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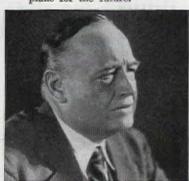
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. . . LILA M. JONES, our new Assistant Food Editor, has made food her hobby as well as her work for, she says, she is one of those people who "live to eat." Lila started her foods career as a hospital dietitian following her graduation from Syracuse University. Then after 6 years as a dietitian in civilian and Army hospitals, she decided to branch out into another field of home economics. This decision took her to Good Housekeeping magazine for 3 years as assistant to the food editor, and then to AMERICAN HOME where she is now busy helping to plan and develop recipes and menus for the food pages.



Yorker, practices there the window gardening she makes sound such fun and so easy (page 119). Also, with her husband and three children, she spends idyllic summers on Cape Cod. After publishing her first book on gardening in 1941, she made several trips to Guatemala, her "second favorite country." More of her greenthumb lore will appear in the Nov. American Home, and in her new book, "Garden in Your Window," to be published by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

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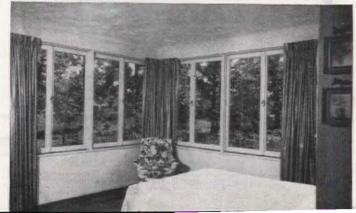
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writes advisedly on entertaining on page 52. This, like all her published writing, is based on her actual experiences as a homemaker and mother. Following her education at the University of Chicago, she wrote advertising copy. She says her writing career started when she won a substantial prize for a letter, describing the type of home she would build and did. She spent the war years in New Orleans; now lives in California.

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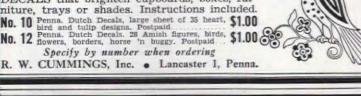
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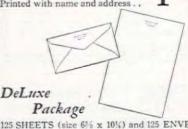


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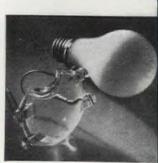
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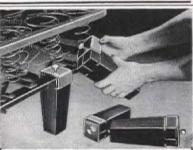
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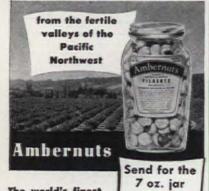
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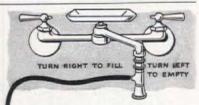
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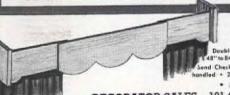
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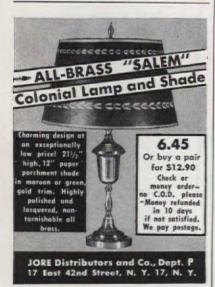
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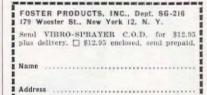


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RUTH DAVIS





Safety goes to school in Larchmont

t's no accident that children in this village stay safe, happy, and alive," says Dr. Helen Halter Long, dynamic young principal of Chatsworth School in Larchmont, New York, and one of this country's leading safety experts. "Here everyone works for child safety-mothers, fathers, local officials, clubs and other organizations, businessmen, school teachers, bus and taxi drivers."

As Dr. Long points out, the fact that accidents to school-age children are practically non-existent in Larchmont is the result of long-range planning and eagle-eyed watchfulness on the part of every resident of the community. The village sees to it that policemen are stationed at dangerous intersections, that hazardous roadways and streets are carefully marked to slow down speeding motorists.

School buildings and grounds are as safe as public money and human effort can make them. Adequate storage space in classrooms eliminates clutter; safe housekeeping habits are encouraged.

According to Dr. Long, perhaps the most important feature of any safety campaign is education-for children and adults. In Larchmont, youngsters absorb safety instruction with other lessons-and actually enjoy it! Adults acquire safety knowledge from bulletins mimeographed and distributed by hard-working PTA volunteers.

"Too many children die in accidents throughout the nation," sums up Dr. Long. "We've made the National Safety Council's School Safety Honor Roll for three years in succession. Any community can do it-if its people care enough!"

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Miss Lucia Ernst, Physical Education Director, inspects equipment, teaches safe way to catch. Playground accidents are almost non-existent



Mrs. Croll of PTA judges youthful rider's skill. Lad passed this test and written exam, won coveted license



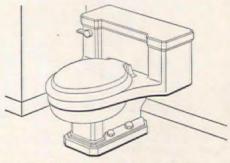
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Neighbors (Begins on page 18)



PTA stands squarely behind safety program as do other groups. Pet PTA project is *Chat*, a monthly bulletin for parents, which carries timely safety reminder



New fire-drill sign is scrutinized at meeting of Student Council. Violators of traffic rules appear before Council, usually reform after first warning



"This pumper puts the 'ump' in water," Fireman John Tynan tells wide-eyed first-graders. Children learn how to summon fire, police departments in emergency



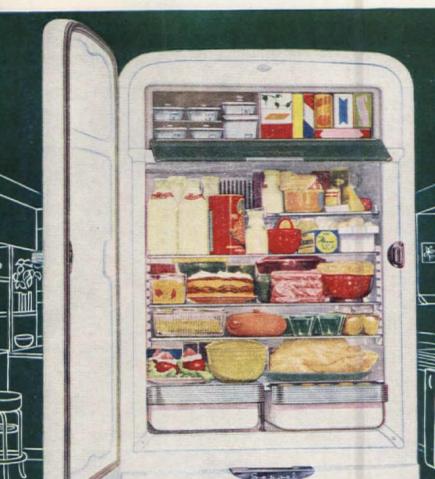
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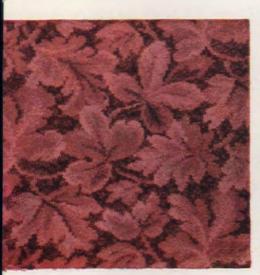
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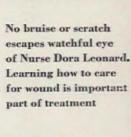
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Neighbors (Begins on page 18)



Judith Brewer sounds warning, "Don't stand in back of swings!" over loud-speaker system at Chatsworth School. Standing by is Dr. Helen Halter Long, principal of the school and well-known safety authority

Custodian Trippico keeps eye out for building hazards. He urged that old steps be removed, be replaced by fireproof stairs. School board said "Yes"



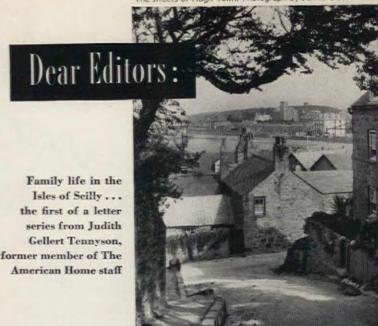
Songs and playlets make kindergarteners safety-wise. Here, they interpret classic law, "Don't carry chairs on top of your head!"







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here is an island paradise in England that is home to a family named Christopher. To any atlas, it is the Isles of Scilly, 34 miles off the Cornwall coast, that oddly boast a climate as warm as Southern France and produce a golden winter crop of narcissus and daffodils.

The Christophers' home is a 10room stone building on one of the
narrow streets of Hugh Town, the
islands' largest settlement. Norman
Christopher is tall with dark hair;
Myra, his wife, is fair and quietmannered. Tanzy, their youngest
child, is 4. Jean is 6 and at the head
of her class in school which she attends from 9 to 4. Kenneth, 11, is
at Truro College in Cornwall for
which his parents pay \$650 a year.
At 16, he will go to a university.

The rooms of the Christopher home, although well-worn, are filled with personal mementos. Under a glass dome in the living room is a model of the island steamer, Scillonian, beautifully made, especially for them, by a wartime gunner. A shimmering brass barometer in the hallway was a wedding present, and innumerable photographs are constant reminders of close friends. The library consists of sea novels, a well-worn Bible, and several volumes on housekeeping. For Myra and Norman, there is a good radio and telephone, and for the children, a dollhouse, toy sailing boats, and an old piano.

Myra's chief housekeeping concern, above all things, is cleanliness. She has a good vacuum cleaner, yet once a week scrubs all floors, front steps, and walk with soap and water. As to laundry, on Mondays all washables are popped into an enormous copper tub, set on the kitchen stove, and boiled in soapy water.

The kitchen is large and neat, yet equipment consists only of one anthracite burning stove, one large table at which the family eats, a small sink with cold water tap, and an icebox in the adjoining pantry. An inside hot-water tank heats 12 gallons and

outlets into the bathtub and kitchen

Because the Christophers own a fair-sized farm, they have few food problems. Eggs, butter, milk, bacon cheese, and cooking fats, rationed ir stores, are plentiful. Myra serves Norman a large 7 a.m. breakfast Dinner at noon means a good stew and vegetables, and on Sunday, a roas and batter pudding. Tarts, cakes or fruit are dessert sweets. Myra use leftovers as additions to tea at 5, and before bed at 9 there is a supper o coffee and sandwiches.

The farm, some 10-minute wall into the hills, extends for 17 acre and is divided into fields for flowe growing. From November to May narcissus and daffodils are cut and sent to London. From June August, bulbs must be lifted, drie and packed away until fall replant ing. Although the proceeds from flower growing is the major part of the family income, enough is earner from the sale of milk and eggs t take care of household expenses. Be cause the islands are personal prop erty of the English Crown, the peopl pay no taxes. The cost of living i therefore, lower than in England

The year is full of farm work for Norman and Myra, yet there is tim for fun. There are flower shows, weekl Saturday night dances at the tow hall, and social gatherings for youn people under the sponsorship of th chapel's Youth Group. At the heigh of summer, a yearly costume carniva lights the narrow streets with dancin and a miniature mardi-gras of fals faces. Yet the most beautiful celebra tion is May Day. Then Tanzy an Jean, dressed in white, blond head wreathed in flowers, join a parade of children. From among the little girl a May Queen is chosen, enthrone in the central square, and gifts flowers are laid at her feet. The each child grabs a long ribbon an dances around the tall Maypole.

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There are, however, among older motion picture stars some heartwarming examples of family devotion and civic interest. In the younger group, there are men and their wives whose whole existence is natural and simple, well regulated and shared with their children.

It is not easy to single out any one exemplary young picture family who fits the pattern. There is, though, one family, one devoted father and husband, who would probably pop into everyone's mind. He is Eddie Bracken, the father of three small daughters and a son.

Eddie is just a regular good guy who was that before he married—but more so with a family. As a father, he's a natural. Eddie carries the clan's pictures in a miniature folding case. The small frame cost probably 39 cents at the dime store, but Eddie expects you to look at the children, not the frame.

Eddie and his wife live in a house in West Los Angeles that looks like any one of a dozen you've seen on a prosperous Illinois farm. He has an acre or two of ground and the house is set back a good half block from the road. It is not an entrance planned to impress neighbors. Eddie isn't concerned with impressions. It's at the end of a straight path, back through fruit and walnut trees. The house is back there because that's where it was, and where it remained, as a safe retreat from road hazards for the children.

It is not a new house. It's an old one that was remodeled by a family with three children and which, at the time Eddie bought it, looked tailored to his family. Speculating on family measurements, though, is like gambling on the weather. Now, there are four children, but the house is still adequate.

Mrs. Bracken takes care of the brood and runs the household with one maid who has been with them for years. Ruby can take the pandemonium—loves it. She left once to get



As a Family Man, He's a Natural! (Begins on page 29)

married but returned, saying that she couldn't stay away from the children.

The youngsters' playroom is on the first floor and near enough to the kitchen so that either Mrs. Bracken or Ruby can keep an eye on what is being tossed in on top of Susan in her play pen. Plenty is. Besides Judy, Carolyn, Michael, and their neighboring playmates, the contingent includes Fluff, the pregnant calico Persian, and Diz, the family Dalmatian.

The start of this happy household dates to when Eddie and Mrs. Bracken met in New York. They were both at the time in the same stage play, What a Life. To a question of whether she has ever considered screen acting, Mrs. Bracken squares up that subject neatly: "Eddie now has me cast in a lifetime Mother rôle which I somehow like better than any I ever had."

When Eddie is working (his office is in his

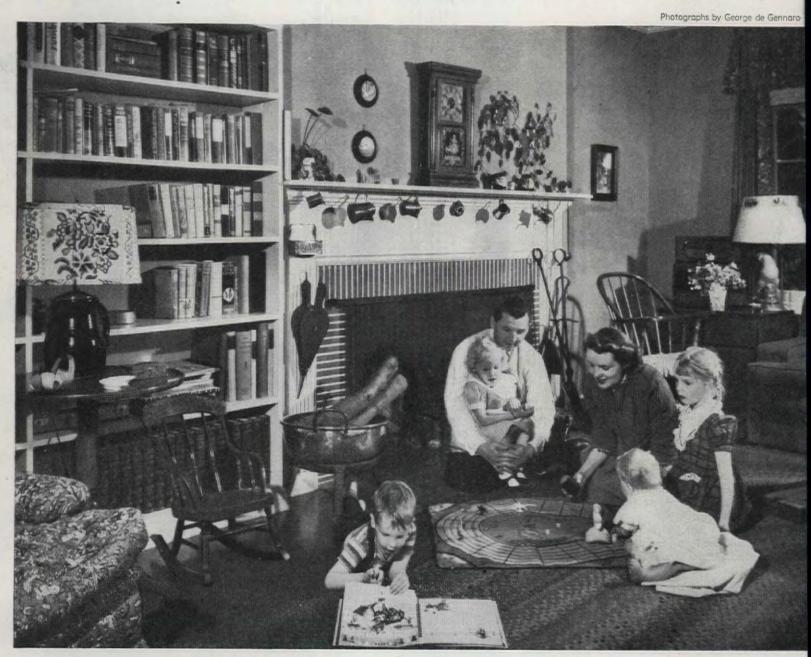
home), the territory is supposed to be "offbounds" to the children, but at times the scene changes as fast as magic-lantern slides. Good proof—when we arrived Eddie was putting Susan to sleep. This time, Mrs. Bracken had gone to pick Judy up at school and had taken Carolyn and Michael with her. Susan must have registered complaint and, maybe as Eddie said, Ruby was busy.

His humming repertoire is flatteringly anesthetic. He believes wholeheartedly that any baby sometimes likes and should have a lullaby. Never yet, he claims, has occasional singing a child to sleep spoiled the usual routine of bed, lights out, goodnight.

He is a busy man right now. He has always written much of his own radio material, but he has just completed a new radio script, and also a motion picture script which he hopes to play in. Besides the remunerative work which puts box springs under the family, writes music and paints.

Eddie is a sincere chap who goes at a task with immense vitality whether he is a ing, writing, or deciding to give everyone vacation and cook the dinner himself. The latime he announced, with lusty relish, that was getting dinner, he not only burned to food but also ruined the pride of the pantry the pressure cooker. Eddie was on the verge seeing himself as one of those enviable gent men who are known for *one* luscious dish the can cook and cook better than anyone elsust as he excitedly jumped on the band wago off flew the two front wheels.

But all of his efforts are not so. Duri the last war he had one great thrill and wh he speaks of it, he brings the point home. T G.I.'s in the Eighth Theatre of Operation vot on the best comedian, the man who had giv them the most laughs and lingering chuckledie won it—and that, he says, was the bigest thing that ever happened to him . . . t greatest honor. Except for the anticipated a dition to the family, Fluff's playful offsprin he could, probably, call his cup full, right no [Editor's note: The latest press bulletin is—Fluff had 4 kittens in the basket in Michae closet. All are doing well!]



Living room is unpretentious, un-costly, un-Hollywood. Brackens rarely go out evenings, spend every possible moment with children



Mrs. Bracken feeds, dresses, cares for four children herself. Eddie is violently opposed to usual busy Hollywood custom of palming off children to care of governess or impersonal children's nurse

Mike investigates dad's files. Eddie's business enterprises are conducted from office which is part of his home. Children have free access to office, usually are happily underfoot



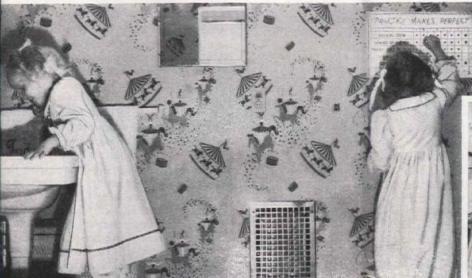
Listening to dad's radio program is regular weekly custom. Eddie writes much of his own radio material, has completed a radio script, taken up oil painting

Scoreboard on bathroom wall lists good manners, good habits. Each child puts check mark opposite listing every night before bedtime. Those with perfect scores get gold star at end of week. Four gold stars earn small reward



Children's bathroom has red and blue circus-motif design, plywood steps

> to raise them to basin height, towels with each child's name stitched on them. Carolyn and Judy have matching robes



Simplest "greenhouse" of all-a coldframe, glass-topped, sunheated. Beneath snow blanket are Mrs. Farrell's winter crops of lettuce, parsley, and mustard

A little larger-4 sash instead of 2-and deeper, to make room for a foot of heatproducing sawdust and manure, Mrs. Grace Fish's range of hotbeds yields more fresh vegetables over a longer winter season



In Colorado, Orville Grisier's "peewee" greenhouse is a rebuilt, six-foot-square coldframe. It has electric heat and light, and a pit to stand in when at work



How to S-T-R-E-T-C-H Your Greenhouse Dollar

Gardening under glass - suggestions on how to start small, and why it's so worth while

ur neighbor, John Dickinson, telephoned me one day and said in a troubled voice, "You have a small greenhouse, Stahr. Is it really a terrific undertaking

"I don't know what you mean," I replied. "It's about the easiest thing to care for on the place What's the trouble, anyway?"

"Well, Gladys and I want one, but everything we can find on the subject discourages us. Apparently you have to be a millionaire, a Ph. D. in several sciences, and spend about ten hours a day in it to keep it going."

"Not so," I said. "And I think I can prove it." So next day I took John on a little tour of our community to show him that "greenhousing" can be not only easy and inexpensive, but also a means of stretching one's food dollar as well,

First, to the Farrells', who have the simplest kind of glasshouse - a coldframe or box covered with window sash that slope to the south. Scraping the. snow off a sash and lifting it, we discovered a nice crop of parsley, mustard, and lettuce-in February, that was, too, shortly after some zero weather.

"But what do they use for heat?" said John,

"The same thing that supplies all the heat in the

world," I answered. "The sunlight."

Next door, the Fishes had a modified hotbed at work. Again we found rows of lettuce and other hardy vegetables. Jim Fish had dug down a foot or so and packed green sawdust and manure under several inches of rich, black compost to add a little more heat from below to that of the sun.

'Lettuce was thirty-four cents a head at the grocer's the other day," I remarked. "A family uses about three heads a week. On that item alone, you could save enough in a single winter to practically pay for a frame like this.

"What about electrically heated hotbeds," asked John. "Are they any good?"

"Indeed they are, especially in view of the lack of manure these days. But if we are going to raise our sights as to costs, let's look at some real greenhouses, with headroom and benches, etc."

So we went to see Giusto Nardone's home job, 10 by 12 feet, with a 3-foot cinderfoundation topped by vertical and sloping s small kerosene stove for night heating, and genious notched broomstick device for adjus top window for ventilating. He built it for after a contractor made a \$500 estimate.

A mile away, in another homemade green built by Joseph Mercurio we found, in Feb. mind you, more flowers and vegetables gr with no stove or other artificial heat.

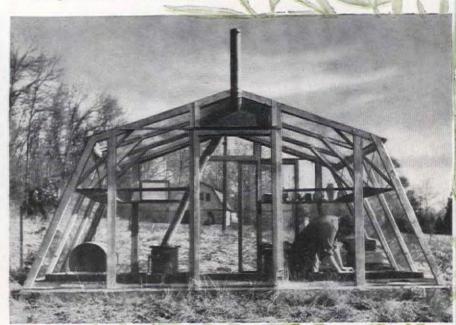
"But now," I said, "let's look at some tha bought, or built but not by the owners, so yo judge how far you want to go in the mat expense." Then I showed John my own thre tion Orlyt, originally bought as a two-section, end greenhouse to place against the house w lived in. When we moved, I bought a third s and a back and set the house up as a separate This demonstrates the flexibility of this type house which, incidentally, is now availab

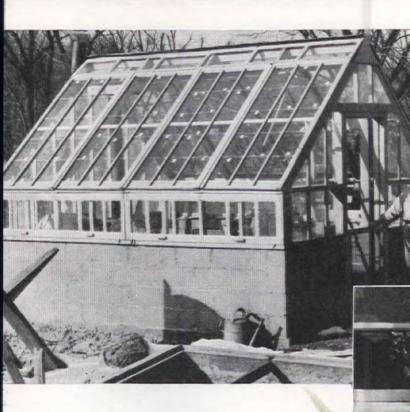


Floyd Morris, of York State, turned a basement entrance, with traditional sloping cellar door, into this cosy little plant room and greenhouse. Total cost was less than \$30



Here's Mr. Stahr's 3-section, 8 by 13-ft. Orlyt greenhouse seen from front. Oil drum (left) supplies heater (rear) from which stovepipe runs to front over door, giving added heat. By excavating three feet, he eliminated side walls and gained headroom. Wire-hung shelf (right) holds flats





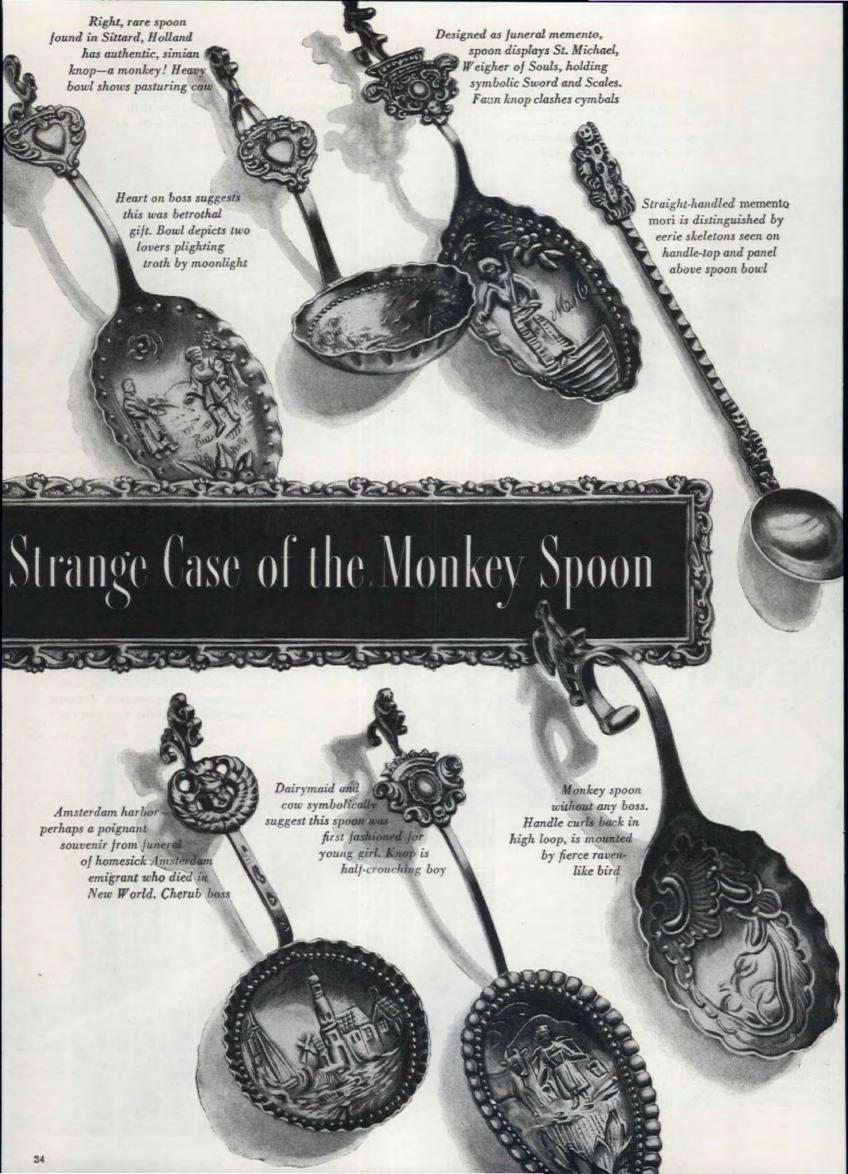
Giusto Nardone, of New Jersey, at door of his 10 by 12-ft., cinder-brick-walled, doublespan house which he built for \$250, or just half of a contractor's cost estimate

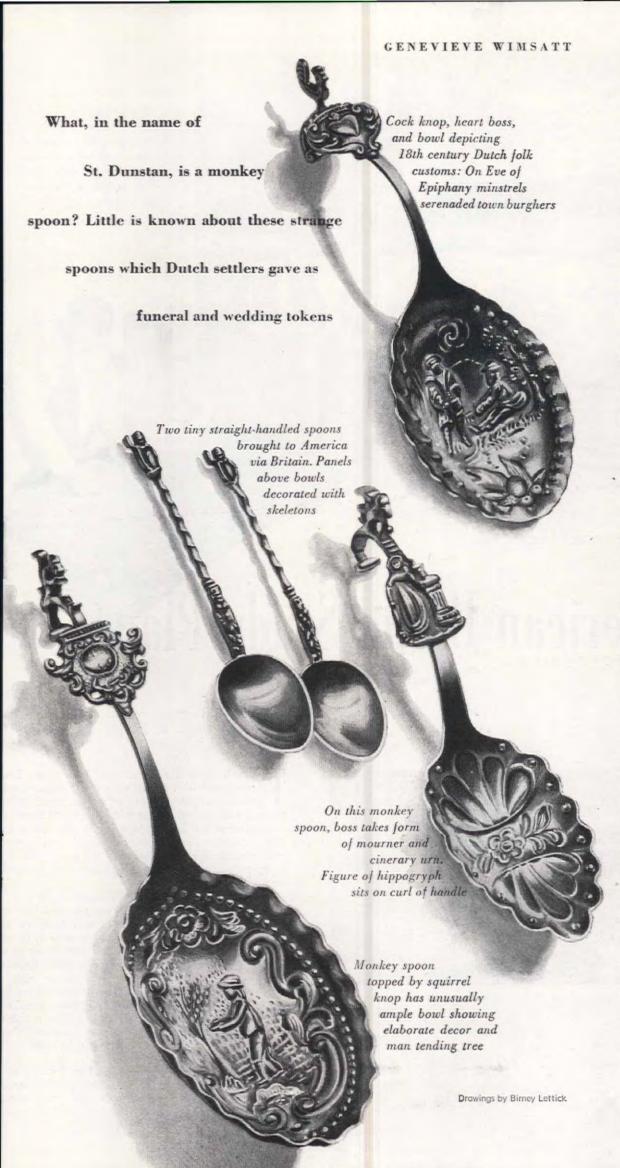
Also in New Jersey, the Don Kilby's lean-to greenhouse, built for about \$400. Attached to house and heated by its furnace, with supplementary outside entrance, a happy, convenient place for winter work and fun

Photographs by autho

lean-to style as well as the even span design. We find it more convenient right at the edge of the garden than it used to be against the house. The cement-block foundation, plastered inside, goes down three feet to get below frost. Bolts set in cement hold the frame down, and even though the lights of glass are about two by five feet, the house has withstood some strong winds (including a hurricane) without cracking or other damage. A roomy U-shaped cypress bench on legs of 2 by 4's takes up most of the space but leaves room on one side for a 30-gallon kerosene oil drum and the stove, and on the other for a small potting bench and one to hold flats. The galvanized smoke pipe runs near the roof from one end to the other where it goes out through a piece of masonite used there instead of glass. After carrying water from the house for a

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ere is a two-tailed mystery, still contorted after some four hundred years of exposure to antiquarian scrutiny. What, in the name of St. Dunstan, patron of silversmiths, are monkey spoons? Where and how did these strange creatures come into being?

In any trayful of old flat silver littering the antique shop they are as conspicuous as red-headed hunch-backs in the Easter parade. Once mementos of Dutch colonial funerals or weddings, they may still be found in the curio shops of New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and other East Coast cities.

These strange tokens of sorrow, and of rejoicing, were the most lavished keepsakes of early Dutch settlers, yet bibliography on the monkey spoon is virtually non-existent.

Habakkuk O. Westman, that Puck among chroniclers, celebrated spoons from the dawn of history to the heart of the nineteenth century, yet failed to mention the monkeys, which in New York of 1844 must have been as plentiful as peas.

As if united in a conspiracy against an intruder into the ranks of conventional spoons, modern connoisseurs have also been strangely silent.

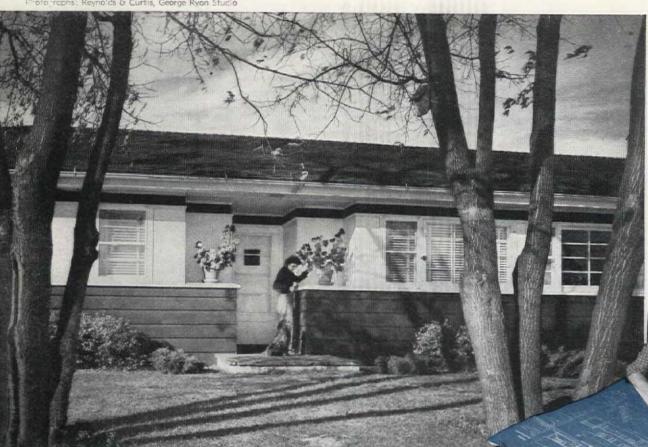
Yet every descendant of Dutch pioneers has at some time seen representatives of the monkey spoon family. Every collector has come across a few of them, often unaware of their significance. It is, therefore, amazing that no book on this curious silver has been circulated in the Western Hemisphere and only one article primarily devoted to the monkey spoon has appeared in print. Therefore, if we lean heavily on the writing of Mary P. Ferris and quote extensively from her monograph published in Harper's Bazaar of September, 1890, we must not be accused of partiality. There is no other authority on monkey spoons.

But before we spread Mrs. Ferris' data before the reader, let us first distinguish between two distinct varieties of monkey spoons; one straight and one curved in shape.

First, the accepted monkey spoon with curved handle we shall call. for convenience sake, the curvicaudate monkey spoon. It is this spoon that our unique authority, Mrs. Ferris, described in her "Chapter on Some Old Spoons." "The monkey spoon," she related, "has a circular, very shallow bowl on which was represented a man on horseback, going from house to house to deliver invitations (to the funeral) with the church just behind him. This was hammered out in the bowl of the spoon, the silver of which was very thin. The handle of the spoon was of heavier weight, and on the end of the spoon was a monkey, half crouching, half charging, drinking from a goblet in solids."

To confuse today's inquirer, however, this description does not quite match the curvicaudate monkey spoons that can be found in the antique shops. On almost all existing

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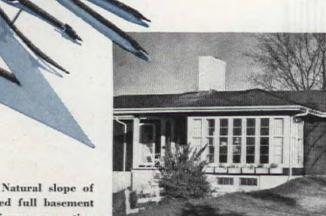
Framed by groups of tall, graceful shade trees, recessed entrance is a constant study in sun and shadow. Brilliant geranium plants, high on their wooden ledges, emphasize clean whiteness of siding

Drawing by F. Wright Data: Charles Raymond. Designer & builder: Paul K. Enghauser



WILLIAM J. HENNESSEY

The American Home Study Plan



land allowed full basement with minimum excavation at rear of house

Corner floor-to-ceiling sash in living room allows magnificent view of surrounding hills



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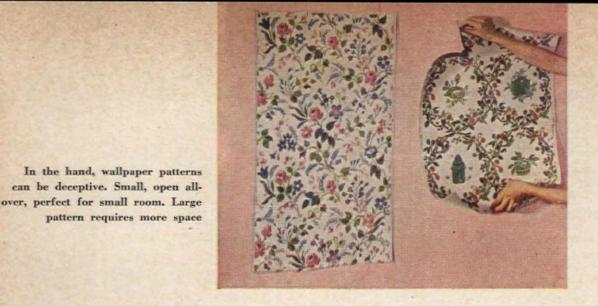
hanks to some farsighted city fathers, our late Home Study Plan House, only a few minutes driv from Minneapolis proper, lies amidst beautiful hil covered with natural foliage and adjacent to numerou small streams and lakes. The house, itself, reflects th rural atmosphere, built as it is entirely of wood. Exterio walls are a combination of white and dark-stained boar siding with a low brown-shingled roof to emphasize th long horizontal lines.

Living and dining rooms, both placed at the rear the house, are afforded magnificent views of the su rounding hills and, since the natural slope of th property was left untouched, minimum excavation was needed to provide a large airy basement under then Access to this basement is down a straight flight steps equally accessible from front hall or den. recessed entrance not only provides protection for the visitor, but affords an attractive background for flank ing pots of luxuriant geranium plants. The two bed rooms are situated at one end of the house and shar the single bath which, by its convenient location, easil doubles as powder room.

White follows us into the house and, used on the trin furthers the clean, cool look of the aqua wallpape covering living-room, dining-room and entrance-ha walls. A large portion of the furniture in these room

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Watch



Bold drapery on one wall demands quiet treatment in other furnishings. Plain walls, carpet, smooth furniture fit scheme



With vividly patterned carpet, steer clear of further pattern. Figured damask drapery possible, since it is self-toned, one color



3 different patterns may combine success if of totally different form: subdued geometric rug, trellised paper, calico strip

MARY E. MONZE GERTRUDE B. DIXSON

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It is safe, but generally dull, to avoid pattern in decorating a room. The other extreme uses pattern without discrimination. It is possible to use many different patterns in one room, but they must not be of "hit or miss" choosing. For instance, if a large figured wallpaper is favored, let this dominate and do the floor coverings and fabrics in solid colors drawn from the paper's pattern. With a large pattern in either wallpaper or rug, it is safe to use stripes, small-scaled related patterns, textures, and, of course, plain fabrics.

There are no set rules to follow in combining various patterns, but six examples of how to use patterns together are shown above. In the first picture a modern, colorful drapery on one wall gives sufficient pattern interest. Next a striped paper is used with floral carpet, figured damask draperies—kindred in design feeling but in one color, a rose tone picked from the rug. The velvet of chair is in the same rose. Three patterns are used in the third picture—a medium-scaled provincial paper, hooked rug in block design and striped chintz for draperies and chair cushion. The fourth picture shows color and pattern dominating in the carpet, but pattern is seen also in the handsome lace curtains and upholstered Victorian chair. Plain walls and window valance add color interest. Four patterns combine harmoniously in the French Provincial set. An allover, small-scaled floral paper, a generously patterned but self-colored rug, small-scaled armure on chair and draperies in a pin stripe. The sixth picture uses only one pattern, a dramatic stripe, depending on color and texture, as well as a dynamic painting for further decorating appeal.

Your Figure!

Make pattern work for, not against, you. It has power to furnish or

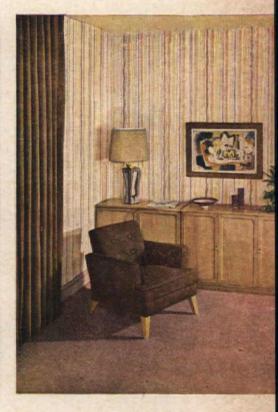
clutter, dramatize or shriek, increase or diminish seeming size of room



attern emphasis is thrown on rug by use of olids on wall, in valance, damask on chair. eavy border on filmy curtains adds design



Open feeling of wallpaper design is good contrast to dense pattern in self-tone rug. Curtain and chair fabrics held down in scale



Textured fabrics and rug make excellent foils for combination of pattern on pattern formed by forceful picture hung on bold striped paper

Pick your solid colors for fabrics from this bold floral design; play down patterns



Boldly textured rug for sturdy provincial or modern will support a lot of pattern in room

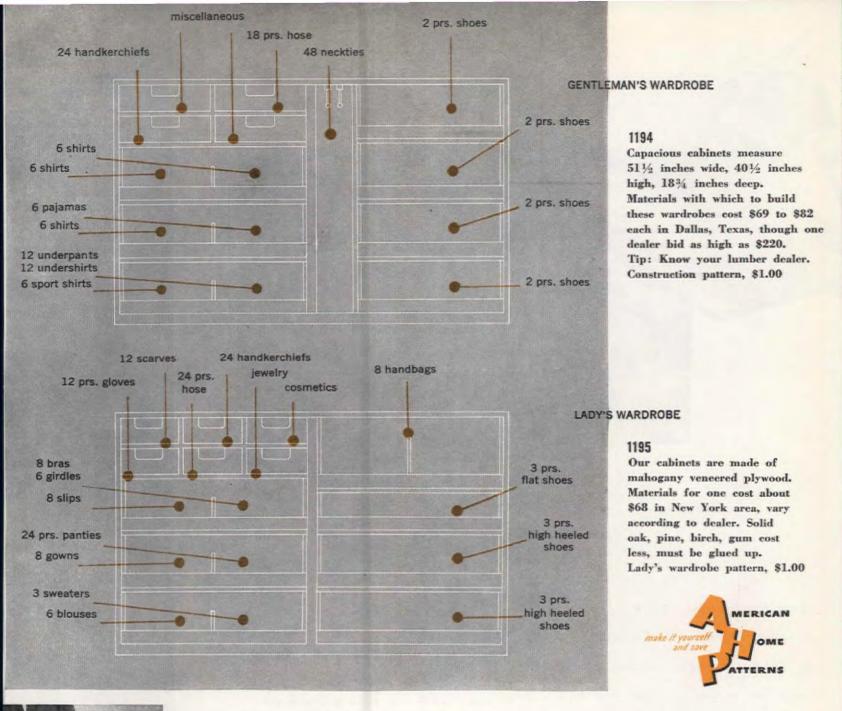


Scroll figure in carpet suggests 18th century furnishings, use of patternsplashed chintzes



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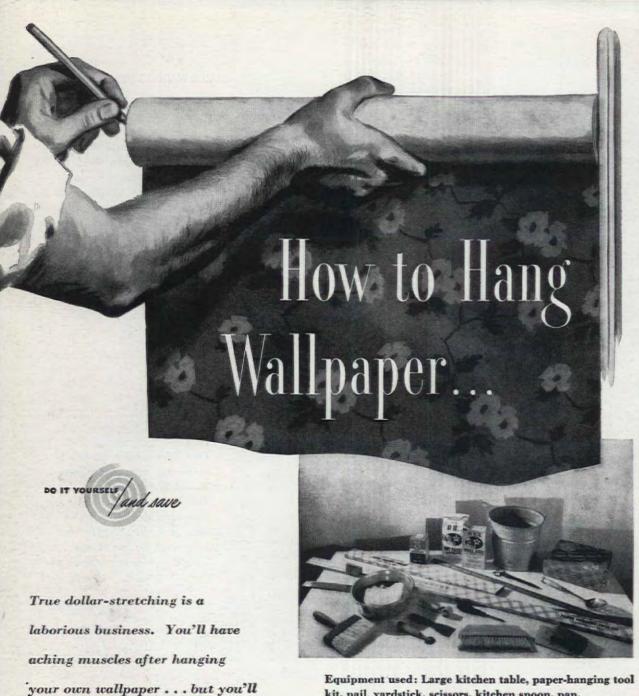


MERICAN HOME readers know a good thing when they see it. In October, 1948, when we first published pictures of our sensational American Home wardrobe cabinets, we were so swamped with mail that it took us months to answer the letters. They still come from all over the world.

Many of you wanted plans, blueprints, specifications, so that you could do a bit of dollar-stretching and build these wardrobes yourselves in your own workshops or take the designs to the carpenter in your town.

The plans are ready now for you to buy and build your own wardrobes. The price is \$1.00 per set of plans. You get a blueprint sheet, 34 by 44 inches, with perspective drawings, semi-exploded views, front and side elevations, close-up detailed drawings of joints, drawer construction, sliding door and track assemblage. You get a specification list of every piece of wood, every item of hardware you need, full instructions on how to put them all together.

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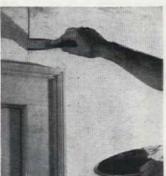
kit, pail, yardstick, scissors, kitchen spoon, pan, sandpaper, plenty of clean cloths, screw driver and ladder

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you'll get good results

Before proceeding, remove electric plates. Cover floors with cloths or paper. To remove all existing wallpaper: Apply water to paper with brush. Wet paper thoroughly. Many soakings may be necessary to remove several layers. Use broad putty knife from kit to remove paper. After paper is removed, clean out loose plaster in cracks. Fill cracks with patching plaster, a prepared powder which you mix with water

Smooth walls with sandpaper wrapped around wood block. Apply sizing bought at paint store. Follow directions on package

If radiators and woodwork are to be cleaned, stained, or painted, this would be next step. Allow paint or stain to dry thoroughly before beginning wallpaper operation

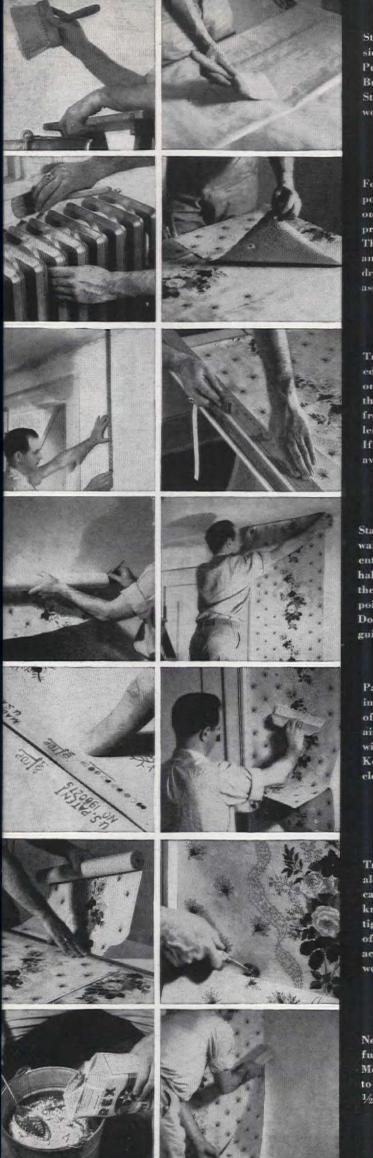
Use ruler to measure wall for length of strip required. Dealer will figure number of rolls needed if given length, width, height of room and number of doors and windows

Using roll of paper, mark wall with pencil to measure number of pieces required to go around room. Reserve one roll for cutting, fitting small pieces over doors and windows

In laying out paper, note carefully selvage markings on edge of roll. Lettering or arrows indicate where successive strips must be joined in order to match pattern

"Drop" patterns (motif is dropped half a repeat in successive strips) require careful cutting. Cut alternate strips from different rolls. Allow 6 inches extra for trimming after hung

Mix paste in clean pail according to directions on package. Insist on vermin-proof, mildew-resistant paste



Stack strips, pattern side down on table. Pull top strip toward you. Brush paste on evenly. Start in center and work toward top

Fold end of pasted portion to center without creasing. Repeat process on other end. This keeps paste clean and prevents it from drying out. An even fold assures good match

Trim selvage from both edges. Carefully cut on lines marked for this purpose. Use tools from kit. Trim full length in one operation. If trimming tool not available, use shears

Start hanging paper on wall that meets eye on entering room. Work right, halfway around room, then back to starting point and work to left. Door acts as vertical guide for first strip

Pat and slide paper into place with palms of hands. Smooth out air bubbles and wrinkles with brush from kit. Keep lower half folded, clean, until ready to use

Trim surplus from strip along baseboard with casing wheel or sharp knife. Keep tool steady, tight to baseboard. Wipe off any paste that accidently gets on woodwork before it dries

Never turn corner with full width of paper. Measure from last strip to corner, cut piece ½ inch wider, and apply



Roll seams after four or five lengths have been hung. This allows adhesive to set so no paste will squeeze out when roller is used. Remove paste markings with damp cloth

Smooth extra 1/2 inch

into corner. Hang on

adjoining wall other

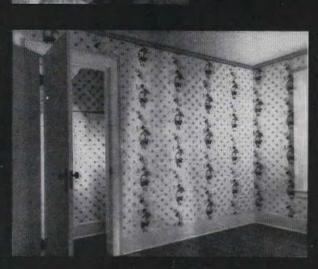
half of strip you cut,

matching pattern

Carefully fit and smooth paper around window frame. Holding paper free of window with left hand, use right hand to trim; remove excess paper with casing wheel

ft will be necessary to use long-bladed scissors around places like window sills. Snip the paper to fit tightly around such places. Fit short pieces under window

Use scissors to cut out center part of electric opening so no paper obstructs wires. Cut-out should be slightly smaller than outlet plate. Replace plate



Results of finished job prove that time, effort were well-spent. Closet adjoining bedroom should be hung with matching or small-scaled companion paper

A good house is one

you can get out of!

arly last Christmas morning a f broke out in a New Brunswig N. J., residence in which eight pe ple were asleep. Presumably started an overheated kitchen range, the bla swept through the dwelling so rapid once it got under way, that seven the sleepers died in their beds and eighth was critically burned.

In a contrasting case, fire broke in the basement of a Boston dwelli this past winter when an overheated fr nace ignited some near-by combustib -and nobody died! The flames spread various articles in storage in the ba ment, burning for an estimated h hour, but the family finally smell smoke and summoned the fire depart ment in time. Normally the fire wor have eaten through the cellar door into the hollow walls and would ha been sweeping through the house in less time than half an hour. Yet, in t case, it was confined to its point origin by a fire-retardant coating paint on the walls and ceiling which beat ba the advancing heat until the occupar had a belated chance to do somethin Firemen said that without this prote tion, the house would surely have be doomed. By a freak of luck, the coati had been applied only two weeks before

Here is the \$64 question: Do y think those seven people in New Jers would have died in their sleep if the kitchen wall, especially that part of near the offending stove, had been pr tected by fire-retardant paint?

It is axiomatic among firemen th "all fires start small." But how th end depends largely upon how mu fresh fuel they reach before they

finally extinguished.

Many excellent methods have been d vised to cope with this problem, l most of them are relatively cost Easily the least expensive is the use flameproofed or fire-resisting materi for interior furnishings, decoration, construction. And this applies to home as well as to the hotel, the theat

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HOW TO STOP A FIRE BEFORE IT STARTS

Je'll assume you're afraid of fires and their consequences, you want to prevent them, and you frankly don't know where to start—what to do first. There's lots of talk about a fire: "the cause of a fire," "putting out a fire." It's not quite that simple, but it isn't very complicated either.

A combustible and heat are the basic elements of any fire. The combustible may be house construction materials, furnishings, rubbish, or other flammable items. Heat may come from cigarettes, matches, spontaneous combustion, electrical and heating equipment, and many other sources. Separated, these elements are not dangerous, but together they'll start an incipient fire which may be easily extinguished. Fire protection measures such as alarm systems, barriers and home fire extinguishers will help you detect and prevent the growth of an incipient fire.

Fire fighting starts long before the fire, in family training, fireproof house construction and furnishings, and supply of water and fire-department equip-

ment. All these factors help or hinder growth of an incipient fire.

Elements of-not "a fire"-but an "incipient fire" STEP 1

Rubbish, flammable **Furnishings**

Matches, flame, hot wire or flue

Heat and combustibles with oxygen or air must be brought together before any fire can start

STEP 2 Separate the elements reduce them to a minimum

MBUSTIBLES

separated



A few incipient fires may still occur, so you need fire protection measures including a means of escape

STEP 3 Control factors that influence growth of a fire

> Wind and weather aren't controllable, but you and the community can control other factors listed to a great extent



PREVENTION ZONE





HOW TO STOP A FIRE AFTER IT STARTS

Compressed gas. Use for electrical and burning liquid fires, and small fires of any other materials



Water under chemical pressure. For fires other than burning liquids and VAPORIZING electrical flames LIQUID

> Carbon tetrachloridé base, in hand pump. Principally for electrical and burning liquid fires

> > Powdered chemicals under pressure from CO cartridge Can be used on all types of fires

> > > NTI-FREEZE

Water and anti-freeze with CO, pressure. Don't use on burning liquid or electric fires

SODA

ACID

DRY CHEM

Chemical blanket of bubbles. Smothers all fires other than electrical ones

FOAM

Contains water, often with antifreeze solution. For use on fires other than burning liquids or electrical flames

HAND WATER PUMP

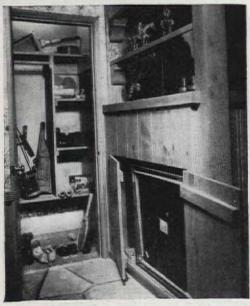
Wind and weathe Water supply Fire department **Building materials** Home contents Preventive device HUMAN ELEMENT

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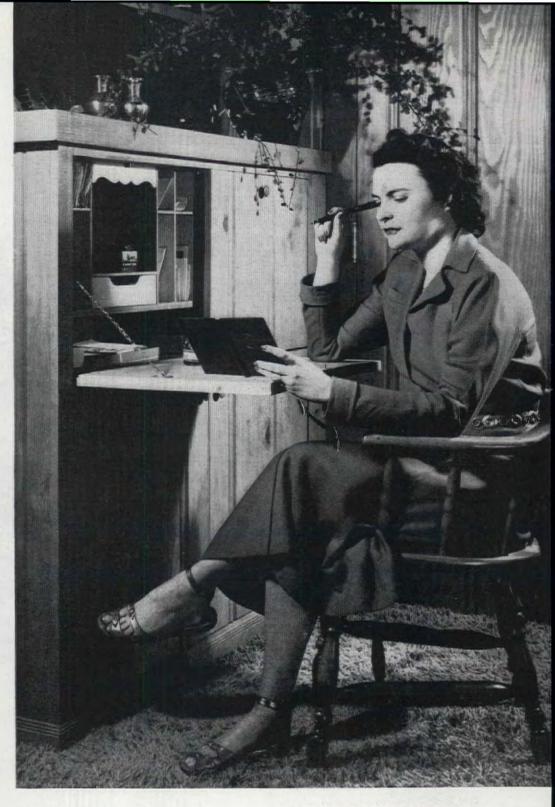
Prevent the fire, if possible. Provide protection against growth of incipient fires. Call fire department as soon as any fire is detected. Home fire extinguishers are inadequate when an incipient fire spreads 45 Below: To the casual eye, part of the pine paneling in living room. Open, it's a pass-through and snack bar between kitchen and living room. Panel door slides upward, disappears between walls. Glass shelves on either side of bar hold radio, glassware, mugs











Partition with a purpose. On living-room side it contains a drop-leaf desk with drawers, pigeonholes for correspondence. Door in back of Mary Pielow is entertainment closet, holds games, cards, poke chips. Opposite side of partition has file storage for magazines, books

Storage in the Chet Pielow's home was designed by decorator John Plange, builder O. M. King. Far left: Partition in entry has shallow cupboard for card-table storage, shelves above. Pielows are sports fans, had closet built especially for paraphernalia—fishing, golf, tennis, Ping-pong. Left: Closet beside fireplace has plenty of space for growing record collection, movie projector and screen, firewood







Left: Dressing room has built-in clothes hamper, shown in operation. Section of counter lifts, soiled clothing is popped in, removed

via door below. Drawer is faked







Passage between bedroom and bath dentical sliding-door wardrobes in at either side, drawers for relothing. Luggage goes up top. e: Bed headboard, two 4-drawers, frame for box-spring are all one muous built-in unit

Mary Pielow said: "I want a service porch as convenient, as attractive as my kitchen." She got it. Knotty pine cupboards built over her washer hold soap, starch, clothespins, etc. Deep, tall broom closet holds longhandled mops, dustpans, waxes

Top: 8-year-old Kirk Pielow has built-in desk, wardrobe closet, closet for toys and sport things. Desk contains record storage, holds small radio-phonograph. Above: 4-year-old Mary Pat's room has whole wall of closets. Lower rods are placed within easy reach of small child

STORAGE, STORAGE, EVERYWHERE!

EVELYN SHIELDS SMITH

Left: Children have own bathroom (door at left), own linen storage and hamper just outside the door. Right: Mary Pielow takes children's soiled clothing, sorts it for laundry. Freshly laundered linens and clothing are sorted on long counter, stored in topside cupboards







When a worried mother complains that her child is "different" because he limps or is deaf, she is displaying an attitude toward him which may be more crippling than his physical handicap. Once she realizes that her youngster is like the others, apart from his handicap, she'll be able to accept him as he is, to help him learn to live a full and useful life within the limits of his capacities.

Growing up in today's world is difficult and complex for any child. The road from child-hood to maturity is fraught with many hazards—even for those children who are considered "normal" and are in complete possession of their physical and mental faculties.

For the child with a physical handicap, the problems connected with growing up are even more difficult than for the so-called "average" youngster. He needs even greater understanding and intelligent guidance so that he, too, will have a happy childhood and will ultimately be able to live and compete with his fellow citizens as nearly on a par as possible.

What is meant by the term *physical handicap?* The variety of physical handicaps is very great. Paralyzed limbs, blindness, defective

A physical handicap—be it a rheumatic heart,

crippled limb, or "buck" teeth-may set a child apart. Wise

guidance will help him enjoy a happy childhood

vision, deafness, rheumatic hearts are just a few of the more obvious physical handicaps. Less dramatic, but handicaps in a very real sense are such defects as "buck" teeth, crossed eyes, being too tall or too short, too fat or too thin. Even big ears may be a problem.

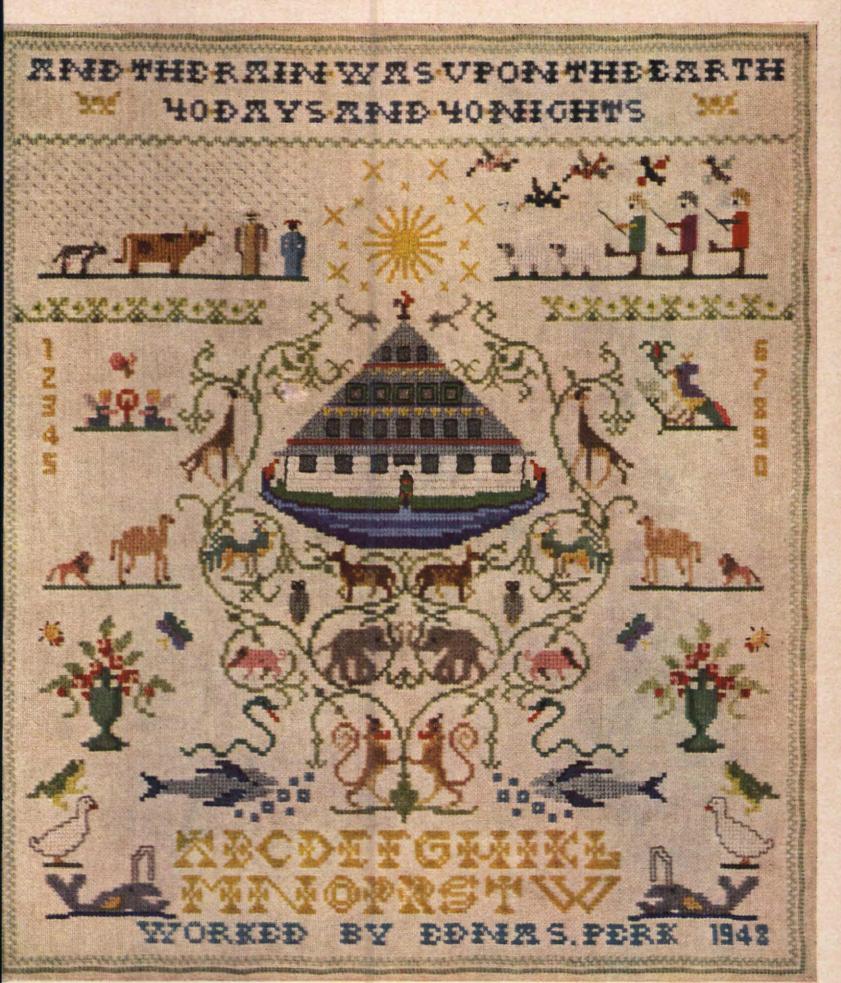
Not often enough do we consider serious dental defects as handicapping. The child who has a severe malalignment of his teeth may be even more handicapped in terms of being accepted by his companions and later for jobs than the child who is born with several fingers missing. In this day and age, children with dental handicaps are entitled to—and should

receive—adequate treatment so that they can compete cosmetically with others.

Infants may have a club foot, or hare lip, or cleft palate, conditions which should be taken care of soon after birth. Today it is unthinkable to allow these conditions to remain neglected so long that excellent results cannot be obtained.

Infrequently children may be born with eye defects, such as congenital cataracts. In such instances, too, it is important that a medical diagnosis be made early and that the child receive medical care as soon as feasible, which is usually sometime during the first year.

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35 Gifts to make for Christmas

35 Gifts for Christmas

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1173, 1174, 1175 Merry mottoes to paint on glasses. 1173 for martini and eocktail shaker, 1174 old-fashioned, 1175 highball, 25¢ each





1171

Never have we seen such an unusual, exquisite sampler as the one shown on the preceding page of Noah's Ark and its creatures! Make it a memorable, heirloom Christmas gift from Pattern 1171-hot iron transfer, full color photograph, color guide and directions. Size, 11 by 13 in., 45¢

Old sea chest, painted for toy-box future, to hold Santa's bounty. Top design 15 by 211/2 in., front 111/2 by 21 in., sides 111/2 by 161/2 in., 40¢

Don't just dream of a bright

Christmas . . . start your

gifts now and make it so!

Make a place mat with a modern Chinese look, paint it to order on linen or cotton to match dinnerware. Size 13 by 17 in., 25¢



Thristmas is not merely a one day celebration. It starts when you open your Uyuletide workshop. It lasts as long in memory as that thoughtful, handmade gift you've given lasts in beauteous

and welcome service.

Move into your workshop now-it is not one whit too early. Gather your paints, your tools, your needle and thread. Answer Santa's letters with the help of our wide variety of patterns. You should be able to find something here for everybody on your list. Our gifts are pretty, practical and useful, our pattern directions are easy to follow and will insure a professional job. And when the tinsel has tarnished and the pudding has been eaten, even through the years to come, your special holiday workshop gift will have made this Christmas the brightest Christmas ever. Let's get going!

Four canapé trays prettily painted with fruit and scrolls or flowers and scallops. Three designs, 3 by 5 in., 25¢

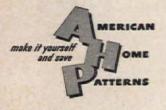
> For gala hat boxes or festive cake tins, paint this old-time ascension balloon. Motif, 91/4 by 10 in., 25¢

> > 1180

1178



Sprightly dancers atop a painted box. Design 9 in., repeat border 11/4 in. by 4 in., 25¢



A handsome tablecloth is a handsome gift. This one, with rich chrysanthemums, textile-painted. Cloth 69 by 103 in., napkins 16 in. square. Large motif, 14 by 16 in., smaller 9 by 15 in., 40¢



1172. Sea shell and flora cross-stitch border adapted from antique Victorian towel. Pattern has four transfers, 35¢

1182. Hand-hammered copper planter 3 by 7½ by 3½ in. Pattern includes construction directions, 30¢

1183. Painting and building patterns for stationery holder, $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Pencil tray $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$ in. Napkin holder $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., $30\frac{1}{2}$

1184. Cherries and blossoms painted on candlestick and baby carriage planter, 25¢

1186. Two textile-painted towels. Pennsylvania Dutch Distelfink bird and leaf motif, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. Modern horse head, $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. square, $25\frac{1}{6}$

1187. Four circus motifs for cocktail napkins or guest towels. Textile painting at its best. 5 in. by 6 in., 30¢

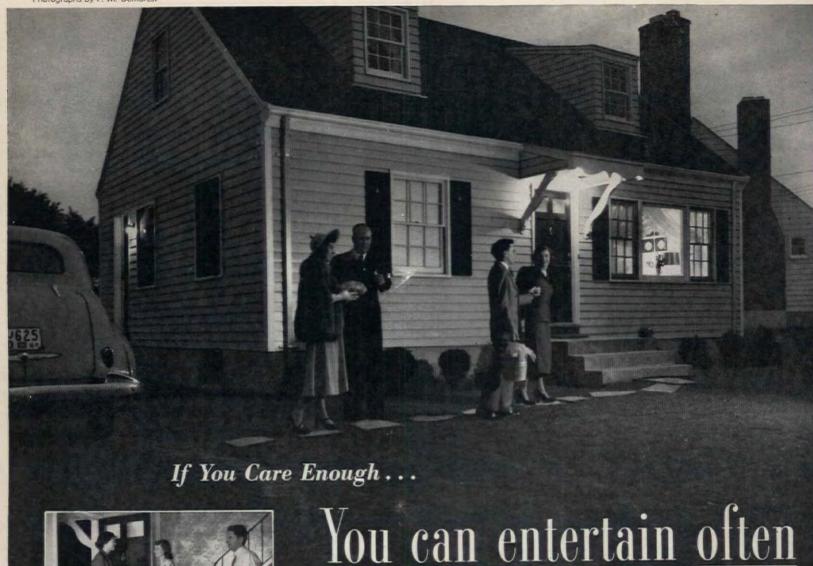
1188. Attractive sheer linen tea cloth and napkins. Textile painted in large-scale, repeatborder design, 11 in., 40¢



1189
Casseroles adorned
with two different
floral designs. Border,
2 in. by 10 in., 25¢



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Co-operative dinner guests arriving with contributions. Host is caught washing up after return from work

f you enjoy friends but find that "with food prices so high, we just can't afford to entertain" or "with no help, it's too much work," stop, look, and think! If you care enough, you can find many simple ways to entertain frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dahill are proponents of merry, informal parties. They know that many hands make light work and thus are fans of co-operative dinners. Whereas the hostess supplies the table setting, coffee and one dish, each guest brings an additional concoction. All help in the after-dinner cleaning and have time to enjoy games, television, or just jovial conversation.

Sometimes Mrs. Dahill invites bridge enthusiasts to join her in dessert, coffee, and an evening round of cards. Crackers and cheese after evening basketball games, light suppers where guests spread their own sandwiches are other Dahill party favorites. Follow the Dahills' example! Good hospitality requires just a few friendly thoughts.

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at little cost!

MARGARET F. HEADLAND

Linen "Moraco," John Matouk; Oilcloth, Columbus Coated Fabrics; "Lifetime Ware" Watertown Mfg.; Silver "Duncan Phyfe" Amston; salt and pepper, "Krome Kraft";
Plastic Butter Dish, Thomas Steeds; Bucket, Post Mart; Glass, Mooney of Hollywood



Co-operative dinner served buffe style. Extra table set up for foc brought by guests. Place setting arranged at card tables. Main dis inexpensive meat yet seems espec tasty when prepared by someone

Ulmost a meal in itself"





et Campbell's Vegetable Soup

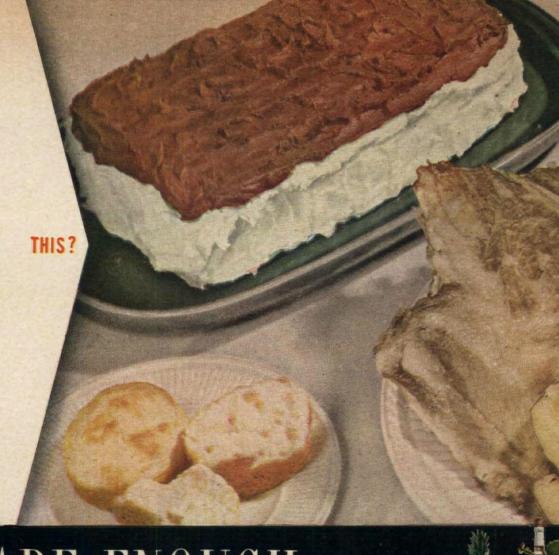
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table and watch the family get busy with their spoons. Those fifteen different garden vegetables, mingled in a good beef stock, make Campbell's Vegetable Soup a delicious dish indeed -and a hearty one. Serve it with sandwiches and dessert, and you've a nourishing Autumn lunch or supper ready in minutes. Eamplells. VEGETABLE SOUP

No knack with food? Stuff and nonsense! All you need is a good recipe, a bit of caring

Jook at the top picture on this page. You've seen food like that often enough. It's good food; you could eat it, but it is pretty dull and uninteresting, isn't it? Wouldn't wake a sleepy appetite, or spark a dull one; those boiled spareribs might even cause some of us to decide we aren't really hungry enough to eat at all.

Now, let's look at the photograph of the same menu at the bottom of this page. A little care and imagination have made the difference. Our main course, Forty-Niner Spareribs, is named in honor of California and its centennial celebration. They differ from plain boiled spareribs as much as modern California differs from California in the days of the first gold strike back in 1849. Our gold



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strike in this recipe is the addition of a can of pineapple juice to the spareribs and a long slow baking which allows the meat to become permeated by the pineapple flavor. The well-browned look is picked up along the way; no extra work involved in that. Garnish with prunes, peaches, apricots, or slices of pineapple that have been placed in the baking pan with the spareribs for the last half-hour of cooking.

Notice our Maple Squash. Tasty looking, isn't it? Actually, there's not nearly as much labor involved in preparing these as there is in making those insipid-looking boiled chunks of squash. It's the same vegetable, acorn squash, but we halve it by slicing crosswise, splash generously with maple syrup (or maple-flavored syrup if you honestly can't get pure maple syrup) and then bake in the same oven producing those spareribs.

To return to the beginning of this meal, the soup, the proper beginning of any good dinner, here is a refutation of all those cynics who make disparaging remarks about can openers. Yes, our Tomato Soup with Herbs is certainly from a can, and it's a great deal better tomato soup than most of us could make PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 57





Some corn does more for you than others—

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GOLDEN CORN

CORNPATCH TOMATO SURPRISE

4 large, firm tomatoes, cored

4 small eggs 3 tbsps, cream or evap, milk

3/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. paprika

Dash cayenne

1 tsp. Worcestershire Sauce

2 tsps. grated onion

2 to 3 slices bacon

2 tbsps, fine dry bread crumbs

Grated American cheese

1 to 2 cans DEL MONTE Golden Whole Kernel Corn

Hollow out tomatoes; salt insides. Place in shallor baking dish; break an egg into each tomato. Combin cream, seasonings, and grated onion and spoon over egg in tomatoes. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 20 to 2 min. or until eggs are almost set. Meanwhile, sauté baco crisp; drain; crumble. Combine with bread crumbs Top tomatoes with cheese; then crumb mixture, as shown

Spoon the corn around tomatoes, season and dot with butter or margarine. Return to oven till cheese is melter and corn is heated. Serves 4.

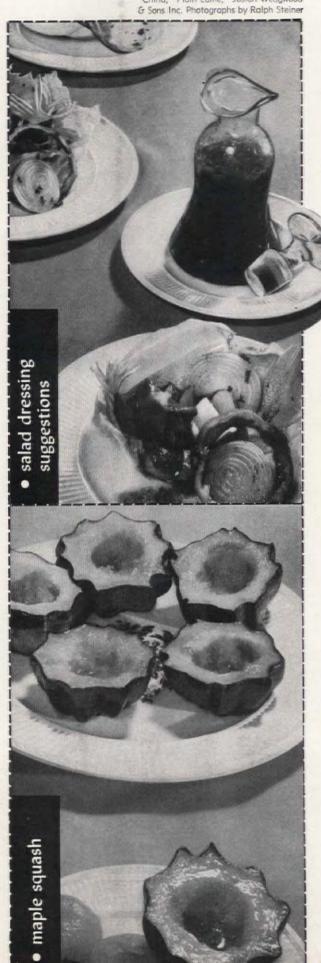
Golden Whole Kernel Golden Cream Style White Cream Style

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fresh tomatoes in our own kitchens. We've seasoned our soup a few cloves, a bit of marjoram, and then a sprinkling of ed parsley.

re's a future in salads! Lettuce and mayonnaise are fine, but s a wealthy world of greens calling for experiments in salad ngs, experiments you'll enjoy. There's a future, too, in desserts, ally our American Home Cake which becomes your American

China, "Plain Edme," Josiah Wedgwood & Sons Inc. Photographs by Ralph Steiner





American Home .cake (1)

Basic cake.

1 cup sifted cake flour 1 tsp. baking powder 1/4 tsp. salt

1 cup sugar 2 tsp. lemon juice 6 ths. hot milk

Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt three times. Beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored. Add sugar gradually, beating constantly. Add lemon juice. Fold in sifted flour, a small amount at a time. Add hot milk and stir quickly until thoroughly blended. Turn at once into an ungreased 9 x 5 x 21/2 inch loaf pan and bake in a moderate oven (350°F) for 40-45 minutes, or until done. Remove from oven and invert pan 1 hour or until cold. Butter Frosting: Cream 6 tbs. butter or margarine until soft; gradually stir in 11/2 cups confectioners' sugar. Then add 2 tsp. vanilla and a dash of salt. Add 11/2 cups confectioners' sugar alternately with 8-9 tbs. light cream or enough to give a spreading consistency. Beat until smooth after each addition. Chocolate Frosting: Cream 4 tbs. butter or margarine until soft; gradually stir in 1 cup confectioners' sugar; add 2 squares chocolate, melted, then add 1/2 tsp. vanilla and dash of salt. Add 1 cup confectioners' sugar alternately with 3 ths. milk and beat until smooth after each addition.

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American Home cake.(2)

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To make THE AMERICAN HOME Cake: Prepare and bake the basic cake recipe twice, or use two packages of prepared cake mix or two bought loaf cakes. Cake is easier to handle if baked a day ahead and left in the refrigerator overnight. Place one loaf cake on the cake plate for the main section of the house and frost the top with a butter frosting. Cut the other loaf cake into three pieces lengthwise with a sharp knife. Use top and bottom piece of cake and trim if needed to make both pieces same size. Frost one lengthwise edge on each piece of cake. Place frosted pieces together in a slanting position to form roof. Place roof on main section of house and hold firm with toothpicks along side and on top while frosting the cake. Cut two small triangles from the remaining piece of cake to fit on the two sides of roof. Frost edges on all sides and place in openings. The remaining piece of cake can be made into chimney. Chill cake in refrigerator for about 15 minutes so frosting hardens a little before decorating the outside of house,

Mark openings for windows and door with toothpicks; place chocolate frosting over roof using a spatula or a cake decorator. Frost main section of house with butter frosting using a spatula or decorator, being sure to go around the space for the windows and door. Frost chimney on all sides with chocolate frosting, place against the side of the house, and dot with chopped nuts.

forty-niner spareribs

Preparation time: 21/4 hrs.

strips of spareribs (4-5 lbs.) Salt and pepper 3/4 cup brown sugar 1 cup pineapple juice

1 cup dried prunes, soaked 1/2 cup raisins 1 cup canned apricots

H ave butcher crack rib bones across middle. Wipe spareribs clean with damp cloth. Cut in serving pieces. Season with salt and pepper. Place in baking pan. Sprinkle brown sugar over spareribs and bake in a moderate oven (350°F) for 15 minutes. Add pincapple juice and bake 45 minutes longer, basting frequently. Then cover with the prunes and bake for 1 hour or until meat is tender and wellbrowned, basting frequently with pineapple juice. Add raisins and apricots for last 15 minutes of baking time.

Serves 6 858 cal. per serving Source of vitamins A, B complex Silver, Rose Point Pattern, Wallace Silversmiths

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tomato soup with herbs

Preparation time: 10 min.

1 can condensed tomato soup ½ bay leaf 4 whole cloves

1/2 tsp. celery seed 1/4 tsp. dried marjoram

Prepare soup as label directs. Add remaining ingredients and heat to boiling. Simmer 5 minutes. Strain before serving. Makes 4 servings. Serve with: Any of these toppings-salted whipped cream and minced chives, a sprinkle of grated cheese, thin slices of avocado or lemon, popcorn or puffed cereal, garlic-buttered croutons, sieved hard-cooked egg yolk, or sliced olives. Variation: Substitute 1/2 tsp. caraway seeds or 3/4 tsp. curry powder for the celery seeds and dried marjoram.

Calories: 57 per serving

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ICAN HOME Cake as soon as you've adapted the recipe to fit architectural features of your own home. Perfect for birthd homecomings, housewarmings, teen-agers' parties or everyday ners, this luscious cake with its attractive frosting will high a dinner any time. But it takes care.

If you care enough to use a little gination. car ome.

ple squash		• salad dressing Spicy tomato French dressing: 11/2 tsp. granulated sugar 1 tsp. 11/2 tsp. granulated sugar 1 tsp.	ing: 1 tsp. dried basil
	Preparation time: 1 hr.		cop solution notice radish copy of the copy to the cop
edium-sized acorn squash and pepper	4 tbs. butter or margarine 6 tsp. maple or maple-flavored syrup	Combine all ingredients in jar or bowl; shake or beat until well mixed. Store, covered, in refrigerator. Shake well before using. Makes 2 cups.	until well mixed, ups,
Wash and split squash cr salt and pepper and spread so on baking sheet and bake in tes or until inside is soft. Turn maple syrup for each cavity	Wash and split squash crosswise and scrape out seeds and pulp. Sprinkle h salt and pepper and spread softened butter on cut surfaces. Place cut side on on baking sheet and bake in a moderately hot oven (375°F) for about 45 utes or until inside is soft. Turn cut side up, add 1 tsp. butter and pour over sp. maple syrup for each cavity. Return to the oven until rim of squash is	1. "Cheesey" Tomato French Dressing: Combine 34 cup of dressing with 34 cup crumbled Blue or Gorgonzola cheese. 2. California French Dressing: Combine 34 cup dressing with 32 cup sliced stuffed olives or 34 cup chopped ripe olives. 3. French Dressing, Philadelphia Style: Mix 34 cup dressing with 2 tbs. bottled	sing with ½ cup cup sliced stuffed th 2 tbs. bottled
red and lightly browned. ves 6 165 cal, per serving	er serving Source of vitamin A	4. India French Dressing: Combine 34 cup dressing with 2 ths. chutney. 5. Tondto Chiffonade Dressing: Mix 1 chopped hard-cooked egg, 2 tsp. minced pimiento and 1 ten minced receive with 3 constants.	chutney. g, 2 tsp. minced
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1 tsp.

1,371 big cash prizes to 1,370 people in The Great Gildersleeve's sponsored by Parkay-the Margarine that tastes so good!

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WEEKLY CONTESTS

1st weekly contest starts October 2. ends midnight October 8.

2nd weekly contest starts October 9, ends midnight October 15.

3rd weekly contest starts October 16, ends midnight October 22.

4th weekly contest starts October 23, ends midnight October 29.

5th weekly contest starts October 30, ends midnight November 5.

Weekly first prize winners announced on Gildersleeve program each Wednesday.

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That takes me back to days of yore.
I see a chapel on the hill,
Spring's first daffodils
Reflected in the mill pond, from the shore. a.a.a.a.a.a.a.a.a.a.

I recall in memory Tree names on a tree,
Our first kiss in that old canoe.
And the we've drifted far apart,
This song lives in my beart.
It's a melody of love and you.



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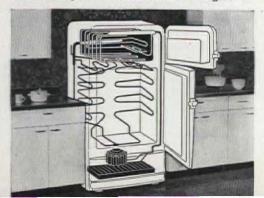
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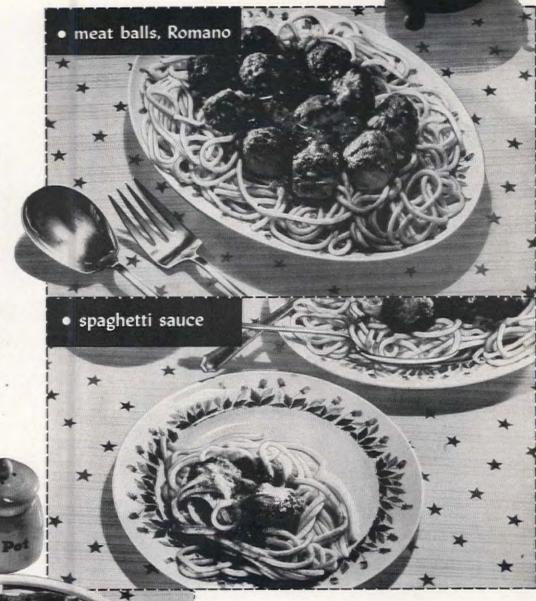


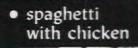
From Italy to us

Spaghetti, beloved in every modest Italian home, is the darling of the gourmet today

I'm hungry for spaghetti." This is the cry heard in many homes today. Gift of the Italians, the love of spaghetti is apparently growing by leaps and bounds. The tremendous popularity of canned spaghetti as well as the quiet success of many a neatly romantic Italian restaurant where spaghetti is the "specialty of the house," has reminded your editors that the Italian national dish is being discovered and re-discovered throughout America today.

Spaghetti is delicious, attractive and, of course, wonderfully economical. It's practically failure-proof in preparation if only a few guideposts are followed. We're giving you four recipes that will furnish a primer of spaghetti preparation as well as two variations, one with meat and one with chicken. With these recipes and the following guideposts, you'll be ready for variety in spaghetti dinners as well as variety in spaghetti appetites:





1. The spaghetti itself is the most important ingredient. Buy the best; buy a product that is well known, well tried, and do not try to save a few cents on the package since the spaghetti forms a large part of your meal.

2. For a true Italian flavor, use olive oil in the preparation of spaghetti.

3. Garlic, onion, and parsley are essential flavorings of spaghetti sauce. Almost always at hand, these ingredients will make your sauce taste as if a dozen herbs and spices had been added to the sauce.

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From Italy to Us (Begins on page 61)

Simple Dinner

Ripe Olives

Hearts of Celery

Spaghetti with Meat Balls, Romano

Tossed Green Salad

Zabaalione

Coffee

Gourmet's Dinner

Antipasto

Ministrone

Spaghetti with Chicken

Stuffed Mushrooms

Escarole Salad with Finocchio

Spumoni Demi Tasse

spaghetti . . . how to cook it

2 tsp. salt 2 qts. boiling water

1/2 lb. spaghetti

Add salt to boiling water, then add spaghetti gradually so boiling does not stop. Cook spaghetti, uncovered, stirring frequently until spaghetti is tender (9-12 min.). Bring boiling spaghetti to the sink, open cold water faucet and give spaghetti one cold splash. Turn into a colander and gently shake until all water is removed. Perfectly drained spaghetti holds the rich red sauce on its tender strands while poorly drained spaghetti becomes limp and the sauce turns pale when water is present in the spaghetti. Place drained spaghetti on a platter, top with meat balls, pour sauce over it and sprinkle with grated Roman or Parmesan cheese or pass cheese at the table. Serve spaghetti immediately.

Serves 4

Recipe submitted by Catherine Merlino

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· meat balls, Romano

Preparation time: 30 min.

1 lb. ground beef 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs 1 egg, beaten

1 clove garlic, minced Salt and pepper to taste 1/4 cup olive or salad oil

Mix together all the ingredients except the oil. Add 1-2 ths. water if mixture is not moist enough. Shape into small balls. Heat oil in skillet, add meat balls and brown on all sides. Place meat balls in skillet with previously prepared spaghetti sauce and simmer for 15 minutes longer.

511 cal. per serving Source of vitamins A, B complex Recipe submitted by Catherine Merlino

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spaghetti sauce

Preparation time: 1 hr.

1/4 cup olive or salad oil 1 medium onion, minced clove garlic, minced (6 oz.) can tomato paste Water 1 tbs. minced parsley Salt and pepper to taste

Place oil in skillet, add onion and garlic and simmer until a golden brown. Add tomato paste (do not dilute it) and stir constantly for a few minutes. Then add I can of water (tomato-paste can makes a good measure), stir. Add two more cans of water. Add parsley and salt and pepper. Allow to simmer for about 30 minutes. Add meat balls and simmer in sauce for 15 minutes. Sauce should be about the consistency of thin catsup.

Serves 4 145 cal. per serving Source of vitamins A, C, B complex Recipe submitted by Catherine Merlino

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4. Most Italian cooks use tomato paste in their spaghetti sauce. Tomato paste is simply tomatoes which have been cooked to a thick consistency. Some tomato pastes contain basil, an herb with an intriguing flavor. Tomato paste, being concentrated, will need dilution; be sure to read the directions on the can and then follow the recipe carefully.

Tomato puree may also be used. It gives the spaghetti a Spanish tamale flavor which is very delicious indeed.

Condensed canned tomato soup will need little or no dilution and will remind Americans of American-type spaghetti.

5. Cheeses give varying flavors and should be served generously. Grated Roman cheese has a characteristic Italian flavor which we recommend. Parmesan, a milder cheese, is very popular and has a very wide American acceptance.

6. The colander is not an ingredient, to be sure. but it takes the leading role in spaghetti cookery. No spaghetti dish can be a success unless the spaghetti is perfectly drained and only a colander can give that degree of perfection. Authorities disagree on the rinsing of cooked spaghetti, some say not to rinse it at all while others say to rinse it in either hot or cold water. We like to bring the boiling spaghetti to the sink, open the cold water faucet and give the spaghetti one cold splash. Perfectly drained spaghetti holds the rich red tomato sauce on its tender strands; poorly drained spaghetti becomes limp and the sauce turns pale under the weight of retained water.

7. Serve the spaghetti as soon as you have sprinkled the grated cheese over it, serve extra cheese, of course. Notice how your family will thrill at the sight of your picturesque masterpiece.

spaghetti with chicken

Preparation time: 1 hr.

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1/4 cup olive or salad oil (21/2-3 lb.) chicken, cut up 1 clove garlic, minced

1 medium onion, minced 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste

1 tbs. minced parsley Salt and pepper to taste Spaghetti

Heat oil in skillet. Add chicken and cook until almost brown. Add garlic and onion and cook until light brown. Add tomato paste (do not dilute) and stir gently. Then stir in 3 cans water (tomato-paste can makes a good measure). Add parsley and salt and pepper, Cover and allow to simmer until chicken is tender. Serve on spaghetti.

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Then we heard of Janet and Robert Dahill and their year-old son, we I knew we had found an ideal family. They had been able to solve a definite housing problem. Just as countless other young couples, they cared too much to continue just existing. The builders' house they purchased fulfilled their basic requirements as to number of rooms, locality, and price. It offered great possibilities if they were willing to plan and work . . . they were.

We are primarily interested in the kitchen and Janet Dahill's ways of getting maximum results from minimum expenditure.

Mr. Stitch, the builder of these Hartford, Connecticut, homes, gives his families a fine choice of wallpapers. Janet made excellent selections throughout the house, but the kitchen posed a problem. The equipment, well laid out as to convenience and ease in meal preparation, needed a foil to give the room individuality and a feeling of welcome. She did not want a stark white room. The "Calico Fruit" stainproof and washable wallpaper will give maximum wear and enjoyment. The ceiling was painted a persimmon color as in the wallpaper. Darkgreen linoleum flooring contrasts effectively with a yellow and chrome table.

Simple curtains, retailing at less than \$4.00 per window, help carry out color scheme. They are white chintz panels with a dark-green patterned border and valance; wallpaper colors are repeated in pattern. Bob Dahill painted the canister set and inside of cabinets the same dark green.

Janet insists that meals be attractive as well as good. To accomplish this with a minimum expenditure of fuel and time, she cooks several oven dishes at one time. She has another way of getting the most for the least. Her extra surprise for Bob is a house cake (their own new house) made from a simple, prepared white-cake mix iced with combination butter and chocolate frosting. She puts architectural features on with a spatula or a cake decorator. (See page 57.) Robert Jr. always helps.

An item Janet insisted we insert is her observation that a pantry or full-length closet is an essential for storing staples and hangable utensils-nothing takes its place.



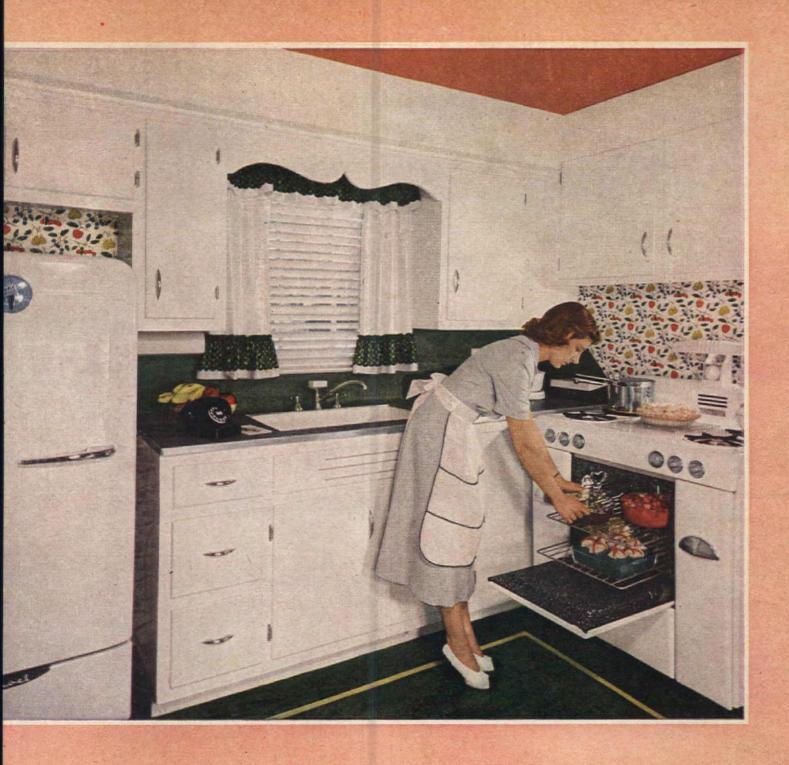
Bob calls local gas-company service man to check the heating system. He shows Bob how simple it is to push a button and start the season's heat

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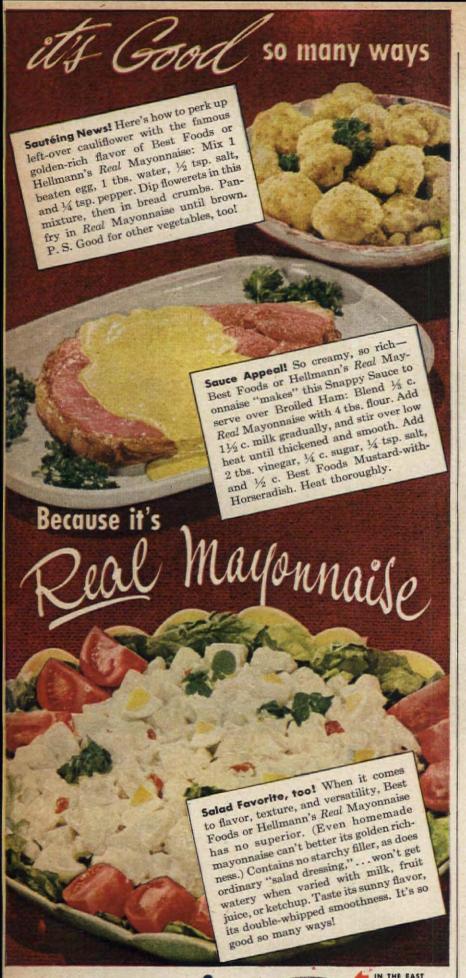
Sandwiches for the afternoon tea party are easily prepared in free moments during the day and placed uncovered on large shelves of their moist refrigerator. Please turn back to pages 52 and 54 for some of Mrs. Dahill's ideas on food and entertaining



With the pie cooling, soup in the pressure pan, Janet places remainder of meal in the oven, for she knows that capacity use of oven is good management. Well-designed small kitchen has all gas equipment, ample cabinet and closet space for storage near work surfaces and appliances

Gay wallpaper cheers whole kitchen. Dining
is pleasant in this room. Janet and
young Robert are completing surprise cake for
Bob. The frostings are made and
the cakes are ready to be cut and shaped





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If You Care Enough . . . (Begins on page 52)





Bridge enthusiasts welco invitation for dessert and coffee at seven, a lor evening to play cards. Thostess shows off her berecipe, guests find dinn at home simple to prep when no dessert called f



Men like to "spread their own." Mrs. Dahill serves coffee, sets forth bowls of sandwich fillers

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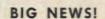


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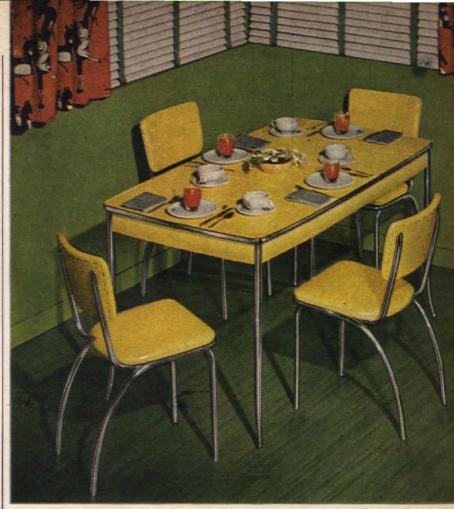
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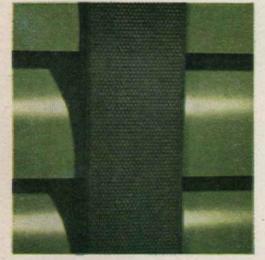
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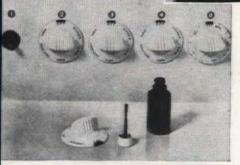
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Use paper towel to skim small amount of fat off top of soup

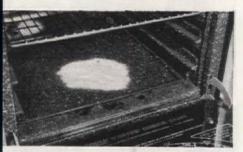
When grinding bread crumbs or crackers, tie paper bag over end of grinder—this prevents crumbs from spilling



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Mark the "off" position on the range controls with bright nail polish. They may all be read at a glance from a considerable distance



To clean the oven when spillovers occur, sprinkle salt on spilled food and leave heat on until food chars, then wash

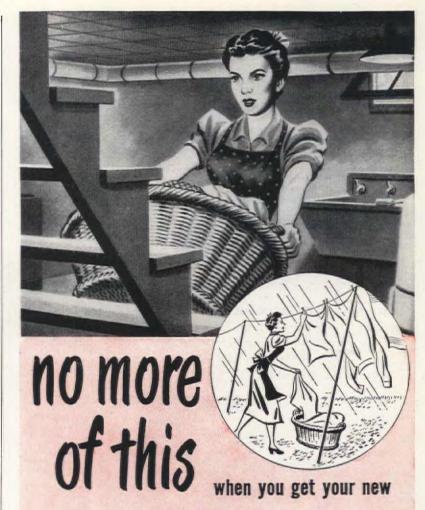


Copper-bottom utensils can easily be cleaned by rubbing with a cut lemon dipped in salt



Starch which has stuck to an iron can be removed by spreading salt on a newspaper and rubbing the iron over it while hot

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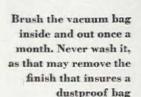
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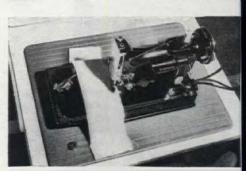


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ver play that fascinating game that goes like this: one person names a word, "grass," for instance, and another person answers with the first thing that comes into his head? Probably "green."

To most people "vitamin" would bring the response of "pill," and that is the subject of our discourse today. Vitamins are in natural foods and don't have to be swallowed as pills. Vitamin pills are important, of course, for travelers or dwellers in countries where the supply of natural foods is cut down for one reason or another. They are also convenient in emergencies when it is not possible to get normal supplies of food. But most of us are not in these categories, and we can get our natural foods to supply essential substances.

It's only a short twenty-nine years ago that a Polish scientist, Casimir Funk, put together this word which was to focus the attention of multitudes on the new science of nutrition.

We know now that we need several vitamins in our diet each day-A, C, D, thiamine, riboflavin, and niacin to name the best known ones.

Fortunately it isn't necessary to know all about vitamins in order to eat the foods that contain them. Not if you're clever! Just remember to plan your meals for twenty-four hour periods, and include plenty of fruits and vegetables, at least a pint of milk, meat, an egg, and a cereal in your menus for the day. For each person, that is! Here's a Model Menu:

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Orange Juice Oatmeal or Poached Eggs **Buttered Toast** Coffee

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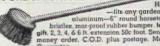
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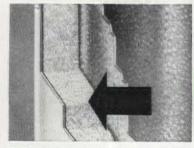
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When you have decided exactly what you want in a range, on burner placement, one or two ovens, high, low, pull-out or swing-out broiler, perhaps a built-in griddle or deep well in one burner, be sure the gas range of your choice carries the Certified Performance "CP" seal. This seal is the trademark of some 20 manufacturers of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association and only those anges which have been pretested to meet rigid specifications and those built to the highest performance standards bear this seal. To these high standards, the manufacturer adds convenience features and the most advanced automatic controls for finest cooking results.

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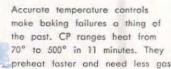
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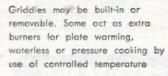


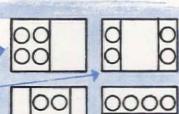
Insulating materials in broiler and oven compartments keep heat inside, keep the kitchen cool. Good insulation means fuel saving, even browning



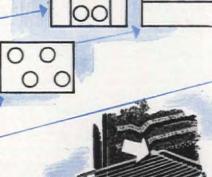


Top burner lighting, oven and broiler ignitions are fully automatic on CP ranges. This makes for more convenient, safer operation



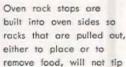


Choose top burner placement to suit your work habits: four burners at either right or left side; four burners along back; divided top; four burners in the middle; or the staggered arrangement



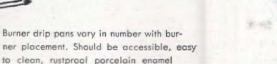


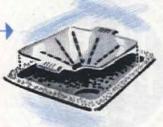
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Be professional about it...

Data: Ruth Hatfield, Rachel Rubin

Ome women speak of housewifery with a depreciatory shrug, as if to imply that they really were meant for better things than a slave and a drudge-if only they hadn't tied themselves down to a house and family with its many responsibilities. Others regard it as the unfortunate aftermath of moonlight and roses, an endless road of work, work, and more work to be trod in resignation and despair. Self-pity is their only solace. Very few women really regard it for what it is: a profession.

Many skills are required in this profession: one must be cook, child nurse, cleaning woman, laundress, interior decorator, hostess, shopper, financial manager-and at the end of the day, a gay and restful companion to the weary husband who comes home frazzled from the day's work.

A formidable job to be sure, but not an impossible one if one is able to approach it with a professional attitude.

Career women are always on the lookout for new ideas to improve the quality of their work, for shortcuts, for new angles of approach. They know that the old ways are not necessarily the best ways. "Grandmother did it like this," wouldn't impress an office boss, and it should cast no aura of sanctity about an outmoded household process.

A professional woman knows that learning to do things with a minimum of effort is an achievement, and not a symptom of laziness. She has respect for her own time as it is very valuable to her. She would plan and space her major house-cleaning projects in advance. She would shop and market on a certain day of the week, early in the morning when stores are uncrowded and the sales force rested. She would jot down items on a handy staple list as supplies got low, so that she would never find herself rushing to the store for baking powder while in the middle of mixing a cake. She would encourage family participation in routine tasks such as making the older children responsible for their own bed making and room cleaning. It is said a successful executive is one who knows how to delegate responsibility to others.

If this sounds rigid and inhuman, let me remind you that the basis of all freedom is self-discipline. It may be difficult in the beginning to organize your time and resources, but orderly habits are just as easy to form as disorderly ones, and far more rewarding. After a while, planning



becomes as automatic as putting your shoes. By that time, you fi little islands of leisure cropping in your life, and a sense of acco plishment at the end of the day stead of that dreary "woman's wo is never done" feeling.

"Nobody realizes how much we I do," homemakers say. "Small than I get for all the boring routine j it takes to keep a home runni smoothly!"

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But even in the most coveted jo there's plenty of routine, plenty discipline, plenty of exasperating tail for which no one ever thanks y

Emotional self-control is one the first lessons a woman learns the business and professional wor The girl who goes in for orgies hate, self-pity or envy gets sho shrift in any business organization While the formality of a busine office would be neither practical n desirable in the home, it is still excusable for a wife and a moth to allow her emotions to run rampa Excessive emotionalism is often outlet for energies that might mo profitably be channeled into a co structive hobby. This would take bit of cool self-analysis and dete mination, but it would add up in t end to greater happiness for whole family.

Would little Jane be satisfied have someone else hold her hand her first trip to the dentist? Wou your husband John as soon ha someone else hold his hand in t movies? Indeed not! You are in placeable, your family knows it a you know it, and that's a satisfaction you ought to cherish better th: Grandmother's silver.

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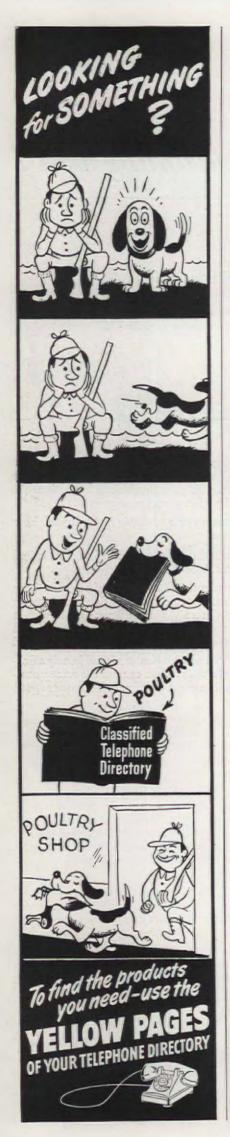
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Transformation without changing main lines of house. Off came ugly porch and in its place simple Colonial doorway, framed by shutters and pair of picture sash give house definite "new" look

Photographs by Nowell Ward

No House Is Hopeless...

RUTH W. LEE

e're more and more convinced that every house has a future, although often it takes more than a crystal ball to see through a grim exterior. Call it imagination, a sixth sense or what have you, this unknown factor came in handy when the Archie MacDonalds were scrambling to get a roof over their heads.

To start with, the house in which they were living had been sold, necessitating househunting during one of our worst building shortages. Then, too, they liked the school in Winnetka and wanted son Bruce to continue there.

Mrs. MacDonald finally decided on the fiftyyear-old square house with a most unprepossessing exterior. At first glance, it had just two marks in its favor-a good heating and a good plumbing system. After living there awhile, however, the new owners discovered other hidden attributes. The ceilings were high, rooms generous in size and in just the right numbers. Only a few expensive changes were needed to produce just the right background for their fine inherited collection of Victoriana.

Off came an ugly front porch and in its place a pair of shutter doors flank a new Colonial entrance. Proper grading and a new flight of front steps brought the high lines of the house down to normalcy.

Major changes were made only in the former front and back parlors. By removing an archway and short adjoining walls, these two small rooms were combined to create a long living room. Since the central chimney was on an inside wall, a new fireplace was installed there, one of red brick with white wood molding and shelf. Shutter doors replaced French glass ones and now frame the entrance to the back porch. Walls were given a coat of Williamsburg blue. The white woodwork and white sheeting curtains with deep hand-knotted fringe add a clean, bright look to the room.

Few changes were necessary in the dining room; a new picture window was added to balance the new one in the living room. Privacy was gained in the kitchen by substituting high windows for the original long sash. Three second-floor bedrooms needed no radical changes. Bruce's apartment on the third floor has plenty of room for the activities of a thirteen-yearold boy and his assorted teen-age friends.

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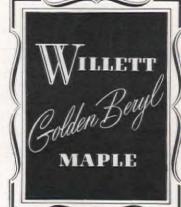












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Victoria with modern background. Twin bookcases, painted white, add deep reveal to picture window and clean bright accent to Williamsburg blue walls



Behind rose chintz love seat, adjacent to new Early American fireplace, is fine old walnut secretary and Victorian side chair. Shutter doors lead to back porch



Gay floral bouquets cover dining-room walls. Old cherry drop-leaf table and Victorian side chairs with horsehair seats provide breakfast spot before new view window



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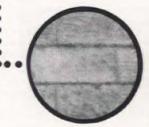
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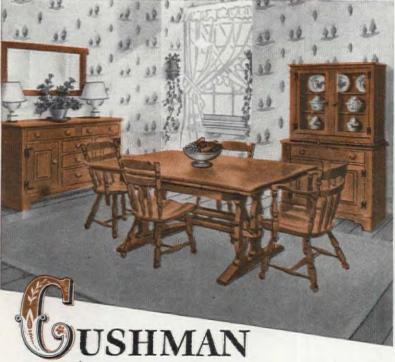


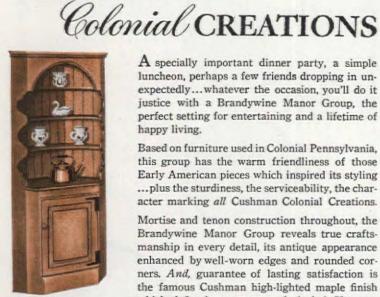
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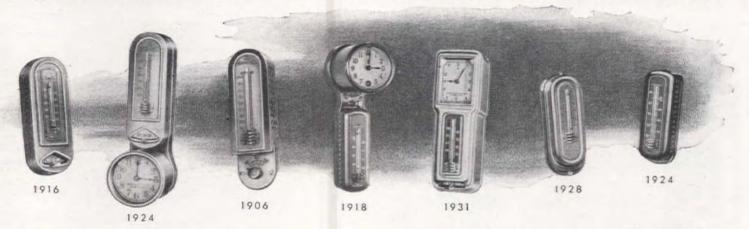


In master room bright red taffeta curtains flank new built-in closets. Same material used on piano-stool skirt in front of dressing table, once Victorian whatnot stand

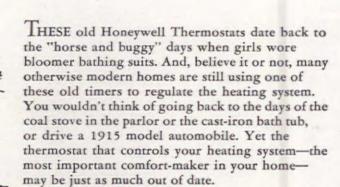


Red and white medallion wallpaper with sheer white sheeting curtains, eyelet embroidered valances, complement white tufted bedspread, family heirlooms in guest room

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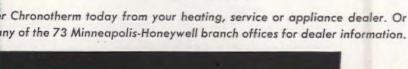
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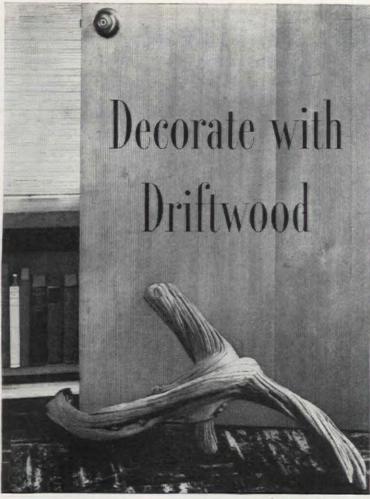
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Gnarled piece of driftwood found by Bruce Johnson on beach of one of San Juan islands, mounted on block of wood, used as piece of sculpture



Soaring piece of driftwood mounted on delicate pin has powerful line and movement of piece of sculpture. Found in Puget Sound near Straits of San Juan de Fuca

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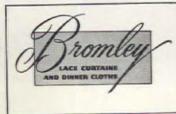
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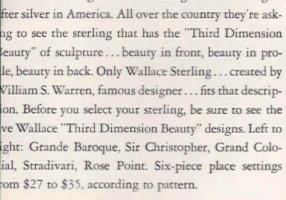
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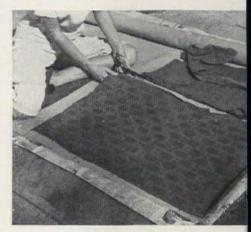
Gowlands inspect secondhand store "find." De possible if re-covered. Buy themselves an upholstery



Avoiding irritation from dust, flying cotton, Alice removes old cover in yard. Tacks go into handy pan. She's careful not to tear material, marks location of each piece with chalk



Alice finds it a good idea to get acquainted with each piece and its destination before cutting. Each labeled section is placed on new fabric, pinned into position



Peter loosens burlap undercover along sofa frame to begin search for broken or loosened cords. Decides best way is to replace them in small area



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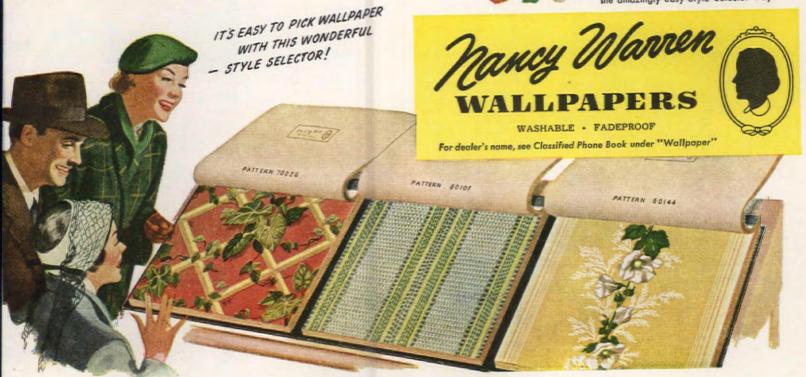


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Double Take (Begins on page 92)

In professional way, upholsterer's slip-knot is applied to spring, cord pulled taut, wrapped around projecting nail, tied again. Nailhead is then hammered over at angle to secure cord



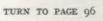
Old seat cover, in good condition, is stitched to front flap. Extra large seam is allowed so flap can be sewn with curved upholsterer's needle to rolled edge originally provided for this purpose



Cotton filling goes back into position as required. All materials are pulled tight as possible over it to insure smooth finish. Peter tugs down seat cover ends after top and inside arm covers are tacked in place



Ready-made welt cord sewn into seams forms three-section inside back cover which is tacked top and bottom. Cut-to-size narrow piece with cord sewn to it covers top of frame, raw edges of back cover





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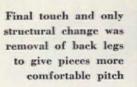
Gowlands found the dismantling job had taught them a lot. Following the procedure exactly, they tack welt cord to outside edge of arms. Get straighter line this way



Another upholsterer's trick is put to work. Narrow strips of cardboard tacked over fabric edges insure smooth fit of outer cover when fabric is stretched taut and tacked underneath the frame



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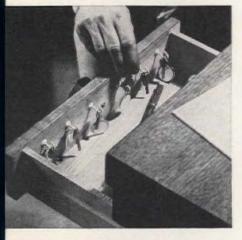
Eliminate persistent door-hinge squeaks. A flat line filed on hinge pin will let oil flow full length of the pin, reach squeaking spot



Keep sapling trunks straight. Set a 2 x 2 post clear of the roots, about 1 foot from the tree, on the prevailing windward side. 1/8 inch copper or aluminum wire will keep the sapling in line with the post. A short piece of old hose will protect trunk from wire



Add these to your own bag of tricks for home maintenance



Cure for mislaid keys: Ordinary cup hooks in a living-room desk drawer can hold letter box, door, car and safe-deposit box keys. Garage and cellar keys can be in a kitchen-cabinet drawer



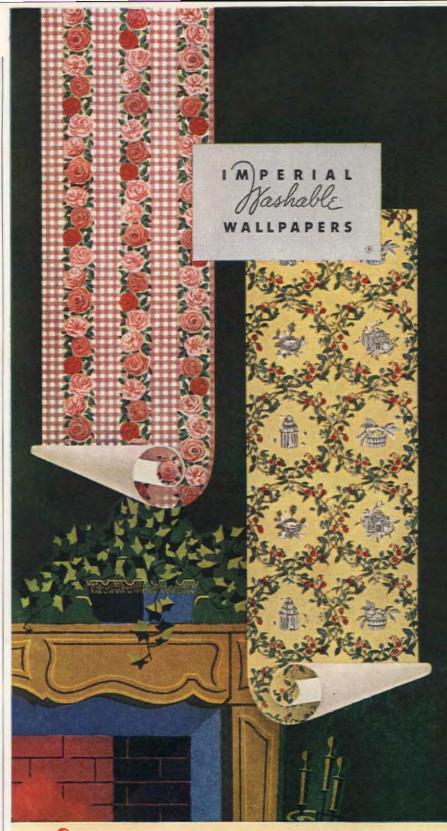
Empty paint cans set under feet of a ladder will spread the weight over a comparatively large area, like snowshoes, and keep it from sinking in soft earth. This reduces danger of ladder shifting while you're on it



Save work on putting up storm windows. When storing them for the season, apply a thin coat of window cleaner that leaves a frosted film. When it's time to put the windows up again, you can quickly wipe off the film and grime gathered in storage



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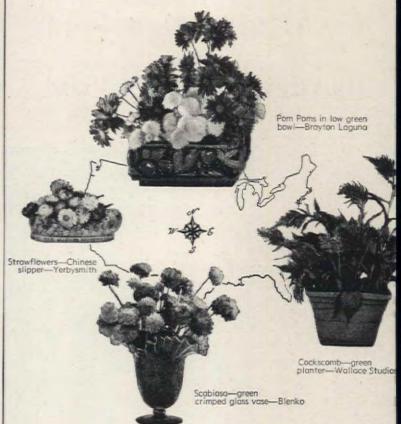
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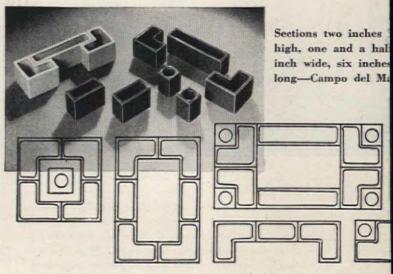
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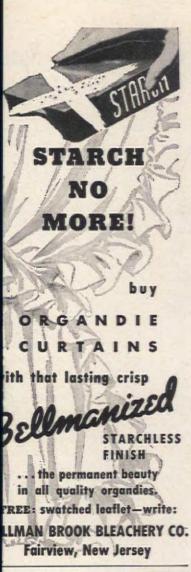


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The Monkey Spoon

(Begins on page 34)

specimens, the figure on the handle is not a monkey, but a boy, faun, bird, hippogryph, lion, or squirrel. Second, this figure rises not from the end of the handle, but from the bend of the stem where it turns backward in a crook or curl. And third, the boy or faun holds, not a goblet, but usually a pair of disks or cymbals, a lyre or an armful of clouds.

The monkey spoon with straight stem terminating in an upright simian figure is most likely a lineal descendant of the famed Apostle spoon. Perhaps it is to this second straighthandled variety that Anya Seton refers in her novel, Dragonwyck, writing, "Nicholas presented to each of the pallbearers a 'monkey spoon,' a small trinket of carved silver with a tiny figure on the handle, supposed to represent one of the twelve Apostles." Here the memento is presumably an uncharacterized Apostle spoon. In the decadence of the Apostle-spoon cult these funeral souvenirs for pallbearers were sometimes of inferior design and make, uniform in outline and undistinguished by any identifying emblems. Among the uninitiated these were known as monk spoons. Because both types were used as memento morii (funeral souvenirs), the monk spoon became confused with the aberrant, Dutch-conceived monkey spoon.

Yet why have both these types of monkey spoons drifted so far into oblivion? What is known of their mysterious background?

Mrs. Ferris, who in 1890 was still able to query Knickerbockers having second- or third-hand knowledge of early Dutch customs, pursued her research with commendable zeal, yet was able to uncover but a few vague clues. She sadly reported:

"A thorough Dutch student, and one familiar with the early days of this country, can find nothing about monkey spoons in any cyclopedia.

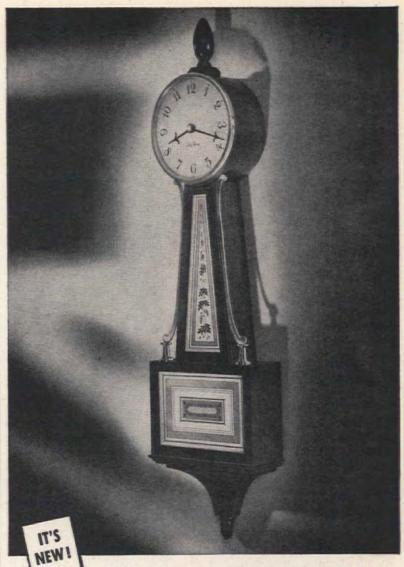
"The oldest and most reliable jeweler in Albany tells me he has never seen or even heard the name.

"The eldest living scion of a family of Dutch settlers in Albany 'knew that such things once existed and had some relation to funerals.'

"A descendant of the chivalrous DeLancy of olden times writes, 'As to monkey spoons they are simply spoons which have their handles terminating in little figures of monkeys, just as another variety of the old spoons of two or three centuries ago had terminal figures of Apostles on the handles. . . !'

"'As to monkey spoons,' still another informant writes, 'I saw them in early days in old Dutch families. There was a monkey carved on the handle, but I could never ascertain the meaning of the emblem.'"

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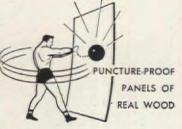
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These and other equally unsatisfactory suggestions baffled Mrs. Ferris in her quest. Strangely enough to the later inquirer who searched for three years before finding a monkey spoon enriched with a true simian creature, Mrs. Ferris' sources again state that the significant figure on these spoons was that of a monkey. Yet the spoons that can be seen and handled today show a crouching image or knop that is usually a boy or faun. In one frequently encountered pattern, a bit of scrollwork is employed to lend stability to the stooping faun and does, actually, bear some resemblance to a tail, but to a leonine rather than a simian appendage. Most figures, however, lack this reinforcement.

A rough description of the curvicaudate monkey spoon as found today might run as follows: It is about six inches in length and has a disproportionately large bowl, sometimes circular, sometimes ovoid, of stamped or repoussé work, about two inches wide and from two to three inches in length. A slender, sinuous stem terminates in an easy flexure which can be hooked over the edge of the bowl. The handle, ending in the aforementioned hook or crook, sometimes spends its last fraction of an inch in a tiny, gargoyle-like

head. About two-thirds of the tance up the handle there is welc a flattened, embossed seal or coatarms in the form of an oval lozer surmounted by a crown. On silv intended as a wedding or betrot gift, this boss often takes the fo of a heart. Beyond the boss handle bends sharply backward on the summit, parallel with shaft, appears the protruding figu called the "monkey." It may seated, crouching, or skippingmay we repeat again, it is rar simian in shape. It is most often Greek-like boy or faun. The edge the bowl is often scalloped or flut

The scene depicted in the bowl appropriate to the occasion on whi the token is to be presented. funerary spoons the subject is off that of the rider described by M Ferris, ready to deliver invitation to the wake, with the church in background. Sometimes the subject St. Michael in his role of Weigher Souls, with the Scales of Judgme in his hand. Occasionally the ser ment to be conveyed is evidenced the boss rather than the bowl. So is the case of the spoon illustra where the boss displays a mourn weeping over a cinerary urn.

In spoons intended as souven



such joyful events as betrothals, ddings and christenings, the bowl often enlivened with scenes of ncing couples and wedding parties. In the early Dutch colonies, spoons esented to pallbearers, officiating ergymen, near friends and relatives the deceased at the funeral banet of a well-to-do citizen, somenes carried a memorial inscription th the name as well as the date of rth and death of the deceased.

The ever mysterious question reains, however. Why, if these spoons not display a monkey, are they lled monkey spoons?

A fair question and a puzzling one, it for many a day it has brought convincing answer. The first sugstion was that the crouching figure the faun, especially when reinrced by scrollwork which might mistaken for a tail, had been sumed to be a monkey and was -called until the name "stuck."

Another tentative answer was fered by Mrs. Ferris. "Among the utch," she speculated, "drinking is lled 'zuiging de monkey' (sucking e monkey), and a drunkard is nowh as a 'sucker of the monkey' . When the worthy burgher was ady for his morning meal, he went the old side-board . . . and took his morning tonic of Santa Cruz rum, following it with a pinch of salt. This morning dram was to serve only as an appetizer, and must be a small one, hence the use of the monkey lepel (monkey spoon) or liquor spoon with its shallow bowl. And as the flowing bowl played a most prominent part in the weddings and funerals of our worthy Dutch ancestors, it will be readily seen that a monkey spoon was a most significant token of esteem, and hence an appropriate gift."

The importance of the Dood Feest (Dead Feast) in the social life of the community is indicated by the elaborate preparations made by the bereaved family. Mrs. Ferris preserves an old bill that lists the following lavish outlay of provisions:

'40 gallons good wine, 40 gallons spirits, 3 large loves lump sugar, 2 dozen nutmegs, 2 gross long pipes, 30 pounds tobacco, 2 dozen black silk handkerchiefs, 15 monkey spoons, 30 yards linen for scarfs, 7 mourning rings, 6 loves bread."

A student of early American history looks back to this feast for the answer. Monkey spoons, bizarre in shape and endowed with a function foreign to the conventional spoon, that of swinging from the rim of the punch bowl, could not fail in con-



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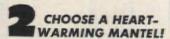
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juring monkeyish fancies for guests at a wake. For, according to early New Amsterdam chroniclers, often the mourners at great funerals became so well-liquored that they sang and shouted, broke pipes by the gross, smashed crockery, made bonfires of their scarfs and sometimes had to be hauled back to their homes on logging sleds en masse. In these befuddled gentlemen's eyes, teardimmed and rum-blurred, the big bellied spoons hanging from the flowing bowl, strongly resembled monkeys swinging from a jungle tree.

Three conjectures, all failing to satisfy the collector's curiosity merely prodded further investigation. Inquiry was pushed farther, indeed, to the proper source of information on Dutch silver, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Holland. But the Silverware Department of the Rijksmuseum in 1948 was as barren of information as had been Mrs. Ferris' silversmiths and first families of New York in 1890. The items asked about were "not only not represented here and elsewhere in this country, but are also absolutely unknown to us," wrote the courteous curator. And this reply might have left the elusive monkey spoon forever unidentified had not private channels brought

happy evidence that, though now recognized in his place of origin, Netherlands was, indeed, the mo key spoon's native habitat.

A monkey spoon! A monkey spo surmounted by an unmistakable me key, of genuine simian form, featu and tail "half crouching, half cha ing, drinking from a goblet in solid had been run to earth in an antique shop in Sittard, Holland. He was so shipped across the Atlantic in wake of his seventeenth and eig eenth century brethren and is sho among the monkey spoons illustrat

Here then is the prototype of later monkey spoons with faun, cup lion, squirrel, cock or bird knop. He is indisputable evidence that or inally, in Holland, monkey spoo were actually monkey mounted, a that the name was not haphazare given nor unthinkingly perpetuated.

In the early Colonial days, the when Dutch pioneers were settl New Amsterdam, monkey spoo must have been monkey mount From this early root stemmed all t fauns, birds, lions and other cr tures still laying claim to the na of monkey spoon.

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Here, the searcher turns in his cks and gropes his way back into e caverns of uncertainty. For bees the curvicaudate monkey spoon, ere exists the straight-backed mony, also Holland-born, also an gma. However, unlike the first, s second variety is devoted ex-sively to wakes and interments.

Mrs. Avery in her Collection of oons Made by Mrs. S. P. Avery, ted by the Metropolitan Museum, sses a casual comment on the subt of this cabinet curio. "Some of e very early New York funeral oons (intended for presentation to ends as memorials of the deceased) ntain the figure of a skeleton in ief on the inside of the bowl." And skeleton also appears on the nel above the bowl.

This macabre spoon is represented day in the New World by a mere ndful of specimens. In fact, hardly If a dozen such mementos are own to the writer. Among these the tiny, diminutive pair illusted. They were manufactured in lland and reached America by y of Great Britain. The panels ove the bowls are morbidly becked with loose-jointed skeletons. t the figures at the top of the ndles, although lacking tails, are undoubtedly simian in form.

From funerary monkey spoons to coffin spoons, claimed to be of purely American origin, is but a step. This last remote offshoot of the Apostle spoon has a coffin-shaped handle. It is less elaborate than the Apostle or monkey but is equally appropriate as a token to a pallbearer. Indeed, the coffin spoon was known in Albany, New York as early as 1740. The demand for these wares continued fairly steadily during the early decades of the nineteenth century. Later, when the custom of making presents to pallbearers and friends at funerals fell into disuse, coffin spoons continued to be manufactured for ordinary domestic purposes. However, as public sensibilities sharpened, the coffin with is dismal connotations gradually slipped from favor. By the mid-nineteenth century the macabre picture had been supplanted by the merry fiddleback, the sheaf-of-wheat and the bouquet-of-flowers.

So, worn thin with time, elbowed into oblivion, they vanish into the dust of obscurity, the venerable Apostles, the lugubrious coffins, and the ever evasive monkeys, wily, inexplicable, curling their mysterious tails behind them. Such is the strange case of the monkey spoon.



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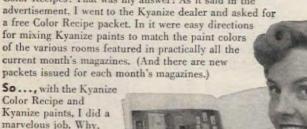
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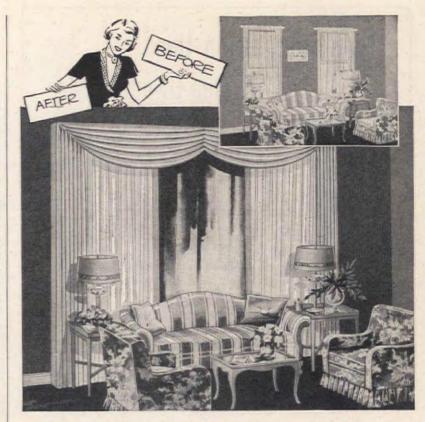
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Another way of reducing fire ris the application of flameproof compounds to flammable materi. This practice is widely accepted places of public assembly where podic inspections can be made-essential detail since most soluti are not permanent and will not svive laundering. Indeed, the whole subject of making textiles fires is a vexatious one. A solution who works perfectly on, say, cotton go may not work at all on rayon. The



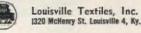
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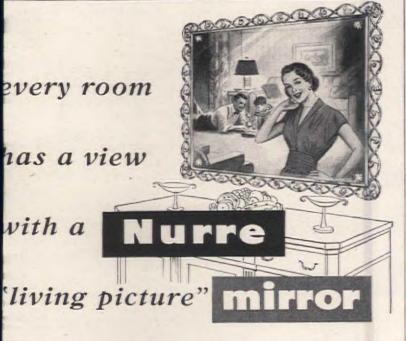
ich withstand washing will often ange appearance, feel, or quality of fabric. Others have to be renewed equently, and so on. The American otel Association, for example, made exhaustive series of tests of every meproofing agent on the market d finally approved eleven as acptable for general use. None of e eleven, however, are recomended for velours or for celanese-pe fabrics which are extremely difult to flameproof.

Considerable work has also been ne of late in the field of permanent meproofing compounds, but these eatments are applied to the fabrics fore they are processed and cannot used by the consumer. However, e more often consumers demand is type of protection in house furshings, decorations, and even cern types of wearing apparel, the sier it will be to get it. Signifintly enough, many advances have me through legislative action, in-riably based on some ghastly holoust which stirred up public opinion. ot infrequently, such hasty legislaon is extreme and almost punitive, aking the interests involved wish ey had policed themselves in time. On the other hand, we have cases nere industries have gone beyond

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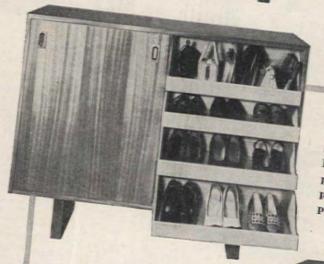


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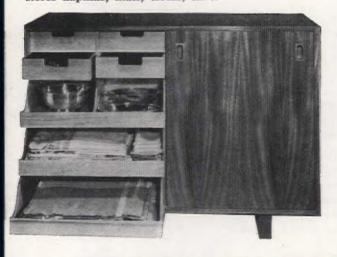
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DINING-ROOM BUFFET

Buffet has same length, depth as wardrobes, shorter legs. Left side stores napkins, mats, cloths, silver

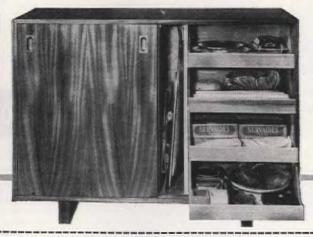


Small drawers are fitted to store table silver. We lined ours with Pacific silver cloth, which keeps silver from tarnishing





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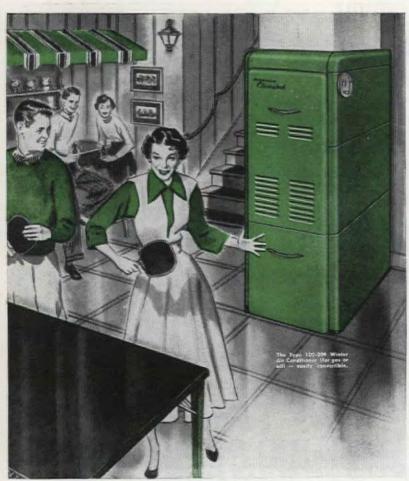
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Home Study Plan (Begins on page 36)

traditional in flavor, is upholstered in aqua and gold to match the background and carry out a uniform effect. Contrasting in atmosphere is the pine-paneled den with a definite masculine look to its red-leather chair and bench cushions. This is a room for quiet relaxation or, when the mood dictates, a family musical evening for the combination radio-phonograph is located here. Since there's direct access to the dining room, the den comes in handy during large buffet dinner parties. Its nearness to the kitchen also makes it an ideal spot for those late after-movie snacks.

Brightness is the keynote of the kitchen with walls of jonguil yellow, its cupboards white with red trim. In a more quiet vein are the two bedrooms, the larger papered in yellow and gray stripes, the smaller in a floral pattern. Each has its quota of closets and plenty of wall space for proper furniture arrangement.

Actually the house has grown since it was first built. A twocar garage added at one end made room for the present kitchen in the space originally occupied by a single-car garage. What is now a den was the first kitchen, the layout identical with its larger successor. A new exterior door makes access from the new garage a simple matter. The addition was a most happy one due largely to the still unbroken roof line and the new longer horizontal sweep of the design.



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Clean those chimneys for SAFETY

KENNETH DUNCAN

kay, Daddy, Junior probably has something there! Santa wouldn't come down that chimney, even if it were built for his girth. Would you, a self-respecting guy all dressed up in red and white, venture a descent through a black channel that leaves your hands smudged when you carelessly touch its lower environs in the chore of tossing another log on the fire of a winter evening?

Seriously, Father, do you realize that in 1948, 6.51% of the country's fires originated in chimneys?

And, do you realize that the larger part of these were the most easily preventable of all fires?

We will assume that your chimney is properly constructed, that is, has a good tile flue from fireplace to chimney top, and that it is in good repair. If it doesn't or isn't, or if in an old house you're not sure of these facts, we have only one bit of sage advice to offer: "Don't use the fireplace until you are sure that it is right or you have had it repaired." Obviously, in a loosely tossed-up chimney without a flue lining, there is danger from fireplace sparks that can creep past broken-out mortar and ignite wooden studs and girders. But, fortunately, that is not our subject. We are speaking chiefly of the sort of plain soot fire that Santa might meet.

Those logs that burn so cheerily in the open grate, Daddy, are going through a simple chemical reaction that is explained to us all in the eighth grade of school. Carbon in the log combines with oxygen of the air and results in the beautiful flames.

If the reaction took place in a test tube, combustion might be complete, and all the carbon in the log would be used in forming carbon dioxide gas. But fireplaces are not laboratory-efficient. The result is that a lot of raw carbon in dust form goes up the chimney as soot. It sticks in every crevice and to open surfaces, too. It builds up a great fire hazard under the nest of last spring's picturesque chimney swallows. Carbon soot, this waste product of open fires, is almost as flammable as the more commonly respected gasoline.

In the country, where such things were understood a generation or two ago, there was a regular fall ritual that had to take place before the autumnal hearths were lighted. Junior was sent to cut a quantity of hawthorn. As everyone knows, hawthorn is a disagreeable shrub, tough, with a lot of even tougher spines.



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A bunch of the hawthorn branches were tied together, and the middle of a stout rope was tied to the bunch. The length of the rope was at least twice the height from the fireplace hearth to the chimney top. A brick or other small weight was tied to one end of the rope. Next the most agile member of the family was sent to the roof with the rope, weight, and bunch of hawthorn. The weighted end of the rope was lowered through the flue to the hearth, and the clump of hawthorn was inserted in the flue with the main stems down.

Then with someone at each end of the chimney, pulling and keeping the rope taut, the hawthorn bunch was seesawed back and forth along the sides of the flue as it was gradually lowered to the hearth. The hawthorn was taken out of the chimney at the hearth, not pulled back to the roof. Of course the furniture and hearth were protected with paper or cloths.

There has never been a more thorough method for removing soot from fireplace chimneys. If hawthorn isn't available, black locust or wild cherry is a good substitute. But lack of the most suitable flora is no excuse for keeping a chimney fire hazard. Almost any freshly cut shrub, used while green and resilient will serve satisfactorily.

For those who have no extension ladders, or who lack the agility or courage to climb roofs, there are a couple of alternatives. One that is foolproof is to have a professional chimney cleaner come to do the job with his special equipment and vacuum cleaner to pick up the soot before it gets out of the fireplace. The other method, not tried or guaranteed by the writer, is in the form of chemicals which are tossed on the fire by the cupful or in brick form to burn soot out of the flue.

The latter alternative may be 100% effective, but all the writer knows is that it makes the fire dance and sparkle prettily. He, being fire conscious, as well as old-fashioned, will cut some hawthorn each fall.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Mr. Duncan has discussed the cleaning of fireplace chimneys, but furnace and stove flues also need cleaning, since all fuels leave a certain amount of soot that could cause a chimney fire. There is also an accumulation of ash that should be removed in order to insure efficient operation of the flue and the heating system.

Furnace and stove flues can't be cleaned by the hawthorn method described above because the flue is apt to be rather small when compared with that for a fireplace. The cleanout opening at the bottom of the flue may be even smaller than the flue, so that the clump of shrubs could not be removed if they did get



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as far as the bottom of the fire. A much easier scheme can be used in this type of chimney flue.

Tie a brick or other heavy object on the end of a rope that is long enough to reach from the top of the flue to the bottom. Wrap the brick in excelsior or wood shavings and burlap or an old piece of rug, and lower it into the flue. Work the bundle up and down as it is lowered. to dislodge soot, ash, bird nests and other obstructions that may have collected. After clearing the whole length of the flue in this manner, pull the weighted wad back out through the top of the chimney. Then remove the debris by way of the cleanout door or a flue pipe opening at the bottom of the chimney.

Of course, it is still necessary to get up on the roof for this job, and a professional chimney cleaner will do the work and relieve you of the risk of the climb, if you wish.

General condition of the flue can be checked by looking into it from the top, using a flashlight or extension light to pierce the darkness from the top or the bottom at the cleanout opening. You can also get a view from the bottom, using daylight, with a mirror in the cleanout opening.

To check for leaks between the tile flue sections or in the chimney masonry, use a smoke test. Build a fire in the furnace or stove, and throw on some tar paper to make it smoke heavily. Then cover the top of the flue. The smoke will work its way through any leaking or dangerous joints in the flue tile or masonry.

Mark and repair all leaks thus detected. Bad masonry mortar can be scraped out and new mortar packed in the joints. In some cases it may be necessary to tear out some of the masonry, or start at the top and take the chimney apart down as far as the bad spots, and then rebuild it with good flue tile and tight masonry joints.

This may seem like a lot of work for a small crack, but it is nothing compared to rebuilding the house. It only takes a small crack in the masonry to collect soot, start a soot fire, and ignite the wood framing of the house. So be sure to take care of such apparently insignificant details.









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Winter Window Garden

One secret of success is a tray to hold water and an inch or so of pebbles on which the plants stand. This insures humidity without root rot



couple of shelf brackets. Glass shelves part way up also expand the growing area to take trailing plants that will droop to meet those growing up from the lower level. If there is a radiator in front of the window that you cannot keep turned off, a layer of asbestos between it and the plants is a solution. But don't let any branches hang over into the heat zone. In window gardening, your staunchest ally is each plant's natural lust for life; its de-

JEAN HERSEY

n the still, blue air of autumn, all out-

doors stops growing and window gardening begins. The rhythm of growth moves indoors.

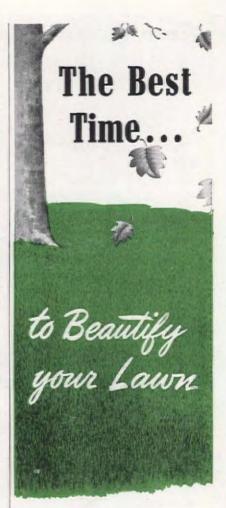
A window garden will thrive in practically

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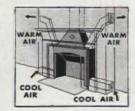
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pots above a maintained supply of water that is continually evaporating. You can use aluminum baking dishes, or have a tinsmith (or someone) make galvanized iron pans up to 4 inches deep to fit the window space; paint them to match the woodwork.

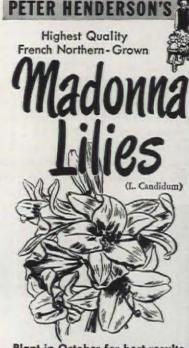
The upkeep of a window garden requires but a few minutes a day and is a perfect way to start the morning. It has three stages or steps:

First, let in some fresh outdoor air-not to blow directly on the plants, but into the same or an adjoining room. Whether for herb or human, this breath of the outdoors is invigorating and beneficial.

Second, supply water as circumstances require, having it at room temperature. In hot weather, healthy plants in 5-inch pots may need a daily watering; in cool, cloudy, damp weather, every second, third, or, maybe, fourth day is usually sufficient. In general, give each pot a thorough soaking, then let the earth dry out before repeating. The more a plant grows, the more water (and food carried by the water) it can use; as its growth rate slows up in dull weather, so do its thirst and appetite. But the roots also need air, so a plant in perpetually wet soil (unless it be an aquatic) soon becomes yellow and dispirited. Of course, excess or prolonged dryness is also harmful, so the objective is a balance between enough and not too much water. This comes with experience, and not much difficulty.

Third, syringe the leaves with clear water-but only if the sun is not shining on them. If the pebble tray doesn't protect floor and rugs, you may prefer to carry the plants now and then to sink or tub and, literally, give them a shower, using a bulb sprayer or one of the atomizer type which spreads a fine mist through the greenery. If your window garden includes orchids or other tropical subjects that especially relish a moist atmosphere, and you can conveniently spray them more than once a day, the results will be even better.

However, never feel tied to your window garden. Don't let it become a burdensome chore. If you do forget to water it for a day or two, the plants will go right on growing, just as they would outdoors. If, on the other hand, you want to take off for a week, that's different, but not impossible. Get some cotton wicking and a dish pan. Set the pan, full of water, on a chair with the plants, in saucers, in a circle around it. Cut pieces of wicking long enough to reach from pan to each pot and a little more, soak them, and weight one end of each piece so it will stay in the pan. Take the other end to a pot and lay it on the soil around the plant. A slow, gentle siphon (or perhaps it



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should be called a capillary) action will keep the soil from drying out as long as water remains in the central reservoir, that is, the pan.

Of course, everyone has little extra "green thumb" tricks and secrets of success. I pass along some that we have learned over the years, knowing that the results will more than compensate you for the extra trouble and time they require.

From time to time, turn each pot a little to promote balanced growth and poise. Try to prevent the leaves of different kinds of plants from touching or obstructing one another. Promptly trim off all faded flowers, dead leaves, and surplus scraggle. Never hesitate to prune a plant to keep it trim and neat. A small, robust, compact specimen is far more appealing-and more healthy-than a tall, straggling, ungainly one.

Scrub the outside of the pots occasionally to keep them porous and ward off mold. Now and again give pot, plant, foliage and all a quick dip in a pail or tub of room temperature water. If zero weather comes and stays, sheets of cellophane, heavy paper, or cardboard placed each night between window pane and plants will prove valuable protection.

Every fortnight or so give the plants some food to supplement that provided by the soil and taken up with the soil solution. You can use fertilizer tablets, other complete plant foods (preferably in solution), or, best of all-if you can get or make it -manure water. In applying any fertilizer, keep it off the foliage. To be on the safe side, syringe the leaves with clear water immediately after each feeding.

Two more points: Instead of depending on tap water, collect and use rain water or melted snow for your window garden. Second, in winter, use a bridge lamp or extension cord and let a 100-watt electric bulb shine on the plants for three or four hours when it gets dusk every day or two, or as often as convenient.

Sooner or later a plant will outgrow its container, show its discomfort by languishing, and call for repotting. To make sure, moisten the soil, put your hand across the top of the pot with the plant stem between your first and second fingers, invert the pot, tap the rim on a firm surface, and tip the plant out into your hand. If there is a thick mat of roots around the ball of soil, repot. (Geraniums are an exception; they refuse to bloom unless their roots are cramped.) As a general rule, all the plants will need repotting once a year, in the spring, in good potting soil.

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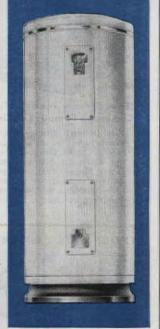
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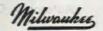


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House plants that can spend their summers outdoors in a sheltered part of the garden free from tree drip, where drainage is good and there is not too much sun, are lucky. When frost danger is past, sink each pot to its rim in the earth and, except for watering during real dry spells, leave the plants alone until early in the fall, at least two weeks before a frost can be expected or the furnace is turned on. If possible, move them back to the window garden by two stages: First, lift the pots, clean them off, and place them on a porch or somewhere out of the sun and wind for several days, watering them frequently; second, take them in to their window setting and give them a week or two to become acclimated before the central heat goes on and the house is "closed up" for winter.

The limited and easy-to-come-by equipment needed for a window garden consists of-

A bulb sprayer or atomizer type spray . . . a watering can with a long spout to reach in among the plants . a small trowel and pencil-like sticks for potting and repotting . . . pots of various sizes, and some saucers for setting them in when not in the pebble tray. Optional additions include an unused aquarium or other glass-covered box for rooting cuttings and other propagation work; a keg or crock for rain water; a 100-watt bulb, and a bridge lamp to use it in.

Such are the when, where, and how of window gardening. The why has been touched on, but this will become more apparent as you begin to enjoy the excitement and rewards that will be yours. There remains the "what" of window gardening, that is, the materials that offer themselves. Among the wealth of vegetation available for the gracing of the house from Hallowe'en to Easter and longer are plants that contribute color, both in masses and as highlights, and others that provide a cool, green background for them . . . But that, to paraphrase Kipling, is a couple of other stories.

(The foregoing article is the basis for, or a summary of, the opening chapter in Mrs. Hersey's new book-"Garden in Your Window"-which is being published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., almost simultaneously with the appearance of this issue of AMERICAN Home. Watch for further discussion by her of window garden plants for background effects and for color emphasis.-Horticultural Editor)

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ne years ago I read in a book nter gardening that "the pleasf gardening under glass is worth nall outlay of time and money mands," but I never imagined for a total construction cost of could have a greenhouse, even y one. But of course something than money is needed. As a ry man remarked one winter ing as he paused to look down "Now I could have a greenlike that, but"—and he sighed, yen't the energy."

king my greenhouse did take enbut it meant real enjoyment, As it was my first attempt at nt work, I called in an old bor who gave just enough of the touch. Actually, my oldest boy chum did the heavy mixing and nped and tamped the cement to d the foundation, and laid the nt-block walls for the glass sides. ghbor scaled the wooden pieces ev would fit tightly against the siding, and later I caulked this to make it waterproof. I used a ard-size storm sash for the door, he local hardware store cut the pieces to go at either side of it. risingly soon the house was ready he 4-foot long benches, one on side of the narrow aisle.

late September the first seeds planted and a few plants tht in from the garden to supply winter blooms. Thus, we were to enjoy Flash marigolds all nasturtiums the latter part of d snapdragons in late March. nding for heat upon the hot-air ce in the cellar, the little house ther cool for tomato plants or ning requiring a night temperaof 60 degrees F. or more. When is an extra cold north wind, I ventilating fan to send more out of the cellar into the greenand sometimes I supplement with an infra-red bulb screwed a socket just under the peak. old winter nights I always spread ip of old carpet over the roof. result, I have never had anyfreeze, even though at times temperature in the house has ped to 35 degrees and had me worried.

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Sand I had on hand, and the benches were made of boards salvaged from the old cellarway. Orange crates supply good material for flats to start seeds in; also discarded crates in which glass is shipped.

I have great fun with this little greenhouse and try all kinds of experiments in it, such as one I borrowed from Prof. Kenneth Post of Cornell University. He calls it "wickwatering," and it is as nearly an automatic system for the small grower as I have found.

A greenhouse like this needs an open southern exposure and daily attention. Plants will not do well in such an environment unless there is someone around who really enjoys looking after them. They must have the proper soil, amount of water, air, and sunlight. Ventilation is necessary, especially when bright sunlight sends the temperature up; and some shade at times. In my case a desirable moist atmosphere is maintained by two large cisterns in the cellar.

I have often wondered why there are not more little greenhouses. Perhaps it is because greenhouses are so often pictured and referred to as of private-estate proportions demanding the attention of a paid gardener. A little greenhouse is no more exacting a hobby than a woodworking shop in the basement—and I've had that, too. In our family, gardening doesn't wait for spring and the seed catalogues. It's an all-year-round project.

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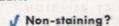
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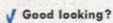


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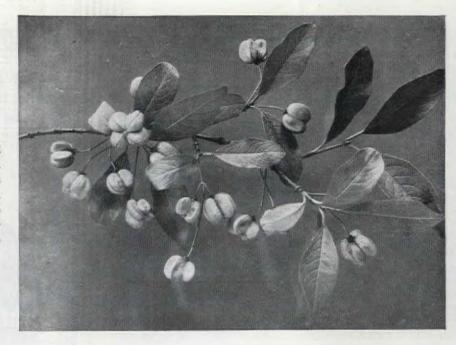
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Of the two dozen species listed in Bailey's "Hortus II,"

Here are three of many forms of the evergreen winter-creeper (E. fortunei).

Above, var. vegetus hardiest of all; right, the useful radicans; far right, tiny leaved, non-fruiting minimus

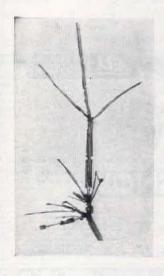


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Small, neat, glossy leaves mark all the wintercreepers. A spray of variety radicans



The winged euonymus develops odd fins of corky bark along its branches. Below, spray of its dwarf variety, compactus



only four are native to this country, the others coming from China, Japan, the Himalayas, and Europe. The winged burning-bush (E. alatus) is one of the most interesting and useful of the natives. The purplish berries are not as abundant or conspicuous as in some other species, but the plant's flat-topped, rectangular shape, regular outline, and distinctive rose color in the fall all give it value. The corky ridges or "wings" of bark that stand out from its branches make them effective both on the plant and for use in flower arrangements. In spring the bush looks soft and fine, but by winter it takes on a stiff, rather coarse appearance. Standing considerable neglect, it can be planted in sun or partial shade. It can be sheared for a hedge or left informal for a border or screen.

If profuse, brilliantly colored fruits appeal to you, the spindle-tree (E. europaeus) is a good choice. Deep rose pods or capsules (resembling those of false-bittersweet) split open to reveal orange seeds. The bush may grow to 30 feet if not restrained; otherwise, it requires little care.

Gardeners with limited shrubbery space will welcome the little pinkfruited brook euonymus (E. americanus) also called strawberry-bush, which rarely exceeds 8 feet in height. A hardy shrub, it is native to the eastern, central and southern parts of the country. Given a place in moist soil and partial or complete shade, it makes a good, dense, low undergrowth. Purple flowers and scarlet fruits are borne by the wahoo, skewerwood, or burning-bush (E. atropurpureus), a native of more northern localities, it grows to 20 feet and changes from bright green in spring to deep green in midsummer, and later to purplish-red.

Philadelphia is about the northern limit for E. japonicus, an evergreen form from Japan. Somewhat subject to mildew, it may need to be dusted with sulphur; but it stands salt air, is bright and pleasing at all times, but especially in winter.

If you want to cover a wall, fence, boulder, or even the ground with dense, dark green foliage, some form of wintercreeper should serve your purpose. This is a Chinese species (E. fortunei), with numerous varieties, all evergreen, but some trailing or climbing and others of low, shrubby form. One of the best known varieties is radicans, a low, precumbent shrub with fine-textured, dark foliage. The somewhat coarser bigleaf wintercreeper (var. vegetus) is also shrubby but will climb if given support. Var. carrieri, with definitely glossy leaves, sometimes white-margined, is of non-climbing habit. Var. minimus is a true creeper with leaves only half an inch long.

If you collect unusual plants, you may want to try the Japanese E. yeddoensis, a coarse, stiff, deciduous shrub to 10 feet, with pink fruit. But you don't have to experiment with the rarer forms to find how useful a plant euonymus really is.



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Greenhouse

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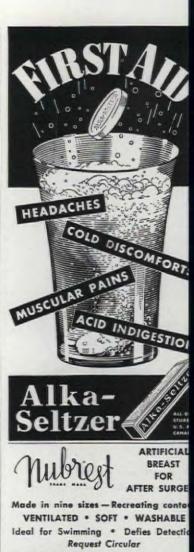
We usually start in January with an annual clean-up and fresh coat of aluminum paint, then plant seeds for late winter flowers and spring vegetable plants in the sifted compost which is replenished every year. We water only on sunny days and when the soil looks dry, not by schedule; and when the plants have a pair or two of true leaves, we shift them to flats which are put on a shelf hung from wires. We keep the night temperature about 55 to 60 degrees F., but daytimes, even with the stove off, it may go to 80. It's grand to work there bare-armed when snow whirls outside where the thermometer shows 10 or 15. The original cost of our greenhouse, about \$300, has already been wiped out by the value of the winter vegetables and seedlings it has produced, not to mention many a brood of chicks and ducklings raised in its friendly warmth.

But to get back to our trip, a bit higher up the price scale was the lean-to attached to the lovely home of the Don Kilbys. Built at the same time as the house and heated from the main hot-water system, it cost about \$400 and is a gardener's delight. But already Mrs. Kilby, like most greenhouse enthusiasts, is finding herself cramped for room. Greenhouses do grow on you, and your activities grow faster than your space.

Finally, we looked in on the splendid, complete greenhouse set-up on the Arthur Eustace estate, with boiler room, workshop, adjustable shades, and a wealth of flowers and fruits. This, we agreed, is how it should be done, but, of course, it is beyond the reach of the small homeowner.

Back home, on the basis of what we had seen, we discussed the best sort of greenhouse for John and the ABC's of operating it. Gladys would like it right by the kitchen, but this would mean the north side where the low winter sun would not provide light and heat when most needed. As John has no time to build his own, a ready-made, portable type in the \$300 range seemed best, the matter of heating to be considered later. Benches should be of cypress, for durability and economy, and high and narrow enough to prevent back strain. They should hold four to six inches of soil (equal parts of loam, compost, and sand), except for a small section of clean, sharp sand for propagating.

We agreed that he, like ourselves, wants a greenhouse first to help cut down the family food bills, and then for pleasure. Perhaps that's the way a lot of you folks feel about it, too.



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My "peewee" greenhouse

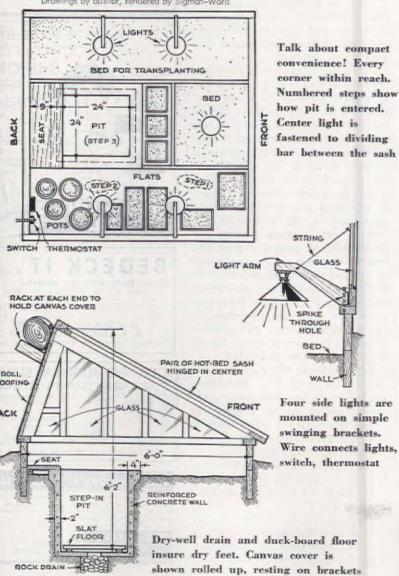
ORVILLE GRISIER

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of course, it isn't really a greenhouse at all, but rather a "step-in" hotbed. However, when I talk about it, "greenhouse" sounds better! For years I used a 6 by 6 foot electrically heated hotbed to start my tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, flowers, and other garden crops, but it had one drawback—what it did to my own back and knees! Then I decided to stop wearing them out and to stop standing on my head to garden; I would depend on commercial sources for my plants. But that didn't work, either. Rarely could I get just the plants I wanted just at the time I wanted them.

So after a year of that, I reluctantly eyed once more the neglected hotbed. Some of the glass was gone and the cats had been using it for a sun-parlor despite the grime on the rest of the panes. I thought how nice it would be if one could stand or sit while working with his seedlings. Then I remembered pictures I had seen of sub-surface greenhouses and thought, why not put that idea to work, elevate the sash of my hotbed, and dig a pit inside deep enough to stand up in? The more I thought, the more fun, and practical, the idea seemed . . . that's how

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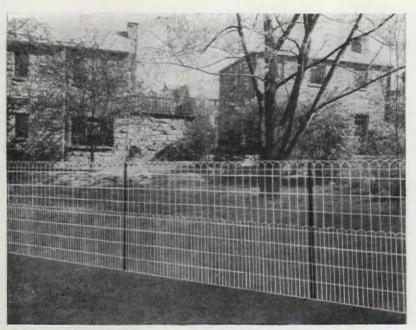
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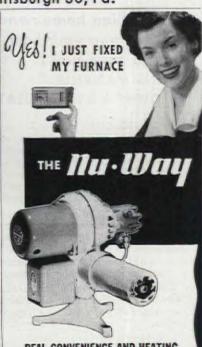


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"Peewee" Greenhouse

(Begins on page 127)

my "peewee" greenhouse was born!

I made a frame of 2 by 4's, nailed a board wall on the north side, and covered it with roofing. With some upright greenhouse dividers obtained at a lumber yard, I glazed in the sides, butting the glass end to end instead of lapping it as in the sash, which I cleaned, reglazed, and hinged to the center roof bar of the frame. Then I dug a 2 by 2-foot pit in the center at the back deep enough so I could stand up in it without bumping my head on the sash, and lined it with a 2-inch concrete wall widened at the top to a 4-inch ledge. I left a o-inch space behind the pit for a board seat-very comfortable.

The door problem worried me for a time, but the solution (when it came) was simple—I didn't need any! All I had to do was lift a sash, step in, take a second step, and then one into the pit, letting the sash down behind me. (See sketch on page 127.)

To protect the little house against rapid temperature changes, I made a canvas cover with two triangular flaps or flies sewn to the edges so they could be hooked down to cover the ends. This is tacked to the top of the back wall and, during the day, or when not needed, is rolled up on a pole fastened to the bottom edge (after the end flaps are folded in) and rested on two supporting brackets attached to the back wall.

Up to now I have been heating the greenhouse with five 50-watt lamps in sockets attached to brackets as shown in the sketches. But I plan to use larger lamps this coming winter and re-install my electric soil-heating cable in the benches. Ventilation is secured by lifting the sash on the side away from the wind and propping it up as high as desired. If more is needed, I can remove panes of glass from the side (end) walls.

Well, my "peewee" greenhouse works fine. At present I have two bench-beds and room for a collection of flats and pots. When the cold wind is blowing outside and I sit cultivating, watering, etc. within, the atmosphere and smell are like those in an honest-to-goodness greenhouse—which, by the way, is on my list of projects still to be undertaken.

Editor's Note: Mr. Grisier's mention of the smell of a greenhouse reminds us of four lines from an old poem about an unhappy livery stable keeper quoted on the Queries page of the New York Times Book Review Section. The lines are:

"My love works in a greenhouse, and there's always a lovely smell

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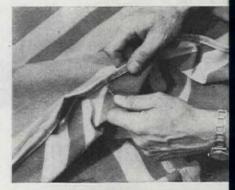
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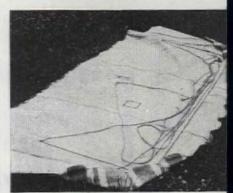


Awnings for Storage (Begins on page 129)

For ripped seams and hems: sew with large needle and heavy cotton thread that has been waxed with paraffin. Replace worn and broken ropes



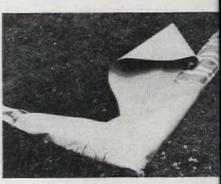
With all repairs completed, lay awning out flat and gather ropes neatly along line of pipe frame



Wrap the awning tightly and smoothly around the support pipes, and lash in place with twine to keep it neat while handling



Wrap entire awning with heavy wrapping paper or old cotton sheeting. Then bind it with heavy twine. Be sure awning is completely dry before wrapping it



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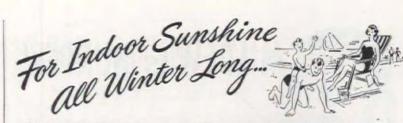
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Deafness is sometimes not recognized for many months after birth, sometimes not for several years. Frequently, deafness is not noticed until parents realize that the child's speech has been delayed. Then investigation shows that the child has really been deaf all along. Training in lip reading and guidance should be started during the pre-school years-at two or three years of age. In some cases, relief of deafness can be accomplished by medical means.

Thousands of children in the United States have been crippled by rheumatic heart disease. Programs for the care of such children are still in their infancy. Public health authorities, working with physicians and social and educational agencies, are attempting to provide a better way of life for those youngsters who are heart cripples. The outlook for rheumatic fever patients who are under the regular care of competent medical experts is very encouraging.

Another major cause of disability among children is cerebral palsy. The opportunity to help these children along the road to normality has been greatly neglected until the last few years, but tremendous strides have been made recently in providing ways to help them develop into happy, responsible, useful persons. It is now recognized that competent medical guidance is essential to guide each individual child with cerebral palsy. The combined efforts of the physician, teacher, social worker, and psychiatrist are necessary to determine the child's emotional status, his developmental and physical potentialities. When these are determined, a program for the child's education, his medical treatment and later vocational placement has to be worked out on an individual basis. As with many of the physical handicaps, help for children with cerebral palsy can be obtained through State Health Departments.

More and more we recognize the need for children with handicaps to live in as normal situations as possible within the limits of their capabilities. In the more dramatic instances of a physically handicapping disease, such as infantile paralysis, we have all learned to accept the child, to sympathize with him, and thereby help him to a healthy social adjustment. Parents do not expect a child who has a weak leg following infantile paralysis to be a star on the track team. They can understand that he may fatigue more readily than his playmates. However, even though parents have an understanding of the limitations placed upon the child by this handicap, or by any other, he still has to be prepared to face and handle hurts which may be inflicted by other children or adults.





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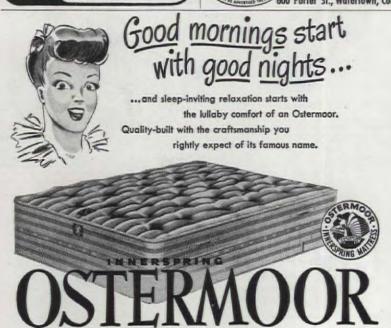
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Very often a friend or teacher gets upset by the child who has a convulsive epileptic seizure. Teachers have been known to insist that an epileptic child who has been deemed medically fit for normal classwork in a regular school-room be removed from the class. Such an attitude is in contradiction with what is now considered the proper way of handling the child with epilepsy, or with any other physically handicapping disease or condition. He needs extra protection to develop emotional normality and to escape the development of psychological difficulties.

School authorities can be very helpful in providing an atmosphere of normality for children with handicaps. The child who fatigues easily because of heart disease, the child with a weak leg whose balance is poor can be helped by relatively simple devices, such as allowing him to leave the classroom a few minutes before dismissal time so that he isn't banged about in the rush which inevitably follows. It is important for such a child to be placed in a classroom on the ground floor to eliminate the exhaustion of climbing a number of flights and starting the school day all worn out. His recreation should be supervised so that he need



Young Joan takes enormous pride in her "work," at the same time exercises arms and hands. All handicapped children should receive adequate medical supervision not compete with his classmates on exactly the same physical level if he is unable to do so. At the same time, e should be allowed to take part in all possible activities which do not jeopardize his health. He should never be placed in a position where it is obvious that he will fail in chieving either educational or physical goals expected of he other children. His classmates should be taught to ccept him as he is and to avoid hurting him either phys-cally or psychologically, as they may very well do in their gnorance and lack of understanding of his handicap.

Parents must recognize that a continuous display of sympathy and a constant dwelling on the child's disability an also be damaging to him. Parents and adults must earn to strike a happy medium so that the child recognizes the limitations which nature has placed upon him without at the same time being made to feel that he is completely different from other children and a social outcast.

For one reason or another, many parents of handicapped hildren go from doctor to doctor, seeking for a nonxistent magic cure. It's better for the child and the parents if he is placed under competent supervision as soon is the handicapping condition is suspected or discovered, and kept there. The doctor will suggest consultations when hey are necessary, send the child to another doctor, or to hospital, or medical center. When no local facilities are vailable, the U.S. Children's Bureau in Washington, D.C., or a local or State Health Department can be consulted.



Five-year-old Linda, a victim of infantile paralysis, keenly enjoys crayoning. Creative activities of all kinds should be encouraged-at home or in the institution



Periods of convalescence must not be completely blank. Educational activities should be carried on so that child does not fall behind well classmates

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Nut favors by Jane Wright All ideas executed by Dennisons Drawings by Paul Crowley Cut black Mat Stock 3/4 by 12½ inches. Leaving one straig roll into ring 1¾ in. in diameter. Paste. For tail, cu crepe 1 by 10 in. across grain. Fringe long edge. Wrap arour wire 3½ in. long. Paste tail to bottom of ring. For head, cu 1½ by 15 in. across grain. Fold with grain 4 times. Fringe Open, gather in center fasten wi

Open, gather in center, fasten wi as pompon. Add eyes, mouth. Paste



TREES and BATS: Draw network of squares on brown wrapping paper, enlarging each small square as indicated on sketch. Draw and cut outlines of trees. Color features and shade with show-card paint or crayons. Cut bats from black Mat Stock and fasten to wall. WINDOW FRINGE: Divide a fold of gray crepe paper into two five-foot pieces. Leaving 2 in. at top, fringe across grain. Shake, stretch and crush fringe between hands. Shake out again. Attach pieces, one on top of other, to side of window. Repeat for other side. VALANCE: Cut fold of green crepe paper in half across grain. Measure window. Cut paper to desired length. Stretch. Cut one long edge in scallops. Tack in place. WALL PANEL FRINGE: Using green crepe, make same as window fringe. Add fringed valance.

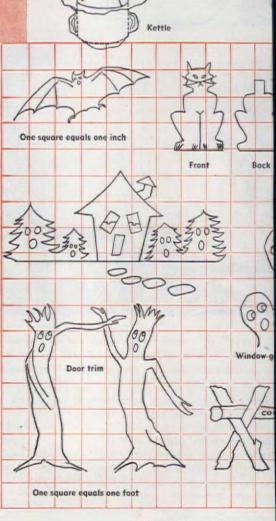
Moon: Cut 20-in. circle of orange Mat Stock. Ink in features. Attach to window.

CHOSTS: Enlarge pattern squares to 6 in. Cut ghosts from white Mat Stock, Paste in window.

car: Enlarge squares to 6 in. Cut in two sections from black Mat Stock. Paste together to form easel.

HOUSE, FENCE, and STEPPING STONES: Enlarge squares to 6 in. Use Mat Stock. Cut house in sections, then paste. Repeat fence pattern as required.

KETTLE: Cover hat box with black crepe. Leaving 3 in. of paper extending above top edge, gather and paste black crepe to both bottom and top edges. Puff out paper for roundness. Hang by black cord. Wrap 3 heavy dowel sticks in black crepe. Fasten as tripod. FLAME: Fringe red and yellow crepe paper. Paste to cardboard. Put under kettle which holds fortunes.





Enlarge above pattern so house is about 41/4 in. high, 41/4 in. wide. Place pattern on fold of black Mat Stock and cut double. Open up and fold on dotted lines. Paste narrow

white paper strips around window frames. Cut out lower part of window as shown. Paste kin so color shows through windows



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STONE-WALL ROOM DECORATIONS

DOOR: Make same as witch-room window fringe. VALANCE: Fringe paper 24 in. long. Trim lower edge on slant. Drape with orange streamers. owls: Enlarge squares to 3 in. Cut from black Mat Stock. Draw lines with white paint. STONE WALL: Measure room. Cut roll of stonewall paper to fit. Or use wrapping paper, indicating stones with black paint or crayon. CATS and WITCH: Enlarge cat pattern squares to 3 in., witch and cauldron squares to 6 in. Cut both from black Mat Stock. Put on wall. FLAMES: Cut yellow and flame crepe with grain into pointed fringe. Fasten to cauldron. GHOSTS: Enlarge squares to 3 in. Cut shelv-

ing paper in string of ghosts like paper dolls. WITCH IN WINDOW: Attach 24 in. length wire to each side of clothes hanger. Wrap wire with strip of black crepe. Bend wires to fit window, Attach witch mask to hanger hook. Fringe gray paper for hair. For hat, cut black crepe across grain 15 in. wide, long enough to fit around mask. Fold back 3 in. on one long edge. Gather opposite edge. Paste ends as seam. Stretch folded edge as hat brim. Cut strips black crepe 4 ft. long, double, cut fringe, leaving folded edge uncut. Drape over hanger.

STANDING GHOST: For head stuff tube of white crepe. Tie to top of clothes rack. Leaving painted face showing, put white crepe hood over head. Wrap two wires with crepe, attach to hanger suspended from rack. Fringe and attach white crepe 8 ft. long, trim sides, see sketch above. Paste on white Mat Stock hands.



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PEANUT OWL

Select average-sized peanut. Cut brown crepe paper wings, tail and hood to fit size of nut. Paste tail on nut, then wings. Paste hood so point of beak comes to center front. Do not paste other two points which are ears. Remaining paper covers back of neck. Make two yellow circles for eyes. Ink in pupils. Tint beak black, mark chest with black dots. For twig, run needle through bottom of nut, insert wire.



Enlarge pattern shown so that wings are about 5 in. long and wide. Cut wings from black Mat Stock. Paste flat side of Brazil wings. Cut ears from Mat Stock and glue to top of nut. Paint To hang make loop of spool wire and slip end under center of

CHOST CUP

Cut strip black crepe 134 in. wide across Pull paper around cup keeping it flush with be Trim, paste. For ghost, wrap wire 51/2 in with white crepe. Wrap cotton 34 in. wide a end of wire until circumference is 3 in. Cut crepe 2 by 4 in. with grain. Stretch. Wrap around cotton. Fasten with spool wire at to

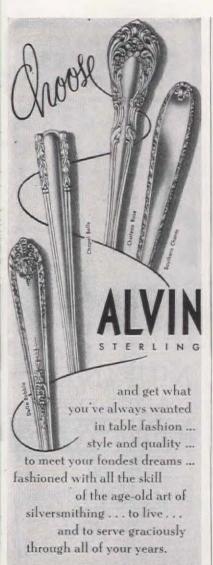
BAT FAVOR

bottom. Trim top. Leaving face stretch white crepe 3 by 5 in. a head. Tie at neck. Wrap 5 in. wire crepe. Fold square of white crepe in Slash fine fringe on long, open Paste to covered wire. Twist midd wire around neck. Attach ghost to c



Wrap cup with orange crepe. Cut gray crepe 41/2 in. square. Paste in tube shape, grain up and down. Cut edges as shown. Gather top, fasten with wire. Stuff tube with cotton. Tie bottom with wire. Leave

wire ends long enough to attach owl to cup. For each eye, cut two pieces orange crepe 1 by 6 in. Fold in half lengthwise, gather through center, draw together. Paste to owl as shown. Paste tiny yellow circle in center of eye. Cut triangle for beak. Ink chest dots and pupils.



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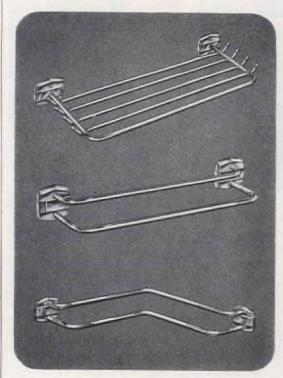
green crepe paper. Cut strip of sand crepe ½ in. wide across grain. Wind around 4 in. length of wire. Cut across grain 2 in. deep and 10 in. long, one piece of sand, one of orange crepe. Cutting both pieces together, slash one long edge into fringe 1¼ in. deep. Fringe opposite edge ½ in. deep, leaving ¼ in. uncut between. Wrap fringe around handle 1 in. from bottom. Fasten with wire; leave ends to attach to cup. Cover broom handle with strip of orange crepe. Tie green ribbon bow and place card to handle.



HEAD and HAT: Carve nose on walnut ridge. Paint features. Cut black crepe across grain 2 in. wide, long enough to go around nut. Paste one edge around nut top. Gather opposite edge, tie with wire. Cut 3 in. circle from black Mat Stock. Cut out center. Make notches 1/2 in. deep. Slip brim over crown. Paste. Add orange band. DRESS: Cut black crepe across grain 5 by 10 in. Gather one long edge, fasten with wire at neck and waist. CAPE: Cut orange crepe across grain 4 by 6 in. Gather one long edge, tie around neck. Paste head to ruffle. BROOM: Wrap wire 6 in. long with black crepe. Cut orange crepe across grain 3 by 20 in. Fringe one long edge 1/2 in. deep, opposite edge 2 in. deep. Tie around broom handle. Cover tie wire with strip of black crepe.



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LOLLIPOP WITCH

HEAD: Using peach crepe paper, cut piece 4 in. deep and 6 in. long. Stretch and wrap twice around lollipop. Fasten with

spool wire at top and bottom of candy. Make paper features and paste in place. Pencil in additional facial lines. Tint cheeks with rouge.

HAIR and HAT: Cut gray crepe with grain 3 by 9 in. Cut into fine fringe (across grain) leaving 1/2 in. uncut at top. Paste uncut edge around back of lollipop. Paste several rows from neck up. For hat, cut black crepe paper 5 in. square. Turn up bottom edge (across grain) 11/2 in. Paste sides together in tube shape. Gather top of crepe, fasten with wire. Trim with band of orange crepe. Stretch lower double edge to form brim. Paste to lollipop.

BODY and CAPE: Cut 16 in, square of orange crepe. Stretch, then trim down to 16 in. again. Cover popcorn ball with wax paper. Place in center of crepe paper. Draw ends up around lollipop stem. Fasten with wire. Wrap lollipop stick several times with orange crepe cut across grain 1/2 in. wide. For cape, cut black crepe 8 by 30 in. across grain. Gather one long edge about 11/2 in. from top and fasten around witch's neck. Decorate with green ribbon.

BROOM: Wrap 7 in. length wire with yellow crepe. Cut gray crepe across grain 3 by 30 in. Fringe one long edge 1/2 in. deep, opposite edge 2 in. deep. Gather around wire about 1 in. from end. Fasten with wire. Cover wire with orange crepe. Make hand of white writing paper. Paste wrist inside cape, fingers around broom.

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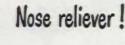
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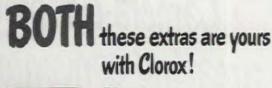
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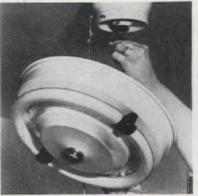
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Look It's New!

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paper. Dries quickly, requires no setting, is resistant to fading, washing, and dry cleaning. About \$3.95. Formulabs, Los Angeles 54, Calif. CIR-CLARC, to improve kitchen lighting, is new fluorescent ceiling fixture that can be mounted on existing overhead outlet. Equipped with two white, semi-circular fluorescent tubes. National Lighting Products, Inc., 4217 Harrison St., Chicago 24, Ill. ROXY, the four-in-one handy man, wheelbarrows garden loads, reels your garden hose, burns charcoal as portable steel barbecue grill, and serves as attractive "silent butler." Solid steel frame with rubber tired wheel and four attachments that simply hook on to center bar and are quickly interchanged. Rocklin Mfg. Co., Grand Ave. at Jennings St., Sioux City 7, Iowa. RUC SCISSORS, for rug hooking enthusiasts, have bent handles so that blades lie flat while clipping. Useful for cutting loops or sculpturing. About \$2.95. John Dritz & Sons, 1115 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y. NEW BREAKFAST UNIT of stainless steel combines 4-cup egg poacher with 8inch skillet and cover. Revere Copper and Brass Co., Rome, N. Y. ADJUSTABED, placed under mattress, transforms regular bed into modified hospital bed. Of plywood, it's notched and hinged for quick change of position. The Mengel Co., Louisville 1, Ky. DINETTE FURNITURE includes steel-frame table and two double-duty benches-one with ironing board that swings up, the other containing extra storage space. Both upholstered in vinyl plastic. Table top finished in baked enamel. Set, about \$34.95. Doehler Metal Products Corp., 192 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

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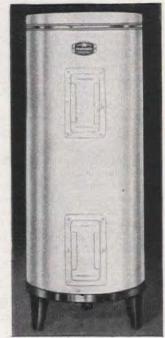
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Red Feather unites 14,000 appeals, signifies "many campaigns in one" through a Community Chest. Four out of ten families in Community Chest areas benefit directly in health, welfare, and recreation. Support your local Red Feather drive now!

Home Building

• According to F. W. Dodge Corp., first half of this year showed significant 3% increase in construction of single-family houses built to owner's order over same period 1948. Total volume is record \$448,204,000 Same period showed general decline in overall picture of residential construction. Sharpest drop in single-family houses built by operative builders for sale or rent.

Turkey Talk



• Good news from the U.S. Department of Agriculture: Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys will be much more plentiful than last year. Growers have increased production by considerably more than the anticipated 25%, and prices are likely to be lower than last year. . . . Hen's egg production will be large, continuing to provide

more than an egg a day for consumers.

National "Weeks"

• Weeks of national significance in October: Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15; United Nations Week, October 17-24; Flower Week, October 30-November 6; Apple Week, October 30-November 6. . . Fourth International Congress of United Horticulture will be held in New York City (Essex House), October 30-November 1.

Rose Winners

• New roses available for 1950 gardens will include four winners of "All-America" recognition, meaning that they have come through two years' nationwide tests with flying colors in 18 trial gardens. They are Fashion, luminous pink floribunda originated in New York State, and three hybrid tea varieties from California - Mission Bells, Capistrano, and Sutter's Gold.

Fraudulent Canvassing • Dollar volume of fraudulent door-to-door canvassing now running into millions, on the increase, reports Hugh R. Jackson, Better Business Bureau, New York City. Campaign under way to protect housewives and to insure rights of legitimate salesmen. Housewives should co-operate by reporting deceptive sales methods to local Better Business Bureau.

Teen-Ager's Money • Parents of teen-agers take note of new booklet: "A Miss and Her Money," just issued by Women's Division of the Institute of Life Insurance. Helps teen-ager to manage her own money and to become active voting member in family financial councils. Free. Address: 60 East 42nd Street, N.Y. 17, N.Y.

Book Program

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Now your basement can be a practical hobby room

You've probably discovered that the space you need for family hobbies is in the basement. But if your basement is as drab and dusty as most, it's robbing you of the real enjoyment hobbies can bring.

Until Armstrong's Asphalt Tile came along, it wasn't practical to have a neat, attractive basement. The floor was a problem. Most flooring materials are unsatisfactory when used over concrete in direct contact with the ground. They're affected by alkaline moisture that comes up through the concrete. But Armstrong's Asphalt Tile is not harmed by this moisture. It can be put right down on concrete without expensive preparation.

You don't have to pamper this floor. It's a sturdy material that can take hard use. Armstrong's Asphalt Tile is easy to keep clean, too. Dust and dirt can be quickly swept away. Occasional washing and waxing are all the care it needs to keep its beauty.

There's almost no limit to the design possibilities with a floor of Armstrong's Asphalt Tile. Since it goes down block by block, any of the handsome plain and marbleized colors can be combined to suit your design ideas. Colors will last for the long life of the floor because they go all the way through each tile. With a clean and colorful floor, your basement can be made as pleasant as any other room in the house.

Even with so many practical advantages and so much beauty, an Armstrong's Asphalt Tile Floor is low in cost. Your Armstrong flooring merchant can prove how inexpensive it is with an estimate on an installation in your own basement. He will also be glad to help you work out a floor design to fit your ideas for a basement room. Whether it's for hobby, laundry, or recreation, your basement needs a practical floor of Armstrong's Asphalt Tile to make it livable.



JUST A DREARY CATCHALL BEFORE, this basement has been made a pleasant room where family hobbies can be enjoyed. Basement rooms such as this are most practical when you can plan them around a durable, easy-to-clean floor of Armstrong's Asphalt Tile. This simple, attractive design combines Ivory Marble with Plain Yellow feature strips. Floor plan and details of furnishings sent free on request.



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THE DECORATOR: SVEND BOESEN



THE THEME: ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODERN

"East or West," declares Svend Boesen, member of the American Institute of Decorators, "textured, single-color carpet sets the fashion for the smartest rooms."

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