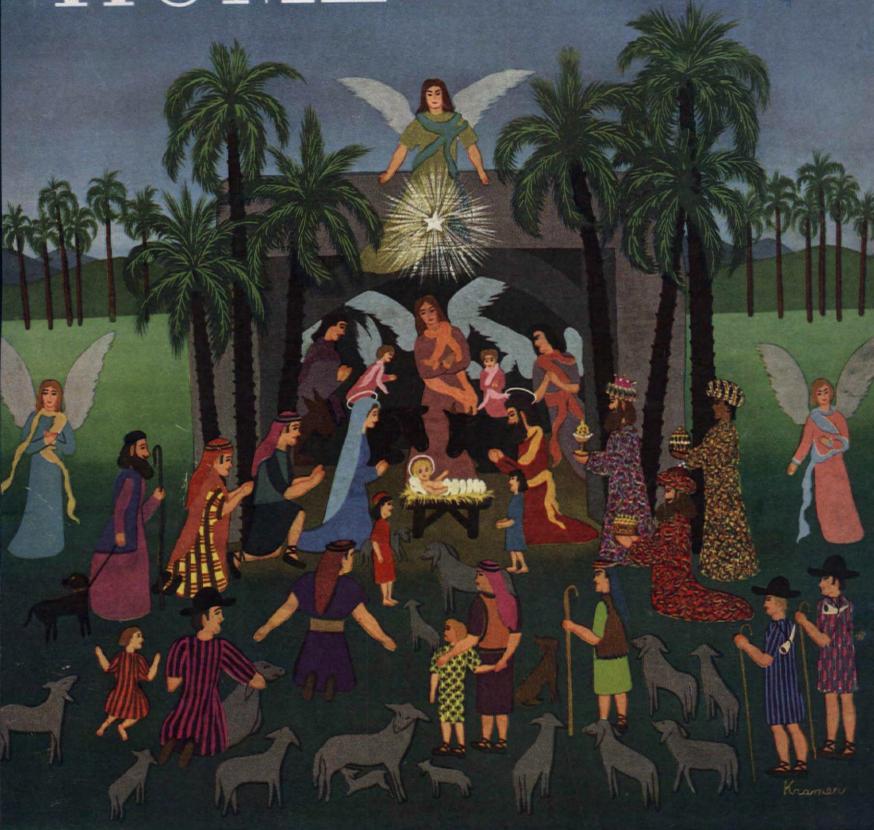
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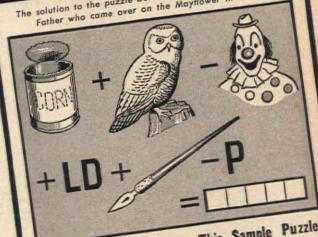
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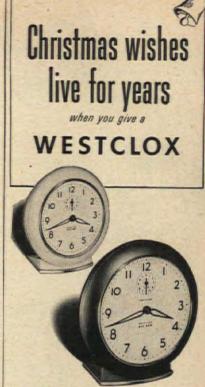
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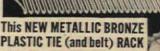
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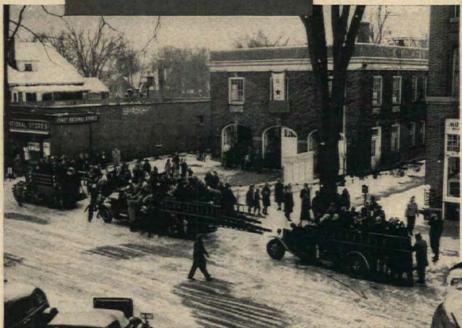
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Our Children



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Santa with a Siren,

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JEANNIE WILLIS

Inless you've been living in a hermetically sealed cave for the last hundred years, you've undoubtedly observed the phenomenon that takes place when a small child sees a fire engine flash past. Eyes widen with wonder, mouth drops open, and he stands transfixed as the great red engines roar by with sirens wide open. Just seeing one makes the breath come quicker. A beautiful dream would be to ride in one, just like the men in the helmets and slickers.

For the children of Hanover, New Hampshire, this exciting dream comes true each Christmas when the fire fighters of the town step into the role of Santa Claus and give the ecstatic youngsters the treat of their lives with a holiday ride in the big red engines.

Fire Chief Holt says it all started back in 1934. And may it never end. Picture a bustling Saturday just before Christmas on the Main Street of any little town. In the middle of such an afternoon the street is empty. It's the glorious day for the Children's Fire Engine Ride. Everyone in town has either gone to the school, where the procession starts, to help pile and squeeze children into the local fire engines, or is waiting back at the fire house for their unloading. At 2 o'clock sharp, all fire-fighting vehicles and the chief's shiny red car (for those daring juveniles who are too young to cope with a fire engine) are lined up in full array in front of the schools. Last year some 550 children got the thrill of their young lives. Sardine-style, they clamber into these magic vehicles. There's no age limit. As a matter of fact, if you can spare a glance from those enchanted wide-eyed young fry, you'll see a wistful look of envy on many a parent's face.

The big engines, filled to the brim with squealing

Lucky youngsters of Hanover, New Hampshire, pile into fire engines for annual Children's Fire Engine Ride. Fire fighters play Santa on Saturday before Christmas, give small fry whirl of their young lives. Ride comes complete with siren and clanging bells



As if a ride in a real live fire engine weren't enough, kids line up in fire house afterwards for an interview with Santa

children, drive slowly around our town. One lucky, lucky child clangs the bell on the way back to the fire house. Here they are unpacked by their grinning parents and they race inside to get in line. Santa is waiting with a bag full of candy, fruit, and a toy for each, a friendly knowing word or two, and a mischievous wink. Fluttering parents then retrieve their chicks and take home as happy a boy or girl as ever lived. The next day the town is filled with embryo volunteer firemen. Imagine—riding on a fire engine and seeing Santa all at once.

This yearly holiday custom is handled financially by the simple process of selling tickets to a Firemen's Ball, run for the benefit of the children's party. And actually the expense is not great—it's the idea that's so great. It's the town's own Christmas custom, and one of the nicest we've ever en-

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That's why this new Baker's Coconut recipe is such exciting holiday news! For now you can make many different kinds of coconut cookies-even little cakes-from one quick n' easy batter!

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#### Cookies to give! Cookies to keep! Variations galore with one NEW BASIC COOKIE BATTER!

#### **Basic Recipe**

1½ cups sifted flour • ½ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder • ¼ teaspoon salt • 1 cup sugar • 1/2 cup butter or other shortening (room temperature) • 2 eggs, unbeaten • 1/4 cup milk • 1 teaspoon vanilla • 11/2 cups Baker's Coconut, cut up small.

Sift flour once; measure; add baking powder, salt, sugar; and sift again into mixing bowl. Add shortening, eggs, 2 tablespoons of milk, vanilla. Beat 2 minutes. Add coconut and remaining milk. Beat ½ minute longer, vigorously by hand or at low speed of electric mixer. Chill 2 hours. Drop from teaspoon on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from baking sheet at once. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

For cake squares, bake chilled batter in 2 greased 8x8x2-inch pans 20 to 25 minutes. Use moderate oven (375°F.)

To frost, spread with confectioner's sugar icing and sprinkle immediately with snowy luscious Baker's Coconut. For red or green icing use vegetable coloring. For Santa Claus Cookie, use red icing for cap, raisins for eyes, candied cherries for nose and mouth.

#### VARIATIONS

1. Chocolate. Prepare basic batter, decreasing flour 2 tablespoons and adding 2 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted with the coconut. Bake as

2. Spice. Prepare basic batter, sifting 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon each cloves, allspice, nutmeg and ginger with dry ingredients. Bake as drop cookies.

3. Half n' Half. Prepare Spice batter, adding 1 square Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, teaspoon chocolate mixture and teaspoon plain mixture side by side on ungreased baking sheet.

4. Marble. Swirl Half n' Half cookies with tip of teaspoon.

5. Fruit. Prepare basic batter, adding 1/2 cup each raisins, chopped pecans, chopped dates with the coconut. Bake as drop cookies.



#### Santa with a Siren (Begins on page 18)



Parents get as big a kick out of the proceedings as the children. Here they help unload offspring. Ride is financed by selling tickets to Fireman's Ball

countered anywhere. We can only hope it will last forever and a day. The fire department officials in Meridian, Mississippi, hit on a marvelous way not only to give the kids a chance to ride on their big hook-and-ladder set-up, but also to stimulate interest in their parents where fire-prevention rules are concerned. First of all, they offered a free ride in their fire truck to each school class which reported one hundred per cent success in getting their mothers and fathers to read a fire-prevention pamphlet. The results were astonishing: Every single class in the entire district succeeded in getting every single parent to co-operate by reading one completely through. The fire department had its hands full-4,375 kids had a ride that day. And you can take our word for it, there were 4,375 of the most excited youngsters the town has ever seen. The photograph on the right shows some of the lucky ones collecting their reward.

There are many ways for a community to prepare and carry through a novel way in which to entertain the children of the neighborhood at Christmas time, but for sheer excited, tingling pleasure, there doesn't seem to be anything yet which quite comes up to the thrill of a ride on that big red truck. Why not try it in your community this year, offering it as a treat for some special effort, or just because you love children! Unless we miss our guess you'll find your own fire department as enthusiastic about the idea as the good men of Hanover and Meridian were. Here's a challenge worth the taking!

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Fire officials at Meridian, Mississippi, offered free ride to every school class which reported 100 per cent success in getting parents to read fire-prevention pamphlet. Every class qualified

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# A Happy Christmas to All

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something especially its own. Scandinavians scour their houses and hang paper streamers, let the children seek out their simple hidden gifts, go to church through starlit fields of snow at midnight, and scatter grain for the birds' Christmas. Spaniards,

too, go to midnight mass on the "nochebuena." An Italian without the revered "presepio," and in Holland they carry on a pole through the streets. And here, in America? Dur home beautiful and our Thristmas greetings gay. We eat bountifully costly presents elaborately gift-wrapped. But what of the real

of Christmas? Do the bery rafters of our churches ring with the joy and spiritual beauty on this birthnight of the new-born Babe? Do the walls of the house we have so carefully

nurtured into a home, and so painstakingly decorated, vibrate happily with the lusty tamily singing of the beautiful old carols—or does the radio

sing our carols for us? Habe we Americans forgotten the real meaning of Christmas, lost the art of simple happiness?

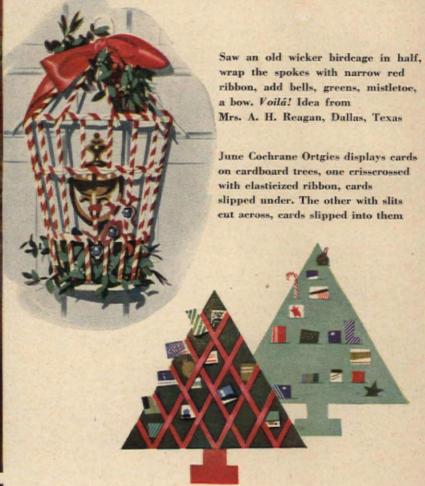
In all our Thristmas decorating, our eating, and our gift-wrapping, have we forgotten that Thristmas is a religious testival of joy, something greater than a family time of reunion?

Thristmas may more nearly approach the lovely, holy thing it should be—in your house and our house. Way the blessedness of giving and the goodness of sharing, the great gift of humility stay with us all, long after Christmas Day is over.

Your Editors



Have a hand in Christmas with these ideas you can copy yourself! Marion Rowley's arrangement of branches and dried flowers, painted white and flitter-dipped. On the mirror, the angels' dresses are of Honesty pods, Unicorn-pod wings, heads of white Everlasting flowers



### A Happy Christmas to All MORE ON PAGE 86



Jeannie Willis fills an authentic old-fashioned sleigh model with evergreens, pine cones, candy canes, red cattails, snowman

Railroad cars of enameled plywood, bright and gay, welcome Christmas on Carroll Sheppird's lawn. Lettering is strung on wires. Santa's helpers and reindeer are on top of the roof





Fat green candles, in holders made of plastic foam cut into stars covered with tiny gold and silver balls. Evergreen branches arranged in form of small tree, held in leftover piece of plastic foam. Trim with more gold and silver balls. Jeannie Willis

Evergreen branches in a copper bowl deck Jeannie Willis' mantel. Trim with ready-made stars of plastic foam (most florists have them). Tiny colored Christmas balls are wired to center of each star, both attached to tip of branch





TEACH YOUR CHILD

## How to Care for Pets



"When punishing a dog," warns Thomas O'Mara, head of a New York pet shop, "spank him with a folded newspaper." Noise and slight sting frighten dog without hurting him. Never use whip or heavy object



Photographs by George Pickow from Three Lions, Inc.

Children are enthusiastic pet owners, but they should be instructed most carefully in handling animals or they're apt to get a strangle hold on a puppy when picking him up and inflict cruel punishment without meaning to do so. A child of six or seven is fully capable of taking care of a dog. Starting child and puppy along the right path of behavior pays off in a healthy, obedient animal and a proud, co-operative owner.

Thomas O'Mara is a man with definite ideas about dog owners. Before a customer leaves O'Mara's New York Pet Shop, he has been thoroughly tutored in the proper way to handle and care for his new pet. O'Mara feels that buying a pup involves more than a mere cash outlay and strongly recommends that Dad come along as well as Mother and the children. Then a puppy is chosen which is liked by all. "The dog," says O'Mara, "is actually another member of the family and should be chosen with that consideration in mind."

A special dish is used for longeared dogs. This prevents ears from drooping in food and water. Pup needs separate dishes for food and water, water changed frequently



Dog's bed should enable him to enter and leave easily and freely. It must be kept free of splinters and cleaned and aired often. Bottom should be covered with part of old blanket or with special pillow for warmth and comfort. Basket makes bed for small dog



"When bathing a dog," explains Mr. O'Mara, "wet him first. Then give him a good lathering and a thorough rinsing. Don't let him stand in a tub of dirty water. Check water temperature carefully"



After a bath, the dog should be dried quickly and thoroughly. A turkish towel is good for rubbing down a long-haired dog. Be sure you pick a drying place that is out of drafts and sufficiently warm



After drying, dog's coat is brushed smooth and glossy with stiff brush. Dog's coat should be brushed often. Comb ears with a wide-toothed comb





Exterior of this little house with big ideas, directly above, is of vertical siding. White brick chimney contrasts with barn-red paint. Kitchen, above and right, boasts breakfast bar, floor of waxed used brick. Dining table, refinished by Harrises, came from junk shop. Living room, far right, has blue-green walls that set off beamed ceiling, pine chimney wall. Coffee table is a cut-down dining table



## A Tall Order for a Little House

or the Jack Harrises a large house meant all work and no play. Since both are breadearners they wanted a small house they could enjoy without having to put in long hours on chores. A tall order? Not in the hands of a creative builder. The Harrises got everything they wanted from Builder Perry Andrews in less than 900 square feet—and on a modest budget. Along with their original specifications, they got some custom-designed details that make all the difference between a routine interior and an individualistic, livable one.

The kitchen, for example, is separated from the living room by a handsome breakfast bar. Clinical only in function, in appearance it has all the warmth, the welcome, and the easy entertaining features of its old-time country counterpart. The floor is real used brick, waxed to a ruddy gloss and spotted with homemade braided rugs. Curtains are snowy muslin trimmed with red rickrack. Built-ins of natural-finished pine provide convenient storage for china, glass, silver, and linen. The breakfast bar serves for lunch—and dinner, too—when there are no guests. The stools have ruffled cushions of a gay chintz print. Counter tops are red quarry tile. There is a six-foot-long copper-lined planter over the sink for greens and flowers. Modern range has a pine hood, metal-lined. Wallpaper is a red and white Provincial pattern. The dining table is an old golden oak junk-shop model which the Harrises refinished themselves. Ladder-back chairs have rush seats.

Natural-pine sheathing over the fireplace chimney makes a natural extension into bookshelves, makes a good color and texture contrast to the deep blue-green of the walls and the beamed ceiling. The Harrises chose wall-to-wall braided carpeting, which repeats the reds, blues, greens, and browns of the fabrics. Washable triple-tier muslin curtains (made by Mrs. Harris) are trimmed with stripe from the sofa fabric. Comfort again in the



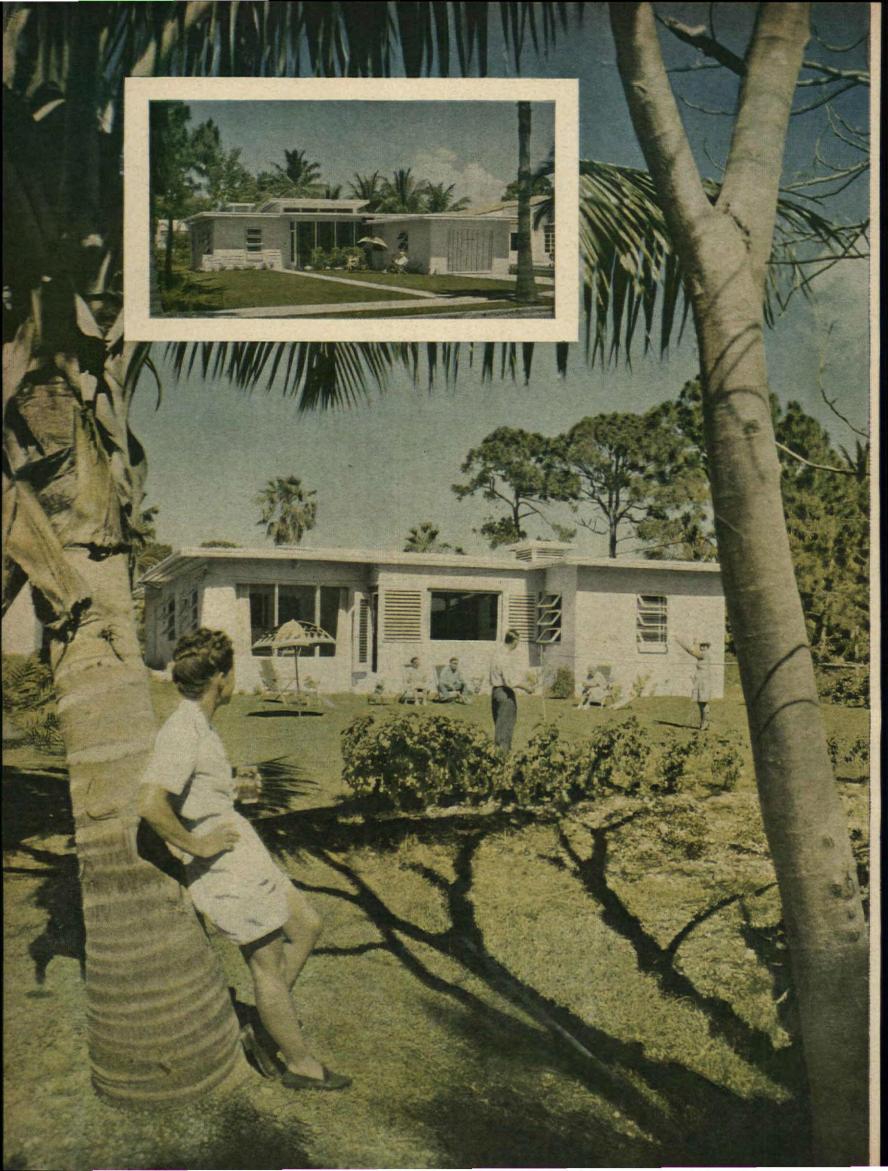
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big, deep chairs. Two old pine meeting benches that fit under the windows provide plenty of extra seating space and blend perfectly with the feeling of simplicity throughout the entire house—a simplicity that adds up to gracious living.

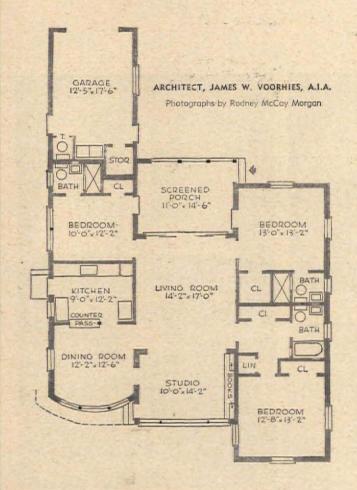
The bedroom has one entire wall given over to compartmented built-ins for everything from shoes to blouses. Built-ins in the bathroom, too—all as neat and planned as a ship's galley. And for the Harrises—a small house that's as easy-to-take as it is to take care of. Here's another proof that a small house doesn't have to mean a compromise on comfort or good looks.







## Good taste-No waste



Here's a house that's an optical illusion—a seemingly small home that is geared for grand-scale living. Designed to fit the individual needs of the original owners, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart A. Clark, and the climate of Miami, Florida, it's a made-to-order dream for Bill Ridenour, who was going to build one just like it, when fate stepped in, and he got the first chance to buy it.

It's as trim as a racing sloop, with no space wasted on halls. The foyer of one bedroom, with linen and clothes closets, serves as a dressing room, and combined with the bedroom provides a masterly master suite. Even the garage, which also encloses the laundry, adds to the living space of the house. It can be converted to a future guest room, if the need arises.

The big story, though, is the large, flexible area of the living room, dining-room-studio and screened porch. The large studio window frames an eyeteasing picture of trees, tropical sky, and smooth lawn often animated by badminton players. Clerestory windows above the porch roof at the front end of the high-ceilinged living room keep the center of the room flooded with daylight.

Sliding doors open to the porch and the slightest breeze has free run through the length of the house and the louvers that flank the studio window. All bedrooms have cross ventilation. Awning windows let in the slightest breeze, and keep out rain when they're open. Private entrances from the porch for the guest rooms are part of the ventilation scheme, too. On the roof above the dressing room is a year-round air conditioner that provides cool air on still, hot days, and heat when the weather turns chilly. For those cool mornings of a Florida winter, there are also electric heating units in each bathroom.

The dining room, as bright as a summer flower bed, has a floor-to-ceiling bay window. There is a sliding door that shuts off the kitchen with an opening serving counter beside it. Below the counter is a capacious cabinet and above, a Venetian blind to screen the kitchen from view whenever desired.

The house is set on a concrete slab with a gray-green terrazzo finish that makes an attractive, easy-to-clean floor for all the rooms.

Color is used to excellent advantage throughout the house. Walls and ceilings are cool yellow. Rugs are of gray string. Two cherry-red upholstered chairs and a bright yellow couch in the studio are the highlights of the large combination room.





Built-in furnishings, to make space more functional, appear in the dining room (above left) where a glass and china cabinet are built beneath the serving counter. In the studio (right) book shelves and a desk have been built in all along one wall of the room







BEFORE: Fancy doings in hobbleskirt days, but a little ornate for mid-century living. Step 1: Remove the whole upper part of the mantel, from the shelf up

AFTER: Curlicues have been chiseled off, the tiles and firebox painted black. A big mirror panel, screwed to the wall, reflects the room.

Rectangular pictures hide the patches where lights were removed

From dowdy to dandy in four easy lessons: Remodeling

hints to help any old house take out a new lease on style

BEFORE: Who wants to live in a hallway and feel cold drafts down the back of the neck? This stairway at end of the living room is typical of older houses. Step 1: Remove the rail and balusters, strip off the old oaken dado

AFTER: Vertical pine or cypress planks, set at angle, form a smart louvered screen, hide most of the stairway. A modern wood-strip blind dropped to the floor dresses up the window, but lets light pass

BEFORE: Rough red bricks, The Bobbsey Twins under glass, and the neighbors just across the drive.

"The Varsity Drag" on the victrola—and we'll bet there's a yellow slicker in the hall closet! Remember when?

AFTER: A mild operation removed the old mantel shelf, replaced it with a graceful curved frame surrounding the bricks. Two shaped valances touching walls and ceiling (plus the draw curtains) make windows seem larger

## What's the Smart Idea?

Here's a quartet of remodeling ideas beamed at the middle-aged house. We all know such houses; many of us grew up in them. There are years of good living still left in them, but some have grown dowdy with the passing of years. Who hasn't seen the gingerbread mantel with columns and curlicues, nilegreen tiles, and a beveled mirror inset above the shelf? And the stairway that goes up from one end of the living room—bearer of drafts in winter time, but its worst offense is the feeling it gives you of sitting in a big open hallway instead of a cozy living room. And so familiar—the red-brick mantel flanked by French-door bookcases and high, pinched windows! Remember the windows on the left, opening onto the front porch, and the double door at the right leading into the dining room? The stately columns separate many a living room and dining room, but the supper dishes are always in plain view of the front door.

All the changes we suggest are moderately inexpensive to do, call for little structural alteration, can be handled by handyman or carpenter—no high-falutin' cabinetmakers. Hand me the hammer, maw!

BEFORE: A feeling of space is nice between this dining room and living room, but the colonnade effect is decidedly old hat. Step 1: If you're sure they're not needed for support, remove the four columns

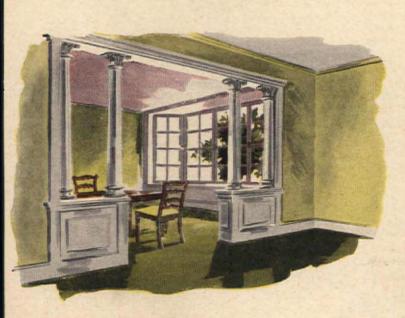
AFTER: Two wooden frames fill in where the columns were removed. Matching doors are paneled at the bottom like existing pediments. Openings in the upper sections are screened with metal lath, gilded or painted a pretty color

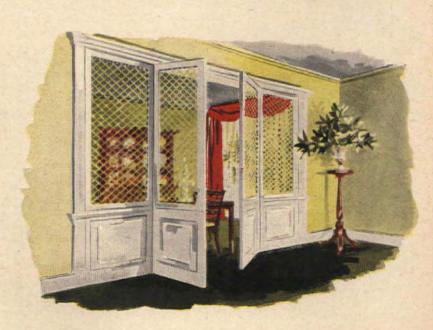


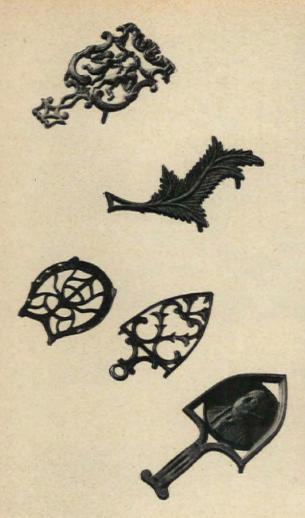














## A Collection of Memories

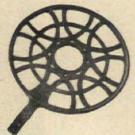






hobby for collecting things often leads to bewitching results. In this fascinating group of trivets, those practical little stands which used to hold grandma's steaming kettles or flatirons, Mrs. G. Townsend Underhill of Winnetka, Illinois, has found some clever conversation stimulators. They form a striking border around the top of her breakfast-nook walls. The men who created them have left no trace of who they were, since, with the exception of one trivet, there are no signatures on any. All we know is that they were blacksmiths by trade, and trivets, along with other useful iron implements, were only a sideline. Although Mrs. Underhill's are originals, many of the little three-legged stands have been reproduced and are known to collectors by such descriptive names as Hex, Tassel and Grain, Cupid, Dew Drop, Dutch Dump. This collection not only includes many of the large-sized trivets which will hold a flatiron, but ranges all the way down to a tiny little stand with a tiny iron on it, suitable for a child. The mysterious origin of each piece gives it a lot of extra interest.









Photographs by F. M. Demarest



# How to Buy a Christmas Tree

o most persons, a Christmas tree is an evergreen that you buy at the corner store or a temporary stall. It comes in two sizes, too big and too small, and, at times in recent years, it has also been "too high." Some families can still follow the old custom of going into their woods to select and cut their own tree; some can, and prefer to, buy from a local nursery a choice living specimen with its root ball burlapped or in a tub so it can be planted outdoors after the holidays. But most of us have to take what the market offers of trees cut commercially, perhaps near by but more probably in the north woods somewhere between the far Northwest and the New England states. Here are tips on how to buy a tree and get the most from it.

What is a good Christmas tree? First, it is of proper traditional shape—symmetrically conical with a distinct tip or leader, not too long, but an upstanding, crowning point for that favorite star, angel, or Santa Claus figure. Its foliage should be dense, compact, and rich green in color. If it brings with it that characteristic northwoods fragrance, so much the better. The leaves or needles are abundant and attractive—not stiff or sharp enough to make it hard to decorate the tree, or unpleasant to

R NORWAY PINE

touch it, as children and grown-ups, too, like to do—and, most important, they should not fall soon after the tree is brought indoors, leaving ugly, bare twigs.

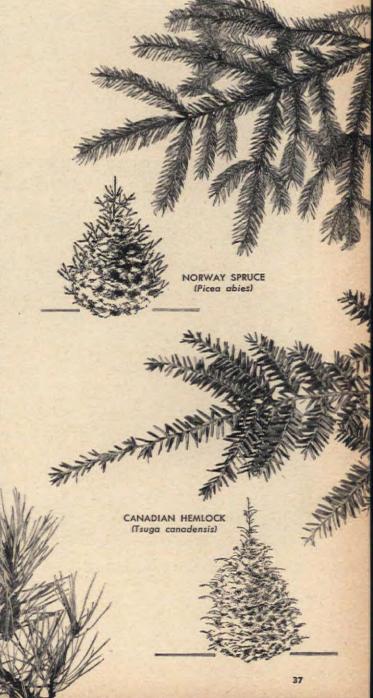
Well, what kinds of trees do we usually find on the market, and which of them best meets the above specifications? As with many other products, the available supply is influenced somewhat by the locality and somewhat by the public's tastes and preferences. To many, the traditional Christmas tree is the deliciously fragrant Balsam Fir with its handsome tree form, thick foliage, and flat, blunt, rather soft needles which are pleasant to handle and which hang on well even in the house.

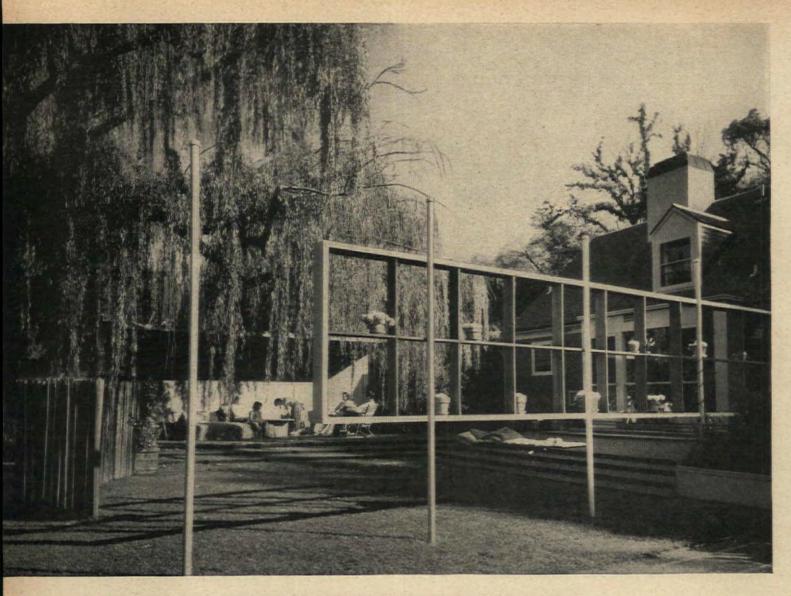
In recent years, the Douglas-fir, a native of the Northwest, has been in increasing supply and has won much favor. Though not a true fir, it has the favorable fir qualities (lacking perhaps some fragrance) and an exceptional beauty of form and texture that makes it truly the "aristocrat of Christmas trees." In tests made at Cornell University, it held its needles in an 80-degree room longer than all others. The figures were: Douglas-fir, 30 days; Red Pine, 20; Scotch Pine, 15; Balsam Fir, 10; Hemlock and Spruce, 5 or less.

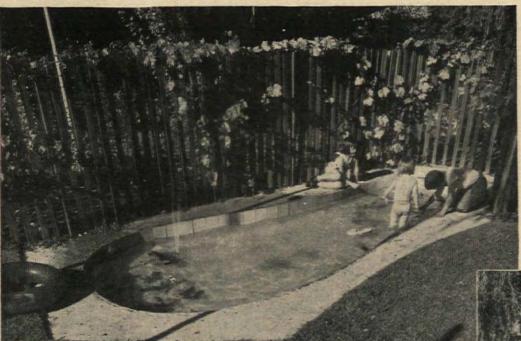
Yet, despite that poor record and the fur-PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 88

(Pinus sylvestris)

Photographs by Wendell Kilmer Sketches by Paul Crowley



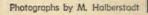




This garden is dominated jointly by a huge weeping willow and a row of ten tall pipe poles and the trellis frame supported by four of them. The structural elements separate, but do not shut off, the play area (foreground) from the lawn area and wading poo (left), roofed sitting area (left rear), and broad main terrace space (right rear)

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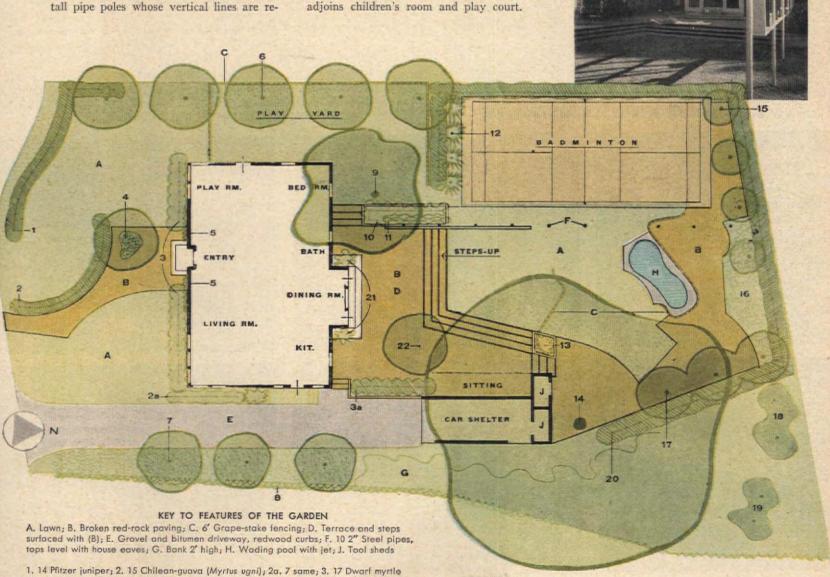
Modern free-form lines characterize the tiled wading pool, its cement border, and the loose grape-stake fence behind it. The garage roof is extended to shelter part of the spacious terrace



# Garden for the Bolles Family

ere is a garden that demonstrates the effective application of modern landscaping principles and the fine co-ordination of the ideas of landscape designer and of architect-in this case the owner. It is planned to organize all the available space on a 100 by 160-ft. lot in Marin County, California, for the use of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bolles and their four children, and is cleverly integrated with the house and within itself. Front lawn, drive, car shelter, and L-shaped terrace are level with the ground floor of the house, or two feet above the rear garden's natural lot grade. Along the west border is the active play space. This is set off from the rest by ten tall pipe poles whose vertical lines are re-

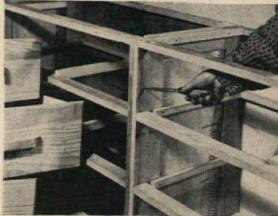
peated in the long branches of a grand old weeping willow. The four poles nearest the house support an egg-crate type framework which gives a feeling of enclosure to the main terrace, extends the house structure into the garden integrating the two, and provides shelf space for pot plants. On the lawn, two free-curving grape-stake screens add to the sense of space, give interesting form to the area, and introduce an element of mystery as to what is beyond. Study, in the plan below, the skillful use and arrangement of these details and of appropriate plant materials; note placing of terrace with relation to living and dining rooms and kitchen, and how the grassed play yard adjoins children's room and play court.





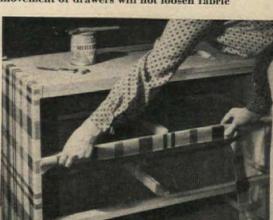
# How to

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1. First, remove all drawers. Unserew or pry off tops carefully. Drill screw holes, then screw inside ends of chests together. Be sure to line up fronts flush. Run screws into cake of soap first, makes it easier

7. Match first cross strip between drawers to end pieces Smooth on very carefully. Turn edges over and be su they are flat and firmly fastened, so the constant movement of drawers will not loosen fabric

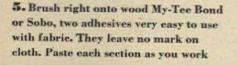


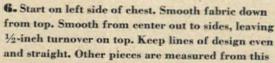


12. Turn chest upright. After all drawers and strips between are finished, top is carefully matched, measured and cut. Match front of drawers, being sure plaid runs up drawers and over top in continuous line

ake a plain, unimposing chest, follow our easy-to-understand directions, and you'll not only have one that's beautifully covered with fabric, but also a reputation that's covered with glory. Depending upon what kind of material you use, this type of furniture can fit in any room in the house. If you want to fancy-up only part of a chest, you can copy a Provincial idea by decorating just the drawer fronts, and a panel on the top. Very Gallic!

If this is your first try, we'd advise you to use a small all-over design, since this wouldn't require matching and measuring. Plaid is really quite a trick to handle well, but like all difficult-to-do things, the result is extra smart and effective. Also be sure the article is completely sanded and smooth, so there will be no lumps or bumps when it's finished. Put adhesive only on the immediate area where you're working, since it dries very quickly. These new preparations don't show through the fabric, but do be sure to keep your hands clean, so your work won't show smudges and will look slick and professional.

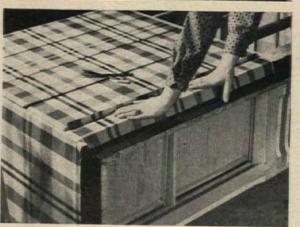








10. First drawer finished. Use as guide for other drawers, top to bottom, side to side. Remove each drawer, measure, apply strip between. Replace each as finished



11. Turn chest on back once more. It is easier to work on drawer fronts this way, as plaid must be very carefully matched across entire front of chest. After each drawer front is finished, apply strip between

# Cover a Chest With Fabric



Cut ¾-inch plywood to make a new one-piece top. nd smooth. Screw onto tops of chests. Countersink ews, fill holes with plastic wood. Re-insert drawers. ne up evenly, number each drawer to keep in order

Measure, match, and cut first drawer, allowing mover for sides, top, and bottom. Be sure to ttch cross stripes vertically and horizontally. ter corners carefully for neat professional finish



 Cut ends of fabric with a very sharp knife or razor de. Place cardboard under fabric to prevent cutting of chest. Apply adhesive and paste down. Lap over ter fabric at ends, paste down and under front edges



3. Remove drawers. Turn chest on back. Tape newspapers around base for protection. Spray black paint on base. Use inexpensive insecticide spray gun or new paint can with built-in spray

9. Check match of plaid again. Apply adhesive on drawer front, side, top, and bottom edges. Smooth on, keeping all lines of plaid even and in a straight line. Hardest part is finished



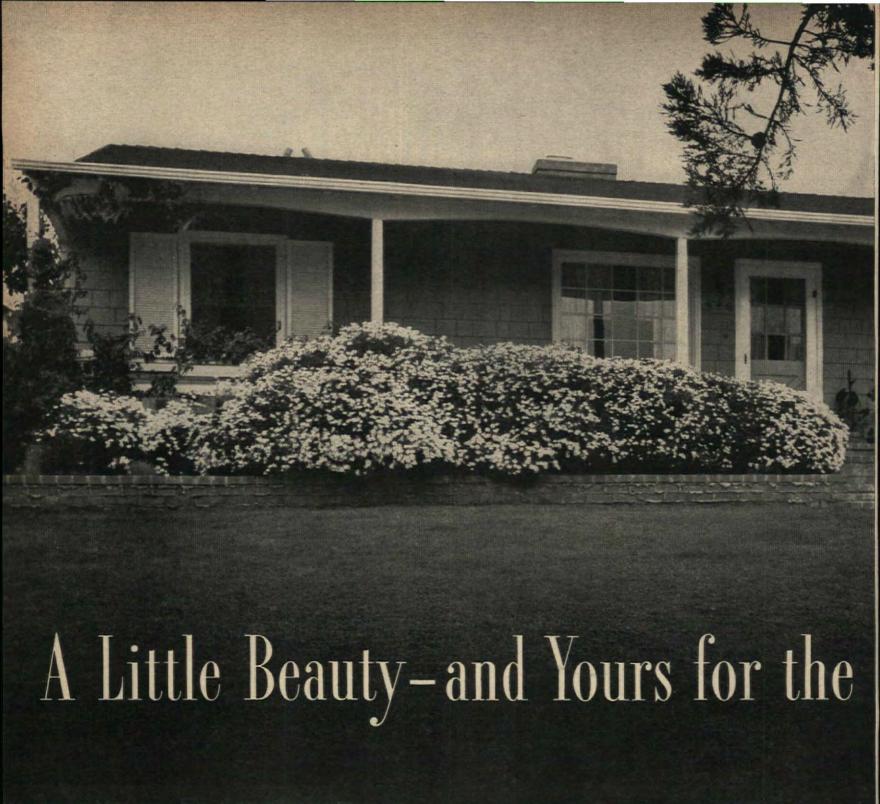
4. First, measure, match, and cut strips of fabric for two ends of chest and between drawers. Vertical as well as horizontal stripes in the plaid should be evenly placed so they will make a balanced line composition on drawers. Allow turnover. Facing chest, start on left side

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

Make long wooden rods for drawer handles. Paint contrasting color. Screw into place from inside



14. After top pieces are in place, match, measure, and cut center strip for middle of chest between drawers. You will have to stretch this as you work down to base, so it matches all drawer fronts across



Photographs by George de Gennara

ost of us come from that enormous stratum of the middle class that is distinguished by its ability to recall better days -that carefree stretch when everybody had plenty of money or got the benefit of others having it. Today, memory of the good old days loses all sovereignty . . . and it should. What we, or our families, once had cuts no ice. The crux is what we have now and how well we can and do manage with the existing income. Yet there are still a good many people, oppressed by the sorry state of construction costs, who mutter about the slim chance today of building an inexpensive house that has even a vestige of individual charm, who cannot reconcile themselves to small scale, servantless living, without loss of dignity. For the benefit of such skeptics. as well as the level-headed younger generation who will spot this immediately as a house that "has the mostest" they've seen in a small house in many a day, I shall tell you the story of this little house, built a year and a half ago in Pacific Palisades by a young contractor, Bruce Tebbe.

Building a house means, in the figurative as in the literal sense,

that you have put down roots, that you are where you plan to stay. It is like betting that you are going to live a long, long time; one feels grave, almost frightened, and at the same time, daring, adventurous. This small house is Bruce Tebbe's own house. He had built houses for other people but this was his and his wife Phyllis' first home and they gave it their all. The plans, starting with cloud-born ideas that had been written back and forth in war letters, were drawn and redrawn many times over before they finally came down to bedrock to incorporate, within a budget price, every convenience and attractive feature possible. It was probably the hardest, the most exacting job young Bruce had tackled and yet, like the dentist who gets into a dentist chair for the first time as a patient, he came through the experience much more appreciative of the other man's problem.

The late Robert L. Cook planned their house. They told him explicitly what they wanted and what they could spend, but when they received the plans, instead of impulsively accepting them and rushing into construction, they went over and over the plans

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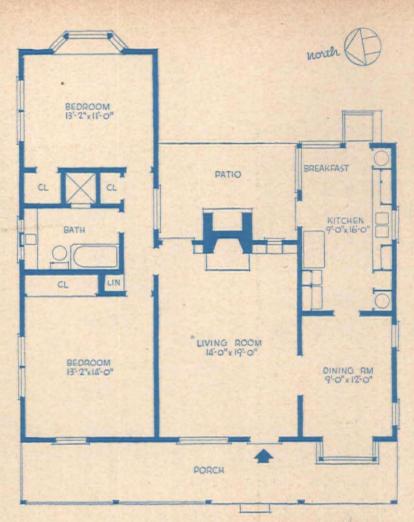
MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE OWNER-BUILDER, BRUCE TEBBE

This compact, convenient little house

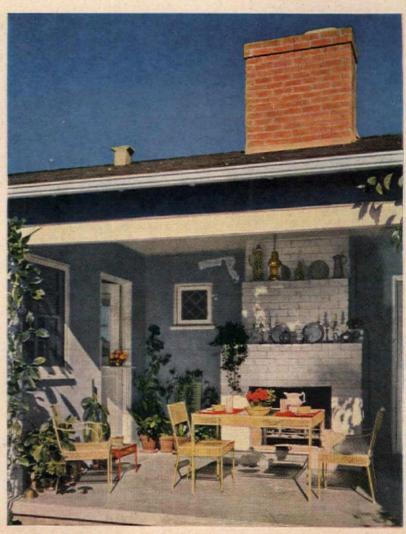
MAKES SMALL MONEY TALK—

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Plan is more than a straightforward approach to small-scale living without damage to dignity. A pliant plan, it allows for a third bedroom, den, or relocation of dining room in U formed by kitchen and bedroom. Also for a future service room off kitchen. Construction, gray wood shakes and stucco, white trim, terra-cotta colored brick







Mrs. Tebbe's color outlook was sunny, flows without a break or, as she says, "with the grain." She carried the living-room color, letting it run naturally with eye travel, into both adjoining dining room and bedroom hall, to give illusion of space

### A Little Beauty (Begins on page 42)

and specifications questioning, "If we change this, could we get that? Why can't this be done this way, and that, that?" They clung tenaciously to the fine points they were determined to have, slept over decisions, cocked a sour eye at reducing "quality," but were perfectly amenable to a shift from one costly "quality" item to a "quality" one that cost less. By selective compromise in one place they gained something else in another.

The result of this agreeable owner-architect cooperation indicates it takes something more than money to get all of the things that one may sensibly hope to have in a small house. The house Bruce Tebbe built is a small wisp, the planning everything. For those who are interested in figures, it cost \$10,500. For those who are interested in meanings, it is evidence of the fine, particular features that it is possible to have in what Mr. and Mrs. America call an inexpensive small house. (The figure \$10,500 is the amount the house would have cost a client and is figured without consideration of the discounts that are often the good fortune of a man in the building business.)

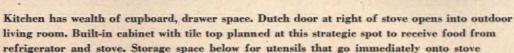
The extra-curricular features in the house are numerous but, roughly, they are a wood-paneled living-room fireplace wall, solid brass hardware, good wallpapers of documentary design, a bay window 2½ feet deep that was planned to enlarge a small dining room, cross-ventilation in all rooms, floor furnace with thermostat control, bedroom ward-robes with built-in drawer space, a pullman bath-PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 80



It's a small room, but bay window with garden view contradicts room measurements. Room and bay ceiling painted the blue that travels as an accent throughout house. Pink striped wallpaper. Pink chintz lounge chair, bed canopy, and dust ruffle of barred dimity









Dining room in same caramel-colored carpet, kumquat-yellow walls, unbleached muslin curtains, as living room. Red linen chair seats

BEFORE: The Chapparo family's kitchen, below, was typical of many you've seen—not really bad, not really good. How'd you like to stand and stare at your face in the mirror every time you wash dishes?



AFTER: One generous window, above, replaces former ones. Placement of equipment was not materially changed, but new steel Kitchen-Kraft cabinets mean better-planned storage

Photograph by Maynard L. Parker

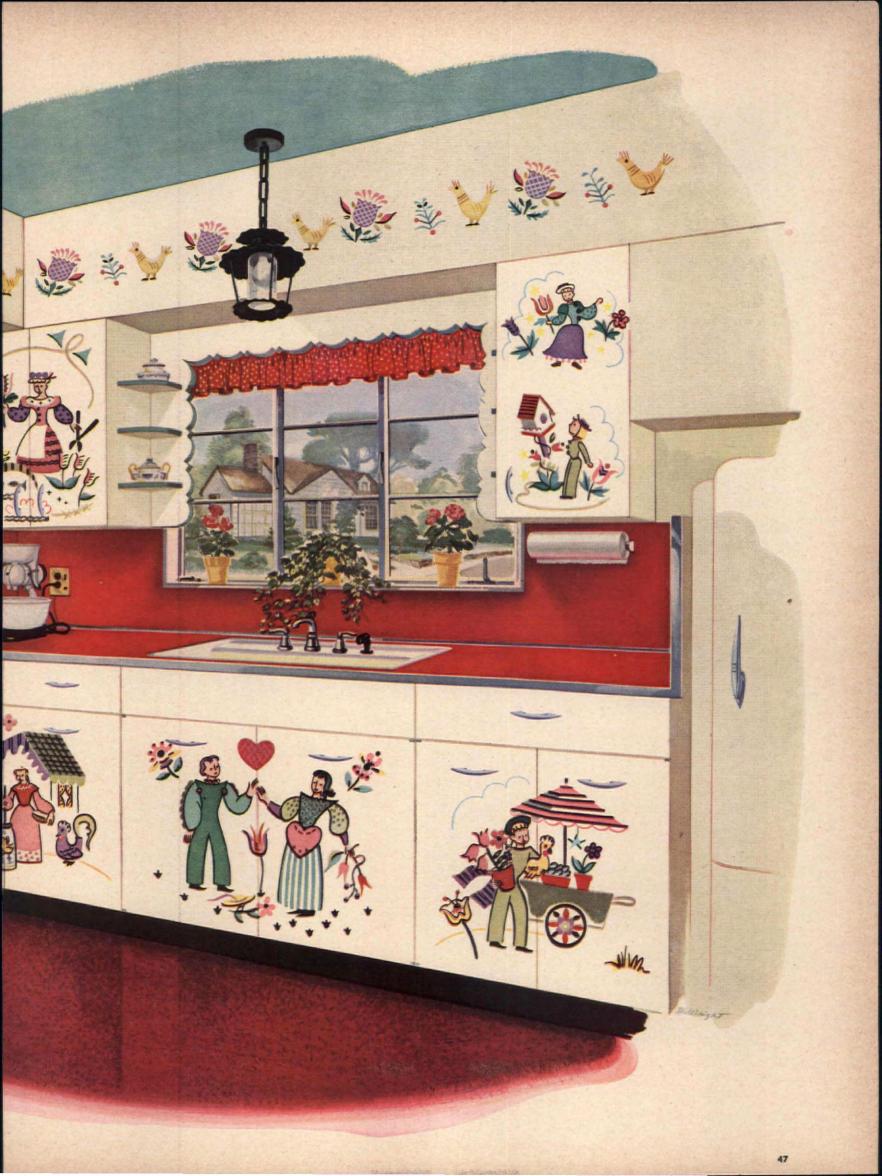
# We've Got Designs on This Kitchen

Fere's a two-way kitchen remodeling story that we've carried one step further, for those of you who like streamlined modern efficiency and yet yearn for the color and character of Pennsylvania Dutch designs. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chapparo of Los Angeles created a minor modern-day miracle when they took the pleasant, but out-dated kitchen you see in the "before" photograph above and revamped it into the good-looking, compact working area, shown in the "after" picture, which makes meal preparation a snap, instead of a chore. To prove that you can have the ultimate in modern kitchen convenience and still recall the charm of a bygone era, we asked Lietta, a Los Angeles artist, to dream up some more of her popular Pennsylvania Dutch designs. The results inspired the sketch at right. The patterns are traditionally provincial, yet Lietta has given them a decidedly modern flair. If you'd like to copy these quaint little characters in your own home, we've made it easy for you with full-sized tracings and color instructions. See page 92 for information on ordering them.

1342. 3 painting designs: Boy and pitcher, seated girl, size  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by  $14\frac{1}{2}$  in. Girl with tulip, size  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by  $10\frac{1}{2}$  in. Boy and bird house size  $8\frac{1}{2}$  by  $9\frac{1}{2}$  in. Price  $30\phi$  1343. 2 painting designs: Boy with cock under arm, flower pot and cart, size 18 by  $18\frac{1}{2}$  in. Girl with churn in front of cottage, size 20 by 22 in. Price  $40\phi$  1344. 3 painting designs: Boy, girl, heart, size 20 by 21 in. Girl on bridge, size 19 by 22 in. Repeat border of bird, thistle, posy, size  $7\frac{1}{2}$  by 19 in. Price  $50\phi$ 

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Assemble plant materials in various shades of green from bright boxwood to dark Japanese yew, including yellowish cedar and fluffy blue chamaecyparis or retinospora. Also cones, pods, nuts, fruits, florists' hoop (or two wire hangers shaped into a circle), florists' spool wire

# Place and Show

This time we've departed somewhat from the run-of-the-mill decoration, lovely as it is, and come up with an adaptation of the original Della Robbia wreath, which was usually made up with fruit. In this setting, three fat, twisted candles are arranged in the center, their placement depending upon the theme of the scheme—formal or casual. Nuts, fruits, and seed pods have the leading roles, but shellac and colored spray paint, easily applied, change the entire character of these modest ingredients. And, of course, there's holly, as indispensable as Santa Claus. Gather some from your own bush or buy the commercially grown—naturally we're all too sporting to pick it from the wild.

The china is charming, in traditional 1860 pattern. Each piece shows a different scene from that time. The designs are handpainted, won't wear off or fade, as they're protected under a permanent glaze. Inexpensive, too. Place mats and napkins are of red homespun, cotton-and-rayon, heat-resistant, color-fast. Pressed thumb-print and star design trims the handmade green goblet. The sterling is "Melrose" pattern and raises the entire setting into the elegant class, since it is simple, but sumptuous. . . And a Merry Christmas to you, too!

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China, "Vernon's 1860." Silver, "Melrose" flatware; saits and pepper shakers, "Gadroon" decoration, The Gorham Co. Place mat and napkins, Original Textiles, Goblet, "Priscilla," Fenton Art. Relish dish, "Cape Cod," Imperial Glass. Photographs by F. M. Demarest



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#### Lunches or Suppers built around Green Pea Soup

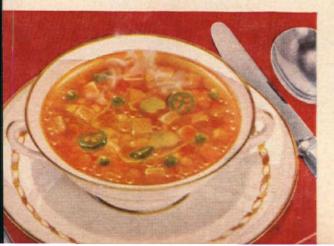
na Fish Sandwich Omelet, Ginger Cakes n Salad, Bran Muffins Hot Apple Pie, Cheese Codfish Cakes and Spinach Scrambled Eggs, Hot Biscuits



**TABLE** is a favorite with both Dad and the children f bright garden vegetables in a homey beef stock.

#### Lunches or Suppers built around Vegetable Soup

nd Beans, Green Salad non Salad Sandwich rf Salad, Cheese Toast Cold Roast, Lettuce Wedges Hot Coffee Cake, Grapefruit Baked Corned Beef Hash

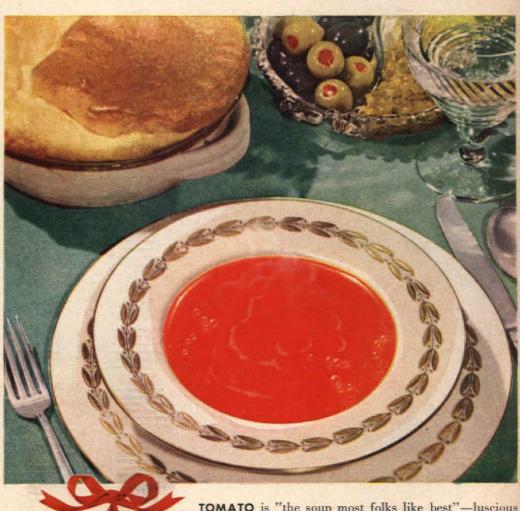


So much to do; so little time to do it—with Christmas 'round the corner! There's all that shopping to do—and the house to clean and a fruit cake to bake and the youngsters' clothes to freshen and Christmas cards to address and the silver to clean and—meals to get!

Yes, meals to get, and that's where maybe I can help—with some practical ideas. Soup can be your salvation, truly. It's so nourishing and so appealing to winter-sharp appetites. It's quick on the table, too, and very easy on the budget.

#### **Biggest Soup-eating Month**

Many of you already know how good hot soup helps "save the day" during December. That's why you've made December the biggest soup-eating month of the year. Here on this page are three fine soups to build meals around these Christmas-rushed days. You'll find suggestions, too, for what to serve with each one, to round out a lunch or a supper. So—Merry Christmas!



TOMATO is "the soup most folks like best"—luscious tomatoes blended with fine butter to velvet smoothness.

#### Lunches or Suppers built around Tomato Soup

Ham-Biscuits, Pear Salad Hot Potato Salad, Apricots Sardine Sandwich, Cole Slaw

Cheese Soufflé, Relish Tray Sausage Cakes, Apple Rings Nut Waffles and Jam









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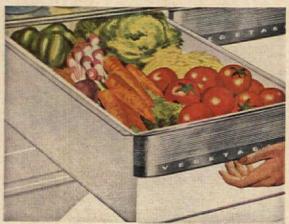
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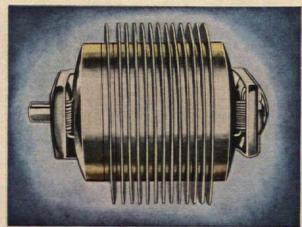
MEW! STURDY ALUMINUM SHELVES

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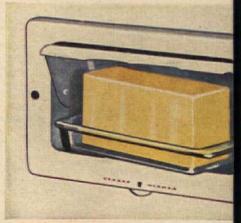
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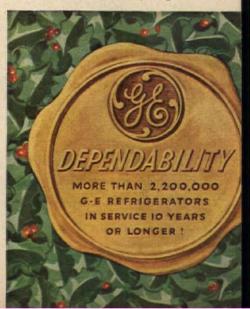
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# Christmas Shapes



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plain good-tasting—are an important part of our celebration of the happy holiday season. Fancy cutters, presses, and molds are a foolproof way to prepare your favorite Christmas recipes so that you have perfect, and pretty, shapes every single time. Many new ideas in patterns are available this year and, to recall nostalgic memories, you'll find traditional molds hand-in-hand with new ones. We suggest freezing cut-out cookies in advance of the holiday rush. A pressure saucepan is just the ticket for shortening the steaming of plum puddings.

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#### Swans Down Devil's Food Christmas Cake

Prepare Swans Down Devil's Food Mix as directed on package. Bake in layers. Frost with

#### Seven Minute Frosting

2 egg whites, unbeaten

1½ cups sugar

Dash of salt

1/3 cup water

2 teaspoons light corn syrup

1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine egg whites, sugar, salt, water, and syrup in top of double boiler; mix thoroughly. Cook over rapidly boiling water, beating constantly with rotary egg beater (or at high speed of electric beater) 7 minutes, or until frosting will stand up in stiff peaks.

Stir frosting up from bottom and sides of pan occasionally with rubber scraper, spatula, or spoon. Remove from boiling water. Add vanilla; beat 1 minute, or until thick enough to spread.

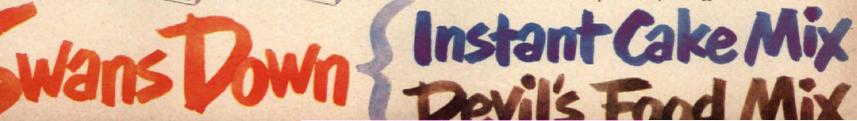
Garnish frosted cake with silver dragées, small colored candies, and green leaves.

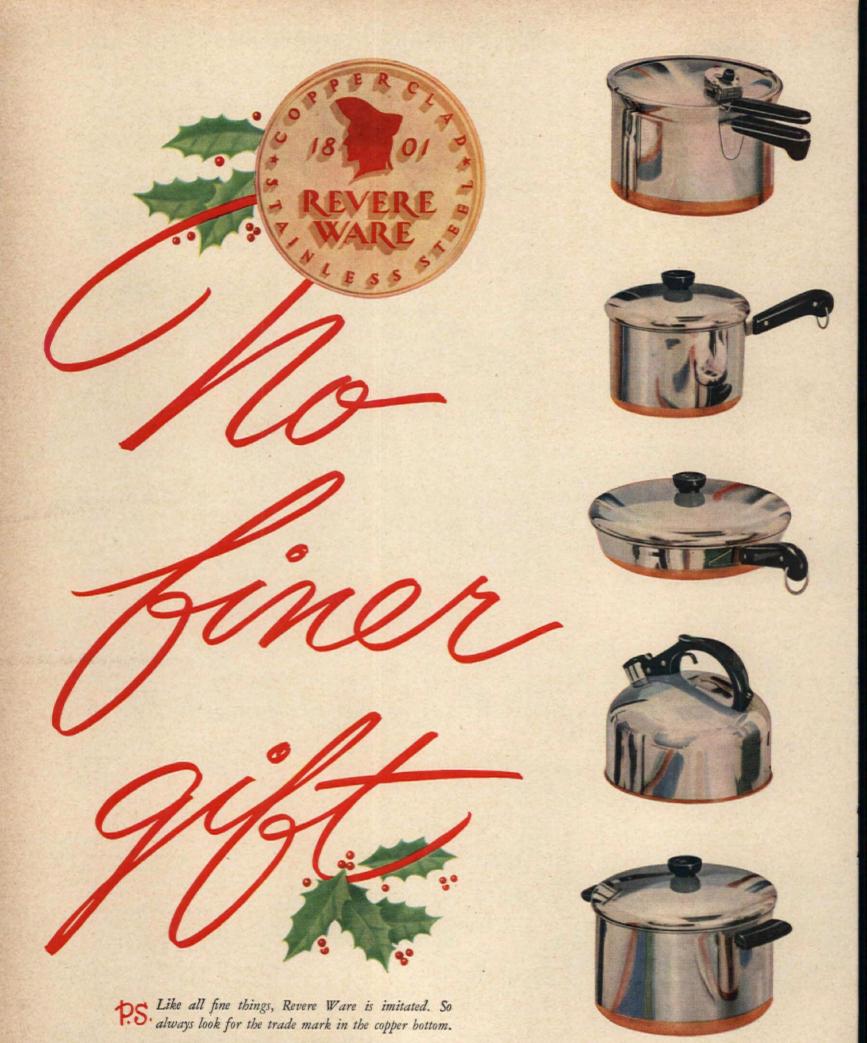
#### **Swans Down Instant Sparkle Cupcakes**

1 package Swans Down Instant Cake Mix Milk (see package for amount) Seven Minute Frosting (at left) Gumdrops

Combine Swans Down Instant Cake Mix and milk as directed on package. Turn batter into muffin pans, which have been greased on bottoms only, filling each cup ½ full. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Tint frosting various colors and spread on cakes. Garnish with small gumdrops.

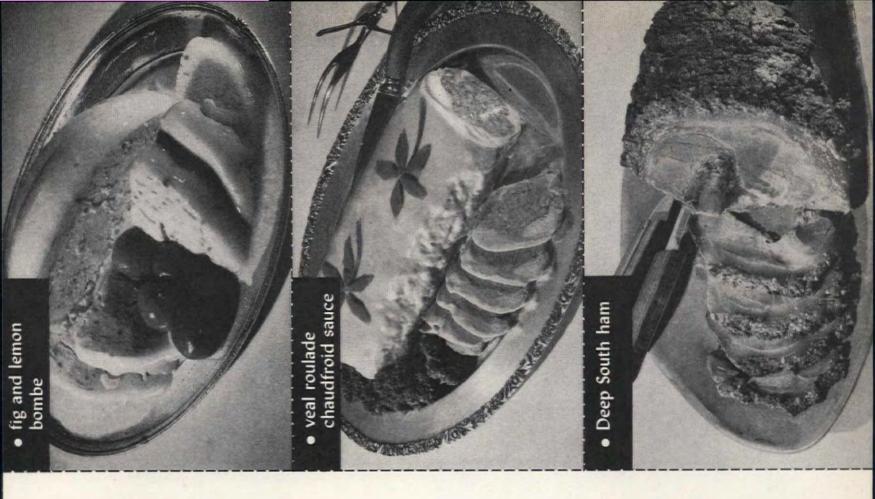
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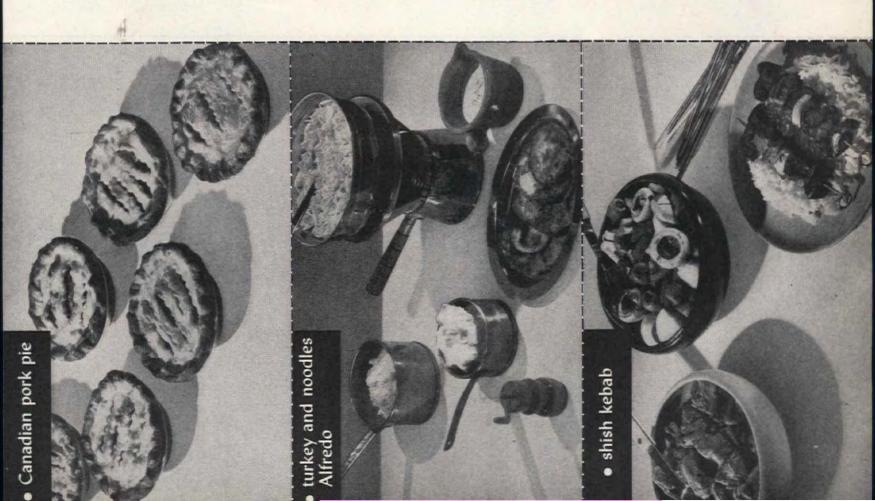


### Good Victuals (Begins on page 50)

Now you know, and I know, that the fanciest chef in the world can't lure folks from home cooking at Christmas time, and the best holiday parties, the most fun, are right at home. The only flaw is that first-of-the-year's reckoning, when we discover that, in our generosity, we have overreached ourselves, are faced with an astronomical food bill, did not have quite as much time for fun with the folks as we could have wished for. "But Christmas is not the time to stint," you say? Of stinting I'm not speaking, but of planning. Planning food

that is more beautiful because more caring has gone into it, not more cost. Food that will delight the eye, please the palate—and spare the purse. Food that will serve many and serve well—and spare you. Food in which excitement and imagination are the prime, yet the least costly, ingredients. Food that stays beautiful though prepared ahead or in easy stages, food that can be prepared at table or by your family and guests themselves—that allows you to be a guest at your own table, not the serving maid as well as cook. How, you ask?

Well, there's a big tawny ham, more wonderful cold than hot—and that's pretty wonderful. Not a cheap item, but cheaper than you think, when you reflect on the crowds that can feast off it, first hot,



each guest and let e n waxed paper separately and Can be skewered night before, wrapped in refrigerator—or store meat in marinade and "fixings" s

make his own assortment.

Marinate 2 lbs. shoulder lamb cut in 1½" cubes in:

tbs. olive oil

2 tsp. salt 2 tbs. onion juice 1 unsliced clove garlic 18 tsp. allspice 1 cup sherry or ½ cup of vinegar boiled with ½ cup water and ⅓ tsp. allspice 1 tsp. finely crushed oregano 1 tsp. black pepper

Leave in marinade 2-3 hrs., preferably overnight. Stir occasionally with wooden fork. Drain marinade when ready to skewer. Keep for occasional basting. In another bowl, rubbed lightly with garlic, mix: quarters of small onions; whole mushrooms; peeled quarters fresh tomatoes, not too ripe; thick slices of fresh green

Keep cold in refrigerator until ready to skewer with meat. Alternate meat and vegetables on skewer, Broil 10 min. each side, Serve with hot, fluffy rice or pilaff. and red peppers.

Recipe by Jean Austin

# turkey and noodles Alfredo

(A famous chafing dish spécialité)

send to table in chafing Boil noodles in rapidly boiling salted water. Drain well,

dish.

Add to noodles: ½ lb. sweet butter

Add to noodles: ½ lb. grated cheese

Cook, stirring and litting constantly with wooden spoon and fork, until noodles are smooth and creamy. Just before serving pour in slowly ½ cup thick cream and blend thoroughly. Serve over turkey slices.

Cut large slices of breast of turkey, about ¼" thick. Heat some olive oil in a

heavy skillet.

Beat slightly: 1 egg yolk with 2 tbs. milk

Dip turkey slices in flour (seasoned with salt, pepper and paprika), then in beaten egg, then in flour. Fry in olive oil to a pale golden brown. Drain on paper towels, keep very hot until noodles are ready. A very rich dish, one slice of turkey per person sufficient.

Recipe after observation by Jean Austin

# Canadian pork pie

(Filling same as Chef Baltera's recipe "tourtiere a la viande" in A. H. Menu Maker.)

Have ground together: 1 lb. Put meat in saucepan and add:

Have ground together: 1 lb. lean shoulder of pork 15 lb. fresh back fat Put meat in saucepan and add: 15 cup water 1 tsp. salt 1 tsp. salt 1 ksp. nutmeg 15 tsp. nutmeg 15 tsp. nutmeg 15 tsp. nutmeg 15 tsp. pepper 16 tsp. alspice 16 tsp. pepper 17 tsp. alspice 17 tsp. pepper 17 tsp. noter and add 17 tsp. pepper 17 cups bread crumbs, Max well and cool. Line individual pie plates with Canadian pie crust, add filling and top with second crust. Make incision in top for vent. Bake in hot oven (450°F.) 15-20 minutes or until well browned. Serve cold. Makes 1 large or 8-10 individual pies. If making individual pies, use top crust only.

# CANADIAN PIE CRUST

1/4 tsp. baking powder Sift 3 times: 2 cups all-purpose flour tbs, brown sugar

Work in: ½ lb, lard. Slightly beat 1 egg in cup, add 1 tsp, vinegar, pour cold water over this until cup is half full. Add slowly to dry mixture, using as little as needed for rolling. Roll on waxed paper, chill. Enough for 2-crust large pie, 8-10 top crusts for individual pies. Keeps indefinitely in refrigerator or freezer.

A Canadian housewife's recipe from Marjorie Blair

Deep South ham

**Good Victuals** 

1 ham (8 to 10 pounds)
3 pounds (about 12 cups) of flour
1 pound (about 3 cups) of corn meal
Cold water

large bottle ginger al oranges, sliced lemon, sliced

Remove skin and fat, if too heavy. Rub top with a mixture of chunk peanut butter, dry mustard, dark brown sugar, and some powdered cloves. You will have to taste it and suit yourself as to sweetness. Keep as thick as possible so that it will adhere to ham. Pour ginger ale into roasting pan and add oranges and lemons. Place ham in pan and bake uncovered in moderately hot oven (375°F.) for 45 minutes, basting frequently. Strain sauce in pan and serve with ham. A 10-pound ham will serve Mix flour and corn meal with water to make a stiff dough. Put ham into pan and cover thoroughly with dough. Place, uncovered, in a medium (350°F.) oven and cook for 4 hours. Then remove from oven, take baked dough crust from ham. about 15 people.

A truly different baked ham, from Alabama-the "crust" my own devising.

Recipe by Jean Austin

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then cold-with no further fussing about it. There is Shish Kebab, prepared and marinated ahead of time. Just turn the guests loose in

the kitchen and let them create and broil their own Kebab, and see

the fun they'll have-and you'll have, too, with only the rice to go

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behold, to eat, and o-oh so beautiful on the purse. Can do long

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# chaudfroid sauce veal roulade

from a recipe by Allison Adapted

a long, flat piece. Also, slice the thick part off in thin slabs to build up thin edges and make a flat surface. Save bones and trimmings. Put through grinder: I large can hominy, well drained; I cup finely chopped celery, I cup finely chopped parsley; I cup finely chopped onion. Mix together 1 egg, ½ cup white cornmeal, salt and pepper to taste. Add ½ lb. pork sausage. Mix again and add first mixture. Blend thoroughly. Spread this filling evenly over the meat, not too near the edges. Roll lengthwise, working on waxed paper for easier handling. Roll tightly in cheese cloth and sew or tie, being sure ends are closed tightly. Put bones and trimmings in bottom of a deep, heavy pot and the roll on top of these. Dissolve 6 chicken bouillon cubes in 1½ qts. boling water. Pour over the meat roll and simmer 2 hours. Take out roll, set pot and contents aside. Place meat roll under a weight while making aspic. Ice with Chaudfroid Sauce. Serve in thin slices. of veal, to make Have butcher bone a large breast and cut through pocket thus formed

CHAUDFROID SAUCE: Melt  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter. Add 2 tbs. flour, 1 cup strong veal broth (liquid meat roll was cooked in, strain if liquid is not clear), and 1 cup cream. Cook a few minutes. Remove from range. Add and stir: 1 tsp. Escoffier Sauce (Sauce Robert), 1 tsp. celery salt, 1 tbs. sugar. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup white wine, and stir. Pour this over veal roll while sauce is still warm or it will be too stiff an aspic to spread. Keep pouring and spooning over until veal roll is well covered. Cool. Decorate with pimiento and green pepper, or truffles or olives.

## fig and lemon bombe

traveled to Rome for, and about which I've a little tale to tell. I'd

gone to Alfredo's in Rome, for just this very thing. Done before my eyes, right at the table, as Alfredo always did it, I shuddered pleasurably at the cream being poured in, but all my knowledge of calories

in that there dish of noodles, cream, and cheese did not spoil my

pleasure in eating every morsel of it. Came Alfredo with his guest

book. Such famous fancy folk-and such glowing, witty testimonials.

What was there left to say? Nothing but the honest truth and, baldly

stated though it was, he chuckled. "To Alfredo, destroyer of the form

What else, that so delights the eye and pleases the palate, yet

In top of large double boiler, not over water and off flame, slightly beat 3 whole eggs with 1/4 tsp. salt. Gradually pour over them, a spoonful at a time so as not to cook eggs, 2 cups scalded milk. When all of milk is added, place top over boiling water in bottom part of double boiler, set over flame, and stir briskly and constantly with a wire whisk until mixture thickens. Cool. Strain through a fine sieve. Add: 1 cup heavy cream stiffly whipped with 2 tsp. lemon extract. Pour in freezer tray. When frozen to a mush, remove to bowl.

Beat in: 1/4 cup ground, or very finely chopped, preserved ginger

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Return to refrigerator tray. Freeze.

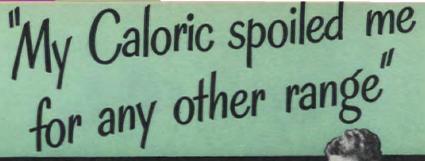
Line thoroughly chilled mold with 1 pt. Iemon ice, put in by spoonfuls, spreading evenly as possible with back of a chilled spoon. Lining layer should be 3%"-1%" thick.

Now put in by spoonfuls the Fig and Lemon ice cream, fill mold full to overflowing. Cover with buttered wax paper. Set cover on very tight. Seal with buttere around edges of cover. Place mold in home freezer or refrigerator with temperature set at coldest setting for 2 to 3 hours.



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# ribbon loaf

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wheat bread. Cut, if necessary, so that both loaves are same size. Cut each loaf lengthwise into ½" slices. (I find 2 slices of each more manageable for serving and make 2 loaves if needed, rather than one top-heavy one which falls apart when sliced for serving.) Start with whole wheat slice and alternate with white until finished. Spread bottom slice with cream cheese softened with milk or thin cream. Over the cheese, a layer of deviled ham. Place over this a ½" lengthwise slice of white bread. Spread this layer with ½ avocado moistened with onio juice or lemon and ¼ tsp. salt. Place over the first two layers another lengthwise slice of whole wheat bread. Spread this with mayonaise mixed with finely chopped cucumber and pimiento. Now spread underside of top white slice with deviled ham mixed with chopped stuffed olives and put it over other 3 layers.

Wrap in waxed paper, and leave in refrigerator overnight. If you wish to prepare further ahead, wrap in waxed paper then cover with some there are a layer.

further ahead, wrap in waxed paper, then cover with paper towel dampened in water and wrung out. Cover all with aluminum foil—will keep several days.

When ready to use, frost top and sides with cream cheese moistened with milk or thin cream. "Tie" with pimiento strips. Garnish with holly or celery curls, carrot strips, and ripe olives.

Cream: 2 tbs. butter and 1 cup sugar. Grind in food chopper: 1 whole orange (rind and all) 1 cup seedless raisins

Lucille's special

add to first mixture, mixing well.

waxed paper. Bake in moderate oven 10r 1 nour or secan 10.5 cup orange juice. utensil and, while still hot, pour over it 1/4 cup sugar mixed with 1/2 cup orange juice. When this juice has been entirely absorbed, turn out on cake rack, remove waxed paper. Cover top with confectioners' sugar or serve with whipped cream, a garnish of orange slice. This is even better second day. As a pudding, serve hot with hot with 1 cup buttermilk or sour milk, to creamed and orange mix-ending with dry. Pour in loaf pan or pudding mold fitted with in moderate oven for 1 hour or steam for 2½ hrs. Leave in beginning and ending with dry. Pour in loaf pan with 1 cup buttermilk Add, alternately

HOT BRANDY SAUCE: In upper part of double boiler place ½ lb, (1 cup) butter; 1 lb, dark brown sugar; 2 lemons, juice and grated rinds; ½ cup brandy; 2 whole eggs. Beat with rotary beater over boiling water about 5 minutes or until it thickens. Serve hot with fruit cake. Makes  $3\frac{1}{12}$  cups.



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saves the purse and saves the wear? Little Canadian pork pies, made with a new kind of paste that keeps and keeps and keeps, a filling all rich and spicy meat that costs so little and feeds so many you'll scarcely note it on your bill, A sandwich loaf 'most too pretty to eat and tied all round with a pretty red pimiento bow. The gay cocktail onions, stuck in a big red apple, make easy but very tart, good hors d'oeuvres. Wipe dry the tiniest of cocktail onions. Dip halfway in mayonnaise and prepared mustard (2 to 1 mustard) and red or green food coloring.

For dessert, a bombe, so elegant, so impressive—and so very easy to do. A good old-fashioned jelly roll (recipe in our Menu Maker) with stripes of red and green jelly for Christmas eating, a dribble of chocolate and a coating of snowy powdered sugar, posing as a birch log on your buffet table. When you make the birch log, add sugar and a little cream to chocolate drippings to lighten color, make mixture thicker and easier to use. A wet paper towel over top of bowl keeps icing workable. A pudding rich and festive-but made with oranges and raisins instead of citron. suet, and all the heavy things you don't like in a plum pudding-if you don't like plum pudding. You can steam it or you can bake it. It's best both ways! Some violently green and passionately red apples, very special looking, but spicy with cinnamon and light in the stomach after days of rich eating. For the minted apples, prepare a thin sugar syrup, add oil of peppermint and coloring to suit. Simmer cored and peeled apples in this syrup, turning gently for even penetration. Do not crowd them in pan.

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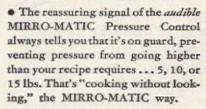
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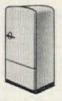


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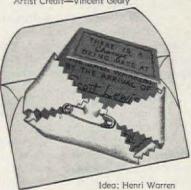
# Pin-up News About Baby



Idea: Nancy Snyder Sheridan

ittle stork place card, novel lidea for a baby shower. You'll need a safety pin, ribbon, cocktail toothpick, and after-dinner mint. Any color combination may be used. Paste a piece of cardboard under the mint, for a strong safety-pin base. Just put toothpick in as shown above, tie ribbon in loop, and stick in the mint. Fix them in a jiffy, spend but a few cents in the making.

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serve with Ritz Crackers

1/2 cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice
4 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
4 finely cut marshmallows
1 No. 21/2 can fruit cocktail
Salad greens for garnish

Whip cream until stiff and fold in lemon juice, sugar, rind and marshmallows. Arrange well-drained chilled fruit cocktail in circle on each garnished salad plate. Place mound of dressing in center of fruit and surround it with a wreath of greens. Serves 6.

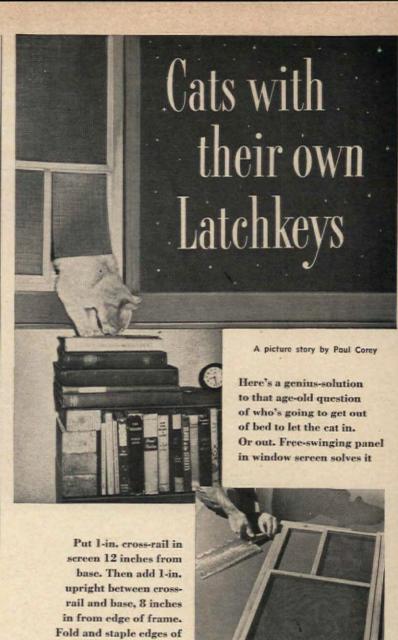
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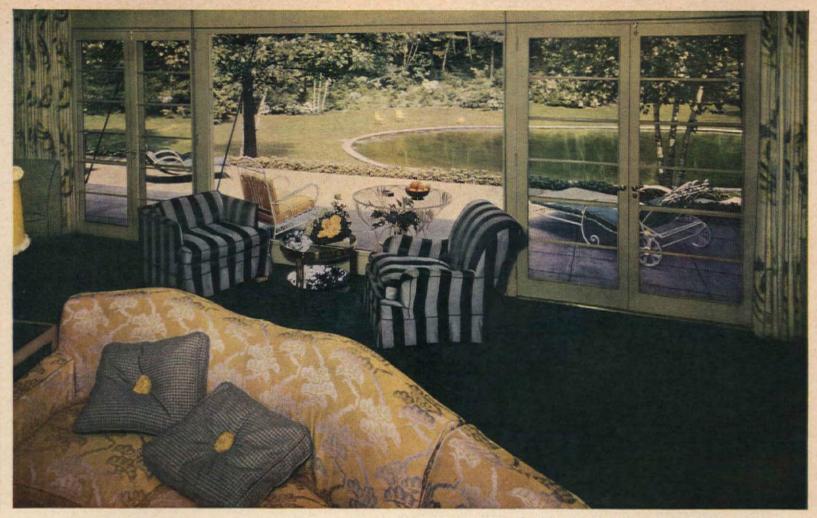




So that panel will swing freely, bore ½-in. holes through side frame just below joint with cross-rail, ½ in. into upright. Insert ½-in. wire through holes and folded end of screen

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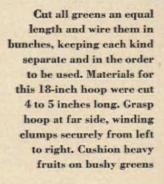
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### Place and Show (Begins on page 48)



To make them last, and to add glamour, shellac crabapples, lady apples, limes or small lemons, kumquats, and cranberries after they have been wired in clusters. Wire fruits in groups of 3, nuts in clusters of 5, smaller berries in bunches of 7 or more



Plan sequence and stick to it; repetition of forms and colors makes for neatness and good design. Sequence pictured: Berried juniper; walnuts; chamaecyparis or retinospora; cones and California pepper-tree berries; boxwood; apples; Japanese yew; limes; Mugho pine; eucalyptus pods—and repeat. Wire holly to florists' picks, insert near fruits





Place three fat red candles at far side of wreath for buffet supper. For dinner, line up candles in center. By itself, wreath is handsome over mantel



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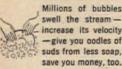
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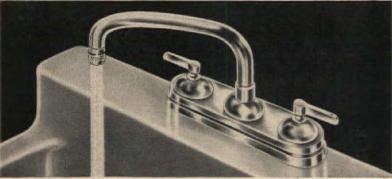
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## Holiday Scuttlebutt

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For long-burning candles,
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half-pint waxed
cardboard milk
cartons. Any salad
mold or ash tray can
be used for making
floating candles

Melt 1 cup paraffin (household wax) over low heat. Turn off heat, add 1 tsp. jade-green or scarlet allpurpose dye. Stir well. Note: for clear, bright colors, do not cook wax after adding dye



Since dye will not dissolve completely in the wax, place double thickness cheesecloth over tea-strainer and strain melted wax into container. Frozen orange juice cans make good, stubby candles



When making "quart" candles, set mold in deep vessel packed with ice. This chills melted wax quickly, keeps cardboard container in shape. Notice wick knotted around pencil. Pencil laid across top holds wick taut



To simplify job of cleaning pan used for melting wax, pre-treat pan with plastic coating material. Follow directions on label. When changing colors, wipe plasticcoated pan with dry cloth



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## Scuttlebutt

(Begins on page 72)

Deck the halls with wreaths of holly" and the mantel with bright, flaming candles to create a real Christmas atmosphere.

The good news is that you can become your own candlemaker just by using materials around the house. Tall tapers burned halfway are seldom usable, and along with other tag-ends lend themselves to re-molding. And here's an excellent use for paraffin removed from jellies, which is not safe for re-use with food.

All-purpose dye can be used for coloring white melted candle ends. For Christmas green, use ½ tsp. jadegreen to 1 cup melted wax; for deep red, use 1 tsp. scarlet. The proportion if you are using paraffin (household wax) is the same for the scarlet, but the green should be increased to 1 tsp. per cup of paraffin. The effect created in coloring paraffin is mottled rather than the solid color the melted candle ends assume. If you wish to try colored wax crayon, use one crayon per cup of either kind of wax.

For easy unmolding, use any container smooth at the top—salad and pudding molds, ash trays, nut dishes offer variety in shape. Waxed cardboard milk cartons make tall, streamlined candles, and round ice cream containers are perfect for fat ones. When the candle has molded, tear waxed cardboard from around it.

Wicks saved from partially-burned candles are more satisfactory than waxed twine. For placing wicks in tall cardboard cartons, thread a darning needle and draw the wick through the bottom, and knot. Place a pencil across top of the candle mold and tie wicking on firmly. An easy way to add wicking to these tall candles is to use a taper burned to the height of the mold. After melted wax has set on bottom and top of mold, insert whole, same-colored taper in center.

In making shallow, floating candles, wick may be inserted with a tooth-pick after wax has barely set on top. If mold is prettier inverted, allow candle to set several hours, invert, and make a hole for insertion of wick by heating pin (held with pliers over heat). Insert wick immediately. We suggest pouring melted wax for floating candles ½-inch deep in mold.

Candles may be etched in their same color or contrasting shades. Remove candle from mold, melt decorating wax, pour it into small-nosed pitcher, let it cool slightly. Hold a piece of cardboard at a slant on top of the candle, let the wax dribble down it. It will form drops as it runs down the sides. To give an artistic touch, brush edges of the drippings with gold or silver paint. A wonderful gift idea is a quart-sized candle placed on a ten-cent store metal tray and surrounded with greenery and shiny colored balls.



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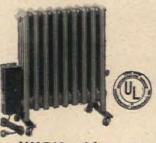
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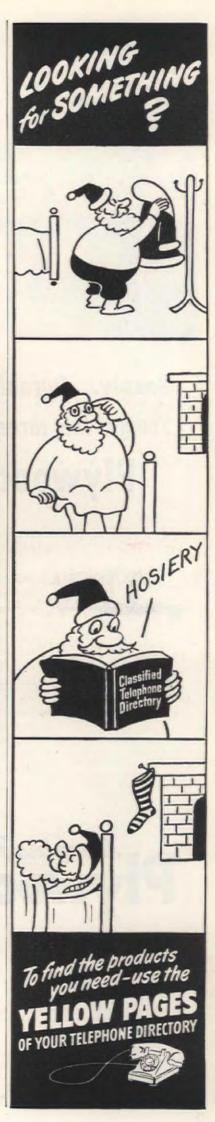
Here's the way one wise mother solves the problem of a real "thank you" for her children's Christmas gifts. The camera leaves no doubt of the children's delight

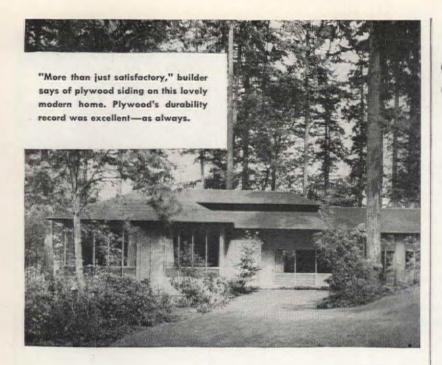


A letter goes with the snapshots, but the camera has told more of the children's happiness and pleasure over their new gifts than a dozen letters. It's a thoughtful idea to put date on back of pictures



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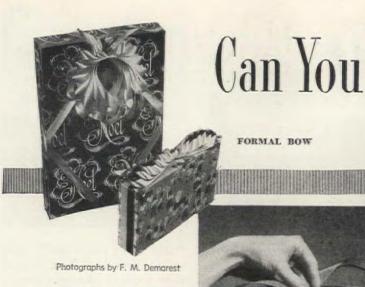
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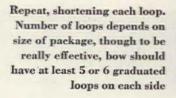
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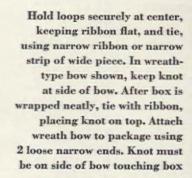
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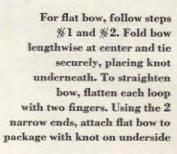
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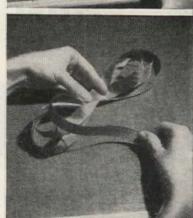


Two versions of the formal bow—wreath type or flat tailored type—are started in the same way: Hold ribbon flat between fingers and thumb with index finger on top. Make 2 loops in shape of figure 8

















To tie, hold securely at center with 2 paper clips thus releasing hands. Use narrowwidth strip. Keep ribbon straight and tie knot on edge, leaving loose ends for attaching to box

by edges between thumb and

first finger, make 7 straight loops back and forth, each loop about 6 inches long



Remove paper clips. To achieve wheel shape pinch spokes together at center for even distribution of loops



For poinsettia effect hold bow in left hand and, with right hand, turn loops inside out. To make turning easier, push loop near center before turning. For another effect, turn wheel bow top side down



For variation of the basic wheel bow use a 1½ turn. Place middle finger up through loop from underside, turning finger toward you, at the same time catching edge of ribbon. Then, with help of thumb and index finger give ribbon a complete turn up and over toward center and, with downward motion, complete the turn



"Merry Christmas, my dear," said St. Nick, bouncing in after rewarding his reindeer with an extra forkful of hay for their night's work. "I couldn't think of a thing to bring you except this. It must be good, because I saw it in ever so many homes."

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room lavatory with drawer and cupboard space below, a man-sized, tilelined shower with adjustable shower head and glass door, an electric bath wall heater, excellent plumbing fixtures, well-designed chrome hardware. Also a bay window fitted with a seat and with view into garden to enlarge one bedroom, deep linen storage and a coat closet off the bedroom hall, door between bedroom hall and living room for privacy and to shut off noise from the rest of the house, an excellent water heater (Mission-30 gallon), generous kitchen cupboard and drawer space, garbage disposer, corner kitchen windows in space reserved for breakfast table, an abundance of strategically placed electric outlets in every room, an outdoor living room with fireplace that is built at the rear of the house into the U that is formed by the jutting bedroom and service wings. This room has been designed and built with such proper beam strength and roof pitch that at some future time the room may be extended six to eight feet and enclosed.

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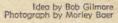


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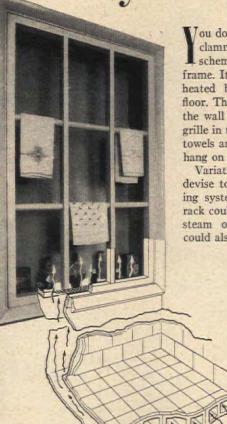


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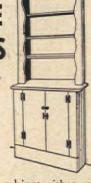
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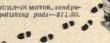
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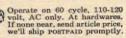
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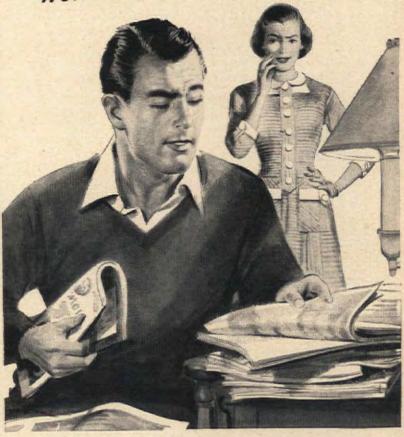


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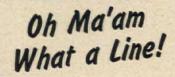
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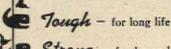


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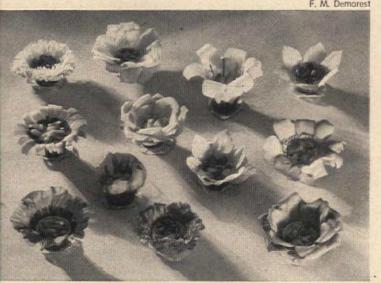
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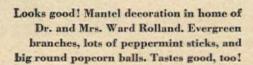
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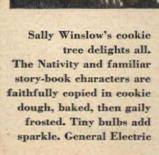




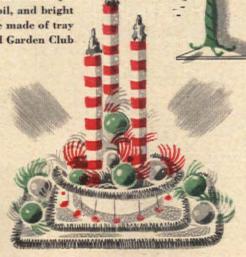
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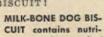




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## Christmas Tree

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ther fact that spruce needles are stiff and very sharp, spruces in general and the Norway Spruce in particular are, in many places, the most widely used trees. Hemlocks, too, are liked by many, largely because their needles are soft, blunt, and so arranged as to produce a flat branch effect; and because of their slender graceful form.

The pines, whose longer, sharp needles are borne in "bundles" of from two to five, are liked in some places, notably New Jersey. If pruned to shapeliness while growing, they make satisfactory trees on which the needles last well. Both Red and Scotch Pines (two much-used sorts) have two needles to a cluster. Those of the latter are shorter, stiffer and more bristly; those of the Red Pine are longer, thickly grouped, and curved so that a branch forms a sort of thick tassel or plume.

In seeking a tree, therefore, study size, shape, and uniformity. Examine a single needle; if short, blunt, and flattened (so you cannot roll it between your fingers) the tree is a Fir or a Douglas-fir-and a good buy. If a short, flat needle has two white lines along the under side, it is a Hemlock. If the needles are long, sharp, and in pairs, they are from a Pine; if short, sharp, and square in cross section, they are from a Spruce.

Whatever you get, it has probably been cut for some weeks and shipped many miles, so it may soon start shedding its needles if not properly handled. When you get it home, cut an inch or so off the butt and stand the tree in a pail or pan of water. Keep it outdoors, in a shady spot protected from the wind until trimming time; rain or snow will do it good.

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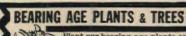






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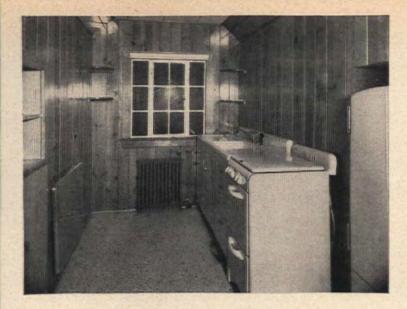
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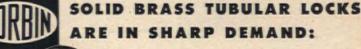
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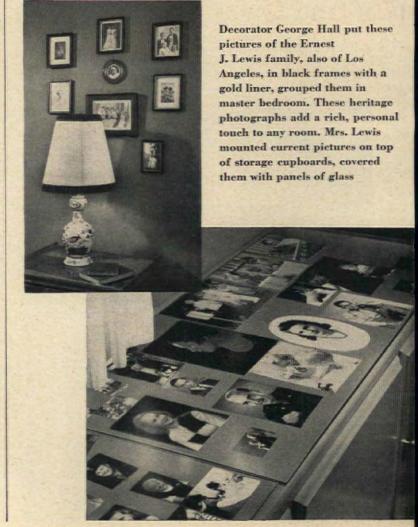
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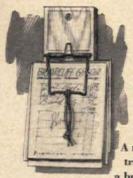
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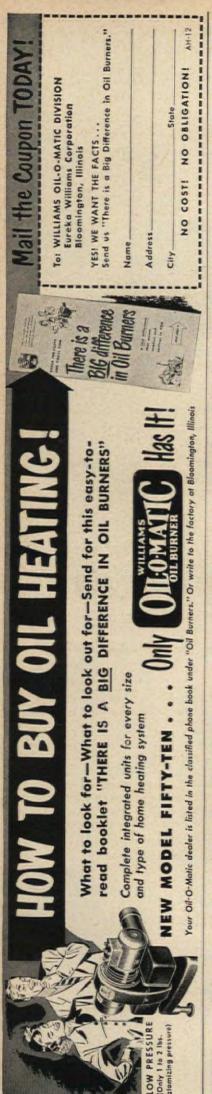
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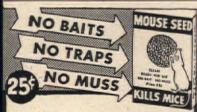
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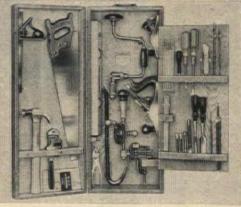
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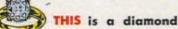


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