of-fact Southern inspector puts it, "there is no difference in being short-weighted and short-changed."

Don't be afraid of offending your favorite storekeeper by insisting on having your purchases weighed in his presence. Practically all cash registers bear the sign on their front, "Count your change" which does not reflect on the cashier but is a reminder that mistakes can and do happen. Any good merchant believes it is better for buyers to know they have been receiving the right quantity than to have customers suspect they did not receive what they paid for.

Finally, you can get some pertinent advice from a letter written by President George Washington, in 1794. To the steward whom he was engaging to oversee his Mount Vernon home he wrote, "The morning is the proper time for marketing. Let it be the rule therefore to go thither early and know your wants; provide accordingly." And he added, see that which is provided "be not suffered to spoil."



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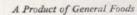
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JUDITH HORTON Sketches by the author

> T was a battle to make our kitchen into the refueling base for a family throwing their energies into a dozen home front activities. Pa would ask for an early dinner-special meeting of his bond committee; Mary wouldn't want any-canteen; Joan couldn't eat earlier than usual but she'd have to dash-aviation ground school; somebody would have to stop Pete and Bill from

ent tempo would be our guests -the army, the navy, and Aunt Sue who had missed her bus. We no longer had guests now and then. We had them all the time. We liked having them. But the maid's table couldn't even be stretched to service for our six. And by some psychic accord everyone who pitched in to help-which was everyone on the scenewould stack the dishes from the table, not in either of the the two sinks, but on the vegetable drain board. For the long hours on the cookstove watch. there wasn't a comfortable place to sit down within forty feet. There were no books to pick up while the pie baked, no radio so I could hear the news or follow the perplexing predicaments of my favorite heroine if I'd had one. When the work wasn't a battle, it was

an unmitigated chore! And to

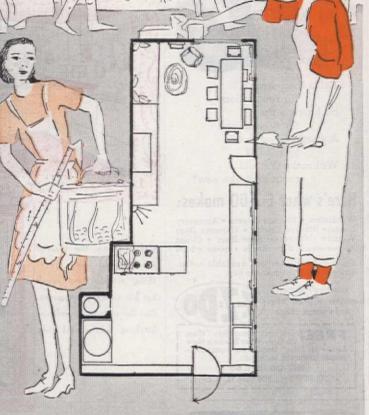
cap everything, the room was

## at War!~

so cold in winter it seemed to "cold-shoulder" us.

If an army moves on its stomach, so does a family. Mine had to be fed. Plans for our kitchen had centered around a maid with extra help when there were guests. Toward the first in our shift to wartime living, I had some pleasant telephone conversations with the employment services re maids. But we never saw one. It was evident that if we were to have any peace in our kitchen, we would have to convert it to our changed needs. With some thought and a little elbow grease, we have succeeded and are quite astonished at the improvement. The work goes smoothly and, instead of hectic confusion, everything is very orderly and restful for the whole family.

By shifting the heavy electric refrigerator and gas range, we made space for a gas fireplace, one of those old cast iron fender types, to heat our



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relaxation corner. We removed four square feet of brick from around the little window to let in more light. We built shelves for books and the radio and put in a long wooden table with benches and chairs, a stuffed chair for Pa, and a couch for me! Blue slip covers and a rag rug on yellow linoleum make it an attractive as well as restful work room.

It certainly gave us peace on the Kitchenfront!



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### <u>Compliments</u> on her coffee <u>are old,</u> <u>old stories</u>!



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# **BEFORE and AFTER** Gifted Alan!



MARIE-TERESE

Sketches, Dorothy Porter

for his cooking rampages. But for me, a streamlined kitchen, white and tidy



LAN belongs to that fast-growing army of amateur chefs who just love to cook. Outdoor cookery is really his forte, since he displays a special technique at preparing clambakes and barbecues, and brews a magic savory deliciousness into a caldron of, chowder or mulligatawny. But (I admit this readily, though with a sigh), Alan is also an artist at the gas range. Turn him loose in a kitchen and he beams. At the drop of a hat he is out there whipping up this or that, or concocting some new dish guaranteed to please eyes and palate alike. Even Crosby Gaige, most professional of amateur chefs, would, I am sure, doff his hat in gourmetic appreciation of Alan's Chicken Paprika or his Eggs Benedict. He knows instinctively what foods and ingredients have an affinity for one another. And as for his ability to season and flavorwell-aahh-uuummmuuummm! To Alan good food is always something beautiful, and cooking it, a highly specialized art-a joy forever.

For the records, however, I want to say that Alan's Minerva-like attributes end right there. Nothing else of homelore interests him. He is entirely indifferent to other important departments of homemaking, with all the little tricks and fancies involved. For Alan has a one-track mind. He concentrates on cooking and on getting perfect results. Once the inspired dish is a fait accompli, he is through with kitchens and wants no further part in the disorder he creates. And I don't know of anyone who can wreck a kitchen more completely, and in less time, than Alan. So when friends and others tell me how very lucky I am to have a husband who is so clever about the house and who can cook so well, I simply smile and agree that he does indeed make some



grand things to eat. But frankly, "All this-and heaven, too," would really be mine could I but have somebody generally to assist and follow my gifted husband about with a dish cloth when he goes berserk on one of his culinary "creations." Then I could really relax and enjoy it, I guess!

Nowadays Alan is fond of telling everyone-"When we get our little farmhouse, I'm going to have a specially-built kitchen all my own!" He doesn't know it, but it's going to be outdoors under the shade trees.

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# Sue Brown transforms bedroom ... wins citation from Navy Lieutenant

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