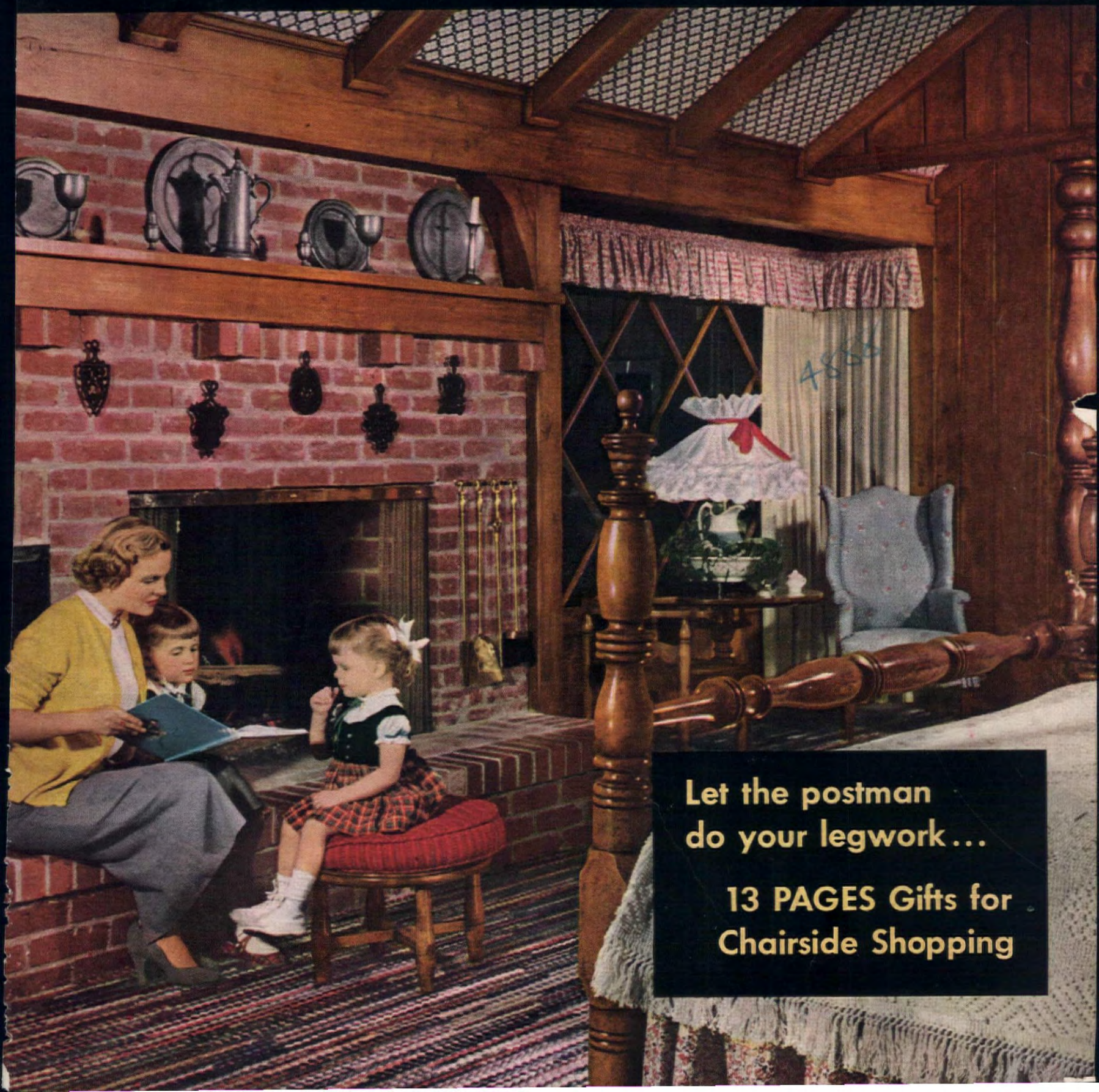


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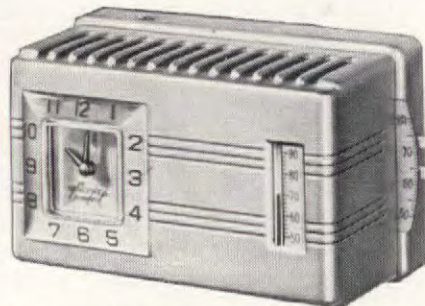
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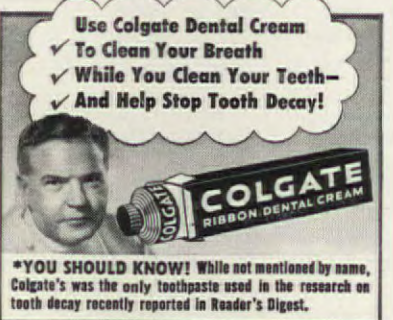
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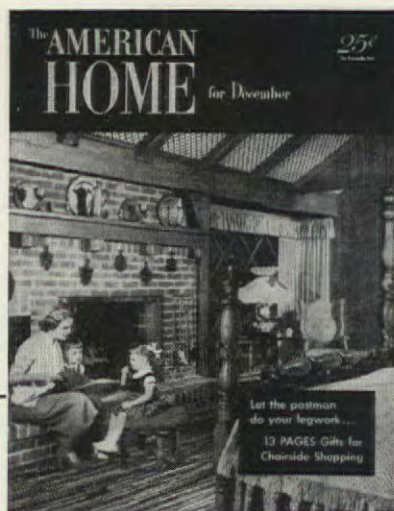
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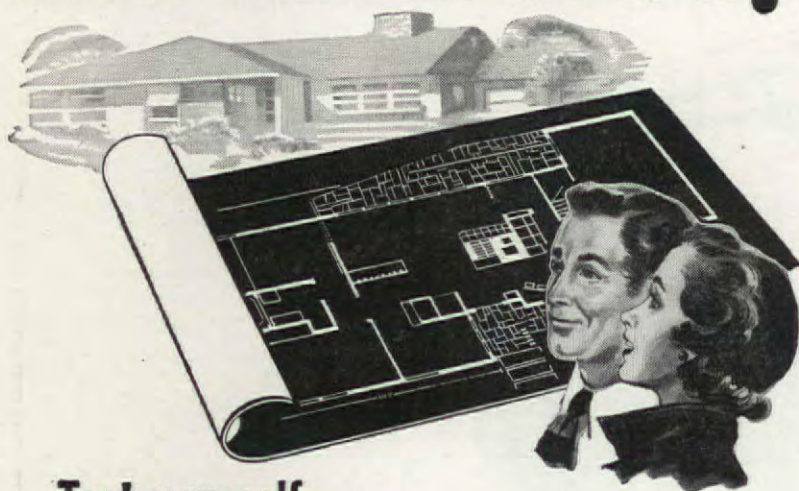
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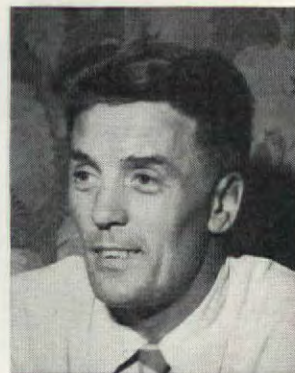
... **L. E. WATSON**, who contributes to our crafts department, must be a wonderful man to have around the house. When he isn't busy as medical administrative officer for the V.A. in Wichita, Kan., he "loves the tune of a hammer and saw." When his journalist wife wants a new piece of furniture, he draws it up, makes a scale model to discover the woodworking problems, and then produces it! He's planning a solar house whose largest room will be his workshop.



... **WM. E. PENNYL**, copy chief of a Pittsburgh advertising agency, living on a 60 x 100-ft. suburban lot, says he's no horticultural expert. But while people may have better luck in gardening, he doubts if they have more fun with it than he. Started 10 years ago, it has continued ever since, except when the Army took him on a South Pacific tour. Each year he thinks his vegetable garden is his last, but the lure of fresh corn and peas (page 30) is too much for him.

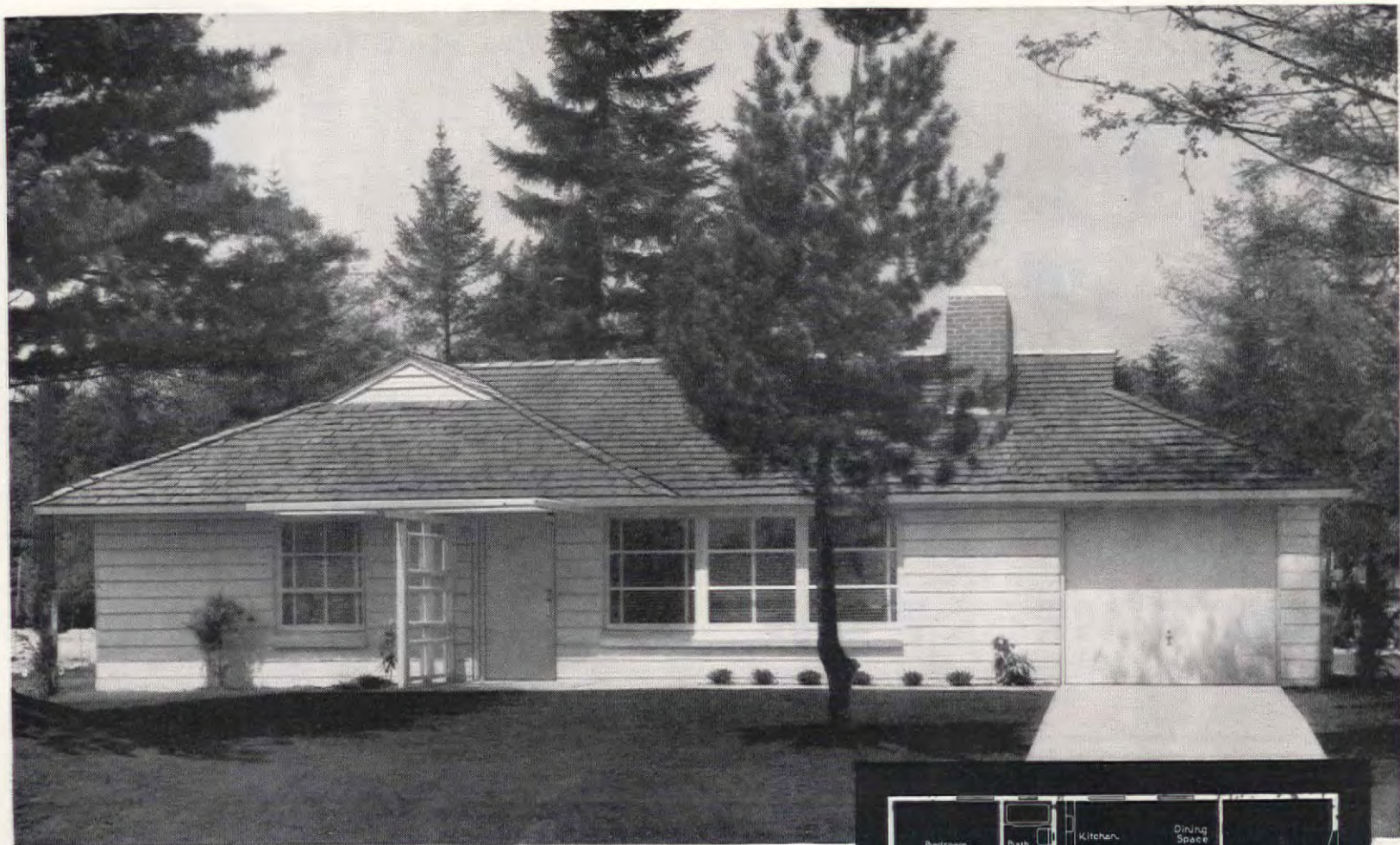


... **JAMES S. DUNCAN**, one half of the team which designed the excellent ranch house we discuss on page 26, was born in Scotland. When he was 10, he came to live in Chicago. A graduate of the Armour Institute, he worked for firms which designed stores, schools, and theaters before becoming a Navy architect during the war. But because he would rather do houses, he teamed up with Chester Jones in 1945 to practice domestic architecture in Highland Park, Ill.

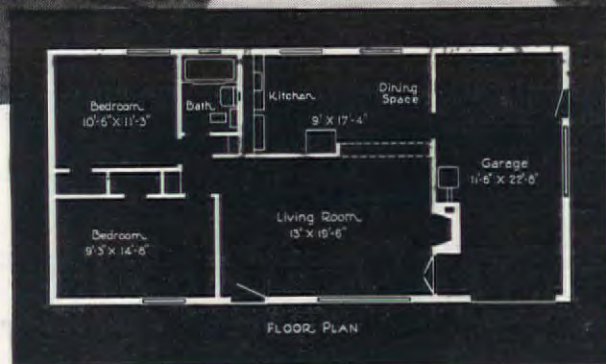


... **CHESTER JONES**, partner of James S. Duncan (above) in the architectural firm of Jones and Duncan, has been interested in construction work all his life. After an Ohio boyhood and Navy service during World War I, he spent many years in residential construction in Los Angeles. He moved to Chicago to design for Rapp and Rapp, before the days of Jones and Duncan. Off hours, you'll find him fishing—or playing with his tiny grandson.





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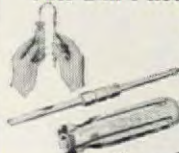
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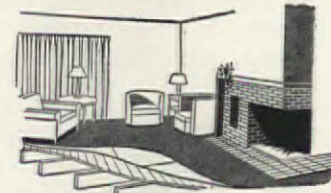
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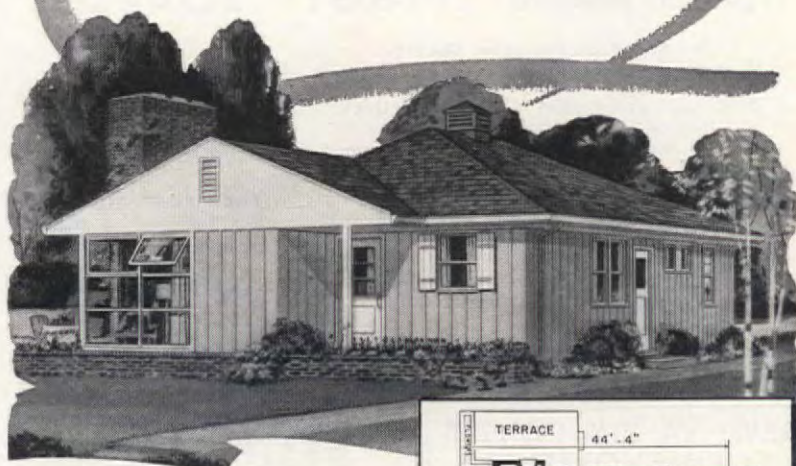
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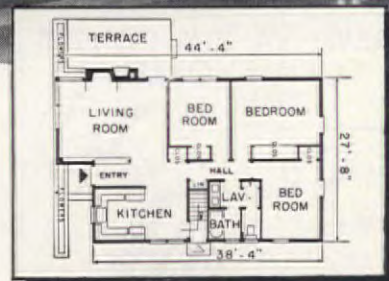
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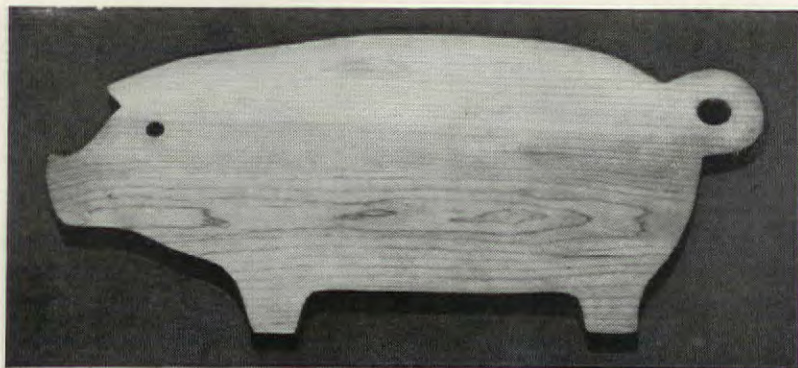
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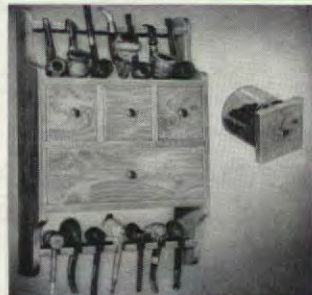
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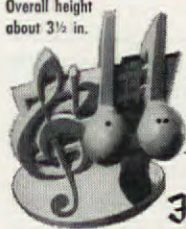
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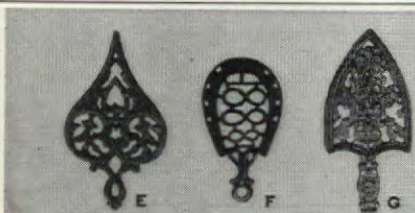
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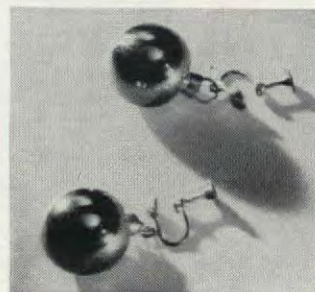
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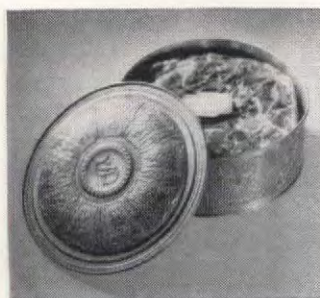
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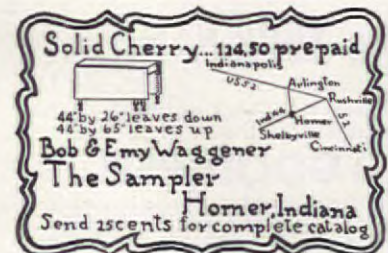
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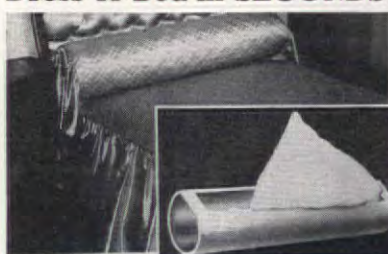
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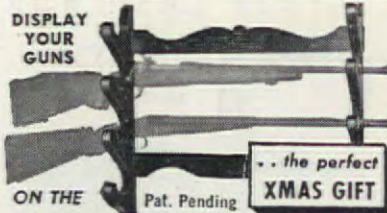
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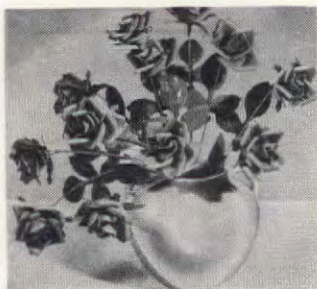
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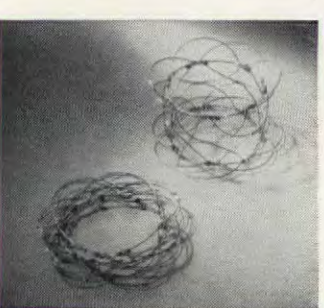
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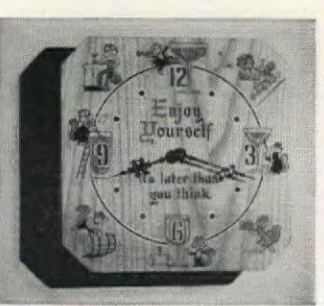
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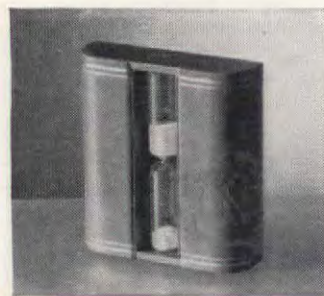
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MARGARET RITCHIE

We had smothered Christmas to death at our house. In a nice way, of course—under mounds of tinsel gifts. Nevertheless, the old "merry" Christmas was dead. Real gaiety had given way to synthetic cheer which masked frazzled nerves and weariness induced by hours of shopping. And pocketbooks were flat. That was before we inaugurated our "Three H" system which put the "merry" back in Christmas and banished its dizzy 20th-century counterpart.

We are a large family, and we had always exchanged gifts around the circle. It had been fun. But we had married; in-laws, children, and new friends had been added. And our lists were staggering. Somebody suggested that the adults "draw names"—that each adult get only one gift. But the thought of the Christmas tree half-denuded seemed grim. It was then that one family genius conjured up the "Three H" idea. In case you've forgotten your maxims, the "Three H's" are Head, Hands, and Heart. It sounded like something out of Pollyanna's notebook, but we gave it a try. It worked this way: each of us drew the name of one adult to whom he was to give a conventional gift. But that was only part of it—the least important part. The hat went around again, and each of us drew the name of a grownup to whom he would give, instead of just a "boughten" present, something requiring his own time and ingenuity. Then we began to have cold feet. There was Father, a bookworm—what could one make for him? And Mother is so nimble with the needle—what amateurish home-sewing could please her? Roy

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MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

And the great football hero came home from the wars, doubly a hero now. He settled down with his lovely wife and little daughter in a small house with a great big view—a house pretty as a picture, glowing with color, gay with chintz, and filled with easy-to-sit-in chairs and easy-to-be-contented-in atmosphere. And so the All-American youth became an All-American family man, happy, respected, and successful. . . . Sounds too good to be true? Well, it *did* happen. Take a look at the cover and at these four pages to meet the family and home of Tommy Harmon, University of Michigan star of a dozen years ago. Seems just right, doesn't it? After having twice been reported missing in action overseas, Tommy traded in his uniforms for business suits and built a career as the West Coast sports director of the Columbia Broadcasting System. And along with that career, he and his wife, the former Elyse Knox, built a rewarding home life in this delightful setting.

It couldn't happen to you or to your young hopefuls? Not even to a football hero turned executive does a house so good "just happen." For one thing, like thousands of other American homes, this started small and grew. It was modest when they bought it, but its view of San Fernando Valley had all the impact of a grand opera. So they never traded it in as their family and budget expanded. Instead, they enlarged the house: first came two bedrooms; next the dining end of the living room (page 24); finally, the master suite, which contains a dream of a bed-sitting room (cover) and remarkable dressing rooms.

Once the house fit them physically, Elyse (she's her own decorator) fit it to them spiritually. By blending colors thoughtfully, by arranging furniture in a way which was good for her family's use, she created the atmosphere which is the intangible, important spirit of a home. How well she succeeded you won't see at a glance, for the character isn't all on the surface here.

The living-dining room (shown at your right and across the page) has a warmth which embraces you at once, and keeps you cozy. Its spicy, variegated colors and patterns were so well-chosen that they are harmonious enough to please the eye instantly, and varied enough to hold your interest. The fine reproductions of Early American furniture were the work of craftsman Avery Rennick. But they weren't just *put* there. The wood tones of the furniture are

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What little girls wouldn't love to grow up in rooms like these? Kelly sleeps in bed built into plywood recess papered to match room. String rug, snap-on bed valance, organdy and tufted seersucker bed dressing are all tubbable. Kristan's half-tester canopy is supported by uprights attached to rear bedposts. Chintz and paper are very well-mated



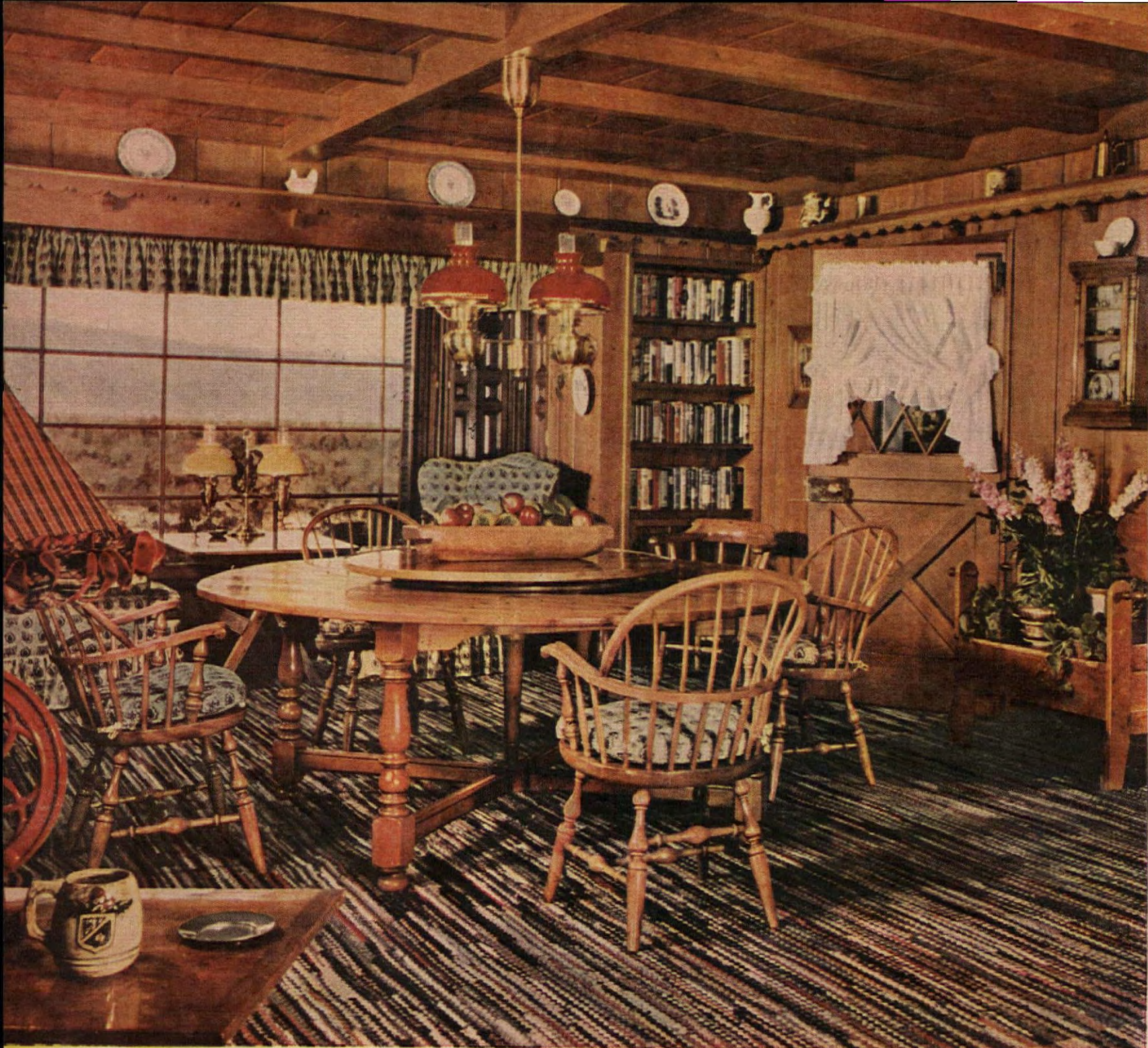
Tommy



Perfect setting for a heap of living because it was decorated to please the eye
and arranged to coddle the family or welcome guests for hearthside entertainment

Harmon's All-American Home

The Tommy Harmons never traded in their home—
they made the house grow with them



Photographs by George de Gennaro

There are two spots for meals-with-a-view in the dining end of this living room. Round table is for full-family dinners or buffet suppers. Alcove table in front of window seats two

Tommy Harmon's private "locker room"

No need for clothing to lie around that inviting bed-sitting room (cover) when the Lord and Master has a dressing room like this. And does Elyse Harmon ever encroach? She does not—for she has one of her own, every bit as good, on the other side of the bathroom. Notice that cupboards are built exactly the right height for slacks, jackets, and even shirts. The drawers, of course, are as well-engineered for a man's belongings, and there's room up on top for a whole collection of pet hats



All-American Home

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repeated in the woodwork of walls and ceilings. And this in turn forms a happy contrast to the documentary wallpaper. Several patterned fabrics are used for sofas, chairs, and ruffled valances, but they are so well-chosen for compatibility of color and scale that they live blissfully together. And don't fail to notice the good decorating trick accomplished by that sturdy braided wool rug which flows through the house. It's bright as a daisy chain, repeats all the colors, and it is practical.

In fact, a close look will show you how much practicality has been artfully built into this picture-pretty setting. The art of it is that the practicality doesn't shout at you. In the living room (page 23), two sofas are arranged to make for good cross-conversation, fireside sitting, and excellent view of the television set housed in that Welsh dresser. The window is equipped with shutters which filter strong sun, but fold back at twilight to offer an Arabian Nights' picture of distant city lights.

In the dining end of the room, the table is so placed that most of the family can have a good look at the really important spectacle Nature provided outside. But you should capitalize on a view like this, and Elyse Harmon has. Right in front of the window she provided a nook between two bookcases and furnished it with wing chairs and a table for tête-à-tête dining, games, or just relaxing. Notice that the big dining table has a lazy-Susan top, equally efficient for well-served maidless meals or buffet suppers. Decorator-wise touches include the window treatment which repeats the one in the living-room area (page 23). The valance fabric appears on wing chairs and on the pads of the dining chairs. But in the latter case, it's quilted—for variety, and for better wearing qualities where they are needed.

That bedroom suite (cover and below) is really a good performer, for it manages to make the best of two roles without self-consciousness. It certainly looks the part of a comely, honest-to-goodness bedroom, all chintz and flounces, free from any contrived "dual-purpose" air. Yet it is an inviting, and very much used, family sitting room as well. There's a sofa next to the fireplace, there is a second television set here, and the room is even equipped with a table at which the youngsters can have their supper while seeing their pet programs. There's never any need for bedroom clutter with two dressing rooms as magnificently engineered as the one below. Yes, here and throughout the house, there was plenty of brainwork behind the beauty.





Separate big utility room

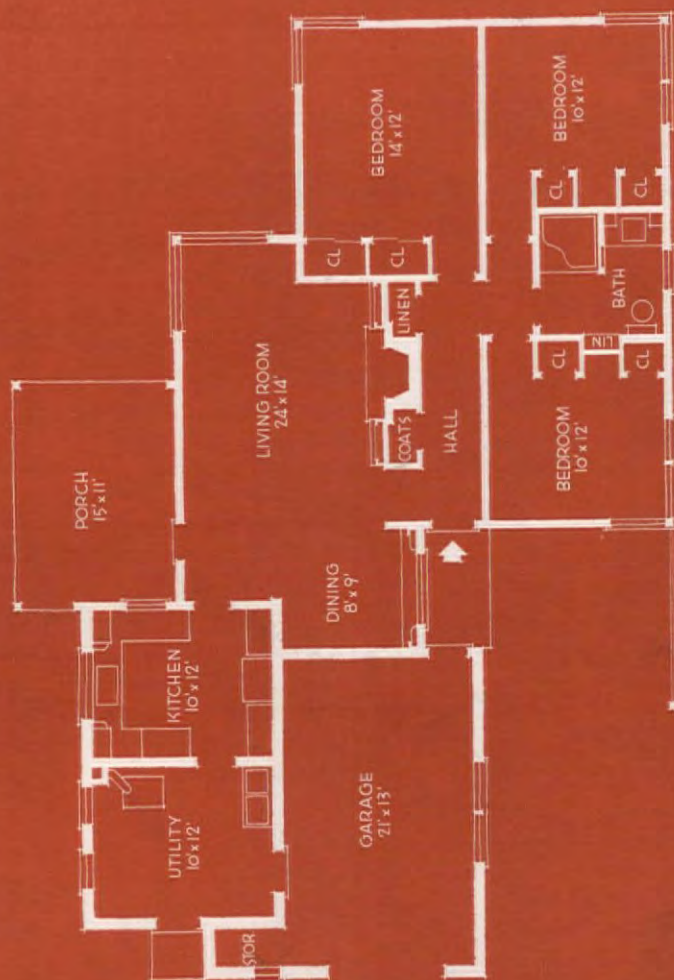
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It's not too big for a small family, but those three bedrooms and that whopping big living room would make it a good home for a family with three or even four youngsters. This is especially true since that garage is heated and has windows, so that it could become a good playroom.

However, despite its ability to welcome a clan, its construction keeps down the per-square-foot costs. For one thing, there is no basement. Then, the pine board-and-batten exterior, very "ranch house" indeed, is inexpensive. And it's handsome, too, for the shadows cast by those battens shift with the light and give the exterior walls a variety of visual interest at a price. This house was custom-designed, and custom-built—and it looks it. But standard millwork, which is always a great cost-saver, was used throughout.

Then, too, this house doesn't need much land. Its owners, commercial artist Raymon Naylor and his Lucy, built it on a rolling acre in Northbrook, Ill. There its picture windows really look out on a private domain, as picture windows should. But its plan is narrow enough for you to build it on a smallish suburban lot. If you faced the garage to the street, you wouldn't even need to have a side driveway. And if you had no "picture" view, the living-room windows could be smaller.

In a house of any size, a living room like this one would rate rave notices. It is isolated from bedrooms and entry

ARCHITECTS, JONES AND DUNCAN

Data from Jessie Walker

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This front terrace is a useful outdoor "room" because it's faced to trap the sun and protected by house and garage from the wind

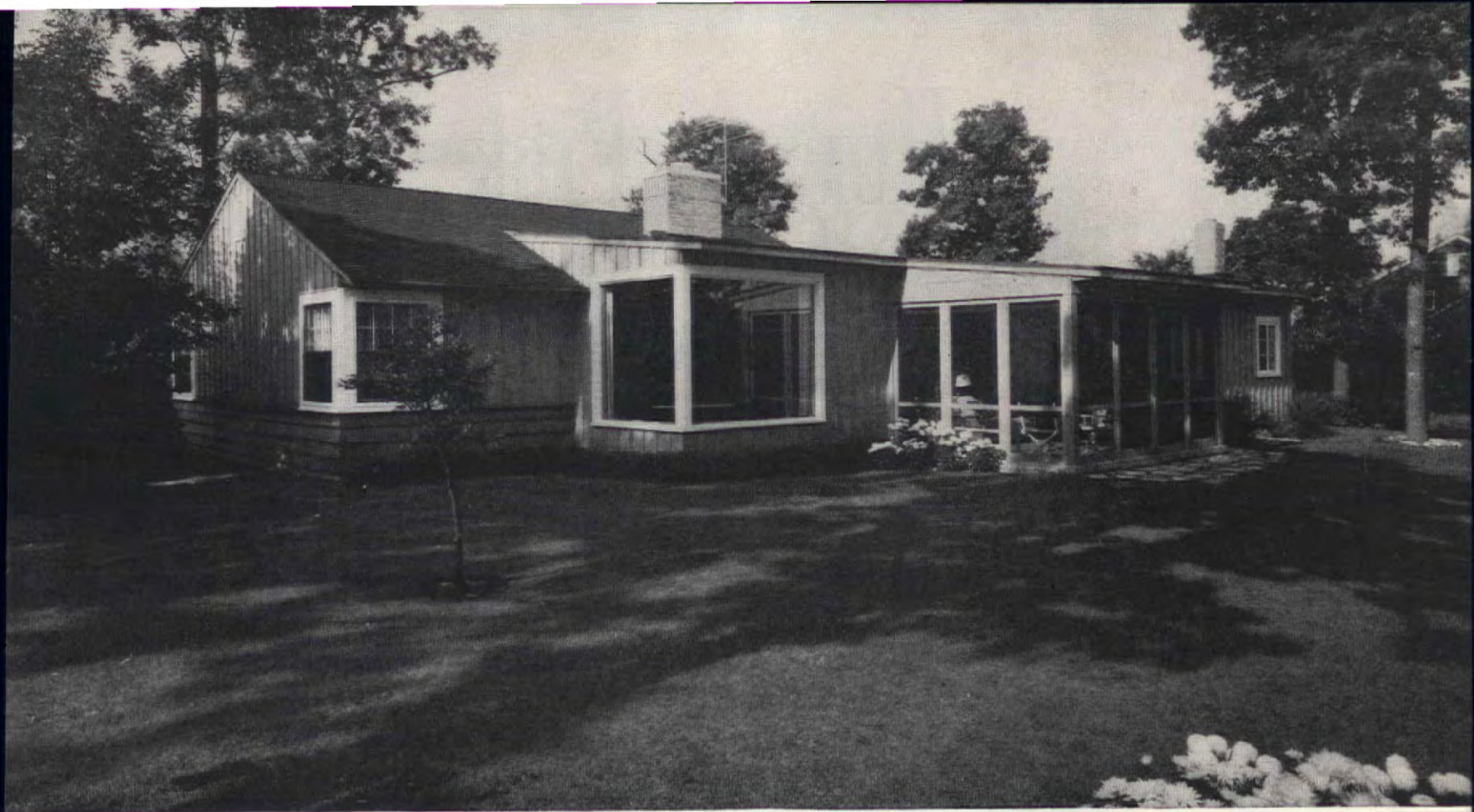
and you don't even have to slip in to hang up your hat. It is arranged to take in the dining room's sweep, but to keep its living-room composure at mealtimes. It has three exposures, and a particularly good fireplace wall with built-in bookcases and cupboards. Throughout the house, corner windows are wise—they capture cross breezes and two views, yet they allow plenty of wall space for the good placement of furniture.

Among the reasons for our swing to the ranch house have been the vanishing of our hired help and our national love affair with the great outdoors. We want to entertain even more than before—but informally, and, when possible, in the open air. The compactness of this one-level house bows to the servant problem. Its two terraces, both near the kitchen, are planned for carefree companionship. During the warm months, you can choose shade on the roofed porch or sun on the front terrace which is so sheltered by walls that it forms a sun trap, cozy earlier in the spring and later in autumn than you'd dream possible. Both are informal dining spots which celebrate the changing seasons. The fireplace adds to this variety, too, for its raised hearth, high as a coffee table and wide enough to be used as such, makes winter snacks a joy here.

East or West

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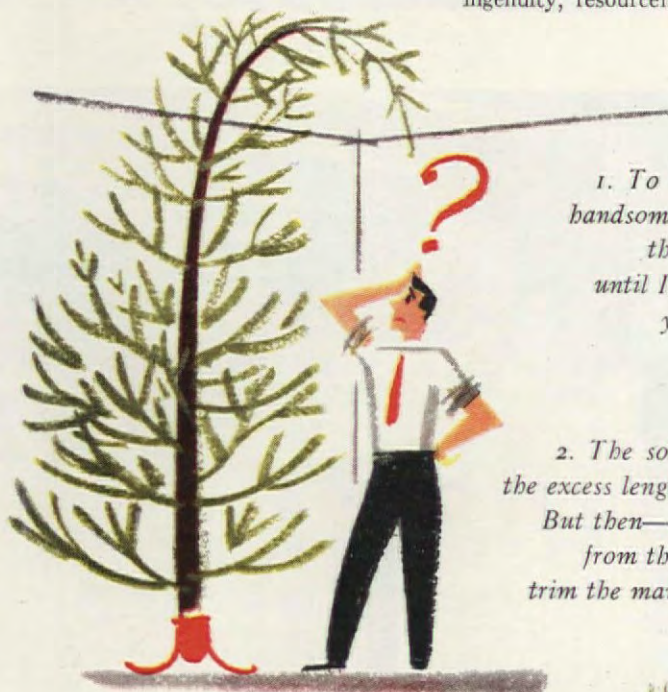
How to have good informal living, 12 months a year: For spring and autumn, a roofless terrace, sheltered by walls; for summer, a screened porch, open as possible; for winter, a splendid fireplace, preferably with a raised hearth



How to Pick Peas from Christmas Trees

WILLIAM E. PENSYL

When you do all your gardening on a city lot, you soon learn to make maximum use of whatever material is most handy. And that can mean material that originates in the house as well as on the outside. Christmas trees fall into the broad category of "inside" material, so why not give some thought to ways of making full use of them? That's what I asked myself last Christmas, and the upshot was that the family Christmas tree proved to have more lives than the traditional cat. Whether or not the nine lives attributed to cats can be said to have any useful qualities, I do not know. But certainly that Christmas tree of ours justified its existence, paid its way, and then some. Just how, I will try to make clear by telling the story of its multiple-purpose career—which, I like to think, is also the story of one home gardener's ingenuity, resourcefulness, and thrift.



1. To begin with, the tree I brought home—a handsome red pine—proved much too tall for the 7½-ft. ceiling of our living room. I didn't realize this until I started to set it up. (Moral: measure, or know, your ceiling height before buying a tree)

2. The solution, of course, was to saw the excess length from the base of the tree. But then—mark this—I used the branches from the surplus stump as greens to trim the mantel, and as door sprays



3. After the holidays, the hard (and messy) way to get rid of a Christmas tree is to try to squeeze and force it through the door. My (easy) way was to prune off all the branches and carry them and the bare trunk out with no trouble at all

4. About then, the tree really began its multiple-life usefulness. First, I laid the pruned-off branches among my rose bushes to hold in place the mulch already there, and as extra protection



5. The stripped trunk I cut up into suitable lengths to be burned in the living-room fireplace—and what a crackling, fragrant fire pine logs make! That may sound like the end of the tale. But it isn't



6. Came spring. The needles on the branches mulching the roses were brown, dry, loose. Said I, it would be criminally wasteful not to strip them off and use them to mulch my five blueberry bushes. So I did that, quickly and easily



7. Now it happened that, just about then, I was wondering what I could use as support for the peas which would soon be coming up. And right there, in the form of the bare, twiggy pine branches salvaged from my rose bed, was the answer!

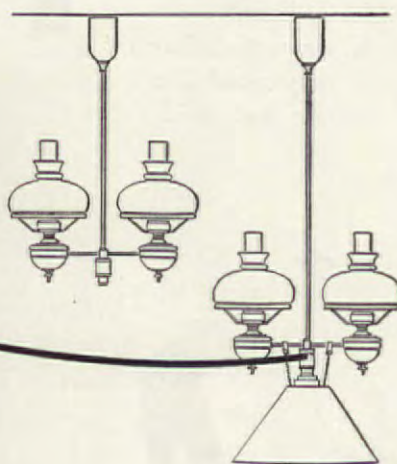


8. Some two months later, on a sunny, soft June day, I had the pleasure of picking our first mess of fresh, sugar-sweet peas from my luxuriant, well-supported vines. In short, I was picking peas from my Christmas tree

"Why didn't I think of that?"

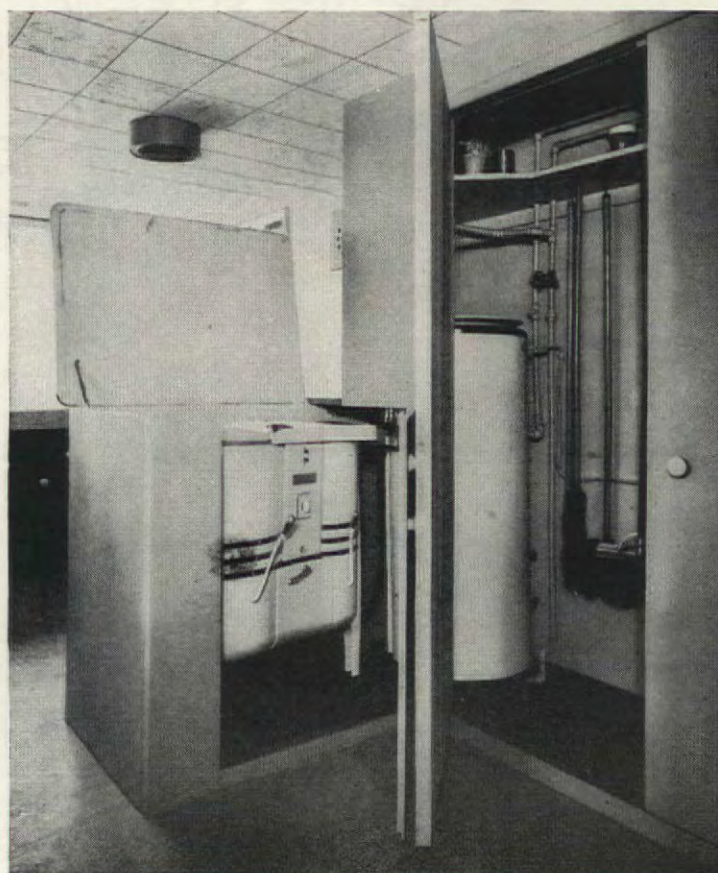
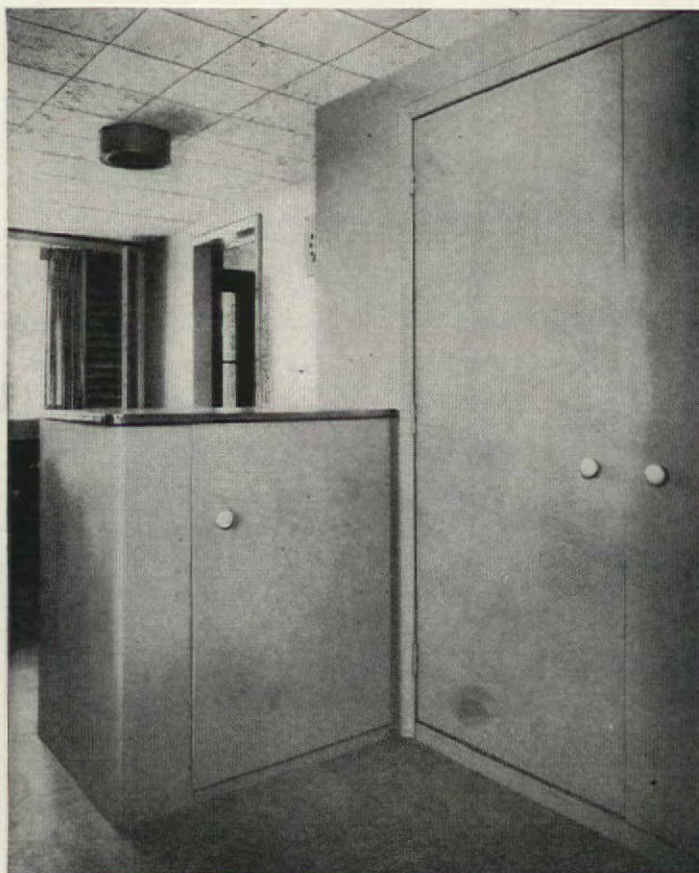


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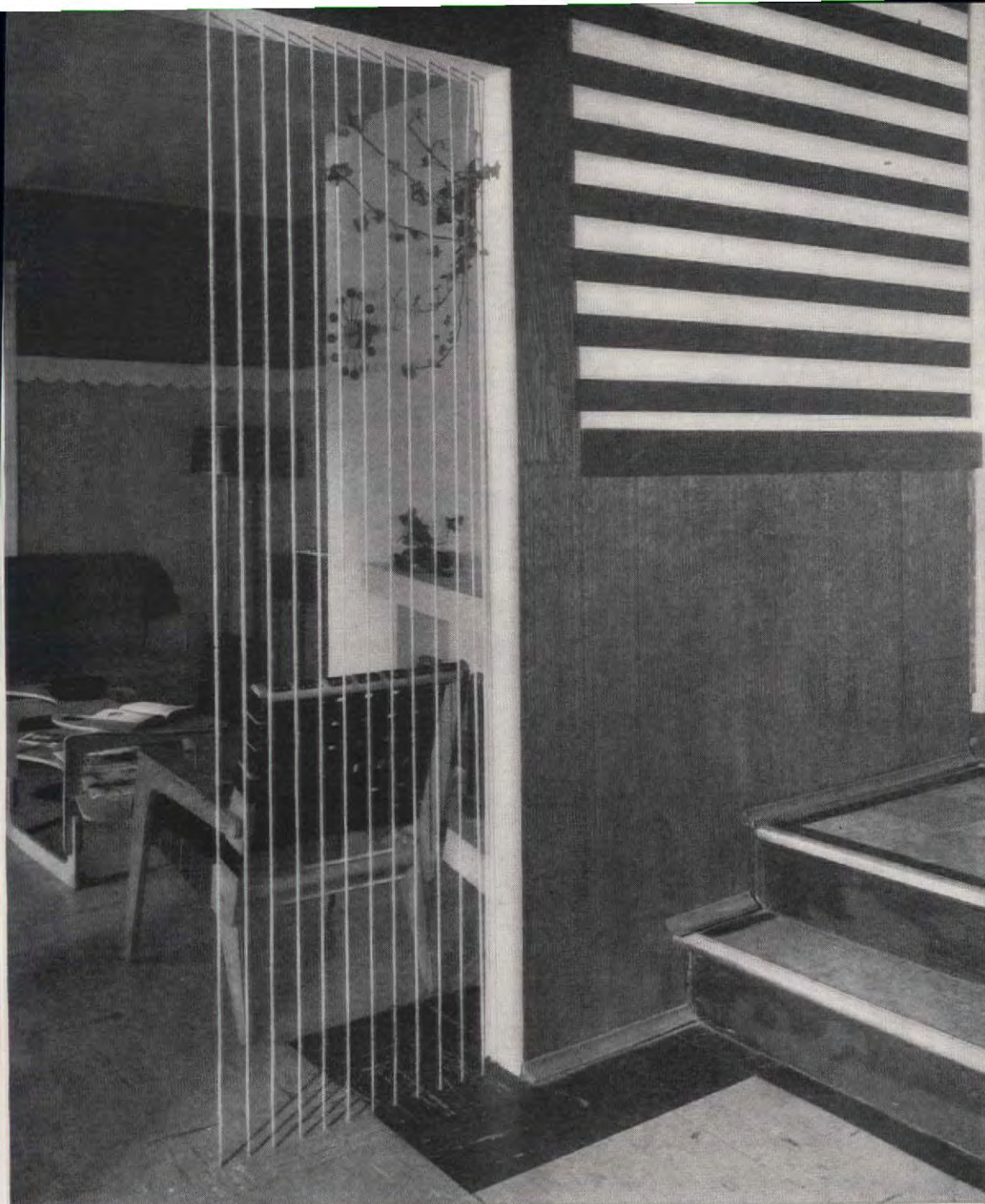


Here's how to throw direct light on Lady Luck if you sometimes play at your dining table. An extra socket in this hanging student lamp is masked by a screw-on cap when not in use. Before the game, put in a bulb and shade it. In this case, socket is in center of fixture and shade is anchored by chains, fitted with picture hooks, which attach it to fixture's horizontal bar. If your ceiling is high, put the fixture on a telescopic vertical rod so you can lower it when you want to. In the home of the Tommy Harmons

If you walked into that foyer at the left, below, you wouldn't dream it had taken over a basement's roles. But the second picture shows that it has: a heater hides in what appears to be a copious coat closet; a washing machine nests cleverly in that built-in. It doesn't look improvised because the built-in echoes closet's simple flush doors and round pulls



In the home of Milo Folley Photographs by Gilbert Ask



Idea and photograph
by R. F. Donovan

You needn't descend from your ladder to get that other tool if you clamp a tool tray to the ladder's folding shelf. Cake or roasting pan makes one. It's a safety measure as well

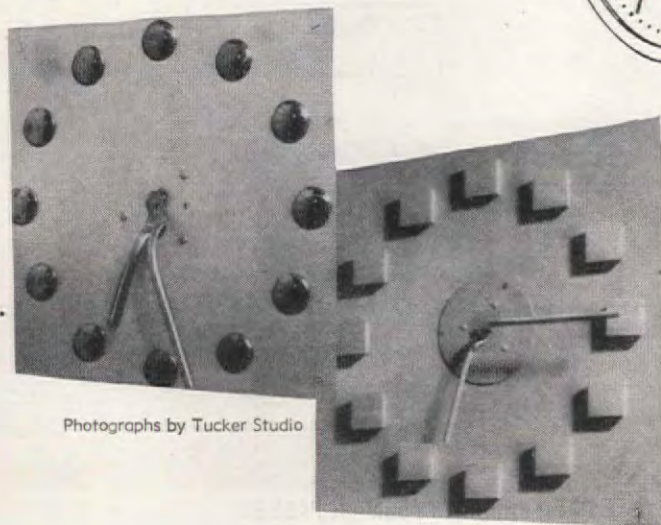
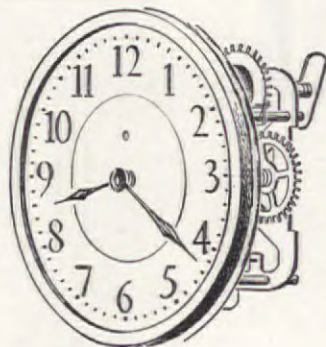
Taut rope "curtain" makes wide opening look narrower. You could hold it in place with two plywood planks in which you drill holes to accommodate the ropes. Knot ropes on underside of one, and on top of the other; then nail first to floor and the second to top of doorway. In the example we show, holes were drilled in floor itself and in a removable wood strip which tops doorway

This shoeshine closet not only has ample shelves for gear, but a professional shoe-holder as well, so you can use both hands as you polish away. Build it into a space between studs

Photograph by George de Gennaro

Idea by John Fitzgerald Photograph by F. M. Demarest

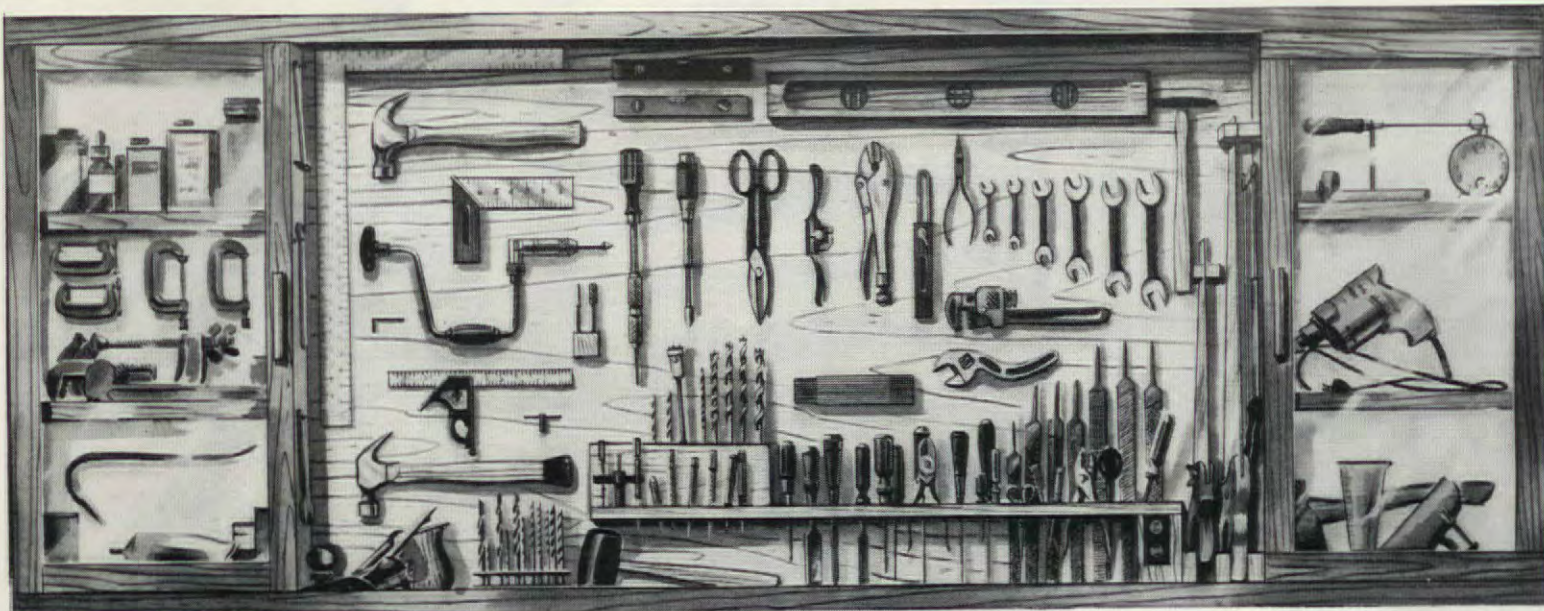
Make an electric wall clock for about \$5. "Works" can be the cheapest electric clock. Remove the case, face, and hands, and place machinery behind wall panel. Drill hole in panel for clock shank to come through. Hands are aluminum tube, split and drilled to attach to shank



Photographs by Tucker Studio

When works are in panel and hands attached, mark location of numerals by drawing clock face to size on paper, taping paper to wall, making small mark on wall for each hour. "Numerals" are anything from buttons to bows—drawer pulls, playing cards—what have you? Idea by Helen Houston Boileau





You can build this

A handy gent's ideal companion? We're sure you'll agree, so we've drawn up detailed blueprints for building this storage wall for tools. (American Home Construction Pattern 2001)

Build this Workbench from Our Pattern

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

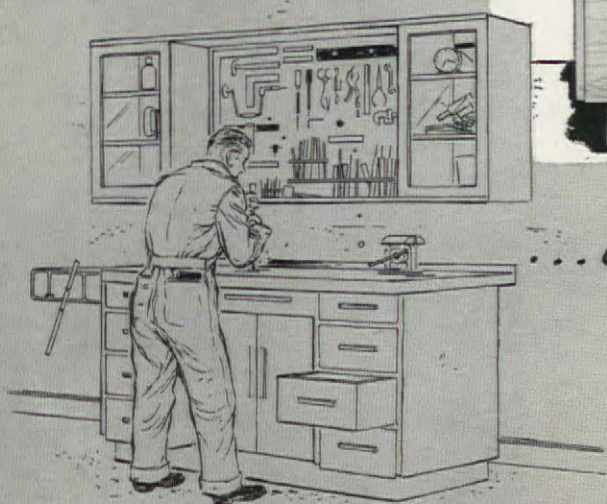
...or this →

This bench which we've blueprinted is almost a whole workshop. Nine drawers and ample cupboard are arranged to give toe room. Space for vises. (American Home Construction Pattern 2000)



...or both!

Put them together in your garage or basement, and let Messrs. Chippendale and Sheraton look to their laurels! Note that tool chest has glass-protected end compartments for your electrical equipment



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A DOG'S LIFE will hit a high spot on Christmas if you give a favored Fido a Christmas-red cowhide collar. With lock and key, brass plate for his name, it's stitched in white nylon. \$2.50. Curtis Creations, Genesee-Hopper Bldg., Utica, N.Y.



FOR NEW-HOME OWNING FRIENDS, a handsome black steel mailbox, emblazoned on the front with a solid brass medallion. Lower trough is for their magazines, catalogs and newspapers. 7 in. wide by 15 in. long. \$6.95. Bert's, Staten Island 2, New York



Let the Postman do your Legwork!

MARY GRIFFIN



AN ENTERTAINING LADY will use this important centerpiece frequently. Four brass candlesticks stand on black wrought-iron feet, surround 12 in., low glass bowl. \$17.50. The Studio Shop, 557 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.



REMEMBER A GREEN THUMB with a truly marvelous new tool. As the Vibra-Seeder vibrates, it sprinkles seed for you, saves the sacroiliac! \$2.25. Max Schling, 618 Madison Ave., New York 22

IF SHE HAS EVERYTHING, surprise her with the simple charm of a miniature blanket chest. Decorated with Pennsylvania Dutch design, 5 in. high. \$7.50. Novelty Studios, Hellam 8, Pa.



TURN A TABLE SETTING into something memorable with appointments reflecting originality and imagination. White wire wine basket, 10½ in. long, reminiscent of a Paris bistro, \$21.50. Oversize candy dish, shaped like a pear, topped with black and brass. 7 in. high. \$5.95. Both accessories from new Guest & Gift Shop at Sak's Fifth Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.



IF YOU KNOW A GOURMET, these mullers are for her (or him!). They crush garlic and spices for salads and sauces. Natural or bleached redwood. \$2.95. B. Altman & Co., New York 18, N.Y.

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IT'S SOMETHING PERSONAL, with her name on the coasters, napkins, ash trays and matches. Also foil lantern, and she's set for a party. \$3.98. Party Box, Rt. 17, Rochelle Park, N. J.

FROM AN ITALIAN TABLE, an amiable, woven basket for fruits or plants, rolls or knitting. 12 in. wide, \$4.50. Guest & Gift Shop, Sak's Fifth Ave., New York 22, N. Y.



WHAT EVERY GOURMET KNOWS is that there is nothing like garlic when it comes to seasoning. Garlic press extracts juices, eliminates danger of biting into whole clove. \$1.98. Damar, 967 Damar Bldg., 22 Treat Pl., Newark, N. J.



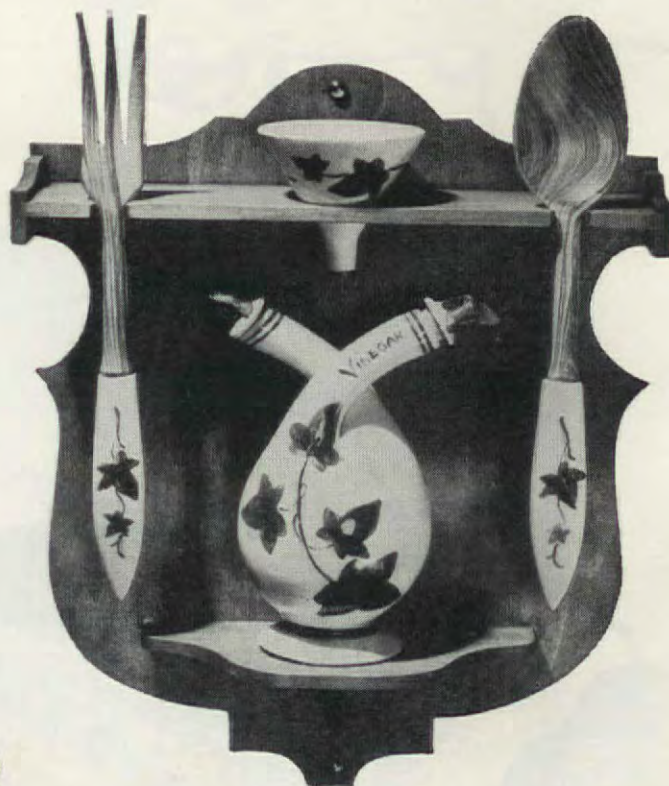
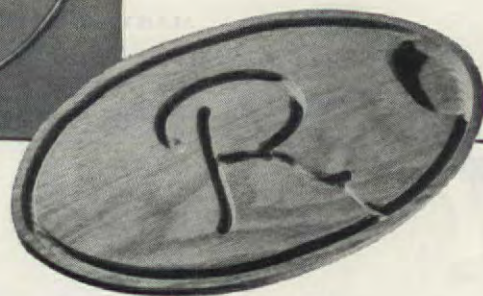
A COLLEGE GIRL will be queen of her dorm with this channel-back, coil-spring chair in her room. Upholstered in flame red, forest green or chartreuse cotton sailcloth, 27 in. high by 23 in. by 19 in. deep. \$34.95. Chair Shop, Hickory, North Carolina



APARTMENT DWELLERS are often plagued with homely ceiling fixtures, stumped to know what to do about them. This tole lantern screws into fixture, hides bulb. Red trimmed with brass. 8 in. wide, \$5.75. The Artisan Galleries, Fort Dodge, Iowa



THE INITIAL IDEA, for the man of the house, comes on a plank for a juicy steak. Juices flow into channels of large single initial, rest in well. Hardwood, oak or ash, with any initial. 18 in. by 11 in. wide, it is \$7.50. Charles W. Chase, 11 Haddam Neck, East Hampton, Connecticut

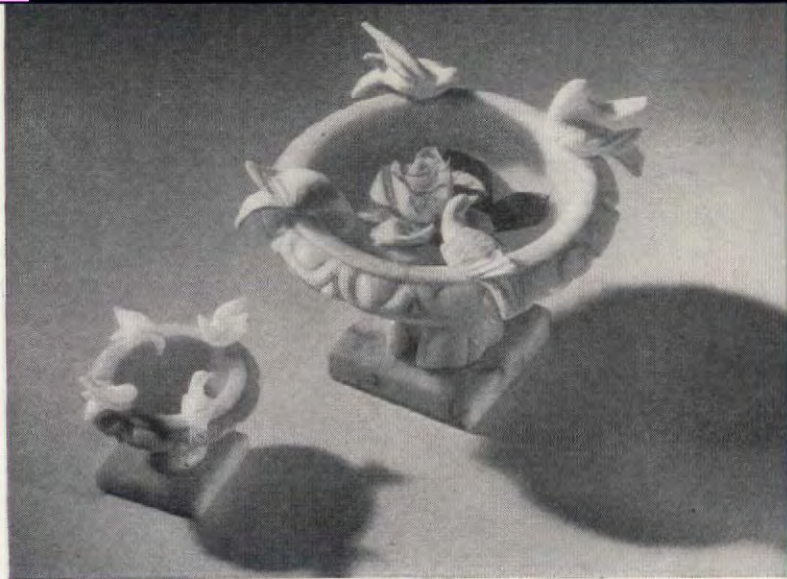


TO SERVE A SALAD and please a hostess, this set combines wood and ceramic, includes twin cruet, funnel for filling it, olivewood fork and spoon with ceramic handles, and an antique-finished wooden rack to hold them proudly on the wall of her kitchen. \$14.95. Kauffman's, Pittsburgh 17, Pennsylvania

Photographs by F. M. Demarest

A PRETTY GIRL, six or sixty, will love these miniature alabaster bird-baths with tiny white-winged birds. 2 3/4 in., \$1. 6 in., \$4. Yellow or white. Orlando Co., 15 Moore Street, New York 4, N. Y.

BUTTER MOLDS imprint these dishes for Mrs. Newlywed's tables, or to send to anyone interested in early Americana. Rust, blue, green, gray ceramic, set of 4, \$2.95. The Grist Mill, Box 32, Basking Ridge, N. J.



A GARDENER'S WORK must be done with good tools. Stainless steel parts, hardwood handles. Two, \$7.95. Peter Henderson, Stumpp & Walter, 48 Cortlandt St., New York 3, N. Y.



Shop by Mail!

IF SHE LIKES MODERN throughout or just to point up a room, this bench is for her. It has a handwoven rush seat, stands on natural or black lacquered legs. 20 in. by 17 in. high. \$12.95. Hobi, 52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York, N. Y.



DESK SPACE for a small friend up to 12 years, comes in convenient shape, hooks on back of a door. Open it and an efficient desk drops into place backed up with a porous bulletin board. For children just getting acquainted with the three 'Rs. 24 in. long by 3 in. deep. \$7.95. Randel Associates, 1123 Broadway, New York 10, N. Y.

A PROUD LADY who takes great pains in setting her table, will do wonderful things with this tall rooster and the matching plant boxes. Emerald green or chartreuse with dripped glaze. Set, \$3.50. The Union, Columbus 15, O.

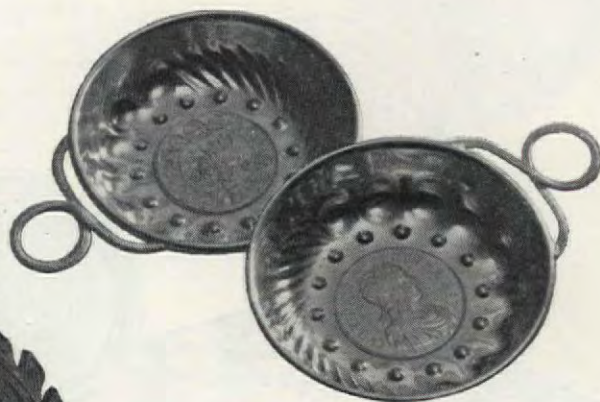


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SEND A CHRISTMAS CANDLE TREE to your mother-in-law, a brother who keeps bachelor quarters, someone you want especially to remember on December 25th. White wax tree, 15 in. high, trimmed with brilliant-colored ornaments. \$12.95. Lord & Taylor, New York 18, N.Y.



THE JINGLE BOOT belongs on the front door of your favorite hostess, who believes in the Open House policy at Christmas-time. Red quilted plastic, cuffed in white, has strap of jingling bells. \$4.95. Breck's of Boston, Boston 10, Mass.



ORIGINALITY PLUS GOOD SENSE makes a gift worthy to send an important person in your life on Christmas. Wine tasters, decorated with replicas of old coins, double as ash trays, nut dishes, coasters. Silverplated, \$4.25 each. Janet Forister, Bloomington, Ill.



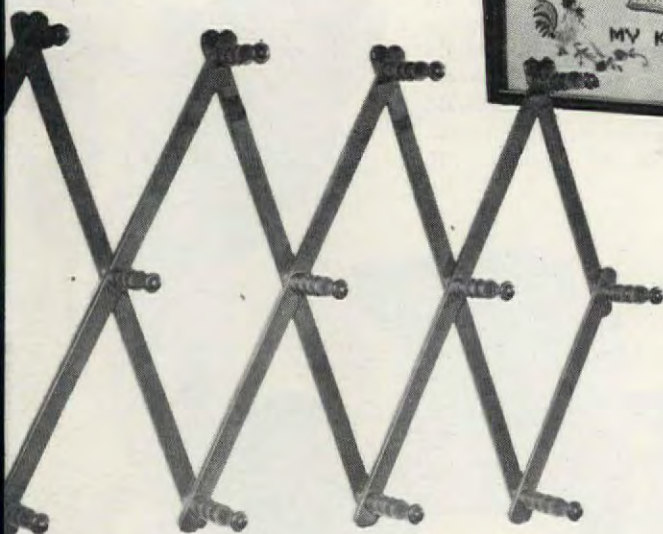
INDOOR GARDENERS who know how to nurse philodendron so it grows and grows will like a trivet planter. The early American design is done in black wrought iron, is sold with pot. \$4.95 pair. Old Guilford Forge, Inc., Guilford, Connecticut

A HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTES' on the ball will sew this sampler and hang it in her popular kitchen "No Matter Where I Serve My Guests It Seems They Like My Kitchen Best." Kit, \$2.95. Susan Smith, Dundee, Ill.



Shop by Mail!

A COFFEE HOUND, if she rates high on your Christmas list, would be thrilled with the Swedish Kaffee Petter. Made of lustrous copper on wrought-iron legs, it holds six cups. 10 in. high. \$12.50. Jenifer House, New Marlboro Stage, Great Barrington, Mass.



SUNDAY MEETING HAT RACK is a unique and useful gift for the parents of a big family. It has 13 hand-turned spool hat holders, works on accordion principle. Solid cherry, \$8.95. Carl A. Forslund, Grand Rapids, Mich.





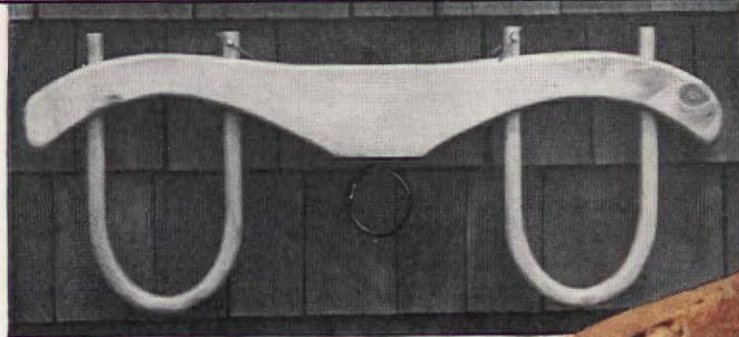
THE MAN OF THE HOUSE is usually a sports enthusiast so we suggest a set of fish and game knives as his Christmas gift. With silvery handles, Microned blades, a gift box of six, \$27. Each, \$4.50. By Carvel Hall. Jordan Marsh Co., Boston, Mass.

A WINTER BRIDE will welcome your imaginative gift that performs well in crowded quarters or a roomy house. Chairside smoking stand has Delft cigarette cup and saucer. Solid cherry, 23 in. high. \$14.95. Carl A. Forslund, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

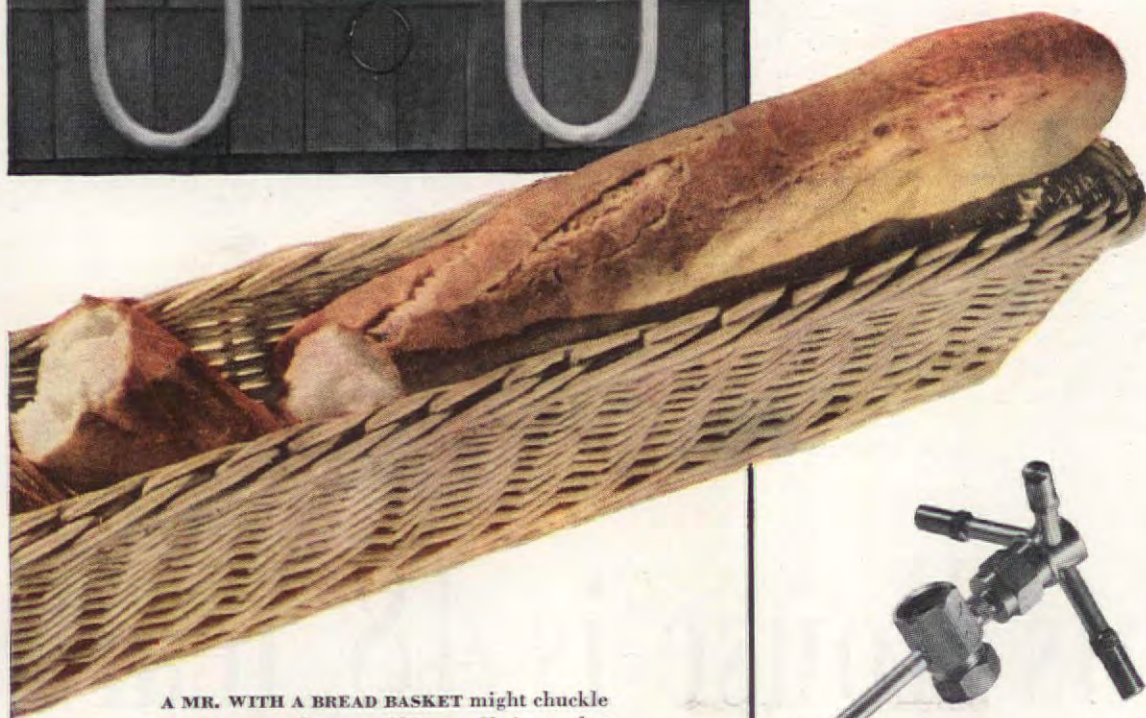
IF DECORATING IS HER HOBBY, she will do wonders with this tall beauty during the holidays. Afterwards it will never be out of her sight. It has a Gothic air, stands 20 in. high, has 14 candleholders, brass loop handle. \$10. Lord & Taylor, New York 18, N. Y.



IF THEY LIVE DOWN ON THE FARM or in a ranch house, the ox yoke you give them for Christmas will make you their favorite guest. Pine finish, 28 in. long, \$7.95. Cape Cod Weathervanes, New Bedford, Mass.



HANDSOME HEFTSTERS are impressive to give, are bound to be conversation pieces whenever they're used. Charcoal, terra cotta, white, dusty green bases; wine-bottle tops. 11½ in. high, \$6.25 each. Bloomingdale's, New York 22, N. Y.



A MR. WITH A BREAD BASKET might chuckle at your remembrance of him on Christmas but his Mrs. will find lots of uses for your gift. Satin willow baskets in three sizes: 21 in. long, \$4. 24 in., \$4.50. 26 in., \$5. Hammacher Schlemmer, 145 E. 57th St., New York 22, N.Y.



IF GARDENING IS HIS HOBBY, and he's serious about it, a sectional sprinkler, inserted between 25-ft. lengths of garden hose, will set up the irrigation for him. \$4.25. Max Schling, Inc., 618 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.





In 1903

What's wrong with the house above? Nothing much—exactly. Like thousands of houses its age (your house?) it looks a bit tired and overblown. It lacks distinction, but, if you passed it, you wouldn't think: "Oh, what a horrible house!" Probably, you wouldn't give it a second glance—you don't notice a dowdy woman, either. But its former appearance is well worth a second thought when you see how an inexpensive "success course" brought out its charm. The changes? Owners Harold and Genevieve DeFord merely changed its color scheme and added a porch. They didn't make it look like a youngster of a house—once it was awakened, they liked its own gracious personality. If your house needs a new outlook, see if their formula won't apply.

The telling new color scheme hardly cost anything since the exterior needed painting anyhow. And with smart dark walls, it will keep that crisp look, for only the trim needs occasional refreshing. That lace collar of a grillwork porch was a major improvement. It was added with a good eye to proportion—big enough (but not too big) to flatter the house's façade. Because the DeFords want their house to act modern without forcing it to look modern, they built a bluestone terrace to the rear and use it for a modern family's outdoor living, a happy national habit new since this house was built. The inside? Genevieve has a well-equipped, remodeled kitchen and she used her good taste for redecorating, but the structure was left strictly alone.

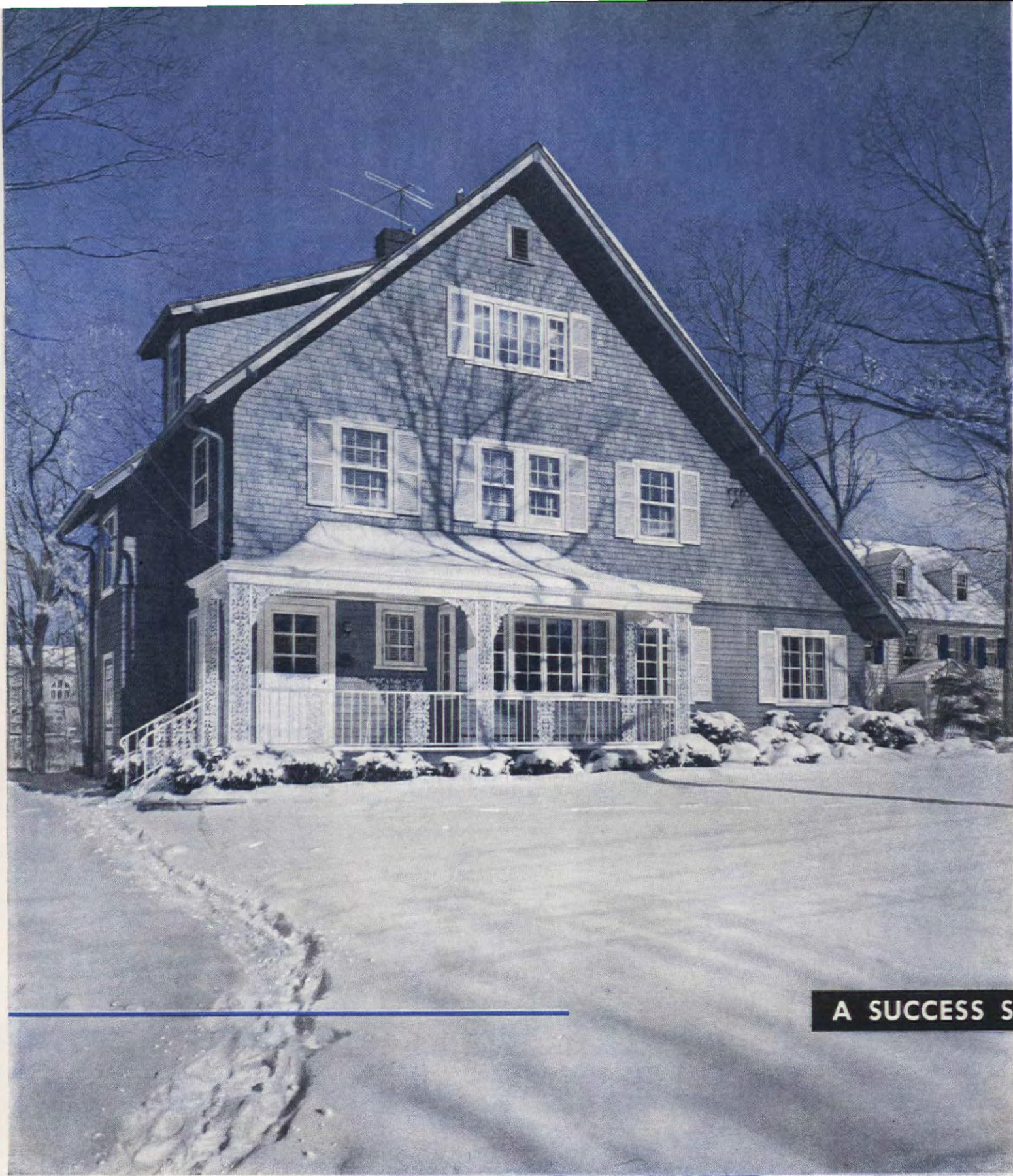
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Aged 48, this house looked a bit tired—like a woman who had "let herself go." The little porch was dinky and out of date, the white walls didn't get the attention they required, green shutters had lost their pep, and planting was overgrown

In 1951

Changes weren't radical—they were subtle, and oh, so telling. Grillwork porch, big enough to mean something, accents the whole structure; walls are smart and practical gray-blue with white shutters to lift their spirits; planting has been "hobbed"

This House is 48 Years



A SUCCESS STORY

Photograph by Kranzten Studios.

Old

Don't think it costs a fortune to teach an old house
new tricks. Without major remodeling, this one got a new
outlook from a new porch, a change of color

JESSIE WALKER

Rainbow in the Attic

PEARL BANK STEWARD

This isn't the story of bright but broke young newlyweds who feathered their nest under the eaves—though it could be. In this case, our hero is a brainy young landlord in Oakland, California—medical student Fletcher Taylor, Jr., who had at his disposal the attic of a house his parents owned, and the questionable wealth of aged furnishings stored therein.

To help finance long years of study, he turned attic and discards into these income-producing furnished rooms for lucky tenants. Two large rooms each became living-sleeping-dining arrangements for two; one small room, a kitchen with dining nook; another, a snack bar.

Fletcher's mother and friends contributed labor, but there is no evidence of too many cooks here. The doctor-to-be was wise enough to spend one dollar to make many, so he called in professional decorators, for he knew that it is hard to decorate successfully with a heterogeneous profusion. Principal contribution of decorators Pfeffer and Steward was the good arrangement, and this rainbow of colors, each shade used deliberately, and very knowingly. Some unified broken-up spaces; others brought light into dark rooms; still others provided effective backgrounds against which mismatched chests and desks became good companions.

Three consultations did it. The first was for general planning and picking over the loot (it turned out that only kitchen equipment, inexpensive bamboo blinds, and fabrics had to be bought). At the second session, they crystallized the color schemes, and mixed the paints—the persimmons, yellows, turquoises, purples. At the third, they placed the furniture professionally so that each piece would be on its very best behavior.

Question: Without wrecking a modest budget, how can you mask old walls and induce a hodgepodge of hand-me-downs to live in harmony?

Photographs by Barry Evans



Answer:

In this reborn attic, color regiments confusion of angles, covers cracks, brings in light, pulls assorted pieces together. Oriental rugs add richness, don't look too busy because they echo wall colors, and because no other strong patterns appear. Sun never seems to leave east-facing room at left, for window wall is ivory, other walls and ceiling, yellow. In large room opposite, good natural lighting permits use of strong tones. Pictures were placed on walls which pick up their colors

DECORATORS, KLAUS PFEFFER
and PEARL BANK STEWARD





Christmas Really Begins

JEAN AUSTIN and ELEANOR LEE JONES

Santa Claus, they tell us, is much more likely to scoot down a chimney from which heavenly fragrances of Christmas baking float up to him. A wise old fellow, Santa! Wise too, the woman who knows that the best part of Christmas is the merry family reunion good naturedly groaning with all the eating and the stuffing nigh unto bursting with Christmas goodies. To aid the good cause, we give you more beautiful holiday food than we have ever given in a Christmas issue and, if you'll use some of them, it's very happy you'll make us. Before we get into the serious business of Christmas cooking, let us tell you about Grandma and her eager grandson. They're sweet but not "real." They were in Lord and Taylor's windows last Christmas, life size. Hard candies for her billowing skirt, gumdrops on her blouse and apron; the little fellow wearing pants of licorice "whips" and gumdrops on his blouse, too. You see, even this huge fashionable New York department store recognized that Christmas begins with good food!

'Twould be a fearful thing to have Christmas callers and not offer them hospitality, but often the callers put us to our wit's end for something to serve that will be festive, be just enough with many other house calls behind or before them. Here, dear reader, the perfect answer, a liverpaste pâté in port wine aspic. Beautiful it is, even when it's been cut and cut into—and that's a triumph as you well know. It is rich; it is easy to do. Serve it finger style, on a piece of pumpernickel or any special Christmas bread.

Another conversation piece, as well as good eating, is our cake that looks like olden-time patchwork pieces. Fun, isn't it? Under



HERMAN'S PÂTÉ IN WINE JELLY



MARBLEIZED QUILT

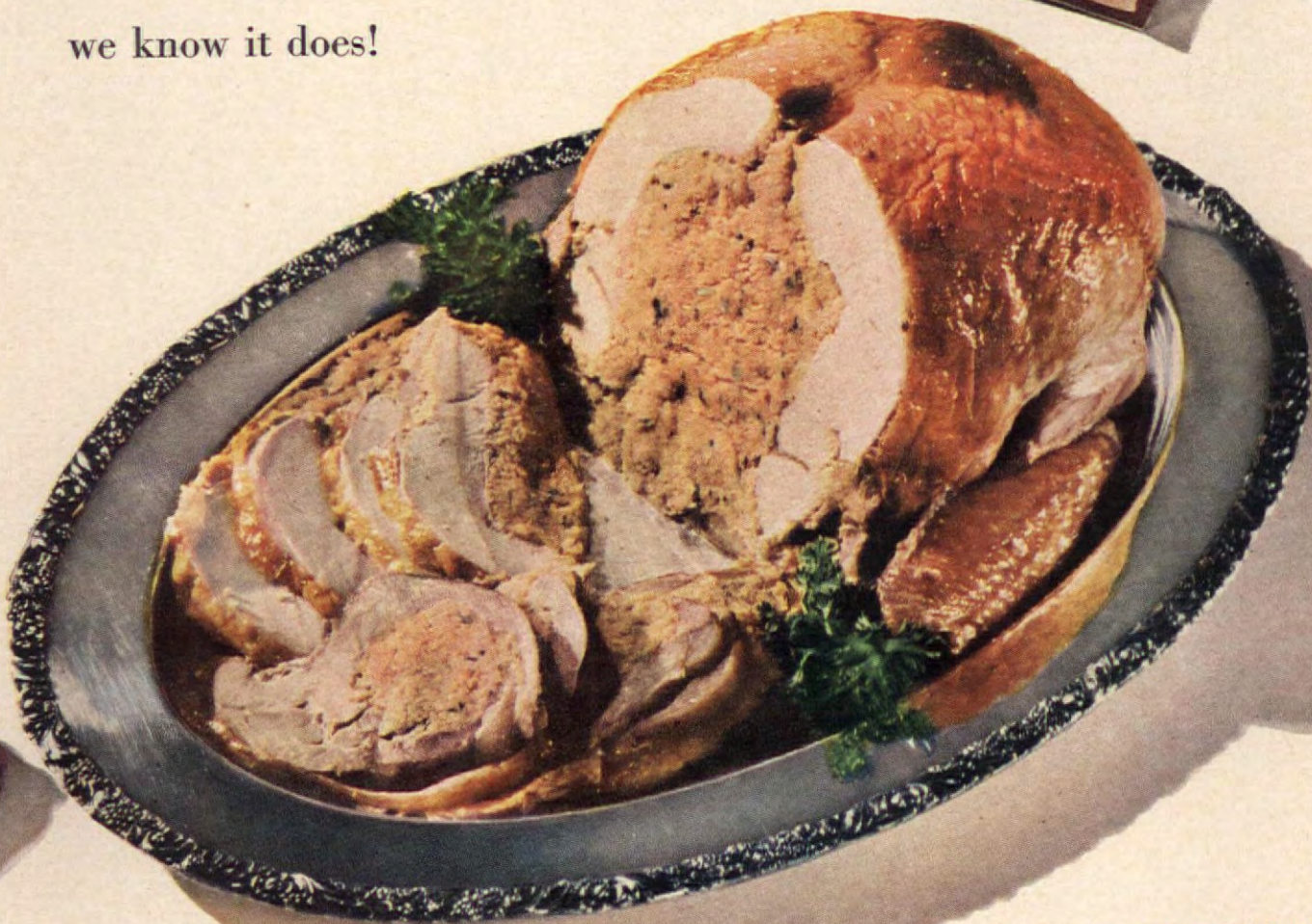
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in the Kitchen

BERRY MERINGUE GLACÉE



We don't just believe
Christmas begins in the kitchen—
we know it does!



BONED TURKEY, CORN BREAD STUFFING



RASPBERRY CÉLESTINE

Christmas really begins in the Kitchen

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FROSTY PEPPERMINT STAR



JEWEL RING SALAD

the fluffy seven-minute frosting and rich fudge coating on its sides, your guests cut into a mellow vanilla and orange-chocolate marble cake. So rich it is, even the greediest yuletide appetite will find room for but a sliver of it. Like our pâté loaf, it goes a long, long way—and that feature alone makes it extra-special for Christmas entertaining.

Some folks live where red, red strawberries are in season for Christmas. Those of us not so lucky can make do with frozen ones and produce the luscious strawberry meringues we show here. Meringue shells will keep and keep—and the filling an easy thing for “short order” cooking. Handsome indeed, a tray of these on your Christmas board.

Oh, but very, very special is our boned turkey. The how of it, and the recipe for the wonderful cornbread stuffing came from a reader—Natalie Platimer who lives in Philadelphia. We shall be eternally grateful to a reader who has contributed so much to every one of our Christmases from this year forth. Done in advance. All meat and eating—no unsightly bones to hack around or carry back to the kitchen. A masterpiece to look upon and need I add—good, good, good!

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SCRAMBLED EGGS AND HAM,
APPLE JUICE ASPIC



MINCED HAM SQUARE, HORSERADISH SAUCE



SEAFOOD PUFF





Christmas really begins in the Kitchen (Begins on page 44)

And, all in a row, three more beautiful "do-it-before's"—and can there be a better combination than glamorous food that can be done ahead of time, at leisure, and brought forth with no more trouble than taking it out of the refrigerator or home freezer? There's a raspberry Célestine—a delicate mound of lemon and raspberry ice, its center a rich creamy mixture.

The second, a simple but festive "quickie"—a star mold filled with packaged ice cream or sherbet. Only you need know how easy it is to do. And the third "do-it-before," a tart cucumber jelly to go with all the rich meat and sweets of Christmas. Irene Weston sent us the recipe, an all-year one of course. The Christmas

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With holiday bustle and mealtime hustle...

take it easy...serve **Good Hot Soup**

BY *Anne Marshall*



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

HERE again is that happiest season of the year—and for Mother, the busiest! With all she has to do, one thing can't be neglected—good, hearty meals.

Now there's where maybe I can help. Why not let soup take over? Soup's nourishing, of course, and you have so many substantial main-dish soups to choose from. Soup's specially appealing to appetites in winter; that's why December beats all months in soup eating. Soup's quick to serve, too—just four minutes from soup shelf to table—and it's so pleasantly easy on Christmas-strained budgets.

On this page are three delicious soups to plan meals around, and some menu suggestions. So—here's an easier and happier Merry Christmas-time to you!



TOMATO SOUP Gets the Spotlight

No doubt, like millions, you rely on "the soup most folks like best". Your entire family—from Grandma down to Junior—just love this blend of luscious tomatoes and creamery butter. Your menu:

Tomato Soup
Frizzled Dried Beef with Cream Sauce on Toasted Rolls or Muffins
Chocolate Layer Cake
(Meal Fixing Time 15 minutes)



*A clever cook keeps
a full soup shelf.*



CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP brings a welcome taste of Spring

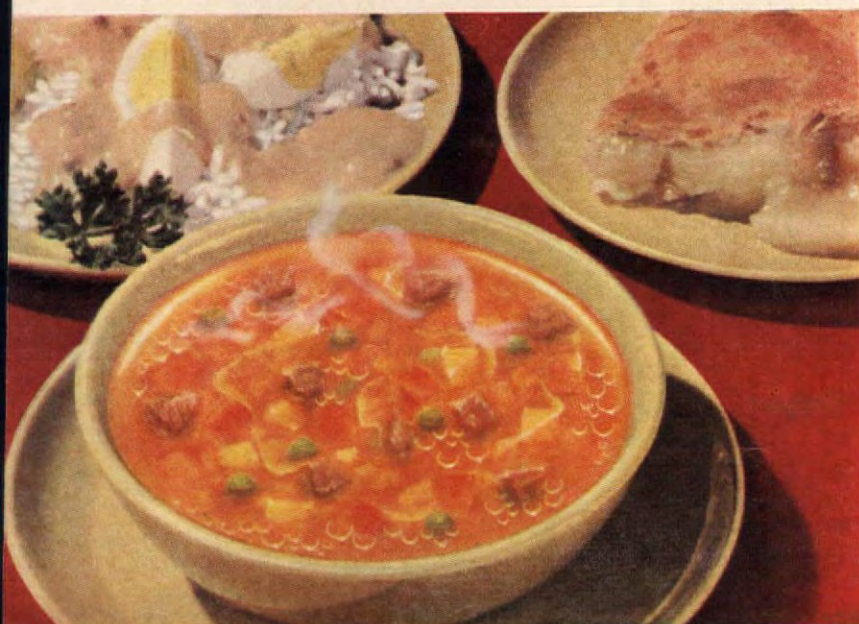
Here, in the crisp, cold days of winter, what's more tempting than to sit down to this smooth purée of springtime's favorite—tender garden asparagus!

Cream of Asparagus Soup
Chili Con Carne (Canned) **Hot French Bread**
Lemon Pudding
(Meal Fixing Time 15 minutes)

VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP makes a marvelous main dish

Rich, deep-flavored beef stock, fine garden vegetables and tender pieces of beef all through it—truly a soup to set before your family and friends on any occasion.

Vegetable Beef Soup
Mushroom Soup Cream Sauce on Quartered Eggs and Rice
Warm Apple Pie





LAMBKEBABS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 egg, slightly beaten | 2 tbsps. finely cut parsley |
| ½ cup milk | 1 lb. ground lean lamb |
| 6 tbsps. fine dry bread crumbs | Small whole onions, |
| 1 tsp. salt | crisp-cooked or canned |
| ½ tsp. garlic salt | 2 No. 303 cans DEL MONTE |
| ½ tsp. pepper | Early Garden Peas |

Add milk, crumbs and seasonings to egg; let stand 10 minutes. With hands, thoroughly mix in parsley and lamb. Form lightly into 16 balls. Place on 8 skewers* alternately with onions. Brown in moderate broiler, brushing with drippings and turning to lightly brown all sides. Serve with heated and seasoned peas. (And wait'll you *taste* those DEL MONTE *Early Garden* Peas! Only the very best-eating, tender peas selected from the flavor-filled *middle* sizes — packed together for *natural* garden flavor.) Photo shows service for 2; recipe serves 4.

*NOTE: Four-inch wooden skewers can be obtained from your meat man, if you do not have the metal ones.



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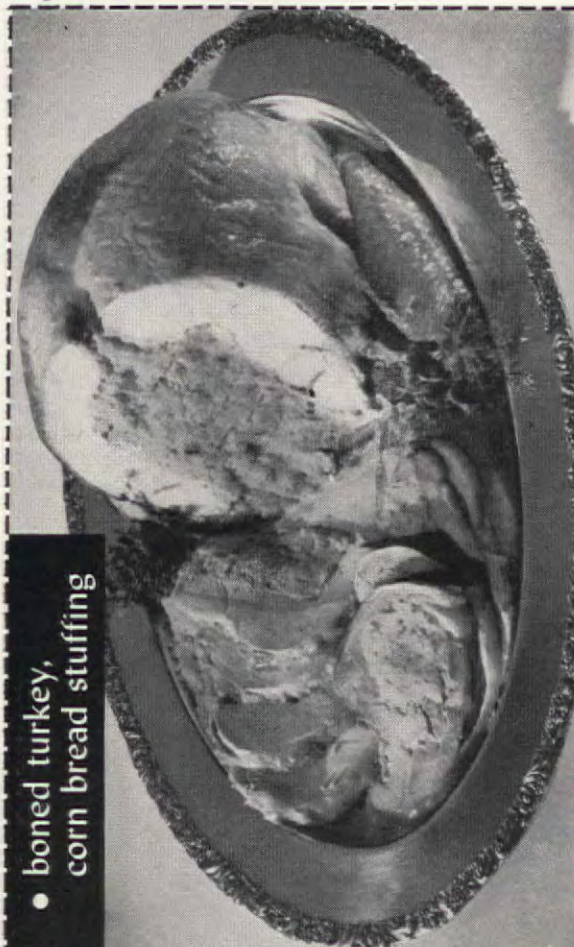
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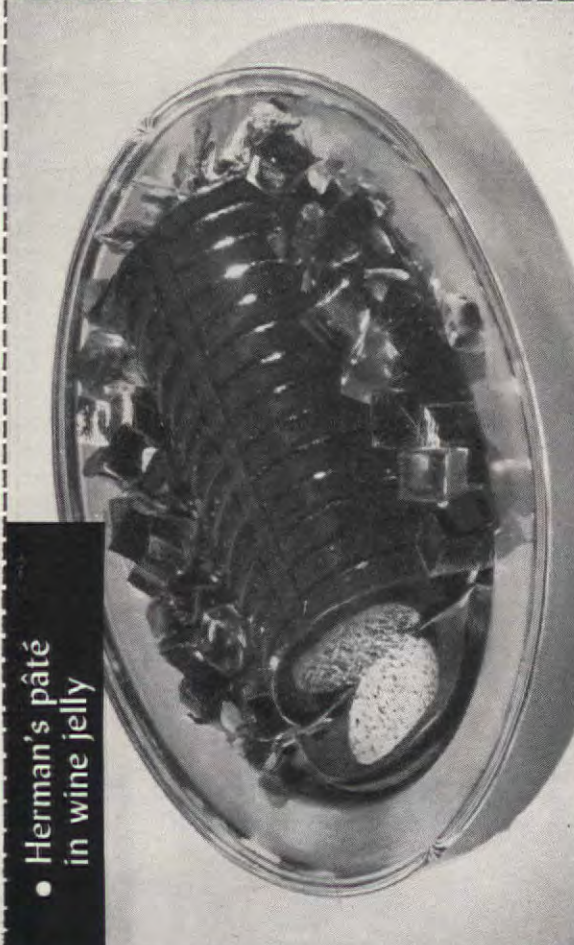
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• boned turkey,
corn bread stuffing



• berry meringue
glacee



• Herman's pâté
in wine jelly



• marbled quilt



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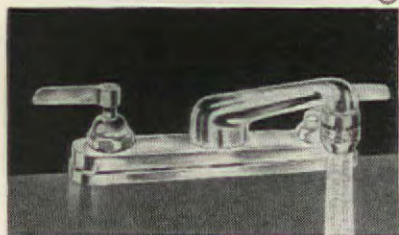
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Christmas really begins in the Kitchen (Begins on page 44)

• berry meringue glacée

Makes 6 meringues and 6 covers

3 egg whites
Dash salt
¾ cup granulated sugar
¾ tsp. vanilla
¾ tsp. vinegar
½ tsp. cream of tartar

Beat egg whites, salt, vinegar, and cream of tartar until stiff. Add sugar a tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is blended. Add vanilla; blend well.

Drop mixture by tablespoons, about 2 in. apart, on cookie sheet covered with unglazed paper. Shape into rounds about 3 in. in diameter. Build sides up, using spoon or pastry tube.

Make extra rounds for covers. Bake in slow oven, about 200° F. Fill centers of meringues with berries. Cover with Berry Sauce Glacé.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• boned turkey, corn bread stuffing

Makes stuffing for a 16-lb. turkey

1½ cups butter or turkey fat
1 cup minced onion
3 cups minced celery
½ cup minced parsley
12 cups crumbled cornbread
1 tsp. dried sage
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. white pepper
1 tsp. paprika

Melt butter or turkey fat and cook onion and celery until soft. Add to other ingredients and mix thoroughly.

Recipe from Natalie Platimer

• marbled quilt

6 cups sifted cake flour
2½ tbs. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well. Divide creamed mixture in half. Add ½ of the sifted ingredients alternately with milk to one part. Blend in vanilla. Add orange rind and juice and remaining dry ingredients to the other part. Mix in chocolate. Place batter by alternate spoonfuls in a greased and floured 9 x 13 baking pan. Bake at 350° F. 1-1¼ hours.

FROSTING 1½ cups sugar
½ cup water
2 egg whites
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine sugar and water. Place over low heat; stir until sugar dissolves. Bring to a boil; cook, covered, 3 min. Uncover and cook until thermometer reads 238° F. Remove from heat. Sprinkle egg whites with cream of tartar and salt. Beat until stiff. Continue beating and gradually add syrup. Beat until frosting holds shape.

Serves 20-25

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• Herman's pâté in wine jelly

Serves 10-12

1 lb. liverwurst
3 tbs. unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1½ cups boiling water
1½ cups port wine
1 cup sugar
6 tbs. lemon juice

Dissolve gelatin in cold water. Add boiling water and other ingredients. Pour into 1-qt. mold oiled with vegetable or olive oil, and let set. Make a paste of liverwurst and shape into thin roll. When gelatin is set, insert liverwurst roll into groove made by spooning out gelatin with a hot spoon. Gelatin removed can be melted by reheating and used to fill in where necessary, or for garnishing.

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• Christmas cookies and candies



Makes approximately
7 dozen caramels

• caramels

2 cups sugar
2 cups white corn syrup
1/8 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine

2 cups evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup pecans

Combine sugar, corn syrup, and salt in a 3-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat until syrup is very thick (245° F.) Add butter or margarine and stir until melted. Add milk very gradually so that mixture does not stop boiling. Cook, stirring constantly, until thermometer registers 242° F. Remove from heat and add vanilla and pecans. Immediately pour into a greased 9 x 9 pan. Cool thoroughly, then cut into squares. If desired, wrap individual pieces in waxed paper.

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Makes approximately 4 dozen mints

• old-fashioned creamy mints

2 cups sugar
3/4 cup boiling water
1/4 cup butter or margarine

Peppermint or wintergreen flavoring
Green or red food coloring

Combine sugar, water, and butter or margarine. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until candy thermometer registers 260° F. Add 4-6 drops of wintergreen or peppermint flavoring and a few drops of green or red food coloring. Pour out on a greased, chilled marble slab or large, heavy meat platter which has been greased. As mixture cools very slightly, fold edges over and pull vigorously. When mint rope lightens in color and a small piece breaks off when you crack it against the edge of a slab, make several twists in rope. Cut quickly into pieces with scissors, twisting often while cutting. Store in an air-tight container for about three days or until mints become creamy.

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• honeymoon squares

Makes approximately 2 dozen

1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
2 eggs
2 tbs. all-purpose flour

1 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups coconut
1/2 tsp. baking powder

Cream butter or margarine, 1/2 cup brown sugar, and 1 cup flour until fluffy. Spread evenly over the bottom of a greased 9 x 9 pan. Bake at 350° F. 10 min. Mix remaining ingredients. Remove pan from oven. Lightly drop nut mixture from the tip of a teaspoon over first layer. Bake at 350° F. 20 min.

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● brandy snaps ● cherry jewels

3/4 cup butter or margarine

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup molasses
1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tbs. ginger
2 3-oz. packages cream cheese

Combine butter or margarine, sugar, and molasses in a saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat, then add flour and ginger. Beat until smooth. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 300° F. for 10-12 minutes. Cool for 1 minute, then roll over handle of wooden spoon. (If snaps become too stiff to roll, place in oven for about 3 minutes to soften.) Soften cream cheese and fill snaps.

Makes approximately 3 dozen

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2 egg whites
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup well drained, chopped red cherries
1/2 cup well drained, chopped green cherries
1/2 cup sifted cake flour

Sprinkle egg whites with cream of tartar and salt. Beat until frothy, then add sugar gradually, beating constantly until stiff. Fold in cherries and flour. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 300° F. for 15-20 min.

Makes approximately 2 1/2 dozen cookies

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● pressed butter cookies

1 cup butter or margarine
2/3 cup sugar
3 egg yolks

1 tsp. vanilla
2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

Cream butter or margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks and vanilla, then beat well. Blend flour in thoroughly. Place dough in cookie press. Press desired shapes on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 400° F. for 10 minutes.

Decorate as desired with red and green maraschino cherries, chocolate shot, citron, angelica, dragees, and colored sugar.

Makes approximately 6 dozen

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● holiday popcorn balls ● fudge cups

1/3 cup water
1 cup crushed peppermint stick candy

Combine sugar, syrup, water, candy, butter or margarine, and salt. Cook over low heat; stir until sugar dissolves. Cook without stirring until thermometer registers 270° F. Add vanilla and 2-4 drops red or green food coloring. Pour syrup slowly over popped corn and mix well. Shape into balls.

Makes 1 1/2 dozen medium-sized balls

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3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 cup chopped walnuts

1/3 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 squares baking chocolate, melted

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Combine nuts with flour mixture. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Blend in chocolate. Add flour-nut mixture; mix well. Fill greased, small muffin pans half full. Bake at 350° F. 15-20 min. If desired, frost with butter frosting which has been tinted green and flavored with a few drops of peppermint flavoring.

Makes approximately 3 dozen

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● snowballs

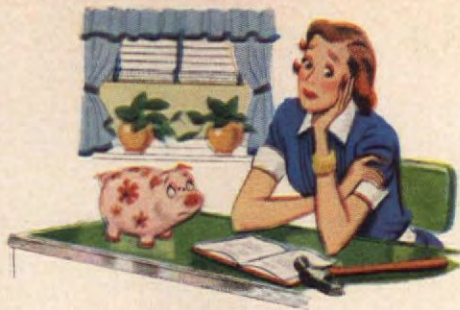
1 cup butter or margarine
1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
2 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour

1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. salt

Cream butter or margarine and sugar together until fluffy; add flour and mix well. Blend in vanilla and salt; chill. Roll into small balls. Place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 375° F. 12-15 minutes. Roll in confectioner's sugar. Cool; roll in sugar again.

Makes approximately 3 dozen

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Banana Chocolate Cream Pie

1½ to 2 squares unsweetened chocolate
2 cups milk
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons cornstarch or flour

2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 baked 9-inch pie shell or six 3½-inch tart shells
3 ripe bananas*

*Use fully ripe bananas ... yellow peel flecked with brown

Melt chocolate in milk in top of double boiler over rapidly boiling water, beating until blended. Mix sugar, salt and cornstarch or flour. Stir into chocolate mixture. Stir and cook until well-thickened. Cook 10 minutes longer; stir occasionally. Stir hot mixture into egg yolks. Cook 1 minute. Add butter or margarine and vanilla. Cool thoroughly. Cover bottom of pie shell with small amount of filling. Slice bananas into pie shell. Cover with remaining filling. Top with sweetened whipped cream, or meringue, if desired.
Makes 1 pie or 6 tarts.

Pudding mixes: Packaged commercial pudding mixes may be used as filling. Prepare according to package directions. Chill. Then follow the above recipe.

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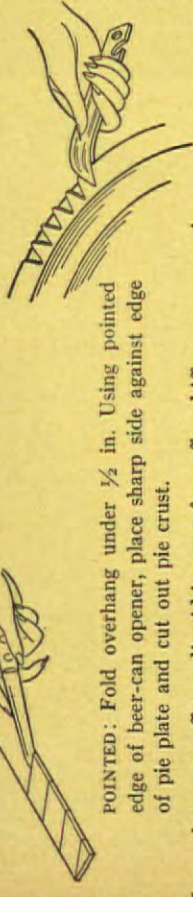
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pie edgings

DIAGONAL FLUTE: Trim overhang to within $\frac{1}{2}$ in. of plate edge; fold under. Place forefingers $\frac{1}{4}$ in. apart in diagonal position, then push right forefinger gently toward left to make rounded flute. Repeat each $\frac{1}{2}$ in. around edge.



DIAMOND: Fold overhang under $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Cut remaining pie crust into $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. strips. Cut at an angle $\frac{1}{4}$ in. apart. Dampen rim; press diamonds down lightly.



POINTED: Fold overhang under $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Using pointed edge of beer-can opener, place sharp side against edge of pie plate and cut out pie crust.

pie edgings

DOUBLE RUFFLE: Cut a long strip of pie crust 1 in. wide. Fold back to within $\frac{1}{4}$ in. of the edge. Place ruffle on slightly moistened rim. Press down lightly.



WIDE RICK-RACK: Trim overhang $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from edge of pie plate and fold under. Cut a long strip of pie crust $\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. Place on rim; fold back and over at a sharp angle. Press down lightly.



WIDE SCALLOP: Fold overhang under $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Press round cookie cutter into pie crust on plate edge to form deep scallop pattern with no space between edges of scallops.

Try chopped fresh mint for pineapple pie, chopped parsley for meat pies.

pie edgings

PINCH FLUTE: Fold overhang under $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Use forefinger and thumb to make pie crust point on outer edge, pushing center outward with right forefinger. Repeat in half-inch spaces. After shell is fluted, pinch inner center of flute to make inside as pointed as outside.



PINWHEEL: Allow $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pie crust overhang. Fold overhang under evenly. Pat down lightly. At $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. intervals, use both forefingers to make a sharp point. Roll each point two or three turns down toward the pie-plate edge to form pinwheel effect. Press down lightly.

Grated lemon or orange rind added to crust makes delightful base for lemon meringue pie or fruit pies.

pie edgings

TIPS FOR PIE-CRUST PERFECTION

PIE-CRUST SHELL: Roll out pie crust. Turn pie plate upside down over pie crust and measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. and cut around. Fit loosely into pie plate. Caution: Never stretch. Shrinkage most often occurs because of stretching. Finish edging, then prick well. Chill in refrigerator a half hour. Brush rim with cream for shiny glaze.

DOUBLE-CRUST PIE: Roll top crust $\frac{1}{2}$ in. larger than pie plate. Fold under bottom crust and seal well. Use sufficient vents to allow escape of steam.



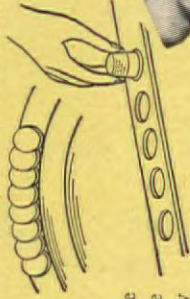
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LEAF: Trim overhang $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from edge of pie plate. Fold overhang under. Snip pie crust rim at an angle $\frac{1}{4}$ in. apart, turning back in opposite directions.

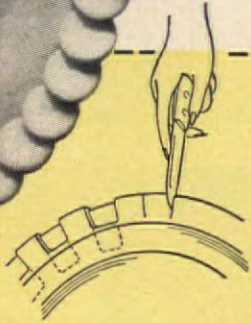
Orange juice as the liquid in crust for a chocolate pie is a flavor treat.

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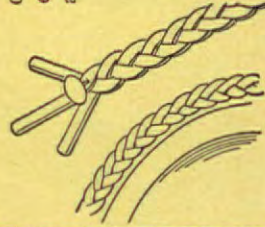
COIN: Trim overhang $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from edge of pie plate; fold under. Cut circles from remaining pie crust with thimble. Overlap circles on slightly moistened pie crust rim; press down lightly.



OPEN SQUARE: Trim overhang $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from edge of pie plate; fold under. Cut pie crust edge at $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. intervals. Fold alternate squares under.



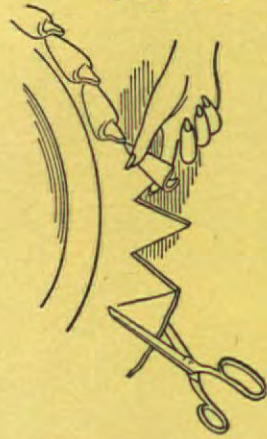
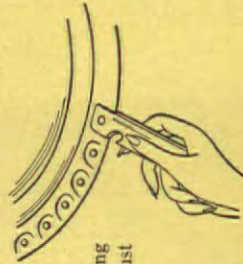
BRAIDED: Trim pie crust $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from edge of pie plate; fold under. Cut strips $\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide from remaining pastry and braid. Place on pie-crust rim; press down lightly.



Grated cheddar cheese in pie crust adds zip to apple pie.

pie edgings

BEADED: Trim overhang $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from edge of pie plate. Fold overhang under. Press rounded end of a beer-can opener firmly into pie crust rim. Repeat around entire rim, placing designs side by side.



CORNUCOPIA: Allow $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. overhang; do not turn overhang under. Cut pie crust in points at 1-in. intervals around rim. Roll points in toward rim to form cornucopia shapes. Press down lightly.

Try using apple juice as the liquid in crust for cranberry pie.

Take a Package of

Pie Crust Mix

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3 easy new ways to serve Fruit Cocktail from California



Easy Recipe

Fruit Rainbow Cake

- 1/2 cup syrup from canned fruit cocktail
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1 pkg. strawberry-flavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups drained canned fruit cocktail
- 1 8-inch plain layer cake

Heat together syrup and water; dissolve gelatin in it. Blend in lemon juice. Cool to consistency of unbeaten egg white. Blend in fruit cocktail. Turn into 8-inch layer cake pan. Chill until firm. Unmold onto cooled cake layer. Cut in wedges to serve. Decorate with whipped cream and additional fruit, if desired. Serves 6 to 8.



Easy Recipe

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Rich milk or cream

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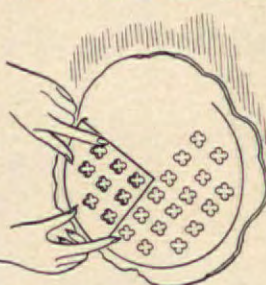
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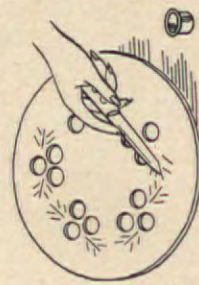
California Fruit Cup: A lively meal starter, a gala dessert without work. Fruit cocktail is ready to serve the instant you open the can. Five gorgeous fruits; sun-ripe California cling peaches, pineapple, pears, cherries and grapes. Ready fixed! Ready mixed! Perfectly flavor blended! Holidays, any day, have this California treat handy.

Take a Package

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CLOVERLEAF: Roll pie crust to 1/8-in. thickness. Place cutter on pie crust and cut, turning four times to form circle. Place on pie filling. Seal edges.



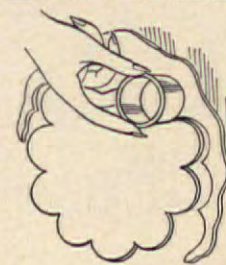
BELL: Roll pie crust to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut out shapes with bell cookie cutter or cutter appropriate for the season or occasion. Place on pie filling. Seal edges.

HOLLY: Roll pie crust to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut out holly berries with small round cookie cutter; fashion leaves with point of paring knife. Place on pie filling. Seal edges and bake.

• pie toppings

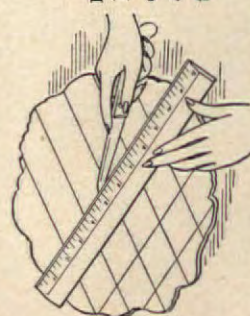


Crushed nuts added to pie crust make for tempting crunchiness.



SCALLOP: Roll pie crust to 1/8-in. thickness. For 9-in. pie, roll circle 8 in. in diameter; cut scallops around edge with round cookie cutter. Place on pie filling. Design vents in center as desired and bake.

DIAMOND: Roll pastry to 1/8-in. thickness. Measure diagonal lines 1 in. apart with ruler. Measure lines 1 in. apart in opposite direction and cut out diamond shapes. Bake at 400° F. for 10 minutes or until brown. Place on baked custard-type filling in desired pattern.



• pie toppings

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How to Bone a Turkey



Place the turkey breast down on table, with its neck pointed away from you. At the neck, cut with a sharp knife through the skin and through to the backbone

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Cut along backbone from neck to tail. With your fingers, pull the neck out of the skin and back towards you



Now start to bone by scraping the meat from the bones towards the wing.

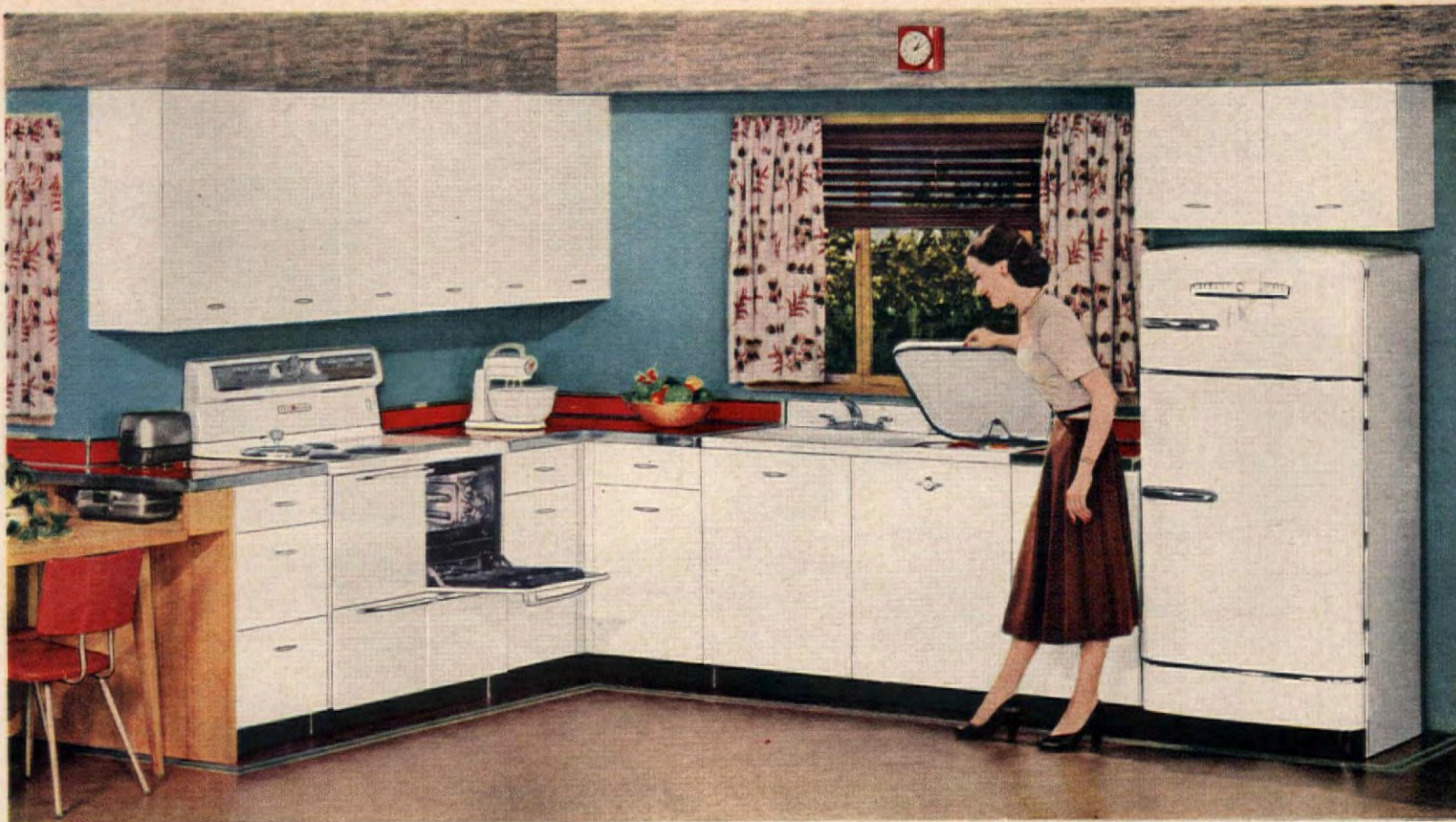
Cut as close to the bones as you possibly can



When you reach the first wing joint, cut completely through it. Work along bone to the second joint, and cut through it. Leave wing tip as is—looks better on finished product



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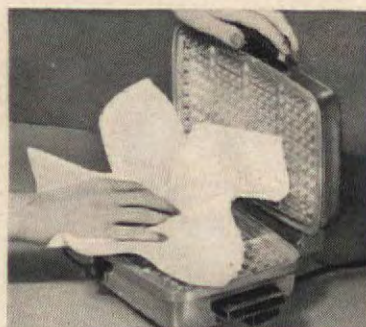
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How to Bone a Turkey

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Work along frame in same manner till you reach leg. Cut leg the way you cut wing. Repeat procedure on other side of bird. Cutting through the joints frees bones from the carcass



When turkey is boned, season inside with salt and pepper before sewing up



Sew up back with large needle and string.

Fold neck skin towards the back; fasten with a stitch



For stuffing, turn turkey on its back. Push stuffing carefully into all cavities

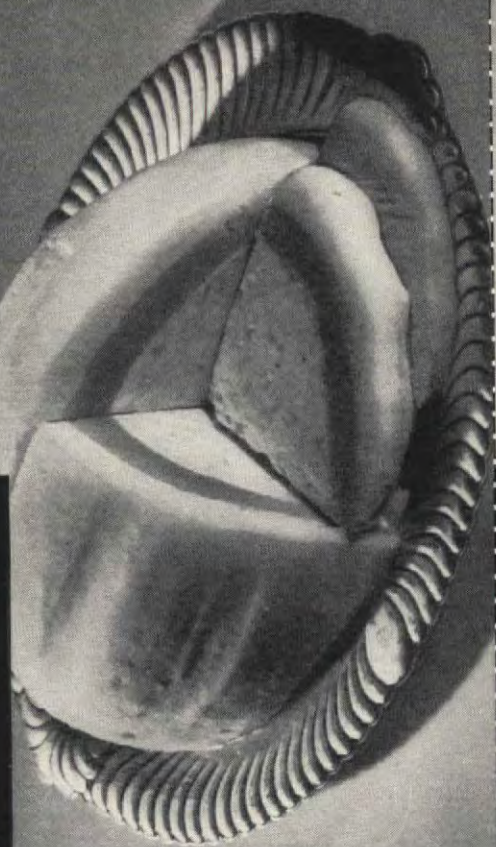


Place bird in pan and arrange to look as it did before boning. Keep wings close to body; push legs into proper place. Tie securely to keep it in shape. Roast



Christmas really begins in the Kitchen (Begins on page 44)

• raspberry Célestine



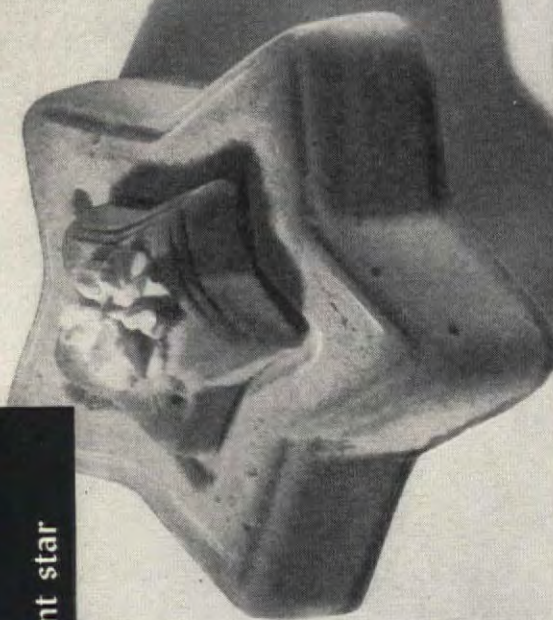
• scrambled eggs & ham,
apple juice aspic



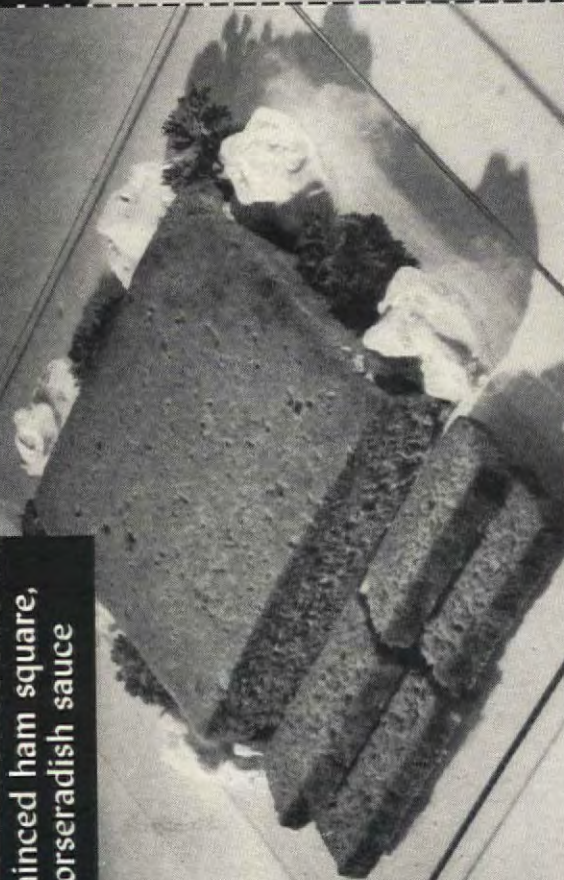
• seafood puff



• frosty
peppermint star



• minced ham square,
horseradish sauce



• jeweled ring salad



• jeweled ring salad

Serves 8-10

- 2 cups grated cucumbers, with seeds removed
- 4 tbs. vinegar
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 pkg. lemon-flavored gelatin

Add vinegar and salt to cucumbers. Dissolve gelatin in water. When slightly thickened, add cucumber mixture and a bit of green coloring. Put into a 1-qt. ring mold, or mold any way desired. Decorate with cucumber peel and tomato peel.

Recipe from Irene Weston

• minced ham square, horseradish sauce

Serves 10-12

- 3 lbs. ground, uncooked smoked ham
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 3 cups fine soft bread crumbs
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 2 tbs. brown sugar
- 2 tbs. prepared horseradish

Mix above ingredients well. Pack into greased 8" x 8" baking pan or glass baking dish. Bake in 350° F. oven about 1 1/2 hours. Increase the heat to 400° F. for the last 15 min. to brown a little.

Serve with whipped cream mixed with a pinch of salt and well-drained horseradish to taste.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

• frosty peppermint star

Serves 8

- 1 tbs. unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 2 tsp. mint extract
- Green food coloring
- 1 egg white, beaten stiff

Soften gelatin in 1/2 cup cold water. Add gelatin to boiling water and stir until dissolved. Add 1 cup cold water, sugar, lemon juice, and mint extract. Add enough coloring to tint mixture a delicate green. Freeze until mushy, then fold in egg white. Pour into a 5-6 cup mold appropriate for the season. Freeze until firm. To unmold, run spatula carefully around sherbet. Turn mold upside down on serving platter. Place a hot cloth over mold for a few seconds. Slide a small spatula inside mold and press very lightly against sherbet. Lift mold carefully.

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Note: If desired, an individual mold may be packed with sherbet and unmolded on large mold.

• seafood puff

- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 cups milk

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbs. prepared mustard
- 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
- 4 eggs separated
- 1 can shrimp
- 1 can lobster

Melt butter or margarine, then blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat until thickened. Add Worcestershire sauce, mustard, and cheese. Stir until cheese melts. Beat egg yolks slightly. Combine a little of cheese mixture with yolks, then add gradually to hot mixture. Cook for 1 minute. Add shrimp and lobster. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in. Pour into a greased 2 1/2-quart baking dish. Bake at 350° F. for 50-60 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

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Note: If desired, use 2 cups cooked, chopped ham or turkey instead of shrimp-lobster combination.

• scrambled eggs & ham, apple juice aspic

- 4 cups apple juice
- 3 tbs. gelatin

- Orange sections
- Thick red apple peel cut in diamond shapes

Soften gelatin in 1 cup of cold apple juice. Heat 3 cups of apple juice to dissolve the gelatin. Let cool. Pour small amount of gelatin mixture into oiled, chilled 1-qt. mold. Swirl mixture around mold to form a thin coating.

Decorate with apple-peel diamonds and orange sections. Working over bowl of ice, carefully fill mold a little at a time and let set each time until filled.

Serve with scrambled eggs mixed with left-over ham. Fill center of mold with sweet luncheon rolls.

Square "ring" mold was made by placing in a square baking dish a small block of wood wrapped in metal foil, secured to dish with a little gelatin mixture.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

• raspberry Célestine

Serves 10-12

Line a 1 1/2-qt. melon mold with 1 pint lemon ice. Spread with 1 pint raspberry ice. Fill with the following mixture:

- 1 pkg. unflavored gelatin (Sprinkle over 1/2 cup milk to soften and dissolve over hot water.)
- 2 tbs. brandy
- 4 tbs. sugar
- 1 cup crushed vanilla wafers
- 3 tbs. chopped almonds or other nuts
- 1 1/2 cups cream, whipped

Fill mold. Leave in freezer until ready to serve. Unmold.

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Christmas Begins

(Begins on page 44)

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Lived there a hostess who had not a buffet or late supper as part and parcel of Christmas-week entertaining? See Seafood Puff—a gourmet dish for the hostess who can't bear the sight of sliced cold ham or turkey come two days after Christmas. Make it with seafood, make it with left-over ham or turkey—and heed well—make it several hours in advance, slip it into the refrigerator, pop it into the oven an hour before serving time. Ever hear of such a thing, looking as though it were a tremulous soufflé direct from oven to table and not a moment too soon? Well, Madam, look again at Seafood Puff. It's true—not too good to be true!

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One more buffet idea, two beautiful centerpieces you can eat (who'd dare!) and we're into a very fancy, very necessary department of Christmas cooking—candy and cookies. But first, our minced ham square with horseradish sauce. A *specialité* of Vera's is this, and very popular it is. Unlike any ham loaf we know and offered you with a true Christmas spirit—else why should she give away such a very good recipe.

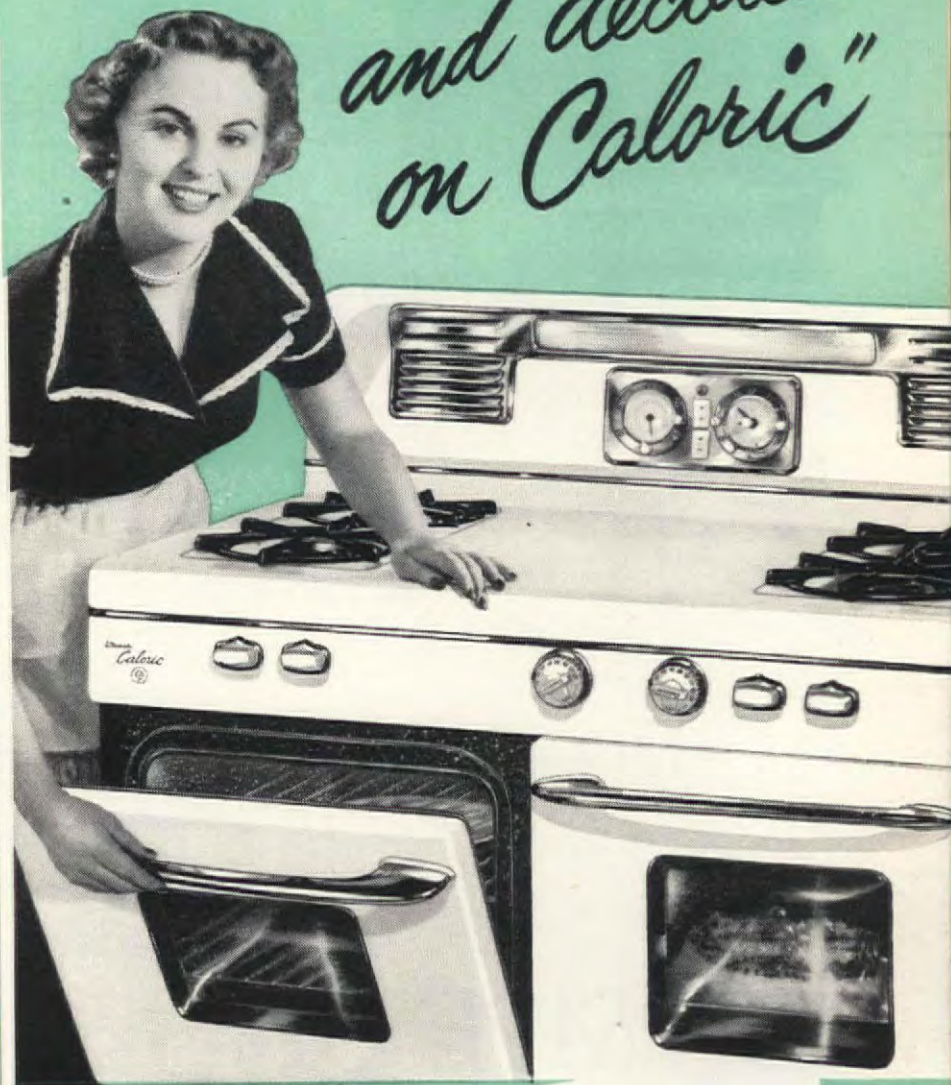
Mrs. Betty Merriam is the lady who does those stunning flower arrangements for you each month. At our behest, she did two this month, instead of one only. They're here on our food pages because they are made with fruit and because we believe that on a holiday table or buffet nothing surpasses beautiful fruit as a centerpiece. We give you the contents of each—the pictures we made big enough for you to really see how Mrs. Merriam used them.

Arrangement in black plastic tray resting on wooden scroll base. Materials—oranges, limes, lemons, grapefruit (hidden), California raisins in clusters, Christmas fern, leucothoe. Greens are held by pin holder at far left. Grapefruit supports mass of other fruits. Fruit is impaled on matching plastic hors d'oeuvre sticks, and stuck into grapefruit. Raisins, nearly black, were chosen to tie in color of container.

Arrangement in basket: almonds,
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Christmas Begins

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filberts, apricots, Christmas greens, baby bananas. (Latter have a cute story behind them. Every hand of bananas has a few too tiny to be sold. The wholesale fruit people just throw them out. If a woman is a pal to her green-grocer, he'll probably get them for her without charge.) Nuts are strung on wires, like cranberries. When strung, they're bunched together to make clusters. To string, you just poke soft-shelled nuts, like almonds, with a needle. Hard nuts, like filberts, have to be drilled or punched. Fruit and nut clusters are held in place with florist's picks or segments of coat hanger.

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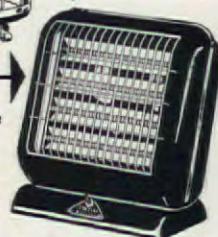
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| or margarine | 1 tbsp. finely |
| 2 tbsps. flour | chopped parsley |
| 1 cup milk | 6 hard-cooked eggs |
| 1 can condensed | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup crushed |
| mushroom soup | potato chips |

Cut olives from pits into large pieces. Melt butter, blend in flour. Add milk. Cook and stir until thickened. Stir in soup, olives, pimiento, parsley, sliced eggs, half of potato chips, pepper to taste. Pour into greased casserole. Top with remaining potato chips. Bake in moderately slow oven (325° F.) 20 minutes. Serves 6.

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Soap Scraps for Christmas



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We show you in two simple steps how easily soap-sachet bags for the bath can be made. Your meat grinder does a quick job of pulverizing pieces of soap, and the soap won't go flying about if a paper bag is secured at end of the grinder with a rubber band. Measure two cups of ground soap; add four cups of rolled oats, and one cup of borax. (Borax is a water softener, and what's more it will eliminate that bathtub ring!) Stir into the mixture two tablespoons of your favorite scented sachet powder. Fill stitched bags made from 6-in. squares of cheesecloth, doubled. Tie bags with pastel-colored yarn. Be sure to make some extras.



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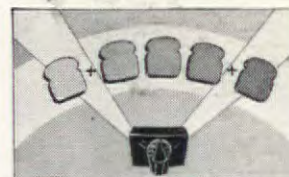
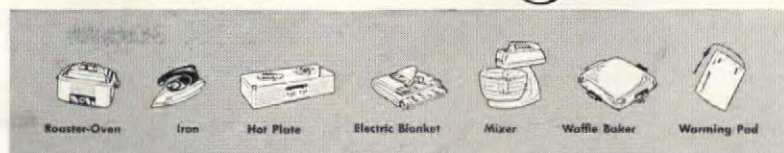
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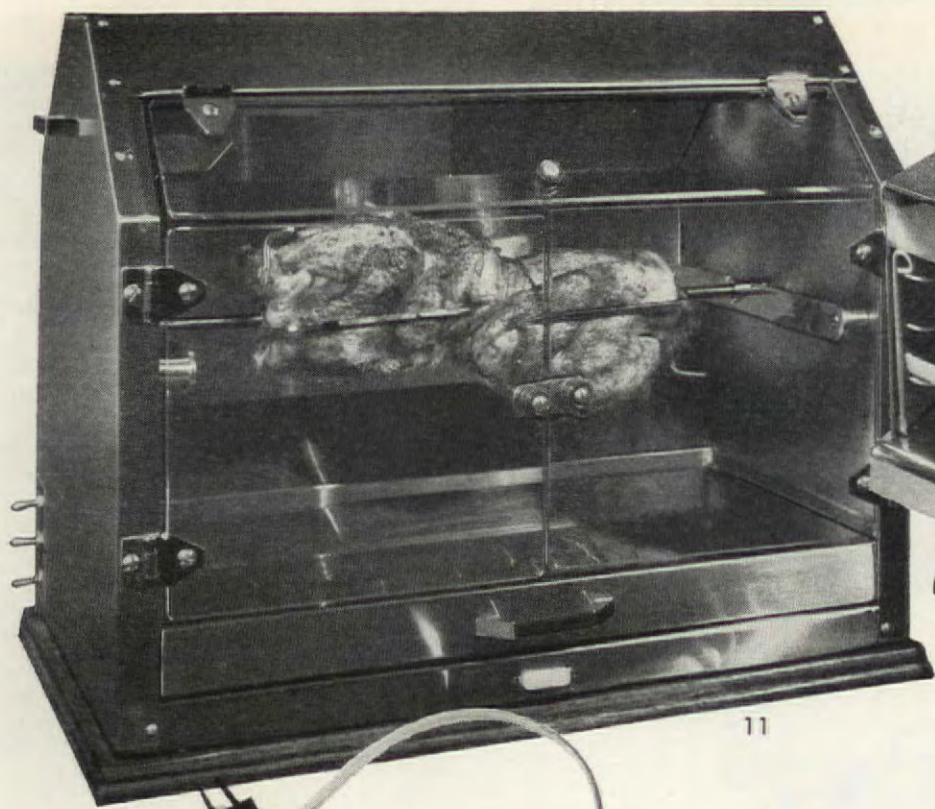
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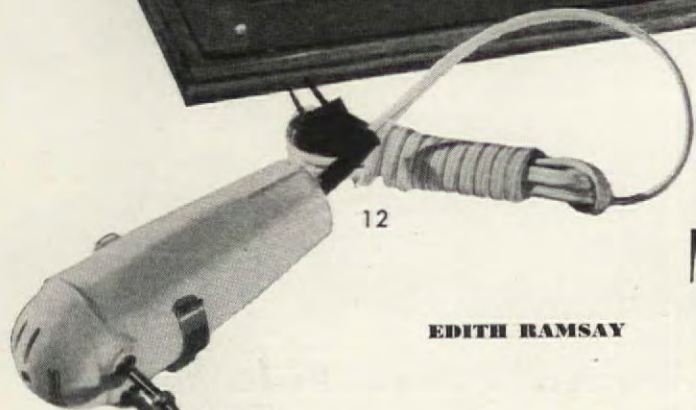
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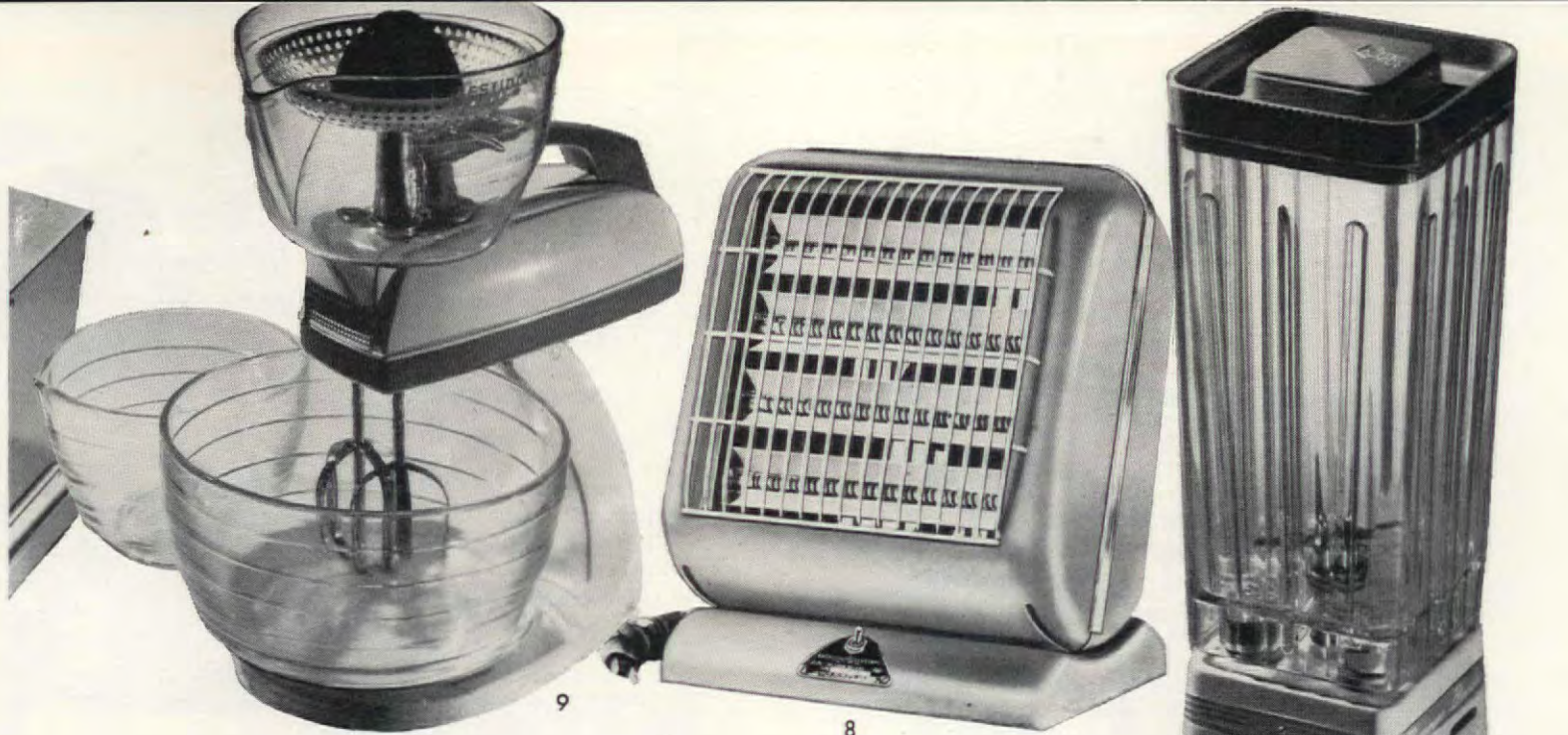


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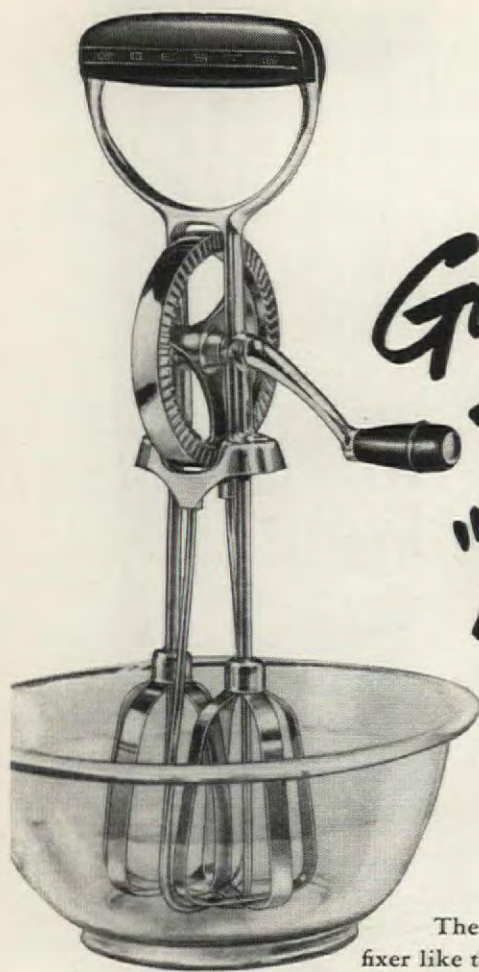


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Before laundering, pretreat stain by sponging with cold water. If grease spot remains, use an absorbent powder or grease solvent



TO REMOVE

COFFEE STAINS

Pour boiling water onto stain from 2-3 ft. height and wash in warm soapy water. Carbon tetrachloride will remove grease stains caused by cream



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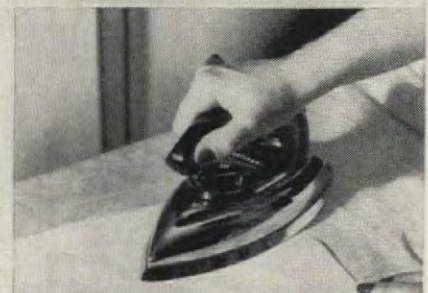
Step 1

Scrape away as much wax as possible with spatula or blunt edge of knife. Avoid puncturing fabric with point of sharp-edged knife



Step 2

Place stain between clean paper towels or white blotters and press with warm iron. Change blotters or towels as they become soiled



Step 3

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Data from Jessie Walker



Following a step-by-step remodeling program, the Tafts decided upon curtains, wallpaper, cabinets, counters, dishwasher, and sink. To create the appearance of a lower ceiling, they chose colorful Stewart-plaid wallpaper

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Waxing tips by Margaret Scott

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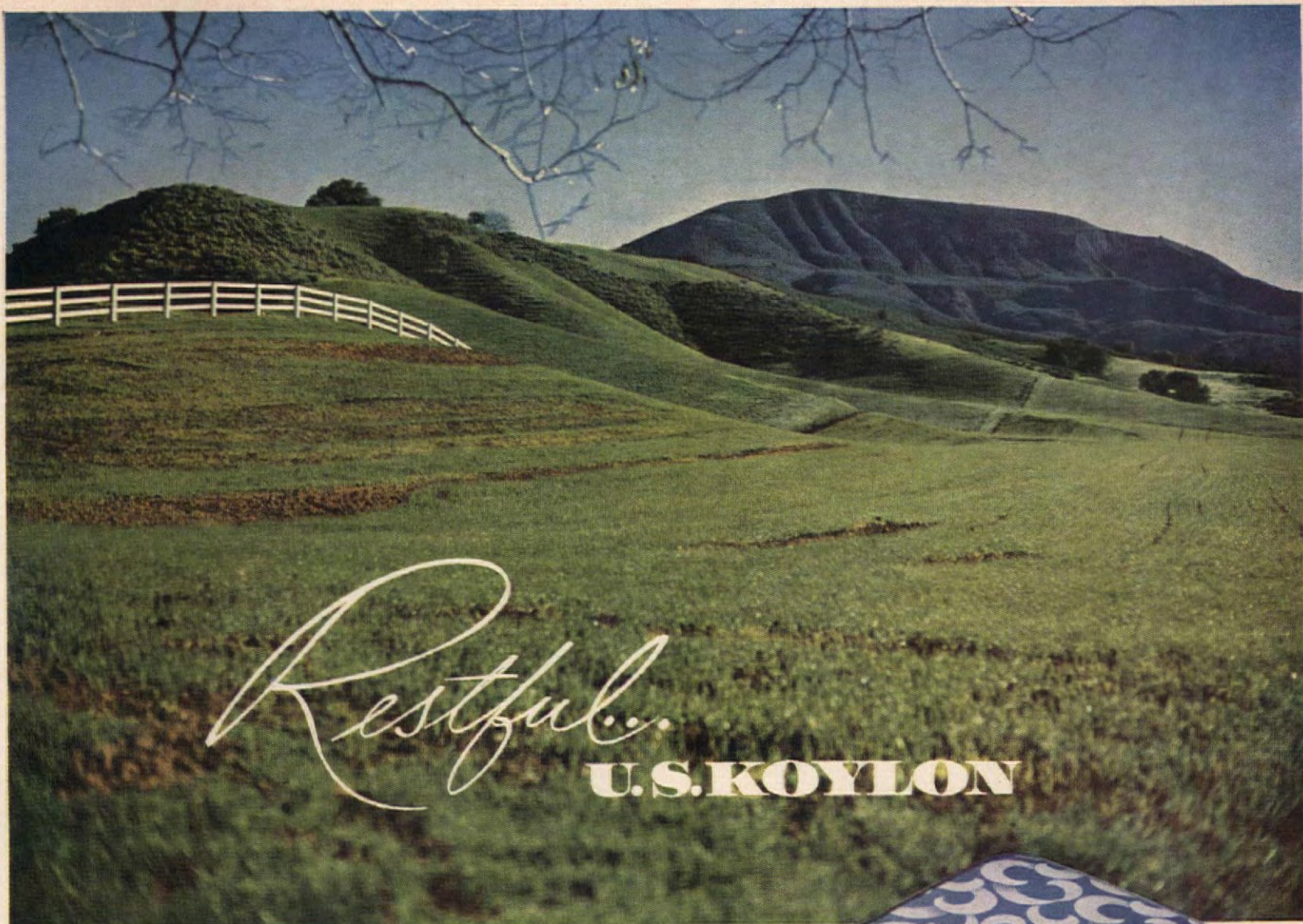


When Beth Taft cans fruit, the eating table is moved across the room to serve as an extra working surface. And daughter Linda is a more willing helper now that there's a dishwasher! The only structural change of remodeling job was removal of the bottom of the chimney which projected out into the room over the range

Young Bob screwed sturdy brackets on the wall under the laminated plastic-topped table so that breakfast stools could be hung out of the way after meals or afternoon snacks



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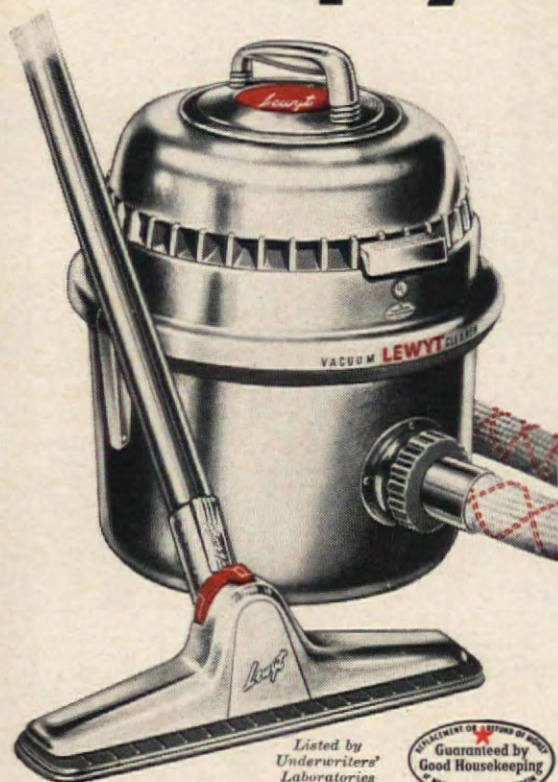


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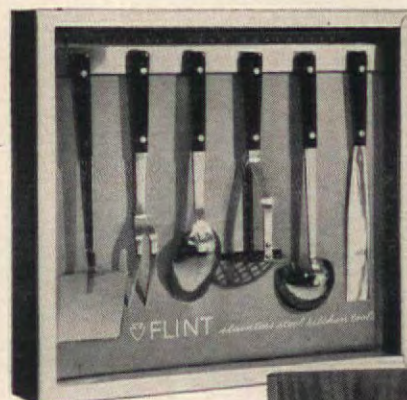


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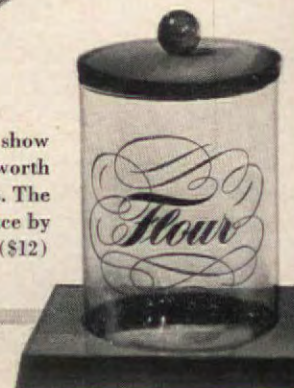
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Spare That Tree!

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There are degrees of damage. Only three or four inches of clay, silt, or fine loam will quickly cause injury. But quite a depth of loose, porous soil or coarse gravel can be so applied without serious effects, because it permits better drainage and aeration. Also trees vary in their susceptibility. Maples (especially sugar maples), oaks, birches, beeches, and hickories in that order are some of the most quickly affected. Willows, apples, and tulip trees can apparently make new root systems in the added soil and adjust themselves.

What can the homeowner do about it? Why, take steps to prevent the crime. If building or remodeling involves any grading at all, insist that no valuable trees be "buried" under even a few inches of soil. If some raising of the soil level is unavoidable, build a well of stone or brick around each tree, at least two feet out from the trunk. It should reach from the former to the new soil level. Surround the well, as far out as the branches extend, with crushed stone or gravel before adding any topsoil. In the case of an extra-large tree, radiating lines of drain tile laid from the well out through the gravel fill at the old level will help.

If you are taking over a house already built among trees, examine them to see if soil has been filled in around them. Evidence of this is a straight trunk with no flaring "buttress" effect at the base (see picture on page 82). If grading has been done, but not too long before, you can often save and revitalize a tree. To do this, bore or punch holes three feet apart over the branch-spread area and as deep as the former grade, insert drain tiles, cover with wire mesh. Besides aerating the soil, they carry water and food to the roots.

According to Bartlett Laboratory investigations, filling in around trees is much more injurious than removing soil and lowering the grade. However, this, too, should be avoided or kept to a minimum. In short, don't alter the grade around a tree if you can help it; and if you must, take all trees affected. Remember, it takes a long time to grow a beautiful tree, only a short time to kill it.

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All right, then, why don't you start a family journal?

We did. We began a kind of newspaper, with each family member sending in a contribution. This journal published four times a year—a winter edition, telling of Christmas; a spring edition, telling of the happenings of the first part of the year and including plans for the summer; a fall edition, telling of vacations; and finally a Thanksgiving edition, telling of the beginning of fall.

Our journal is now in its thirteenth year. The newspaper has in time become a bound magazine with a table of contents and pictures—snapshots of homes, children, cars, weddings, etc. Poems are contributed. A family genealogy was included in one issue.

Special editions have commemorated persons and events in the family history—a Mother's Day edition contained anecdotes of the maternal head of the family; the "Old Home" edition told of things remembered about the family home. For these specials old-time negatives are dug out of storage and prints are made.

Each branch of our family assumes the editorship for a year, and each one tries to outdo the others in the manner in which the journal is put together. Art work now decorates the front page; cartoons and drawings, as well as pictures, augment the news.

All the standard types of reproducing machines have been used in organizing the material. As the family increases, the publication may have to be turned over to a printer.

Our own journal has accomplished even more than an exchange of news between the members of our enormous and scattered family. It has stimulated us to arrange two family reunions, and a third one is in the offing. Instead of the inevitable drifting apart our clan seems to get closer as it gets larger. We have a feeling of really belonging to each other—and a right good feeling it is.

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Put 'Merry' Back

(Begins on page 21)

produces all sorts of wonders in his basement workshop—what need did he have for our unskilled attempts? But we saw it through—and an amazing thing happened. We actually began to think seriously about each other. Not about sizes and preferences in gloves, but about the little idiosyncrasies, the small, unfulfilled wants.

Christmas began to take on an air of mystery again. Bedroom doors were slammed; "Keep Out" signs were posted. Then, at last, December 25th. And what a Christmas morning it was, full of hilarious surprises, and more genuine fun than we'd had in years.

First came the surprise for Mother—a beautiful piece of needlepoint for a footstool. She'd started it six years before, became bored with doing it, and buried it in the attic. Sister Betty dug it out and finished it.

And how did handyman Roy do? His present has been in service ever since. It was a "bill and receipt" book, made from a looseleaf notebook with index tabs reading "Gas & Electric," "Telephone," "Insurance," etc. Each compartment had outsized envelopes for bills and receipts. And joyous jingles pep up the bill-paying. "Department Stores," for instance, carried the grim reminder: "A bibble, a bauble, a tidbit—Oh, well! Your budget's reduced to ashes in h—."

Father, who doesn't type, also found his bill-paying simplified by a full year's supply of stamped envelopes addressed to those to whom monthly bills are paid. And he, in turn, produced Aunt Grace's present—her pet bookcase, which had rested in the basement because she had no time to paint it. Father did the painting. One brother got six jars of the homemade chili sauce he loved, a sister found scrambled recipes rearranged.

Little things, but rewarding for many reasons. These projects have provided fun all around and been budget-savers too. But more important, they have united us by bringing back the real spirit of Christmas—the joy of giving of oneself to others.

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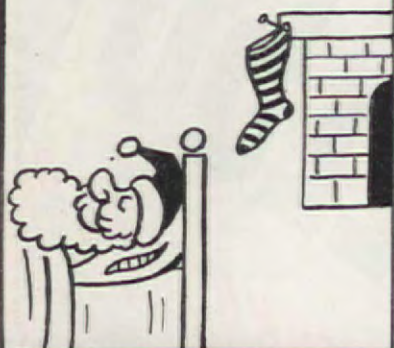
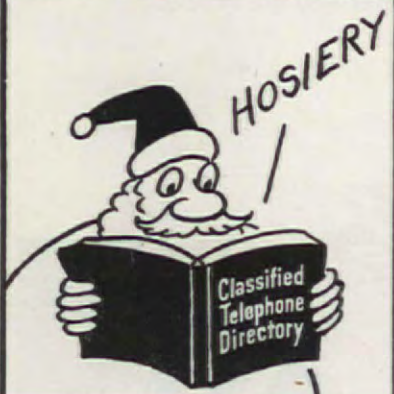


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Wrap 'em Cleverly

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Gay presentation dress gives double meaning to useful gifts. Here packages are numbered to correspond to barbecue things they contain (shown in insert). (1 & 2) Daffy couple hold two-tined fork and "spider" frying pan. Mailing tubes, foil-covered and taped together, hide handles and form legs. Blond Doll and brunet Guy have tulle hair, foil-covered buttons for eyes. Her lashes are foil; his ears, clam shells. (3) Fencing foils are a pair of skewers wrapped in metal foil. Hand guards are punctured pie plates. Fencing mask and shield are for fun. Mask is cut from wire mesh, backed by tin foil. Shield is corrugated board heart, red-foil covered. (4) Two more skewers arrive as a 100-lb. weight whose ends are foil-covered newspaper. Foil-covered mailing tubes make the rod



MORE WRAPPING IDEAS ON PAGES 86 AND 87



A ribbon decoration isn't just a matter of the conventional loops and ends. See how these little spring-like affairs lend variety, and invite you to use ribbons of several colors at once and to improvise their arrangement.



To start this one (top) hold end of ribbon securely between thumb and first finger. Make a small loop around your thumb. Repeat, increasing size of each loop until desired size is reached. Then cut ribbon from the spool.

CAN YOU TIE THIS ONE?



To make loops fast, hold securely between thumb and first finger and tie strip of ribbon through smallest loop. If you're going to cluster the springs, put knot on underside. If you're going to use them flat, put it on an edge.

To finish package, tie it with ribbon and secure with knot on top. To cluster the springs, tie them individually. For a flat arrangement, tie springs together first, then attach them to box.



SEE "WHERE CREDIT IS DUE" ON PAGE 92



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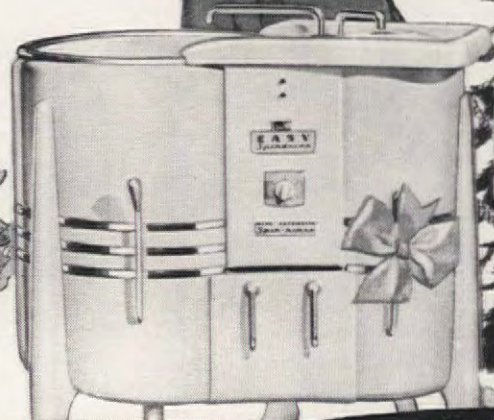


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Wrap 'em Cleverly (Begins on page 34)

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Any good cook would claim the gift above under her tree; those are mustard spoons and toy rolling pin on sprigs of evergreen. If you're giving Junior one of those "practical" gifts, make the wrapping fun. Bean-bag clown on a wealth of red ribbon will do it. Center package below shows that you weren't wasting your time when you gathered those seashells; use little dabs of glue to fasten a pretty arrangement to a wrapped package. For a little girl — or a big one, for that matter — cut an angel from heavy white paper. Stroke her hair and hem with glue, and sprinkle with flitter. Glue dabs on the box will hold more flitter and sequins which look like stars



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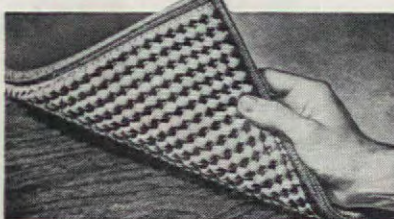
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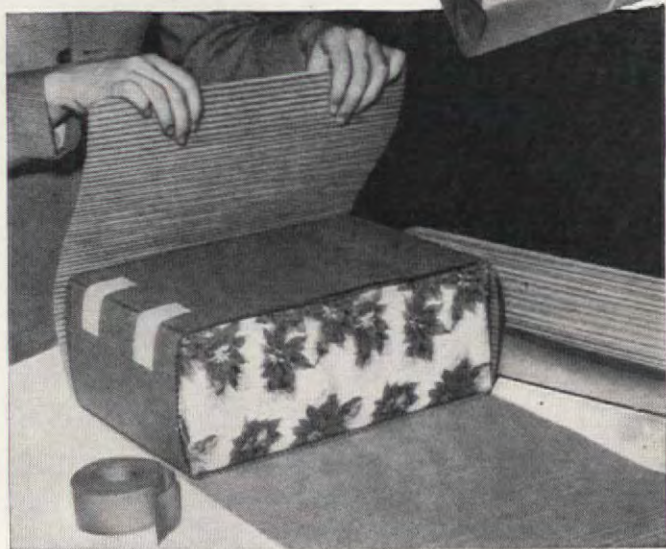
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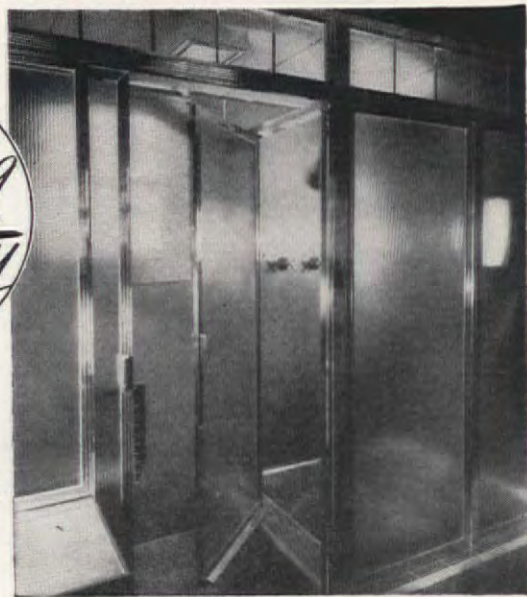
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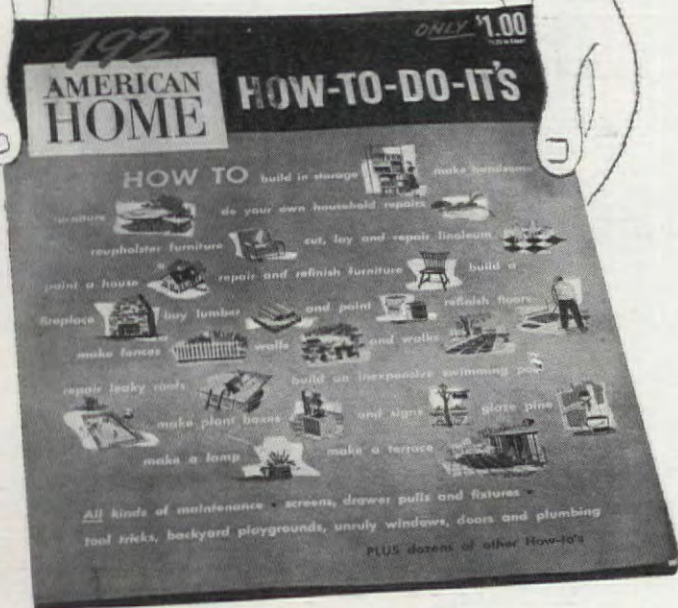
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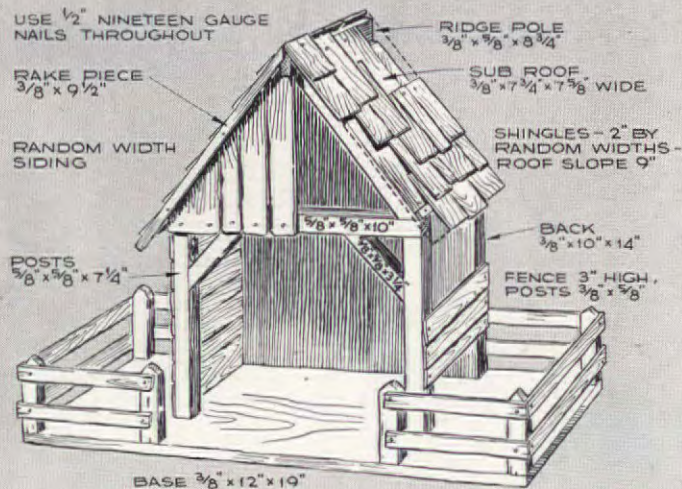
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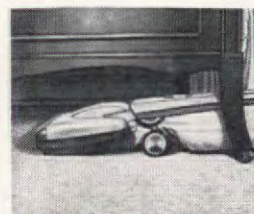
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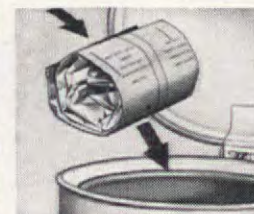
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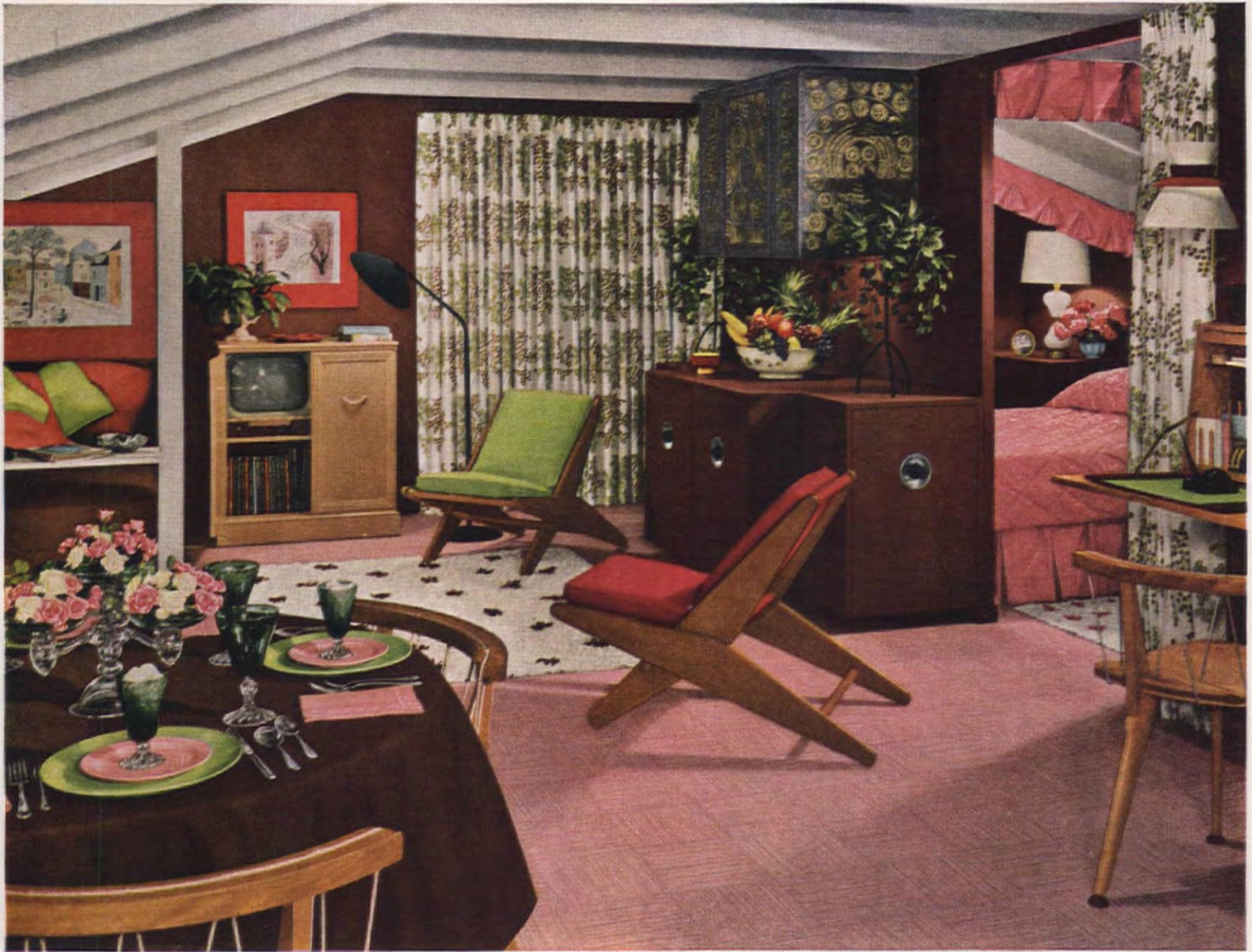
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