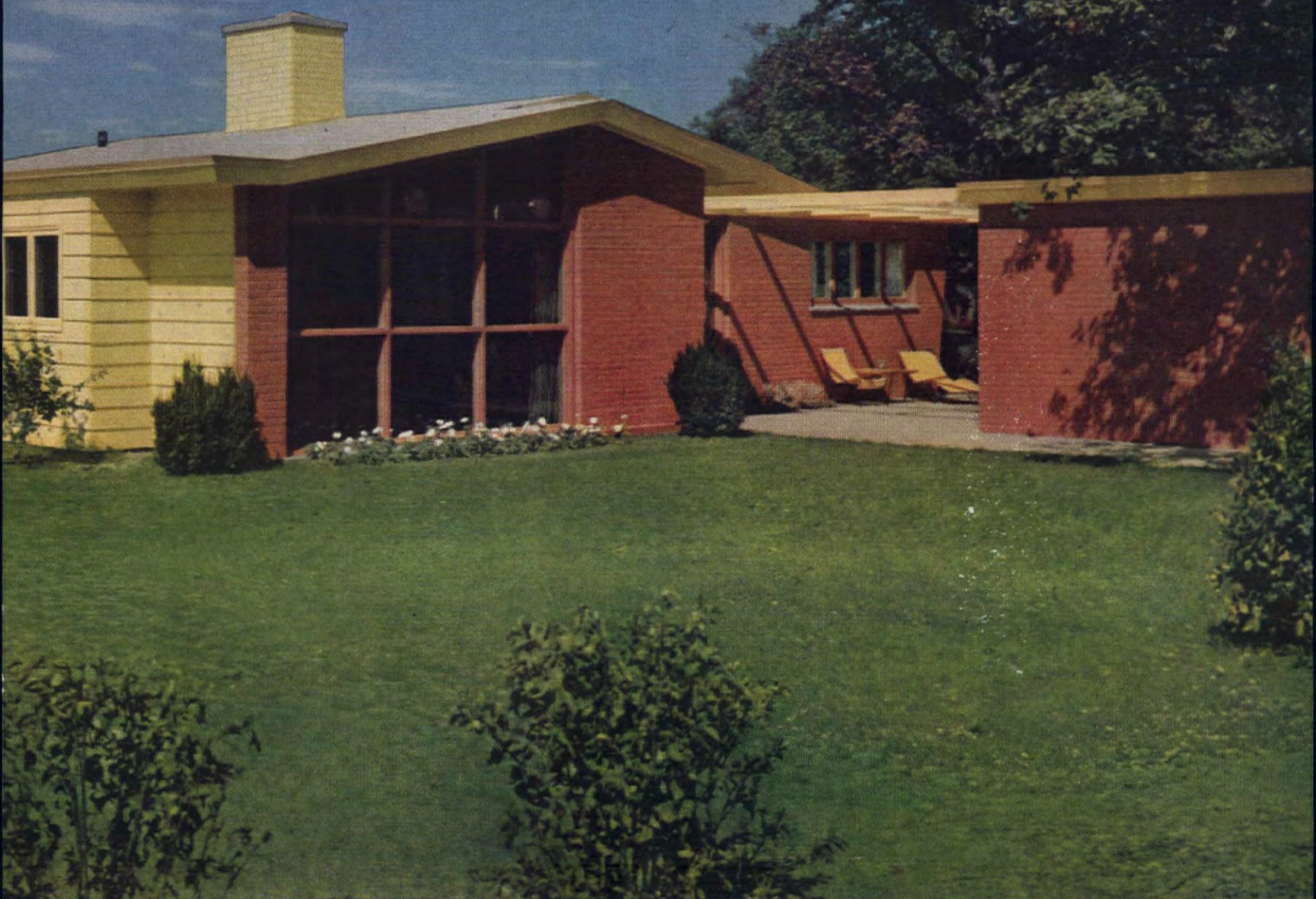


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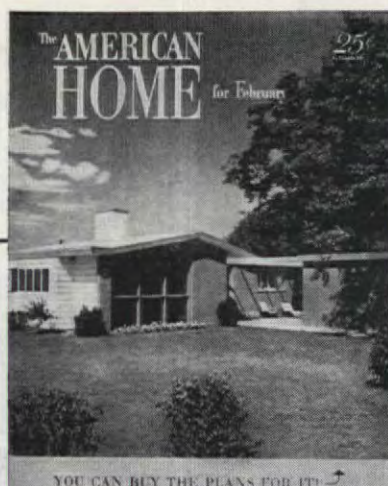
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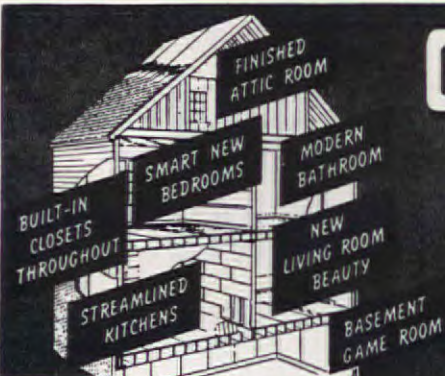
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... RUTH DENT HUGHES, native of Arkansas but resident of California since 1926, has always been interested in writing—but with less chance to do it than to think about it—and is now president of the Santa Monica Writers' Club. Married in 1931, she has, she says, "a nice assortment of children." Besides keeping house, she is busy with P.T.A., Mothers' Clubs, and Girl Scouts, loves bridge, and shares with her husband and children a "very merry, but altogether hectic whirl of family activities."



... FLORENCE S. AND R. WALLACE TEED collaborated on "Short Cuts in Rose Growing" (page 105) just as they have jointly cared for and enjoyed the garden started soon after their marriage. A graduate of the Univ. of Michigan, she is a Methodist minister, contributor to religious journals, collector of cook books, social and community worker. An M.D. and alumnus of the Universities of Michigan and Iowa, he is an otolaryngologist who combines the hobbies of gardening and color photography. Served in the Navy in World War II.

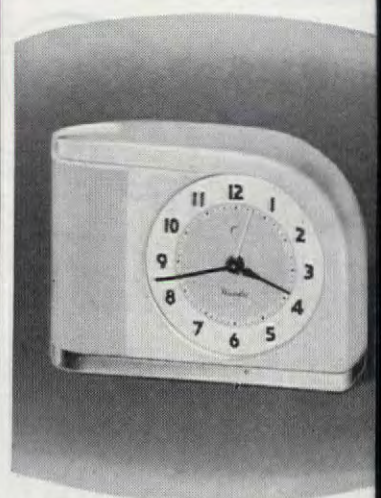
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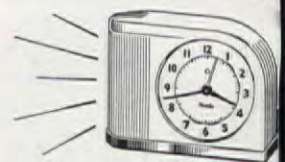
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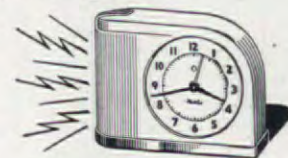
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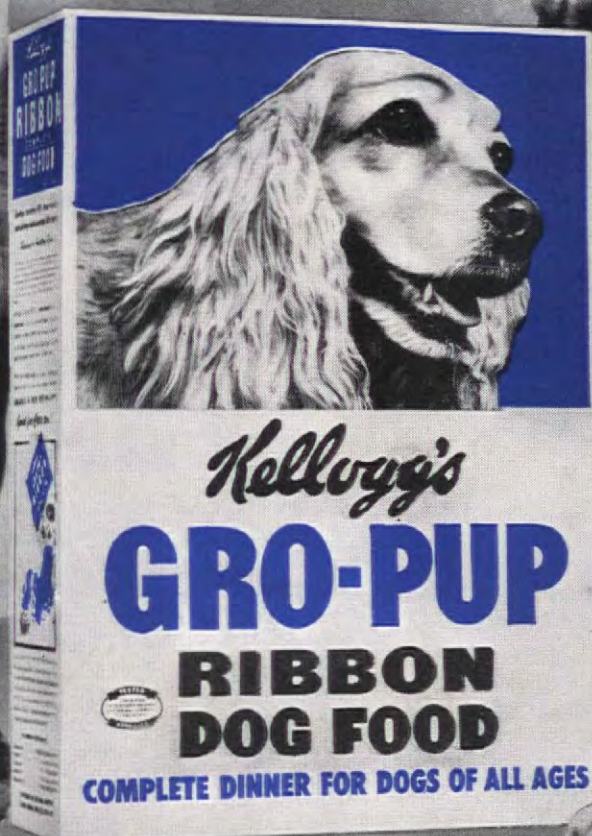
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day School, and is co-leader of a Girl Scout troop that holds cook-outs around the fireplace in the Allen yard.



... **WILLIAM M. BRANHAM** finished college in 1941 as a chemical engineer, but is now a professional photographer, a good one, too (see his pictures of the "Sensible Modern" house, page 42). When the Air Force adopted him, some study of photography in his early college days was used to advantage. He did photography in the European and Pacific war theaters, going to Korea after V-J Day. He now lives in Atlanta with his wife, Marjorie, and black angora cat, "Myrt."



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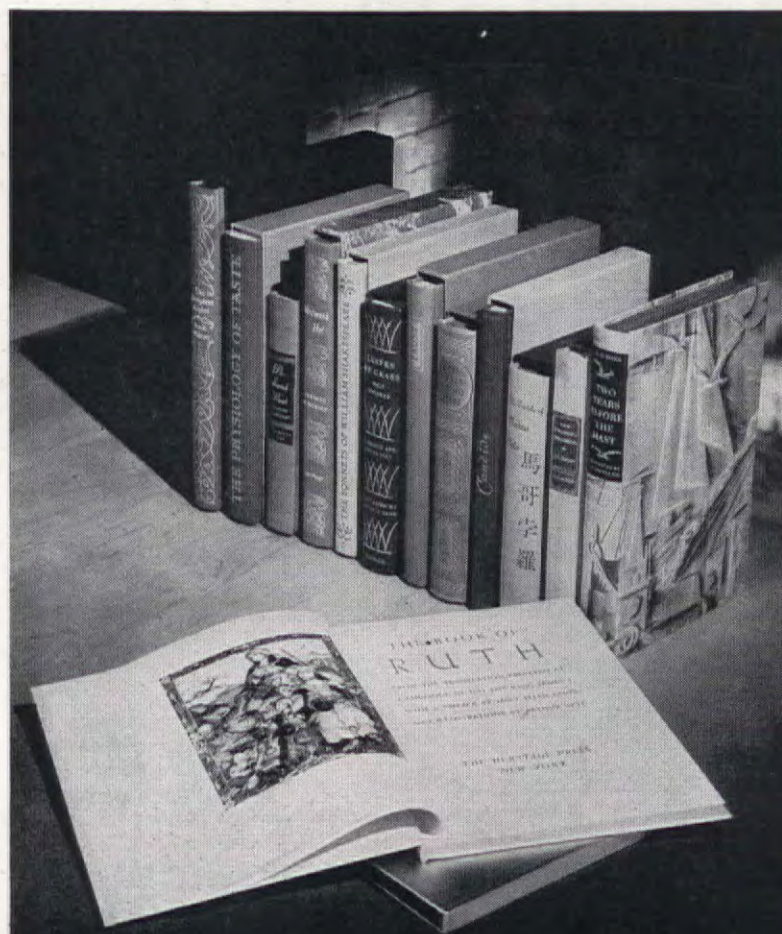
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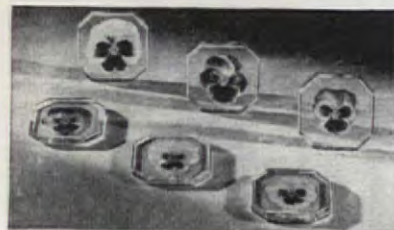


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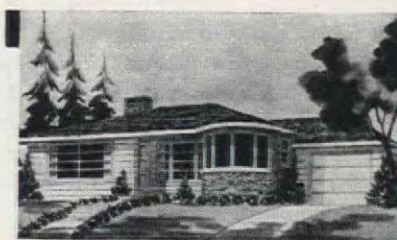
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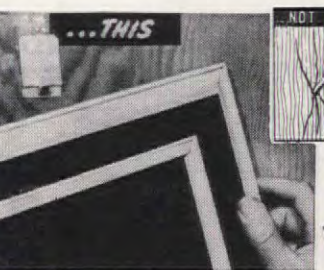
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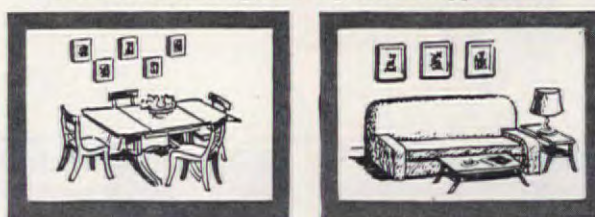
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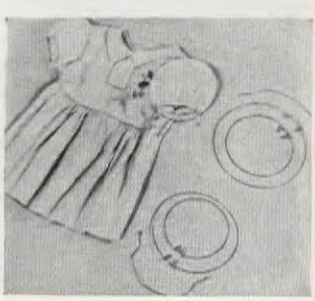
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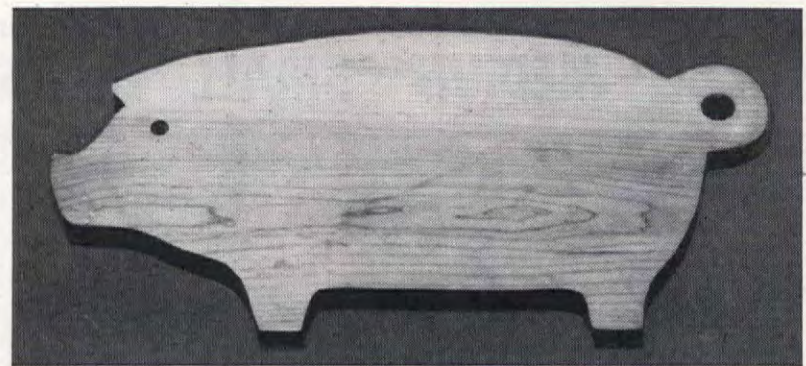
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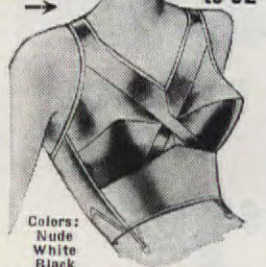
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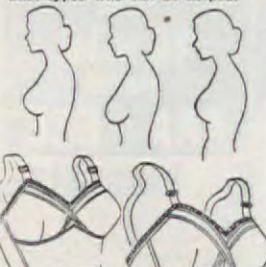
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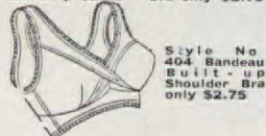


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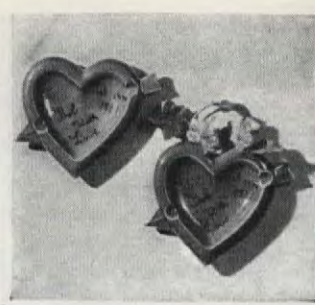


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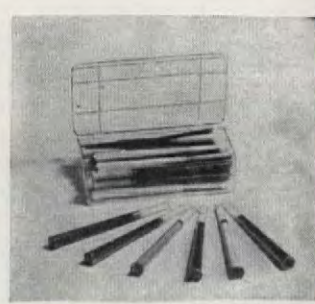
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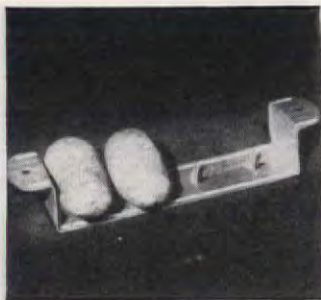
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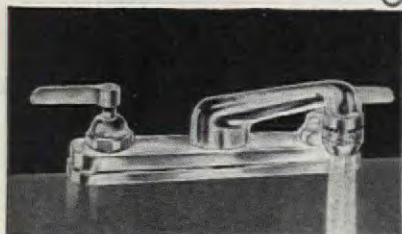
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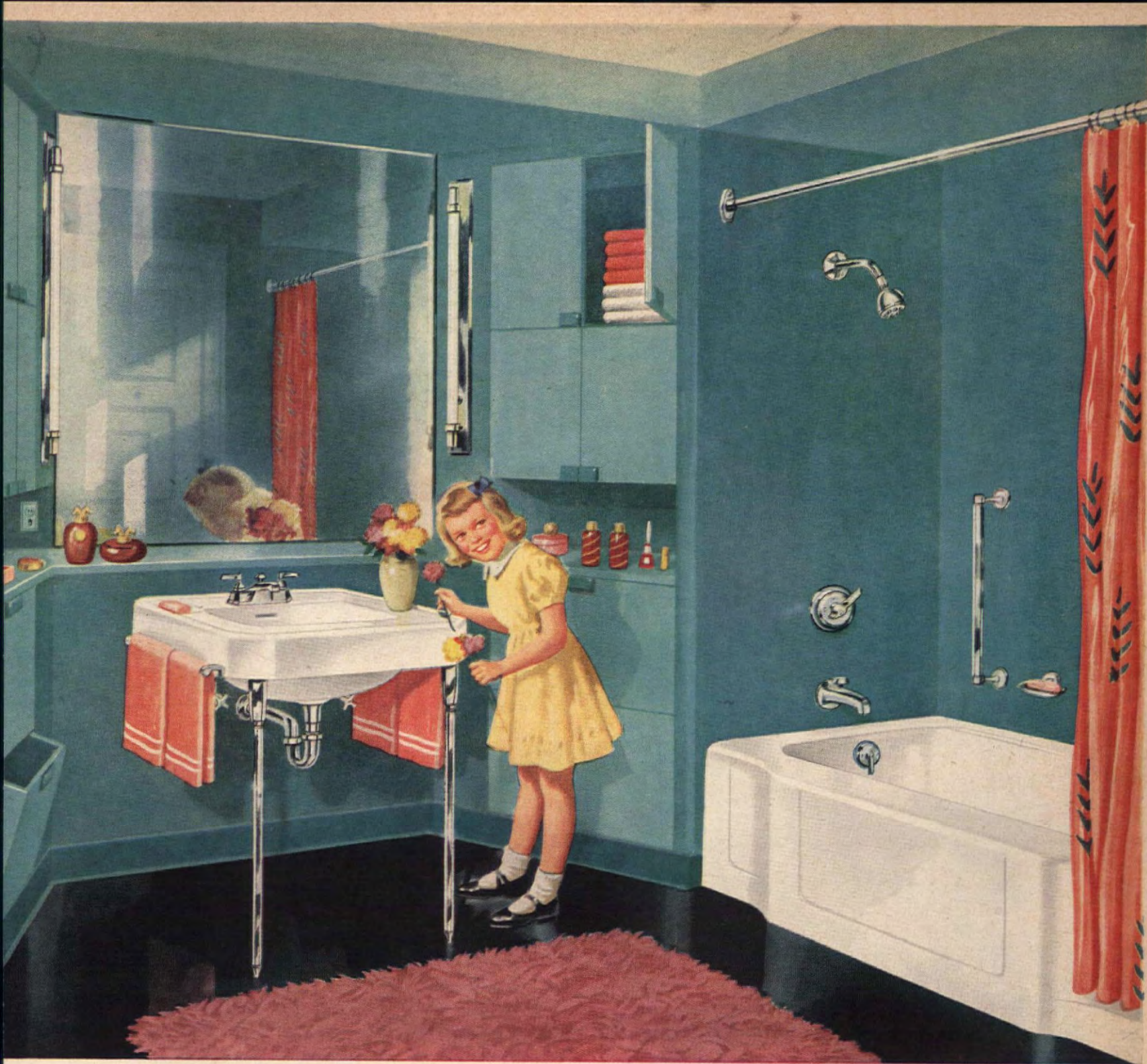
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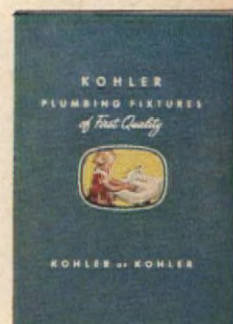
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A Whole New World (Begins on page 20)

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Hugo Carlos, left, and Norman Abbey are absorbed in modeling in clay. Models are shaped on asbestos stand so that they will be ready to go into kiln when the artists are finished

thing from a painting of a hot summer day to construction of the latest aircraft models. The program, planned with the assistance of the Pasadena public schools, offers the chance to work in a variety of media such as poster paint, water color, pastel, pen and pencil, charcoal, clay, and woodworking. Besides the workroom projects, there are exhibits and entertainment in the Workshop's own galleries in the Pasadena Art Institute.

The members, and there are more than two thousand, saw seven exhibits last year, beginning with the "Music Show" and ending with the International Exhibit of Children's Paintings, in which the work of children representing twenty countries was shown. There were also the "Theater Show," "Animals in art," "Communications" (radio, television, telegraph, telephone), and a favorite—"Native California." Volunteer guides take the children through their own exhibits as well as the more important adult exhibits and explain and interpret the material on display. Then in every workroom, under the guidance of artist Frank Gonzales, the exhibit material is correlated with the creative work. The fundamental form and line, design, and color which make a particular exhibit "art" are continually discussed and illustrated in the work at hand. Each child is encouraged to try different materials to produce work that is tied



Success of workshop is indicated by the intent expressions on the faces of these he-men shown busily at work decorating clay pieces in workroom of Pasadena Junior Museum

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Mrs. Harcourt Hervey, a volunteer worker, assists these puppeteers who construct their own puppets

up with the spirit of the current exhibit. From time to time, professional artists demonstrate their methods, working in their own media, while the children watch and then follow suit.

Quiz games covering the exhibits on display are favorites with the children. Cardboard squares with such questions as "Find a picture called 'Harbor Tapestry' by Phil Dike," "How many boats can you see?" are given the children to fill in as they see the exhibit. When the child has finished five games perfectly, he is placed on the honor roll; when he completes fifteen, he wins a prize—a book of reproductions of famous paintings.

Entertainment is varied. A theater group offers four plays, planned around the theme of the exhibits, and movies, similarly tied in with the exhibits, are shown on twenty other afternoons. Folk dancers, magicians, and child musicians are presented during the year. A puppet group designed, constructed, and produced six puppet plays for the entertainment of other Museum members.

This Junior Museum, one of the few of its kind in the country, is under the joint sponsorship of the Pasadena Art Institute and the Junior League and is financed and staffed by the Junior League.

All volunteer workers are trained in the techniques of working with children and the philosophy of children's museums. For all concerned, from teachers to children, it's been an A-1, howling success.



Robin Poole jumps at the chance to find out what weaving is really all about. Boys are as enthusiastic about Museum entertainment and projects as the girls

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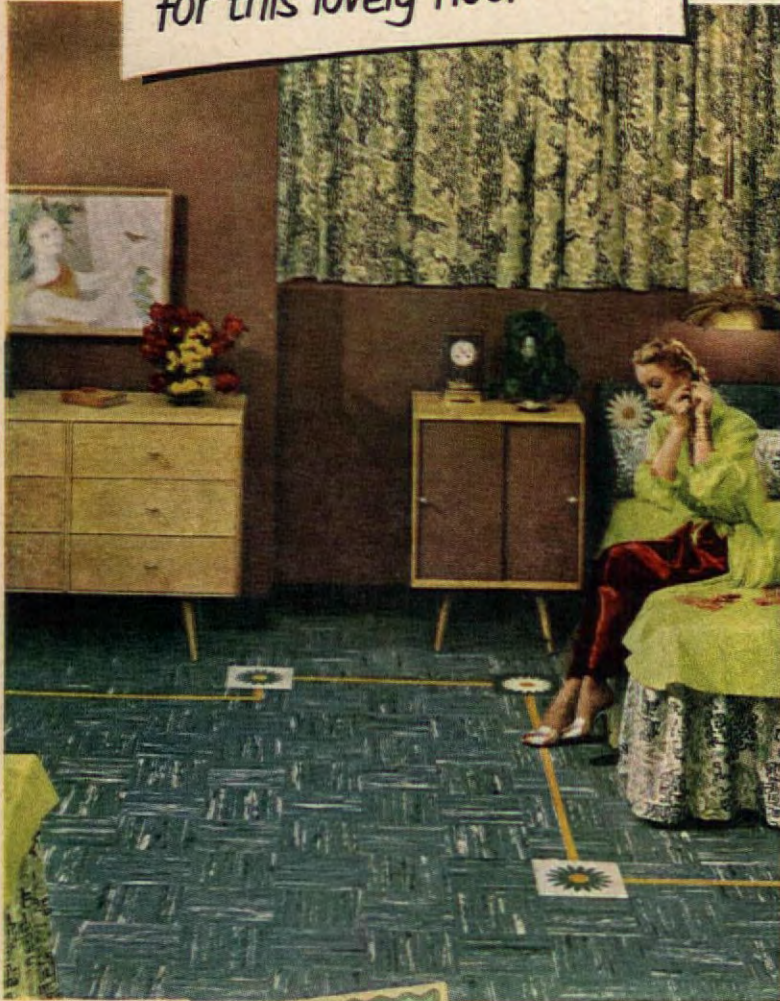
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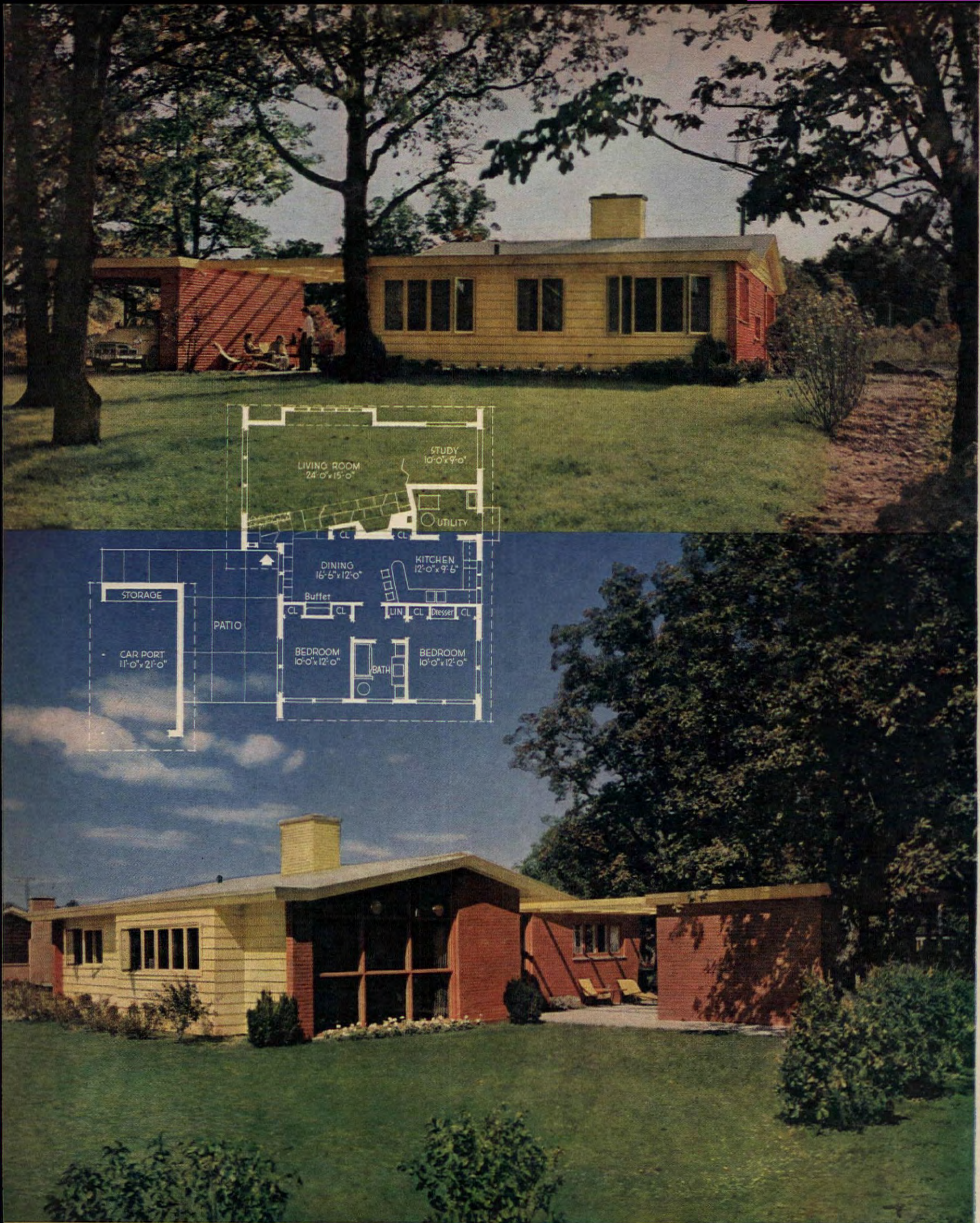
The Lions Club in Highland Park,
Illinois, raises money for civic projects—
an American family gets a darn good house

The idea of building a house through the donated services of Lions Club members, displaying it for six weeks with a 25-cent admission charge, selling it and adding the profits to the depleted scholarship and civic project fund belongs to member and architect James Duncan. It met with the ready acceptance of other members in the building trade, a series of meetings were held to make the necessary legal and financial arrangements, each member pledged \$100, and the brave Lions of Highland Park were launched on this ambitious charitable venture and six months of hard work.

It was then that the editors of THE AMERICAN HOME heard about the house and, deciding that both the design of the house, and the scholarship fund had merit, lent their support. THE AMERICAN HOME secured the services of Marion Heuer, popular Hubbard Woods decorator, to design the interiors. Editor Gertrude Brooks Dixon asked Mrs. Heuer to work with Duncan so that architecture and decoration would be co-ordinated, made arrangements for manufacturers' co-operation (See page 30). Real teamwork, that, and a result of which all are proud.

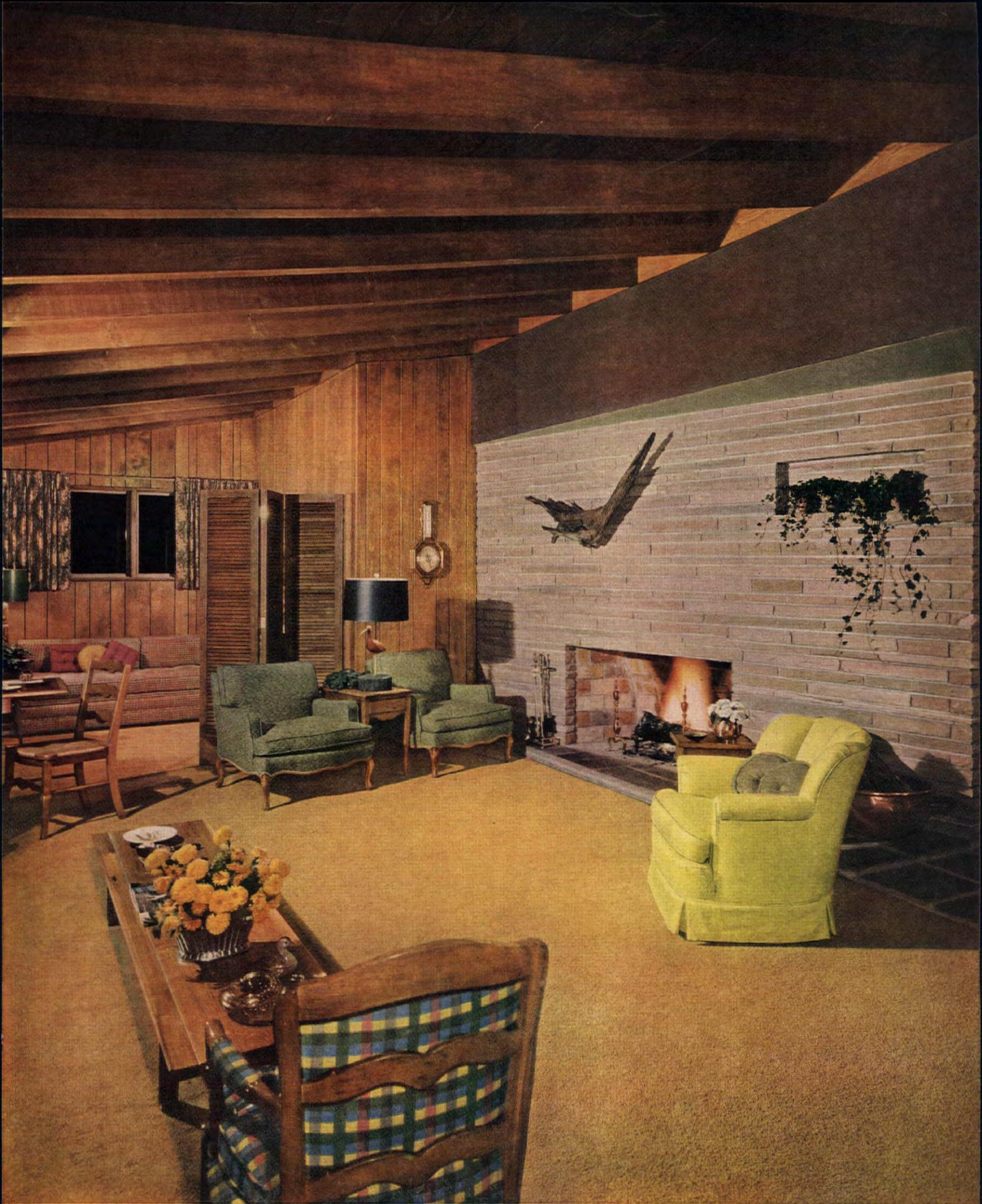
Forecast House is made of more than brick and stone. Workmen on the job say

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Photographs by B. Goodnow—Krantzen Studio, Inc.

Teamwork makes Forecast House plan available to you! Order



Kitchens and dining areas are divided only by breakfast bar. Pine stool seats covered in brown burlap, corks on green net curtains add colorful, casual touches to well-organized kitchen

Plaid draperies with deep ruffles become a whole gay wall when drawn across windows of dining area. Living-room colors are repeated, carry right on into kitchen. Hutch is built-in



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no fireplace has ever been given more loving care than the one Ed Olson built of crab orchard stone. They feel the same way about the other services contributed at cost by Lions Club members. The purposeful, planned co-operation of this group of builders was an impressive thing. The evening before the opening, sedate businessmen rolled up their sleeves and went to work scrubbing the hearth, washing windows, mopping the kitchen and bathroom floor, and cleaning the terrace and carport. You should have seen the club president, Bert Greene, usually dignified school teacher, down on his hands and knees scouring the hearth. Ed Olson and Fred Moon, assistant postmaster, were helping him. There were Mart Hart, banker, and Frank Keller, gas company salesman, polishing windows, while Wilfred Seguin, funeral director, and Paul Olson, men's clothing store owner, cleaned the terrace, and Lloyd Larson mopped the kitchen floor.

All this was going on until after midnight with the Lions,



Self-toned woods and fabric against black in one bedroom, matching wallpaper and fabric in other are clever tricks to make small rooms seem larger

James Lees & Sons, living and dining-room carpet
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Ficks Reed Co., patio furniture





Long recess with concealed lighting houses sectional pieces used as oversized sofa but will go anywhere in room

When architect and decorator work together, there's special harmony between furnishings and background. Decorator Heuer broke many clichés, brought modern and provincial together in good taste



JAMES DUNCAN OF JONES & DUNCAN, ARCHITECT
MARION HEUER INTERIORS, DECORATOR

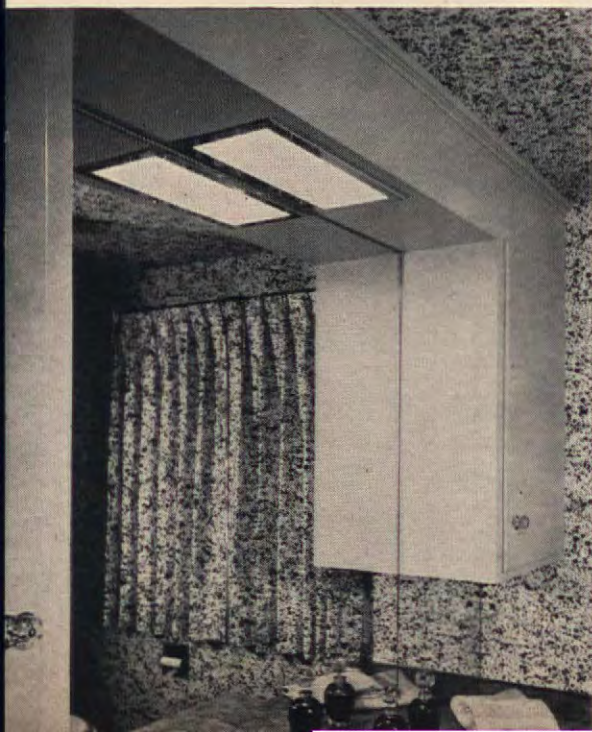
dodging painters and paper hangers, adding the finishing touches, and the girls from Marion Heuer's shop hanging pictures and draperies. On opening day, guests were greeted by president Bert Greene and other members of a welcoming committee. Later, each of the 65 members took his turn at the door, so that Forecast House could be seen from noon until nine every day.

Wanting to keep the house a surprise, the men wouldn't let their wives see it until opening day. After that they couldn't keep the women away as their wives accompanied them as enthusiastic hostesses and brought hot meals to the men on duty at the door. Cleaning and grass-cutting crews kept grounds and house in apple-pie order. Ed Olson's wife brought in fresh garden flowers each day. Many another Lioness loaned a helping hand.

Early during the construction Duncan and Mrs. Heuer met often discussing necessary changes from the original plans. Although the architecture is contemporary, Mrs. Heuer knows her

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FORECAST HOUSE FEATURES In Bathroom: Built-in overhead lighting for good-sized mirror. In living room: Light trough hung over small desk. In den: Effective, practical room-divider of louvered panels hinged to fold back against wall





FORTY-NINER



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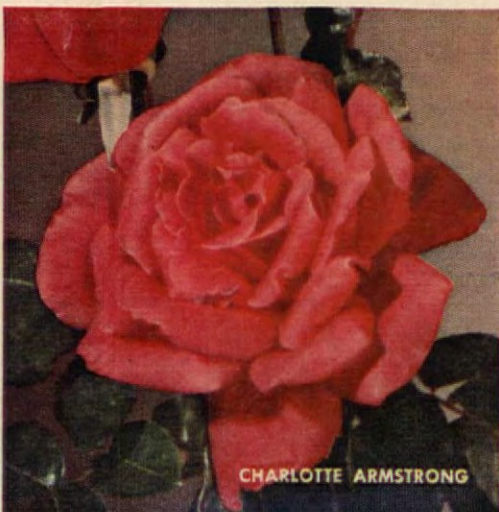
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The Best Ten Roses of the Last Decade

The last edition of *Modern Roses* lists nearly 5,000 named varieties. Hundreds of new ones are produced each year by the world's growers and hybridists. Perhaps, in these circumstances, any attempt to single out the best one, ten, or 100 may seem far-fetched, impractical, and futile. And, indeed, so it might be were you or I to do it, with our necessarily limited knowledge, experience, and opportunities for judgment, and our unavoidably and understandably personal preferences.

And yet a method of selecting new roses of outstanding, proven merit for recommendation to the country's gardeners has been followed for ten years, and the galaxy on the opposite page is its tenth anniversary result. In 1938, a group of leading American rose growers and originators (now numbering 27), seeking a way to help rose buyers choose wisely from the hundreds that come on the market year after year, established the All-America Rose Selections. Thereby plants of any new rose can be entered and tested for two years in 20 official trial grounds located in California (4), New York and Pennsylvania (2 each), Washington, Oregon, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Kansas, Connecticut, New Jersey, Georgia, and Louisiana. Here they are carefully scrutinized by expert judges and graded according to a score that lists 15 vital qualifications, such as hardiness and vigor (given top rating), duration of flowering, number and fragrance of blossoms, etc. If the score of a candidate meets an established standard, the variety is recognized as an "All-America," permitted to wear a tag with an "AARS" emblem, and promoted by all the members of the group, no matter by whom originated. How high the standards, and how rigorous the judging is indicated by the fact that since the first awards were made in 1940, only 32 varieties have qualified as All-America Selection roses.

Last year, for the first time, no candidate was found worthy of All-America honors for 1951. So the judges decided to study the records of a decade and select the ten which they considered best and which, in addition, had passed the ultimate practical test by winning the approval of the consuming public—the rose-growing gardeners themselves. Those are the ten shown here-with in their true colors, insofar as color photography and color reproduction permit. (No one knows better than flower lovers how incompletely satisfying mere pictures can be!) Their ranking by the judges, and the years in which they first won All-America acclaim, are given in the list which follows:

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HOW TO HANDLE ROSE PLANTS



OR



After unpacking bundle, put roots in pail of water or thin mud while digging hole

If planting must be delayed for days, "heel in" plants in shallow, sloping trench. Cover with soil, leaving only ends of branches out



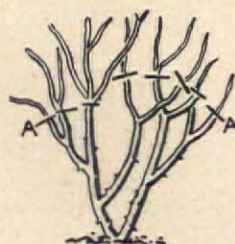
PLANTING



1. Dig hole; work humus and plant food in bottom; set plant on central cone of soil; spread roots. 2. Work soil in with fingers, firm with feet; or settle it with water. 3. Mound up soil 8-10 in. to prevent canes drying until growth starts. Set label firmly



PRUNING



In fall planting, prune at "A" and mound up. In spring planting, prune more severely, at "B." Level soil when buds start growing

Photographs by Harold E. McGee
Lilac studies from De La Mare,
Arnold Arboretum, Highland Park Herbarium

12 Kinds of Lilacs on One Bush

You can make a "multi-lilac"
just as E. K. Kirkland did, by using
his simple grafting method

Below, Mr. Kirkland's lilac bush (planted fifty years ago by his wife)
with tagged branches showing where it is grafted to more than a dozen
kinds. Also the plant in bloom, with planter and grafter beside it



1. To graft a lilac, make a clean, straight cut across a branch an inch or so in diameter. Use sharp saw with thin blade, fine teeth, to avoid rough edges, split bark

2. Split limb straight across and about 2 inches deep, using sharp carpenter's chisel, preferably wider than branch. Hold cut open with screw driver thrust in center

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RUTH DENT HUGHES

Perhaps you have been impressed by advertisements of fruit trees that bear several varieties of apple, peach, or whatever on the one plant. You may have wondered how they were developed, whether you could make a combination tree of that sort. Well, you can, and by means that are well within the ability of any good gardener. In the case of the young, "multi-variety" trees that nurseries sell, the different kinds are usually established on the main or "stock" tree by an operation called "budding," in which a single bud of each desired variety is inserted under the bark of a branch to which it attaches itself and of which it becomes a part. When the bud starts growing, the original branch is cut off—made to abdicate, as it were, in favor of the new one.

However, if you have an old tree and want

to "work it over," as orchardists say, to one or more kinds, you can do that by "grafting," which is fundamentally the same as budding except that, instead of one bud, a twig (called a "scion") with several buds is inserted into a branch with which it unites. Because the twig is inserted in a slit or cleft cut into the stock branch, the method is called "cleft grafting." It can be practiced on plants other than fruit trees, as this article demonstrates.

Every spring in Livingston, Montana, lilac bushes bloom beautifully all around town. But in the E. K. Kirklands' garden, one bush bursts into a veritable symphony of blossoms that attracts people from miles around. For it bears more than a dozen kinds and colors of lilacs! The explanation is Mr. Kirkland's hobby—grafting. Some years ago he conceived the idea of a "multi-lilac bush," and each spring he has added to it a new variety. Collecting the scions

of different kinds is a phase of the hobby in which Mrs. Kirkland, too, takes part. For anyone who wants to try his hand, Mr. Kirkland offers the suggestions illustrated herewith.

First, the bush must be mature, though it need not be as old as the Kirklands' which was planted 50 years ago. Do the grafting in early spring, just before the sap starts to rise. The scions, however, are cut in advance, any time during the winter, while they are dormant. Cut them about lead-pencil size, with three or four buds, and as you collect them, wrap them in a plastic sack (as used in a freezing unit) adding just a bit of moisture to keep them from drying out, and store them in a cool place in the refrigerator (*not* a freezer) until needed. Choose for the stock a sound branch an inch or more thick and cut it off squarely and carefully so as not to split or damage the bark. Mr. Kirkland uses an ordinary meat saw, but

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Here, Mr. Kirkland with the tools of his hobby, and a newly completed graft tagged to show its history. Facing page, above, examples of colors and kinds—French, Persian, single, and double—on his one plant

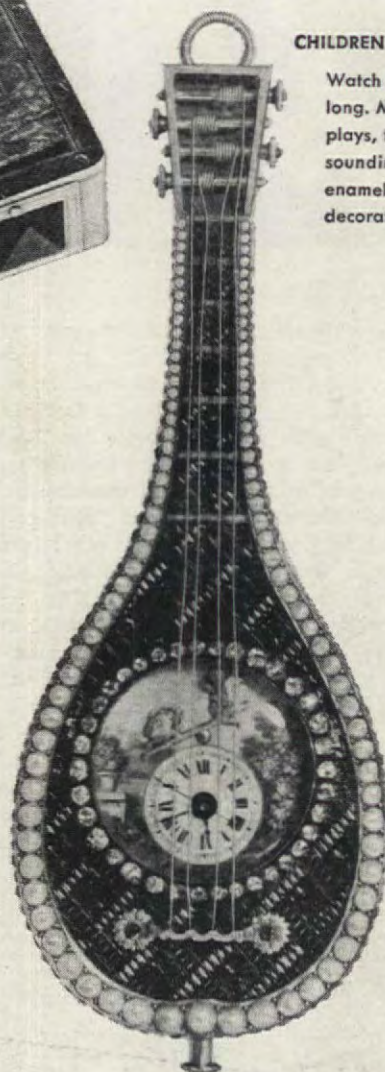


ACROBAT, MOVING FIGURES PERFORM

Box with music and automaton: an acrobat performs in one compartment with two other moving figures, a watch in another. Painting of two children and flowers on cover. On the bottom, "The Elopement." Varicolored, gold-and-blue enamel decorated with pearls. Masterpiece of rare beauty and workmanship

CHILDREN SEESAW TO MUSIC

Watch set with diamonds and pearls in gold mandolin 5 1/4" long. Made in Switzerland about 1800. As the music plays, two children seesaw. Strings are of gold, gold sounding board is covered with translucent red enamel, bandings of turquoise. Inside of mandolin is decorated with pearls and scroll ornaments



All wound

PULL HIS TAIL AND HE RUNS



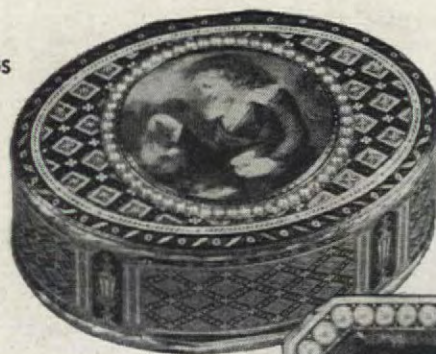
Whimsical mouse of gold studded with pearls has ruby eyes. Pull the tail to animate him: he rises on his feet, pauses a moment, darts away, stops suddenly, turns around three times, and runs quickly in another direction. The 18th Century creator of this automaton definitely created it for amusement and delight rather than use, giving it the fast startled movements to illustrate the temper of a mouse

LIFELIKE FROG CROAKS, JUMPS



Articulated frog croaks and jumps. Of gold, lifelike green enamel, and pearls, the frog is about 2 1/2 inches long. Made in Switzerland toward the end of the 18th Century, it is one of the most amusing and beautiful antique automatons in this largest collection ever assembled. Most pieces were made in Switzerland, London, and Paris from 1760 to 1830

LIFT LID, BIRD FLUTTERS, SINGS



Oval snuff box 3 inches long of gold and enamel. The miniature on the cover, encircled with pearls, can be raised to show a tiny bird which flutters its feathered wings and tail while it sings.

Lower compartment has space for snuff or to hold gold key which starts the sound and action. Unusual because it was signed by each of artisans who contributed to its mechanics and beauty.

Magician's box, at right. The magician moves to conjure up a vase, flowers, and tiny bird which sings; then all three disappear before your eyes. The box is in gold with landscape on cover beautifully shown and colorfully enameled. This and many of the pieces are from private collections. Others are museum pieces



FLOWERS, BIRD APPEAR



PULL TRIGGER, BIRD APPEARS

Double-barreled gold pistol. When trigger is pulled a tiny bird appears from one of the barrels, sings his song, then suddenly disappears. The curved stock is decorated in blue, red and green enamel, embellished with diamonds and pearls. Flintlock action is of chased gold and mother-of-pearl. Side plates bear a diamond-set crown. Ramrod is really a cleverly contrived pencil

MARY E. MONZE

up and ready to go



UNLOCK PENDANT—MUSIC

Priceless collection of jeweled automatons shown for
benefit of the Pestalozzi Foundation of America

The largest collection of automatons ever assembled in one place was exhibited recently in New York for the first time in the United States for the benefit of the Pestalozzi Foundation of America, a non-sectarian, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to the welfare of children.

The 165 automatons exhibited were brought together, with great difficulty and cost, from museums and private collections all over the world, on loan for this good cause. Automatons, articulated figures of people, animals, birds or objects, with complicated mechanisms to produce sound and movements, were made in Switzerland, England, and France as early as the 16th Century. However, most pieces shown are 18th and 19th Century. Some automatons are in the shape of animals, while others are combined with watches, clocks, perfume bottles, jewel cases, vanity and snuff boxes. Each movement is unique, and none was exactly repeated in any other piece. Although some of the delicate mechanisms are minute, all are in perfect working condition.

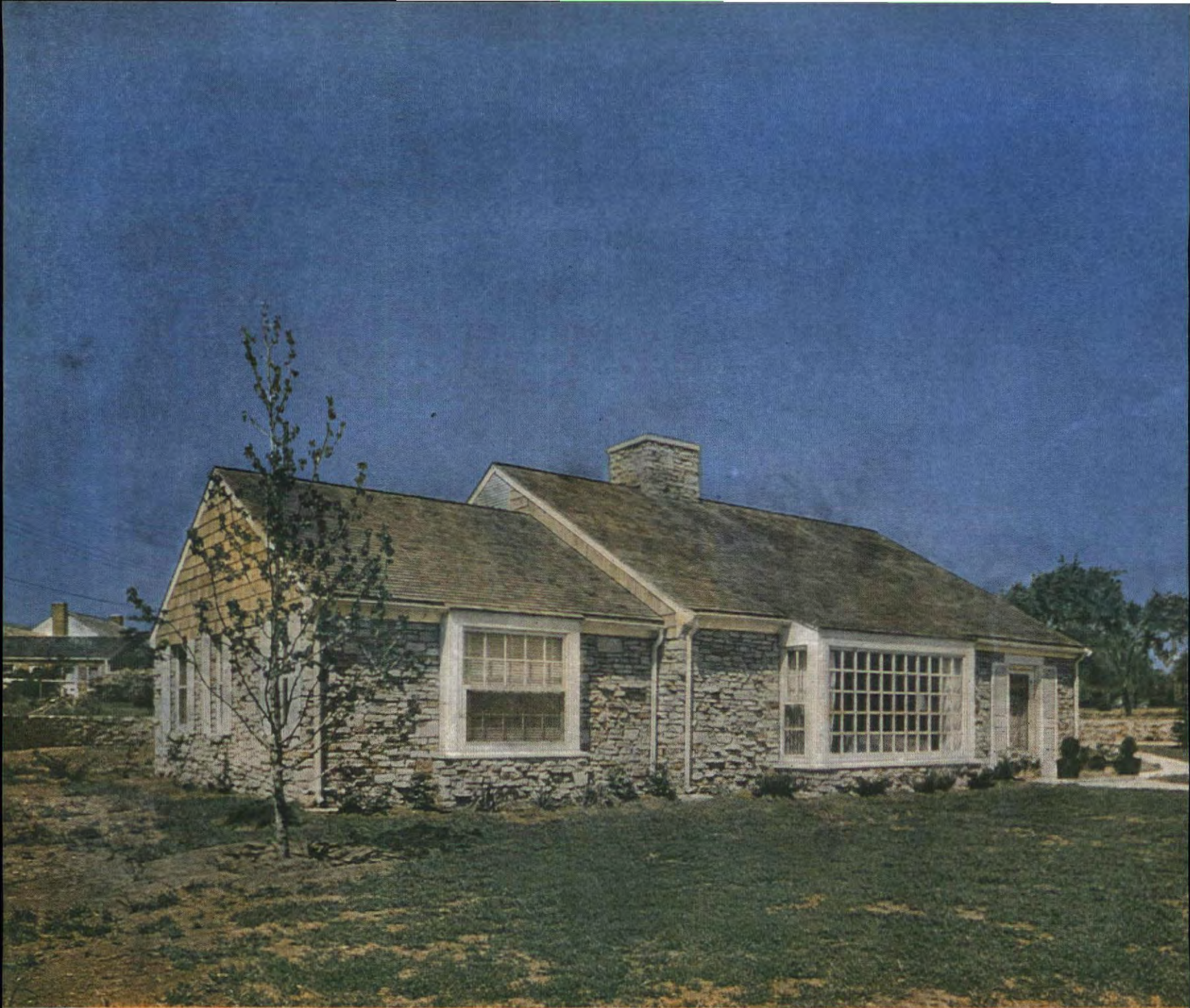
Many were created as requisites for admission into the master guild and took years to complete. Beauty and whimsy combine perfectly in expressing this rare and exquisite handcraft of the past.

ENTIRE ENSEMBLE MOVES

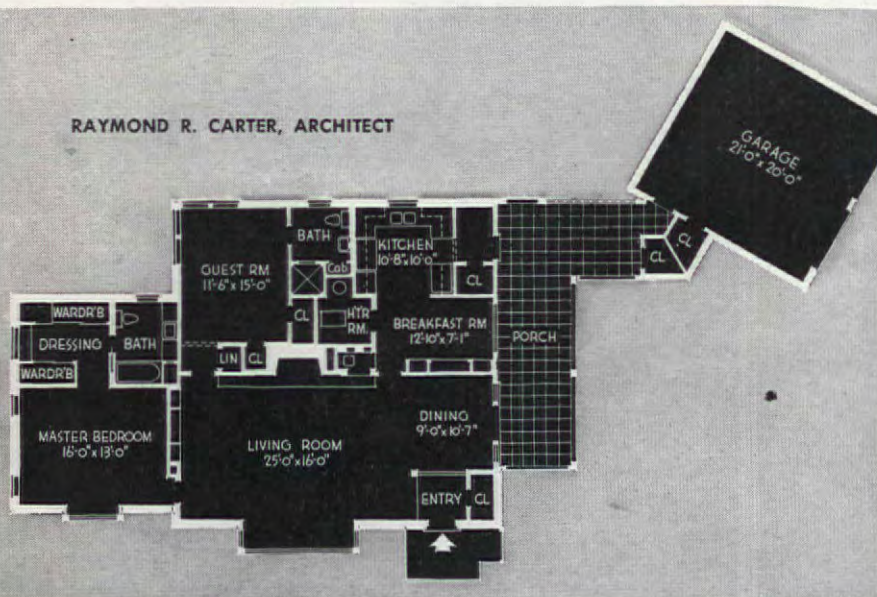
Diana and the Stag, superb creation of automaton art. In silver, partially gilt, and set with jewels, the entire ensemble moves forward along a table. According to custom, the person before whom it stopped had to remove the stag's head, which forms a cup, and drink the contents.

Made in the late 16th or early 17th Century by Joachim Friess, silversmith, and formerly in the Gutmann collection, this piece was gift of J. P. Morgan to the Metropolitan Museum of Art





THE OKLAHOMA CITY HOME of Mr. and Mrs. A. Waldo Stickle

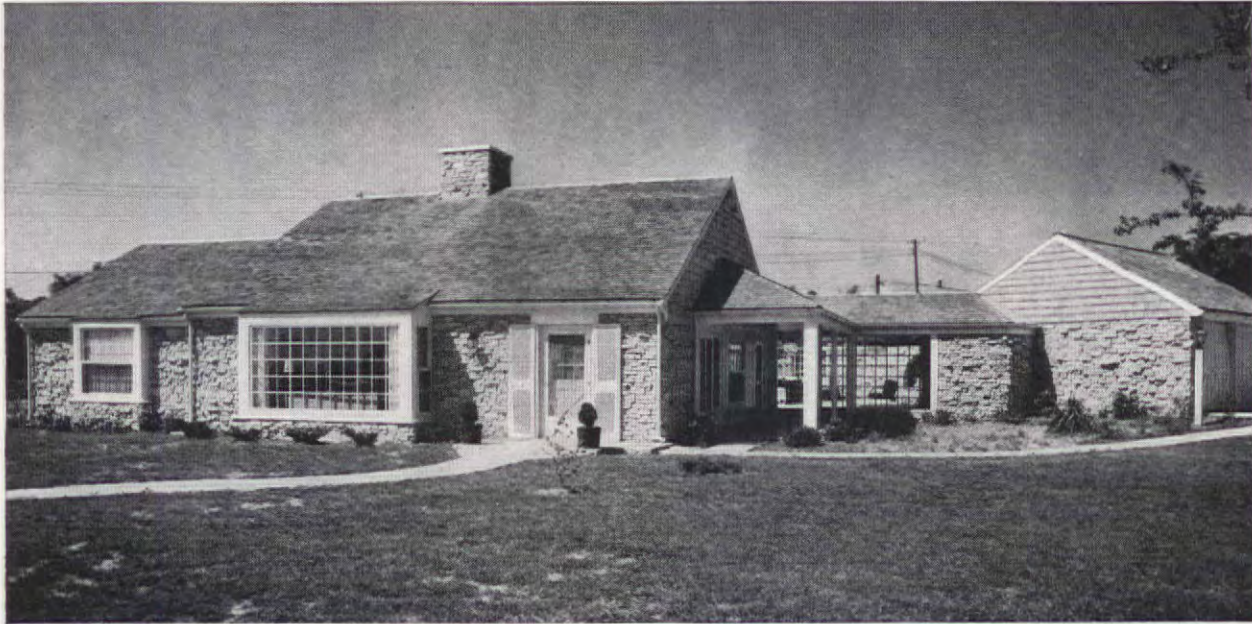


Photographs by Fred C.

Rugged, honest architecture, a compact plan. Elimination of stairways and basement makes every inch of space count for living. Against color scheme of soft grays and blue-greens, Mrs. Stickle skillfully blends old heirlooms and modern furnishings

Passers-by want it!

EUGENIA WHITE



Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Stickle had built up a composite picture of the kind of house they wanted to build and spent long, fruitless hours driving about the city, trying to find an example of the kind of home they craved. They will always remember the thrill of rounding an unknown corner and coming upon the Early American home that Raymond Carter, Oklahoma City architect, was building for himself. They had found the example and the architect! Before long, architect Carter was busy designing a home for Mr. and Mrs. Stickle.

The Stickle home built of ledge-rock, a native stone, roofed with weathered shingles, and sitting squarely upon the ground, preserves a sturdy, Cape Cod flavor. Yet its open plan, concrete slab floors, air conditioning, and elimination of basement and stairways make it a strictly contemporary house for all its exterior ruggedness. It eminently suits the dignified, but simpli-

fied way of life the Stickles want. What's more, like all good houses, it provides a harmonious background for things they cherish from the past, accumulate now for modern comfort.

Kitchen walls are olive-pickled fir plywood, floor a mottled tan and brown asphalt tile. H-hinges, a Colonial wallpaper in soft green and yellow with red accents, ruffled yellow curtains provide a familiar homey background for up-to-the-minute equipment. A bar opens from the breakfast room area off the kitchen, as well as being accessible to living room.

The master bedroom wing is completely private, and includes a large, well-planned dressing room as well as its own bath. Guest room likewise has its own private bathroom—a luxury rarely incorporated in so compact a plan.

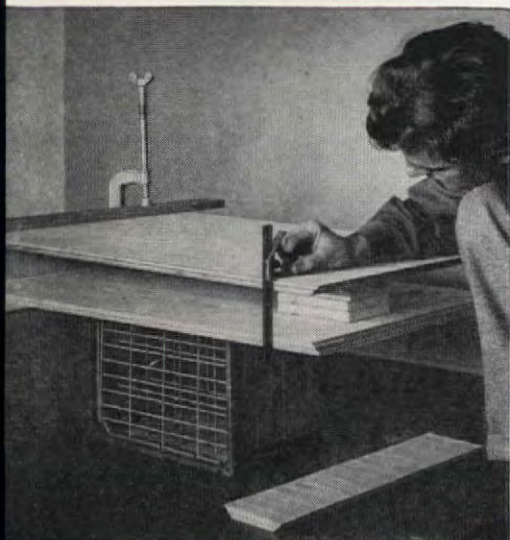
The patio, added as an afterthought, was inspired by a trip to New Orleans—how pleasant that splashing fountain must be

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Two dining areas in this small house. This breakfast room, part of kitchen, measures a generous 7 feet 1 inch by almost 13 feet. Built-in cabinet is fir plywood pickled green, floors asphalt tile. Garage, with continuing foundation wall of coarse-textured native stone provides privacy for patio an open, exposed lot

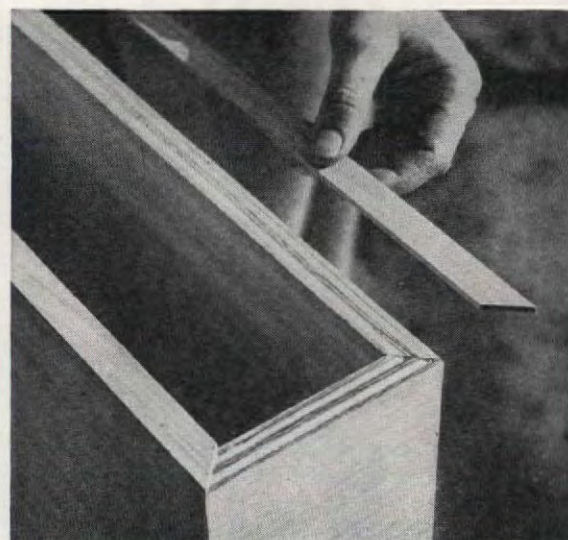
Glue and clamp $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. piece between square ends of top and bottom. Space other end with wooden blocks. Before glue sets, be sure sides are square



Glue 45° angle end in place. Drive small brads in top, side, and bottom. Countersink brads with nail set or large nail. Holes will be filled with wood putty



When glue has dried, the $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. thick strips, $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide, are glued and nailed with brads to sides of desk where ply is exposed. You may eliminate the brads if you use small wood clamps to hold glued strips in place. Strips may be omitted if you fill ends with wood putty, dry, sand smooth



Prepare mixture of water-white or clear gloss lacquer and enough thinner to spray well. Apply 4 coats of lacquer allowing one hour between coats. Be sure temperature is at least 60°F . or lacquer will not dry. After each coat, except last, sand very lightly, or rub with very fine steel wool. Dust between coats. Allow last coat of lacquer to dry 24 hours

Now start rubbing down. (If you used varnish finish allow two full weeks for drying before rubbing down.) First go over entire piece with 4-0 sandpaper, or rubbing oil. If you use oil, wipe off with mild solvent. Make a pumice paste of FFF grade in water

Pour a little of pumice mixture on desk and rub with a piece of cheesecloth or felt pad. Use long even strokes. Be careful near the edges so as not to rub through finish to bare wood. Wipe off during process to determine progress. Look against light to check "orange peel" or small pits in surface. Continue rubbing until these are smoothed out

Materials needed:

$\frac{3}{4}$ -IN. TWO-SIDE-VEENEERED PLYWOOD—2 pieces, 24 in. x 36 in., beveled 45° on one 24-in. side; 1 piece, 5 in. x 24 in., beveled 45° on both long sides; 1 piece $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. x 24 in., square on all sides. $\frac{1}{8}$ -IN. STRIPS $\frac{3}{4}$ IN. WIDE—4 pieces, 36 in. long; 2 pieces, 20 in. long.

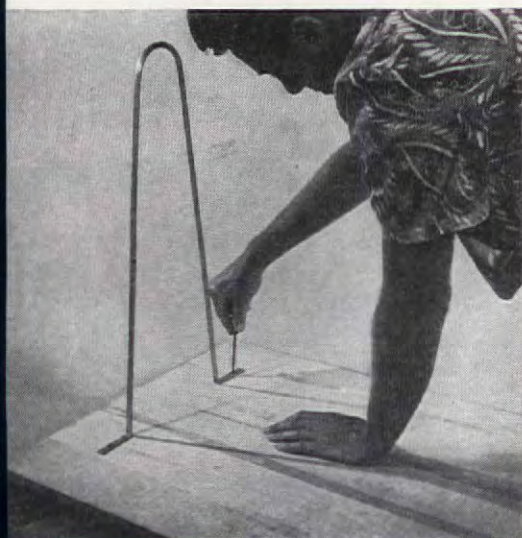
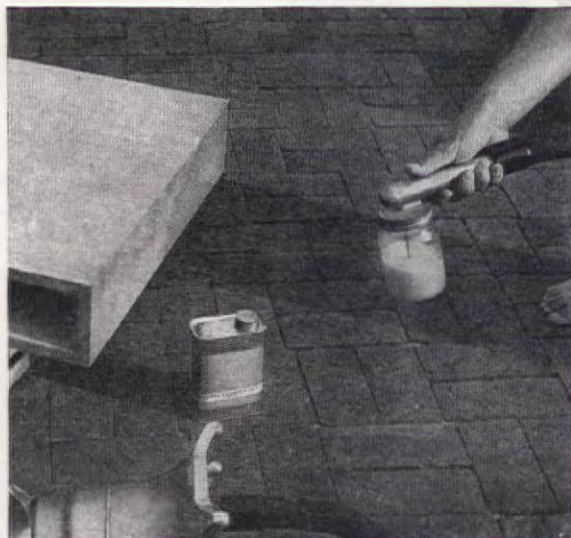
6 ft. $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. aluminum pipe; 2 $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. screws or toggle-bolts; 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. roundhead screws; 1 box $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. brads; glue, paste wood filler, lacquer, sandpaper, wood putty, pumice, wax, and steel wool.

How to Make

ing plywood with open grain, use a paste wood
 . Brush on, following grain of wood. Allow to
 ust long enough for gloss to flatten, then wipe
 ith a rough cloth *across* grain of wood. Polish
 soft cheesecloth. Dry 24 hours. If lacquer
 h is used, dry 3 days, or filler will "lift"

Apply one or two coats of sanding lacquer sealer
 with spray gun (or vacuum cleaner attachment), one
 hour between coats. For full pressure from cleaner,
 remove dust bag and leave cap open. Spray with wind
 behind you, to avoid inhaling lacquer. Apply evenly,
 press valve down as you start each section, release
 when section is covered. Spray lightly so there are
 no runs. Test on scrap wood, add thinner if needed

Light sanding between filler and
 finishing coats will give smooth
 surface. With piece of very fine
 sandpaper in each hand, rub very
 lightly so as not to rub through
 to bare wood, especially at edges

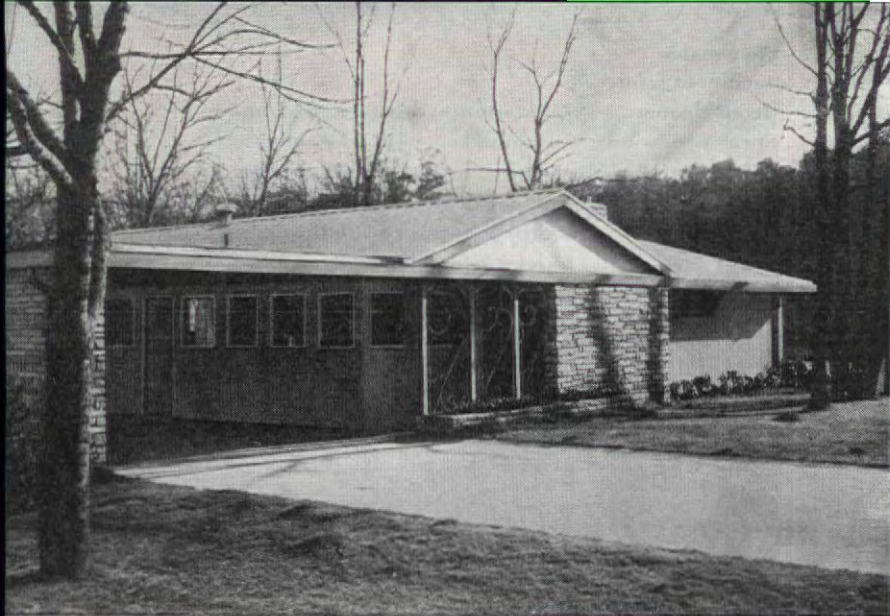


"r-pin" leg is made by bending $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. aluminum
 as shown above. Flatten ends and drill holes for
 screws. The desk is then screwed to the wall. If
 is plaster use screw long enough to reach studs
 e toggle-bolts. Polish desk with a pad made of
 fine steel wool and paste wax, then soft cloth



a Desk

PETER GOWLAND
 Photographs by the author



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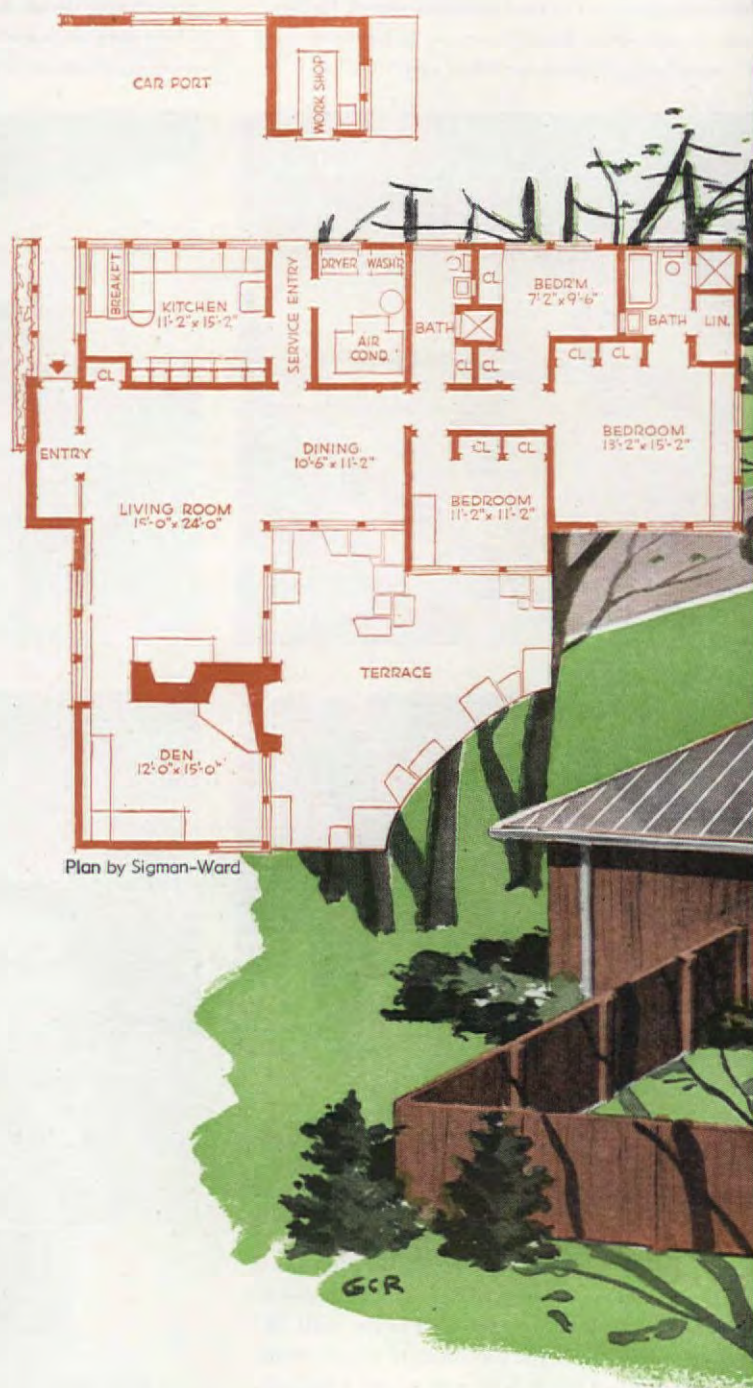
When Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert T. Rosenthal asked John Cherry of Atlanta to design them a sensible modern house without any frills, he designed a home to minimize house work, afford privacy for the four people who live there, and, most important of all, provide facilities for entertaining often and graciously without excessive trouble. The only complete all-plywood home in Atlanta, it overlooks the Bobby Jones golf course from a triangular lot. Mr. Rosenthal, a plywood dealer who appreciates the beauty of natural woods, aided Cherry in his selection of the interior and exterior materials, while Mrs. Rosenthal provided ideas for the built-in furniture.

The house is divided into three separate areas for working, sleeping, and living. The living-dining-playing space consists of an L-shaped "Big Room" with the dining area in the short leg of the L. Dining area, living room, and a den, which can be closed off from the living room by a sliding panel behind the radio-phonograph, look onto a paved terrace enclosed by a plywood wall. Fireplace and chimney are constructed of crab orchard stone. A piano, recessed into cabinets and bookcases, takes no additional floor space and, like the other intelligently planned built-ins (even card table and games are provided for), gives the house a great sense of space and uncluttered floor space.

The bedroom area may be completely shut off from the remainder of the house, and is so well insulated that noise does not penetrate. The beds, drawers, and closets of red birch plywood are built in. The only movable furniture are three occasional chairs. The kitchen is easily accessible to carport and utility room, has a folding bar for passing food directly into dining area, an abundance of architect-planned storage cabinets.

Constructed early in the year of 1947, it cost approximately \$18,000, exclusive of the air conditioning which the Rosenthals bought instead of a new car. It's a lot of house for this money, but because of the simplicity of plywood construction, it could probably be constructed for very little more today.

Open to the street on two sides, a temporary plywood fence insures privacy. When hemlocks attain maturity, fence will come down. Aluminum roof makes strikingly handsome contrast with warm plywood construction



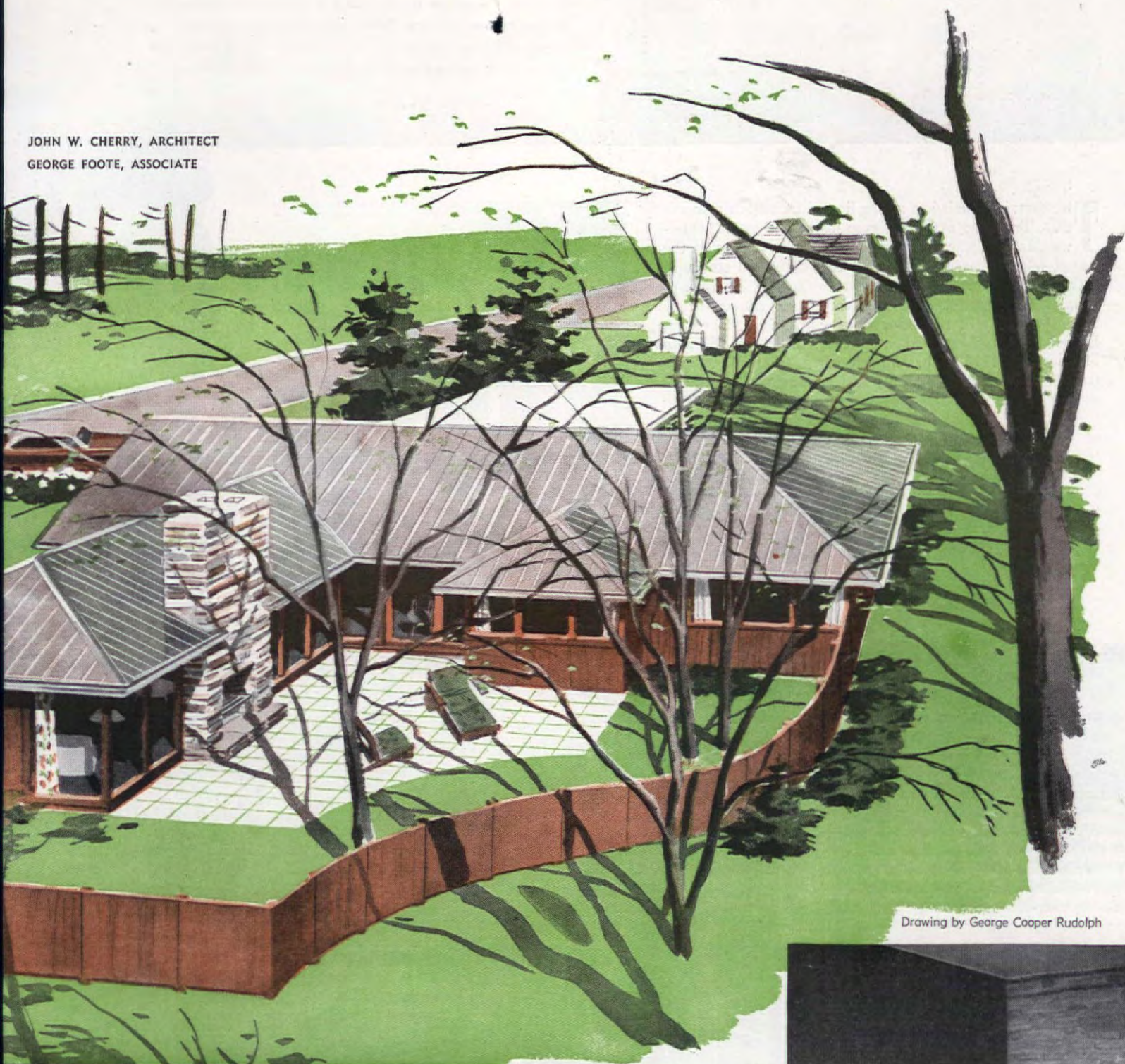
Plan by Sigman-Ward

WILLIAM M. BRANHAM

Sensible Modern in Atlanta

THE HOME of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert T. Rosenthal

JOHN W. CHERRY, ARCHITECT
 GEORGE FOOTE, ASSOCIATE



Drawing by George Cooper Rudolph



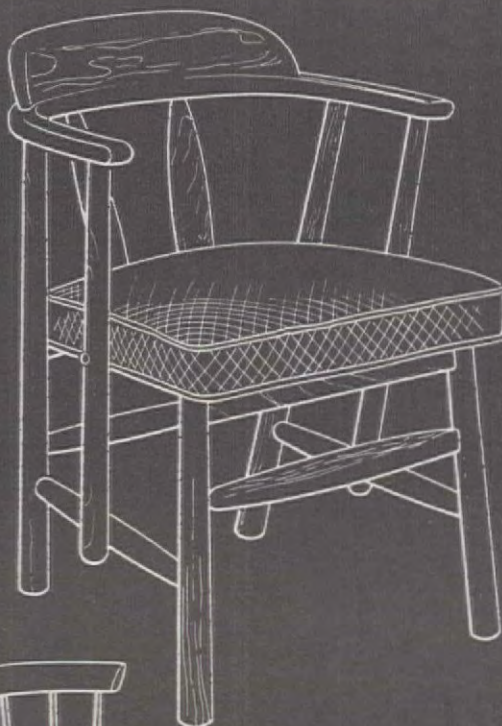
Decorator Mrs. Carmen uses plywood backgrounds and bare asphalt tile floors as effective foil for richly upholstered pieces. Glass dining table began life as a door. Mahogany breakfront, like all other built-ins, designed by architect Cherry

The captain's chair has a long line of illustrious antecedents. True, the first ones were made by English wheelwrights. But the design was inspired by chairs in the homes of their peers. Proof that this chair still stands in high regard lies in the fact that today's designers turn to it again and again. Though they vary it, develop it in new materials, it's still the beloved captain's chair. The first English models borrowed from the Gothic, the Chinese Mandarin, the Flemish, and Florentine roundabouts for form. Adept at bending rims and turning spokes, wheelwrights transferred this ability to making comfortable chairs, fitting the wants of the cottager. In the early days of this country, cabinetmakers working with few tools found that variations of this English chair could be made to suit the whims and needs of the individual. A low armchair with shaped back rail, spindles, and legs of hickory or oak, the saddle seat was usually gouged and worked in poplar or pine. Whether in the wheelhouse, on the quarterdeck, or at home in the parlor, it had simplicity, dignity, comfort. They made it a chair of authority—which it still remains.



Look what's

Wrought iron, rust-proofed to give the same durability as the woods used in the original. Good variation on an old design, in black, coral, chartreuse, Pompeian green, white, aquamist. Arbuck, Inc., about \$40.00



Handsome modern translation in solid cherry with glowing ginger finish. Spindles are elongated, unusual looking. Seat upholstered in foam rubber. From Sikes Co., Inc., around \$75.00



Contemporary interpretation fast becoming as familiar to American market as original. This one in birch from Hans Knoll, about \$43.50

Familiar outline takes on a new look with cherry in a natural finish. It's lightweight, fits in most places, and is scaled for the utmost comfort. From Karpen of Calif., around \$89.50





Contemporary use of simple splat makes this chair especially interesting. Natural-finish birch about \$20.00, black lacquer about \$22.00. Winchendon Furniture Co.



Excellent splat-back chair of chestnut or oak in dusty-acorn finish. It derives a good authentic provincial look from the unusual shaping of the stretcher and legs. From the Old Hickory Furniture Co., about \$58.00

A reproduction with all the beauty and simple detail of the original. Bow and spindles are of hickory, rest of the chair solid cherry. L. & J. G. Stickley, about \$92.00



Adaptation faithfully follows Early American model. Leg, stretcher, and spindle turnings, shaping of seat are especially good. Of mellow seasoned birch, from Heywood-Wakefield Old Colony group, about \$35.00



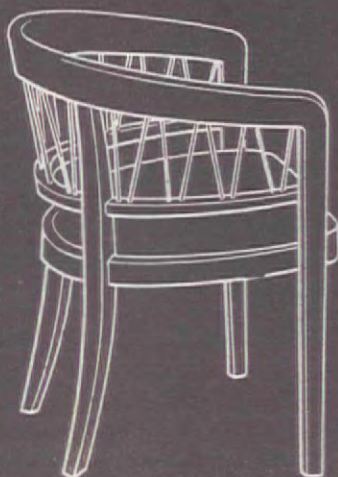
GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

What happened to Captains' Chairs!

Chairs like this were designed by the cabinet-maker for a client's special requirements of style and comfort. Adaptation in birch with butterscotch finish lives up to original. Around \$52.50, from Sikes Co., Inc.



White knotty-pine in natural or rich brown emphasizes the simple design. Pegs are simulated. Hand-hewn look gives it an informal, provincial feeling. From Habitat Shops, Inc., about \$20.00



Plastic lacings replace spindles, stretchers disappear completely here, and the seat is upholstered. Only sturdy, simple design remains. In silver-elm finish, by Drexel, about \$50.00



Throwback to the Chinese influence which inspired earliest designs. A practical answer to space saving. Equally good with modern or traditional. Cal-Mode Furn. Co., about \$55.00, upholstery extra



Few costly structural changes were required to convert this stable into a house. Exercise breezeway with addition of front wall became living room and dining room. Stalls are now bedroom and bath. Tack room has become the kitchen

Wood-paneled bay was added to the dining room to enlarge room. Glass shelves in window hold collection of old cranberry, vaseline, amber, blue, and green glass

Little Robin lends Grandmother a helping hand. Kitchen is pine paneled, painted white. Black and white stencil on white shade, cornice ruffle, decorate window

Robin and Ronny drop over every day to have Grandmother read them a story or play them a tune. Carpet is cornflower blue, walls a few shades lighter. Mrs. Ranson made her own slip covers and hooked rug



Photographs by George de Gennaro

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Mother Fixed It Up!

When Mrs. Rose Ranson's daughter and her family moved to a ranch a few miles outside of Tarzana, California, it was hard to say who missed whom the most. Mrs. Ranson, an intuitive and self-reliant woman, dotes on her daughter and her daughter's family, but she had one hard and fast rule—she wanted to live in a house of her own. She was determined not to get involved in one of those comic strip mother-in-law situations.

Her family understood that, but they also unanimously decided that they needed her more than she perhaps needed them. Then they got the bright idea of turning the small ranch stable, which was fairly new but inadequate for the livestock on even a modest ranch, into a house for Grandmother.

Mrs. Ranson had always considered the conversion of barns and stables into houses an economical extravagance. But she began to have a gradual change of heart. She and her son-in-law are fast friends. He is her business counselor and a business partner, to say nothing of being her greatest challenge at the Canasta table. She certainly didn't have to think twice about the fact that she missed those daily visits with her grandchildren, Ronny and Robin. She is also the type of woman who knows down to the last dollar just how much she has to spend on any given project. Delightful as it is now to be living just a stone's throw away from her family, the stable would still be a stable

if she had not found that it could be converted reasonably and sensibly.

When it came to furnishing the house, she accomplished the job with more taste than money. Because she likes blue, a blue with a bloom on it, she made knowledgeable use of cornflower shades. The living room walls are painted a soft blue that withstands the night lights and remains true to its own color. The bedroom wallpaper is a grayed version of the same color. She has been extravagant in taste but saving in money about curtains and carpets, too. She was lavish in yardage, but why not? The curtains are cotton, the carpets a repetition of a deeper tone of cornflower blue, but in broadfelt. She made her own hooked rugs and slip covers and used furniture that is not new, but decorative. Modern as to size, colors, and floor-to-ceiling windows, the house is Victorian in essence. Although she takes many a good-humored poke at living in a stable house, she respects her little house. As for her family—they think it's the best thing that ever happened to a stable.





Lots of News in Gas Ranges



At a recent American Gas Association meeting, we saw enough exciting new ideas in gas ranges to keep us talking for a long time to come. With these miracle-makers, your work in the kitchen is reduced to practically nothing. Here we show you some of the most important innovations, all time- and energy-saving, worth checking when buying a new range.

Gas range bearing CP seal means it is laboratory approved to meet "Certified Performance" requirements

CHOOSING A GAS RANGE is like buying a new hat. There are lots of them which are excellent but you'll want the one which suits you best. If you're the type who loves to fuss with fancy pastries and delicacies you'll want the range with the double oven. If you entertain a great deal and lean toward broiled foods, the two-broiler range is your ticket. We know through a survey that 80 per cent of our cooking is done on top of the stove, so the number of burners is important. You can buy an eight-burner range for more money—burner arrangement clustered, staggered, with divided top, or arranged along the back. If you work or are socially active, you undoubtedly spend a great deal of time away from home, and the clock control, which turns off and on automatically, becomes your silent helper. There's a new pilot which lights electrically, allowing you to choose any variety of foods for oven meals, then at the exact time which you've set, clock control registers, pilot is lit electrically, heat starts, and your meal is on its way.

HIDDEN VALUES are the many virtues a range might have which don't always meet the eye at first glance. Have your dealer point them out to you. Ask to see specification sheets. Investigate the range's insulation most carefully—it's important. Be sure the exterior is baked-on porcelain enamel, not "japanned" painting. Be sure the oven racks lock in place, to prevent spilling when you pull them out. Crowding in ovens results in badly turned-out food, so get the biggest oven you can conveniently handle. Make your choice between the small drip pan or the well-type drip-cups under the burners. Chances are you will have to compromise to some degree, since one range will probably not have everything you prefer, but if you examine them all carefully you'll be sure to find something which will please you.

HOW MUCH TO PAY is naturally up to the individual. Sometimes, however, it's smart to pay a little more money than you planned, if in return you get the invaluable benefit of time saved and labor reduced. Find out from your dealer what the price-tag really means—some include installation, others don't. The lower priced group, \$100-\$150, includes four burners, an oven with thermostat, under-the-oven broiler with porcelain pan, some with automatic lighting of the top burners. In the medium-priced group, from \$160 to \$270, you're apt to find some of these: a lamp on the backsplash; electric minute-timer; electric outlet; chrome broiler pan; a few with griddle or deep-well cooker. This group usually gives you a choice of a high or low broiler, plus extra storage space. The highest priced group, \$280 to \$400, is deluxe,

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A. H.'s Home Equipment Editor, Edith Ramsay with Norval Jennings, American Gas Association, and Leonard Rhodes, Lyon Metal Products. Model kitchen with Lyon cabinets was designed by THE AMERICAN HOME for AGA meeting



Sterling Beck of Estate explains extra-large griddle and foot-square replaceable grate to Editor Ramsay. With Grid-All, foods are grilled rather than fried, can be replaced by grate which holds jumbo kettles up to 21 qts.



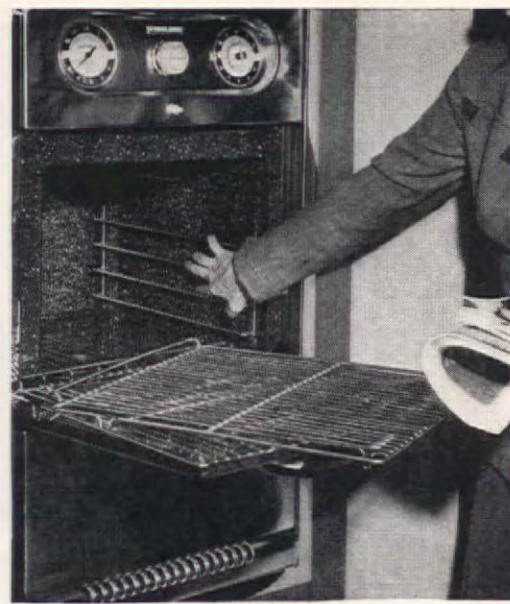
Julius Klein of Caloric shows our editors how their porcelain-enamelled broiler is designed so that not only broiler pan and rack, but entire broiler drawer and drawer front can be removed completely from range and washed in sink. To remove, lift latch on bottom of broiler. Is just as easy to replace



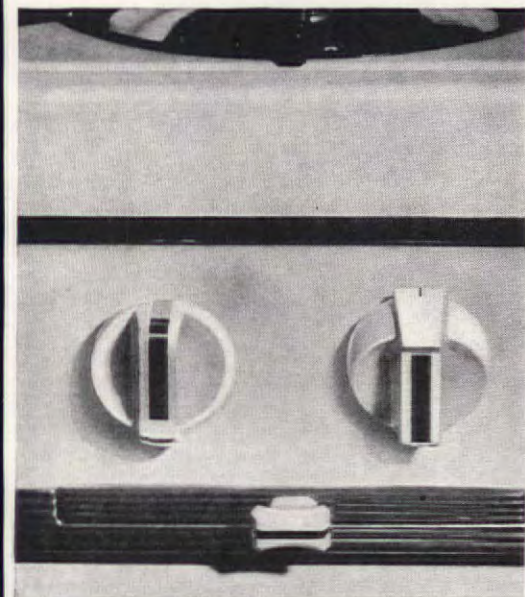
For serving broiler meals attractively, Roper's "Serv-Hot Grill" gives you enamel pan with grill for broiling and chrome tray to slip grill onto for table service



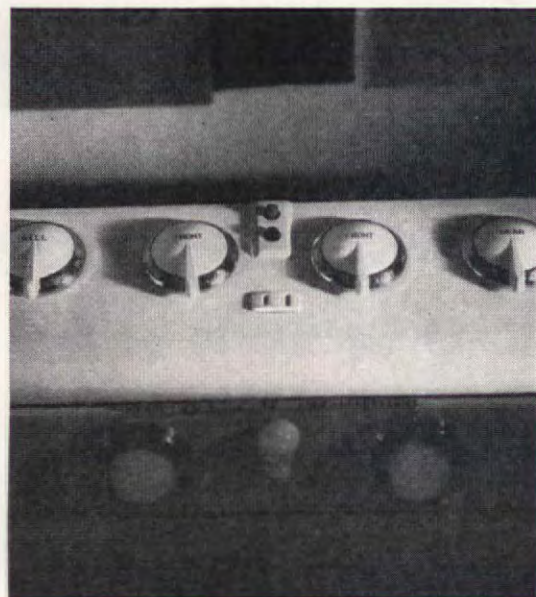
Because it lifts out all in one piece, the Magic Chef top burner unit simplifies the cleaning job. Unit is porcelain enameled inside and out to prevent rusting



Western Holly's built-in gas oven is placed at proper height for convenient use. Removable rack holders give two inches more space in oven for turkey roasting



Note distinctive up and down positions of cleverly designed gas keys on Detroit-Michigan's range. A glance tells you immediately whether or not the burner is on



For convenience in operating and out of reach of children's fingers, Maytag's gas keys are placed on streamlined control panel located in the center of the range's backplash



Warming shelf which will hold up to twenty-five pounds can be used for drying foods, serving from range top. Disappears when not in use. By Western Holly



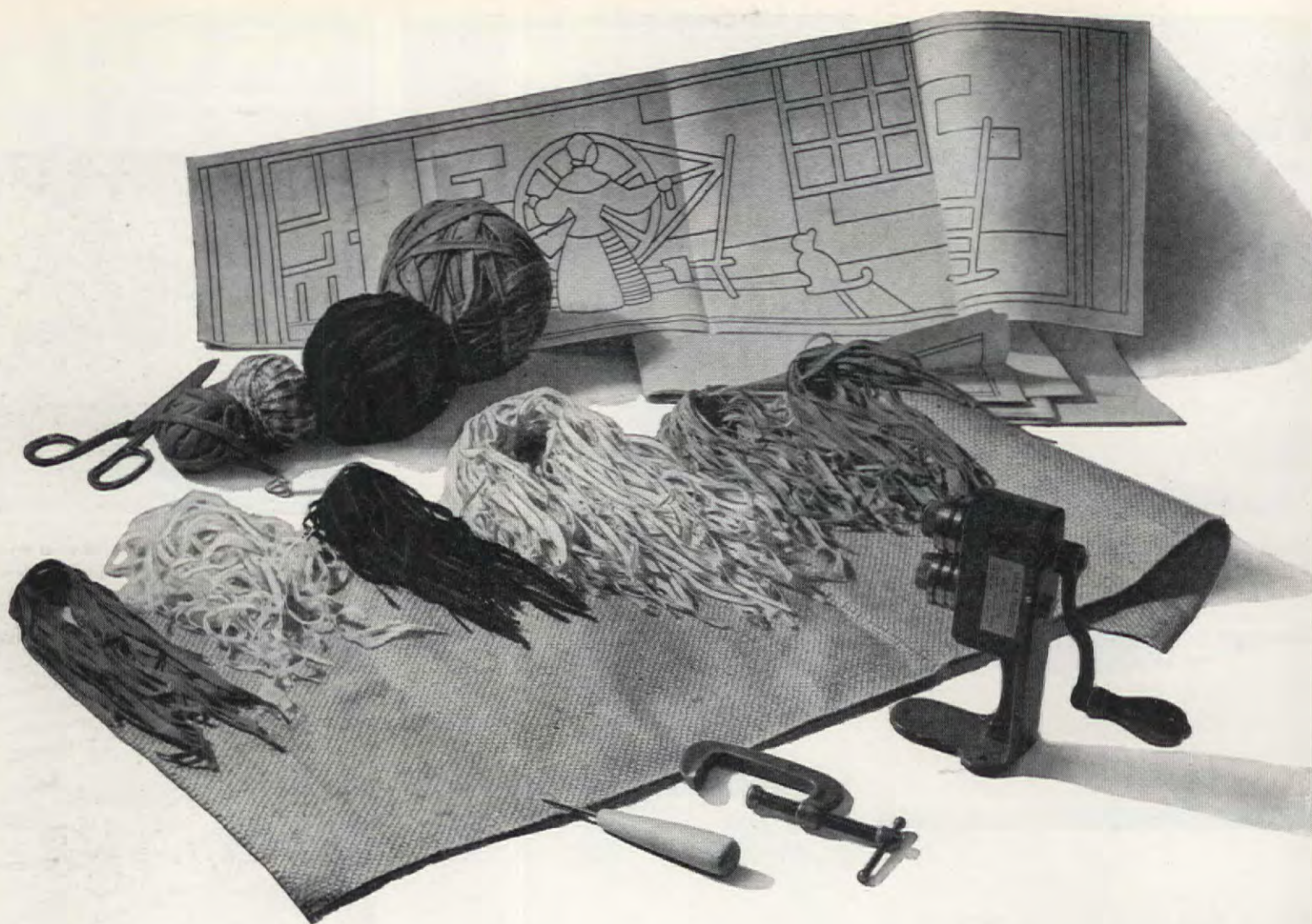
Absentee cooking on top burner is offered by Western Holly. Clock controlled burner will turn on, shut off at times for which you have it set. High-heat enamel Tempa-Plates over flame give even heat distribution



To overcome unsightly walls which come from ranges' venting at back, Murray places almost invisible vents across front of their range backplash. Grease is deposited on range top, is simple to wash off with each use



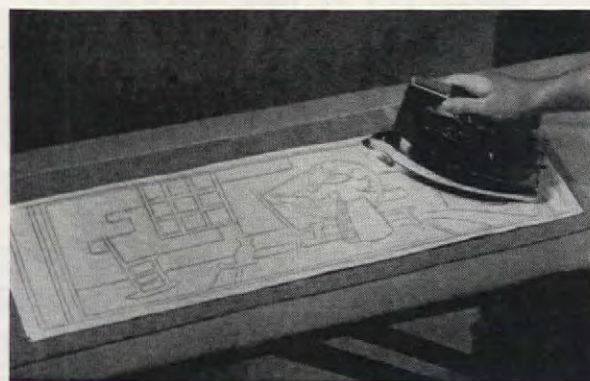
Florence uses a double-glass oven window for good insulation, and, for easier cleaning, inside glass slips out to go right to the dishpan. A light you can switch on, and off means convenient checking of baking foods



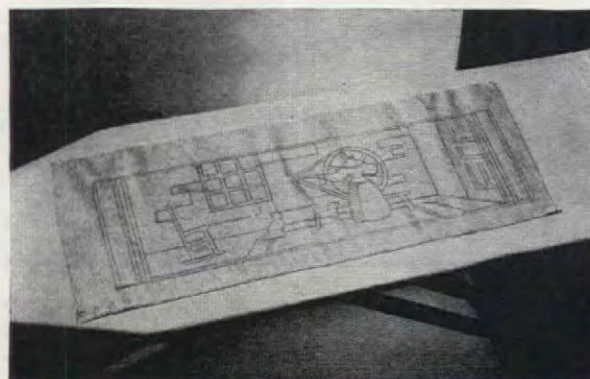
How to Make a Rug

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

Cut burlap, allowing 1½ inches extra on 4 sides for hem. To transfer design, place burlap on board. Fasten transfer design in position, design face down. Press with iron hot enough to scorch paper



Design must be clear and unbroken on burlap. If any part of design is not clearly defined, go over it with India ink. If you are a "first-timer," color design with crayon as a guide in shading



Rugmaking is actually painting with bits of yarn or fabric. Anyone with patience can learn, and it's a hobby that grows on you. Give it a try and then see if you can stop! You can buy a pattern and make any of the pretty rugs on this page. We show here step-by-step photographs for making one riser of our Historical Stair Runner, Pattern 762. This is a transfer. (Some of our rug patterns are tracing designs.) Wool yarns may be used, or, if you want to save some money, you can cut up old woolen clothing which will also give your rug a most individual stamp. First rip them apart. Discard all parts too worn for use. Remember you want your rug to wear well, so use only firm parts of fabric. Wash and rinse thoroughly. Dye if necessary or desired. There are two ways to cut strips, shown above and on facing page. For a heavy tuft rug, cut strips ¼ inch wide. For a fine weave, which is best for shading and clarity of design, use one of the new moderately priced rug strippers. You can cut all even, straight strips as

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1349 Our pattern for making lovely floral rug, size 9 ft. 9 in. by 8 ft. on facing page, contains tracing design, full instructions, price 75¢. **1350** 4 hooked stair treads, transfer pattern. Amusing train with chugging locomotive, bucolic cow with her calf, running colt, and sailing vessels, price 55¢. **1351** Easy-to-make braided stair runner. 25¢



1349

Photograph by Paul Davis

Mrs. Theodore Chinlund made her rug room-size, 9 feet 9 inches by 8 feet, from strips of old blankets, bought from thrift shops for from 10 cents to one dollar, supplemented with worn clothes



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Photographs by F. M. Demarest
1350, Lillian Mosseller; 1351, Mrs. Herbert Doel;

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How to Make a Rug (Begins on page 50)

fine as $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide and four at a time! Or you can do the cutting by hand. It's one of those on and off tasks you can do when you have a free minute or while listening to your favorite radio program. Roll strips into balls to keep in order.

A frame is not necessary although many rugmakers find it easier to work with. If you decide to dispense with a frame keep this in mind: Start at center of rug, always outline design first, fill in rest of design, then do background. A simple 25¢ rug hook available at dime stores or in needlework departments will do as good a job as any. Be sure the wooden handle fits your hand comfortably. Use first-quality burlap, monk's cloth, or heavy linen for your rug base. Keep all ends of strips on top (right side) of rug. They will be concealed between loops and won't pull out. Keep your loops close together so rug is firm and evenly covered. It's as simple as that. When you begin to think of using that rust tweed coat or those soft brown slacks that still have a year's wear in them, watch out! You've really caught the rug bug!

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1352 Hooked rug makes handsome welcome mat for your doorway. Beautifully drawn roses shaded almost as perfectly as the real thing. Transfer, price 60¢. **1353** Has 2 patterns, one for a "twisted" rug, looks braided (old but strong cotton strips may be used), one for a hooked chair pad (transfer for pad) price 45¢. **1354** Is a colorful floral hooked rug, a great favorite. Size approximately 40 x 58 in. Transfer pattern. \$1.00

Nice even rug strips are possible with aid of simple stripper. Hold fabric close against side nearest handle and pull down as shown



Hold strip under stamped burlap, design on top. Pull one end of strip through burlap $\frac{3}{16}$ inch high. Pull up first loop next to this end, same height. Repeat, following design. Keep loops close



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1352, Arline Rawlins; 1353, Harold G. Wood,
Ruth S. Reid; 1354, Martha Batchelder

LUNCH -its importance to your family and *YOU*



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

BY *Anne Marshall*

Yes, when you stop to think about it, lunch is important, isn't it? Vital, really! Nutrition experts say the lunch you serve can affect your family's very health and happiness. For at lunch you restore the morning's used-up energy; and provide energy for the afternoon's work or play—whether you are man, woman or child!

Take your husband. These same experts say every man needs an adequate and well-balanced lunch—for health and energy and to do good work. And your children, too, need one hot dish in every school-day lunch for health and growth—yes, and for good marks, too.

A substantial soup is an ideal main dish for lunch. Good hot soup is so appetizing... so easily digested... so nourishing and sustaining. Why not try the lunches suggested on this page, for a starter?



Soup, Sandwich and Dessert

A nation-wide survey, to determine *types* of dishes most frequently enjoyed for family lunches, shows "soup, sandwich and dessert" to be among the favorites. Many different kinds of soup were served—including this delicious whole bean and bacon-flavored soup.

Bean with Bacon Soup

Corned Beef Sandwiches (with chili sauce) Lime Gelatin Coffee or Milk



Soup and Salad

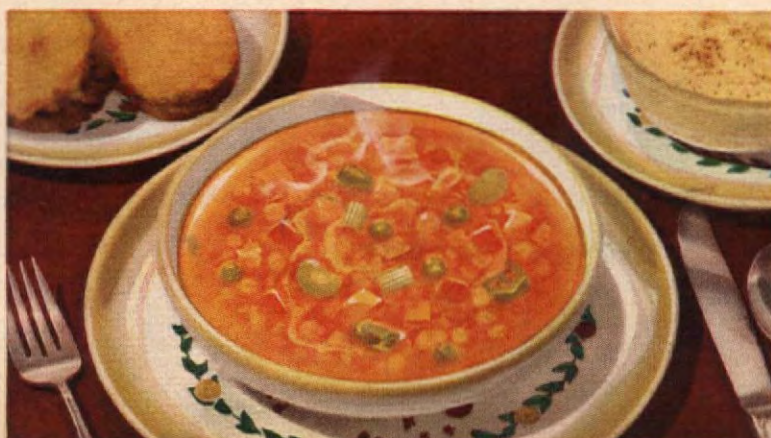
A popular combination of foods at noontime is "soup and salad". In the menu below we include one of the favored soups—cream of celery. You'll find it tasty and nourishing, without being too heavy.

Cream of Celery Soup

Peach and Cottage Cheese Salad

Bread, Butter and Jam

Hot Chocolate



Soup and Dessert

(A meatless soup for a meatless meal)

Vote-winning, also, is a lunch consisting of "soup and dessert". For the many people who may prefer a meatless lunch, the menu below features vegetarian vegetable—a soup crammed with luscious garden vegetables.

Vegetarian Vegetable Soup

Toasted Cheese Rolls Baked Custard Milk

(Other meatless soups: cream of asparagus, black bean, cream of celery, clam chowder, green pea and tomato)

Place and Show

This month's setting has two big things in its favor: first, the subtle oriental beauty of bamboo, combined with the blooming loveliness of begonia blossoms; second, the economy of it all, since in many cases all you will have to do is snip flowers from your own house plants. In this way you not only gather for yourself a handsome handful of table-trimmers, but also help your plant to become stronger, since pruning gives new nerve and prevents branches becoming "leggy."

If your "winter garden" doesn't include a begonia, there are other plants which are equally effective, such as coleus or geranium. Many of us are apt to have some sort of greenery around the house at this time of the year when fresh flowers aren't too easy to come by. In fact, you can make a lovely picture with just foliage, if that's all you can find. Begonias are suggested because they're

popular as indoor plants and so easy to care for.

The table setting fits right in with the flowers. The pottery has a bamboo design in the famous Ballerina shape, and is not only beautiful to look at but also takes oven heat, which comes in handy when it's necessary to keep the food warm. This fetching set retails for about \$6.95 for 20 pieces and is also sold in open stock. The place mat is woven of a coppery-gold metallic thread, accompanied by an Irish-linen napkin 18 inches square, with a 2-inch hand-fringed border. The scene is kept informal with an amber crackled mug. Dirilyte tableware, golden in color, scratch-resistant, completes the setting. This pattern is equally good for informal or formal dining.

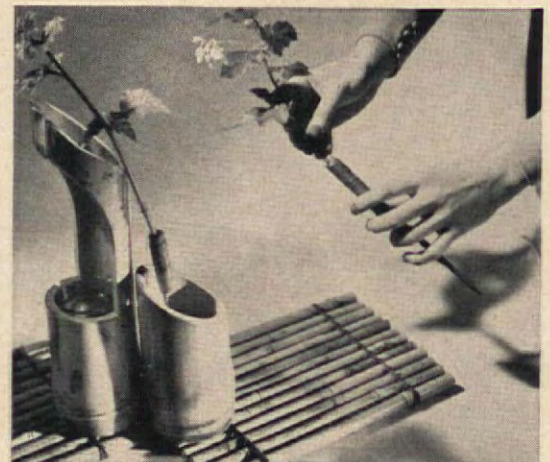
Everything here, including the bamboo mats and flower holder, is moderately priced, yet the entire ensemble is strikingly rich-looking.

For containers, saw bamboo flower holder into two sections. Use plastic cups to hold water. Wire test tube to florist's stick and wrap with green florist's tape

Place sections of bamboo diagonally on two bamboo place mats. Place pin holder in cup and impale stick of test-tube holder on it to give height to short-stemmed foliage. Fill with water

Materials: Cuttings of begonia foliage and flowers from house plants. After height is established, add brown-toned foliage to form interesting continuous curve when viewed from any angle

Complete the design with begonia flowers and more crisp plant leaves. Result—a harmonious effect in texture and character of plant materials and accessories



Place mat, Grace Richey Clarke. Napkin, Table attire by Florence. China, "Bamboo" by Universal Potteries. Flatware and holloware, Dirilyte Co. of America. Glass, Pilgrim Glass. Photographs by F. M. Demarest

Simple flowers dramatically presented,
moderately priced china in
bright colors combine to make a stunning
table setting. Step-by-step pictures make
the flower arrangement easy to do.
Inexpensive, yet effective, the triumph
of good taste over a minimum expenditure





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JANE TIFFANY WAGNER

This is a Fish Story

The dictionary describes fish as "cold-blooded." Maybe so, but they're real friends of the family when it comes to providing the main dish of many meals, including breakfast, luncheon, dinner. Years ago the fish was worshiped by the ancient Britons, gradually fell from idolatrous favor, and not too long ago had reached such a point that many thought of it only as a "fast-day" food.

Not today! One look at these pictures is proof that the beautiful silver vertebrate which comes from the sea, ocean, river, and rill can play an important part in our menus. On the practical side, fish is one of our most economical sources of protein, especially low-priced when sold in its native section. Then, too, there are so many different

kinds. For instance, one market in New York handles over 160 varieties a year. Even in more remote places you can usually find a pretty good choice. We can't argue the pros and cons of whether it's a good brain-food or not, but you'll certainly be using your head wisely when you come through with a baked bass or a steamed shad, or some fried fillets for a change. And not just on Friday necessarily. The fish don't know what day it is!

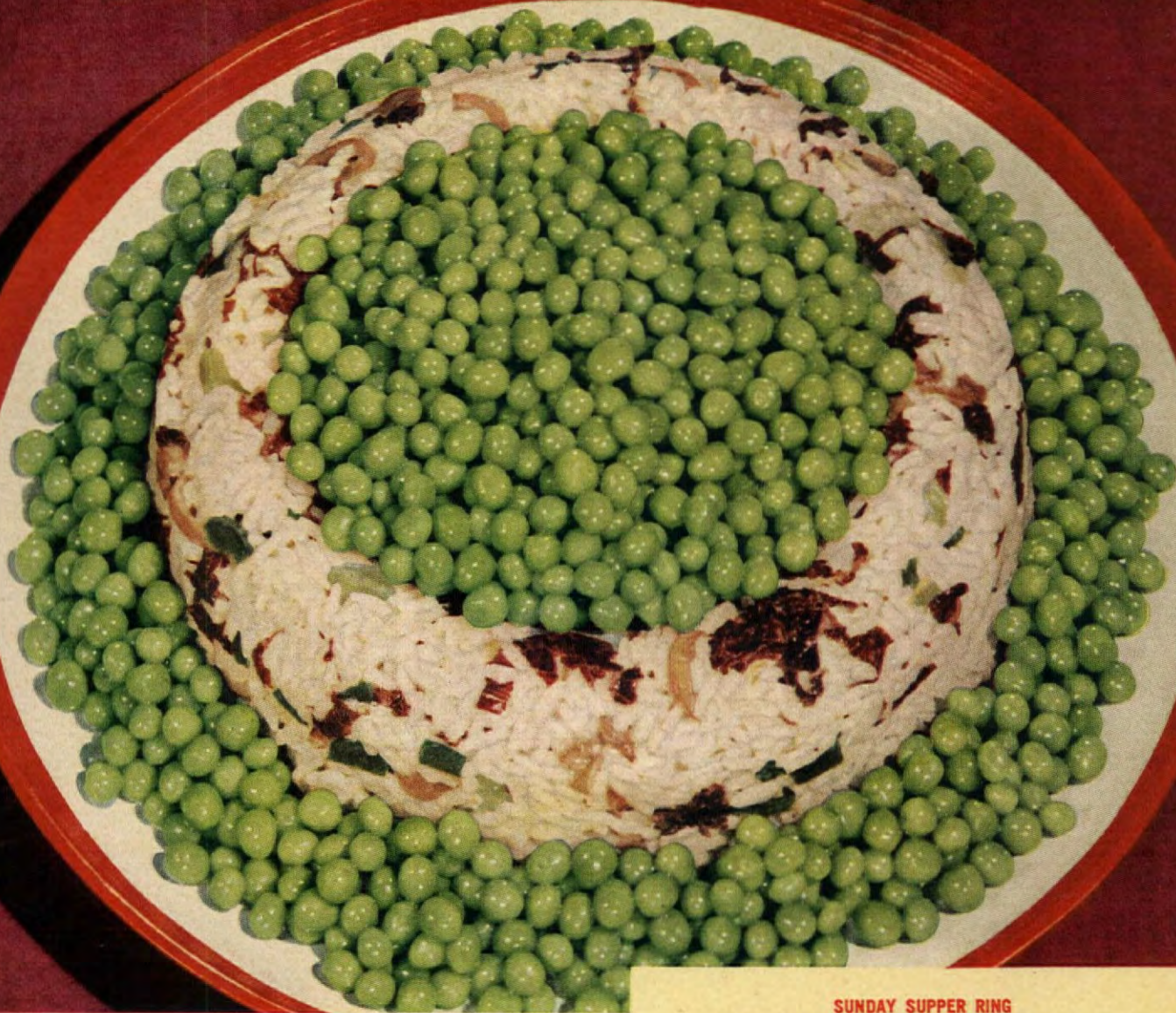
In this article we've taken some of the most important questions about the buying of fish and answered them in general terms, since the final decision as to kind, method of preparation, and cooking, is up to the individual. Fish is so versatile.

When is the best time to buy fish: Any time, but

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| 1 cup (2½ oz.) cut dried beef (rinsed if very salty) | 2 cans cream of mushroom soup |
| ½ cup each: chopped green pepper and sliced celery | 1 cup milk |
| 2 tbsps. chopped onion | 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| | 2 No. 303 cans DEL MONTE Brand <i>Early Garden</i> Peas |

Sauté dried beef, green pepper, celery and onion in the butter 10 min. Stir in soup, milk, Worcestershire sauce; heat. Strain off sauce; keep hot. Toss dried beef mixture lightly with the rice; pack in oiled 5-cup ring mold. Place over steam about 5 min.; turn out on hot plate. Fill with hot, seasoned peas; serve with the sauce. Serves 4 to 6.

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JEAN AUSTIN

Good Victuals

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● help-yourself salads

1. Serve any or all of the following, thoroughly chilled, with salad dressing pre-mixed or oil, vinegar, salt and pepper for self-mixing. Assemble in garlic-rubbed bowl. Arrange for color contrasts, but keep each kind in orderly groups for easier selection. Quartered heads of lettuce; broken bunches of chickory; peeled, quartered, not-too-ripe tomatoes; quartered, hard-boiled eggs; thin slices of seeded sweet red peppers, mild green, yellow peppers; thin slices red Spanish onions; radishes; raw carrot sticks; ripe, stuffed green olives; thick slices boiled potatoes; cooked string beans; flowerets of raw cauliflower; anchovy fillets; finocchio; cooked zucchini slices.

2. To serve with skewers, combine any or all of following on bed of cracked ice: Rounds of carrots; cucumbers; quartered, peeled tomatoes (not too ripe); sweet onions; large pieces of seeded sweet red peppers, green peppers; stuffed green olives; pitted ripe olives; gherkins; radishes. Must be served very cold.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Italians frequently serve salads in this manner, and a pleasant idea it is. I herewith recommend it to you for its beauty, for its ease. Use your imagination in the assembly of colors and textures—from then on your family or guests are on their own.

Before we leave our salads, another good idea I'll leave with you. I believe this idea is original with me—I've never seen it done elsewhere—but that's beside the point. Again, it makes a pretty dish on the table. It, likewise, is self-service. But this one's different in this respect—it's the answer for those hostesses who feel no party meal is complete without a tossed green salad, despond over the inevitable stains from spilled greens perched precariously on heaped plates. This one I call Spear-it-

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Good Victuals

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—slowly, aromatically and untemperamentally should the scheduled time run over—is that good, good steak. Noodles quickly boiled and buttered, carrots ditto—and out of the kitchen comes little ole you, bearing one big, beautiful platter. Come on, food's on!

Whether the clarion call be for buffet guests or a hungry family some blustery winter's night, isn't it a very good meal for very little work and very little cost? I think it is, for it is one I serve often. The main dish—steak—costs so very little. It is hearty, calls for easily prepared vegetables. It is not a banal thing to offer guests. The dessert is glamorous-looking, easy-doing. Guests have the novelty of choosing and assembling their own salad. The whole is pleasing to the eye, satisfying to the stomach, easy on the cook, considerate to the purse. Can one ask for more?

About that good, cheap beef. There are two reasons for its being good. One, slow cooking. Two, merciless pounding,

once you get it home. Your mother never dreamed of starting housekeeping without a great murderous-looking cleaver, and she started housekeeping when meat had not reached the astronomical heights your butcher posts up today. She had a cleaver because she liked this kind of cooking. For you, it's an absolute necessity for budgeting reasons alone. Sure, the first time you pick it up it will startle the living day-lights out of you, but summon your courage, grasp it firmly, lay it on the flat of its side and beat the stuffings out of a cheap cut of meat. See how tender and amenable it becomes. First thing you know, you'll serve the cheaper cuts from genuine preference over less flavorful, but more expensive cuts. Your cleaver will have earned its way into your champagne palate as well as your beer pocketbook.

The toughest fibers have cringed—and broken down—under the blows of our mighty cleaver, so we'll move on to salad talk. In all your life have you ever seen a centerpiece more stunning than the bowl we've heaped with salad makings? Just raw vegetables and greens, but as beautiful on your table as flowers—and twice as good to eat.

Serves 6

● steak diable

Melt 2 tbs. butter in a Dutch oven or a large, heavy black iron frying pan with tight-fitting cover. Brown 1 large sliced onion and 1 tsp. mixed dry herbs (or Herb Bouquet) in melted butter. Remove and discard the onion slices. Add and brown in same pan 1 flank steak, cut into 2" x 2" pieces and rolled in 2 tbs. flour. When steak is brown on all sides, push meat to one side and add a roux of 1 tbs. flour and 1 tbs. cornstarch moistened with a bit of the liquid in pan. Blend thoroughly and allow to brown slightly. Now add:

1 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tbs. cider vinegar
2 cups unsweetened, hot pineapple juice, or 2 cups Burgundy wine
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. dry mustard

Mix thoroughly with meat, cover tightly. Simmer over very low heat at least two hours. Meat should be tender enough to cut with a fork. Longer cooking won't hurt it. Gravy may be thinned a little after removing meat, but a rich, heavy gravy is called for. Serve on a bed of buttered, poppy-seed-sprinkled noodles and hot, buttered carrots, a bit of finely chopped mint mixed with the butter.

Recipe by Jean Austin

● coffee chiffon pie, coffee-nut crust

Makes filling for a 10" pie

Follow directions on pie-mix package, substituting coffee for water as the liquid, and bake, unfilled. Cool.

As a variation, very finely crushed nuts may be added to mixture, before coffee is added and pie crust is rolled. It makes a very subtle difference—but, to my way of thinking, worth the extra trouble.

In a large mixing bowl, soften 2 envelopes (2 tbs.) plain unflavored gelatin in 6 tbs. cold water and let stand 3–5 minutes. Add 3 cups hot, very strong coffee (freshly made, in proportion of 3 tbs. coffee to 1 cup water). Stir until dissolved and set aside to cool. When gelatin is firm, whip with rotary beater until it is soft and fluffy. Fold in 1/2 pint heavy cream beaten moderately stiff and flavored with 3/4 cup sugar, pinch of salt, and 1 tsp. vanilla or black walnut extract. Pour into baked pie shell and chill at least 3 hours. Just before serving shave some chocolate on waxed paper and arrange around edge. Whipped cream can be used as a topping, of course, but makes the pie very rich and is not as subtle as is chocolate with coffee.

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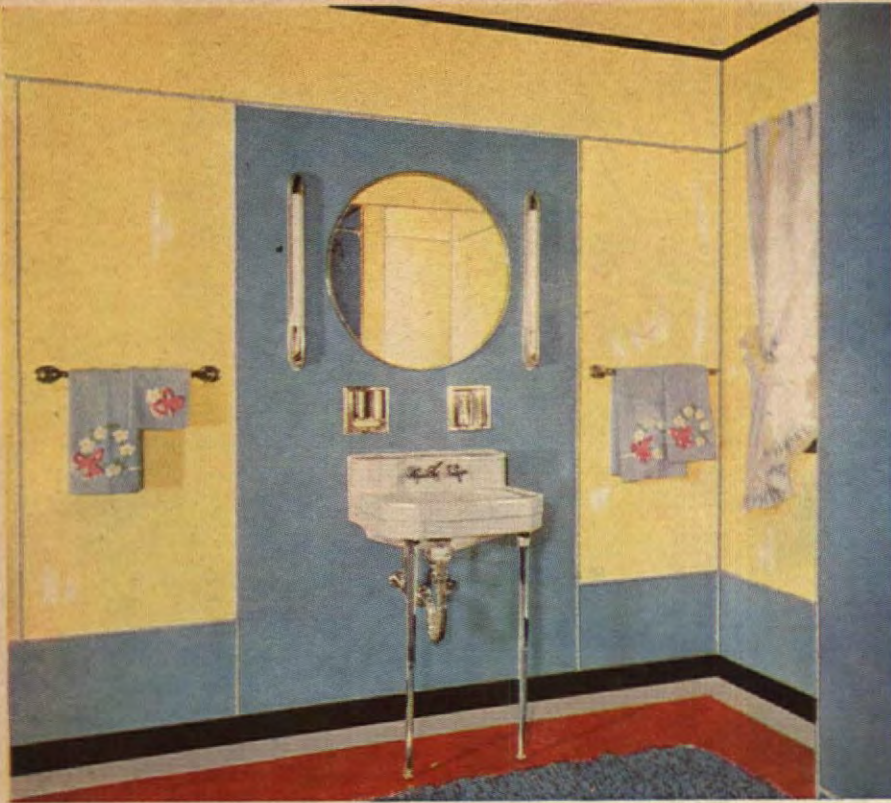
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Chances are that when your great grandchildren are sitting around talking about colorful women of the past, Perle Mesta's name will come as readily to their minds as those of Barbara Fritchie, Mary Pickford, or Priscilla Alden. Now the United States Minister to Luxembourg, the third woman to be given such a high honor by her government, she has become a well-known figure on the American scene.

For many years she was best known as the leading hostess of Washington, D.C.—an exacting role which her natural talents and knowledge of politics, business, and people enabled her to perform brilliantly. Now as the head of the U.S. Legation in Luxembourg, she has won new fame for her gracious and expert handling of a job in the difficult and all-important field of international relations.

Meeting Mrs. Mesta even briefly gives one an immediate clue to her success both as a person and as a career woman. She exudes warmth and a natural, unassuming charm and sincerity. She does everything with ease and simplicity and leaves you with the feeling that when she is talking to you her main interest is *you*.

Like all truly great hostesses, Mrs. Mesta understands the indispensable value of thoroughly organizing a party down to the last minute detail. But she has also that quality that brings a party to life—a real flair for making people enjoy themselves. She enjoys giving parties, and her guests find this pleasure contagious. She is also the first to point out that a party needn't be elaborate to be enjoyable. She serves the fish recipes on the following page frequently at parties and says that they are always top favorites with her guests.

Food is one of the high lights of any party, and serving the dish that everyone will like is the open secret of all successful entertaining. Fish, she finds, is one of those foods, and it appears frequently on her menus; lobster and sturgeon for larger parties, broiled and baked fish with sauces for smaller ones. When she serves hot fish as the main entree, Mrs. Mesta accompanies it with a mixed green salad. She favors cauliflower for a vegetable and diced fresh fruit for dessert. With a separate fish course preceding the entree, she serves sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. Although she likes most varieties, her favorite is fillet of sole with hot butter-and-almond sauce.

Another secret about Mrs. Mesta—she's as enthusiastic about catching fish as she is about preparing and serving them. Years ago she used to go trout fishing with her family and friends in Colorado. Now, when she gets a chance moment away from her official life, she goes trout fishing with the burgomasters of Luxembourg. Fish is a very popular dish there. Even so she has taught many new fish recipes to her Luxembourg chef and her French cook. An enthusiastic cook herself, she wishes she could spend more time in the kitchen.

The real warmth of this talented woman is apparent when she speaks of the country where she now lives and works as American Minister. "I love it. I don't like it. I just love it," she says. No wonder that she has received such a warm reception from new friends abroad. We are happy to welcome her to THE AMERICAN HOME.

Recipes on pages 64, 68.

Mrs. Perle Mesta, the U. S. Minister to Luxembourg,
presents some of her ideas on serving fish



• cold glazed salmon

MENU

Cold Salmon Platter
Broccoli with Hollandaise Sauce
Potato Chips
Graham Cracker Ice Box Cake
Beverage

Note: The mild flavor of the glazed salmon is complemented by the tart mayonnaise and the relishes.



• baked fillet of haddock

MENU

Baked Fillets of Haddock in Cream
Sauce
Baked Cauliflower with Bread Crumbs
Tossed Green Salad Bowl
Fresh Fruit
Sponge Cake
Beverage

Note: You may serve this dish with or without the shrimp—either way, it's delightful.

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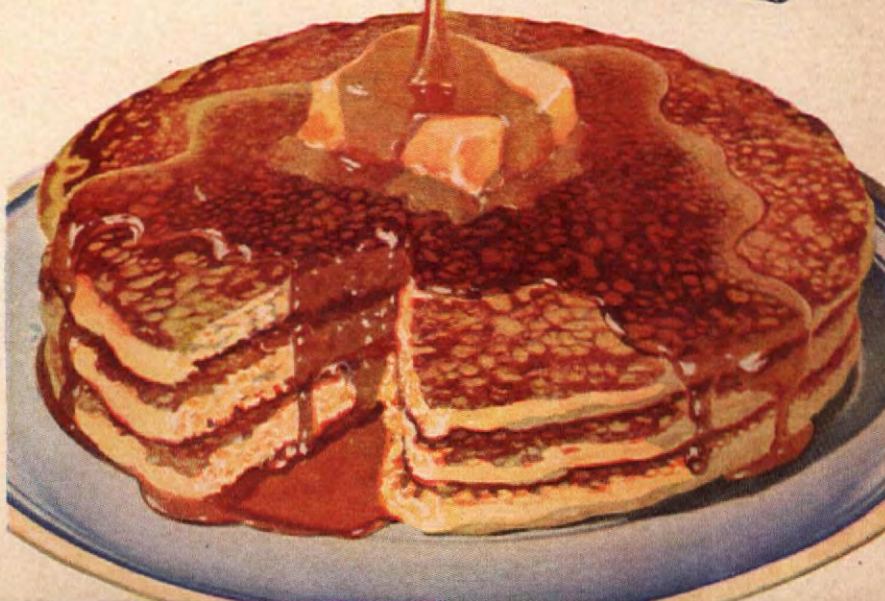
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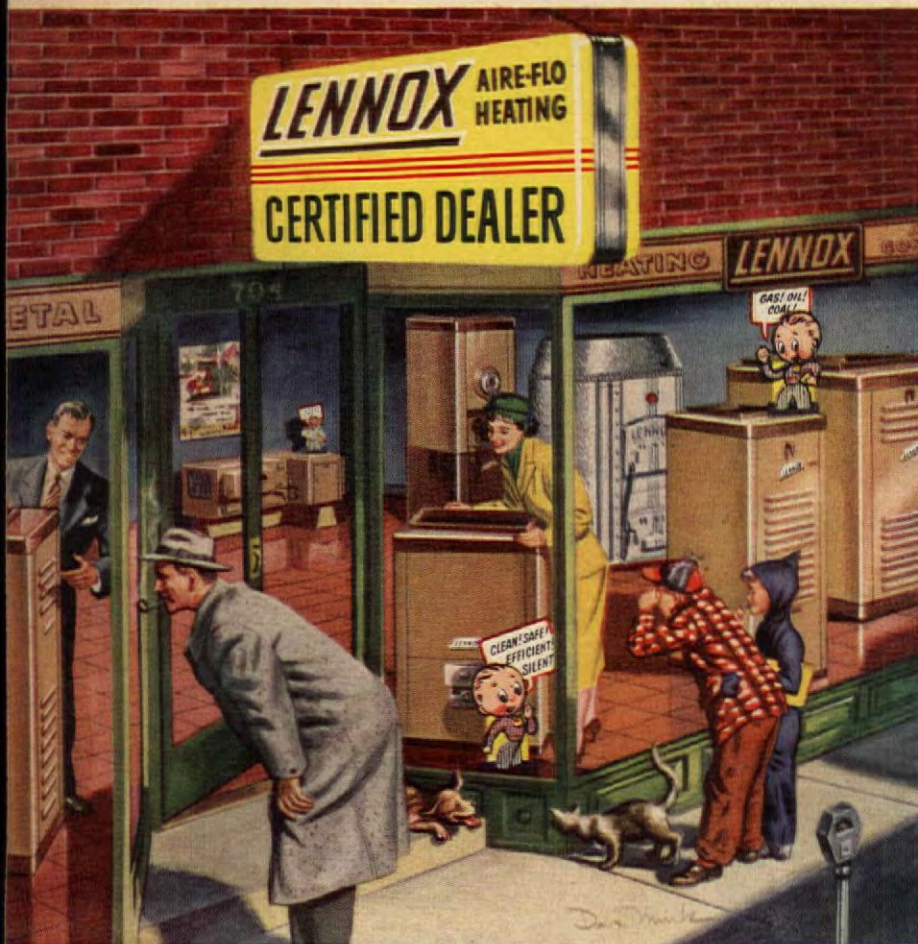
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Call Her Clever (Begins on page 62)

(File under "Fish")
Serves 6

• cold glazed salmon

3- or 4-pound salmon steak
1 onion, small, sliced
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup celery, chopped

ASPIC GLAZE

2 cups fish stock
1 tablespoon gelatin, unflavored

Wrap fish in cheesecloth. Fill a kettle with enough water to cover the fish. Add onion, salt, and celery, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, immerse fish, and simmer about 12 minutes per pound. Do not permit water to boil while fish is cooking. Drain fish, allow it to cool in cheesecloth. Save fish stock (also known as "Court Bouillon"). Remove cheesecloth and skin of salmon. Soak gelatin in a little of the stock, in top of double boiler. When the gelatin has dissolved, add it to the rest of the stock. Chill. When the gelatin is about to set, pour it over the fish or brush it over the fish to glaze it. (If you don't want the salmon glazed, use the gelatin as follows: Permit the gelatin to stiffen in a bowl, turn it out onto a board and cube it with a knife. Surround the fish with the cubed gelatin.) Place salmon on platter, surround with water cress, garnish with mayonnaise. Add marinated cucumbers, radishes, olives, and deviled eggs.

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(File under "Fish")
Serves 6

• baked fillet of haddock

Make 1 recipe Perle Mesta's White Sauce
4 haddock (or other fish) fillets

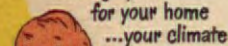
1 bunch chives, chopped
1 cup shrimp, cooked, chopped

Make white sauce. Place fillets in baking dish. Pour sauce over fillets. Bake the fish in a moderate oven (350°F.) for about 25 minutes, or until tender. Remove to platter and top with shrimp. Place platter under broiler until shrimp are hot. Garnish with chives and serve.

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• Perle Mesta's white sauce

Note: Mrs. Mesta's white sauce is richer than the basic white sauce, since it has more butter than flour. For a *basic medium white sauce*, use 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons flour; for *thin sauce*, use 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon flour; for *thick sauce* use 3 tablespoons butter, 3 tablespoons flour. In each case, follow procedure given in Mrs. Mesta's recipe.

Other variations: (1) English walnuts and water cress, chopped, and seasonings; (2) $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry mustard; (3) 1 tablespoon chili sauce.

For a smooth and fluffy white sauce, add the milk gradually and beat thoroughly with wire whisk while sauce is boiling.



• baked whitefish with cheese

MENU

Baked Whitefish with Cheese
Scalloped Corn Buttered Spinach
Grapefruit and Avocado Salad with Thick French Dressing
Lemon Sherbet with Mint Sauce Beverage

Note: Baked fish is very tender. Therefore, the use of parchment paper or foil under the fish while baking will make it easier to remove to serving platter.



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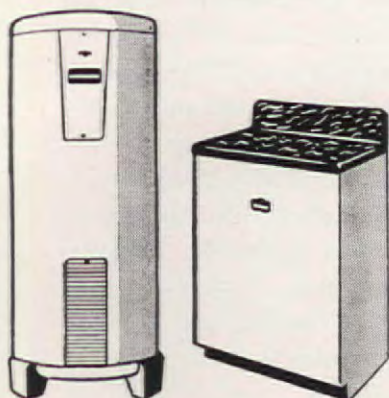
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Call Her Clever (Begins on page 62)

• Perle Mesta's white sauce

(File under "Sauces & Gravies")
Makes 1½ cups sauce

2 tablespoons butter
1½ tablespoons flour
1 cup milk, hot

¼ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon paprika or pepper
Variation

Melt butter over low heat in double boiler. Blend in flour. Pour milk in slowly and stir with wire whisk. Add salt and paprika or pepper. Cook until sauce is smooth and boiling, about 10 to 15 minutes. Add choice of variation and mix well.

Variations: (1) celery salt; (2) grated nutmeg; (3) 1 teaspoon lemon juice; (4) ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; (5) 1 teaspoon sherry; (6) 1 teaspoon onion juice.

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• baked whitefish with cheese

(File under "Fish")
Serves 6

Prepare for cooking a 3-pound whitefish, filled with the following dressing:

4 tablespoons butter
½ cup mushrooms, minced
1 teaspoon onion, chopped
¼ cup green pepper, shredded
1½ cups cracker or bread crumbs

1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
½ cup grated cheese

Melt butter. Add remaining ingredients and sauté for 2 minutes. Fill the fish with the dressing and clip or sew the sides together. Roll the fish in grated cheese, or spread it with snappy cheese. Bake in a pan lined with heavy waxed paper, or foil, in a moderate oven (350°F.) allowing 15 minutes per pound. Baste it with hot water and butter (2 parts water to 1 part butter). Serve fish with Hollandaise Sauce.

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TAKE A TIP

ELEANOR LEE JONES

When using your electric mixer for folding in flour, fashion your own scoop for the flour by sifting flour onto sheet of heavy waxed paper or aluminum foil; holding two opposite edges together, pour flour into mixer bowl from scoop.

If it's hide-and-go-seek when you're hunting for handkerchiefs in the washing machine, place them in a net bag made from two knit dishcloths. Swish through wringer in the bag, too, and there they are all together for hanging in one place on line or placing in dryer.

Next time you're waxing floors, apply a coat of wax to your dustpan and see how much more easily the dirt slides off.

If corks slip into salt and pepper shakers every time you fill them, an effective substitute is adhesive tape which may be put across the bottom of the shakers—so easy to remove and replace!

Turkish towels may be worn but still have lots of uses; they make good fillers for pot-holders; a large-sized piece can be used for applying furniture polish; try using small, damp pieces for picking up bits of broken glass—be sure to discard!

If you find the headings on your curtains are torn from the rough, jagged edges of curtain rods, we suggest dipping one end of the rods in melted paraffin and allowing to harden. When ready to hang curtains, slip paraffin end of rod through curtain.

A good use for scraps of soap from the bath, laundry, and kitchen is a soap jelly to be used just as you use soap flakes. Divide into two groups, bath and laundry soaps; then collect in separate jars and allow to dry out well. To make soap into uniform bits, use your meat grinder with coarse blade, and tie a paper bag over head of grinder to simplify the cleaning-up job. After grinding, add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup soap to 1 quart water and place in top of double-boiler. Steam until completely dissolved, cool, place in jar to jell.

Bath-soap jelly does an excellent shampoo job, and can be used for washing lingerie, too.

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• crab bisque

MENU

Crab Bisque
Scalloped Oysters
Fresh Pear Salad
Jelly Roll
Beverage

Note: Variations in the flavor of this bisque can be achieved by topping with grated Parmesan cheese, or whipped fresh or sour cream.

• fish canapés and hors d'oeuvres

Note: It is important to serve those canapés and hors d'oeuvres that are hot, *hot*; those that are cold, *cold*. Use your imagination in creating attractive garnishes that will make your appetizer tray exciting and appealing. There is an endless list of appetizers; those using fish should be served along with other varieties.

Fish Story (Begins on page 56)

if you buy in the early part of the week the supply is often the heaviest, and demand lightest.

How can you tell if fish is fresh: Look it in the eye. Fresh fish has clear eyes, clean, odorless gills. Touch him—the flesh should be firm and elastic, your fingers should leave no impression. Inhale—fresh fish smells clean and salty—like sea surf.

What kind of fish should you buy: That's a hard one to answer. Naturally you're going to get the kind you like, but there are two general categories. Fat and lean fish. Fat fish such as sea bass, lake trout, halibut, mackerel, pompano—they're best baked or broiled. Lean fish include bluefish, flounder, haddock, perch, and swordfish—steam, broil, or fry them. If you find a good bargain, buy some and put it in the home freezer. If you have a fine recipe

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MENU

Salmon Mousse with Nut Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes
Buttered Asparagus Tips
Hot Clover-Leaf Rolls
Butter
Chocolate Coconut Layer Cake
Beverage

Note: A hot spicy nut sauce goes well with Salmon Mousse. Since the mousse is cold, and the sauce is hot, serve the sauce separately so that each person may help himself.

• tuna and vegetable casserole

MENU

Consommé with Lemon
Tuna and Vegetable Casserole
Cole Slaw with Pineapple
Corn Bread
Plum Jelly
Deep Dish Apple Pie
Beverage

Note: This casserole can be made with other fish and various vegetables, such as peas, corn, tomatoes, green beans, or cauliflower.



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• salmon mousse



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• tuna and vegetable casserole

(File under "Casseroles")
Serves 6

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 onion, small, chopped
- 4 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 cans tuna fish
- 1 package lima beans, frozen, cooked
- 1 cup crackers, rolled
- 1/4 pound cheddar cheese, sliced thin

Melt butter in top of double boiler; add onion and green pepper and fry till golden brown. Gradually add flour, salt, pepper, paprika, and nutmeg. Blend well. Then place top of double boiler in lower section. Add milk to mixture and stir constantly till thick (about 5 minutes). Add tuna oil and lemon juice and cook for ten minutes. Grease casserole. Alternate in layers, cracker crumbs, lima beans, cheese, and sauce. Bake in 450°F. oven about 10-15 minutes, or until top is a toasty brown.

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• salmon mousse

(File under "Fish")
Serves 6

- 2 tablespoons gelatin, unflavored
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cream, heavy, whipped
- 2 cups salmon, flaked, cooked
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Pimiento strips

Squeeze lemon juice over salmon and allow to stand. Soften gelatin in cold water 5 minutes; add boiling water, stir until dissolved, and chill until slightly thickened. Fold in mayonnaise and cream; add salmon. Lightly grease mold. Line with pimiento strips and fill with gelatin mixture. Chill until firm. Unmold on serving platter and serve.

See: SAUCES & GRAVIES, "White Sauce with Variations"

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• fish canapés and hors d'oeuvres

(File under "Appetizers")

1. Combine cream cheese and canned chopped clams; spread on buttered bread squares; toast, serve hot.
2. Combine peanut butter, grated cheese, anchovy paste; spread on bread squares; toast, serve hot.
3. Combine cream cheese, chopped onion, chopped cooked shrimp, and lemon juice; spread on crisp cracker.
4. Combine flaked whitefish, cottage cheese, chopped onions; spread on salty rye bread.
5. Combine blue cheese, mayonnaise; spread on toasted wheat bread. Garnish with slice of smoked salmon.
6. Combine sardines, cottage cheese, Angostura bitters, Worcestershire sauce; spread on white toast.
7. Combine anchovy paste, cream cheese, chopped anchovy fillets, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, and mayonnaise; serve on crisp cracker.
8. Combine cream cheese, flaked crabmeat, mayonnaise and grated cheddar cheese; spread on whole wheat bread squares.
9. Combine flaked crab meat, mayonnaise, Tabasco sauce, lemon juice, chopped onion; serve on soft or toasted white bread.
10. Place fresh cooked shrimp on tooth pick; serve with spicy cocktail sauce.
11. Combine cream cheese, flaked whitefish, chopped nuts, mayonnaise; fill celery stalks.

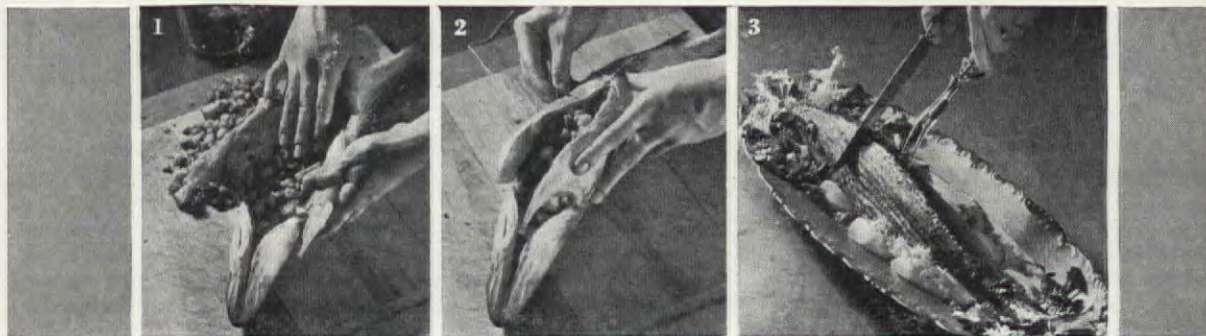
• crab bisque

(File under "Soups")
Serves 6

- 1 can mock turtle soup
- 1 can tomato soup, condensed
- 1 can split pea soup, condensed
- 1 7/2-ounce can crabmeat, flaked
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups milk
- 1 bouillon cube dissolved in 1/4 cup boiling water
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup sherry

Combine all ingredients except lemon juice and sherry; heat. Just before serving, add sherry and lemon juice. Serve hot.

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• baked stuffed fish

MENU

Spiced Apple Juice
Baked Stuffed Fish with Egg Sauce
Broiled Tomatoes Mashed Potatoes
Hearts of Lettuce French Dressing
Cottage Pudding with Lemon Sauce
Beverage

Note: The head of the fish helps to keep in the juices, but it may be removed if desired. If the head is removed, however, allow 14 minutes to the pound instead of 12.

Fish Story

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1. After cavity of fish has been rubbed with salt, press stuffing in firmly, but gently. Remember, the edges must come together when sewed.
2. You may clip the sides of the fish together by other methods, but we prefer the old-fashioned way. Use linen thread or string, large needle. Take stitches close to the edge, draw up tightly.
3. Use a very sharp, thin-bladed knife to remove head of fish; then slice off steaks of desired thickness. Include plenty of stuffing.

• hints on fish

Note: It is important to remember that fish contains a rich supply of vitamins, minerals, and proteins. Once fish can now be purchased in fresh, frozen or canned form the year around, it should be a key-one in your meal planning.

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• hints on fish

1. $\frac{1}{4}$ pound fish, fillets or steaks, per serving.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound fish, dressed, per serving.
2. 1 pound fish, whole, per serving.
3. Fish should be wiped with damp cloth or washed in cold salt water.
3. Fish is always tender and juicy. It needs only enough cooking to bring out its natural flavor and tenderness.
4. *Boil* to cook in water which should be reduced to a simmer after fish is immersed.
to cook directly under a flame or red-hot heating unit, or over an open fire or grill.
- Broil* to cook by dry heat without covering, usually in an oven. Line baking pan with waxed paper or foil.
- Bake* to cook uncovered in a frying pan with small amount of fat over low flame.
- Sauté* to cook in heavy pan on top burner, in fat half as deep as the thickness of the fish. Fat should be preheated, but should not smoke.
5. To clean hands and pans use hot salt water before using soap.

• baked stuffed fish

(File under "Fish")
Serves 6

4-pound striped bass, dressed
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, melted
STUFFING
6 tablespoons butter
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup celery, chopped
1 onion, medium, chopped

$\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 bay leaf
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon thyme
4 cups stale bread, cubed
1 cup chestnut meats, chopped
3 tablespoons cucumbers, chopped

Stuffing: Melt butter in a large skillet. Add chopped celery, onion, and seasonings and sauté lightly. Remove from pan leaving butter. Add bread crumbs to this butter and toast. When toasted, add celery, onion, and chestnuts and cucumbers. Mix well. Wipe fish with damp cloth, or rinse in cold salt water. Rub the inside with the 1 teaspoon of salt. Fill with stuffing and sew. Put in greased shallow pan and pour over the melted butter. Bake at 400°F. allowing 12 minutes per pound of fish. Baste frequently with the butter.

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Fish Story (Begins on page 56)

for a certain kind of fish, substitute something else if you want to. There are a lot of fish in the sea!

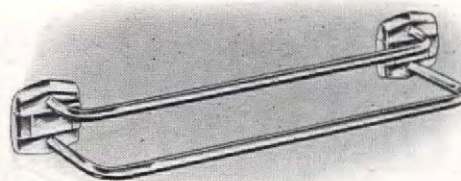
What cuts of fish can you buy: Whole—as they come from the water; drawn—with entrails only removed; dressed—whole fish, scales and innards removed, with head, tail, and fins removed, too, if

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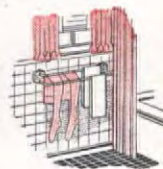
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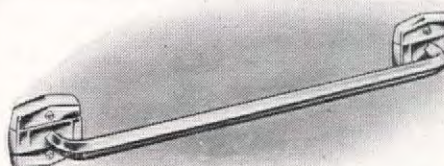
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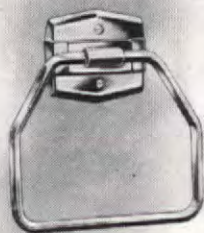
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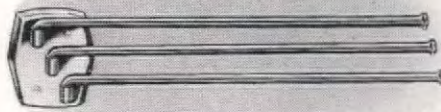
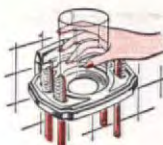
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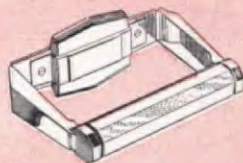
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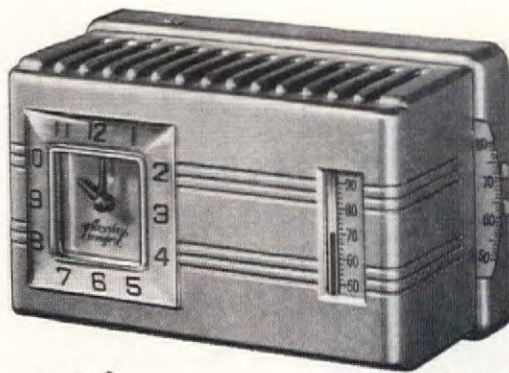
It's Brick— Inside and Out

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

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End wall of living room is made of combination brick and redwood paneling. Redwood louvered shutters both raise and open



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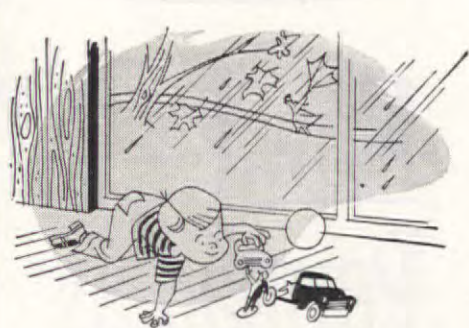
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It's Brick—Inside and Out

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Breezeway separates living room from bedroom hall. Door at left leads to kitchen. Breezeway gives small house an easy air of spaciousness. Doors opening into it are painted dark slate-blue with brass hardware



frames which require no framing. Structural parts are exposed.

The house is staunchly, soundly built, the brick walls laid with waterproof cement and roofed with hand-split cedar shakes. Inside, the exposed living room and breezeway ceilings, heavy beams, and braces are of rough redwood covered with one coat of heavy white oil paint. The heavy front door is of redwood planks bolted boldly together.

Built for California weather, here is an intriguing floor plan, with the living room completely separate from the rest of the house. Practical for this climate, sturdy, unusual, yet conservative, it's made to order for active living.

Photographs by George de Gennaro
Interior Decoration—Barker Bros.
Landscape Designer—John Eyerman, Jr.

Master bedroom has three brick walls, closed ceiling, all painted celadon-green. Room has door (not shown) leading into small garden in rear



Kitchen has sloping ceiling, like shed roof, and a bank of windows on two sides. One wall is brick, other three of white pine plywood. One door opens to breezeway, another to terrace, making outside service simple

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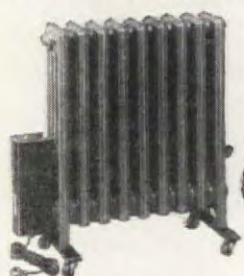
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News in Gas Ranges

(Begins on page 48)

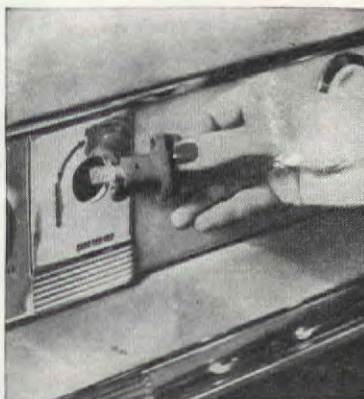
with one or two electric outlets, many with two broilers and two ovens, as well as an automatic clock control and minute-minder. You usually have a choice of four or six burners, divided or staggered top.



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News in Gas Ranges (Begins on page 48)



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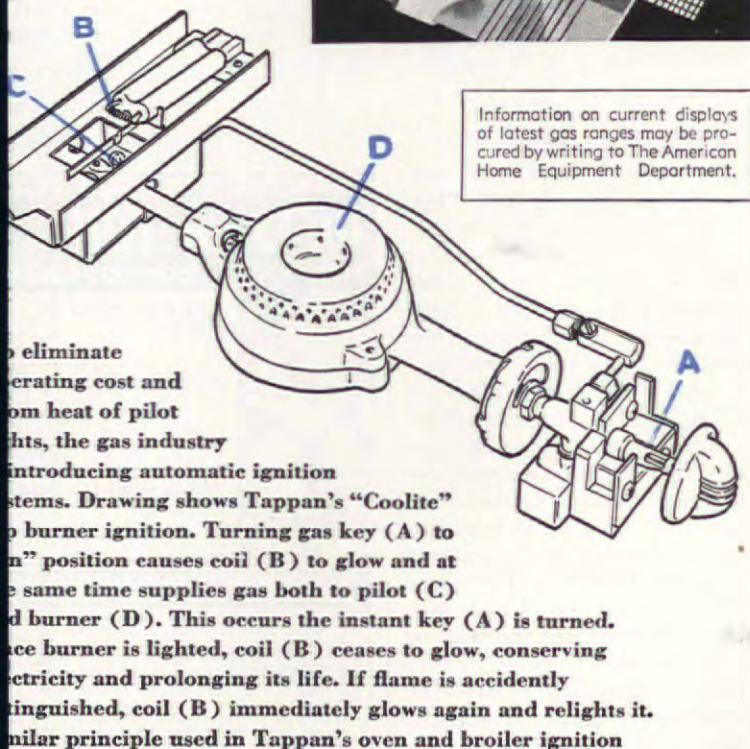


CENTER-SIMMER BURNER DOES THIS, TOO

To maintain boiling temperature covered pan, inner rings of flame turns down to tiny beads. Harper-Wyman Center-Simmer burners on full, outer ring goes out

For keeping foods warm, flame turns down to tiny beads. Harper-Wyman Center-Simmer burners

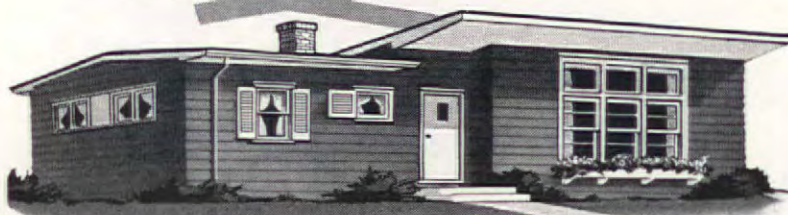
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Information on current displays of latest gas ranges may be procured by writing to The American Home Equipment Department.

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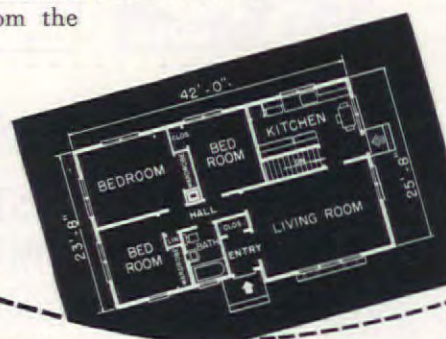
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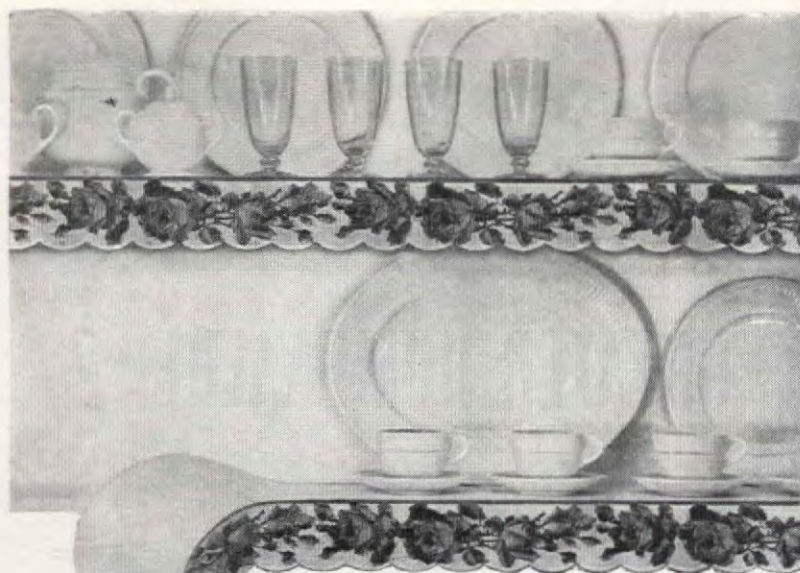
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Good Victuals

(Begins on page 59)

Yourself Salad. Guests think it great fun and I think it rare good sense. Skewers take little room on a crowded plate, each guest gets only what he likes—and it's self-service. But whichever salad you serve, both are conversation pieces—and what hostess isn't secretly pleased to have produced one.

I have often wondered why so many women believe a quick meal is an easy meal. To my way of thinking there is nothing more nerve-racking than having everything in progress at once. Of necessity, it limits the menu, murders the budget. Quick-cooking meats are expensive cuts of meat. By the same token, it is the variety of flavors and ingredients one can combine with meat, can bake or steam into a pudding or casserole, that makes it rich and subtle, not the cost of those ingredients. Once the oven door is shut or the heavy lid put on, what has the cooking time to do with your time—except to give you a long breather? By all means, use the good food that comes in cans, or the wonderfully easy quick mixes. But why not use them more intelligently than just as quickie meals or last-minute planning? All of them are better for smart flavoring tricks or gourmet touches—things more easily done during the midday lull or on a stove top freed of bubbling pots, sizzling frying pans and blasting broilers all going at once during the height of so-called easy dinners.

If you've been following "Good Victuals," you know I'm a gal for quickies—but I don't want an entire stove top crackling at stop-watch timing. I want something I can do ahead and have finished with, long before the dinner hour approaches, done when there's no nagging rush and therefore fun to do. I want my salad chilled and crisp and every leaf covered with dressing. Oil and newly washed greens won't mix, so that's an early-in-the-day thing, too. And, because I want my vegetables hot, that's all I like to do at the last minute—I plan a slow cooker, whether it is the meat, dessert, or the whole main course. I like to smell it while it's cooking—but I don't want to hop up every few minutes and tend it. I can manage a dinner like this—and easily, too. But not for me one of these meals where everything goes on and comes off the same split second. Oh, I guess I could do it, but why should I—or you? It takes the fun out of cooking, the starch out of the purse. The revival of some old-time "slowies," combined with our-time "quickies" is far easier on the cook and on the purse, believe me, than a steady diet of so-called quick-and-easies. And my, oh my, how very much better the eating is!

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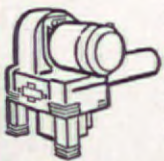
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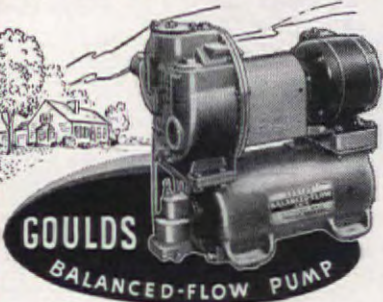


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Fish Story

(Begins on page 56)

you want; fillets—sides of fish cut lengthwise from the backbone, practically boneless; steaks—slices cut across the fish, through the backbone.

How much fish to buy: Count on about $\frac{1}{3}$ pound per person for fillets and boneless cuts, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound for dressed fish, 1 pound for whole fish.

Now that you've got it, what do you do with it: Wash it, inside and out, with salt water—never fresh. Use sea water if it's available. Wipe fillets and steaks with a salt-water dampened cloth, pat dry with something like cheesecloth. Long soaking kills the flavor of fish (of course, salt fish must be soaked in frequently changed water in order to be edible). Wrap loosely in parchment or foil, put in a tightly closed dish, and store in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

When it comes to cooking your delicious fish—don't overdo it. Although they lead an energetic life, they remain pretty tender, so very little cooking is needed. And when you see smoke—put out the fire!

We did say before that fat fish is best for baking, but you can ribbon your lean ones with strips of bacon or baste them frequently and you'll have a juicy, succulent result. When it comes to boiling fish, there's just one simple rule—don't. Simmer, but never let those bubbles show up. Put a little vinegar, lemon, or lime in the water and Mr. Piscatory will keep his clear color and firm flesh. If you care to, you can wrap it in parchment paper or aluminum foil, seal it tightly, and you'll have some fragrant fish juices to use in a sauce.

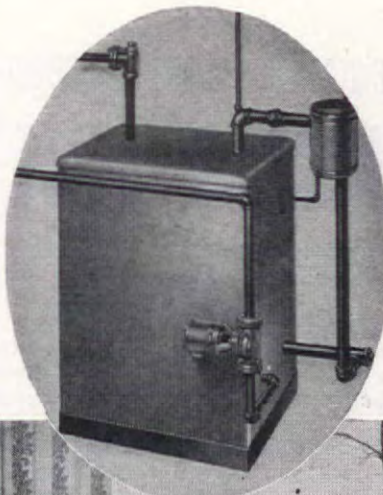
Fried fish—good old standby, popular when cooked over a Boy Scout fire or all be-crumbed and decked with lemon curls. A little lemon juice, sherry wine or tarragon vinegar added to the egg-dip will add to its flavor.

Herbs and spices do a lot for fish, but too much can overpower it. Remember, this is a dish with a "delicate air" so let's keep it that way. Just a touch of bay leaf, celery salt, chive, dill-seed, garlic, marjoram, saffron, thyme, or tarragon is good—but just a touch.

Sauce is popular with fish. But remember to make it before you start cooking the fish. A good cook gets everything else ready in advance for fish must be served hot and at once.

After you've cleared the table and scraped the plates, rinse your hands and pans with a strong warm salt-water solution. This kills any odor.

There's no getting around it, a good fish, well-cooked and temptingly served, can hold its own in any circle. And today, when astronomical prices make us stop and ponder much longer than we used to, it's good to know that fish costs less than many foods, asks for very little preparation, and returns such a delicious dividend.



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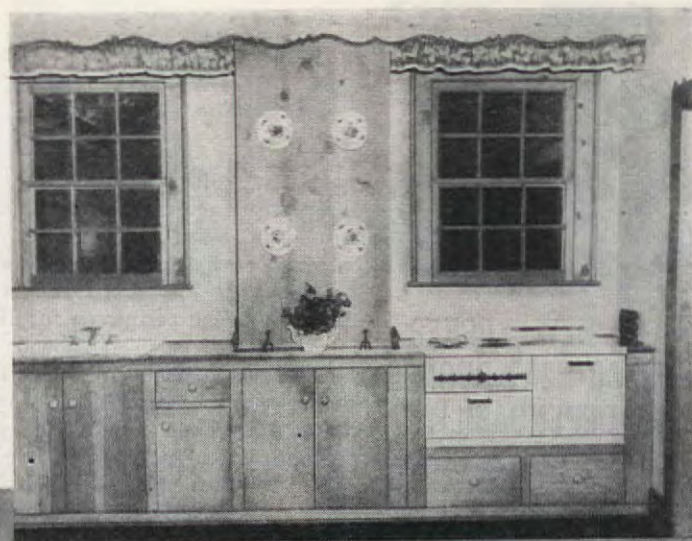
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Using a carton, we made a miniature duplicate of the room we could use for a kitchen. I'm sure I lost pounds trotting up and down the stairs measuring everything in sight. The scale of the model was planned one inch to one foot.

Then, as carefully as Napoleon ever planned a Grand Strategy, we started to plan our perfect kitchen. The stickler was the furnace chimney that projected into the room. We spent one entire afternoon figuring out how to disguise it—and disguise it we did to the extent that it adds to, rather than detracts from, our present kitchen. After we had plotted out the kitchen down to the last inch of drawer space, we really got carried away and decided to turn the

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A Case of Measles!

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pantry into a breakfast room. How easy it was to do with just cardboard!

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The children were fully recovered now, and we all plunged into the job. Larry and I tore out all the shelves in the pantry and patched the holes with plaster. My parents gave me a gift of three "twelve-light" windows. I had always wanted a pine kitchen and with these new windows it was possible. I certainly could never have scraped twelve or fifteen coats of paint off those old sashes.

A neighbor of ours, a first-class carpenter, put in our utility closet, moved the door over four inches, and then tore out the pantry wall to make our breakfast room opening.

We ran a counter clear across the chimney side of the room, camouflaged the offending chimney with pine, and put new pine trim on the window and door frames.

After the carpenter had built the framework for the two lower cabinets, my husband and his brother made the drawers and doors. Then my father and I gave both the kitchen and breakfast room three coats of white semi-gloss paint, tinted just a trifle with Williamsburg green, which sets off the natural pine beautifully.

Now I no longer just wash dishes, but gaze on the constant change of scenery outside the sink window. I think a law should be passed making it necessary to have windows both over the stove and the sink. It works miracles for one's disposition.

Living in the country without garbage disposal had always been a terrific headache, so we racked our brains for a way to solve it. I got the idea one night while rocking Vicky, who had a toothache. Why not a disposable bag for the garbage, and a chute from beneath the sink to the furnace room for cans?

My husband bought two sections of ordinary stovepipe, cut a hole in the floor beneath the sink, into which he fitted the pipe and then hinged a trap door over it. The cans shoot down the stovepipe into a cardboard box which my husband empties once a month. The burnable garbage goes into the furnace each night.

Off the kitchen door is our back porch where the children's tea-table is set for a perpetual tea party. We were going to build a drop table out here for ourselves, but our breakfast room is so pretty that we just haven't gotten around to it.

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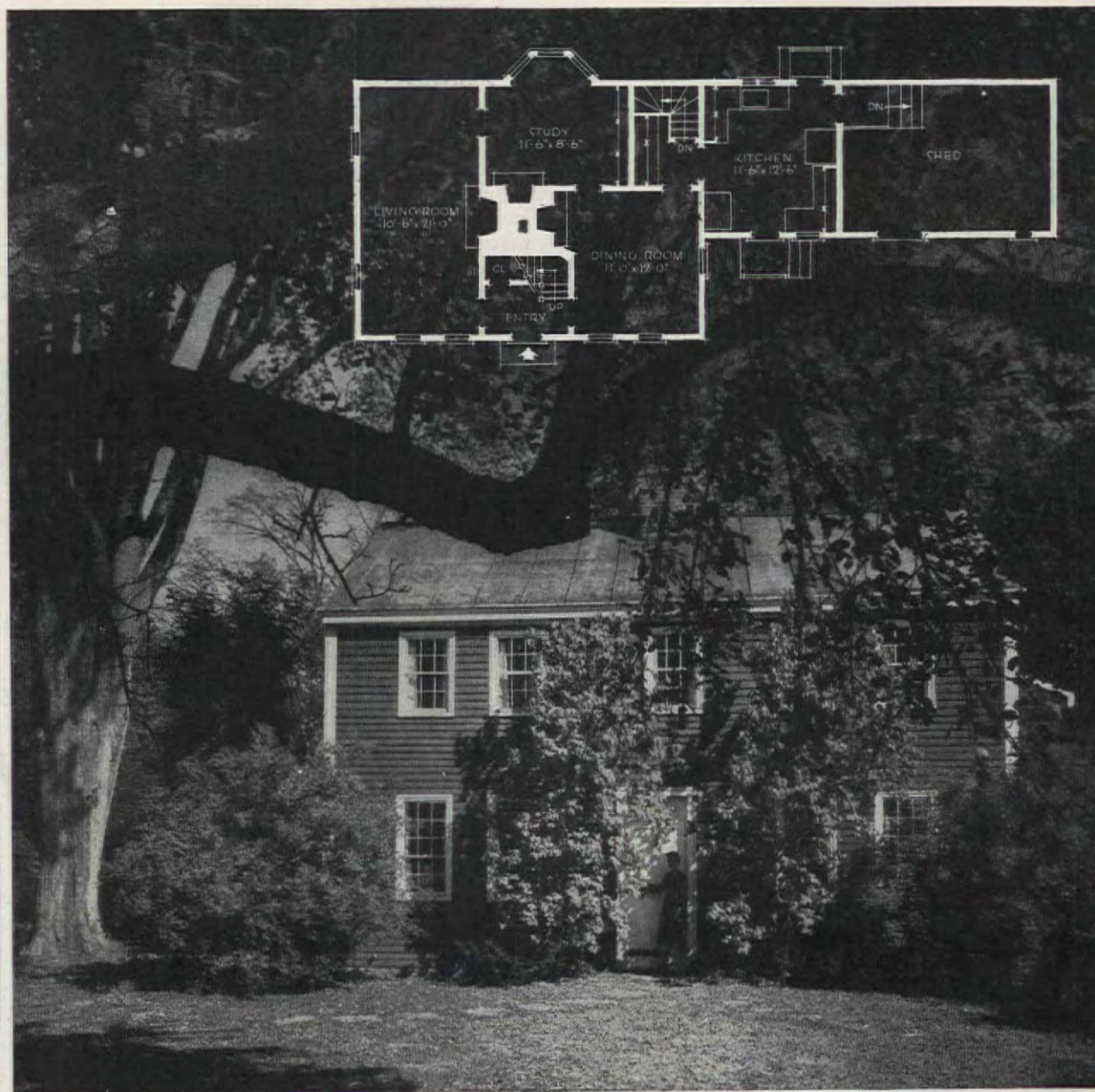
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The original half-acre on which the house stood has had twelve acres added to it and Mr. Wadsworth plans extensive landscaping to round out the picture.

A good deal of color has been used in the interior, the study being painted olive-green with a red glaze, which was used throughout the original house. Bookcase backs are a pure ver-

million. The dining room is done in a fairly deep blue which emphasizes its timeless beauty, and the living room is soft gray with a dark green wallpaper.

The Wadsworths have been most faithful in their restoration, but Mr. Wadsworth, being an architect, naturally has plans for the future. These include a good deal of glass, enlarging of rooms, an additional bathroom, and many other improvements which home-owners dream about, plan, and eventually obtain.

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Everything in the Wadsworth home fits well into the architectural theme. Old-fashioned and comfortable, bright colors have been used with discrimination, dark green wallpaper in background



Study is painted in olive green, original color used 150 years ago. Backs of bookcases are painted a brilliant vermilion for contrast. Three downstairs rooms have fireplaces, built by the new owner



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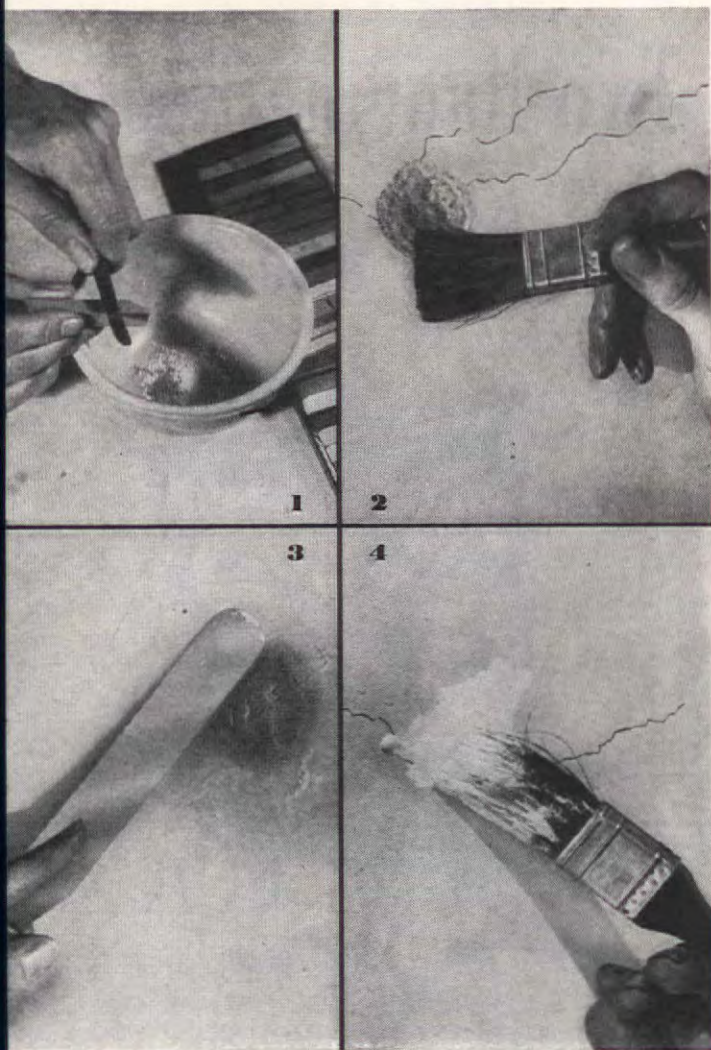
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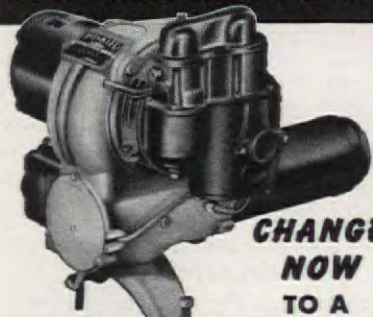
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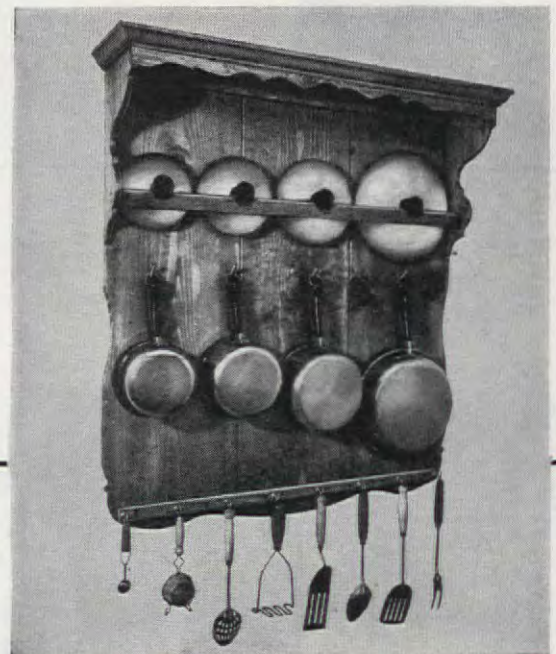
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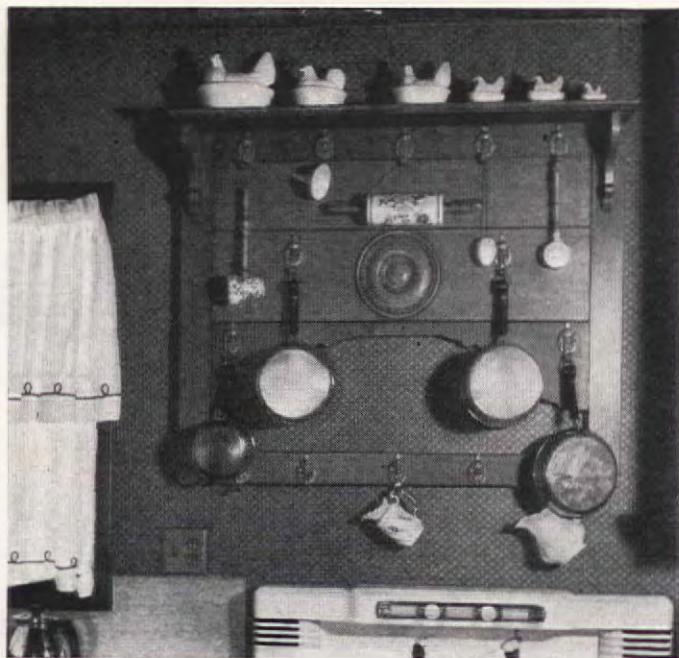
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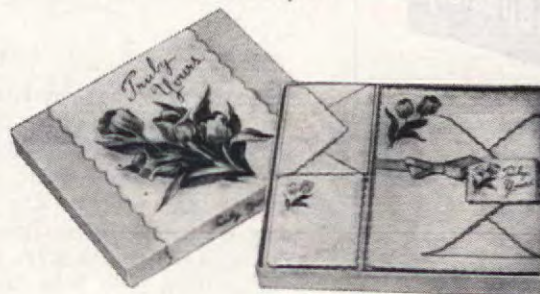
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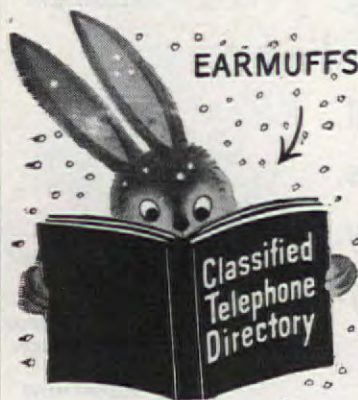
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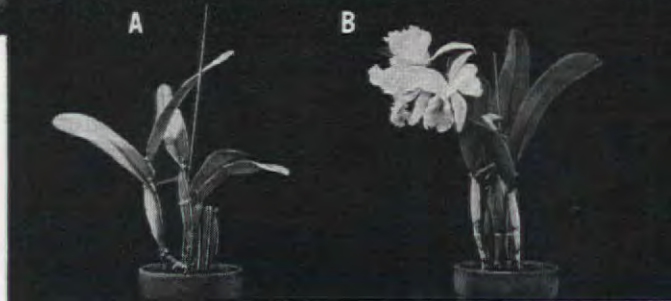


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Once-dim front hall with plants that have thrived for two years under 4 20-watt fluorescent lamps. Right, orchid A, no supplemental light; B, 5 weeks of 135-footcandle intensity. Calceolaria B got 30 days of 4 hours added light, bloomed 42 days before A



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More Light on House Plants

MARION LOWNDES

The woman who loves house plants cleared the furniture out of her front hall. It was a nondescript little catch-all with one shuttered window opening into a sunken driveway, where no sunshine ever penetrated, and little daylight. Then she had two zinc trays built, 6 feet long, 18 inches wide, and 4 inches high, put them against two of the walls, and partly filled them with pebbles and water. Instead of the new overhead lighting fixture she had planned to buy, she installed four soft, white, 40-watt fluorescent lamps. Then she arranged in the trays a collection of plants in pots and tubs—bamboos, fringed Amazon palms, a satiny young banana tree, as shown in the picture above. In the autumn twilight home-ward-bound neighbors saw through the slats of the blind the resulting incredible, radiant jungle. "But, of course," they said, "it won't last. They get no sunlight there, and hardly any daylight. You can't expect to grow plants like that."

Why not? True, plants need light to live. For only an extremely small part of the material from which they are made comes from the soil; by far the greater part is taken from the air as carbon dioxide and turned into plant tissue through the action of light. But that light does not have to be daylight—that's where the neighbors were mistaken.

An experiment at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Yonkers, N. Y., demonstrates the power for good there is in artificial light. In a basement laboratory, a geranium and a Boston Yellow daisy have been growing for more than a year in what would be pitch darkness except for an overhead electric light. Growing? They have developed new leaves and even blossomed, living on light from an electric wire! Of course, such light is no match for natural light in quality and intensity, but its "staying powers" are unlimited, and this is of vital importance. In the case of the plants in the hall, the lamps supply illumination to the extent of only 50 foot-candles as compared with the 10,000-footcandle strength of noon sunlight in summer. (A footcandle is a unit of illumination—that given by 1 candle 1 foot away.) But, being kept on all day and part of the night, they provide 14 hours or more of light each day, which is more than the plants could expect in their native equatorial, jungle habitat.

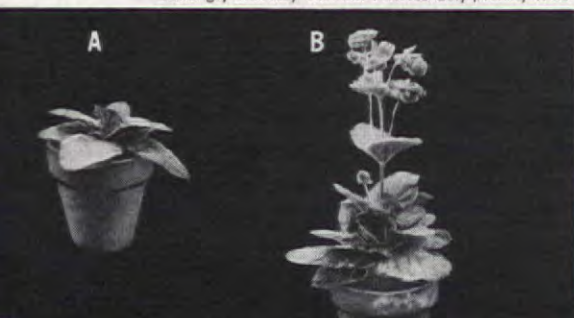
Under ordinary conditions, house plants need more than the daylight and sunlight they get. In a natural environment, they would enjoy a "light day" of 14 to 18 hours. But, according to the Farmer's Almanac, on December 21 in the latitude of New York City, the sun rises about 7 a.m. and sets at 4:15 p.m.,

Three foliage plant arrangements made possible, despite lack of daylight, by supplemental lighting. Top, spotlighted corner in author's home. Below, niche with back painted black, and corner ledge, both with overhead flood lighting, and assorted ivies, philodendrons, crotons, avocado, etc.

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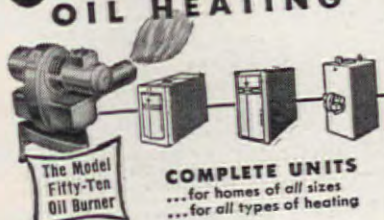
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which leaves the plants from 5 to 9 hours short. What they want is not so much brighter light, as more light. When their winter ration of light is cut to nine hours or so, they fail to thrive. That is when artificial light comes to the rescue by building up their light supply to the required 14 or more hours. Perhaps you can adapt your general-purpose lighting to do the work. But most rooms are not as well lit as they should be, so plants will generally need some special illumination of their own. Three 60-watt bulbs concealed under a valance enabled a lot of African-violets to bloom freely in a plant box in a library window. A Boston fern flourishes and cascades from a big pot in the kindly light of a 50-footcandle spotlight on top of a nearby bookcase.

One investigator exposed a plant of California goldfields (Baeria) to 10 hours of illumination, about what the North gets in early November. It grew, but refused to bloom until the light was stepped up to more than 10 hours; then, whether the light was weak or strong, it flowered.

The most practical light for encouraging house plants in the home is that of the ordinary 60- to 250-watt incandescent bulb, and the fluorescent tube. Reflectors of any sort greatly increase the efficiency of the light source. But to be effective, supplemental lighting should continue or lengthen the natural daylight; applied for a few hours in the middle of the night, it does not seem to produce comparable effects. For once, the best way is the easiest—simply illuminate your plants when you light the room for the evening hours. You can also use electric light on cloudy days to make up for starvation rations of natural light; for this, an intensity of 50 to 100 footcandles is suitable. Thus, by using electricity and imagination, you can have your plants wherever they look best instead of always in the one sunny window—where they soon turn their backs on you to look outdoors.

In one room I know of, a center of interest has been made of an illuminated mirror panel with a border and side trellises covered with ivy and nasturtiums which flower brilliantly in a 14-hour-day combination of natural daylight plus 150 watts. In a dining room, old-fashioned black iron lamp brackets attached to the white plaster wall hold pots of carmine and dark blue gloxinias and trailing philodendron. Light streams down on them from two 100-watt bulbs under simple, white, tin reflector shades 30 inches above, emphasizing the lovely colors and interesting forms. The 100 footcandles of energy keep them triumphantly alive.

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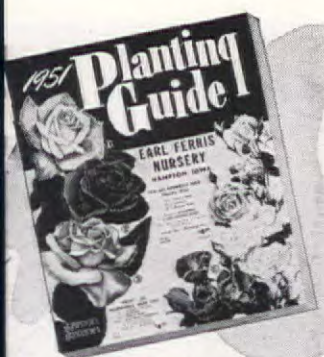
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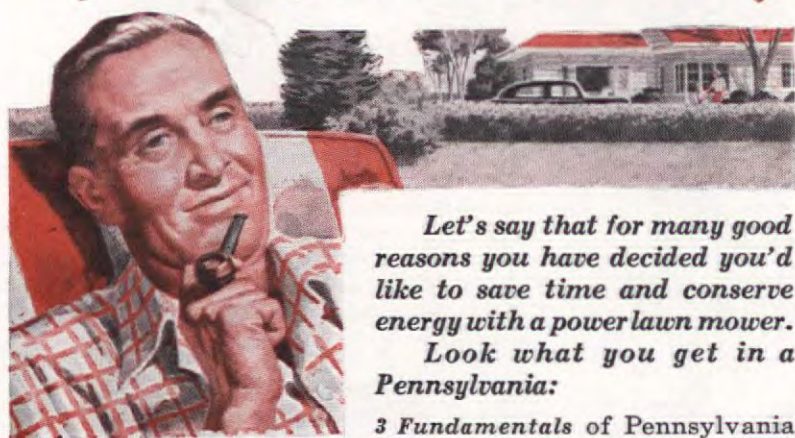
not only to insure good growth, but also to influence flowering habit. While extra hours of daylight stimulate some plants, they hold others back. When chrysanthemums, for instance, are given longer days by means of artificial light, bud development is retarded and the blooms are delayed. On the other hand, the same treatment hastens the blossoming of summer-flowering annuals.

Among the plants found by the General Electric Company's Engineering Division to do well with supplemental artificial lighting are the following: *Flowering Plants*:—African-violet, begonia, cacti, calceolaria, calla, genista, geranium, gloxinia, hyacinth, periwinkle, phlox, salvia, snapdragon, tulip. (However, bulbous plants, like tulips and hyacinths, must be started in a cold, dark place and brought into the light—natural or artificial—only after about two months, when the green tips project half an inch or so above the soil.) *Foliage Plants*:—Anthericum, Asparagus plumosus and A. sprengeri, baby's tears, Boston ivy, Crassula (jade-plant), creeping fig, Dieffenbachia, dracena, hollyfern, English ivy, Echeveria, Kalanchoe, palms, Peperomia, Philodendron, rubber plant, Sansevieria, screw-pine (Pandanus), silk-oak, St. Bernard-lily, wandering-jew.

Of course, supplemental lighting does not solve other difficulties that house plants face. It will not offset the effect of a room that is too hot; most house plants do best at a day temperature of about 65° F. with a drop of 10 degrees or so at night. The very dry air in many steam-heated rooms, and constantly wet soil and roots caused by overwatering are common problems, but easily controllable. Assuming that temperature, atmospheric humidity, and water supply are properly handled, electric light gives the indoor gardener what the G. E. floricultural research workers call, "a new and efficient tool." And there is still time this winter for you to experiment with it. Consult your electrician or nearest light and power company for advice and ideas. If you know a photographer, borrow his light meter to see what degree of illumination you can provide with your present lighting arrangement. Set up a display of plants in an alcove or out-of-the-way corner or in front of a mirror, and throw a spotlight on it or install a fluorescent fixture above it. Brighten a dull spot with an illuminated plant stand. Whatever you do, you can count on having better, healthier plants and more flowers if you give them more light and longer days.

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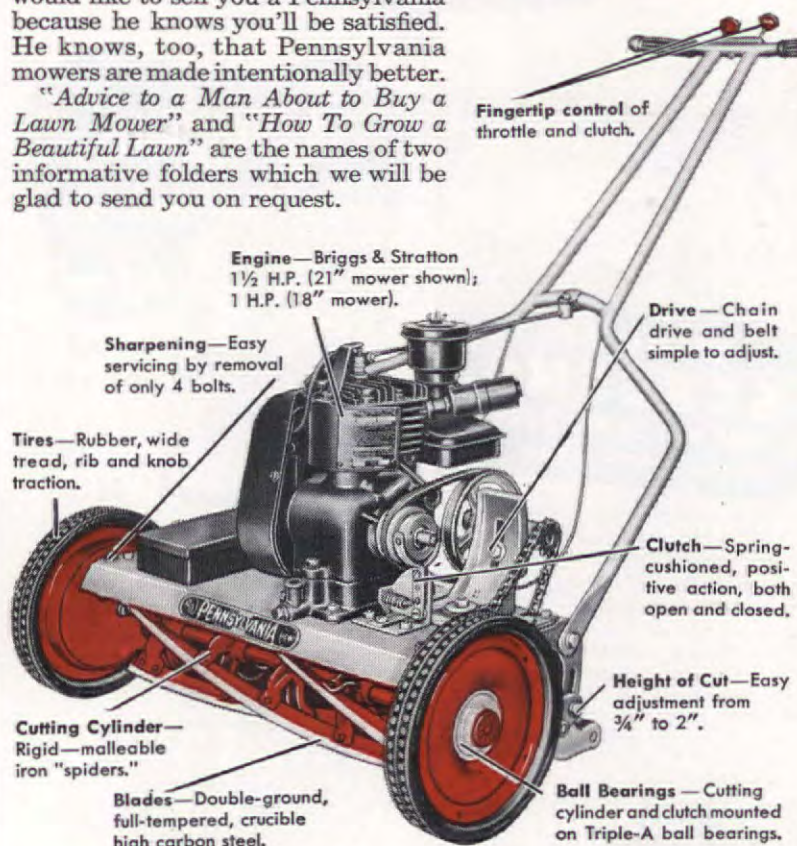
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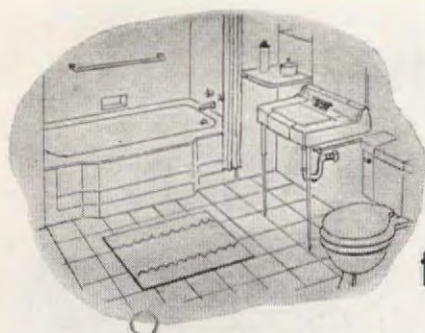
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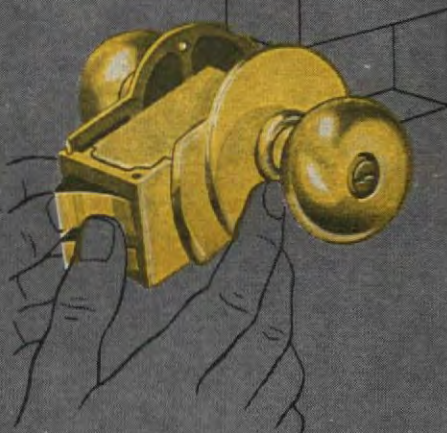
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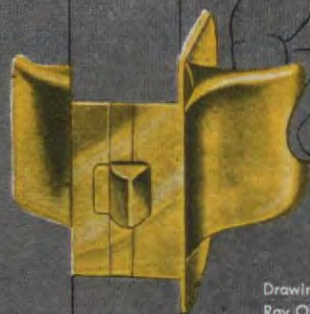
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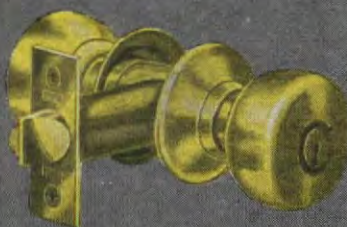
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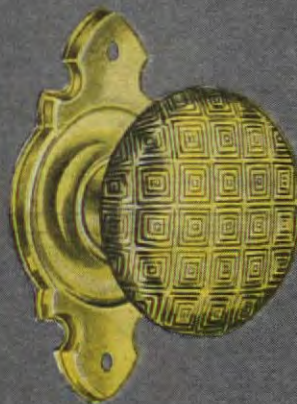
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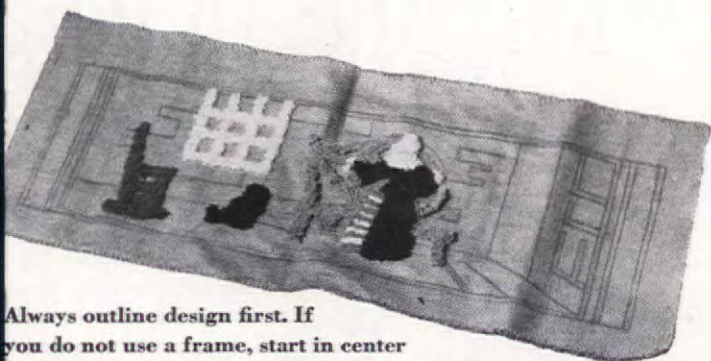
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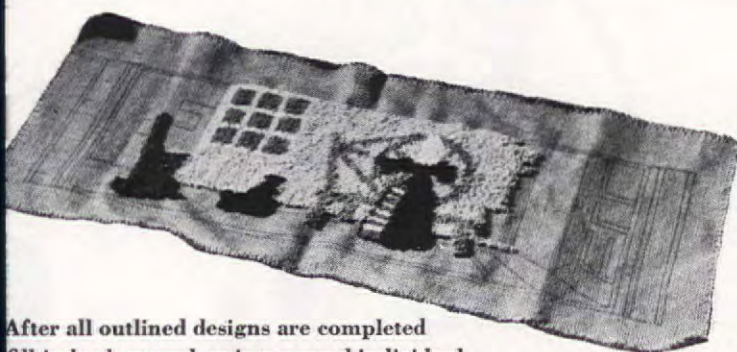
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How to Make a Rug (Begins on page 50)



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After all outlined designs are completed fill in background, going around individual designs, then filling in between. Treads are varicolored in hit-or-miss pattern. Runner has tricolor border on sides



762 Completed riser design shown as part of hooked stair runner made by Mrs. Anne B. Clark from our Pattern 762, 70¢. Riser with dates is not included in pattern. This is Mrs. Clark's own house

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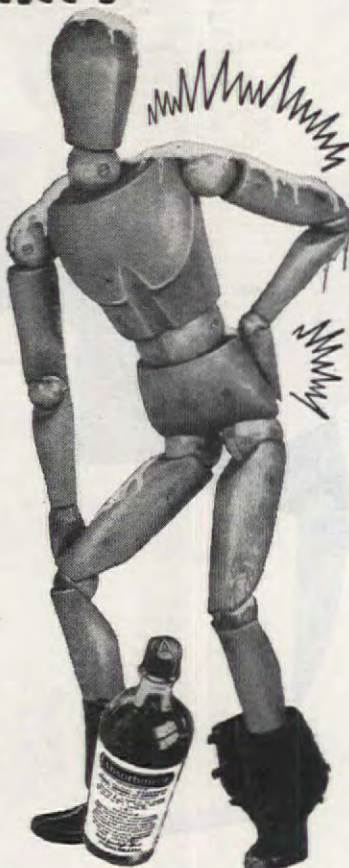
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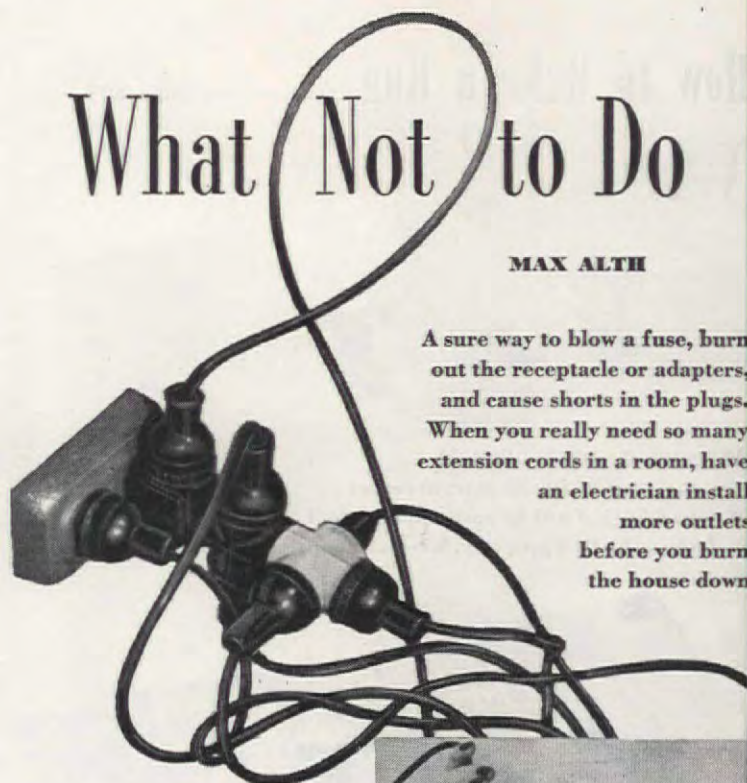
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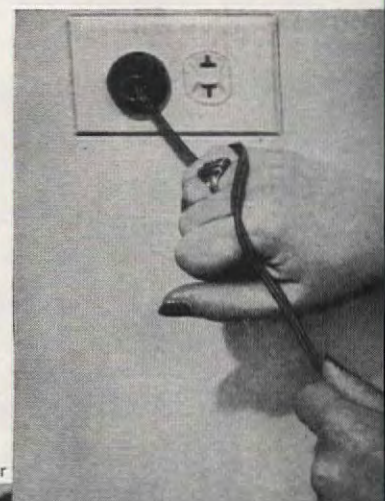


A sure way to blow a fuse, burn out the receptacle or adapters, and cause shorts in the plugs. When you really need so many extension cords in a room, have an electrician install more outlets before you burn the house down.

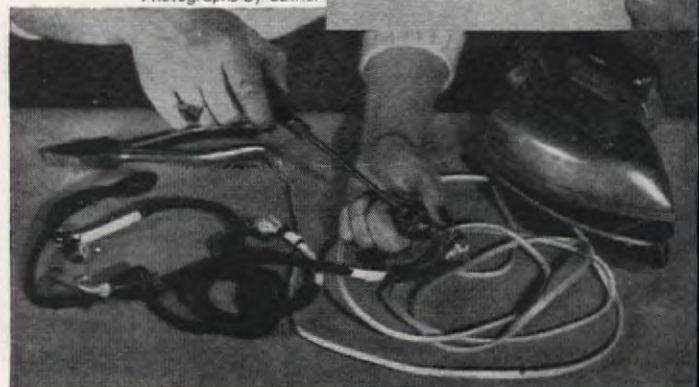
When the extension cord is too short, don't splice on more cord to make it longer. Connect another extension cord with a cap, male plug, to the tap, female plug, on the end of the live line. Better yet, get a cord that is long enough in one piece, or plug into a nearer receptacle. Best is to have another outlet installed near where you need it.



Don't pull on the cord to disconnect the plug. Grasp the plug body, or you may break the cord connections, or bend and loosen the contact legs. And don't paint over receptacle plates. This can result in bad contacts in the outlet. Poor contacts from paint or loose legs may cause arcing, overheating, and burned-out receptacles.

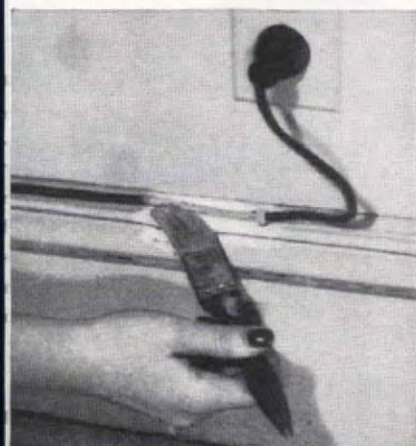


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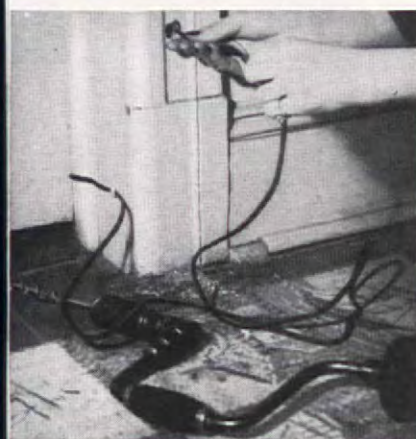


Light cord will quickly overheat and short when used in appliance plugs for irons, toasters, and other heating equipment. Always use the heavy duty appliance cord which is lined with asbestos and designed for the purpose.

with Extension Cords



Oils and other ingredients of paint will harden the insulation of a cord and cause it to peel off and expose the bare wires when the cord has been bent a few times. The way this cord is used it will be pulled out of the receptacle occasionally. It won't be long before trouble develops at the bend, perhaps a fire or a shock



An extension cord run beneath or behind a door is subjected to abrasion for which it was not designed. The result is often a dangerous and hidden bare wire. Extension cords will also be damaged by rubbing on the sides of the hole when it is run through a wall. Get an electrician to do a real wiring job for an outlet in the next room



The rug may hide the cord, but it also conceals the danger from bare wires that result from the rubbing by the rug and the crushing of the insulation by the weight of traffic over it. Keep the extension cord out where it can be seen. Then you'll also eliminate the bare line that will inevitably be worn in the rug itself above the wire



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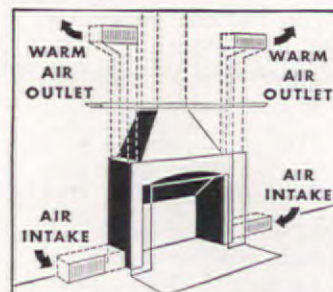
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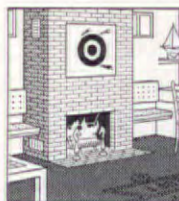
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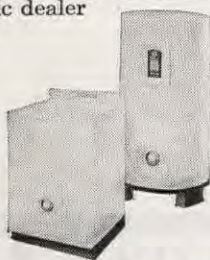
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of a summer's day in Oklahoma. Mrs. McFarland, of McFarland Nurseries and Garden Shop did the planting for it.

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Forecast House

(Begins on page 27)

suburbanites' tastes, and felt that provincial furnishings would give it warmth and friendliness. Set against deep, rich colors, they effectively prove her point. And her decision didn't mean a complete upheaval of architectural plans. Typical was the simple and practical switch from a stationary plant-box divider between living room and den to a louvered screen hinged to fold back against the wall when all the space is needed for large crowds. Architect Duncan liked it, liked many of her other suggestions. If only this partnership could happen to all little houses!

The strictly modern window wall in the living room was perhaps Mrs. Heuer's first big hurdle. A scalloped valance cutting across it sounds, on the face of it, unharmonious with modern design. You see it, outside and in, on our color spread. Works like a charm, doesn't it? Another scalloped valance was made to outline the recess which contains the generous sofa. In the dining room a pine hutch cupboard of provincial character was built into the recess originally intended for a contemporary piece of furniture. In the master bedroom, wide closet doors were eliminated, and in their place, narrow double louvered doors take less floor space when open.

A co-ordinated scheme unifies architecture and decorations. Mrs. Heuer feels that the whole is tied together through the use of the same basic colors throughout, and yet each room has been given an individuality through varying proportions in which these colors have been used. The clear white pine walls in living room and study have been treated with a dark brown pigmented stain. The chintz colors in furnishings and accessories are basically brown with accents of gold, rust, lime, and yellow. The color themes of dining room and kitchen are basically the same, with dark brown walls in the dining end and

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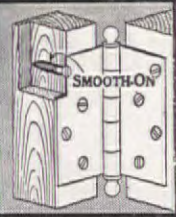
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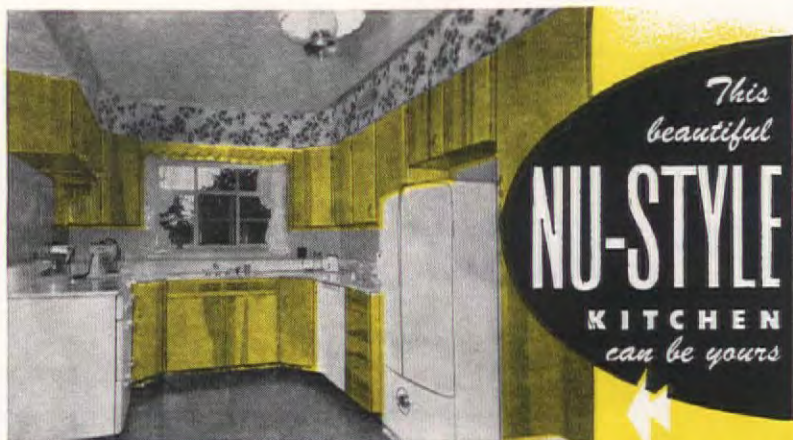
Black introduced as the background color in the master bedroom gives this small room great flair. Draperies are of the familiar brown on a white background, green is used for the pillows on brown bedspread. Brown and black, on a white ground spatter pattern, form both wall covering and draperies in bathroom. In the second bedroom black is used again, but this time the brown has been eliminated. Studio bed is covered in black felt, Steinberg's gay wallpaper is white with black trains. Accents are deep apricot and yellow. Outside its windows, walls repeat the same accent colors.

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The ten chosen for 1951 did not include the four All-America Selections for 1950, which were, instead, given continued ranking for a second year. They are: a Floribunda, Fashion, and three Hybrid Teas, Mission Bells, Capistrano, and Sutters Gold.

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Rose Growing

(Begins on page 105)

above 90°F., sulfur may burn the leaves and a copper spray would be better. For aphids, nicotine seems about the only effective control; also I spray nearby ant hills with it or DDT.

My third short cut involves mulching. For 10 years I have been using leaves (obtained from the City Department of Public Works) for winter protection. About the first week in December, when the ground is pretty well frozen, I cut the bushes to about 10 inches and cover them with leaves, which, by spring, will have settled to about 4 or 5 inches thick. About the middle or latter part of May, when the weather is definitely open, I pull the mulch away from each plant, letting the air reach the ground, and leave the remainder between the plants. It serves to keep the soil moist and also decomposes to form plant food. It has been objected that a mulch might harbor fungi that may attack the roses. However, with the dust or spray falling and mixing with the mulch, I have seen no more black spot than formerly. Also, earthworms thrive under the mulch and cultivate the soil for me. A mulch may be unattractive to some, but as the plants grow they hide it and make it less unsightly. If one can obtain rotted barnyard manure, it can be used alone or with leaves. Other good mulches are peat moss, ground corn cobs, sawdust.

With the fertilizer applied underground at planting time, it is necessary to apply plant food on the surface only once a year, usually in June. I find any good commercial fertilizer satisfactory, but if I can get an organic type, I like to use it.

My last short cut has to do with watering. For the successful use of fertilizer, water must be available to put it into solution. Overhead sprinkling has the disadvantage of promoting fungous diseases of the leaves unless dusting follows each sprinkling, and its use is necessarily discontinuous. So the porous soaker-type hose is ideal. I turn the water into it at low pressure and let it run night and day during the dry season. As a result, the soil is always moist, never "drowned," and I have had as many and as good roses in July and August as in June. I am convinced that adequate watering is 65 per cent of success in growing good roses, particularly in hot weather.

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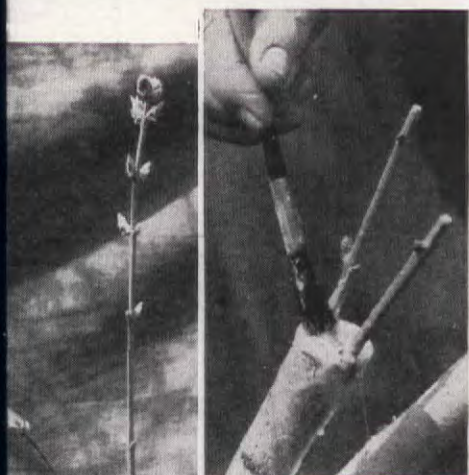
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3. Make two scions for each graft, cutting base to a slender wedge shape with one side (just below a bud) slightly thicker than the other. Collect scion sticks while dormant (in winter), about pencil size, and with 3 or 4 buds. Until needed, keep damp in cold place



4. Insert scions at sides of slit, thicker side out, so bud is just above stock. Incline outward slightly so inner bark of scions (called cambium layer) is in contact with that of stock and sides are smooth. Gently remove screw driver without disturbing graft



5. Finally coat whole graft (and ends of scions) with melted grafting-wax (or, as shown, paraffin), warm, but not hot. Fill center slit and cover top and sides to point below split. Avoid handling scions. Fasten a tag giving date and other details loosely to branch using soft copper wire

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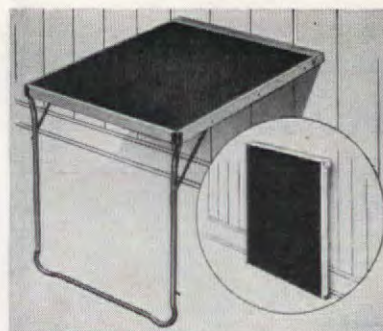
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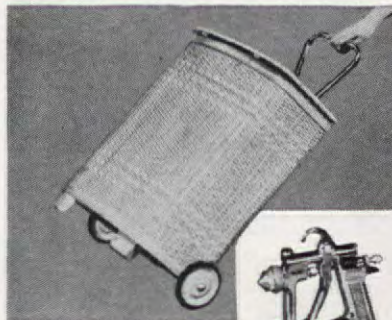
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