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Contributors

... ALFRED B. PARKER, A.I.A., is the architect-owner of the modern home on page 34. Though a Bostonian by birth, he is now after 25 years a dyed-in-the-wool Floridian where he lives with his wife and four lively young children. A few biographical highlights: an honor graduate from the College of Architecture and Allied Arts, Univ. of Florida, studied in Sweden and Mexico, on faculty of College of Architecture, past president of Florida South Chapter of Am. Inst. of Architects.

... RUTH WENMAN who, as Ruth Dubelu, tells the story of Maplewood's community greenhouse (page 18), has had, she says, an exciting life. A farmer's daughter with, even as a child, an urge to write, she went to New York at 17, studied journalism and photography, and did theatrical publicity. More recently, having been much alone (one daughter is married, the other in advertising), she has given increasing time to creative writing and "amazingly enough, acquired an interest in horticulture."

... A. EARL BRYSON is, as he says, "a businessman turned writer and curbstone philosopher under the effulgence of Colorado's sunshine and the mellowing influence of middleage." Until recently, Mr. Bryson was an officer in one of La Salle Street's big investment houses and one-time Mayor of neighboring Winnetka. His chief present delights are grubbing in the garden, entertaining his grandchildren, and seeking out the mysteries of his neighboring mountains. His article appears on page 119.

... MRS. C. TOWNSEND UNDERHILL, Dorothy, to her many friends, originally of New Jersey, now lives in Winnetka, Illinois, in a house filled with lovely antiques restored to their original beauty by her artistry, with the help of her husband Tod. The two sons of the family, Bob, 17, and George, 20, share their parents' many interests. Mrs. Underhill attended Drexel and Cornell Universities and learned the fine old art of stenciling from the late Esther Stevens Brazer. She now collects old glass and trivets.

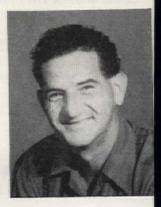
... WALTER A. SCHULTZ saw the light of day in Michigan, but has been a resident of Los Angeles for the past 40 years. He spent many years in the construction industry, specializing in residential construction including tract projects, individual homes, and remodeling. He has developed a keen sense of design and proportion which are reflected in his own remodeled home—"A Successful Revival"—on page 29. His penchant for working with wood has paid off in handsome built-ins for his home.





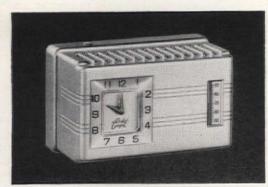








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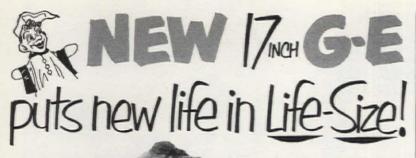
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Early American Copper, Tin and Brass by Henry J. Kauffman. (Medill McBride) Price \$5.00. . . The sub-ject of handmade metalwares, so much a part of living in Colonial days, has been sadly neglected by writers of Early Americana until the publication of this book. The author, a collector, skilled craftsman and a lifelong student of the subject, has done a remarkable piece of work in assembling materials and special illustrations for his volume. In addition to the making, use, and identification of metal objects of all kinds, he gives biographical sketches of the principal craftsmen of the 17th and 18th centuries. A valuable edition for collectors and lovers of antiques.

How to Landscape Your Grounds by Loyal R. Johnson. (De La Mare) Price \$3.50... A good basic guide to principles and practices when first published in 1941, this new edition contains two new chapters (on tree and soil care), two new garden plans (for ranch-type homes), and some new illustrations in its 36 added pages. Its advice continues sound, but at times, especially in its garden



pictures, it hardly reflects changes and trends in the landscape field that have occurred in the past decade.

Your House Begins with You by H. Vandervoort Walsh. (George W. Stewart, Publisher, Inc.) Price \$4.95. . . At the end of the first chapter the author writes, "Do not hope to find here a ready-made design for a house that will satisfy you for your living. That house does not yet exist nor will it until you have released it from your imagination and refined it in a plan." Then he proceeds-in the following 230 odd pages with over 250 drawings, sketches and photographs-to tell how you can plan your home yourself, around your own ideas and tastes. It prepares you to tell the architect what you want so he can eliminate costly alterations resulting from afterthoughts.

The Plant Doctor by Cynthia Westcott. (Lippincott) Price \$3.00. . . Even if you have this author's imposing "Gardener's Bug Book" (1946) and "Plant Disease Handbook" (reviewed here in November 1950), don't pass up this third, completely rewritten, edition of her first (1937) practical plant protection manual for home gardeners. A concise, common-sense, detailed seasonal guide for the Northeast, it has chapters on special problems of five other sections of the country and an invaluable "alphabetical miscellany" of up-to-date information about plants, their pests and maladies, munitions for fighting them, etc.

Field Guide to Early American Furniture by Thomas H. Ormsbee. (Little, Brown and Co.) Price \$4.00. . A most complete guide book for the antiques collector, beginner or professional. This handy pocket-size edition contains 360 illustrations and valuable information regarding the identification, period, and value of furniture made before 1850. The first chapter "Cabinetmaker's Language" familiarizes one with terms used by the antiques dealer. The author has several books on antiques to his credit, founded the magazine "American Collector," and is himself a serious collector.

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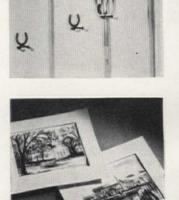
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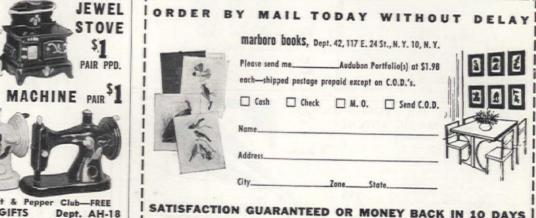
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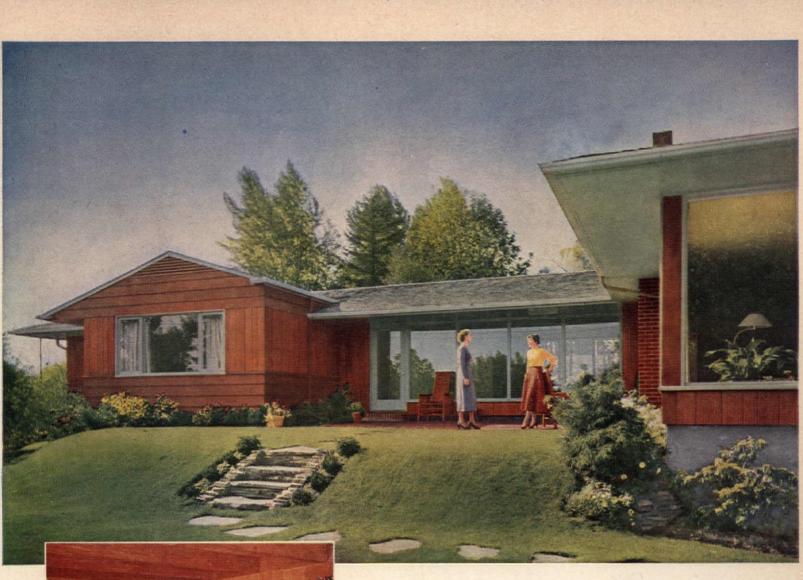
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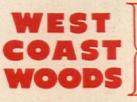


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one of the founders of the community greenhouse, sharing her tomato plants

Neighbors (Begins on page 18)



wood Garden Club, be made available for club members and other interested citizens. That was not long after World War II and its Victory Garden activities, when serious-minded and well-informed home gardeners were still producing quantities of valuable food at home, while others were losing their crops through lack of knowledge as to how to protect them, etc. So Mr. Davis' seed of suggestion fell on the fertile soil of the minds of enthusiastic gardeners anxious to learn more and to do more in the way of successful, productive gardening. Where and how to build a greenhouse was the problem, but consultation with the Town Fathers resulted in permission to build on municipal property. Then came approval of the idea of erecting the structure as an addition to the existing municipal greenhouse back of the Town Hall. This not only saved the cost of one wall, but also cut the cost of water and heat facilities. Promptly the future beneficiaries turned to and did the job "despite rains, aches, and blisters." Members of the garden club gave 1,000 working hours toward its construction, the PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 116

Enthusiastic club members eagerly snap up, at \$3.00 a year rental, the 72 bench spaces provided in "their" greenhouse. Right, Miss Eleanor Barnes, who takes charge of the juniors, spraying her plants





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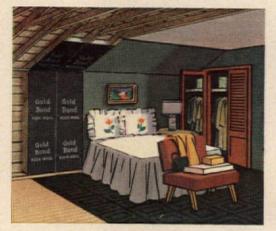
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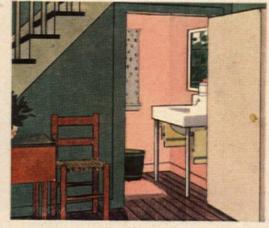
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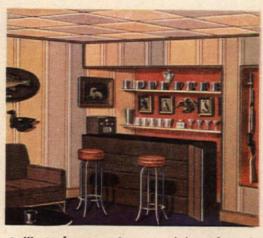
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Friends can't believe it's the same kitchen



A ROYAL HOSTESS SINK and cabinet by American-Standard played a starring role in remodeling the kitchen of Mrs. Christina Neuberger, Hewlett, New York. The Royal Hostess with its gleaming acid-resisting enamel finish over rigid cast iron, and its smart new fitting, is a dream of beauty and convenience. The roomy smooth-front cabinet makes the perfect companion for it. Why not remodel your kitchen like this? **Free** — New 1951 Home Book. Ideas for bathrooms, kitchens and basements. Illustrated in full color. Brings you money-saving facts you need on both heating and plumbing. Pictures a wide choice of kitchen sinks, bathroom fixtures, and heating equipment of all types available through heating and plumbing retailers who sell, service and install. Explains easy time payment plan for remodeling. Just use the coupon.



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What do you mean Master Bedroom?

The irate gentleman has a point! Papa is fast being pushed from the bedroom. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I can find no connection between the word "master," as defined in Mr. Webster's book, and the phrase "master bedroom," which should imply (and seldom does any more) a "room for the master." Mr. Average Guy with hair on his legs and a cigar in his face is as out of place as a bull in a china shop amidst the buttons and bows, the flounces, furbelows, and organdy ruffles that the little woman loves to surround herself with. The women, bless 'em, have taken over once again.

Bedrooms, as well as married relationships, have changed a lot since those days when the front bedroom was "Mother and Father's Room," and the dark, high-headboarded bed was the spot on which many lives began and ended. The plump pillows,

the old-fashioned coverlet gradually gave way to the fashionable bolster roll. A cover of net with pink satin showing through and long-legged dolls arranged on top became all the rage.

Photograph by F. M. Demares

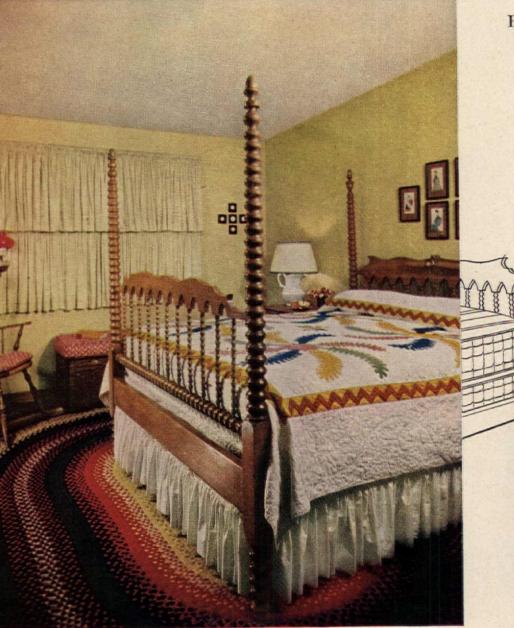
But the full-bosomed dresser, a man's piece of furniture, stayed and Father still cluttered the top

of the dark oak medicine cabinet with his shaving mug and brush. Another change took place and Mother decided that even nice women could use a bit of powder and rouge if they wished, and "Heaven knows we have a right to some life of our own!" So the old sick headaches or bilious attacks gave way to "nerves"-and twin beds began to appear, to be followed shortly by the be-skirted and ruffled dressing table. "Dear Papa," now "Daddy," shaved in the bathroom and kept his things in the new, white-enameled medicine cabinet.

The chifforobe appeared, and Daddy had a place to spread out his military brushes and keep a shoe horn, but the rest of the room remained very feminine, even if one set of things might be marked "his," while the rest were "hers."

A new trend appeared and frills gave way to tailored neatness: light woods, simple lines, and rough-textured spreads. But was PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 148

The Undercover Story



Here are three bedroom schemes planned for the master as well

> as the mistress of the house. Like marriage, an amicable compromise. But their beauty is more than surface-deep



Photograph by George de Gennaro

WHAT MEETS THE EYE . . . Nothing sissy about this room! Colors of design worked in old quilt are repeated throughout. Citron wallpaper is spatter-dashed in red, green, and white. Sturdy antique spool bed stands on braided rug of bright red, yellow, and black. Decorator Susan Ross with George Hall

Bedding photographs by Hans VanNes

THE UNDERCOVER STORY . . .

Comfort-engineered Simmons Beauty Rest mattress and box spring, each \$69.50; ticking is color-co-ordinated.* Cannon's green-scalloped Combspun percale sheets, \$4.75, cases, \$1.25 each; matching green wool blanket, about \$20 *By Quantacolor



Photograph by Robert C. Cleveland

WHAT MEETS THE EYE . . .

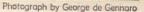
Beds angled into corner give space in modern bedroom. Nubby upholstery on chair and background of spreads are same natural tone of rug. Horizontal reed blinds at big window, off-white draperies complete quiet scheme. Otto K. Schreier home

WHAT MEETS THE EYE . . .

Deep plum paper patterned in mustard, dark green, and burnt-orange, plum side walls are background for beige Celanese multicord draperies and bed covering. There is tailored elegance in deep quilting of spread, flat-pleated flounce, oblong bolster. Priestly Horton was the decorator



THE UNDERCOVER STORY . . . Mattress should meet individual needs, with different resilience for sturdy man or lightweight woman. Spring Air's gray and yellow striped mattress for average build is \$69.50 each unit. On easy-to-move Harvard bed frame, about \$14.00. Feather-light gray St. Mary's blanket, \$27.50, yellow-bordered sheets and cases by Pacific Mills, \$11.00 a set



THE UNDERCOVER STORY . . .

Tailored elegance: Ostermoor's precision-built Sleep Comfort box spring and mattress, \$59.50 each. Fieldcrest's blanket, about \$27.00, colormatched to their turquoise Duracale sheets and cases, \$13.95 set



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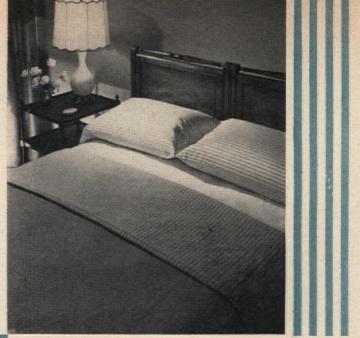


Crisply tailored ready-made ensemble by Sumerson includes double-width draw draperies. Bed topper, \$17.50, ruffle, \$18.95. Side draperies and topper are Celtweed, \$3.00 by yard; dust ruffle, draw draperies Travacel print, \$2.00 yard

Extra-deep, specially constructed foundation by Englander gives firm, but flexible support to their 41/2inch-thick Airfoam mattress. Smart, smooth gray and black ticking. Twin or full-sized outfit about \$179.50

Foam-rubber mattress by Koylon in rose, gray, or blue ticking, comes in two thicknesses. 3-inch, about \$86.00, 4½-inch, about \$99.50, twin or full size. Works best on matching foundation, \$64.50. Can be used on any box spring

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Real dream stuff. Smartly striped Wamsutta percale sheet and cases, \$18.95 set, North Star's harmonizing all-wool blanket, \$37.50. Warren Kessler lamp



While you're dreaming, this blanket is working. Just the warmth you want is automatically maintained though room temperature changes. Each of dual controls may be set to suit individual. General Electric model shown about \$57.00

So one of you wants to read! This lamp has swivels at base and top of stem so light can be directed where desired. Comes in gray, coral, gold, green with 16-inch tan shade. By Kurt Versen Lamps, Inc., around \$21.00





Even waking up can be pleasant. A gleaming light first blinks several minutes, is joined by alarm if you're not aroused. Called Moonbeam, clock has white plastic case, cushioned gold base. By Westclox, about \$10.00

Koolfoam pillow is one buoyant piece of foam rubber in pink, blue, or white with matching zippered percale cover. Fits standard-size pillowcases. Dustproof, it's a boon to allergy-sufferers. By Dayton Rubber Co., around \$10.00

More on pages 150 and 152

Yes, it's the same house as the one below. Porch has disappeared, hand-split cedar shake roof is new, side walls are covered with combed-cedar shingles, old windows replaced with banks of windows



A Successful Revival

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

The next time you see an old house, if you're looking at it with a buyer's eye, don't say "not for me" until you're sure you are right. Hundreds of remodeled houses have turned out to be sensationally successful, and there are still plenty of them on the market. They offer a challenge, to be sure, but the pleasure in money saved and experience gained is its own reward.

The Walter A. Schultz house is a prime example of what can be done if you know what you're looking for and what to do with it when you find it. Many of us would have passed it by after one look, judging from the "before" picture, but not the Schultzes. They saw that its worst faults were small windows that allowed too little light and air to get inside, a composition roof, too many little rooms—all deadly dreary and a small mountain in the back yard. But Mr. Schultz realized that these could be corrected.

Counting his cash, he decided to do the remodeling himself, which meant leading a double life—bread-winning and house-building. But Mr. Schultz is young and stout of heart. He did even more than open up windows, add a new roof, and throw three small rooms into one large living-area. He added one room and an entrance hall at the front, covered the outside of the house with combed-cedar shingles, put down new hardwood floors, and paneled the living-room walls. PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 30



Before shot of the house. Too many little windows opening into too many small rooms, tasteless and mediocre. House faces a busy thoroughfare



Living area was made from original entrance hall, living and dining rooms, all with different height ceilings. Ceiling height is now consistent. Mr. Schultz paneled the walls himself with odd-length oak flooring, made the coffee table. Ceiling beams are 2 x 4's, faced with oak





Built-in desk, radio and record player in right cupboard, albums at left. Oak flooring pegged to resemble random planks. Coral, vellow and white documentary wallpaper behind shelves. Dining area,



REMODELING BY WALTER A. SCHULTZ INTERIOR DECORATION-ALICE ALLEN

Oak flooring in odd lengths was used for the living-room panels, which cut the cost considerably. The ceiling beams were ingeniously made, too-they're rough 2 x 4's, faced on three sides with odd-length oak boards, finished at either top side with molding. Living-room walls have a natural finish, being covered with white shellac, wax, and elbow grease. He built the storage-space for radio and record player, the built-in desk, and the coffee table in the living-room area with heavy maple plank top and hand-polished tree-stump legs.

Aside from turning small windows into wide openings, Mr. Schultz has carefully considered the necessity for outdoor living, too. The house now faces inward on their own property rather than outward, with the entire back end-wall of the living room glazed to give the illusion of in-and-outdoor living. The back-yard mountainside has been terracedby Mr. Schultz, naturally-cut back and held at different levels with stone walls, walks, a paved terrace, and attractive landscaping.

Take a good look, too, at what the decorator, Alice Allen, has done with the gay colors which she's used in Mrs. Schultz's living-room background. Bright coral, with yellow ranging all the way from sulphur through to sunset orange, pointed up with green-an invigorating smartening-up of an old house that seems to give it a magic touch.

Actually, none of us claims that it's easy to take an old run-down house and bring it up to date with practically no effort, but even if it's difficult, the results give you pleasure which you can't evaluate until you've had the experience yourself.



below, looks out on terraced hillside, Mr. Schultz's handiwork

Dig Now for Dahlias

E. L. D. SEYMOUR



hat's just what this gardener is doing-not because he expects to find any at the bottom of the hole, but because turning under a thick stand of winter rye some weeks ahead of planting time is an excellent way to put a soil in good condition. The green rye, which during winter prevents soil erosion, rots into humus, adds to the soil's friability and moistureholding capacity, and helps insure maximum results from applications of plant food. For subsequent steps in dahlia growing, turn to page 117. But now, a quick review of the many, widely varying types of this interesting flower as officially classi-

fied by the American and Central States Dahlia Societies, the acknowledged leaders in the field. Thanks to its versatility-and docility, too-the dahlia offers gardeners and flower arrangers almost anything they desire in size, form, and color, from huge, shaggy exhibition blooms 14 inches across to finely chiseled, buttonlike flowers half an inch in diameter. Similarly, a plant may tower above a six-foot man and demand the support of a sturdy post, or form a low compact bush suitable for edging a border or walk. The six varieties pictured here, as grown in a New Jersey garden, represent some of less commonly seen kinds among the 15 types recognized by the A.D.S. For each of the 15 (except two) there are three size groups-A, or Large, more than 8 inches in diameter; B, or Medium, 4 to 8 inches, and M, or Miniature, under 4 inches. The exceptions are the Pompons, which must be under 2 inches, and the Miniature Balls, from 2 to 4 inches. Here, then, are the fifteen types of dahlias:

Singles-open-centered, with only one row of flat ray florets.

Mignons-single flowers borne on plants only 18 inches tall.

Orchid-flowering—similar to Singles except that the rays (ray florets) are somewhat tubular as a result of their being "involute," that is, their edges curl in toward the center of the upper surface.

Anemone—open-centered, with one row of rays; but the central disc florets are elongated and tubular forming a pincushion effect.

Collarette—open-centered, with one row of rays; but one or more rows of petaloids (florets intermediate between rays and discs) form a collar around the central disc.

Peony-type—open-centered, but with two or more rows of rays, and with or without smaller curled or twisted rays around the disc. Incurved, Cactus—All Cactus dahlias are fully double; most of

their ray florets are "revolute," that is, the edges curl down and under giving a quill effect; in the Incurved type, they are revolute at least half their length, the tips curving in toward the center.

Straight Cactus—The ray florets are revolute for at least half PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 117 Snowsprite" MINIATURE SEMI-CACTUS



Photographs by Jack Roche With the cooperation of Dr. A. E. Nash





Ground floor walls are alternate courses of 4-in. and 8-in. concrete block. Upper walls are 1 x 6-in. cypress boards rubbed with shingle stain before fastening. Stain was mixed from yellow and green to approximate foliage color

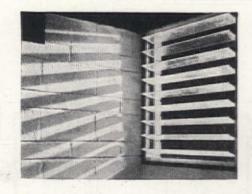
Six-week Wonder!

A lifted B. Parker, architect, found himself, through no fault of his own, up against the problem of providing a house for his wife and three young children in the shortest time possible, using mostly local materials. He started to build on August 10th, and the family moved in on September 30th, which is sensational no matter how you look at it!

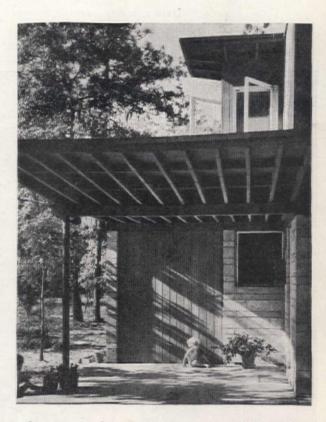
Mr. Parker had as his helpers one carpenter and two students from the nearby university. He set up a day-by-day schedule, working one night until dawn when they sheathed the roof in preparation for the roofers, who were due at 8 a.m. An old army truck was used to haul doors, windows, plumbing fittings from as far away as 365 miles, since they were unavailable in this section.

Built on a solar plan, the south side of the house is almost all windows and doors of crystal plate glass so the sun comes in during the winter, the breezes in the summer. Neutral gray concrete blocks form the ground-floor walls, second-floor walls are of cypress boards. The roof drains to the center and, by means of a 4-inch cast-iron pipe, to a dry well located under the house, therefore no gutters or downspouts spoil the exterior look. The kitchen is compact, with double sink, tile drainboards and floors, automatic washing machine, electric range, hotwater heater, refrigerator. Bedrooms upstairs have southern exposure.

Mr. Parker says the secret of his speed was the employment of a modular system, and the fact that the house was completely built on paper beforehand. He also confesses that for six weeks he did nothing but sleep, eat, and think "house"—not to mention back-breaking work! PLEASE TURN THE PAGE

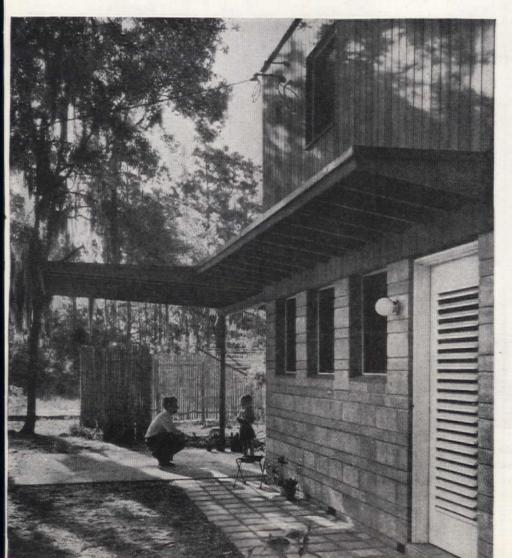


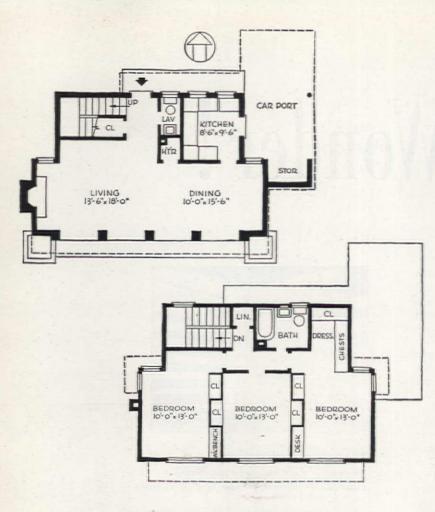
Windows on north side of house are "glass jalousies." This one in living room is clear glass—slats open like Venetian blinds



Open carport has storage room at rear which can be locked. Small window is in north wall of dining area

Covered walk leads from carport to entrance door. Kitchen is placed to front of house in angle of carport. The 4-in. and 8-in. concrete blocks were laid with horizontal joints raked out, vertical joints flush, to emphasize horizontal line

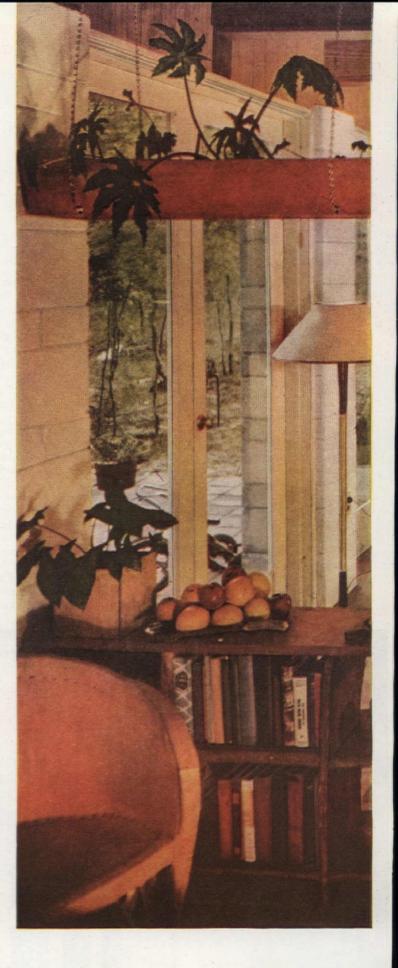




ALFRED B. PARKER, ARCHITECT-OWNER

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View near the dining area shows coffee table built from bombardier's plotting chart, legs added. Abstract polar-bear lamp has monk's cloth shade, circular chairs are Mexican, of woven wood and leather



Six-Week Wonder (Begins on page 34)

Living-dining room occupies nearly all of first floor of house. Ceiling is pine, walls are painted concrete block, floors are burnt-umber quarry tile. The owners made the bookcases, tables, shelves, desk.

Another view of the living room, right, showing built-in ceiling lights, basket-woven sectional chairs with green washable cushions. Varieties of begonia are plant materials in living room



AGGE

1 Nail two $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood boards 10" long, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " wide at one end, $8\frac{1}{2}$ " at the other, to two $\frac{3}{4}$ " boards 10" x 7" x 8" to make a slant-sided box. Nail $7\frac{1}{2}$ " square of plywood on smaller end

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2 Make rounded handle and fasten it to center of plywood sides at least 1 inch below open end of box with nails driven through from the outside. This completes inside mold for box



3 Cut eight boards of ³/₄" stock, four of them 6" wide x 16" long, the other four 6" wide x 12" long. (If you can get 12" boards, you will need only *four* pieces instead of eight.)





7 Nail large cork in exact center of top of inner mold to provide a drainage hole in the finished pot. It must not protrude higher than the highest part of the outer box or form



8 In metal wheelbarrow or mortar-box mix (dry) 6 shovels of washed gravel or broken stone, 6 of sharp sand, and 2 of cement. When well mixed, add water to give thick consistency



9 Shovel into space between molds but don't disturb them. Pack down so as to prevent voids; smooth surface with spade, trowel, or float. For smooth sides, work trowel inside forms

How to Make a Plant Box-

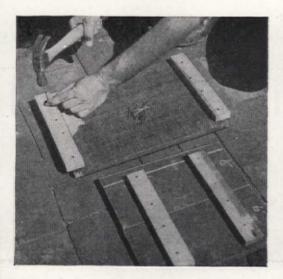
Here's an idea! A simple, practical,

inexpensive way to dress up your terrace, porch, or patio A ssuming you can wield saw, hammer, and shovel, and mix a batch of concrete, you can make sturdy, durable plant boxes like those shown here and turn them out at the rate of one a day, right in your basement, garage, or work room—and without being indicted for "messing up the place." The actual time needed for assembling the forms and pouring one box is about 15 minutes; it's the setting or curing of the concrete that takes the other 23³/₄ hours. After a few days of ripening, a box can be put in place, filled with the proper soil mixture, and planted.

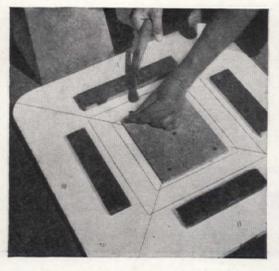
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Their low cost is an important and attractive feature of these

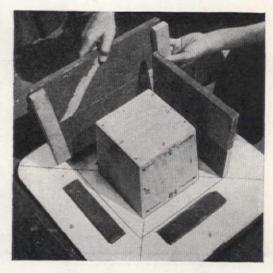
4 Use the 12" boards and four 11" x 2" x 3/4" cleats to make two sides, and the 16" boards to make ends. On latter, space cleats 12" apart so that, set up, pieces make a box 12" across

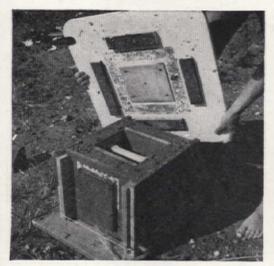


5 Nail small square of plywood to large piece to hold inside form (small box) in place. Erect large box around it so it is centered; nail strips to hold the pieces in position



6 Number sides and ends, and their places to correspond. Set inside and outer forms in place, encircle outer box with rope or strong cord and tie it firmly. Then one thing more—





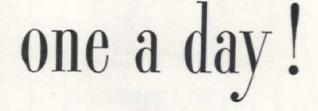
10 After at least 6 hours, turn whole thing upside down on a board or smooth floor. Remove plywood (which formed base), untie cord, pull loosened sides away from concrete box



11 If box is too rough, apply rich cementsand mixture. Grasp handle and pull out inner mold, tapping it gently and carefully with hammer to free it if necessary (see 12)



12 If drain hole (made by cork) does not go through concrete bottom, open it up with screwdriver. Use molds to make more boxes. (Suggest oiling form faces with heavy oil. Ed.)



boxes, but by no means the only one. They can be made to harmonize with the style and color of their surroundings by being left in their natural gray condition, or painted any desired shade. Also they can be given either a rough or a smooth surface finish as preferred, by a slight variation in technique. The more fresh concrete is "worked" with trowel or wooden float, the smoother it becomes; minimum handling gives a rough, pebbly finish. Exposed to the weather, this type of container has the advantage of being less affected than those made of metal, or most kinds of wood nailed together. They are lasting, and there's no upkeep.



Bordering on

Real hand-carved, gilded frame like this would cost hundreds! Less than 8 yards of border at \$1.75 yd., pasted around a too-small mirror, makes a really impressive, important focal point over a fireplace



You've seen headboards like this with carved wood or wrought iron scrolls costing plenty. Less than \$3 buys enough of this border (60¢ yd.) to paste around a plain upholstered headboard to frame it in style! Try this on your Hollywood bed!

Important effect in a little space. Take an inexpensive closetdoor-type mirror (perhaps one from an old bathroom door), fasten it to the wall with clips, frame with this luxuriant rosepatterned border at \$1 a yard. Place a plaster console beneath UAUAUAUAUAUAUAUAUAUAUAUAUA

Egg and dart border, A. H. Jacobs All others, F. Schumacher

Elegance

Expensive wallpapers, yes. But the trick's in using very little, at little cost. The effect? Sheer extravagance!

> How to give an expensive, classic architectural look to plain stock paneled doors. Glue-size the bevels of the panels, trim this narrow egg and dart border to size, paste it, protect with clear varnish. Elegant—only 15¢ a yard

> > Edward

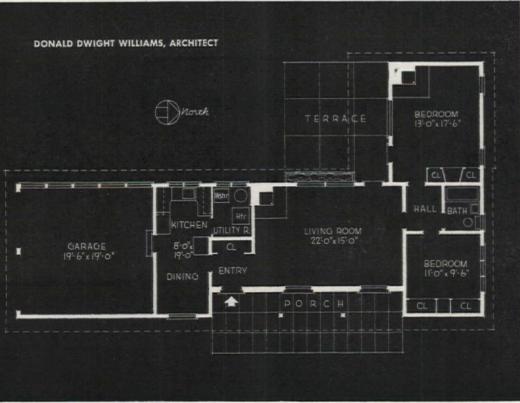
\$1.75 yard would figure plenty high if you used this border all around a room. But two or three yards mounted on a shaped plywood valance makes a distinctive window treatment

> In an old house with tall windows try this handsome Greek-key border pasted around window trim. Very Greek revival. Costing only \$1 a yard, you really get double your money's worth: 2 repeats of this 13-inch border are printed side by side on 29-inch wide paper

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Inset, top of page; rear elevation, from garage looking toward master bedroom. Plan shows spacious living room; dining area at end of kitchen completely out of traffic line. Design provides 26 square feet of closet space, and large window areas for maximum light

Play terrace easily seen through master bedroom window which also overlooks living-room terrace. South window is protected by 6-foot roof overhang—note recessed light

Building plans for this Ranch House available! See Page 155

The Extras Make It Special

Here's a small house that packs a real wallop in 875 square feet!

Not cost, not size, but *planning*—that's the quality which makes the difference between a good and a mediocre house. This one rests its whole case on the way architect Donald Dwight Williams planned it, and takes advantage of a concise but comfortable scheme for year-round living.

With all the look and feel of a larger house, the actual square footage of the living areas measures a mere 875 square feet. That's a number that figures very fine on anybody's building estimate. The double garage, planned for two-car suburban living, adds another 400 square feet. Even so, the house was built in 1950 at a total cost of \$12,500 on a 100 by 68-foot lot which cost \$1,000. By building on a corner lot, the owners were able to put the entrance on the long side, otherwise an 80-foot-wide property would have been required.

The exterior is ranch house in character, perfectly at home in a wooded setting. Simple materials and unpretentious handling give the house an honest quality. Outer walls are oiled cedar boards and battens with recessed entrance wall of Roman brick. Floor-length windows on the front façade are flanked by green painted shutters. The rest of the house trim is painted white.

The house is insulated with fiber glass, and is built on a concrete slab, radiant-heated. There are two corner fireplaces of brick: one in the living room, one in the master bedroom. In this small house there are 26 feet of closet space, including a large storage wall in the child's bedroom, two closets which flank the built-in dressing table in the master bedroom, and an extra-good-sized closet in the reception hall. There is a nineteen-foot span in the kitchen-dining area, plenty of eating space for a small family, with the dining end arranged so that it's out of the line of traffic. In addition, there is a separate utility room. The 15 by 22-foot living room has big floor-length windows on two opposite walls, fine to catch cross-currents on a hot day. There's the luxury of space, good storage, and a wood-PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 154

Living room overlooks terrace. Fireplace is of the same Roman brick as that on porch walls. Interior walls are of plaster and scored plywood. Bamboo blinds used on garden side take full advantage of light. Door at right leads directly to the terrace



JESSIE WALKER

Fact and fiction about a popular chair type often erroneously referred to as the "Hitchcock" chair

"A rare high chair for a little child..." or me there is something tantalizing about the story of a chairmaker of long ago riding horseback from a town in Connecticut all the way to Chicago to sell his wares, as did Lambert Hitchcock in 1835. Or the tale of 200 men carrying banners in a parade at the opening of the Erie Canal, advertising decorated chairs with the

inscription, "Rest for the Weary." The more that I investigated the fabulous production and popularity of the fancy chair during the nineteenth century, the more tempting continued investigation became. Recently I learned of the fabulous collection of antique fancy chairs owned

by Mr. and Mrs. G. Townsend Underhill of Winnetka, Illinois. My curiosity being too much for me, I arranged a visit to the Underhills' home where both Tod and Dorothy pursue the happy hobby of finding, painstakingly repairing, and restoring these antique chairs in their workshops, ranging from basement to attic. I found a ready ally, and a storehouse of knowledge of the chair type, in Dorothy Underhill, who possesses one of the most complete and fascinating files of authentic old stencil designs in private ownership. Both the Underhills contributed much to my research on the subject. One of the most interesting facts is that the type of

Pattern 1357-25¢

"the rocker from the library ... "

chair so cherished by collectors of early American antiques and so commonly called the "Hitchcock Chair," is, more often than not, no Hitchcock chair at all! There has been a great revival of interest in the Hitchcock Chair in recent years, due partly to the publicized

reopening of the old run-down Hitchcock factory at Riverton, Connecticut. The chairs produced today by this factory can correctly be called Hitchcocks, as these chairs are reproductions of Hitchcock's originals, made in the old factory on the original site. But more of this later.

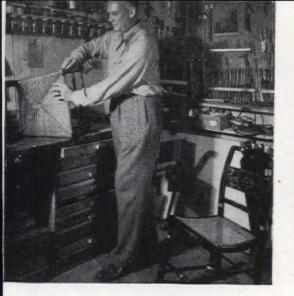
Insofar as antique decorated chairs of this type are concerned, the correct generic term is "fancy chair." All Hitchcock chairs were not fancy chairs, and most certainly all fancy chairs in existence cannot be attributed to Hitchcock. Many accurate antiquarians have become horrified that the label "Hitchcock" seems to have become attached to every fancy chair made between 1810 and 1860. The facts show that Lambert Hitchcock was the name of only one of more than fifty makers of chairs operating on what was termed a mass production basis during that period. Lambert Hitchcock died poor, and relatively unknown, in Unionville, Connecticut, in 1852. Much literature has been published on Lambert Hitchcock, but

authorities point out that Hitchcock's was not the largest factory in operation, nor did he make the finest fancy chairs of this type. Genuine chairs labeled "L. Hitchcock, Hitchcocksville, Conn., Warranted," have been found, but the map of Connecticut shows no place named Hitchcocksville. More research, however, brought PLEASE TURN TO PAGE IO2

Pattern 1356-35¢

"the minister needed money ... "

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Tod Underhill, far left, repairs the rush seat of a fancy chair before refinishing it. In his basement workroom he removes old paint, washes, sands, glues, then adds base coat and graining

Dorothy Underhill does the stencil decorations in her attic workshop. THE AMERICAN HOME has prepared picture patterns to show you how to recane and stencil this type chair. See pages 128, 129

You can order stencil patterns for these chairs. See page 153



1361, 1362 Country designs for Hitchcock-type chairs. 2 in each pattern. 35¢ each

1363, 1364 Intricate designs of fruit and flowers. Full instructions for authentic old method of application. 25¢ each

1365, 1366 Beautiful stencil designs for fancy black chairs. Delicate shading technique fully explained. 25¢ each



What's New in Electric Ranges

EDITH RAMSAY

Millions of people the world over bless the day the electric range was invented, and at the recent spring appliance show there was wonderful evidence why. Especially the new features—magical mechanisms which do just about everything except talk—in fact, these electrical helpers are truly silent servants—and they never answer back or demand a salary! Whether you're just starting into the water-boiling, egg-frying class, or can hold your own with famous chefs, you'll appreciate every one of the work-saving, time-saving features which we show you on the right and on pages 110 and 112. We pass these suggestions on to you as features to look for when you trade in your old range or buy a new one.

OUTSTANDING IMPROVEMENTS have been made on electric ranges within the last few years. On some ranges, an automatic timer controls four different parts of the range: the appliance outlet, into which you can plug your electric coffee-maker the night before, set the clock fifteen minutes before you plan to rise, and when you get up, there's the steaming coffee already brewed; the timer-controlled oven, in which complete meals may be started and turned off to suit your convenience; the left-rear surface unit, on which you can place your long-cooking vegetable and forget about it while you're leading a busy life; and the deep-well cooker, which is really the converted left-rear surface unit, can be timed precisely for stews, soups. These are important features, for the extra price you pay will more than foot its own bill in extra leisure and convenience.

TEMPERATURE IS IMPORTANT for good cooking results. A variety of heats ranging from "high" to "keep warm" offer any degree of heat you'd possibly need when cooking on top of the range. For jellymaking or cooking extra-large quantities, many ranges now have a giant burner with high wattage; in some ranges this high-wattage giant burner converts to a deep-well cooker, and because it's easier to maintain fat at proper temperature, French-frying is foolproof. Some of the new ranges have more than one giant burner, some have extra-large griddles, a big help for cooks whose families like grilled food. Because they're thermostatically controlled, today's electric ovens will give you evenly browned, feather-light cakes, juicy, tender roasts every time. Many ranges are insulated with glass fiber, which means you can bake all summer long and never know the oven's on ! Warming compartments, tested to protect your finest china, keep food at the right temperature until serving time.

WITH THE MARVELOUS ASSORTMENT of food on the grocer's shelf or in your freezer, which require only a few turns of the mixer or a pop in the oven, many homemakers are baking more than ever; for this group, a lower-priced two-oven range is being shown for the first time. Two ovens mean you can broil and bake at the same time, too. Food with a tantalizing, outdoor flavor is no effort if you have a range with a barbecue attachment. Food is barbecued in its own juices and is self-basting.

TODAY'S ELECTRIC RANGE has one most important asset—it's easy to keep clean. The porcelain enamel tops and ovens wash as though they were china. Top units may be wiped with a damp cloth, and reflector bowls go into the dishpan. Good-looking, clean-cooking, efficient—what more could you ask for?



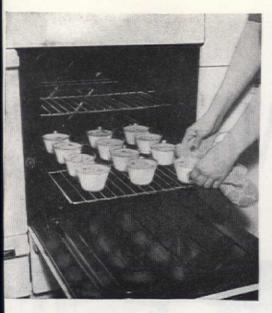
Revolving Rotary Barbecue can be easily clamped into any fullsized Crosley range oven so that barbecued meat, fish, fowl have same delicious flavor as when cooked on a spit over an open fire



To prevent salt sticking on humid days, General Electric has added small heater to keep salt dry in range shaker. Broiler rack in pan holds nine slices of bread for quick, even toasting



Malcolm Lund, Advertising Manager of Murray, shows Equipment Editor Ramsay silent, long-wearing nylon rollers on warming compartment drawer; top temperature of 185°F. safe for china



lo worry over individual custard cups tipping in ange by Deepfreeze! Fifteen closely-spaced trips provide an even surface on oven racks



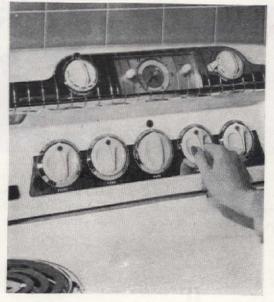
Low-priced 30-inch Frigidaire range has capacity to turn out king-sized meals—ideal for small kitchens. Oven largest in any household range



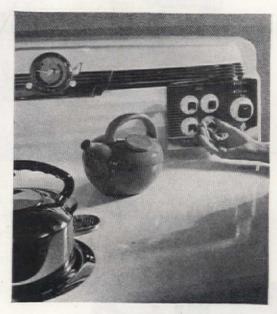
Perfection's fourth surface unit may be raised or lowered while hot. Deep-well cooker locks on. Lifting by cooker handles brings unit to surface



estinghouse uses 2,000 watts in fast-cooking mbination deep-well and surface unit. Deept frying in well overcomes top-of-range hazard



Kelvinator's backguard is sloped so automatic timer clock and minute-timer can be read easily. Control location eliminates reaching over units



Because switches are arranged in same position as units, Tel-A-Switch panel on Universal's range gives you switch-unit relationship at a glance



that you can broil in one oven while you are king in the other, Hotpoint makes a double on range available in the low-price bracket



A "stoopless" surface oven on Monarch range gives two-oven capacity, perfect for small meals. Timer-clock-controlled for absentee cooking

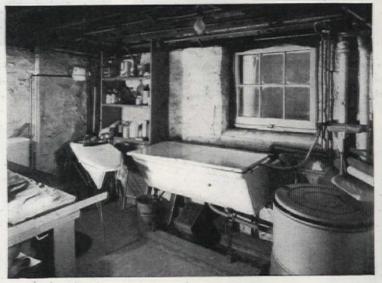


Admiral uses simplified pull-button timer to automatically control appliance outlet, oven, and deep-well which becomes fourth surface unit

Get a Head Start on Monday



BEFORE 25 years ago modern treatment was to partition part of basement for laundry room, using outside stone walls for two sides; wooden floor for walking comfort; plumbing and wiring exposed; basement toilet, a must in one-bathroom houses, stood in full view



BEFORE Double, porcelain-topped tubs placed square in middle of outer wall made corner space unusable. Three poorly located and arranged shelves held necessary laundry supplies; one center light cast yellow shadows; and, lastly, a 1932 conventional washer





ne thing is certain-right now and for the indefinite future most of us homemakers are going to have our hands full with extra-curricular activities. Red Cross, Civilian Defense organizations, factory work, anything and everything we can do to help will be done, and when washday comes around our only object is to get it over as quickly and as painlessly as possible. Many of our readers say that the laundering of dirty clothes is the one homemaking job they could do very well without, thank you. The main complaint is that there isn't any organized place to do the job. Kitchens are generally well-arranged today, but in so many cases the poor laundry room is a sort of hit-and-miss catch-all for everything that isn't needed any place else in the house. The washer has to be swung into position, soap and bluing are stuck in some far corner, odds and ends are underfoot. Since few women have a kitchen-laundry, we purposely selected an antiquated basement laundry for proving that with a little effort and not too much money it could be made into a workable, practical laundry center. It was in a typical 25-year-old suburban home. We re-arranged the room-didn't make it too tricky or doll it up-but merely placed the existing materials in such a way that the actual washing can be done more easily, in less time. As long as it has to be done, and you're the one who has to do it, our only object is to help you manage so that the whole thing is over and done with in double-quick time. One of the most important requisites is an early morning start, but a well-planned laundry makes your work a lot less difficult and PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 89

Mr. and Mrs. worked hand in hand from the start. Applying adhesive to Marlite that was used on ceiling required an easily-learned technique. Early selection of colors resulted in attractive combination seen on opposite page AFTER Replanned laundry shows use of conventional washer with dryer. When laundry tubs were moved, water lines were carried to washer so it could be filled without being moved. Dryer and ironer could be on "future buying list." Outside window-well painted white increases light



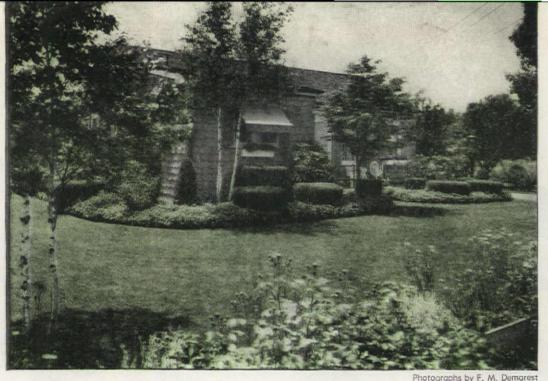
Ironer and laundry cart fit nicely along partition wall. Iron holder, sock stretchers were hung on wooden surface. Flexible wooden screen encloses toilet

> AFTER When budget permits: Completely automatic laundry. Tubs were moved to corner and used as sorting, stain-removal table. Rearrangement of shelves gives ample space for laundry supplies, place for hanging laundry bags

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General Electric appliances and lighting Marlite ceiling, Cosco chair Photographs by F. M. Demarest THIS IS OUR "COVER CARDEN" TOO

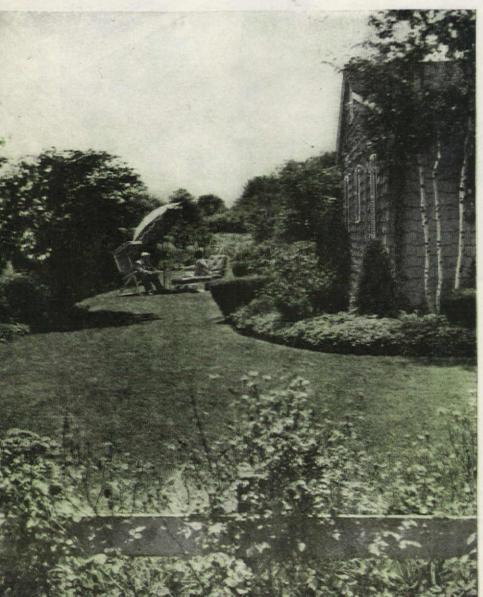
Seen from the southeast, the garden looks like this and as in the lower view opposite. Annuals, started indoors in flats or broadcast outdoors in fall, keep the borders bright



Photographs by P. M. Den

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

A Woman Made This Garden



oreover, except for routine lawn-mowing and an occasional heavy job, she cares for it the year aroundroses, perennials, shrubs, trees, everything that makes the garden such a perfect setting for her neat, comfortable, convenient little house. A chore? A burden? Not at all, she insists, adding, "A home and garden make the best hobby on earth-and, of course, I have my Lassie" (a gentle, perfectly mannered Scottie). Mrs. Ida O. Yakel, small, dark, gracious, enthusiastic, had the house built to her specifications in 1940 while living a few blocks away in the same village on Long Island's South Shore. She had come North a year before, after the death of her husband, bringing from her former Maryland garden her favorite perennials and small shrubs. Even before she and her invalid mother had moved into the new house, she had laid out the grounds, set out her twice-moved plants, and built a wooden fence along front and sides and a link-chain one at the rear where her 75 by 115-foot property adjoins the fields of a still intact estate. Also she had secured from a local nursery the larger plants needed for her plan-white birches, white and pink dogwoods, a white lilac, rhododendrons, azaleas, miscellaneous flowering shrubs, an arborvitae hedge, yews, pachysandra ground-cover, and roses, both climbers for fences and doorway and hybrid teas outside the fence where passers-by and neighbors can enjoy them. And do they? Well, the little garden, now flanked by additional properties that Mrs. Yakel has bought to protect her privacy and outlook, is the pride of the neighborhood, the cynosure of many who pass it either occasionally, by chance, or more often, for the pleasure of seeing it and exchanging a friendly word with its owner who, since her mother's death in 1944, has been the gentle and benign monarch of all she surveys and cares for so well. I recall that, while we were taking these pictures, a sweet-faced woman walking by stopped, looked, and remarked, "Taking pictures for a magazine, eh? Well, it's about time!"

> From any angle, this is a garden to be both looked at a lived in. Its consistent charm is the result of a simple, go plan, well-chosen materials, good care, and a loving ow



GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting



For this arrangement you'll use blue Scilla companulata, tulips with mauve and bronze coloring, yellow and purple pansies cut with foliage, blue phlox, lilies-of-the-valley

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Place and Show

If the showers fall in April the way they're expected to in poetry and song, you won't have any trouble at all fixing up the fragrant, fragile table-topper for this setting. Even in those sections where aurora borealis is still going strong you can usually get spring flowers from the florist at this time. The colors are compellingly beautiful—blue Scilla companulata, yellow and purple pansies, mauve-bronze tulips, pale blue phlox—punctuated with pert white lilies-of-the-valley. We used a delicately shaded lavender bowl, but any pastel color will do, even white if it's frothy, not heavy. Be sure to fill the container with water before you start your arrangement, since the slender stems might be thrown off balance if water is added at the end.

China patterns change their style like everything else, but the fine spectacle of ripe rich-colored fruit dates farther back than any of us can remember, is good today, and promises to remain popular as long as china is made. Here is the lovely "Dixie Harvest" pottery with pie-crust shape, shown off on a Grecian Rose Flaxmat, woven of fast-color dyed linen yarn with fringed napkin of finer texture. The sterling silver is appropriately named "Dancing Flowers." "Thousand Eye" crystal sparkles, a plump turtle holds your cigarettes, while his little friend catches the ashes, and a "Georgian" table lighter stands by. Simple food in this setting looks like a feast.

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Dinnerware—"Dixie Harvest," Southern Potteries. Glassware—"Thousand Eye," Westmoreland. Silver— "Dancing Flowers" flatware; "Paul Revere" open solt, spoon and pepper, Reed & Barton. Flaxmat and napkin, Leacock. Table Lighter—"Georgian," Ronson. Centerpiece, Newell-Stevens. Photographs by F. M. Demarest

Let SOUP give a lift to your problem meals



BY Anne Marshall

WE all have "problem" meals, I'm sure... Guests drop in and stay for supper... we're delayed in getting home from shopping ... or perhaps we need some ideas for dressing up and extending leftovers.

ere are suggestions for meeting these little estic crises. The menus include a fine, hearty p... not only because soup is easy to prepare, because a well-chosen soup can "lift" any meal something special. It's tempting ... nourish-... easy to digest ... easy on the pocketbook. there's a kind for every menu and every taste. any a homemaker has found soup a welcome to meal-planning ... on "busier than busy" , and all year 'round. Here are menus to try:

uick Trick for a Late Start

comes your hat, on goes your apron, into the epan goes a can or two of Scotch broth. It's a and hearty soup, you know—a nourishing ton stock crammed with barley and vegetables. jiffy it's piping hot and ready to serve. Here's supper menu:

Scotch Broth Fluffy Scrambled Eggs Crisp Bacon Iot Buttered Bread Strawberry Jam

ot Luck-and What Luck !

family's in luck indeed, when you sit them to the meal pictured below. Your soup, is substantial and satisfying as you please soup. It has a rich brown beef stock, generously with tender pieces of beef. With it you serve t here's the full menu:

Beef Soup Cheese Topped Potatoes Green Beans Peach Halves Ginger Cookies





I Here's a Budget Lunch-but Good !

Budgets—ugh! But we all have them these days! And they needn't get in the way of serving good meals—meals to tempt and nourish the family. This one features that grandly popular stand-by vegetable soup. You'll relish the homey, well-simmered beef stock and the more than a dozen different vegetables. Here's your complete menu:

> Vegetable Soup Creamed Dried Beef Potato Pancakes Chilled Apple Sauce



I Leftovers Made Extra-tempting

Out of the refrigerator comes the rest of the meat loaf. You slice it, and over it pour a can of tomato soup (heated just *as is*). Rich, red, velvety-smooth, it makes an irresistible sauce. Let it give a lift to your entire meal, consisting of this menu (pictured above):

Meat Loaf Slices with Tomato Sauce Buttered Carrots Waldorf Salad Heated Cherry Cobbler

Come a'running' Family Supper

You won't have to call them twice to *this* supper, lady! Your meal, as shown above, is built around bowls of cream of chicken soup: rich chicken stock made with extraheavy whipping cream. Tender pieces of chicken all through it, too.

Cream of Chicken Soup Corned Beef Hash Patties Green Peas Beet and Onion Relish Raspberry Fruit Gelatin

Supper-for Unexpected Guests

Friends stay on and you're really glad to invite them for supper—if only you can be sure they'll take "the luck o' the table." Well, you'll take the guesswork completely out of it with *this* menu. For you've canned tuna on the shelf. You simply open a can of cream of mushroom soup—made with cultivated mushrooms and extra-heavy whipping cream—and combine it with your tuna. Then pop it into the oven!

> Chilled V-8 Vegetable Juices Tuna-Mushroom Soup Casserole Sliced Tomatoes Heated Bakery Rolls Chocolate Sundae



GRAIN: It

Serves You Right!



It's a good thing that one of our ancestors, long before recorded history, came across some wild seeds that tasted good, gave him strength, and satisfied his appetite. He spread the word around, and before long this precious

JANE TIFFANY WAGNER

bounty, which we know as grain, was being cultivated. In time it was ground between stones, the crude flour which resulted was mixed with water, baked over a fire, and the art of breadmaking began. The history of grain, from its raw beginning centuries ago up to the present-day eminence it enjoys as perhaps the most important single item of human food, parallels man's development through many civilizations up to his present form.

Here on these pages are some products of grains today. In the basket, homemade bread, cloverleaf rolls, orange-nut loaf, tempting corn muffins; next, a luscious coconut layer cake with its date and nut filling; chocolate loaf cake, moist and rich, and a pleasant pitfall for calorie-counters; and that orange chiffon cake, quintessence of lightness and flavor! A casserole of macaroni and cheese is topped with crisp bran flakes, there are pancakes with many variations, not to mention breakfast cereals, practically an American morning institution, plain, or with fresh or dried fruits, topped with cream and sugar.

Cereal grains are the foundation of nutrition to most of the people in the world. For instance, in the American diet, foods from grain form at least onethird of our daily caloric intake, as well as furnishing about one-third of the protein. Rice is the main food for about half the world's population. In Western Europe and the Americas, however, wheat is most widely used. Grain is important in our diet because it's so high in carbohydrates, which supply us with strength and energy. High in caloric value also, grains are better than many other "fuel" foods because of their mineral and vitamin content. Besides, which, they're extremely easy to digest, and bland enough in flavor to be used in large amounts. Packaged cereals, flours, macaroni and noodles, and the growing group of ready-mixes-these are but a few PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 62

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Good Victuals You've Forgotten?

I REMEMBER MAMA'S SUNDAY DINNER-do you? In our house it was invariably one of two things-a joint of rare, red beef or a roast chicken, big and fat and crackling brown, so full of good stuffing it fair to burst before four pairs of hungry little eyes. There were no surprises, no fancy trimmings except the "best" set of dishes, but definitely nothing in our busy little lives surpassed in importance Sunday Dinner-and that held even when we got to the "boy" stage. We knew for certain what it would be, and looked forward to it with anticipation. Why, the whole house smelled different and special on Sunday! It was a guest's pleasure, and surprise, at sitting down to a roast chicken and ice cream dinner at our house that set us to reminiscing of good victuals we'd not run across in many years. Floating Island, for instance. Considered pretty special by us children, I chuckle to think how shocked we would have been had it been served us on church day because it was a "quickie"for, of course, it is, especially this new way I've devised. Yet you'll find it in precious few cook books. Why, I wonder? It's light and it's glamorous-and men like it as much as we children did. And dumplings-PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 60

MARGUERITES



SUNDAY DINNER

Roast Chicken Pecan and Sherry Stuffing Buttered Peas Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and/or Creamed Onions Hot Soda Biseuit Strawberry Ice Cream and Marguerites or Floating Island

FLOATING ISLAND

AND DESCRIPTION OF

BOILED LEG OF LAMB

STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN

SUNDAY DINNER

Boiled Leg of Lamb with Caper Sauce Carrots, Onions, Turnips Green Salad Raised Dumplings with Caramel Raisin Sauce or The Queen's Pudding

THE QUEEN'S PUDDING

boiled leg of lamb with caper sauce (Serves 8-10)

Have butcher cut shank bone short and remove the large irregular-shaped bone at the other end of a 6-7 lb. leg of lamb. Use bones in a pan (with a cover) large enough to cook the meat, bring to a boil enough water to barely cover the lamb and vegetables (added later), adding 1/2 tsp. salt for each quart of water. If necessary, skim before adding the vegetables.

Add faggot of: 4 sprigs parsley 2 stalks celery

large bay leaf

A little oregano (or thyme) 1/2 tsp. pepper

Surround with: 8 small scraped whole white turnips add 45 min.

(or 3 yellow) 12 medium sized scraped whole carrots add about 20 min. 12 little white onions, peeled before serving

12 little white onions, peeled { before serving Simmer (25 min. per lb.) gently. Cook small potatoes separately, sprinkled with salt and placed in oven a minute or two to dry out. Serve surrounded by vegetables, caper sauce on side. Any liquid left over makes a superb soup. Reduce by boiling down and, during last hour of cooking, add some chopped raw vegetables and a little barley or rice.

CAPER SAUCE: Melt 4 tbs. butter in a large frying pan and cook in it (but do not brown) 4 ths. flour, 1-2 min. Add gradually 3 cups of strained lamb broth (put through a fine sieve). When smooth, add 1 ths. capers (or 1 small bottle), 1 tsp. liquid from the capers or 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1 tsp. salt, a little nutmeg, and 1 tsp. tarragon vinegar. Recipe by Jean Austin

 baked stuffed tenderloin apple-prune stuffing

(Serves 6)

Wipe a pair of pork tenderloins. Cut down center, but do not sever. Rub with salt and pepper. Place one in a baking dish. Cover with apple and prune stuffing.

APPLE AND PRUNE STUFFING

Pour boiling water over 1/2 lb. prunes, 2 tbs. seeded raisins. Let stand 5 min. Drain, remove prune pits.

Add: 2 tbs. cracker crumbs

- Scant 1/4 tsp. salt
- ¹/₄ tsp. sugar ¹/₈ tsp. cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$ beaten egg

Peel, core, and slice very thin I large apple. Covcr stuffing with slices. Place second tenderloin on top. Sew or tie two together. Bake in 350°F. oven until very tender (about 1 hr.). Small, cooked potatoes can be browned in same pan and served with the tenderloin.

Recipe by Jean Austin

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 58)

high as a mountain and smelling out of this world as they bubble away in brown sugar and raisins - how long since you've had a raised dumpling? And remember Marguerites? No one ever served plain ice cream in those days. There were always cookies or even cake-but Marguerites and ice cream, ah! Fried chicken is very, very good, too. But have you forgotten how very, very good is roast chicken, moist with pecans and delicately scented with sherry? And what a natural for Sunday dinner-no basting, no tending, no last-minute rushing around. .These days, it's roast leg of lamb, but remember boiled leg of lamb? I suspect our parents boiled a leg of lamb for two reasons-its goodness, its thrift. You see, you get every ounce of it to eat when you boil it-and how much more important to us is thrift than to the older generation who practiced thrift, but had not the keen necessity for it that we have today. Not only can you eat all of the meat, cook all your

vegetables at the same time, but the leftover liquid makes a rich, heavenly soup stock. A lovely change it is, with caper sauce and vegetables stacked all around ... And how long since you've had a pork tenderloin, stuffed with apples and prunes? It's easy, it's thrifty-and mighty good eating. Try it on your husband and see what I mean!

Remember back in January Good Victuals I gave you a recipe which I refused to name, lest you not try it. Many of you did-and I know you'll have enough confidence in my judgment to try this month's special. But to any new readers, who might not know how many wonderful old-time good victuals have gone to limbo because of careless cooking, I make the same plea again. From the way it reads, the undiscerning will call it "bread pudding." But don't let me hear it called that! In our family, it's "The Queen's Pudding"--and the title was not bestowed lightly, either. I would not be caught dead ordering a bread pudding-and I would not have you waste one brown egg on making onenot the kind you think of, the kind I see outside served up as bread pudding. But please do try my version of it-it's a dare!

I'd like to tell you a true story about someone just like you. Our Art Director, Bart to us, superintends all food photographing. Last summer I told him I was doing a great favorite -Spanish Beanpot. I deplored the fact that the page could not go out to our readers with the spicy, savoury smell of those beans - slabs of onion, bacon, black coffee, and brandy offering up their incense. He listened, polite as always but frankly disbelieving. After years in the Army, no one could tell him beans could be good! They were cooked, photographed, and eaten by the staff-including Mr. B. He vowed he'd never again make advance reservations -he'd wait and see, for if anyone had told him he'd touch a bean again ... Well, some months later, I told him I was going to do a bread pudding. Wow! For a mild, sweet-mannered man, I never listened to stronger talk. He'd been wrong PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 74

MORE RECIPES ON PAGES 76 AND 78

the gueen's pudding (Serves 6) Soak 2 cups (stale but not dry) bread crumbs in 3 cups milk 1 cup cream { (scalded) until soft. Add: 3 unbeaten egg yolks (save whites for meringue) mixed with 1/2 cup sugar. Pour into a buttered baking dish (9"). Set in pan of water. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) about 1 hr. (until custard is set). Cool on wire rack. Spread a thick layer of strawberry jam mixed with currant jelly. Stiffly beat 3 egg whites. Add 2 tbs. sugar gradually, beating all the while, until stiff. Spread on top of jam, brown delicately under broiler. Serve hot or cold.

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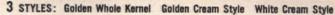
CORN-BOLOGNA BAKE

2 cups broken crackers 8 slices bologna (about 1/2 lb.) 6 tomato slices 1/4 cup chopped onions

2 No. 303 cans DEL MONTE Golden Cream Style Corn 1 tsp. salt 1/a tsp. pepper 2 tbsps. butter or margarine, melted

Spread 1/3 the crackers in a buttered 6-cup shallow baking dish. Cut bologna slices in half; arrange around edge as shown. Place tomato slices in baking dish. Add another 1/3 of the crackers. Mix onions, corn, salt, pepper; pour half the mixture into baking dish. Add remaining 1/3 of the crackers; then rest of corn mixture. Brush bologna with melted butter; pour rest of butter over dish. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400° F.) 30 min. Garnish: onion rings, parsley, pimiento, if desired. Serves 6.

*Or 1 (7-oz.) can luncheon meat, sliced.





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with toasted Baker's Coconut. Pink Blossom-luscious chocolate pie. Ambrosia Pie-gold and white and flavor-fresh with Baker's Coconut!

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SPRING POSIE PIE

Mix 1 envelope gelatine and 1/4 cup cold water in bowl. Combine 1/4 cup sugar and 2 egg yolks in saucepan. Add 11/2 cups milk gradually, stirring constantly.

Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture coats spoon. (Do not boil.) Remove from heat. Pour over gelatine and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat 2 egg whites with ¼ teaspoon salt until foamy, add ¼ cup sugar gradually. Continue beating until stiff. Fold into gelatine mixture.

Fold in 1/2 cup cream, whipped, and 3/4 of a package of Baker's Coconut, toasted (1 heaping cup). Turn into baked 9-inch pie shell. Sprinkle top with remaining toasted coconut and chill until firm. Garnish with blossoms made by clipping marshmallows to

resemble petals. Place small piece of cherry in center of each blossom. **To toast coconut**, spread thinly in shallow baking pan. Place in moderate oven (350°F.) and toast 5 to 7 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Pink Blossom Pie. Make chocolate pie on Jell-O Chocolate Pudding package, adding **Pink Blossom Fie.** Make chocolate pie on Jen-O Chocolate Fuduring package, adding 1 cup Baker's Coconut, cut, with the milk. After cooking, add 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract, then cool. Turn into pie shell, chill, spread with 1/3 cup cream, whipped. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup Baker's Coconut, tinted pink.

To tint coconut, sprinkle on sheet of white paper. Dilute a tiny bit of red vegetable coloring in a teaspoon of water; sprinkle over coconut, then rub through coconut.

Ambrosia Pie. Makecoconut pie filling on Baker's Premium Shred Coconut package, substituting 2 teaspoons grated orange rind for vanilla. Turn into baked 9-inch pie shell, top with whipped cream or unbaked meringue. Garnish with 2 cups orange sections and 1/2 cup Baker's Coconut.

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Grain (Begins on page 54)

of the products developed for home use. One look at the baked goods waiting for you in the stores emphasizes the importance of grain in all forms where the planning of meals is concerned.

In the United States, the seven major grain crops, in order of vield, are corn (maize), oats, wheat, barley, rice, rye, and buckwheat. Much of this is fed to cattle which, in turn, become food for man. Flour is the main product used for human consumption. Wheat alone accounts for 85 per cent of the flours and cereals in the average American diet. There are five kinds of wheat grown and processed in this country, and each kind has many varieties. From these wheats come many types of flour. For example: macaroni flours which are milled from durum wheats and are high in protein; the best quality is usually cream-colored rather than white. Bread flours are a blend of hard spring and hard winter wheats; fairly high in protein, they may be bleached or unbleached. All-purpose flours are so composed as to be satisfactory for all household cooking; however, content is apt to vary according to where the wheat was grown. So-called "northern" all-purpose flours are especially good for yeast breads, the "southern" types unusually good for quickbreads. Both are good for almost any type product, however, excepting maybe the most delicate cakes. Pastry flour, milled from either hard or soft wheat, fairly low in protein, is finely processed, and is generally used by bakers. Cake flours are made from soft wheats and represent the most highly refined of the flour products. Also, there are flours made from various parts of the wheat kernel, in whole or part, such as whole wheat, graham, crushed and cracked wheat flours. Finally, the family of self-rising flours to which have been added leavening ingredients. As fine a nutritive food as flour is, it is somewhat low in certain vitamins and minerals. To counteract this, much flour is enriched with the vitamins thiamine, niacin, riboflavin, and food mineral iron. The enrichment of wheat flours, cereals, and bread means better health for you and your family.

Corn appears on our menus in various forms; as breadstuffs, breakfast cereals, and in syrups. Corn meal is as native to this land as the American Indian who developed it. Today, corn meal may be enriched in the same manner as wheat flour. While it is used quite widely in the South, it still deserves a more prominent place in our diet. The other grains comprise barley, rye, buckwheat, oats, and rice. Rice probably plays the most important part in daily diet.

Naturally, grain products alone can't provide a balanced diet. But when we add vegetables, meats, fish, fruits, and dairy products, we get a healthful variety. Let's evaluate their place in meal planning.

Breakfast-the substantial breakfast seems to be a fading American custom, yet authorities agree that one-quarter to one-third of the total amount of food needed each day should be eaten at this meal. A good breakfast prepares you for the day's work. This applies to the homemaker as well as the man behind a desk or machine. "Breakfast" and "cereal" are practically synonymous-a bowl of dry or cooked cereal with fresh or dried fruit is well-balanced and hard to beat. The packaged cereals vary so widely that even the most finicky appetite can be pleased. Comparatively modest in price, cereal should be included in all your shopping plans. A few tips: Store cereals in a cool, dry place, open and close the package carefully to keep the contents crisp and fresh. Keep cooked cereal free from lumps and season it well. Cook it only long enough to bring out the flavor, serve it piping hot. Incidentally, children need something hot at the morning meal as much in July as in March. Hot cereal, well-cooked and fancied up with fresh berries or other fruits sounds wonderful just talking about it. Remember years ago when our mothers or grandmothers used to put the oatmeal on the back of the stove to keep hot and "ripen"? Then it would come to the table smooth and steaming, to be served with cream and sliced bananas.

Do you know anything that smells better than hot bread in the oven at breakfast time? Although most of us confine our oven-work to putting into it the rolls we buy at the bakery, making fresh bread isn't as difficult as you might think. There's an easy-to-follow recipe on page 66. Yeast dough can be used for all kinds of delicious things-coffee cakes with raisins, currants, nuts, and other fruits in them, cinnamon rolls full of brown sugar and butter, or oven doughnuts topped with currant or grape jelly. You can use your own imagination and do wonders with a simple basic mixture. Quickbreads don't take a back seat by any manner of means. If you're PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 71

Table setting on pages 54, 55; Lazy Susan, Breslauer-Underberg; Dinnerware, "Pebble," Franciscan Earthenware, Basket, Carole Stupell; Glass Cake Plates, Cambridge; Cas-serole, Fischer-Marks; Photographs by F. M. Demarest

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Like so many stories of success, this one had a modest beginning. In order to get more whole wheat germ into the diet of one of her sons who had asthma, Mrs. Rudkin decided to attempt a loaf of bread made at home. She used stone-ground whole wheat flour and put the loaf into the oven with a hoping heart. But the result wasn't good-it was flat and rough-textured. That's when her Irish spirit and determination stepped in. At the end of a month's experimenting, she was turning out loaves which not only tasted like the bread her mother used to bake, but also benefited her son's health. The boy's doctor, who had prescribed the use of whole wheat, soon asked for some loaves for his other patients. A few loaves were left at the local grocery store and quickly sold. Then more and more requests came in, and she spent more and more time at her oven.

Soon, much to her surprise, Mrs. Rudkin was in the baking business. Since there wasn't enough room in her own little oven, she bought a larger second-hand one and changed her garage into an improvised bakery. As the word spread around, requests for her wonderful bread increased, and pretty soon she was using her stable for baking, too. Today 44,000 loaves a day come from a large new building in Norwalk, Connecticut, especially constructed for the Pepperidge Farm Bakery. Each loaf is mixed by the formula she developed in her own oven and each loaf is still kneaded by hand. From here Pepperidge Farm bread is sent to 44 states and 4 foreign countries, which is a good indication of the business' growth.

Serving as president of the bakery during the week doesn't prevent Mrs. Rudkin from taking a busman's holiday, since her husband and three boys still look forward to that wonderful smell of homemade bread baking in the oven over the week end. Her youngest son often hies himself home from college to join in the pleasure.

Here are some of her hints: First, get everything together on a tray before you start. Be sure the water used to dissolve the yeast is about 85°F., really lukewarm, otherwise the yeast's action is

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killed. When mixing the dough, sift one-half of the dry ingredients into the liquids, beating this mixture well. Then add the rest of the dry ingredients to the liquids, beating again. The dough should be kneaded a little at a time-that's one secret of the homemade taste in her commercially produced loaves. Too



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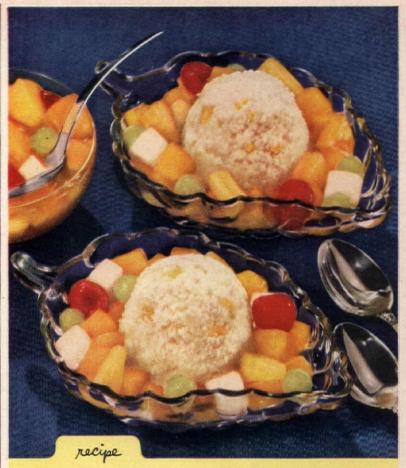
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Fruit Snowballs with piquant sauce of gay, rich **Canned Fruit Cocktail from California**

1 No. 2½ can fruit cocktail ½ recipe basic 2-egg cake Confectioners' sugar ¼ cup granulated sugar 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Few grains salt 3 tablespoons lemon juice

Drain fruit cocktail, saving syrup. Prepare cake batter and stir in ¾ cup drained fruit cock-tail. Fill greased custard cups ⅔ full. Cover each with waxed paper and secure with rubber band. Set in pan of hot water and bake in moderately hot and bake in moderately hot oven (375° F.) about 35 minutes. Remove from cups, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm with sauce.

Sauce: Measure 1 cup syrup from fruit cocktail and heat. Stir in blended sugar, corn-starch and salt. Cook and stir until thickened. Add lemon juice and remaining fruit cocktail. Serve over warm snow-balls. Serves 6.

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2 cakes yeast 5½ cups white flour, sifted cup warm water sugar 1 cup milk 1½ tablespoons granulated su 2 teaspoons salt 2 tablespoons shortening white bread homemade Plasti-Chrome dae under "Cakes and Frostings") milk or 1/4 teaspoon sour plus family meals

Scald milk. Add sugar, salt, shortening and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water, and stir until shortening is melted. Cool to lukewarm—about 85°F.; add yeast, which has been dissolved in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water. Add half the flour and beat until smooth. Add remaining flour and mix well. Turn onto a floured board and knead until smooth and satiny—about 5 minutes. Shape into a smooth ball and place in a greased bowl. Brush top lightly with melted butter, cover with clean towel and let rise in a warm place (80° to 85°F.) for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, or until double in bulk. Then punch down, turn onto floured board and shape into two loaves. Place in greased loaf pans, $9 \times 5 \times 3$ inches. Cover with towel and let rise in warm place until double in bulk (about 1 hour). Bake in a moderately hot oven (400°F.) for 45 minutes. (File under "Breads") Makes 2 one-pound loaves THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN in Tested Through the Mill (Begins on page 64) much flour on the breadboard will ruin even the best hand-kneaded dough, however. Be very careful of this. For rising, 85°F. with a high humidity is strokes (2 minutes by 200 strokes (2 minutes loaf pan, 9 x 5 x 3, in with Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN in the shortening % cup shortening 1 cup buttermilk or so 1 cup sweet milk pl cream of tartar 1 tarspoon vanilla 2 eggs, unbeaten Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl. Cut utter. Add milk, then vanilla, and beat 200 eggs and beat ake in greased (File 13% hand or in mixer at low speed). Add eggs by hand or in mixer at low speed). Bake moderate oven (350°F.) 40-45 minutes. cups cake flour, sifted cups sugar chocolate cake ⁴ cup cocoa ¹/₄ teaspoons soda teaspoon salt cutter. Dastry 7474 47

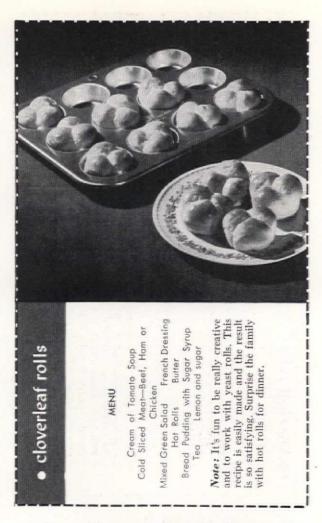


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perfect, and if necessary, keep a kettle on the stove or use a "wet bulb" to get correct humidity. The oven should be 400°F. for fifteen minutes after the dough is put in, then 350°F. until the bread is done. Mrs. Rudkin, whose favorite recipes appear on the

following page, is an exciting example of what can



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butter as a base, mix with either jellies, jams, or cheeses. Orange nut-bread is nice to serve with a tea luncheon or to include in a child's lunchbox. To keep fresh, wrap it in waxed paper and place in refrig-Vote: Variations for fillings: nuts. Dase creamed cream, cream cheese as a OI jams, Jsing peanut butter sour in waxed paper and erator. raisins, jellies, either Using

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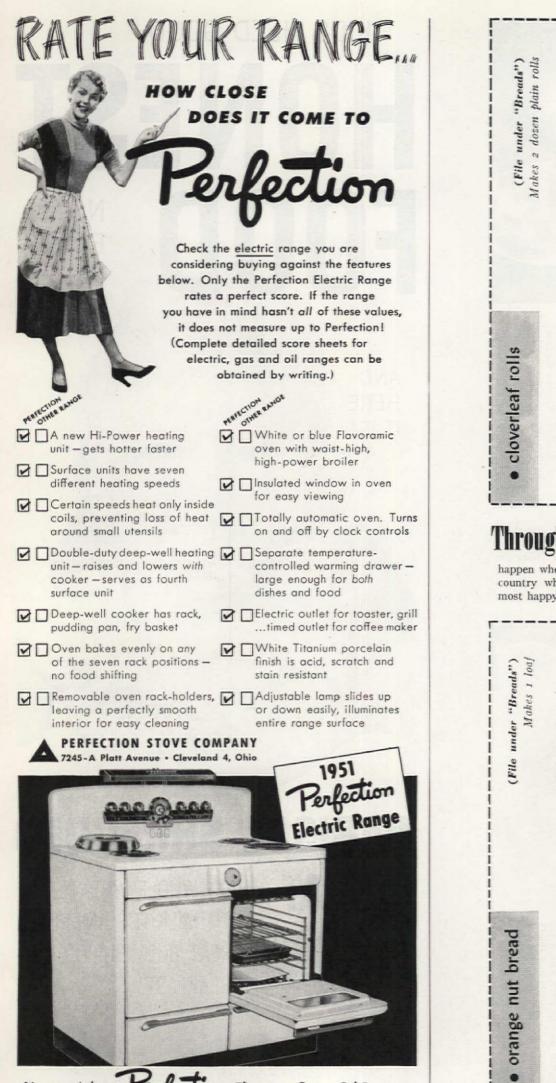
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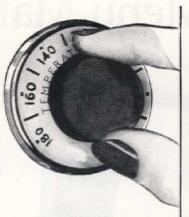
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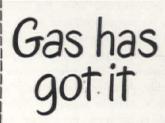
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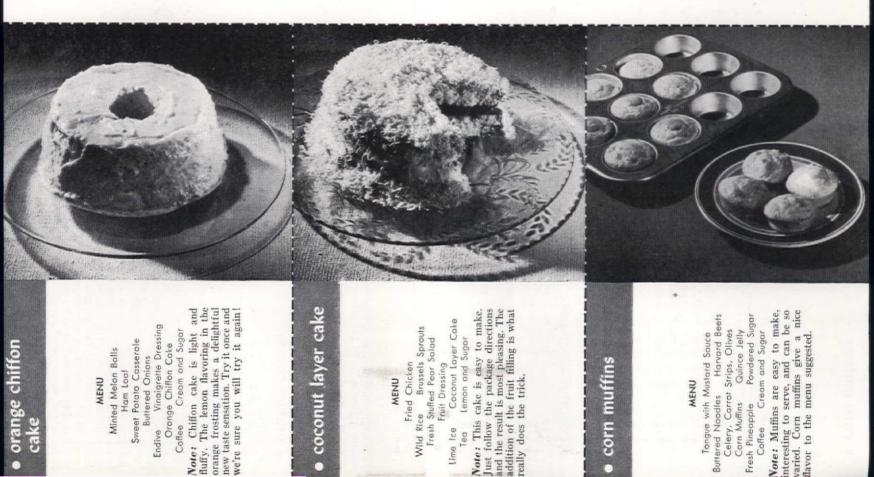
time to enjoy a piping hot cup of coffee, milk, juice, fruit, and a main-course dish. Parents set the example for the children, and a nicely prepared and served break-fast is so important. Plan the night before what the next morning's breakfast is to be. tastes so good, nothing can compete with macaroni and cheese. We have Note: We have used pancakes as a dessert, but the versatility of the pancake is endless. Breakfast, luncheon, and dinner find pancakes used as a main course dish. used a cheese cereal topping that is a twist you might like. **Note:** Breakfast should be con-sidered one of the most important meals of the day. We should take Note: For an economical dish that breakfast cereals French Bread Garlic Butter Orange Pancakes with Cranberry Butter Cream and Sugar Cream and Sugar Macaroni and Cheese Baked Tomatoes Sour Cream Apple Pie pancakes with Ginger Ale Cocktail macaroni and Chef's Salad Bowl Toasted Bread Sticks variations Sauce MENU MENU cheese Coffee Coffee

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n a hurry, try pancake or waffle mixes, quick to prepare, good to eat. You can serve them with maple syrup, or for a change, cranberry sauce, rushed berries, molasses, or brown sugar. Pancakes and waffles aren't mited to breakfast. For luncheon or dinner serve them with chicken la king, seafood Newburg, chipped beef, or syrup and sausages.

At lunchtime, the American population, almost to a man, have for themelves two pieces of bread with any one of hundreds of fillings between he slices. It was started by the Earl of Sandwich, who was too busy to take time out for a full meal. Besides white bread, you can use whole wheat, cracked wheat, graham, and the ryes. For a more complete luncheon you can't beat a macaroni or rice casserole, topped with bran flakes.

Rolls and bread hold their own at dinnertime, too, but of course the glamour appears when dessert shows up. A cake, high, light and tender, lavishly iced, makes any dinner an occasion. You may use three cakemaking methods today: first, the regular home method; second, the prepared cake mixes that are so popular; third, and newest, the chiffoncake method. Ice it or perhaps serve with fresh fruit. As long as the cake itself is good you can't guess wrong. And as long as we have the opportunity to enjoy all the above-mentioned things to eat, we will appreciate our good fortune in being blessed with "amber fields of grain."



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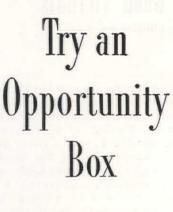
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about beans, sure, but when he ate bread pudding that would be the day, ad infinitum. So, we had the bread pudding-but of course it was "The Queen's Pudding" to all who came and ate. Mr. B. took a goodly portion, came back and had another serving. Vera and I could hardly contain ourselves. As a matter of fact, he caught me giving her a broad wink. Did he capitulate? No. He insisted he be there in the making-wanted to actually see if bread was put in it. And, because the first photograph was not to our liking anyway (we had served it on heavy gray pottery plates incompatible with its pretty pink filling and delicate meringue topping), we decided to rephotograph it. We got Mr. B. in the kitchen and from start to finish had Mr. B. himself make the very one photographed here. He took it home-dish and all -and not even spilled pudding on his overcoat dimmed his enthusiasm for it. Now we do not recommend that your husband carry it on a commuting train in rush hours-but we sure enough can recommend it as good victuals for a commuting husband. And if you, even as Bart, react unfavorably to any and all bread pudding-remember the story of stubborn Mr. B. and do likewisemake it!

If all of this brings on an extreme nostalgia for good victuals you've not had or seen in many a year, revive one of your old family favorites and tell me about it, won't you? It's fun to know you are cooking with me, however much I like cooking for you.

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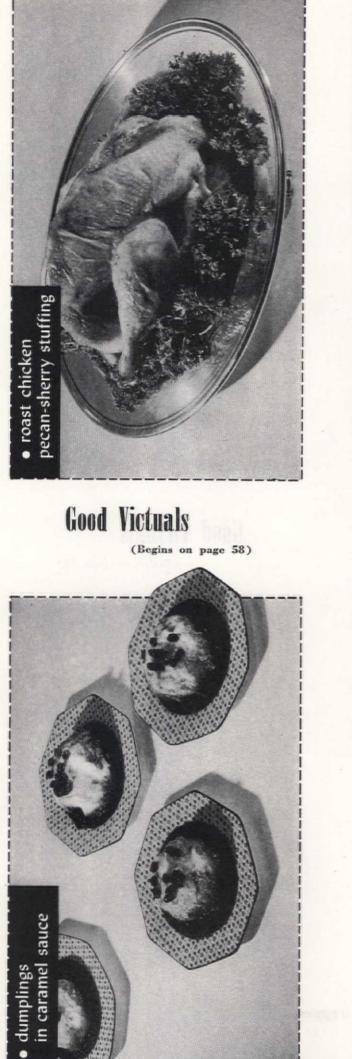
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be as tender, serves 6 or provides leftovers for same amount time.) Preheat oven to 350°. when with Rub nelted butter or fat with 1 cup boiling water in rk over legs and projecting breast (bacon is too s cheesecloth dipped in melted fat. Place chicken . Allow 20-25 min. per lb. . (3-4 cups for 4-6 lb. chicken) bread. Crumble bread with fingers. for leftover use, line body skewers. to make a plump bird off before crumbling for stuffing. Truss with meats chopped slightly vers, if desired egg has been beaten and seed nutmeg chopped parsley with a of summer savory, celery melted butter or fat using enough crusts from stale 2-day-0'd tly: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ tsp. nutmeg $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ cup chopped parsley pecan bottom of pan. Put a slice of salt pork over strong for my taste). Wrap in double cheesec on its back on a rack in roasting pan. Allow marjoram spoonfuls, favorite, broken entire surface with salt. Put a little tsp. 1 cup dash and 1 cup dressed and pecan-sherry stuffing Put following stuffing in by PECAN-SHERRY STUFFING be is not time and cooking large crusts of bread cut one will R emove crust and mix lightly: Select a d If dressing A 6-lb. serves 4. of your served. Add

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Good Victuals

roast chicken

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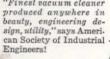




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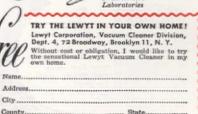
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Place and Show (Begins on page 52)

With pinholder in place and water in bowl start to make arrangement with scillas in varying lengths, tallest directly in center





Then add tulips, smaller ones high at left and larger ones low near center of container. Don't be timid about shortening long stems





As balance for high small tulips, group tall yellow pansies on opposite side, carrying a few down to purple pansies at base

Finishing touches—pale blue phlox and lilies-

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delicate ethereal quality so welcome in spring







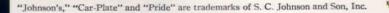
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Entrance halls make a strong first impression. Is yours as handsome as this pale wood group in Dorris Thomason's apartment? Friend-Piper, decorators



Ed Spillars designed this lovely chinoiserie grouping in the Joseph Linz home. Decorations are painted on mirror panels in chest front French wall rack hung with onion Meissen in the Soltons' entrance hall, old wagon seat beneath. The decorator was Susan Ross with George Hall

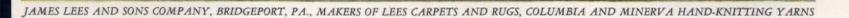
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Is This Where You Come In?

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Seven doors, no two of which match! So decorator Ed Piper made a feature of them, outlined them in emerald-green against soft blue in the Winkler home



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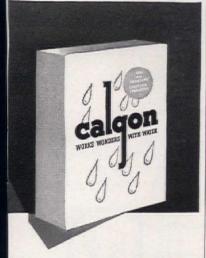
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Get a Head Start

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cuts working hours immeasurably. Since this laundry room was only II feet by 7 feet, the first step in replanning was to move laundry tubs to the corner, making more room for a conventional or automatic washer, and a dryer on the outer wall. We also had the plumber extend the water lines so that the conventional washer could be used in a permanent spot, making the connections handy for an automatic washer, since future plans included one. An outlet for the ironer was provided and a twin 25watt fluorescent light was put overhead. For the laundry supplies: soap powder, softener, and all the other things, we used the original three shelves, but in a different way. Now they're much more accessible, with hooks underneath for measuring cups, scrubbing brush, rubber gloves, and the lower shelf extended in order to hang the laundry bags.

The stone walls were scrubbed down, painted white, with inner wooden walls painted yellow to match the Marlite ceiling. The man of the house put this in, leaving a few exposed pipes for more ceiling height, and painting them the same yellow shade. Shelves were painted coral, the floor was given a coat of gray, and spatter-dashed with coral and turquoise to give it a dressed-up look. Laundry bags were key-colored: white for linens, turquoise blue for colored clothes, and coral for baby's things or lingerie. Inexpensive bags can be dyed to match your color scheme. If there's a man around your house, these changes won't cost much. The Marlite, paint and lumber for this job cost about \$65. Plumbing and electrical costs will vary. But look at the difference! It was worth it.

Here are some important things to remember when you plan to remodel: Which one of the appliances do you have right now-washer, dryer, ironer, one or two or all or none? Do you plan to acquire any of them soon? If so, have the plumber fix the water connections now, so the least amount of plumbing will be needed in the future. Do you have a place where you can take out spots or pre-treat clothing before washing it? That's important. Where can laundry supplies and clothes bags be arranged for the easiest use? The object is to save yourself as many steps as possible-you'll be doing your share of walking as it is. If you can keep everything within fingertip's reach, you'll be getting a headstart on Monday that will pay off in pleasure and leisure time.

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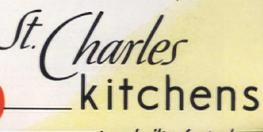


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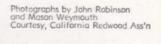
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Near New York City, Marion Lowndes' Australian umbrellatree grows happily in square tub on dolly, which is rolled into studio in winter when table top and pipe supports are removed Drawing by Sigman-Ward Photograph by F. M. Demarest



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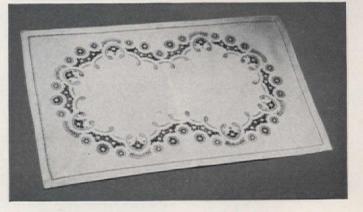
Materials: hemmed place mat, thumbtacks, drawing board or heavy cardboard, textile paint, thinner, stencil brush, scotch tape, cheesecloth, and paper cups for paint. Tape 2 paper doilies together, lapping to fit center of mat. Match design at lap-over

Thumbtack paper doilies in position. Mix textile paint with a little thinner to the consistency of heavy cream. Paper cups make ideal paint containers. Have a wad of cheesecloth close at hand. Dip brush in paint, dab into cheesecloth to remove surplus. Work with nearly dry brush for perfect results. Hold brush upright, pounce in area you wish for design



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hose of my friends who live proudly in their ancestral colonial home or New England salt box would be horrified to know that I feel sorry for them-I, the rolling stone. They probably feel sorry for me and mine, too. I can all but hear them say across their family dinner tables, "Isn't it awful that they have no roots and a different house every year or two?" There must be, I am sure, some pleasure in the reflection that "Grandfather was born in this very room" and that one's Great Aunt Sarah frightened away the Indians by her stand with an unloaded shotgun at this casement window. But there are satisfactions to be found in the temporary home, too-satisfactions that my friends do not dream they are missing.

For one thing, there is the challenge of periodically fitting one's family, one's furniture, and one's way of life into a different mold. Granted, this is not always easy. The new living room may be of such bandbox proportions that there is no place for the piano, in which case the family may find itself exchanging the luxury of a dining room for a music room during their occupancy. We try all sorts of such experiments in our migrations. It gives us a sense of freedom not to be bound by the traditions that enmesh the ancestral home. What if the room on the southeast corner has from time immemorial been the guest room? We need it for a study, and, forthwith, that is just what it. becomes.

To try new things is exciting and also fun. Some years we revel in the luxury of a basement playroom. In other houses we have played our pingpong in the attic. There was a time when our games were limited to those playable on a card table that reposed between times in a hall closet. We have learned as a family to adapt ourselves to circumstance. The children have found that they can be just as happy playing hopscotch and badminton within the physical limitations of a concrete driveway as they were when rolling and tumbling on a lawn of acre proportions. There are always compensations. As our ten-yearold was quick to observe, "The driveway doesn't have to be mowed.

The perfect house has never been built, we are told. That being the case, I prefer changing my particular set of home deficiencies periodically, rather than being compelled to cope with the same set of trials for a lifetime. At the moment we find ourselves with a bedroom totally lacking in heating facilities; our last house suffered from what appeared to be an incurably damp basement. We can take

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such ailments in our stride, knowing that it is not likely to be a chronic burden. Our less fortunate neighbors. the Millers, have suffered for over a quarter of a century with a chimney that does not draw.

Then there is the sense of adventure with which we greet each new move that we must make, for just as houses do not reveal their unpleasant features until after one has moved in, so they keep, even the most unpromising ones, a host of happy surprises in store for their new occupants. For the entire first year in a house we live in a state of mild suspense. It takes a summer there to discover that the bedroom with four windows is nonetheless stifling in July and that the gently sloping driveway is next to impossible to negotiate when icy in January. However, all of the surprises are not so harrowing. The agent who rented us the house failed to tell us what a glorious torch the corner maple would become in October or that in April the nondescript tree beside the front walk would miraculously turn into a delicate weeping cherry.

Many memories of life together in other homes forge us as a family unit. We may not be able to say, "Down this stairway Great-grandmother Pamela came as a bride." But we can and do remind each other, "This jar of jam came from our house in Reedsville. Remember how Alice kept the robins from eating the cherries that spring by playing under the tree for two whole weeks before picking time?" Or, "Isn't it fun to have a fireplace this Christmas? Last year we had to hang the stockings on the bedposts."

My father, himself a rolling stone in his youth, once advised us, "Even if you think you will be living in a house for only a few weeks, treat it as if it were to be your permanent home." So we have tried to do. I will admit to a few pangs at leaving a freshly painted bathroom, the new and convenient kitchen shelf, the Japanese iris which we planted hopefully, but did not see bloom. But there has been some compensation in knowing that we left for our successors to enjoy.

What variety has spiced our lives in the many homes that have sheltered us-some too large and rambling. some too cramped and characterless. And how much we've learned from them! The perfect house has never been built? We have a feeling that our varied experiences may have qualified us to be the builders of the first perfect house-that home we dream some day of building and living in for the rest of our lives.

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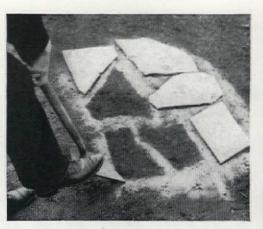
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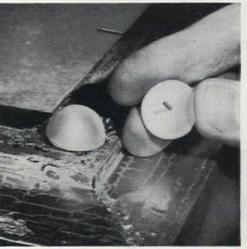
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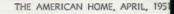
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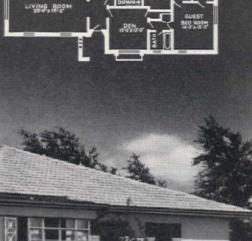
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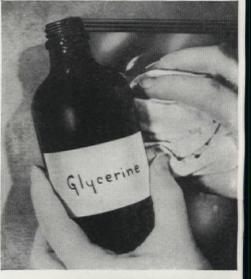
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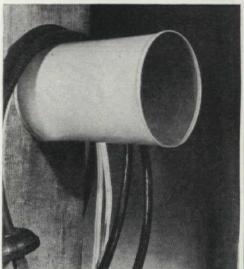
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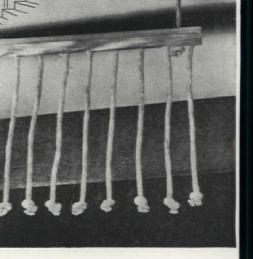


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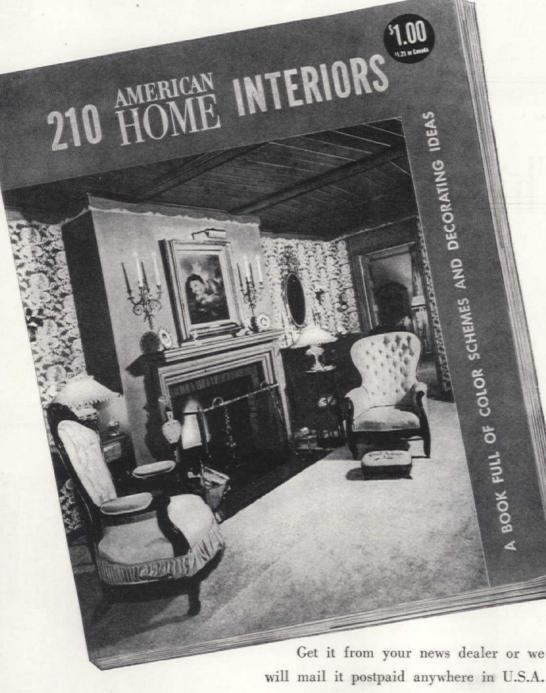




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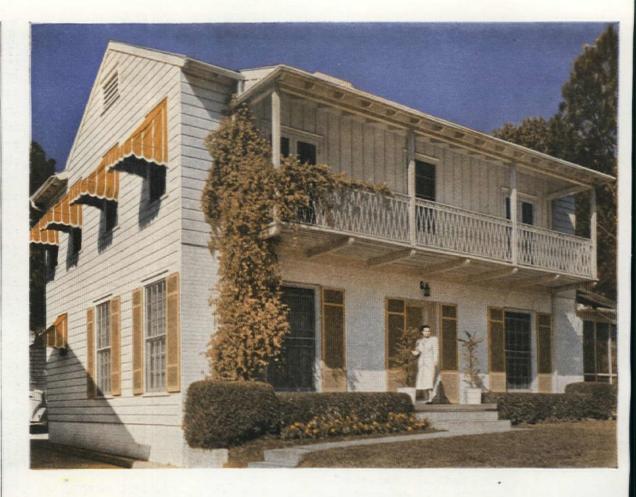


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DOROTHY MONROE

Regency dining room with black lacquer floor, Celadon wool rug. Buffet has lion-mask pulls, open galleries decorated with pierced brass. Black lacquer chairs have gold design, red cushions. Inside shutters covered with olive-green striped wallpaper, frames painted olive-green

Photographs by Hence Griffith



The Florsheim house, a study in yellow and white. Jasmine vine a shower of gold, with flower border in front of clipped box hedge luxuriant with yellow flowers in season

There are many two-story white houses with paneled doors and balconies in almost every residential section in the country. But they don't look like Mrs. Louis Florsheim's, and they don't attract the eye the way her lovely house does, for one very good reason-color treatment of the exterior. The minute you pass her white siding and brick house, with bright yellow awnings, yellow shutters and front door, you turn your head for one more look. It's then you see why this beautiful place is unique, for regardless of the season in this mild Shreveport, Louisiana climate, the front of the Florsheim house is framed in lovely yellow flowers all year round. In the spring the jasmine vine cascades a shower of gold from the rooftop, and whether it's time for daffodils, calendulas, or through the entire summer when the marigolds are in abundant bloom, the gay yellow and white combination is there. Later on, rich green foliage decorates one side of the house and a mimosa tree covered with lovely pale yellow blossoms casts its shade on the opposite side. Mrs. Florsheim puts her talent for gardening to great use, whether cultivating her own azaleas and camellias in the back garden, or giving her friends tips on how to grow the exotic flowers which are native to the southern climate and with which she has so much success.

Inside the house, she displays her rare decorating taste, for knowing how to handle color daringly and well, she has used



unorthodox shades to give it a distinction which matches the exterior. In the living room, olive-green dominates the walls, ceiling, and Venetian blinds. The rug and draperies are a rich Chinese yellow, striking foil for lacquer-red corduroy fireplace chairs and teal-blue upholstered fruitwood chairs at the window. In the dining room, black-lacquer, red satin, and olive-green are boldly used for a stunning effect. The Regency buffet, very old, adds something special

to this room. Each bedroom, too, has its own personality, with a carefully worked out color scheme, whether in her own pale pink and pale green boudoir, or in the guest rooms, one strictly masculine, the other frilly and feminine.

Mrs. Florsheim manages to run her millinery shop, "Chez Jere," and her house and garden equally well. Here is a combination of great talent, good business sense, and ingenuity.

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Fancy Chair

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to light the fact that the name of the town was changed to Riverton. This is where the revived Hitchcock factory is now in operation.

During the first half of the nineteenth century there were makers of fancy chairs operating in Albany, New York, Salem, Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and even Cincinnati, whose merchandise was made in greater quantity and better quality than that of Lambert Hitchcock. Today these chairs are scattered across the country, and the "Hitchcock" chair you may have bought in Los Angeles or Maine may just as probably have been manufactured in Cincinnati or Pittsburgh.

Tod and Dorothy Underhill have followed the lure of the fancy chair throughout the backhills of half a dozen states. Their strong love for the examples of Americana created in them the desire to learn the painstaking art of restoring these pieces to their original beauty.

"It is strange how Tod, who fought my first purchases of fancy chairs, has become my enthusiastic companion," explains Dorothy. Tod's family is an old one—one of his ancestors owned a land grant for part of Long Island from the Indians. To Tod it didn't seem right to buy "someone else's" family pieces, for there were a number of their own family pieces already in the house. This is how he felt until the day Dorothy took him by the hand and led him slowly to the dining room, where she had placed the first set of fancy chairs she had restored and painted. They were of delicate design, painted black, and decorated with elaborate stencil designs made of several shades of gold powder.

The set, four straight chairs and two arm chairs, came from the home of the Marsh chair manufacturer's descendents in Branden, Vermont, and bore the stencil, "Marsh." They were so worn when she bought them that Dorothy, not knowing where to have them restored, decided to take a course of instructions on the oncelost art from Esther Stevens Brazer, to whom the credit for the rediscovery of the technique belongs.

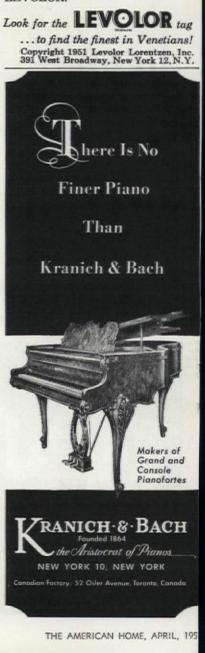
Mrs. Brazer's untiring work over a number of years resulted in her discovery of the original methods of painting and applying the stencil pattern. She learned that the processes employed today were far different from the methods of old, and that only by using the exacting processes of the skillful craftsmen of a century ago could the same feelingful effect be achieved.

This was only the beginning for Tod and Dorothy Underhill. Since the day Tod saw the striking chairs in his dining room, the Underhills have traveled the hills of Vermont, Maine,



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Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania with a gentle persistence, ever on the lookout for chairs in need of their mending hands.

They have rediscovered many lost patterns. Sometimes this has been achieved by buying a number of chairs of the same type all in one locality. The design might be worn thin until it has vanished on parts of one and on another part of a second, but each chair will hold a clue to a portion of the once-lovely design. By piecing the pattern together with the parts like those in a jigsaw puzzle, the stencil design of old is brought to life.

On trips through the countryside, they always try to learn as much as possible about the history of an individual chair. Aged grannies have related tales of their grandmothers telling them about the wandering artists who appeared at the door offering to paint stencil decorations on the walls as well as the chairs, for bed and board. Often there is no clue to the maker of a chair as most of them were unmarked.

When John Kenney, a West Hartford, Connecticut businessman stepped through the shaky door of the longneglected fancy chair factory once belonging to Hitchcock, a little over two years ago, he hit upon the idea of manufacturing a modern Hitchcock chair in the atmosphere of the old nineteenth-century factory. With another businessman, Richard Coombs, he set about rejuvenating the building so that the factory could regain its productivity. Today the output is over thirty chairs a day.

Even the workers feel at home, for two or three of the girls had greatgrandmothers who worked for old Lambert himself. The new owners follow the original methods of construction using 20 pieces of solid Connecticut maple in each straight chair. They use green wood for some parts and seasoned wood in others. When the green wood shrinks around a seasoned dowel an extra-strong joint has been created. At the request of Hitchcock chair antique collectors, the new chairs are stamped HCC for Hitchcock Chair Company so that they can be readily distinguished from the predecessor's products.

The greatest difference between the new chairs and the old is the method of applying the decoration. It seems that today only the hobbyists like Tod and Dorothy are willing to learn the exacting skill of the craftsman of the last century. The chairs made in the factory today have decorations applied with an air brush.

Chairs acquired by the Underhills include all sizes from adult's and child's to doll's. Although one thinks of a rather small straight chair with



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a rush seat, which is wider in the front than in the rear, two neatly turned front legs, back legs and posts all in one piece, a slat back, and stencil decorations, as the typical Hitchcock type chair, there are numerous variations from this general theme. Popular backs include the slat, turtle, eagle-horn of plenty and variations with round or pillow back hand grip, or a straight slat at the top. (You see, there are at least two parts to a back.) Seats were not only rush, but cane and wood.

The chair made entirely of wood was produced in the greatest quantity in Massachusetts and upper New York state, but has always been a favorite of the Amish families of Chester and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania. Their chairs were often painted green, red, white, yellow, and blue. Their selection of decorations was just as colorful. Often Dorothy has found the chairs they have discovered in Pennsylvania to be of a simpler, and sometimes cruder, design than those found in New England.

One of their most treasured New England benches came from a country church with a diminishing congregation. The minister needed money and no longer needed the bench.

After a fruitful week end in the country Tod carries the newly purchased chairs to his basement workroom. Here they will remain until he removes the old paint and washes them with gasoline. Next they are sanded and glued, and after that they are given a base coat of barn-red. When he has finished the graining coat he carries them to Dorothy's third floor workroom. Here, she carefully selects a design from her constantly growing collection of stencils and applies the pattern. If a trace of the original remains it will be restored, but if it has completely worn away she will select a pattern in keeping with the scale and feeling of the chair. The final step is two coats of varnish with a steel wool rubdown after each. Their home is already effectively decorated with four common yellow chairs in the breakfast room, six black and gold "Marsh" chairs in the dining room, child's and doll's Hitchcock-type chairs in the living room, a Boston rocker in the library, and Sheraton fancy chairs in the hall. It has been hard work, but the Underhills feel that their efforts have been well rewarded, for in each chair lives a part of our sturdy American heritage.

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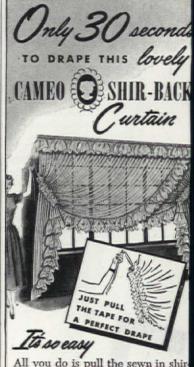


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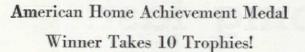
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o doubt records are made to be broken. But when, in 1949, the dahlia Madonna won nine American Home Achievement Medals for Lew Sarett, it was pretty generally expected that that figure would stand for a long time. And what happened? In 1950, James E. Marsh of Chicago won ten of the Achievement Medals with his new dahlia, Pirate Treasure, at shows ranging from Alabama to St. Louis and Wisconsin. And not far behind, with seven Medals, came the dahlia, Clariam Royalty, originated by William Wolbert, of Springfield, Ohio.

While no other flower won more than three Medals, 1950 contributed top accomplishments in several other directions. More organizations (68) than ever before asked permission to include it in their schedules, and more of these requests (64) were granted. Subsequently, one society had to cancel its show, one unaccountably failed to send in any report, despite repeated urging, and nine reported that no entry in the Medal class at their shows was found worthy of the award. Such a small number of withheld Medals, in relation to the total, is another record. Summarizing the year's results, of the 53 Medals actually awarded, 34 went to dahlias, 16 to gladiolus, and two to peonies.

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Obviously there is keen interest in those three flowers, and 1950 clearly was a good growing season. That this thirty-odd-year-old trophy is highly regarded and avidly sought, is confirmed by many letters and comments from winners. For example, from Ontario: "Thank you for the Medal which I appreciate very much . . . this helps me carry on." From Michigan: "The Achievement Medal arrived and we wish to express our appreciation for it and for the effort you are making to promote our favorite flower -the gladiolus. As your award is considered the highest a seedling can obtain, it is with a great deal of pleasure that we accept it." Also: "This Medal is a highlight in our schedule each year." From Massachusetts: "The very beautiful Achievement Medal has arrived. It is different from any I have ever seen or won and I like it very much." And those are but a few of many.

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William Wolbert's purple cactus dahlia, "Clariam Royalty," was runner-up, winning seven Medals

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And now for the 1950 Medal winners. The necessarily condensed information includes, in this order, name, description, originator, shows at which Medal was won. If other than the originator showed the flower. the exhibitor's name and "ex" is added in parentheses. With regard to dahlia descriptions, see page 32.

THE 34 DAHLIA WINNERS

Pirate Treasure. Inf. Dec. size A (13¹/₂ by 9 in.). Color given as "gold overlaid red," "brick-red on buff," "autumn shade," etc. James E. Marsh, Chicago. Won Medals at these shows: Southern States (H. C. Rike ex); Badger State; Central States; Georgia (H. C. Rike ex); Greater St. Louis; Michigan (E. J.



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Achievement Medal

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A. J. Wild's velvety red, fully double peony, "The Mighty Mo," Medal winner at the A. P. S. show

Wind ex); Minnesota (W. Holmberg ex); Southtown (Chicago); Tri-City (G. J. Baker ex); and Wisconsin.

Clariam Royalty. Cactus. A (10 to 11 by 7 in.). Purple. William Wolbert, Springfield, Ohio. Medals at Indianapolis; Irvington, N. J. (Roy Webb ex); Kentucky; New Jersey; Northeastern Pennsylvania (Roy Webb ex); Ohio Valley; Toledo, O.

Whiz Kid. Inf. Dec. A (13 by 8 in.). Peach-pink. F. A. Alleva, Malvern, Pa. Medals at New York (A. D. S.); Baltimore; Burholme, Pa.

Firegleam. Semi-cactus. B. Bright orange, yellow at base. Stanley Johnson, Cheltenham, Pa. Medals at Camden, N. J.; Greater Philadelphia.

Chas. Garrity. Cactus. Yellow with pink shades. R. W. Harter, Lafayette,



F. A. Alleva's dahlia, "Whiz Kid," Achievement Medalist at the A. D. S. and two other eastern shows

Calif. St. San Leandro Soc'y show. Common Glory. Cact. A (to 9 in.). White. J. W. & Bess E. Dennis, Williamsburg, Va. Williamsburg show.

Dee-Cee Schroder. Inf. Dec. A (9 to 12 by 6 in.). Golden center, outside chrome-yellow. D. C. Schroder, Palo Alto, Calif. At Dahlia Soc'y of California show.

Dorothy Edith. Semi-cactus. A (10 by 7 in.). Blend, deep yellow overlaid bronze. Maurice G. Parker, Ches-



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Achievement Medal (Begins on page 106)

ter, W. Va. At Wellsville (O.) show. Gold Coast. Semi-cactus. B. Yellow. R. H. McCalla, Long Beach, Calif. At Orange County show.

Linda Lou. Semi-cactus. B. Pink. C. L. Armentrout, Washington, D. C. At Virginia Soc'y (Richmond) show.

Mystic Lady. Cactus. B (8 in.). Blend, pink and cream. B. H. Easterlin, Springdale, Pa. At Greater Pittsburgh Society show.

Orange Superlative. For. B (4 to 8 in.). Orange verging on peach. George W. Etheredge, Chattanooga,



Stanley Johnson's orange semicactus dahlia, "Firegleam," was 1950's only two-Medal winner

Tenn. At Tennessee Society show. Princess Diane. Inf. Dec. deeply laciniated. A or B. Garnet-red. Thelma and Roy Partain, San Diego, Calif. At San Diego County show. (Comstock Dahlia Gardens ex).

Purplex. For. Dec. A (9½ by 6½ in.). Dianthus purple. Rosemary Dahlia Gardens, Martin's Ferry, O. At Ohio Society show, Cleveland, Ohio. Special Award. Semi-cactus. A (11 to 13½ by 8 in.). Tangerine center shading to autumn colors. H. H. Robens, Chagrin Falls, O. At East Liverpool (O.) show.

THE TWO PEONY WINNERS

The Mighty Mo. Fully double. Rich, velvety red, many yellow stamens. Allen J. Wild, Sarcoxie, Mo. At American Peony Soc'y show, Sarcoxie.

Pink o'Dawn. Large, full rose type; petals large, evenly placed. Flesh color. Dr. H. C. Cooper, Portland, Ore. Minnesota Peony & Iris show.

THE 17 GLADIOLUS WINNERS

Anne Sherman. Delicate self-pink. Heavily ruffled; 5½-in. florets. Theodore Woods, Madison, Wis. At Central International show (took the place of Wisconsin Soc'y show).

Egret. Pure white. Medium-sized florets with roll-back petals. Byron R. Kadel, Lebanon, Pa. At Keystone State Society show.

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What's New in Electric Ranges

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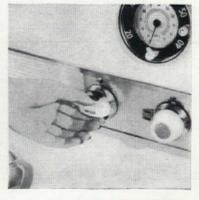




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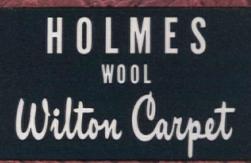
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What's New in Electric Ranges

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Spoke-arranged perforations in rack in Florence's broiling pan drains grease efficiently, makes broiling a smokeless operation



Warming compartment in AB's range has two racks. Ledge on second rack keeps plates from falling when rack is pulled out



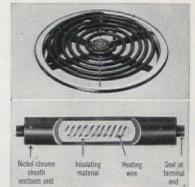
Tuttle & Kift make Monotube heating units for many electric ranges. T&K unit on Deepfreeze range comes apart for cleaning



Jiffy Griddle on Philco's range extends from oven; can be used with broiler to cook pancakes and sausages at same time

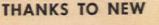


To make oven cleaning easy, L&H conceals oven unit beneath oven lining. Concave drip pan catches spill-overs, deflects heat evenly



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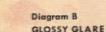
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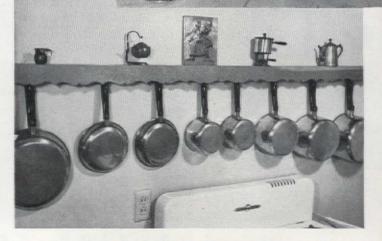
Glue and nail scalloped pine to 3/4-in. top piece, set nail heads, fill holes with wood putty, finish to suit kitchen. Screw on cup hooks. Locate wall with long screws in angle brackets

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Neighbors (Begins on page 18)

men donning overalls and digging, plastering, and painting, the women helping to raise the necessary funds. Completed in the fall of 1948, the greenhouse was officially presented to the Township, which provides heat, light, water, and compost. The latter comes from the Park Department supply, itself an interesting result of an unusual civic practice of collecting the community's leaves and, instead of burning them, processing them into compost for use in the parks and by citizen gardeners. Those who use the greenhouse furnish their own tools, seeds, and other plant materials. The plan has been in operation since January, 1949 and one of its first recognitions was the Silver Medal of the National Garden Institute.

But there are other results than what the Maplewood gardeners have learned and how they have used their knowledge in making their community lovelier to look at and live in. The people are proud of their gardens, but they are even prouder of the participation of their children in gardening activities. A civic project for juniors gives them 20 10-by-4-foot plots on municipal property where they, too, learn the tasks and the thrills of raising food crops and flowers, the responsibilities and rewards of growing things with their own hands. At plant sales held every year by the Garden Club, they take an active part in potting up plants in pasteboard pots that they make themselves, and in selling them from a Junior Booth that they set up and run. They appoint their own committees for this and for the club's flower shows. Last fall, Mr. Harold M. Pruden, general show manager, who is responsible for its schedule, received a telephone call from one of the junior members who said that certain wording in the former schedule was not satisfactory to the junior exhibitors and respectfully requested a change! That shows real interest.

The renters of the bench spaces take as a matter of course, but fully enjoy, the privilege of sharing the seedlings, cuttings, and other things they produce when it comes time to plant them or thin them out. One man and his wife drove to a state institution and distributed their surplus tomato plants among the surprised, but gratified inmates. And later the same day they gave some choice young yews and other evergreens that they had propagated to friends who had recently bought a small farm. Those are examples of the double-acting pleasures that garden hobbyists can enjoy. They are also examples of the manifold rewards that have come from the operation of Maplewood's unique co-operative community greenhouse.



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Dig Now for Dahlias (Begins on page 32)

their length, but straight or only slightly incurved or recurved. Semi-Cactus—Fully double, but the rays are revolute for less than half their length, the outer part being broad below.

Formal Decorative—Fully double flowers with broad, rounded, or pointed rays, their edges but little, if at all, revolute; outer rays

tend to recurve, central ones to be cupped; general effect, regular. *Informal Decorative*—Resembling the preceding, but with the rays generally long, twisted, or pointed, irregular in arrangement.

Ball-type—Fully double, rounded or slightly flattened form; rays blunt, quilled or involute, in tight, spiral arrangement.

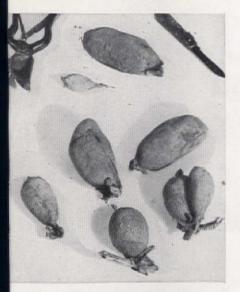
Miniatures—All dahlias normally bearing flowers under 4 inches across (except Pompons); seven types as described above, namely: Single, Peony, Straight and Semi-Cactus, Formal and Informal Decorative, and Ball.

Pompons-Like Ball and Miniature Ball types, but under 2 in. Dwarfs-Refers to plant size only, regardless of flower type.

As to color, there are 13 recognized divisions, namely: White, yellow, orange, autumn, red, dark red, pink, lavender, purple, light and "other" blends, bi-color, and variegated. With the foregoing data, you are equipped to study and classify dahlias anywhere. And now, for concise cultural directions, I refer you to the accompanying pictures based on the methods of Dr. A. E. Nash, of Verona, N. J., a home gardener who has been growing and enjoying dahlias for more than a quarter century.



Come planting time (warm weather and soil), buy, or take from storage, single tubers or whole clumps. If latter, divide them with care—and sharp shears or knife. Take care not to injure the necks of tubers



Be sure each tuber has at least one eye or bud. This clump yielded old "mother" tuber and one small, weak one (above) which can be planted if variety is rare or valuable; and five good strong divisions (below). Cut away any diseased or injured part and dust cut surface with sulphur. Label tubers to prevent confusion



In garden, mix handful of plant food in bottom of hole; set stake firmly; lay tuber on side, 4 to 6 in. deep, neck close to stake. Shift label, tuber to stake. Cover 2 in. deep and fill in as plant grows. (Dr. Nash plants 2 tubers per hill.)

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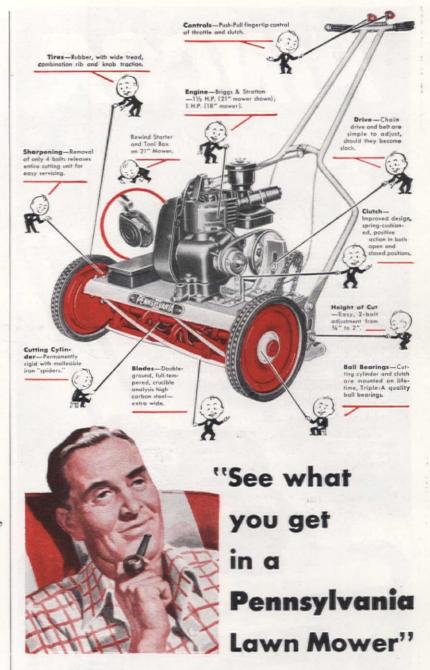
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The First Year is the Hardest

A. EARL BRYSON

There comes a time in the lives of even the most happily employed men—and women, too, I suspect—when their jobs begin to pall. With me it was a combination of many things. First of all, there wasn't the savor in the job that there used to be. What was once a daily adventure had become—for me a monotonous and unrewarding treadmill. And worst of all, I could see no relief ahead.

And then there were the winters in our part. Now they were getting me down, with dull gray skies that blotted out the sun for days, sometimes weeks. For one who had been reared in the sun-swept hills and trim plains of the western wide-open spaces, it was bound, sooner or later, to stir me to rebellion.

Back of these perhaps superficial factors, there were others which had more substance. There was the altogether natural desire for escape from the tedium of rising to the alarm clock for 35 years, and struggling twice daily for a square foot or two on the suburban train. Then there was the instinctive desire for freedom of action, for opportunity to do some of those things which were impossible under existing restrictions. For instance, the urge to fish in the north woods, to loll in the western sun, to browse in the library, to play with the grandchildren while they were still tiny enough to accept one with all one's shortcomings.

The change in the family situation was also a factor. Ours had been a large and happy one—three girls and two boys. They were now all grown, their college completed except for the youngest; I was ready to ease off. But how about my wife? Was it fair to ask her to make the plunge? She loved the town in which we lived, she adored her friends and the comfortable home in which we had raised our family. She liked things to run smoothly—as they had during our whole married life; even routine—her own she found pleasant. Despite all this, I reasoned that she, too, would welcome a change. She did agree, but only out of simple loyalty to me. It was some months afterwards that I realized what I had asked of her, how great the sacrifice she made, and how deep her affection in agreeing to my desires.

Even with the family approval, I suppose had I considered the project with full objectivity, I would have decided against it. The old position was a very satisfactory one and because of the long record of service behind it, probably good for the balance of my working years. And the financial hazard of the contemplated change would, if nothing else, have deterred a more cautious mind. The reserves on which we had to depend were not such as to withstand too much strain. Besides, there was always the basic question of whether the change would bring the hoped-for rewards. Maybe we were darkening the one picture more than was merited and brightening up the other more than there was reason to justify. Maybe I had better just settle down to earth and stop chasing rainbows.

Whether well or ill-conceived, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, I concluded that I would go through with it. So, on a black January day, the winds whistling on the outside and a deep



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heaviness in my heart, I handed in my resignation. It was a bit hard to explain, for to many people it didn't make sense, least of all, to the head of the firm. My explanations sounded schoolbovish and unconvincing.

Somewhat to my surprise, I was reported to have "retired," probably because I had made no new business connections, or because we had decided to migrate to Colorado, which perhaps suggested leisure and play to the thousands who flock thither to spend their summer vacations. Yet retirement in the sense of renouncement of further business activity or release from all my duties and responsibilities was certainly then neither my thought or desire. I was changing pace, but not forswearing useful effort. The retirement label stuck however, even in new surroundings.

What was no doubt meant by those who insisted on reclassifying me was, I argued defensively, merely that I had retired from my old position, and until I announced some new connection or occupation, they considered me as a man of leisure.

The question of my exact status was thus put up to me. Was I, in fact, the retired man the world seemed to regard me, or was I merely a middle-aged business man, enjoying a bit of well-earned freedom? Now that I had had a taste of independence, I found it much harder to answer this question than I had ever expected it would be. Definitely, I concluded that I was not going back on another pay roll, where the freedom of action which had inspired my action would again be lost. Likewise, I recognized that to embark on a business enterprise of my own, to be my own boss, would, if the project were to succeed, require more time and application than I was now inclined to give it.

Reluctantly, I came to a realization that I was, perhaps, a retired man, for what I sought-some moderately remunerative post that I could work at as I saw fit-was available solely to vagrants and V.I.P.'s, the one working only under prod of extreme necessity and the other only as his whims dictated. Who would hire a man-that man being me-who, for instance, might wish to work today, when the roses demand attention, for only a few hours; tomorrow, when a new book must be read, for, say, two hours; Wednesday, a full day perhaps (the weather man predicting rain for that day, with the prospect of no joy in the out-of-doors); Thursday, not at all, for on that day a neighboring stream must be explored for the trout reported to be frequenting its waters; perhaps a half day on Friday when the garden calls for attention, and another half day on Saturday when the outing group hies

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themselves to the hills to seek out the mysteries of those great piles and to ponder the questions of the day 'round the evening camp fire. Of what worth would such a man be to an enterprising employer, or what business of one's own could be directed profitably under such a schedule?

The awakening to this now evident fact forced another decision, perhaps the hardest one of all. It's not difficult to foreswear work; many men do that even early in life and let others worry about their needs. I was hardly in that category-neither as to the probability of becoming a public charge, nor willingness to do so. Nevertheless, elimination of productive effort would mean that we would have to live differently from what we had before. Some things would have to be eliminated; the whole process would have to be scaled down to a different level. Even then, some capital would have to be consumed. Did I value my freedom enough to make this exchange of values-or betterdid we do so, for in this my wife must certainly have a voice.

The answer to this critical issue was less difficult for me than for my wife. To begin with, I was eight years older than she, and perhaps on that account more willing to exchange the old values for the new. Moreover, as a housewife, though equally busy, she always had had a fuller measure of independence of action than I had had as a hired hand. The releases of the new life thus meant less to her than to me-in fact, with the smaller ménage to supervise and fewer outside obligations, time occasionally hung heavy on her hands. And the idea of giving up some of the "essential luxuries" was not too easy, for though far from extravagant in her tastes, she loved nice things-some of which would have to be sacrificed, under the new program. Then there was the concern that haunted both of us of sickness, of possible dependency in our later years, for though we might hope to get by if we continued to enjoy good health, our reserves would not stand the strain of longprotracted illness. Here again, I looked at this contingency less apprehensively than my wife, reasoning that if she were the unfortunate victim, I could always go back to a job of some kind to tide us over the difficulty, whereas if I were the one affected, we would be no worse off than under the old program.

The decisions on this point were again for going ahead—willingly on my part, more reluctantly on Helen's. Yet even my own was tinctured with a few doubts, not because of the required step-down in some of our living standards, but for other reasons. A year had now elapsed since I had left the old job. I had had a good



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opportunity to test out the life of a 'retired" man. I had enjoyed it thoroughly-the Colorado sunshine and the mountains near at hand were a constant source of wonder and satisfaction. I had read more than in years before; I was trying my hand at writing, a previously unrealized ambition of years; the yard and outof-doors were a never-ending challenge and joy. I was finding a few places where I could be useful in the affairs of the community and we were making new friends, were developing with that readiness that is characteristic of the West. But there were a few aspects of going from a life of regulated activity to that of a free agent that presented perplexities.

One of the minor and unexpected problems of retirement-perhaps more so for the wife than the husband-is the new domestic situation resulting from having two bosses on the premises. Whereas before, the household was pretty much the private domain of the wife during the greater part of the day and she the unquestioned mistress, now she must share her authority with another. And this other, because he occasionally has time on his hands with nothing better to do, begins to invade fields that are not his own; suggesting, for instance, that the living room could stand a bit more color, that the menus (including that abomination of all wives, the noon-day lunch) are not notable for their variety; that davtime radio is foul; that the furniture should hardly be moved every week. It takes a valiant wife to stand up under such invasions of her proper field and I have no doubt the best of them, my own included, sometimes wished for the good old days with just five children, a maid, a cocker pup, and three kittens to look after.

Of course, it works the other way, too. The husband who goes forth daily to fight the family's economic battles is quite a fellow in his family's eyes. He is sent forth with a farewell kiss as he starts the day and is greeted on his return with equally warm affection. He is a knight-errant in a small way, going forth daily to tilt with dragons of all kinds that his lady and little ones may have what they need. Since he now rides forth no longer to bring home the family bacon, he isn't quite the hero that he used to be; in fact, he is probably recognized for what he was all the time (but succeeded in hiding by absenting himself from the family during most of their waking hours)a rather ordinary, somewhat bumbling fellow, who, now that these facts are evident, must be told how to run the family car, how to handle his business affairs, and when to shave. It's a bit humbling for the deflated hero and there are some who can't take it.



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Equally disconcerting to the ego of the retired business man is realization of the importance attached by the public to the titles and trappings he acquires in active life, but soon loses in his new estate. Mr. X, the vice-president of the X.Y.Z. Corporation, perhaps the mayor of the town, the chairman of the Community Fund, past-president of the Chamber of Commerce, father of a beautiful daughter, of a talented son-and so on. Each of these carry some measure of distinction and accord him a degree of respect in the community. But as a retired man, in a new environment, he is just Mr. X, a commonplace old gentleman who likes to tramp the hills and tend his garden. Perhaps the luster of a few of his old distinctions may shine weakly and very briefly in the narrow circle familiar with his past, but even that is soon lost and whatever support to his happiness or self-esteem derived from that source must, if he is to carry on successfully, be compensated for in other ways.

Even one year's observation as a retired man made clear to me the fact emphasized by others more familiar with the problem: that nothing can be quite so devastating to retirement happiness, nor even to health and longevity, as the feeling of inutility, of unimportance, of lack of place and position in the busy world that moves forward unceasingly and has little regard for the individual who seeks or is satisfied merely to stand still. The very routines which seemed so irksome to the one seeking escape from them, the pressures which appeared so unendurable are as nothing to torments of the man who can find no way satisfactorily to use his time. He is like the convict who, when freed, yearns for return to the old prison walls, having lost the ability to think and do for himself. If freedom for the retired man means only release from duty, deliverance from seemingly endless and purposeless routines, without anything to fill in the resulting gaps in the way of useful and satisfying alternatives, his disillusionment in retirement is likely to exceed even the rigors of an aimless existence as a whirling cog in the business machine.

And with retirement, as with matrimony, the first year is the hardest -only probably more so. For as marriage requires adjustment to a new mode of living, it is an adjustment of young, eager, and adaptable lives; the fulfillment of a longcherished and much glamorized transition; distinctly, a move forward. Retirement, on the other hand, involves adjustments in living no less difficult for most, often more so. And the adjustments must be made by those whose ways are more set, whose





minds are less resilient, and who for want of means or imagination, often look upon the change merely as a release, and certainly as a retreat.

My observation and experience leads me to believe that retirement is easy only for a fortunate few; but that while rugged, it can be rewarding for any of those who are willing to work at it as they would at any other worthwhile objective. The difference in all cases depends perhaps more on the adaptability, the determination to make it go, and the cultural and spiritual resources to implement the effort, than on the physical and financial reserves which commonly head the other qualities.

It is a heartening discovery for any one seriously concerned with the problem, that most of us have latent interests and skills which need only cultivation to bring satisfaction in retirement. The desire for recognition which seems to survive so long as there is life, may, one discovers, be as truly satisfied by growing prizewinning tulips, puppies, or even the lowly tomato, as in being elected president of the company, or mayor of the town. The acquisitive instinct, which in our earlier years drives us to the limits of our physical and mental resources may be satisfied by collecting cacti, crystals, or coleoptera, no less than in additions to our bank account or piling up items of market value. The love of sports, of the outof-doors, can be as truly gratified with a nature book, a camera, or a fishing rod as with more violent implements. The love and understanding of music, of art, of literature and philosophy, come much more naturally with the discriminating judgment and contemplative viewpoint of maturity than in the turmoil and wavering enthusiasms of earlier years. The will for usefulness, for service, can be as well fulfilled in minor roles as in showier and more widely acclaimed offices.

Retirement has it rigors, yes, but I can witness that it can be rich and compensating if we have the wisdom to look upon it as a positive, not a negative step. It is an advance, not a retreat. It is a flight to freedombut freedom, too, has its obligations. The test appears to be: Are we running away from something-or to it? If we are merely seeking escape, retirement may well be disappointing; if freedom is our goal, we must recognize that it is hard-won, easily lost, the richest of all blessings, but worth whatever sacrifice and struggles are necessary to partake of its offerings.

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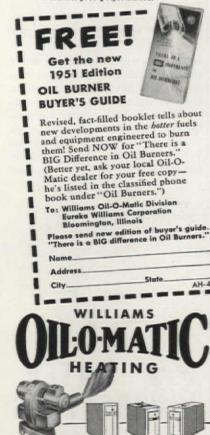
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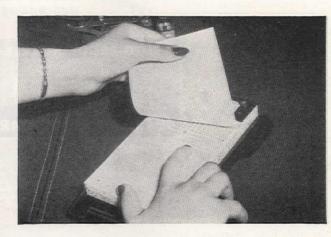


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pictures. It's like writing a theme in college, only this is fun because instead of arranging ideas on paper, you are working with pictures and a splicer. You see your ideas, arrange them physically in order. That is all there is to editing. Of course, if your pictures were planned before you shot them, your editing flows along almost by itself. But if you turn up with only a batch of miscellaneous, remotely related scenes you still can put them together interestingly.

If your vacation pictures are a lot of scenes of swimming, golf, sailing, hikes, and picnics, tie them together with titles simulating phrases cut from a letter to someone at home. Open with a picture of the postman dropping your letter in a mail box. and show next the person to whom the letter was addressed, taking it from the box and sitting down to read it. Then come the titles (quoted from your letter) and the pictures you made last summer. The title, ... and today Myra brought 'Sprite' in second in the Lady Skippers' Race," will cover your marine shots of that event, while, "Our expedition up Old Baldy last Tuesday was tough, but even Gus said it was worth it," would do fine for the hiking scenes.

Perhaps you are taking movies of the kids as they grow from babies into adolescence, from adolescence to self-conscious youth. If so, you certainly are dating the pictures, and the break between ages is easily and effectively accomplished by a close-up of a hand pulling the sheets from a calendar and pointing to the date of the picture to follow.

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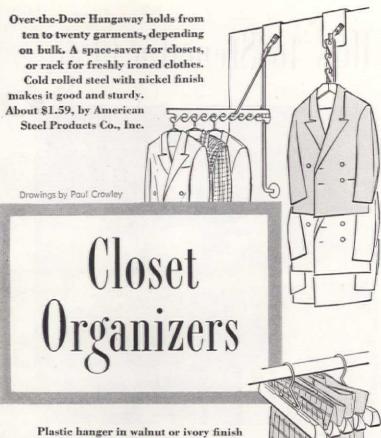


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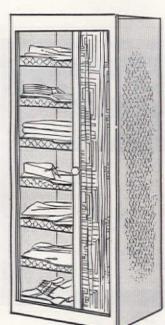
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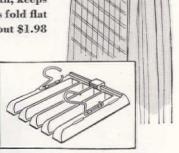
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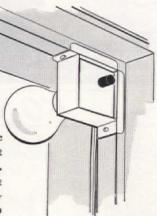


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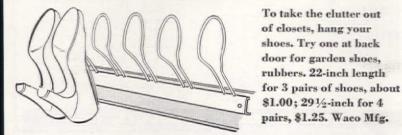




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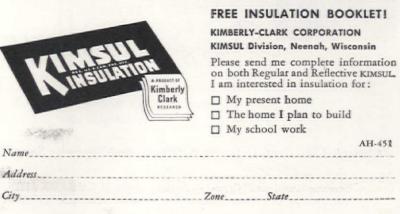


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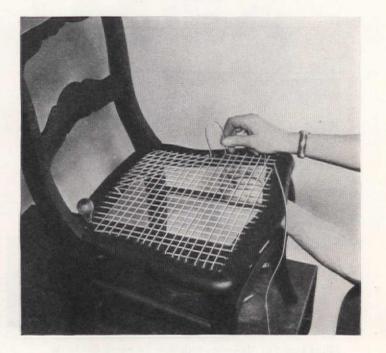
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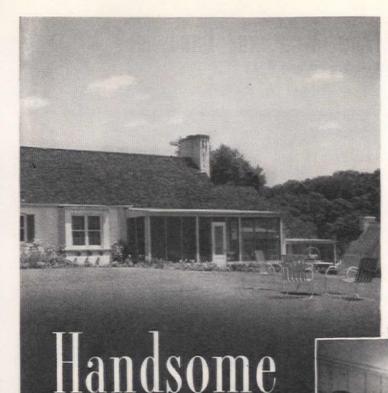
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Sofa group in living room, flanked by French doors to the porch. Walls of random-width pickled pine. Simple fireplace has mantel with dentil molding



Another view of living room shows pickled fruitwood chests on each side of sofa grouping, large picture window overlooking garden, lamps from tea canisters



Exterior rear view shows curved bay window of master bedroom, screened porch, garage at lower level, right. Corner of book room, below, shows sofa and armchair grouped around fireplace, pine walls

RUTH W. LEE

Photographs by Nowell Ward

his lovely house, beautifully and comfortably spread out on a hilltop overlooking the rolling St. Charles, Illinois countryside, should rightly be called "Hospitality House," although the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Doherty, have named it "Pipperwood." No one could be more gracious and generous with their informal, rambling, one-story country house than these friendly hosts and their daughter. Every week end their house teems with guests from all over, and the entire summer finds their grounds full of picnickers. In fact, this place was built for just that reason-informal country living and entertaining, for the Dohertys believe in sharing all their fun with their family and friends.

The house was designed by the owners and built on a U-shaped plan, since they wanted every room to have a view of the sloping meadowland and their informal garden, where flowers and foliage grow in gorgeous profusion. That is why there's a large bay picture window in every room, including the long-view window in the entrance hall. Still another idea which they wanted to be sure of was ample space for outdoor dining and entertaining. Hence they have two screened porchesone just off the large living room and another just off the book room. The gardens, which are located in both front and back of the house are in full view of both porches.

The exterior is of white painted brick with dentil molding, the roof of natural cedar shingles, and shutters are blue-gray, with full-length shutters at the recessed entrance. The long center portion of the house is framed by spruce trees and thick balsam bushes, with borders of garden flowers in bloom, including phlox, iris, geraniums, and petunias. Their profusion of beauty gives the approach to the house an especially friendly and inviting air. At the back of the house there are more garden borders, so that every room can enjoy its own lovely view.

There isn't any decorator stiffness about the interiors. They're all in French Provincial style, which lends itself so well to the informal architecture. Each room has lively provincial wallpapers or fabrics to emphasize the country feeling of the whole house. Walls are of random-width, tongue-and-groove pickled pine in both the living room and study, which gives a cozy, homespun quality all around. Mrs. Doherty has given each room a touch of her own individuality. True to their love of garden views, the family breakfasts in the dining bay, which overlooks the back gardens. In each bedroom, the desk is in a picture bay window, which gives inspiration to any desk work. Even though the living room is large in scale, the informal French Provincial chests and fabrics and soft colors create friendly groups which invite casual conversation.

The pantry has ample counter space for arranging flowers, not to mention plenty of cupboard space for all their entertaining needs. In the large, modern kitchen alongside there is a bay window over the sink, which adds another garden view to the open plan of each room.

Built for comfort and hospitality, the Dohertys have enjoyed every room in the long rambling house. It grows with the years in its generous proportions. It is a heart-warming house, with a continuous invitation to family and friends.

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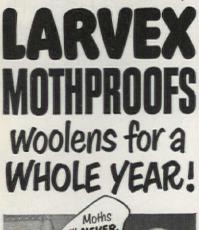


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Cross-barred picture window frames view of front garden. Cheerful-looking flower pots. Curtains draw together



Guest bedroom has large bay window, desk group overlooks garden. Provincial wallpaper, chintz draperies, four-poster



Bay window in master bedroom. Camellia wallpaper repeats pink and blue in plaid headboard and pink spread. Bedroom fireplace has white Colonial mantel, iron plant trellis conceals the hearth



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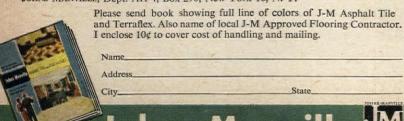
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Homey Kitchen (Begins on page 136)



Architect John Astin Perkins combined mellow wood with provincial wallpaper in this L-shaped work area of the Harry Dishman kitchen in Texas. Note lantern fixture



Even a modern house can have a cozy kitchen. The Fred Armbrusters of Seattle mix pine, porcelain, and bright linoleum. Triple window over sink. Ted Jacobson, architect



Small kitchen in Haldane Douglas' home (Feb. 1950 cover) has pickled oak cebinets above and below, beamed ceiling. A collection of old Mexican tiles was set into counter tops

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Magnolias (Begins on page 140)

the wild, but rarely more than 30 to 50 feet in cultivation, with its handsome pyramidal form, glossygreen leathery foliage, and striking cream-white flowers to 8 inches across, is a typical representative. Moreover, within its range, it will endure neglect, drought, cold, and other setbacks without harm.

The Saucer Magnolia (*M. soulangeana*), perhaps the most showy and widely used, is the one generally planted in city and suburban yards. It is lower-growing, more spreading, and covers its bare branches for about two weeks in early spring (before the leaves appear) with big, loose saucers, white inside, pink to purple outside in the type, though deep pink, purple, and white varieties are encountered. This, by the way, is not a true species, but a hybrid of two Chinese species—M. denudata and M. liliflora.

Two species from Japan that are popular and perfectly hardy are the Star Magnolia (M. stellata), with loose, slender-petaled white flowers, and M. kobus, which bears somewhat later, but also before the leaves, vast numbers of slightly larger, fewerpetaled, but firmer, pure white blossoms. Both leaves and flowers are about 4 inches in greatest dimension.

In general, most native species available in nurseries and therefore seen in gardens, are larger than the introduced ones, and even than many of the grandifloras. The Sweet Bay or Swamp Magnolia (M. virginiana) attains 60 feet, growing along banks from Massachusetts to Florida and Texas. Its 3-inch, white, lemonscented flowers are miniature counterparts of those of M. grandiflora, and its foliage, though only half-evergreen even in the South, is handsome and abundant. Found from Pennsylvania southward to the Gulf of Mexico, but no less hardy than the last when



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This ripe fruit of the native Umbrella-tree is typical of seed pods of many magnolia species

planted considerably farther north, is the Umbrella-tree (M. tripetala), which grows to 40 feet, has leaves up to 2 feet long, and white, unpleasantly fragrant flowers up to 10 inches across. The popular name refers to the shape in which the leaf clusters develop at the ends of the branches.

There are two so-called Cucumbertrees (the name presumably referring to the appearance of the fruits while green). One (M. acuminata) may reach 100 feet and ranges from New York to Arkansas and Georgia, bearing 10-inch leaves woolly underneath, and small, greenish yellow flowers along with them. The other, logically called the Large-leaved Cucumbertree (M. macrophylla), grows only half as large but makes up for that by having huge leaves sometimes 3 feet long, and waxy white, fragrant flowers proportionately large-sometimes a foot or more across.

An interesting feature of most of the magnolias, especially the native ones, is the fruit which is cone- or cucumber-shaped, smooth and green when young, but ripening to a rough brown surface which cracks or splits to reveal and ultimately release the many shiny seeds, about the size of snap beans, which range from pale pink to rich crimson according to the species. They are decorative on the plants, and popular among makers of dry flower arrangements.

A closely related native member of the Magnolia Family is the noble, columnar, hardy Tulip-tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), growing wild from New England to Florida and Mississippi, a useful lumber tree and valued as a shade tree where space permits. Its flowers, 2 or 3 inches across, greenish yellow, orange-tinted at the base, are of the characteristic magnolia form, as are the brownish fruits.

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Golden Dawn. Clear yellow. Tall. Slightly ruffled florets formally placed. P. F. Savelief, South Milwaukee, Wis. At Illinois Society show.

Gold Throat. Rose-red, overlay of gold on lower petals. Medium spike, informal. Chas. A. Everett, Chelmsford, Mass. At Maine Society show.

Heirloom. Giant ruffled lavender. Leo G. Klein, Geneva, N. Y. At Eastern International show, Binghamton, N. Y. (N. Y. State Exp. Station, ex).

Julia Mae. Medium rose-lavender, light cream throat. Ralph J. Pommert, Pacific, Wash, At Washington State Society show.

King David. Deep purple, reddish purple lip. Petals winged, ruffled, fluted, picotee-edged. Anton Carlson, Hector, Minn. Indiana Society show (Cosmopolitan Glad Gardens, ex).

Mother Fischer. Rose color. Long flower head. Carl Fischer, St. Charles, Minn. At Ohio State Society show.

Newport. Giant. Pale pink. Florets slightly ruffled. Mrs. Elizabeth Briggs, Encinitas, Calif. At Southern California Society show.

Poets Glory. Medium lavender. Formal, ruffled; 41/2-in. florets. Carl Fischer, St. Charles, Minn. At Nebraska Society show.

Polar Cub. Small; 21/2-in. florets, well-ruffled, in formal arrangement. Pure, unmarked creamy white. Herbert O. Evans, Solon, O. At Northwestern Ohio Society show.

Rosaleta. White, rose-pink edge. Basyle Palmer, Millington, Mich. At Northeastern Michigan show.

Rajah. Deep rose, all petals silverlined. Double row ruffled florets. Lawrence Allen, Akron, O. At Tri State Society show, Wellsville, O.

Vanity Fair. Very light buff-pink with faint rose blotch. Large (6 in.), intensely ruffled blooms. J. W. Harris, Sarnia, Ont., Canada. At Southeastern Michigan Society show.

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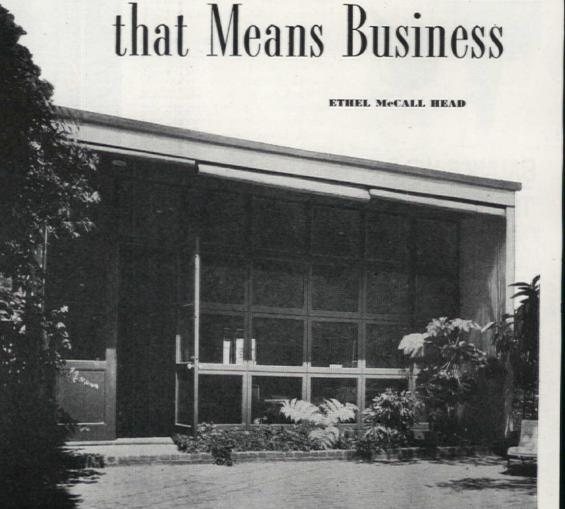
Little House

Step through the wide gate, swing it closed behind you, and you are transported from a busy street winding up the canyon to an enchanted spot. Designed by Christopher Choate, it is now the home and studio of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Royer. Small and distinguished, on a narrow property, the problem of adequate outdoor living space was difficult to solve. The designer placed the house far enough back on the narrow lot, however, to provide a spacious patio in the front, with stone tile walls on both sides and across the street front for privacy.

Simplicity is the keynote of the little modern house itself. Inside, there is one spacious living-studio room with very high ceiling, a bedroom opening to a tiny rear patio, bath, and compact kitchen. But the structure of the house itself is part of the design of the large room. Yellow walls continue past the blue-green window wall to extend to the outside. Ceiling flows in one continuous line from inside to outside to create a spacious overhang for the window wall—the house and garden seem a unit.

The bedroom opens to the rear patio with window and doors. A compact, but highly efficient kitchen has a laundry built in at one end and is but a step from the rear patio which serves as a laundry yard.

Mrs. Royer (Dorothy Hewes) is a wellknown artist, has won awards for her fine gouaches and abstractions. She finds just the right atmosphere for work in her little house, yet it's so well arranged that when friends drop in at late afternoon there is plenty of uncluttered space to entertain them. It is remarkable to find such honest design and architecture in *p* mall house.





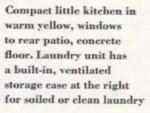


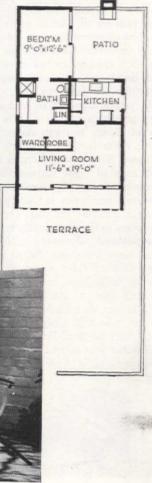
Corner of studio-livingroom shows brightly covered couches, grass mats on concrete floor, yellow walls. Blue-green storage wall below forms corridor which leads to bedroom and bath. Storage wall also serves as backing for couch



Floor plan reveals simple, clean lines with walls of the studio-living-room extending past the window wall to the outside, with spacious overhang. House and garden are made to seem one unit, expanding the size of living room

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But I believe a new trend is once more moving forward, and a lot of men in a lot of new homes-to-be will begin to enjoy their share of the space they have earned. Just as the old, dust-catching and uncomfortable "den" gave way to a "workshop" and then a "hobby corner" so I believe the modern bedroom is going to be a place where two equal partners may enjoy equal privileges. Before you build-plan it that way!

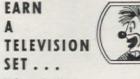
Check up on your possessions: a place for her suits? Fine! Then have an equal space for yours. Nylon hose? Correct. And this drawer for wool socks. Lingerie here? Then shirts and shorts there. If you like to whip some stream for trout, then why is there a built-in space for card tables, but no covered closet where tackle may be kept? Before you finally adopt your plan for that future place which the two of you will share-while the walls are merely little lines on paper -then is the time to talk things over and decide which spaces you may rightfully call your own.

If you're thinking of remodeling your present home there are a number of things you can do to stake out a claim for your master's share of space. You've seen pictures in the magazines of those storage walls of wardrobe closets. Be sure there are two such wardrobes in your plansone for her, one for you. There are two ways to do away subtly with the fancy-skirted dressing table-and she'll never know you plotted against her! One is this: many of these storage walls have two closets, one on each side, with a slick, modern, built-in dressing table between. Simple and no frills, with a big mirror above and plenty of good light.

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Master Bedroom (Begins on page 25)

combination dressing table and lavatory affairs installed in the bathroom, one with plenty of counter space to the side of the bowl. Put in a big mirror, good light, a small stool-and watch how fast Mama will move her powders and perfumes from bedroom to bathroom!

When it comes to redecorating or refurnishing the bedroom, you're the guy who pays the bills in the end, so why shouldn't you have your say? But you have to speak up firmlyand quickly. If you are uncomfortable in a bower of cabbage roses, state your case; there are hundreds of good wallpapers that are not sissified. If you're dumb about decorating, say you'd like a good solid color or a nice stripe or plaid. That will give her room to work within, and yet keep it on the simple side.

When you're furniture shopping, ask the salesman (in an aside, of course) to show you a bedroom group with one of those "Mr. and Mrs." double chests of drawers. One side is usually compartmented to take shirts and shorts-if you're man enough to stick up for your share of space. Or better still, take a look at those individual wardrobe cabinets that THE AMERICAN HOME'S editors designed; one whole cabinet is designed to take care of men's clothing, and there's a separate cabinet for women. Several manufacturers make them.

Here are a few phrases you should watch for like a hawk. If they come up in the course of decorating plans, recognize them; suddenly become distant and cold, mutter a few wellchosen remarks about your next income tax installment, the state of business, your checkbook, and wonder aloud to yourself whether you really ought to spend the money at this time. These are the traps: swags, jabots, crisscross, dust ruffles, floral motifs, garlands, French style, quilting, eyelet embroidery, satin, and any noun directly preceded by the adjectives "lovely" or "chic." Those should be enough to carry you safely for a while. And remember, stick to your guns, son. Once you begin to give in, you're lost. More power to you, master!

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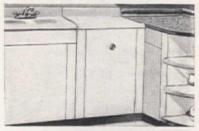
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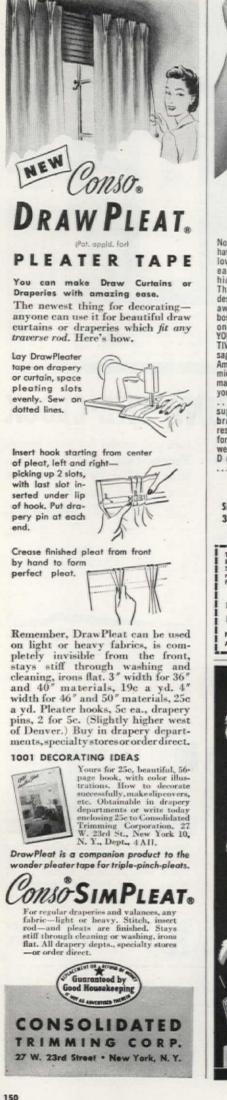


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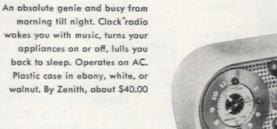
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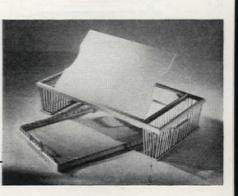
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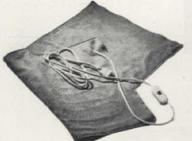
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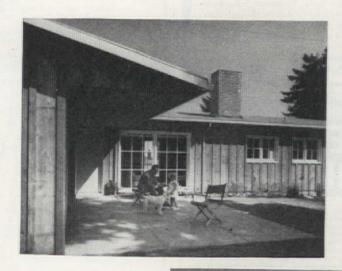




Extras Make It Special (Begins on page 42)

burning fireplace in the $13\frac{1}{2}$ by $17\frac{1}{2}$ master bedroom. A floorlength picture window in this room looks out onto the paved play terrace. Because this window faces south there is a six-foot roof overhang which shades the room in summer. This bedroom has a separate door leading to the terrace, and the mirror on the built-in vanity opens up to reveal a medicine chest behind it. The second bedroom is small, but the closets are far from stingy. The livingroom door shuts to close off the sleeping section entirely.

Knowing a good thing when we see it, THE AMERICAN HOME'S editors have included this house in the series of Blueprint Houses. This one is house No. 7. Full plans and list of materials are available and may be ordered on page 155.



Above, the rear side of the house, from bedroom wing looking toward living-room window. Set in angle of house, terrace is protected from wind, gets south sun. Living room and master bedroom open directly onto terrace. Right, entrance porch has forthright lines of genuine ranch house. Shutters painted green; other trim is white





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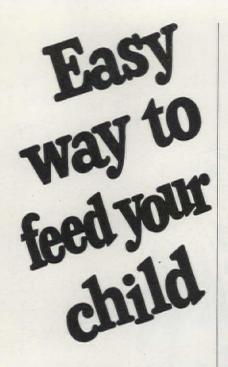
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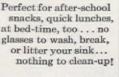


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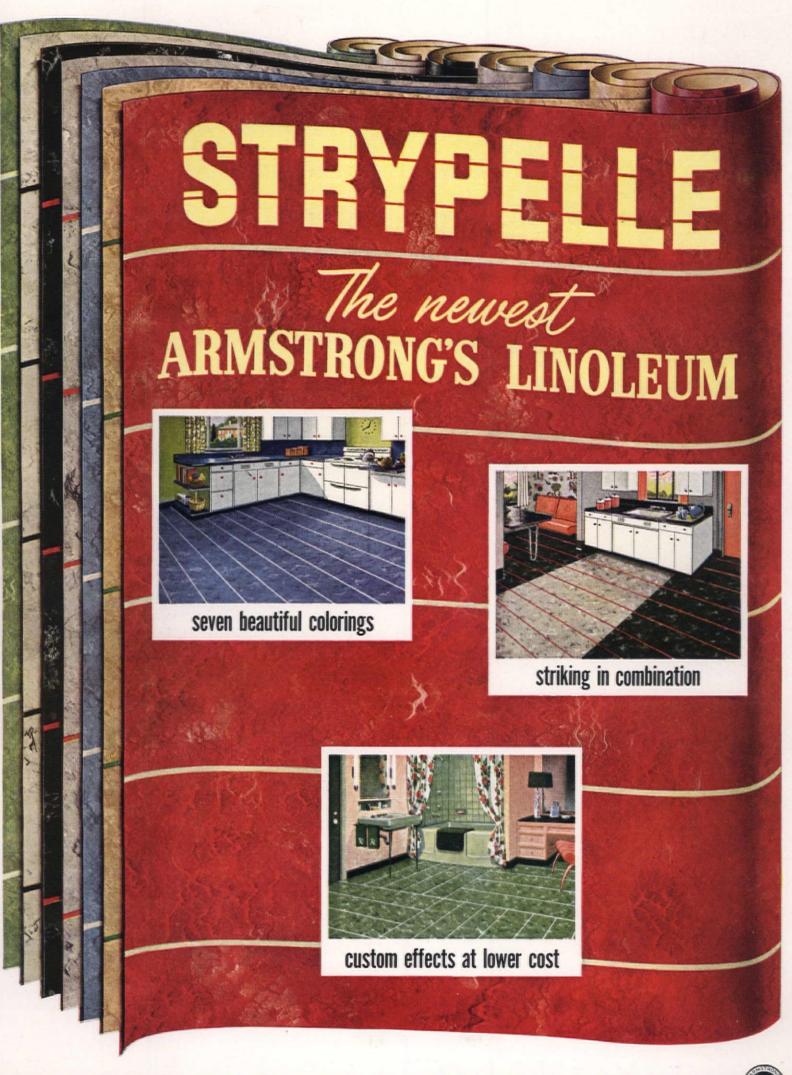
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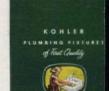


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