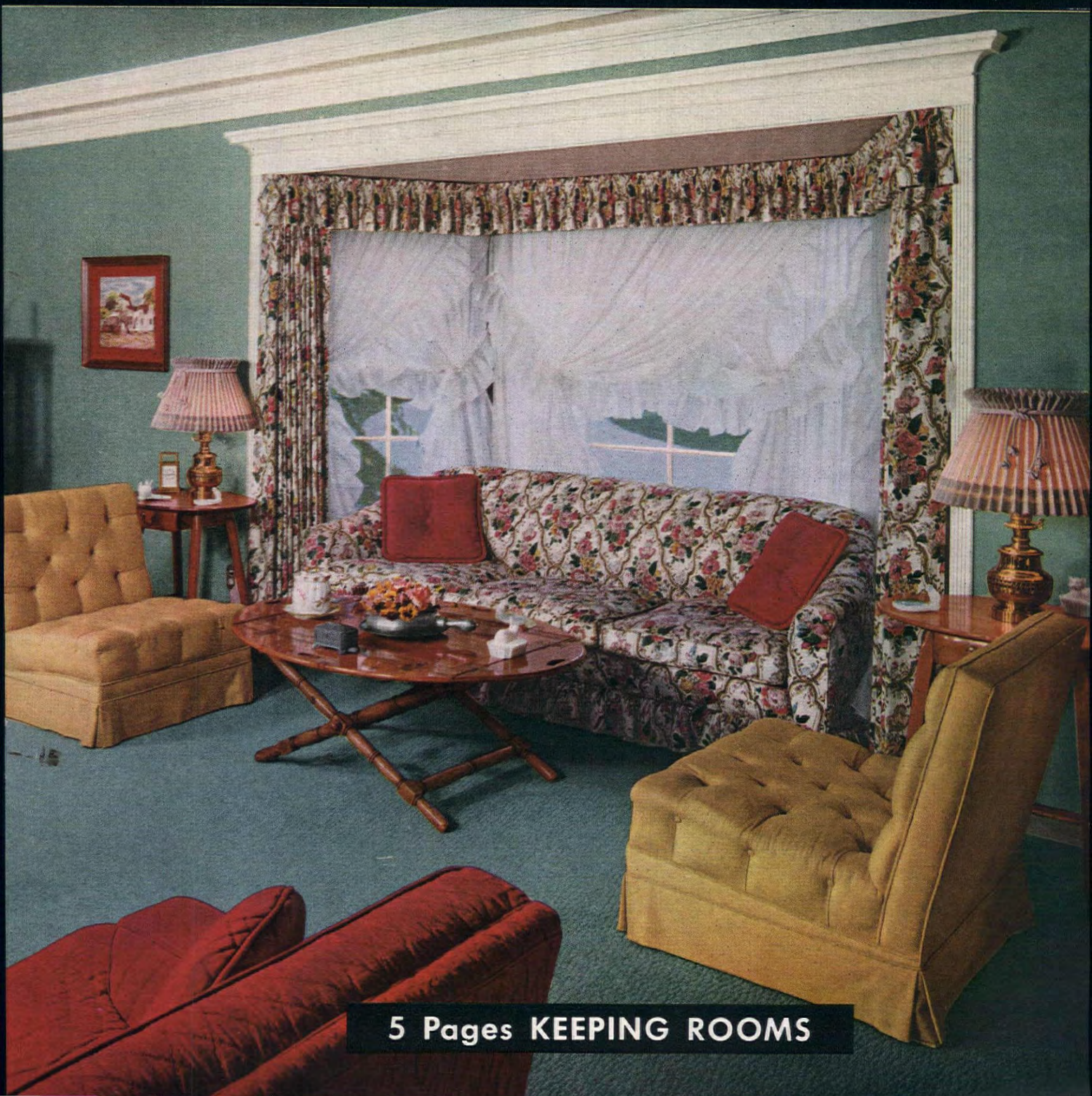


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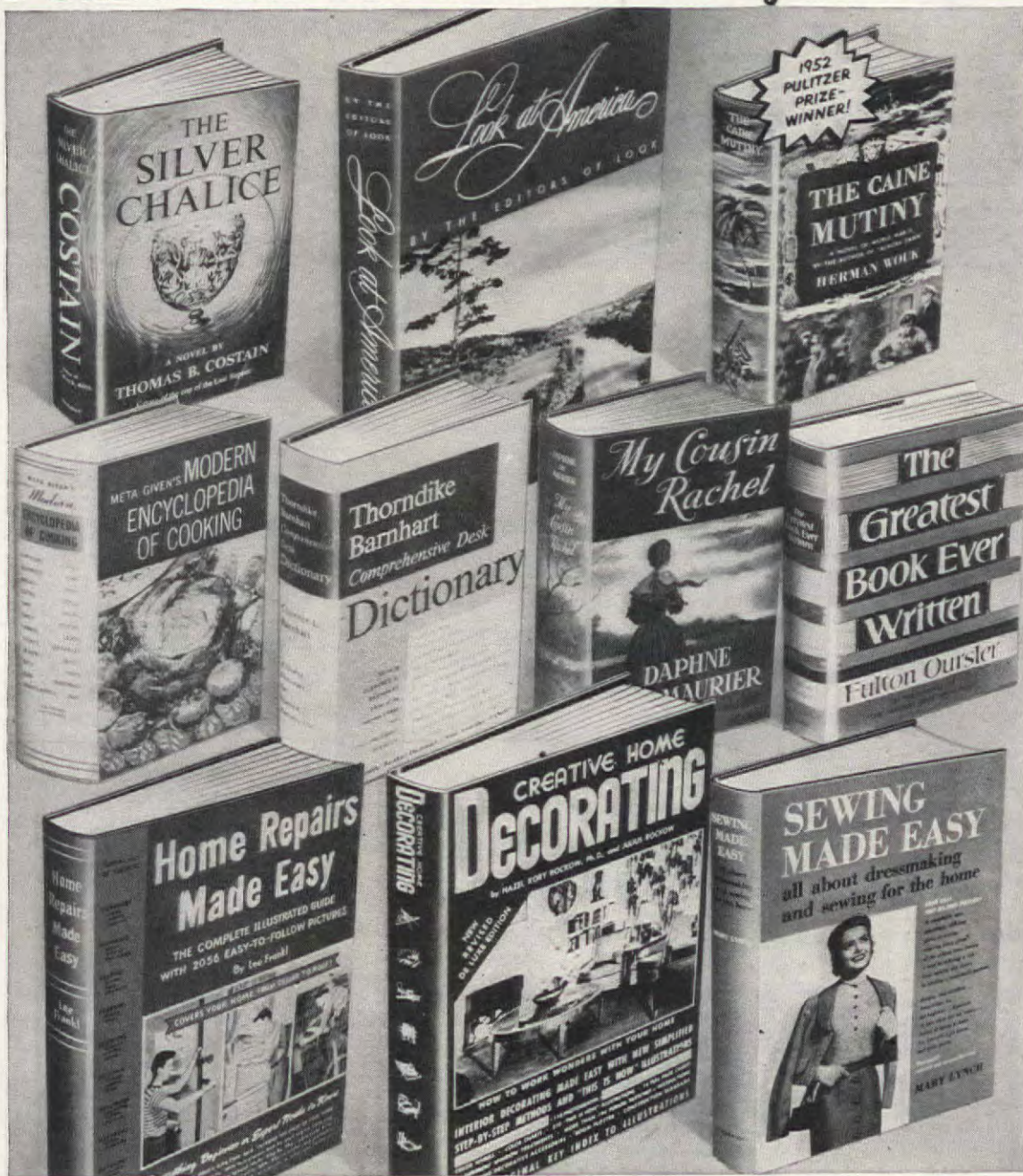
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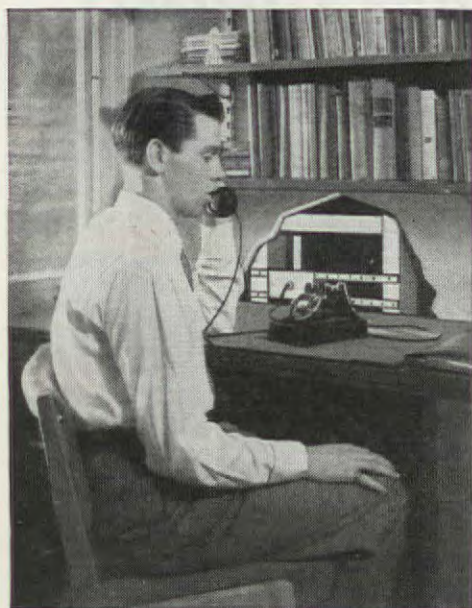
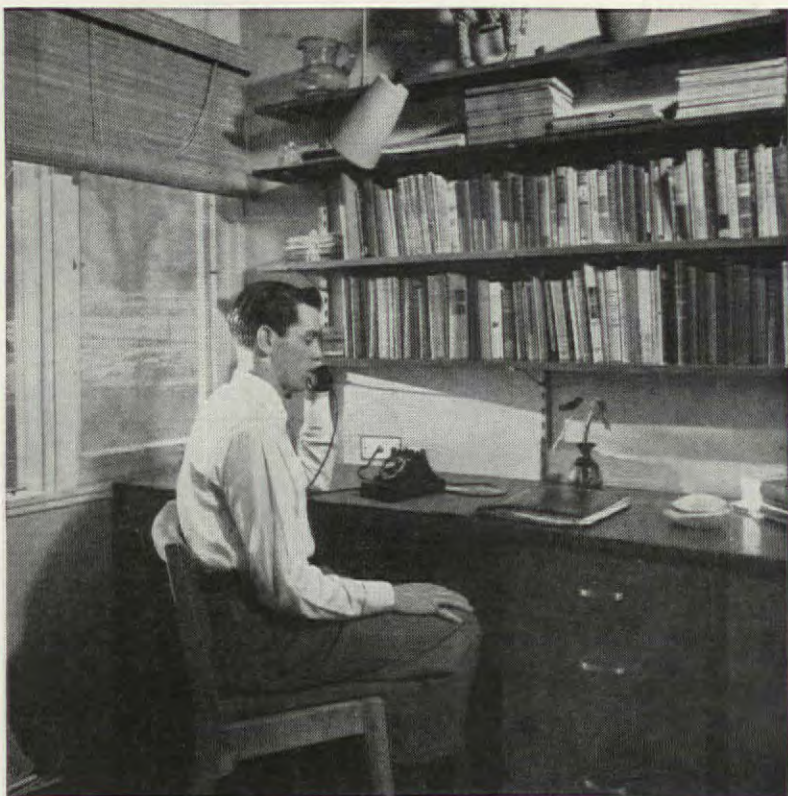
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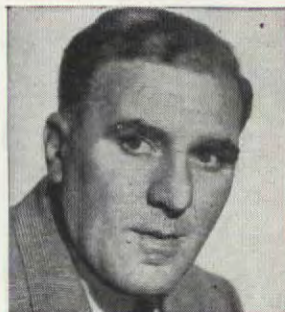
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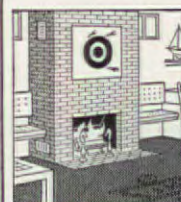
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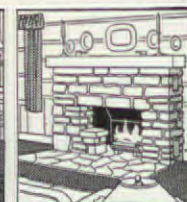
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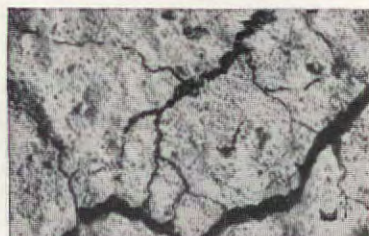
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Dry vs. wet application?

This question cannot be answered without first answering two other questions that are far more important—

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- (2) How much soil conditioner is needed to do the job?

How deep?

In building a new lawn, or repairing an existing one (see above), penetration to a fraction of an inch may be sufficient to hold the soil surface in place during germination of the seed. However, this is simply erosion control—for real benefit to grass roots, treatment of 1/2 inch and more is recommended.

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... R. J. DE CRISTOFORO's penchant for writing began with poetry, eventually evolved into his present success with how-to-do-it articles (see page 42). After studying at N.Y.U., and winning several writing contests, he and his wife (also an ex-poet) wrote successfully for magazines. He feels that how-to's contribute something to the vast American desire to create. A native New Yorker, he and his wife and two sons now live in Palo Alto, California.



... MRS. JOHN W. MILLER, owner of the special blue-plate collection on page 36, was born in Philadelphia, and now has two homes—one in Winnetka, Ill., and a summer place in Marion, Mass. During the war she was a truck driver in convoys for the American Red Cross. She enjoys collecting so much that her husband says "she collects everything except old men."



... JOHN R. SPROULE, A.I.A., architect for the Don Cary Smith house on page 40, has spent most of his life in the state of Washington. After a degree in Architecture from the Univ. of Wash., he was a residential architect until the war, when he worked with the Government on housing in and around Seattle. In private practice again, he is also on the Univ. of Wash. teaching staff.

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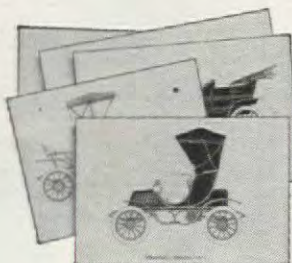
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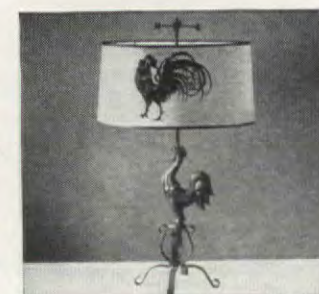
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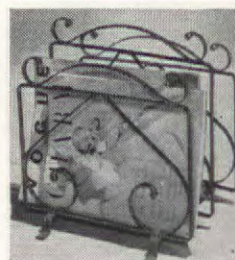
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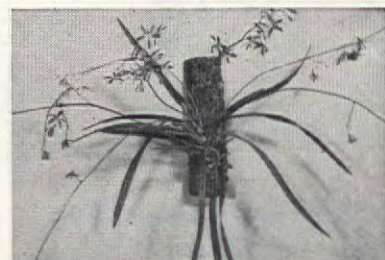
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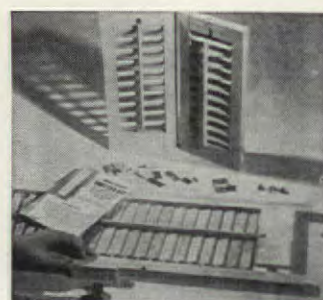
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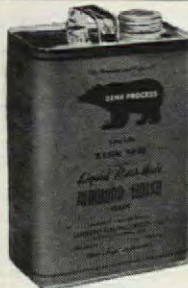
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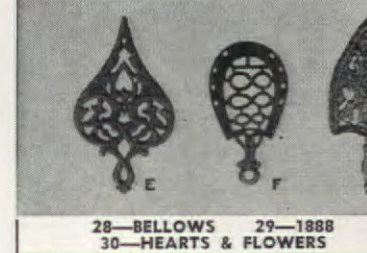
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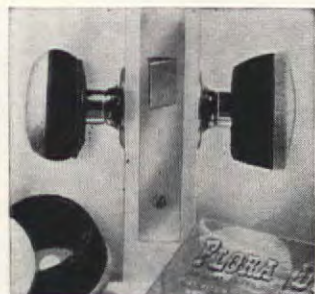
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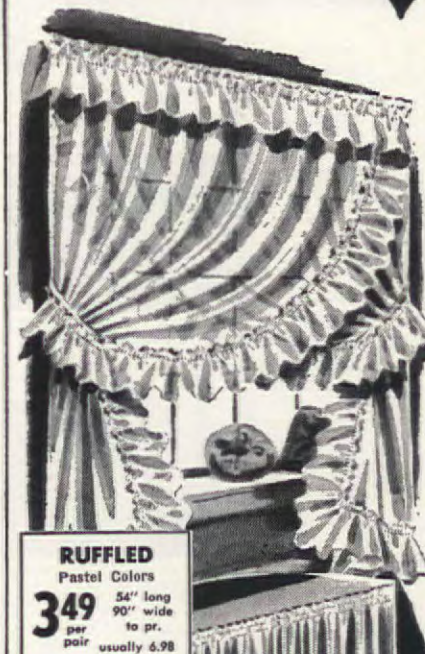


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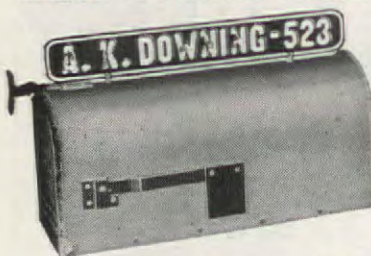
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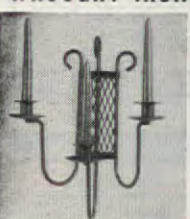
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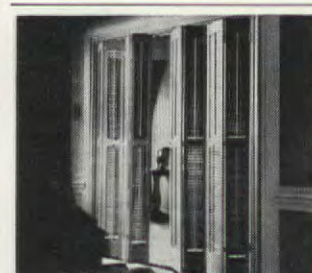
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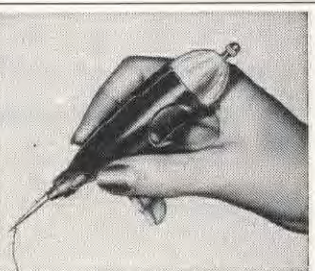
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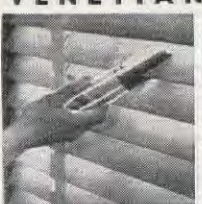
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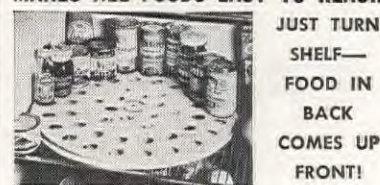
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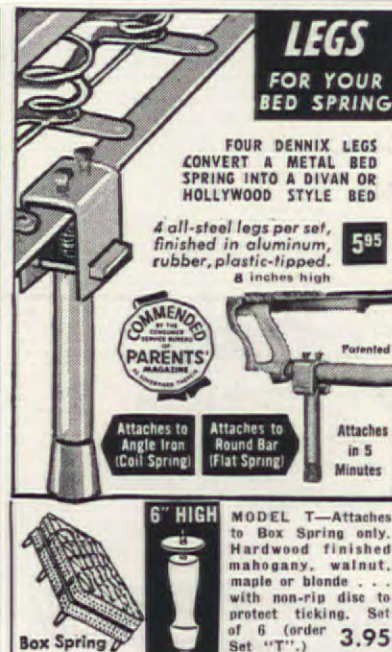


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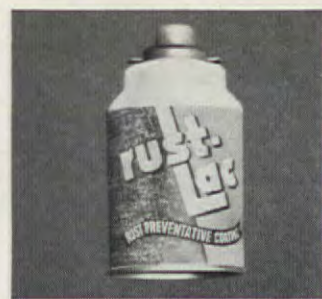
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The Junior Flower Show Association of Atlanta, Georgia, decided this past year to hold a different kind of flower show—one with more significance in these troubled times than the traditional type of show. The result—"Flowers in the Sanctuary"—was a tour of ten different churches along Peachtree Road, with altar flowers in each church arranged by ten participating garden clubs. An unprecedented success financially, the show also made a significant contribution toward religious understanding by acquainting the citizens of Atlanta and surrounding communities with churches of different denominations.

The tour was held on a Saturday afternoon, from two to eight, and visitors came from all over Georgia—even from out of state. One church recorded 500 visitors in an hour and a half. No admission was charged, but a printed program which included pictures and a brief history of each church on the tour was available for \$1. Although this was its only money-making feature, the tour made more money for the association than shows held in previous years. After expenses were met, the proceeds were divided equally among the member clubs for their charitable projects.

Here is how this unusual—and unusually successful—flower show came about. When the association met to discuss plans for its annual show, the members were unenthusiastic about a traditional show and seemed to prefer something of a more civic nature which would be appropriate to these times of confusion and unrest. Someone mentioned that a small town in south Georgia had opened its churches for the townspeople to visit, and Mrs. Francis C. Beebe, president of the association, remembered the church tours which were the custom in Manila when her husband was stationed there during the war. Out of these suggestions grew the idea for "Flowers in the Sanctuary," and the response, both from garden clubs and the public, was tremendous. The tour met all the club's constitutional requirements, which specify: 1. An annual flower show. 2. A horticultural exhibit (a horticultural show was

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The churches included in the tour were Lutheran, Christian, Jewish, Christian Scientist, Baptist, Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, and two Presbyterian. Planning the show took extreme care, and when the churches had been selected, the association sent letters to each minister, requesting his permission and co-operation. He was assured that, in conducting the tour, the garden clubs would abide by the customs and usages of his particular church. The altar committees of each church served as consultants with the flower arrangers and gave advice on church traditions, colors of flowers, types of containers, and placing of arrangements.

Naturally, some problems arose. In some churches, it is a rule that only members of the altar guild can arrange flowers or place them on the altar. In another church, only white flowers could be used. The cross may never be decorated, nor can any part of a flower arrangement be higher than the cross. After plans were far along, it was discovered that the day chosen for the tour fell during one of the holiest weeks in the Jewish year, and, too, Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath. The association was loath to leave the beautiful Jewish synagogue out of the tour, and finally it was arranged with the rabbi to hold the tour at the temple after sundown.

Each of the ten member garden clubs "drew out of the hat" for the church they were to decorate. The arrangements would be judged for their expression of the ethereal and architectural feeling of their particular churches, giving consideration to the restrictions or limitations imposed by each church. Specific points in judging included: appropriateness to ecclesiastical setting, 40 points; distinction, 20 points; color harmony, 20 points; and design, including relation to container, 20 points. All three ribbon winners scored above 90 points.

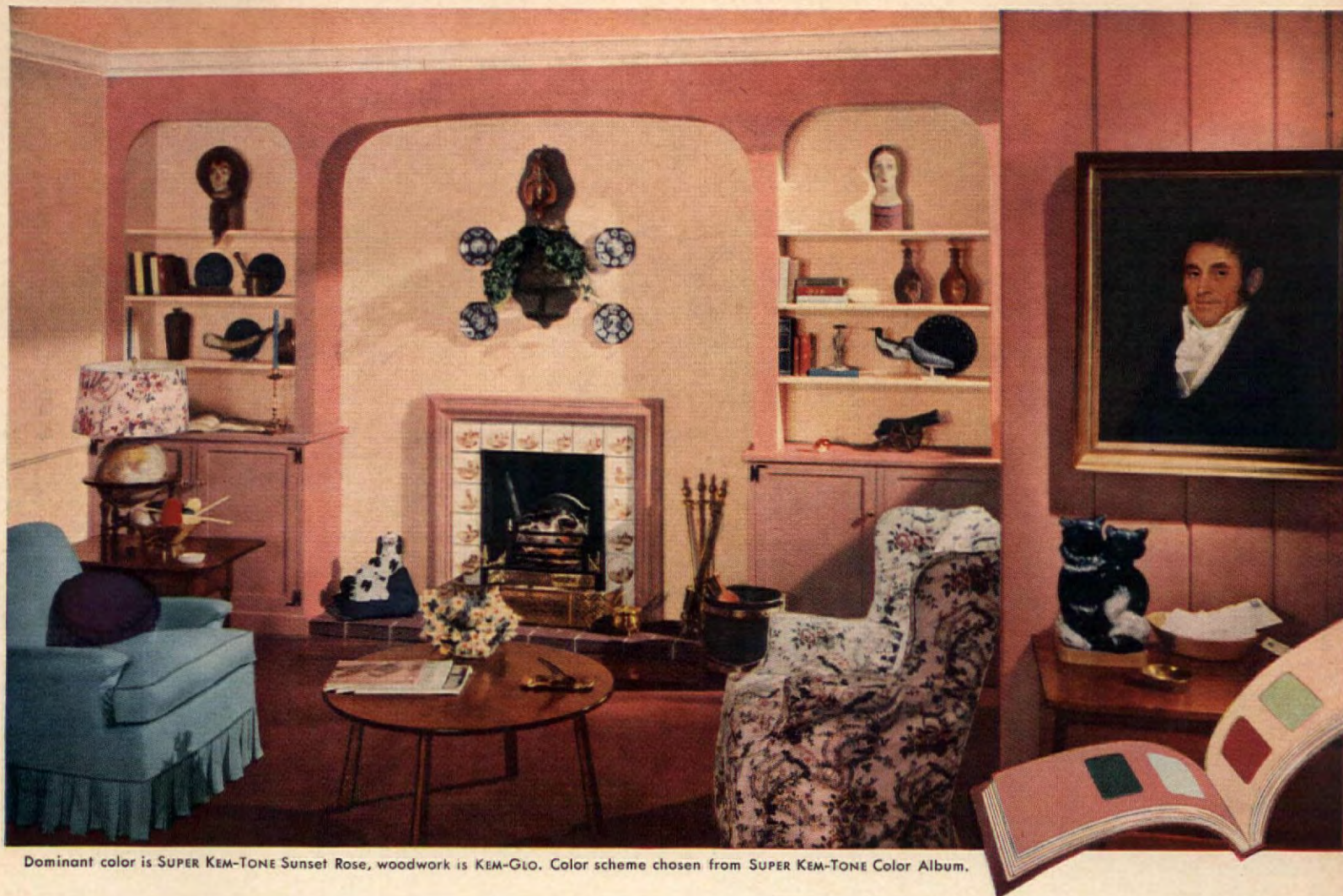
Wherever possible, the form of the arrangement was based on the fundamental belief or basic theme of the church. Color symbolism and color psychology were used. For example, one of the fundamental beliefs of the Baptist church is in the "Blood of the Lamb"; the Baptist church in the tour had an arrangement of center red carnations flowing into white chrysanthemums, carnations, and gladiolus, with a dark foliage background.

Many ministers called the coming tour to the attentions of their congregations the preceding Sunday, and after the tour, the association received letters of appreciation from the ministers of each church represented. The flowers, judged on Saturday, were fresh for Sunday services, and the winners still bore their ribbons.



These arrangements won the blue ribbon in the "Flowers in the Sanctuary," tour. On the altar of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Episcopal, these mirror-image arrangements symbolize an upward reaching toward the arms of the cross. Done by the Wayside Garden Club in pale yellow spoon chrysanthemums, deeper yellow large pompons and small bush chrysanthemums, the background is of aspidistra leaves, base of coleus leaves

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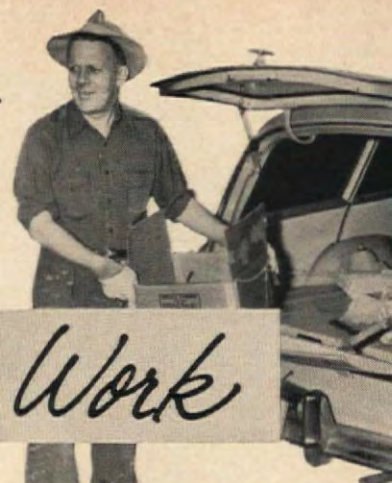
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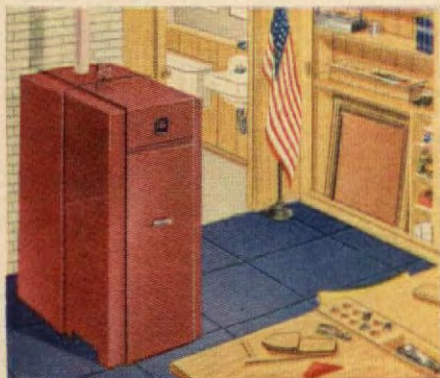
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So nice to come home to!

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Here's where William Bendix—you know, he's radio's Riley and the soft-hearted detective of "Detective Story"—comes home to the real life of Riley. Now, we'll spare you a detailed routine about how celebrities are people, too, and how the private life of Riley here is the Bendixes' own. Of course they are, and of course it is—and of course you know it! But what does interest us especially about the Bendix family is the typical American way they went about getting their house built (not painlessly!), and the way in which it is furnished—in a manner so appealing, and so free from strained effects, that it offers ideas you can adapt no matter where you live, on how much per annum.

Imagine winding your way up that drive: open the welcoming door, take a reassuring peek in at the easy-on-the-eyes living room shown on our cover, then go in to dress or to rest in that bedroom (page 29) which looks at the world through rose-colored glasses—and you'll see why a tough day, or a good vacation, can both have happy endings here. This was no stage set by an architect and decorator for the family's easy entrance, although professionals did have a hand in it. The Bendixes bought their land a good two years before they broke ground for the house; and before they ever consulted an architect, they had worked and reworked floor plans of their own devising until they decided how many rooms of what size would make their house nice to come home to—plenty of space, but no waste. The house which emerged (it delights them—and why not?) is smaller than it appears to be, for it's wide, but not deep: there's a living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, and four bedrooms.

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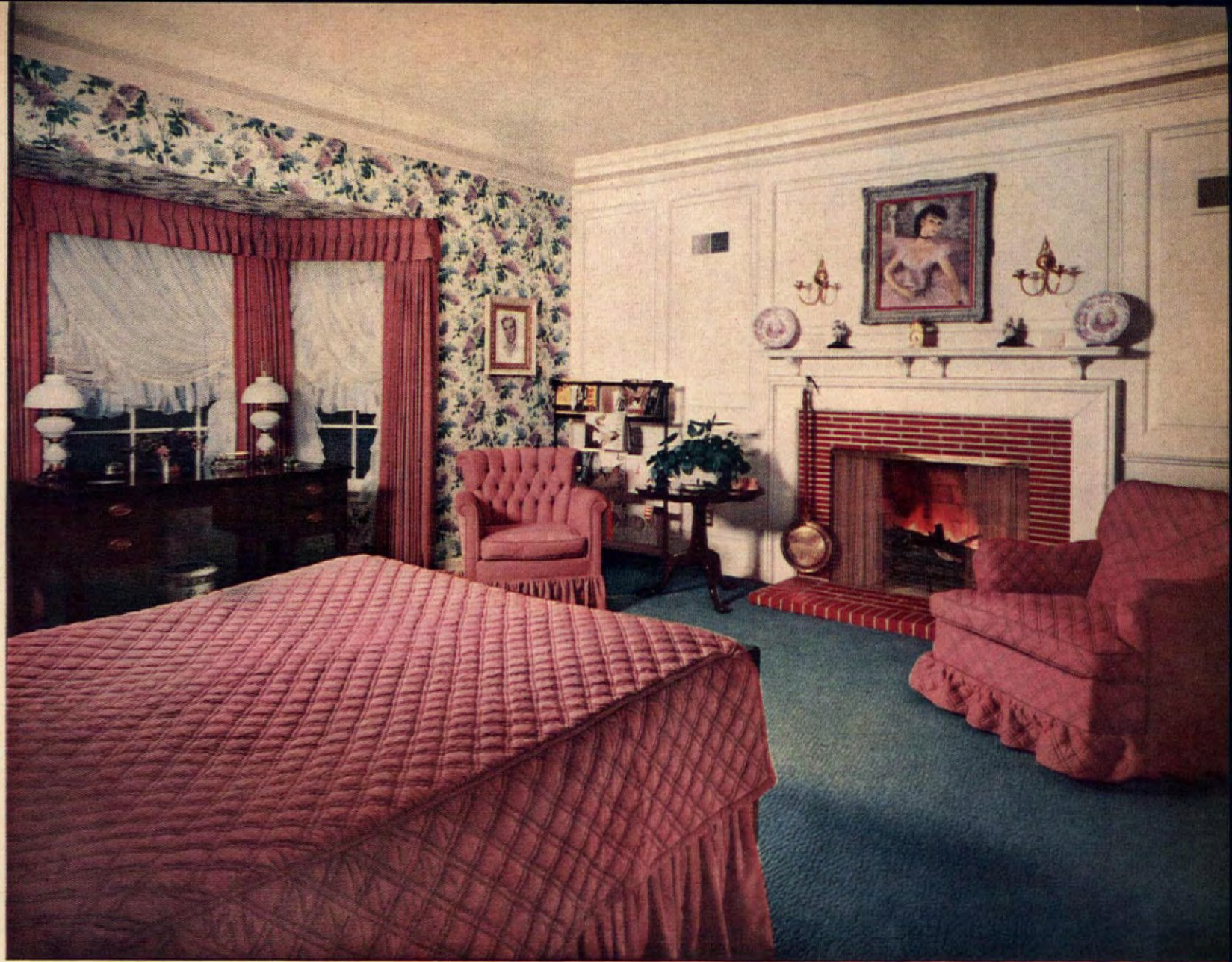
Provincial pine, pretty-as-a-picture curtains, and sophisticated color combinations like charcoal and gold, work wonderfully together when they're knowingly combined. Prized glass and fine pewter, Bendix predilections, are effectively displayed, often used, in this house

Nice to come home to (Begins on page 27)

Nearby, another small building houses Bill Bendix's home office as well as a playroom-keeping room (page 53).

The decorator did some mighty smart things here—using Bendix tastes and the wholehearted Bendix personalities as her guide. First, there were the Bendix collections to display and to use—Bill can't resist buying a good example of Sandwich glass, and his wife has one of the most discriminating collections of milk glass and pewter in Los Angeles.

For people with such predilections, traditional decoration, surely. But take a look at that traditional and see how modern is the concept of its setting: vast expanses of textured carpet, walls of two colors in a single room if the eye is better focused by using them, two different kinds of window treatment in the living room. The furniture which looks antique—isn't. Bill wanted comfortable lounge chairs and substantial tables. The handsome chests, cupboards, and dining-room pieces, which have all the glow and all the refinement of design found in choicest Early Americana, are "pedigreed" reproductions by Avery Rennick, custom-built for the space they occupy, and for the modern jobs they perform—holding TV sets and radio-phonographs, for example.



In "pink and pretty" bedroom there is enough strength of design, enough brown mixed with the pink, to suit masculine, broad-shouldered Bill Bendix. Each room has its own coloring and distinction, but the house is "all of a piece" and you go easily from room to room. The same carpet, the same crossed curtains, are used throughout

Modern ideas—textured wall-to-wall carpet, contrasting wall colors—make this traditional room serene. Colors are expertly blended, with red on this side, gold on the other (see cover), snapping the whole room to attention. Lamps made of pewter bucket and ironstone compote actually hold real flowers and fruit

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

Regions to which the grasses in the table are best adapted. Shaded areas (Zone 1) best for bent grasses. (From U.S. Dept. of Agr. Farmers' Bulletin 1677)



In shopping for a lawn—that is, choosing the factors and methods that will give you a good one—you don't have much leeway. In planning a whole garden, you have a wide choice of plant materials; for a lawn, you are limited to grass. The location and size of a lawn are usually determined by other features of the design; climate is beyond your control, and the amount of sun a lawn receives may depend on trees or buildings that you cannot or don't want to move. Poor drainage, which causes wet, sour soil, can sometimes be corrected (at a price), and scanty rainfall can usually be supplemented. Also, within the year, soil-improvement possibilities, hitherto undreamed of, have been forecast in connection with the introduction of new synthetic chemical compounds under various trade names. At this writing, some of them are: Ackril, Acrisoil, Aerotil, Fluffium, Krilium, Loanium, Soilife, Soilam, and Terra Kem. The full story of their part in lawn making and whether they will do all that is claimed for them, has yet to be told—but it seems unlikely that they will ever make it possible or desirable to discard the basic, time-proven principles and practices of good soil management. So, all things considered, the dominant, critical factor in making a lawn, or "shopping for one," is—grass. And, consequently, to a great extent, the secret of a successful lawn—the kind you love to look at and walk on—is the wise selection of the best kind or kinds of grass to meet your particular situation. So study the table below, offered as a sort of lawn-grass-seed shopper's guide, in the light of

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SOME GRASSES THAT MAKE GOOD LAWNS — THEIR CHARACTERISTICS AND NEEDS

Kind of Grass	Features — Needs — Preferences — Uses Zone (see Map) — Climate — Soil — Sunshine or Shade — Moisture	Sow Per 1000 Sq. Ft.	Mow This High	Texture and Life
BENT GRASSES <i>Agrostis</i> species, strains	(1) Cool regions, moist (or irrigated); good to fair soil; tolerates medium acidity, shade and drought; high quality, need good care	2-3 lbs.	½ in.	Fine, Permanent
BERMUDA GRASS (<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>)	(2,3) Warm to hot moist regions; needs well-drained, fertile, non-acid soil, much sunlight; stands drought; browns in winter	¼ lb.	½-1 in.	Fine, Permanent
BLUE GRASS, KENTUCKY (<i>Poa pratensis</i>)	(1,2) Cool moist regions; well-drained, fertile, non-acid soil; plenty of sunlight, moisture; medium care; most used temp. zone grass	2 lbs.	1½-2 in.	Medium, Permanent
BLUE GRASS, CANADA (<i>P. compressa</i>)	(1,2) Coarser, tougher than Kentucky; stands poorer, heavier soils and more heat and neglect; slow to germinate and develop	2-4 lbs.	1½-2 in.	Coarse, Permanent
BLUE GRASS, ROUGH (<i>P. trivialis</i>)	(1) Cool moist regions; well-drained, sweet soil; shade tolerant if well fed. Finer texture than other two, and spreads by runners	2-3 lbs.	1½-2 in.	Fine, Medium
BUFFALO GRASS (<i>Bulbils dactyloides</i>)	(1,2) Good in non-irrigated dry land regions and on only fair soil if well drained; drought tolerant; needs much sunlight; not common	¾-1 lb.	1½ in. up	Coarse, Permanent
CARPET GRASS (<i>Axonopus compressus</i>)	(3) For warm regions and not too fertile but moist soils where better grasses fail; needs heat, much sunlight; grown from seed, stolons	3-5 lbs.	½-1 in.	Medium, Permanent
CENTPEDE GRASS (<i>Eremochloa ophiuroides</i>)	(3) Warm moist regions; needs well drained, medium fertile soil and medium to much sun; drought tolerant. Grown only from stolons	Stolons (3 bushels)	½-1 in.	Medium, Permanent
FESCUE, CHEWINGS (RED) (<i>Festuca rubra fallax</i>)	(1) Cool moist regions; good for poor soil, light or heavy, acid or alkali; shade and (fairly) drought tolerant. Several strains	2 lbs.	1½-2 in.	Fine, Permanent
REDTOP (<i>Agrostis alba</i>)	(1,2) Cool, moist regions; a tough, coarse bent grass fairly draught and shade tolerant; good temporary nurse crop especially if fed	2 lbs.	1½-2 in.	Coarse, Temporary
RYE GRASS (<i>Lolium</i> species)	(1,2,3) Annual and perennial kinds for moist regions and well-drained but moist, heavy soils; tolerates shade; much used as nurse crop	5 lbs.	1½-2 in.	Med. coarse, Temporary
ST. AUGUSTINE GRASS (<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>)	(2,3) Warm, moist regions; suitable for poorly drained, medium fertile soil, shady locations; needs moisture; grows rapidly from stolons	Stolons	½-1 in.	Coarse, Permanent
WHITE CLOVER (<i>Trifolium repens</i>)	(1,2) Not a grass but often used as nurse crop for cool, moist regions; needs non-acid, fertile soil moisture, plenty of sunlight	2 oz. per lb. grass	1-1½ in.	Coarse, Temporary
ZOYSIA MATRELLA Matrella grass; "Flawn"	(1,2,3) Tropical grass for mild regions on average soils, in sun or partial shade; drought tolerant; gives good, thick, lasting turf	Stolons (6 bus., or 6 sq. yds. of sod)	½-1 in.	Fine, Permanent
ZOYSIA JAPONICA "Japanese lawn grass"	(1,2,3) Hardier than Flawn, but also stays yellow from frost to late spring; likes same conditions; withstands hard usage		½-1 in.	Med. coarse, Permanent

Let's Go Shopping



for a LAWN

OFF CAME THE ENTRY PORCH

This, more than anything, dated the house. Roof and pillars were removed, new concrete steps built. Grading with fill in front made house seem closer to ground

ROOF WAS SQUARED OFF
Dutch Colonial roof was clipped. New overhang shades upstairs windows. Lacy grillwork on new gallery is of cast aluminum

HANDSOME FRONT DOOR WAS ADDED

Gracious new door is flanked by blue-green louvered shutters, has three lights which brighten the entry hall. Simple open balustrades define the front steps without enclosing them

JESSIE WALKER

This House is 28 Years Old!

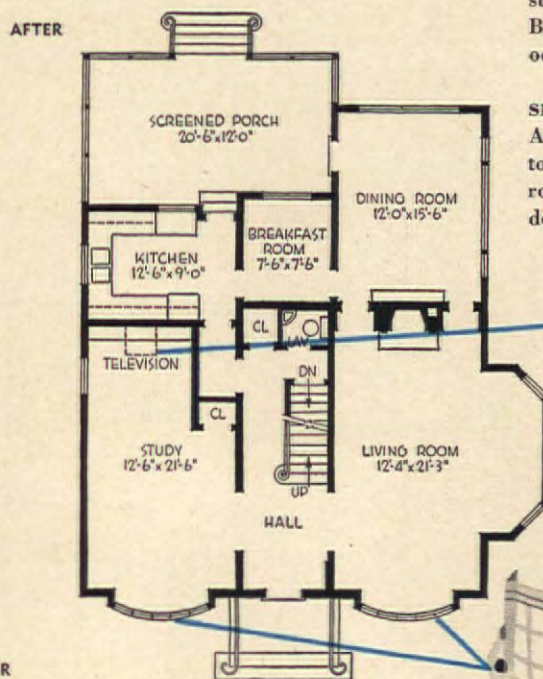
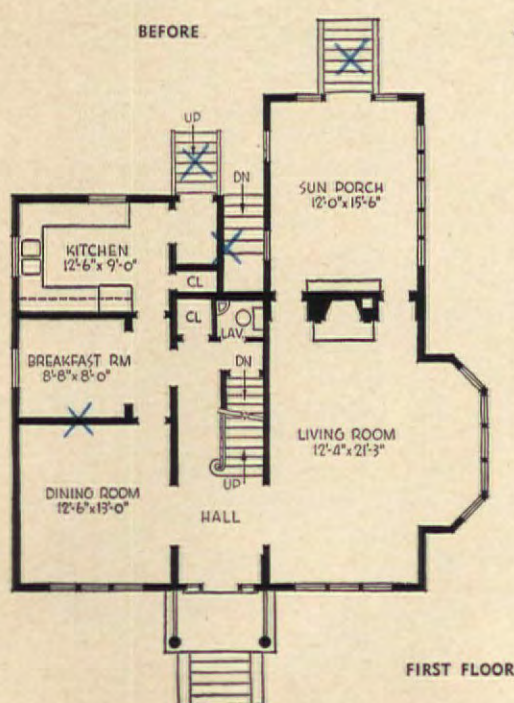
ROOMS WERE CHANGED AROUND

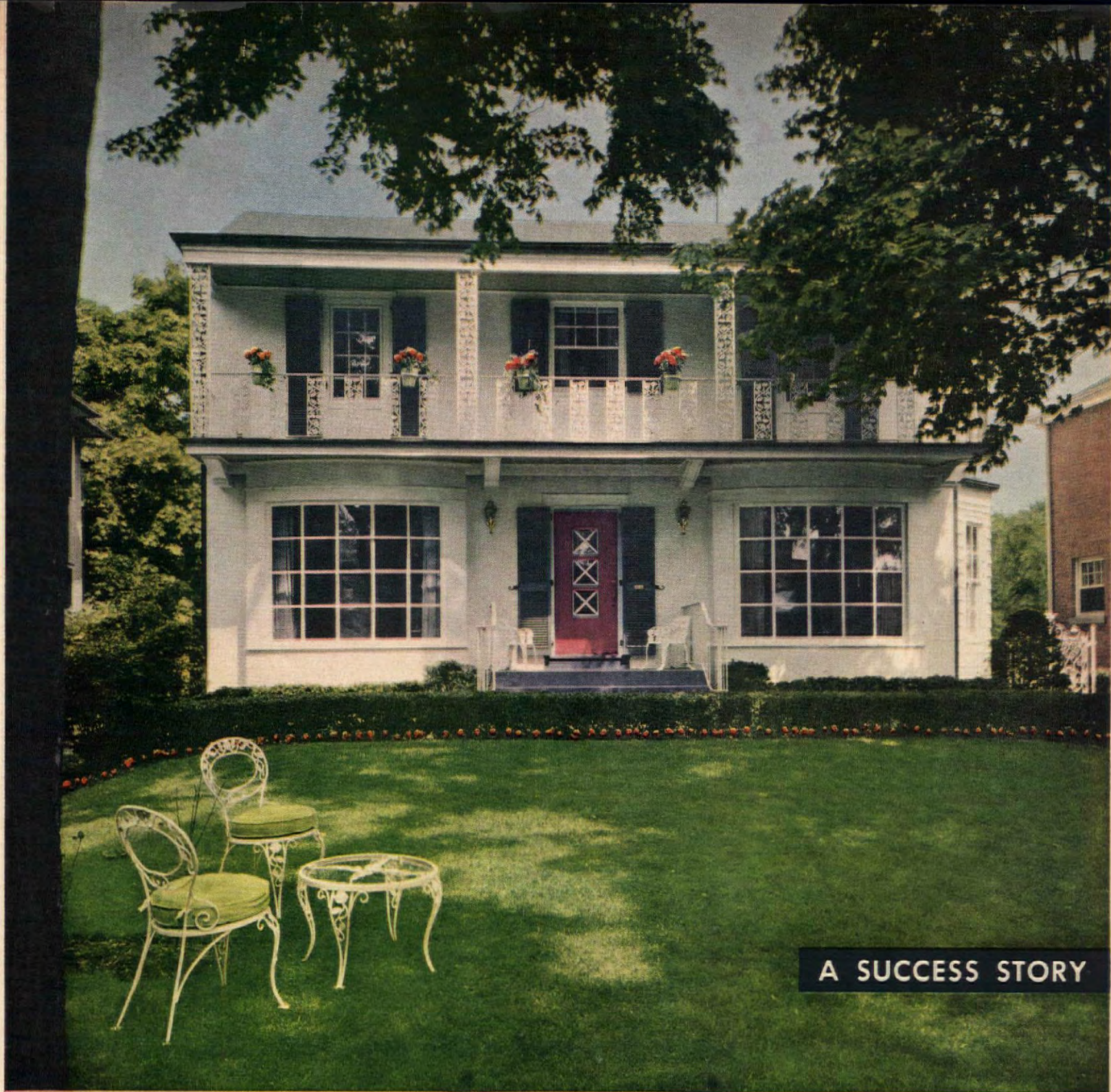
Addition of big screened porch at rear gave Reedys room for improvement. Old sun parlor became new dining room. Breakfast room was created from space occupied by kitchen and basement stairs

SECOND LIVING ROOM WAS GAINED

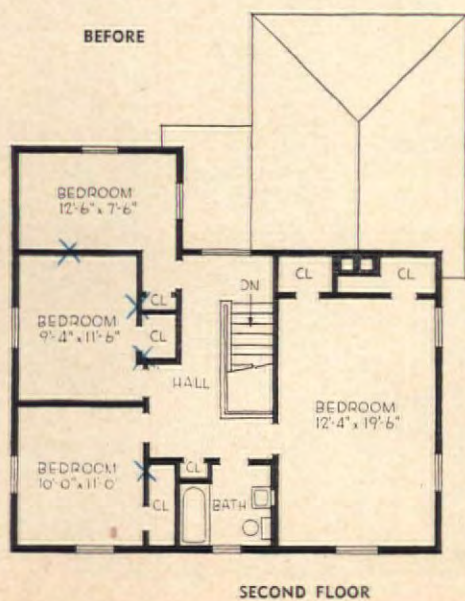
A big study-TV room was created by throwing together the former dining and breakfast rooms. New room has closet, bookshelves, desk for studying as well as television set

BAY WINDOWS WERE INSTALLED
To further the impression of a New Orleans house, elegant bay windows were added to end of study and living room. Frames are gently bowed; 16-light windows have insulated glass

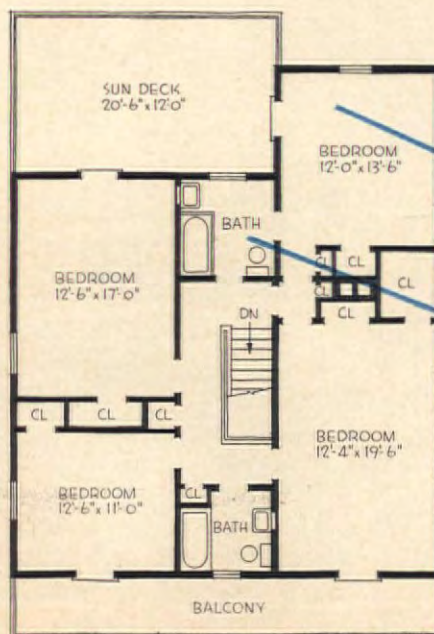




A SUCCESS STORY



AFTER



BIGGER BEDROOMS CREATED

Unused attic storage space held room for a new bedroom. This addition made possible enlargement of existing rooms. Using stairs as key, note how three bedrooms became two

NEW BATHROOM ADDED

More attic space was utilized for second bathroom. Connects with hall or can be used only with new bedroom

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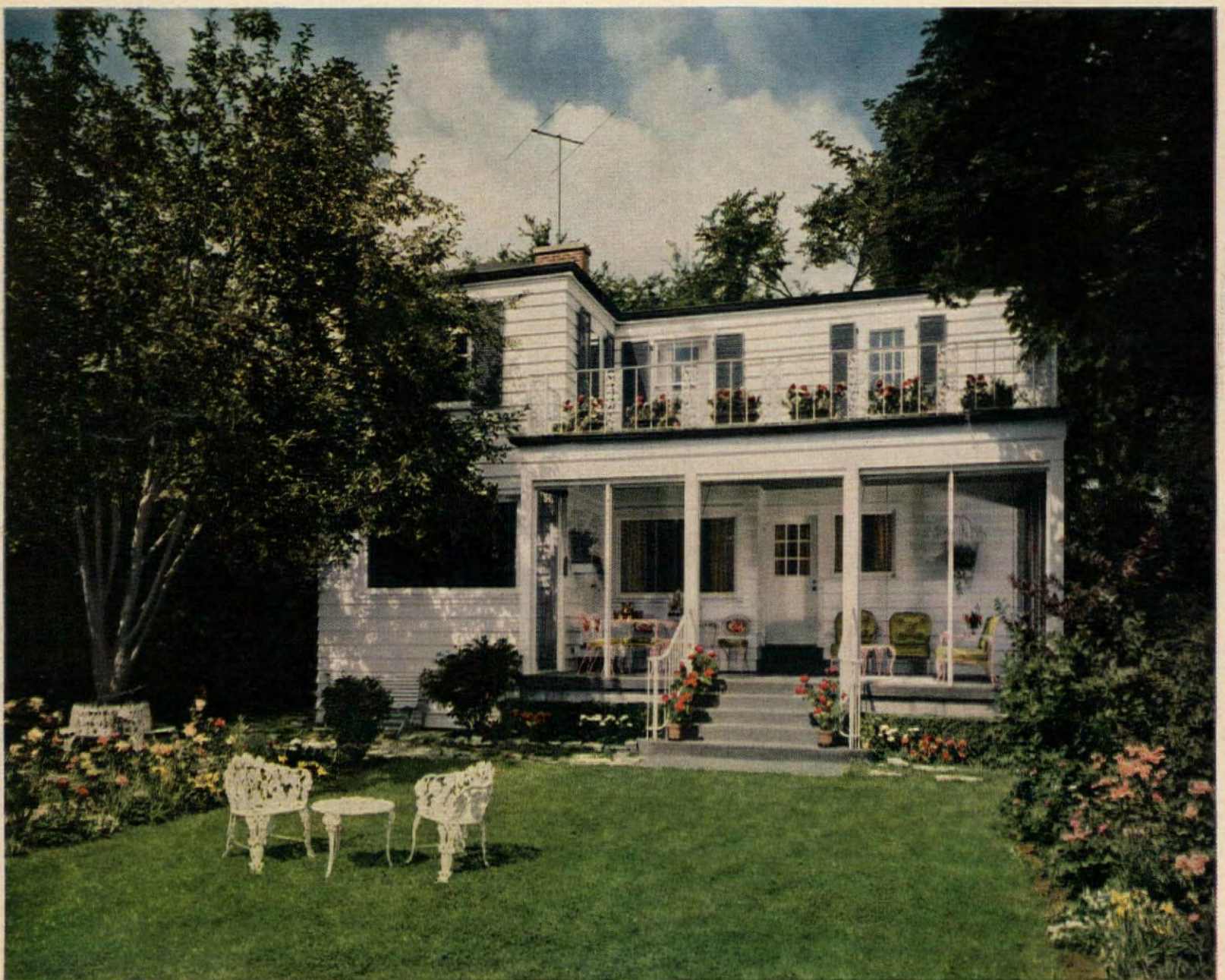


So many remodelings we come across stop with only a front "face lifting," that it's very nice for a change to report one that has a pretty backside as well! The Thomas J. Reedy house was ugly and depressing at the rear. About all you could say for it was that there was a nice big shade tree—but who wants to sit amidst such dismal surroundings?

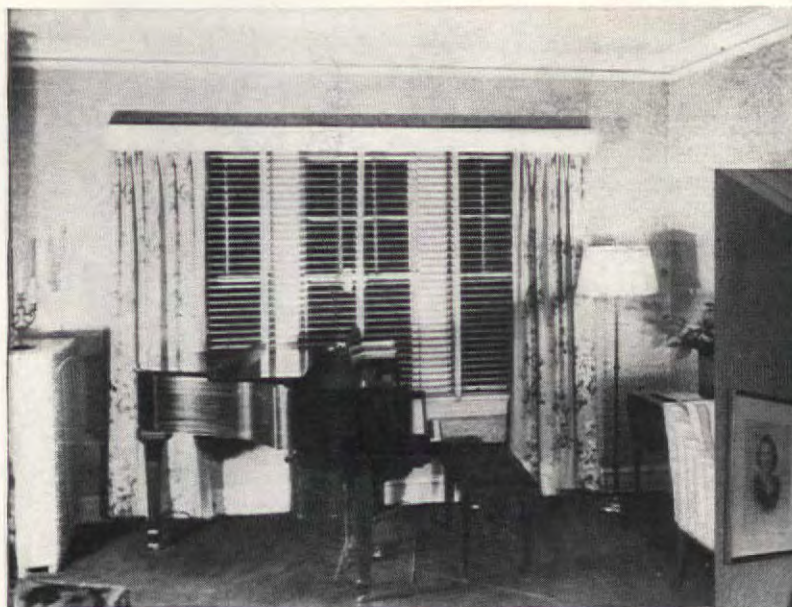
The first improvement was the construction of that nice big screened porch in the back. It's a wonderful place for lounging on hot evenings—and it's just a step from the kitchen, which could very well be the reason for that pretty glass-topped iron table surrounded by lacy chairs.

That started, the Reedys discovered the flat roof would make a wonderful sun deck—young Tom and Mary Lou Reedy latched on to that idea immediately, and now it's a perfect sun-tan mecca. Two of the bedrooms open on to it.

New steps with a delicate iron balustrade now lead from porch to the lovely back garden. At the left of the house, note how the French doors and small windows of the former sun parlor have given way to one big modern sheet of glass—a picture window with a picture to look at.



ARCHITECT: W. LOCKWOOD MARTLING, JR. THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. REEDY



BEFORE



AFTER

See what a bay window, fresh paint and furniture re-arrangement will do! The picture above is the window end of the Reedy living room, overlooking the street, before the remodeling began. To the right is the room as it appears now. The graceful bowed window, extending right down to the floor, gives the room a much more open feeling. Baseboard radiation eliminated the need for the radiator seen in the "before" photograph. Insulated glass makes such an expanse of window possible in cold climates. Walls have been painted a soothing gray to blend with the gray carpet.

28 Years Old (Begins on page 32)

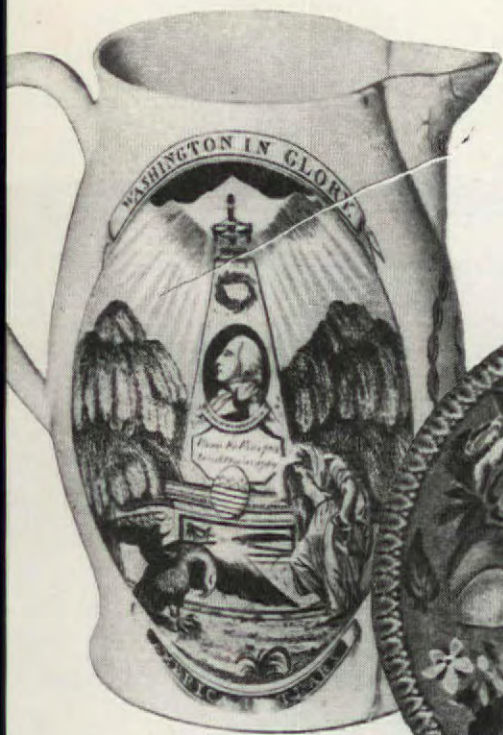
Below, a view of the glazed sun porch at the rear of the Reedy's home before remodeling. At right, the splendid new dining room with big picture windows makes dining a spacious pleasure. Architect Lockwood Martling used the framework of the original windows in the porch to form the new insulated-glass windows in the dining room. Note how the pair of doors have been removed and how sill height of the new window corresponds with sill height of old windows. Spotlights in the ceiling beam directly down on the table for night dining, when curtains are drawn across windows. The lovely garden at the rear and flowering fruit trees at the side assure a beautiful view in spring and summer.



BEFORE



AFTER



For the American market, potters of Liverpool, England, commemorated the death of Washington with the jug at the left: printed in black on a yellow ground is an obelisk with the bust of Washington, mourned by an eagle and a symbolical figure. Americans bought up British themes, too, and the plate in the center is a view of Biddulph Castle. The Boston State House was a pet subject of Staffordshire potters for the transatlantic market: pitcher below is a fine example



In the 18th century, a "dish of tea" was just that. Many cups, like the one below, followed Chinese types and had no handles—so tea served in them was poured into, and sipped from, such deep saucers as the one in the center. Between pours, cups rested on tiny cup plates like the six flanking the saucer here. They are great rarities



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English subjects vied with American for U.S. popularity in the early 19th century. Some pet American themes were Boston State House (top row, first and second), Fairmont, Pa. (top row, fourth), City of Albany (middle row, third), Landing of Lafayette (bottom row, second), and view of Schuylkill River Ferry (bottom row, third)

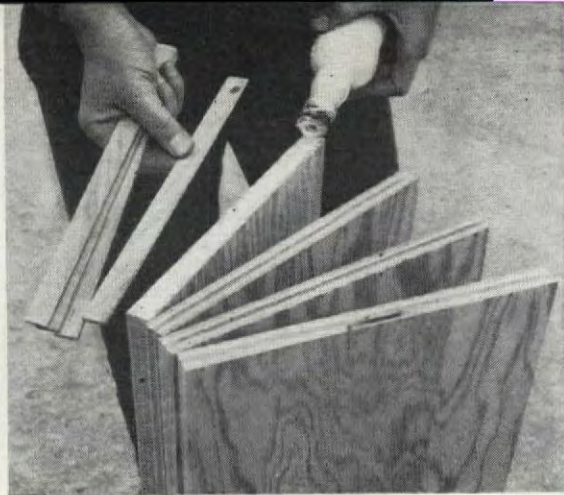
Nothing could be more American than these china records of places and events dear to the hearts of the first U.S. citizens—except that they were made in England! Shortly after the Revolution, potters of Liverpool and Staffordshire bid strongly for the trade of former colonies by bedecking blue wares, which were George Washington's own favorites, with portraits of our heroes, with precepts of our wise men, and with views of our country—even with such scenes as the surrender of Cornwallis. Trade in them flourished between about 1790 and 1850—but the supply doesn't fulfill present demand by such connoisseurs as the John Walter Millers of Winnetka, Ill., a sampling of whose collection we show here. A single fine plate inherited from Mr. Miller's grandmother was the nucleus of the collection. Mrs. Miller discovered that it had been made by the celebrated Enoch Wood in Burslem, England, from a watercolor view of Albany, N.Y., painted by a Russian artist. Her researches into its history stimulated her interest in other historical blue wares—and a fine, highly specialized, china collection was born, one which includes pieces whose decorations show related British themes as well as American subjects of historical interest.

English firms sent artists to U.S. to draw scenes recorded on blue wares. Pitcher shows New York City Hall. Center plate, view of Albany made by Enoch Wood from a watercolor by a Russian artist, started Miller collection. Bottom plate: perennial Boston State House, with cows grazing on the Common





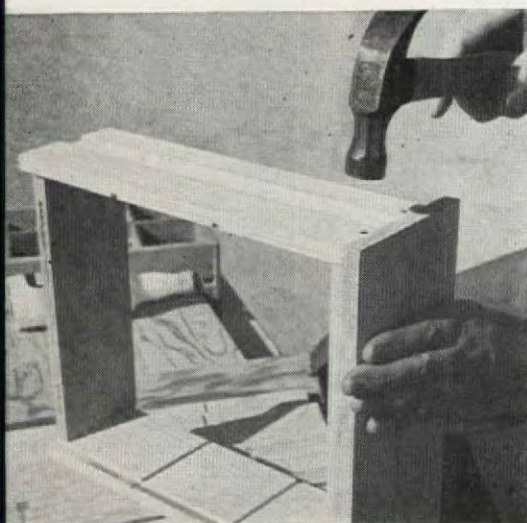
Two sides of each drawer housing are $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $13\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15". To make them, glue and dowel two pieces of wood together. To hold tops and bottoms, cut rabbet $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep on both of the side pieces



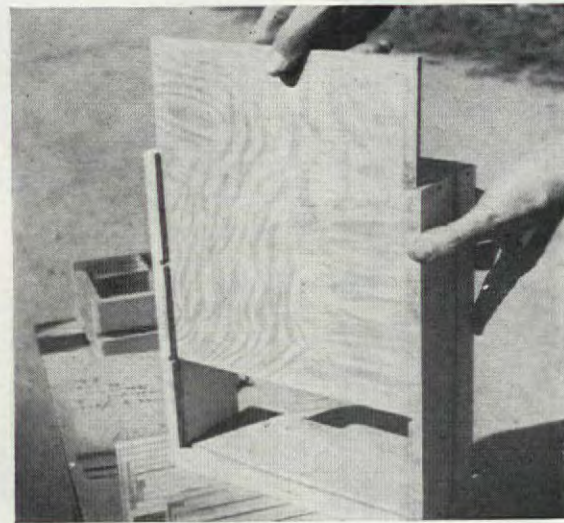
Tops and bottoms of drawer housings are made of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood, 11 " x $13\frac{1}{2}$ ". Two exposed edges of these pieces should be covered with strips of hardwood, $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick, $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide, and $11\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Fasten these strips in place with wood glue



To hold the back, cut dado $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep and $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide along inside back edges of side pieces of drawer housing and top and bottom pieces. Drawer-box back is made of $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood, with outside veneer matching other exposed surfaces. Glue joints



If all corresponding parts of drawers are made identically, drawers can be quickly assembled. Smooth out rough spots in rabbets and dados and use nails as well as glue to make up joints



Slide $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood bottom into dados cut on inside face of drawer side pieces. Front edge of bottom should slip into dado cut on inside face of front piece. Square up drawer with try square and fasten bottom into place by nailing through into back piece



In order to locate slides on drawer housings, use try square to mark location of dados cut in drawer side pieces. Then install $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12" drawer slides as shown. Slides are fastened in place on drawer housings with two wood screws, as shown

PETER GOWLAND

How to Make a

*If you're an old hand
with a saw, these pictures
show you how. If not, you
can buy detailed blueprints*

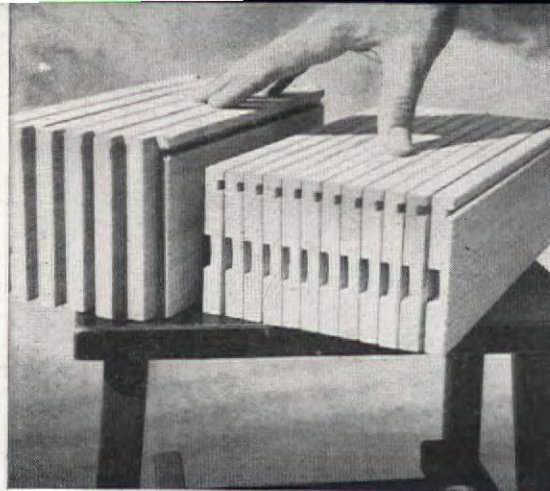
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Nowadays, when running a household takes as much paper work as running a government bureau, most homes need more than one desk. And at least one of them has to be hearty enough to hold a typewriter, and plenty roomy. We scouted around and found the one shown here because it's efficient, and good to use in your living room, den, youngsters' room, or in your kitchen planning center. The $15\frac{1}{2}$ " x 45" top gives you work space beside the typewriter, and the six drawers hold what you'll need, including the family budget—small, medium, or large.

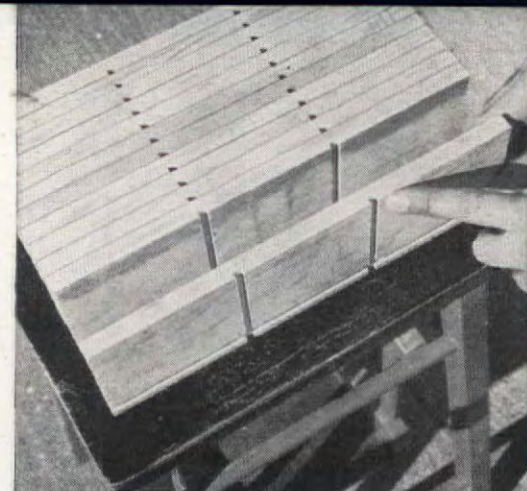
Best of all, you can build it yourself. If you're used to constructing furniture at the drop of a suggestion, we tell you enough about it here. But for you whose experience is on the thin side, we've made an AMERICAN HOME Blueprint Pattern (No. 2012) with more step-by-step pictures and detailed instructions. (See Pattern Order Form, page 116). We built ours with a table saw and lathe, but the job can be done with a table saw alone. If you get going right away, you'll have the desk all ready to go by the time next month's bills roll in!



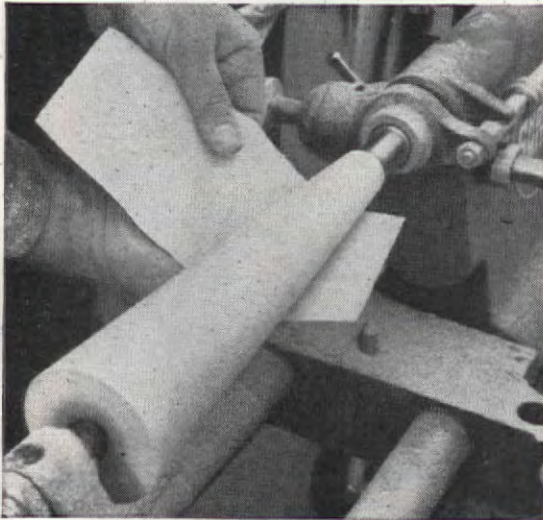
Assemble the two drawer boxes individually, or assemble both at the same time, as shown here. Use a piece of waste wood to protect the finished wood surface from the metal clamps. It is advisable to use four clamps rather than just two



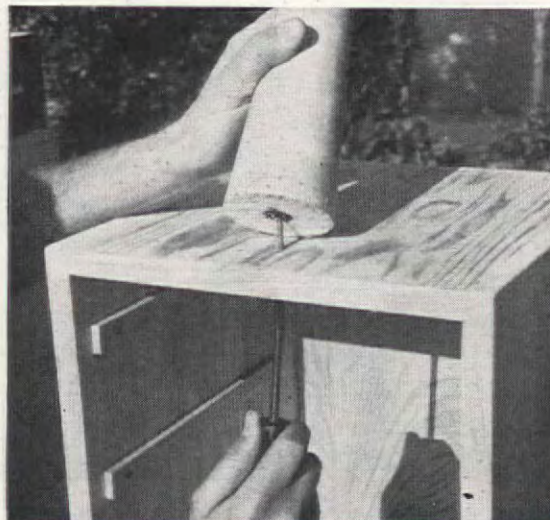
To take the $\frac{1}{4}$ " plywood drawer bottoms, inside faces of drawer fronts need $\frac{1}{4}$ " dado, $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep; to take drawer sides, inside fronts need rabbets $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep. To take drawer slides, outside surfaces of drawer sides need $\frac{3}{8}$ " dado, $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep



If you wish separate compartments in the drawers, cut dado on inside face of drawer side pieces. Dadoes should be $\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide, $\frac{1}{4}$ " deep. Drawer partitions are made of $\frac{1}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood



Legs for desk are turned on lathe from 3" x 3" x 12" hardwood. If you do not own a lathe, a lumber mill or cabinetmaker will turn them for you inexpensively. You can also use metal-pipe or wrought-iron legs, or square tapered wooden legs, made without a lathe



Legs are fastened to bottom of drawer box with 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " dowels and a 2" screw per leg. Fasten drawer box to $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 45" top piece. Top can be made out of several pieces of hardwood glued and doweled together or $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood with strips glued to edges



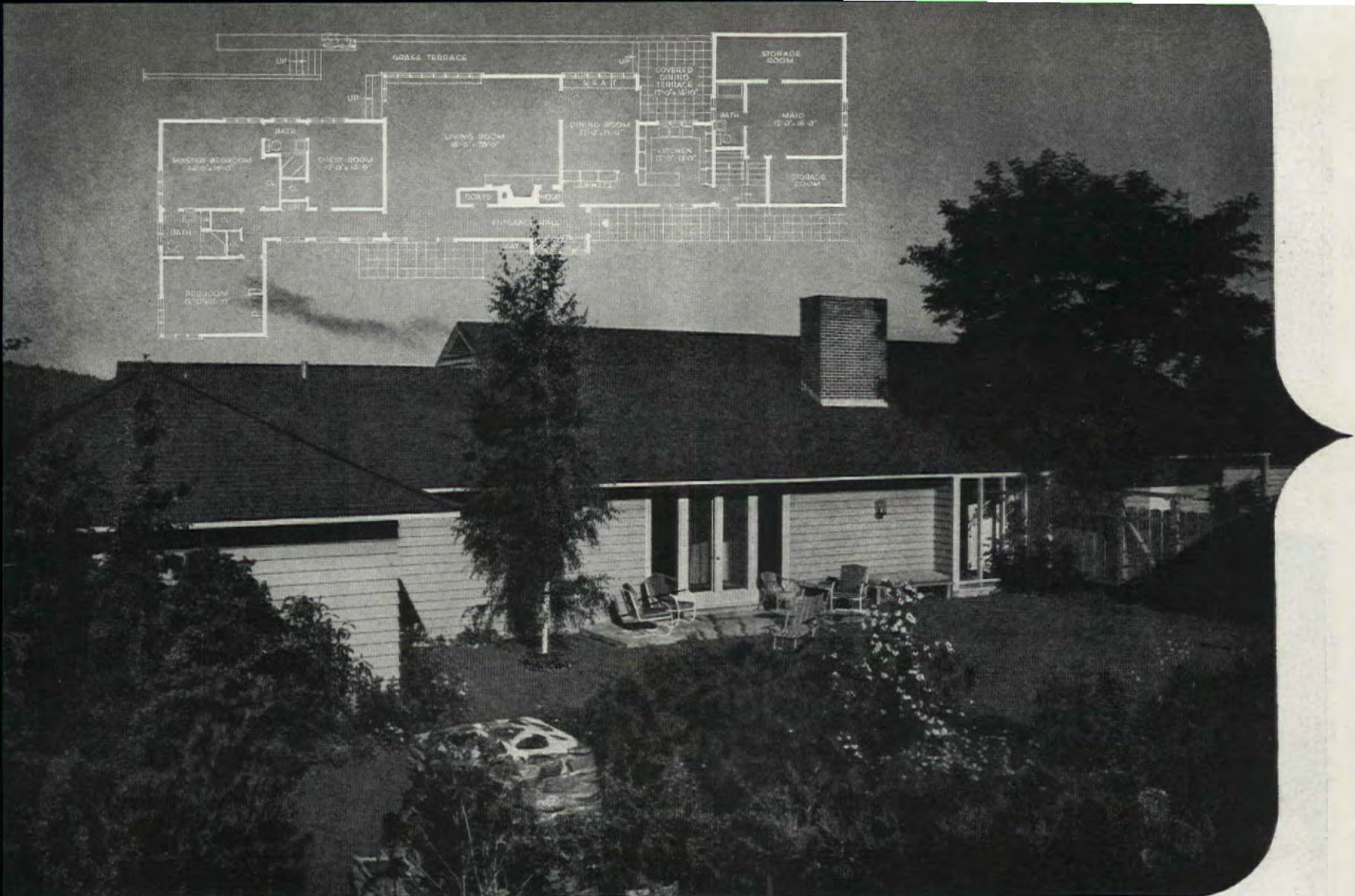
If opened grain wood has been used for desk, seal pores with wood filler. When filler is dry, sand surface smooth and apply finish of lacquer or varnish. Use several coats, and polish down with pumice stone and oil

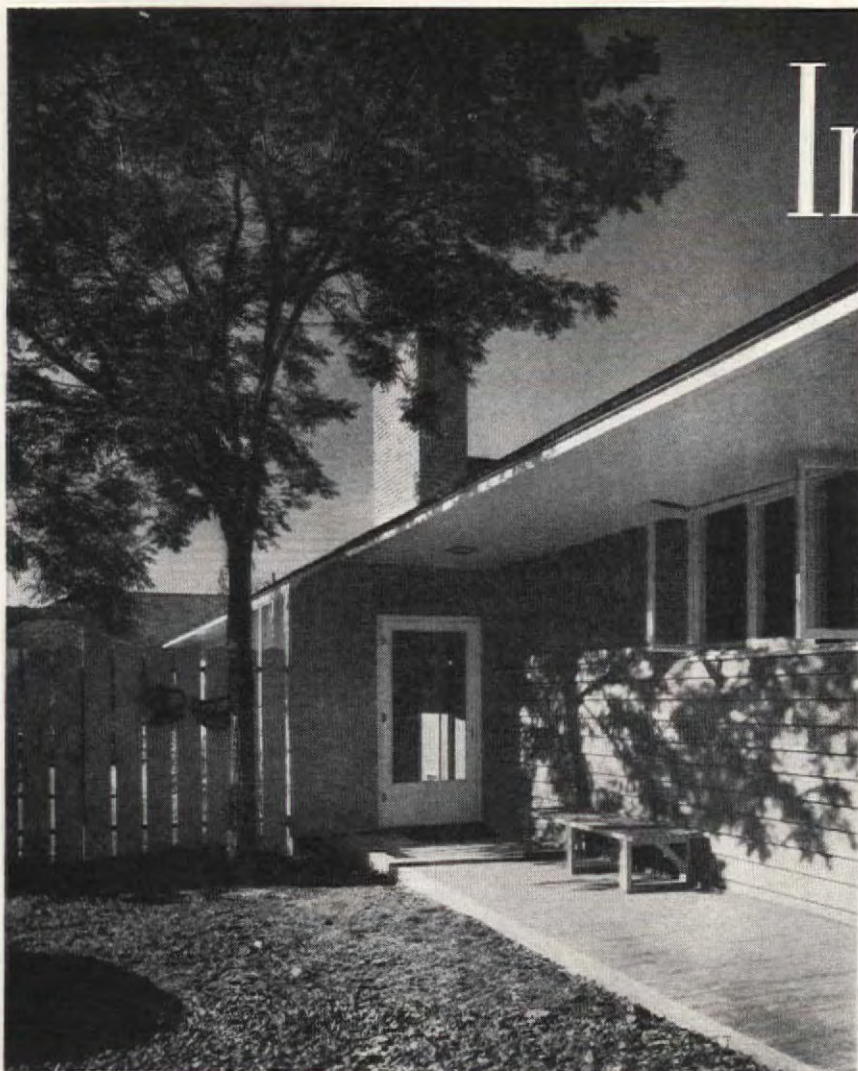
Desk

Here is a list of materials needed:

- 1 top $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 45" x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Hardwood
- 4 drawer housing sides $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 15" Hardwood
- 4 drawer housing tops and bottoms $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fir ply
- 2 drawer-housing backs $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 14" Ply veneer
- 4 legs 3" x 3" x 12" Hardwood
- 6 drawer fronts $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" Hardwood
- 6 drawer backs $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 31 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 10" Fir plywood
- 6 drawer bottoms $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 12" Fir plywood
- 12 drawer sides $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 12" Pine or fir plywood
- 8 hardwood strips $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 34" x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Hardwood
- 6 metal handles







In Oregon

ARCHITECT: PIETRO BELLUSCHI, A.I.A.
OWNERS: MR. & MRS. NELSON REED

Typical of the sturdy and handsome modern architecture flourishing in the Pacific Northwest, these two houses, so different from the warm-climate modern of the South and Southwest, yet equally advanced in architectural concept, would be at home in almost any section of the country. But they fit perfectly into their own region, for in the Northwest, as elsewhere, climate, available materials, and styles set by early settlers have influenced modern as well as traditional architecture.

The climate here is temperate—cooler and with more rain than in the Southwest, much milder than the Northeast—so you'll find that although the houses have ample glass areas and all facilities for outdoor living, they are also planned to be comfortable during long rainy spells, and during the season when the fog rolls in from the Pacific. This is a country of forests, and the abundant supply of excellent lumber, along with the awareness of wood created by the wealth of trees all around, has made this almost the exclusive building material—often left in its natural colors. There is an especial awareness too, perhaps influenced by the Japanese who settled in this region, of the house in its setting—building and grounds are conceived together instead of being separate entities which must, in one way or another, get along together as best they can. Lastly, the very vastness of the country and its natural beauty have reduced architectural frills to a minimum to allow the surroundings to take over.

There is real elegance in the house at your left, designed by Pietro Belluschi. The wooden exterior is painted an olive-beige, and there's lots of natural wood inside. Perched on the side of

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ARCHITECT: JOHN SPROULE
OWNER: DON CARY SMITH

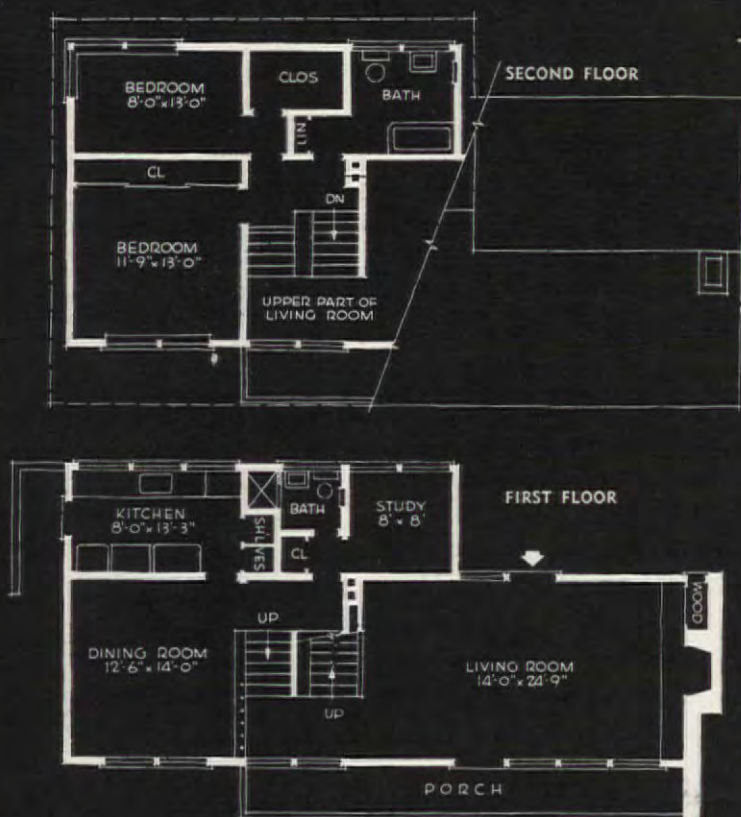
In Washington

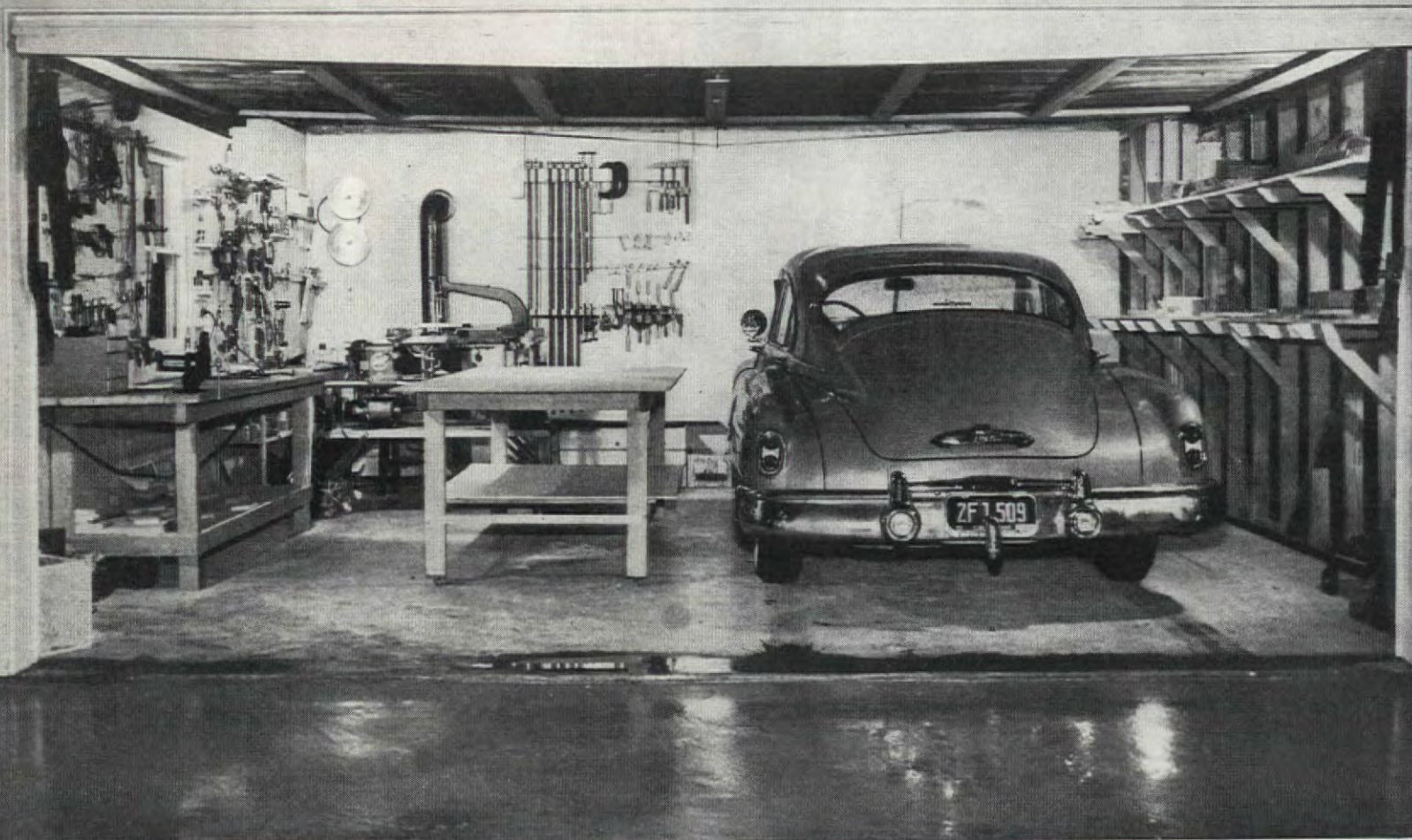
Its ancestor is the eastern farmhouse, high, imposingly wide, and compactly self-contained under its gabled roof. But see what happens to this basic type of house when it goes modern by adapting itself to a hillside site and a new environment. Of course, it's basically much different from the Oregon house at the top of the page, and yet they have many points in common.

To bring house and land together, the house has been built on three levels. At grade level are the front entrance and entry hall, with a large closet alongside and a flight of stairs leading to the second-floor hall. Adjoining the entry are the heater and laundry room, and next to this is the two-car garage. The rest of the area at grade level is unexcavated—there is no basement as such. On the second floor is the living room, 14' x 24' 9" and almost two stories high. The porch, which extends the length of the living room, is covered by the overhang of the roof so that it, like the dining terrace on the Oregon house, will be dry during wet weather and shaded on bright days. Adjoining the fireplace at one end of the living room is a convenient wood closet which can be loaded from the outside. Doors from living room to porch and terrace are positioned so as not to spoil the furniture arrangement around the fireplace. At the opposite end of the living room is the dining room, 12' 6" x 24' 0", then the kitchen, a bathroom, and study.

On the third floor are the two bedrooms, not too large, but comfortable enough when you consider the amount of living area on the second floor. The balance of the third floor, with the exception of the bathroom and closet, is taken up by the upper

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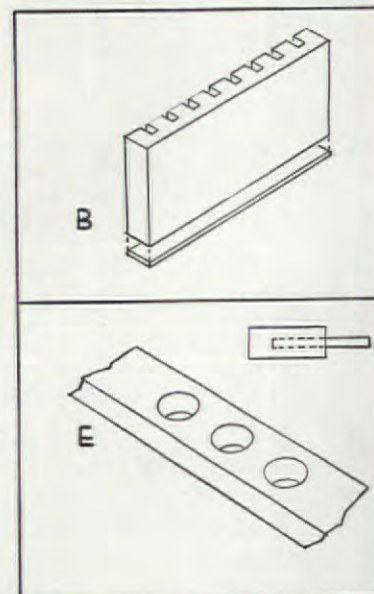
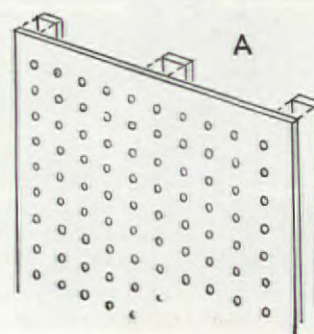


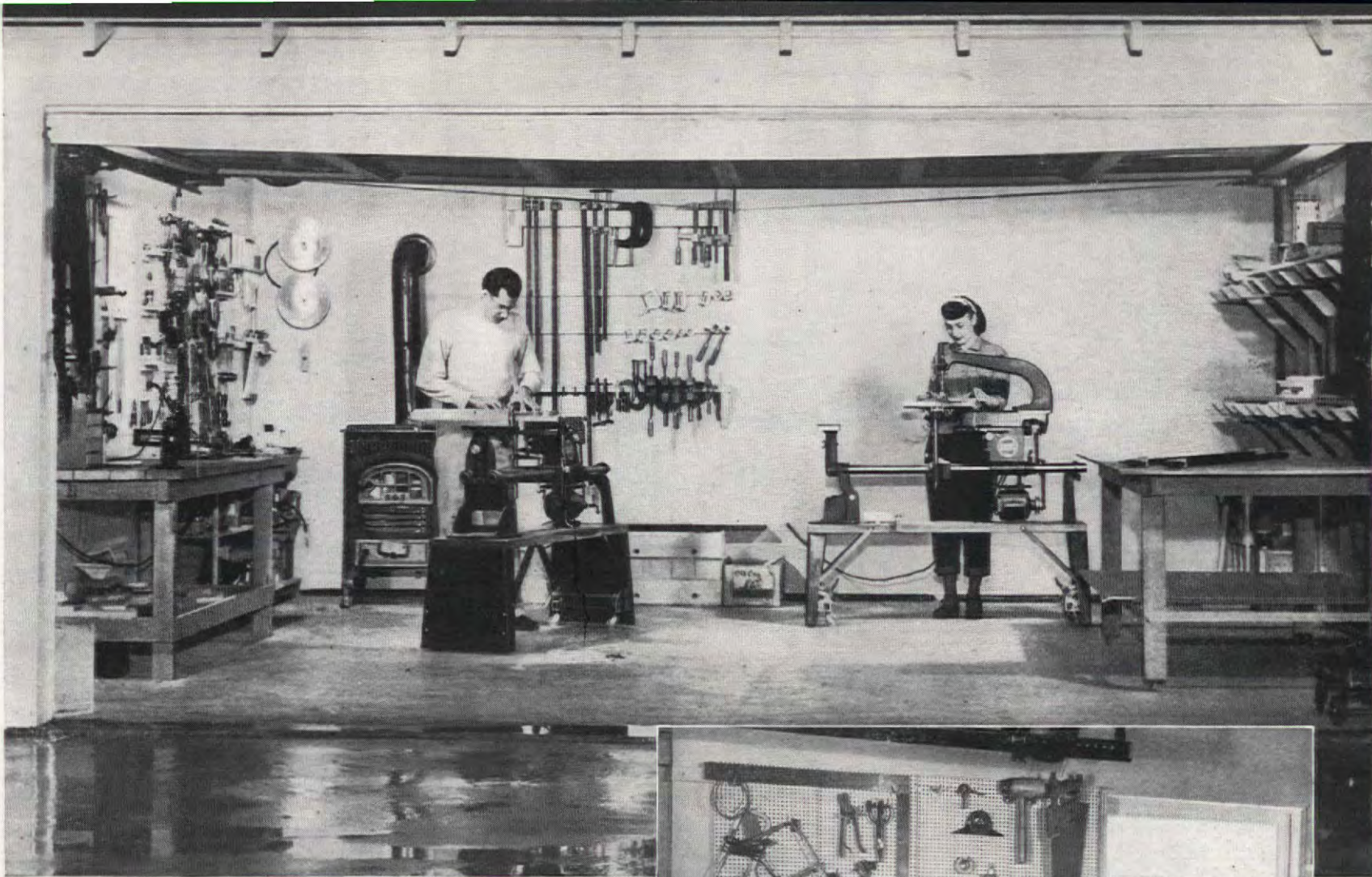


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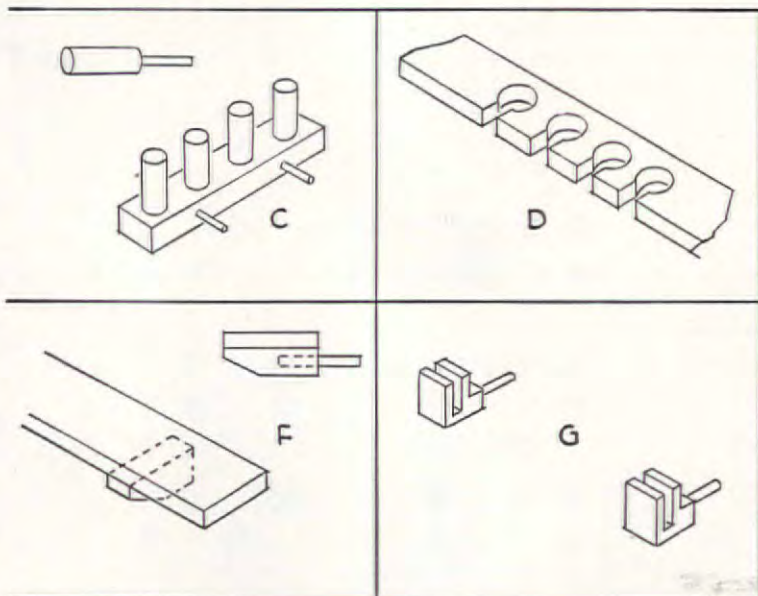
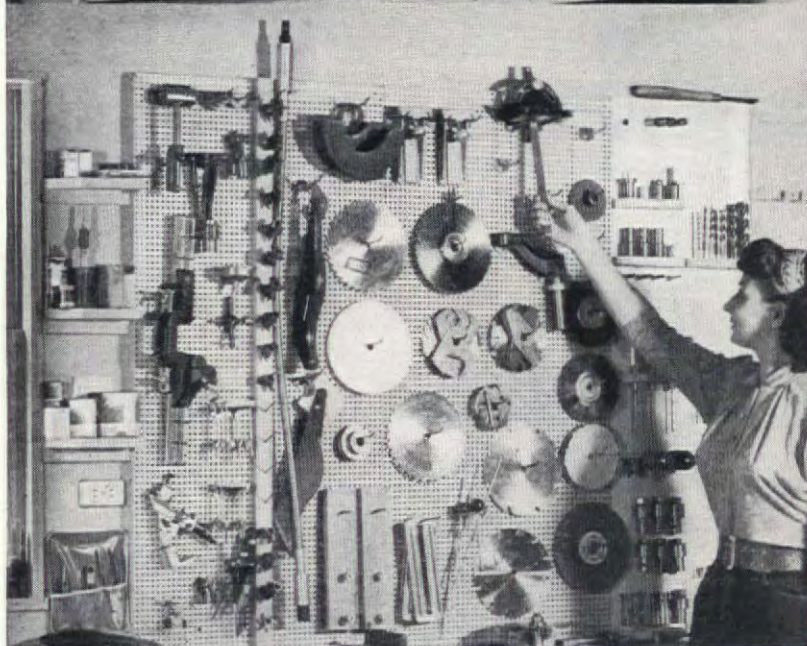
Free Wheeling

Emphasize the word "work" when you describe this shop, Buster, because that's exactly the kind of shop it is. Despite the newfangled idea of putting it in a garage, old-timers should love it. In almost any garage, you have room for a workbench and good mounting board described here; if your garage is double, here's how to have an honest-to-goodness carpenter's shop you can share with the family car *and* a wife with a yen for cabinetmaking: just put your power equipment and assembly table on big casters. You could arrange it for work while the car is in it, but for plenty of elbow room, roll out the car when you're ready to go to work—and roll your equipment into the most convenient spot. The workbench stays put, with all the handtools and accessories within easy reach. That especially designed mounting panel alone is worth the price of admission. (A) Make mounting panel of $\frac{1}{4}$ " hardboard, with $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes drilled 2" on center. Fasten panel to 1" x 2" strips, and secure to wall. Tool and holders can be attached to panel with $\frac{1}{4}$ " dowels slipped into $\frac{1}{4}$ " holes. (B) Holder for jigsaw blades is made by cutting dados in block of wood 4" high. (C) Pegs for router chucks, drill chucks, etc., are made by gluing dowel into holes drilled in strip of wood. Dowel on dowel makes good peg for saw blades, wheels, etc. (D) Wood strip with notches makes good holder for chisels. (E) Holes in wood strip take screwdrivers, files, etc. (F) Shelf for small items is fastened to panel by fixing $\frac{1}{4}$ " dowel to shelf cleats. (G) Holder for metal rules.



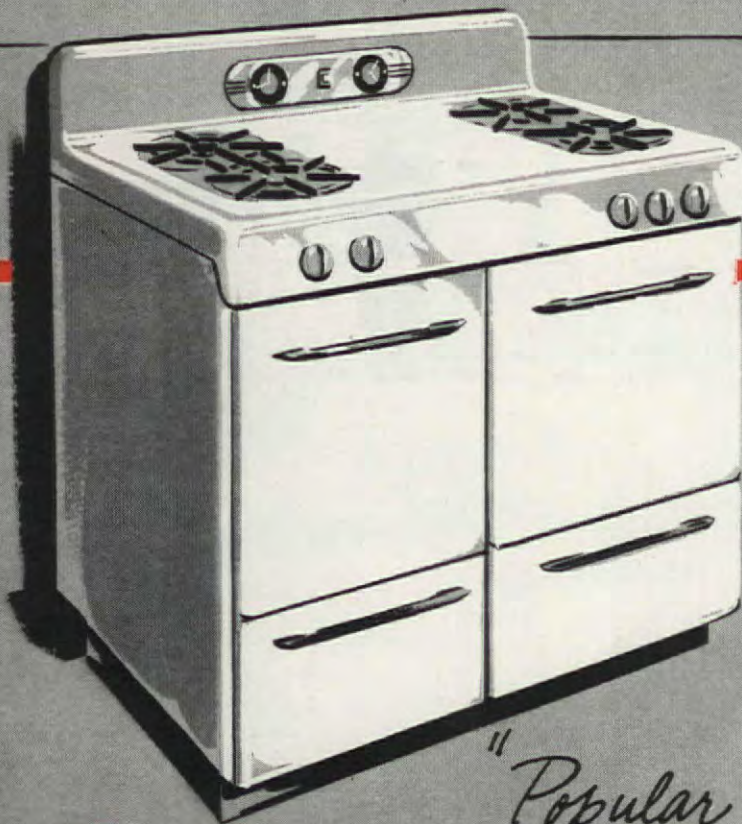


Workshop



Casters on power tools and assembly table (swell idea for any workshop) make it possible for shop and car to share garage. Even with car in place, there is storage space for lumber and 4' x 8' plywood sheets. In a few seconds, car rolls out and equipment comes into the open where there is plenty of work space. Assembly table doubles for ping-pong, too. Wood stove is an old-timer's touch, and keeps shop cozy in cold weather

Which GAS RANGE for

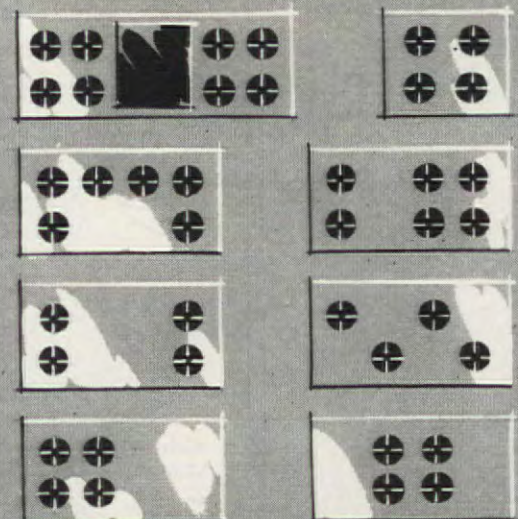
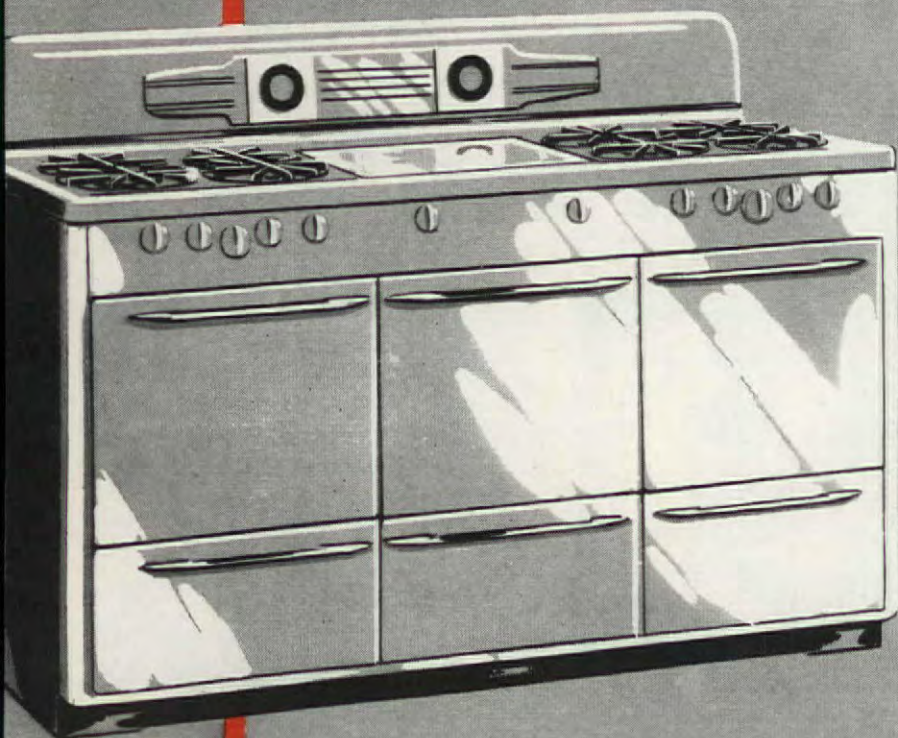


"More oven, more broiler space, or just more deluxe?"



"Popular newcomer - why?"

"Every cook's dream - worth the difference in performance?"



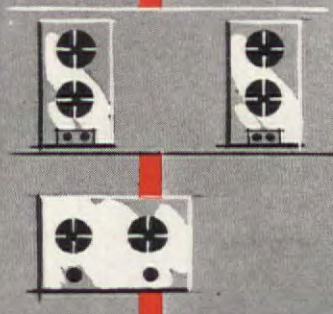
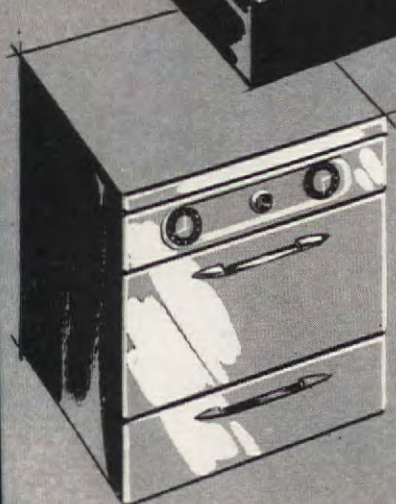
you—and Why?



*"Big enough for
real family cooking?"*



*"Newest idea —
expensive to build in?"*



EDITH RAMSAY

Back in 1830, when cook stoves, complete with iron gewgaws, began to appear on the market, Mamma's Great-grandma thought they really were *something*—and about forty years back, when Mamma bought her first gas range, she knew how wonderful progress could be. Both ladies were right, of course, and each was much better off, when it came to easy cooking, than her forebears had been. But how their eyes would pop today when gas ranges can be fully automatic, when they come in many sizes with a score of fancy features, when the oven can be one place and the burners another, and when you can have your range colored to match your décor, if you please!

• If you still cook your 1,000 meals per annum on an outmoded range, the sleek newcomers must have been singing their siren songs to you plenty loud. The choice is enormous, and not a little bewildering—so that's why we prepared this AMERICAN HOME Better Buying Guide to lead you through the attractions and help you to pick the best one for your individual requirements. Considering what they'll do for you, they do not cost a right arm and a leg, and since they are a long-time investment, we wish you'd take our tip: pick the range and the "extras" you want without looking at price tags—then compromise a bit if you must.

WHAT ARE THE TYPES? WHAT DO THEY COST?

Don't confuse size, type, and capacity, for some smaller ranges have as much cooking capacity as larger ones. First decide upon capacity, then choose the model which best fits your space and gives you the greatest convenience. Work surface and storage space requirements depend upon your own kitchen plan. If your family is large, don't buy a small range and overtax both it and your disposition! Even if your family is small, you'll be grateful for a two-oven range if you entertain a great deal, if you like to bake at one temperature and roast at another simultaneously, or if you use your home freezer for all it's worth—to store home-cooked foods. Here are the types, and approximate prices:

Apartment or Cooker, 20-in. to 22-in. wide, is the smallest range for real family cooking. It has a standard oven, a separate broiler, and four surface burners—no work surface, no storage space. The basic model has no fancy features; the deluxe has a few, such as timers or clocks. Price: \$150-\$170

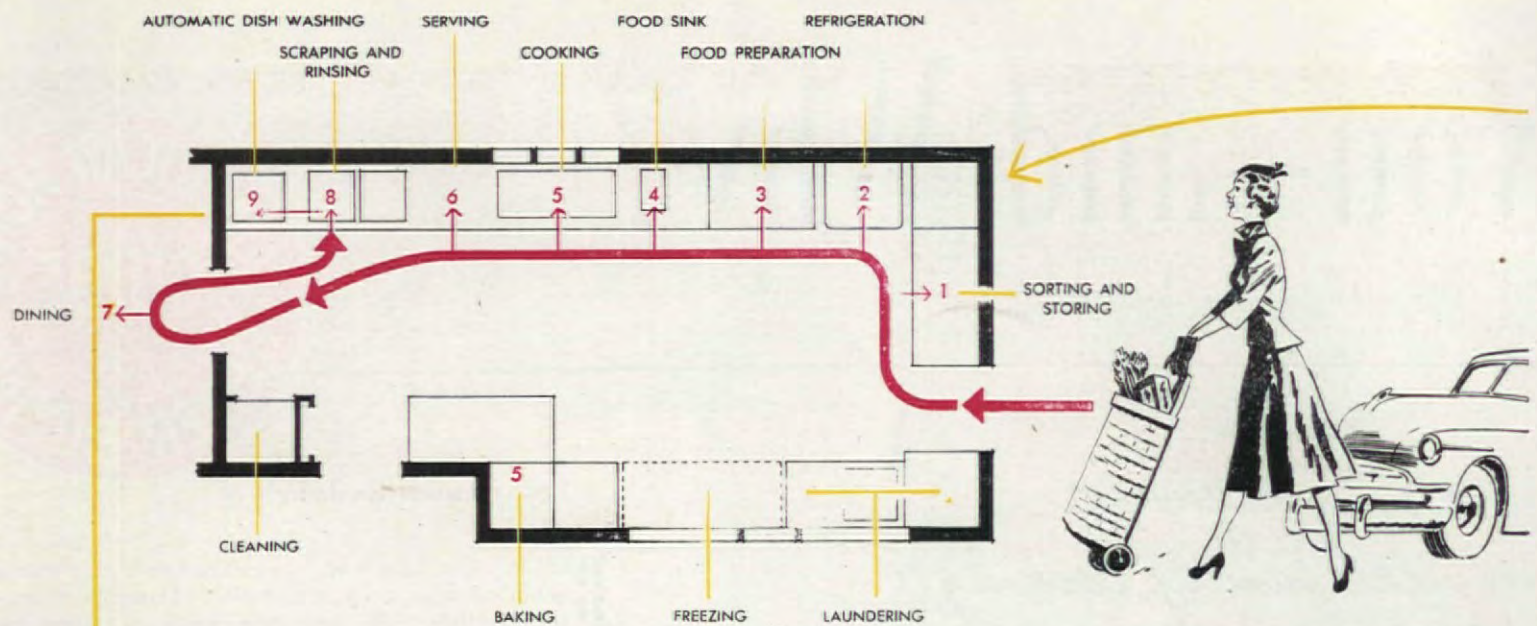
30-in. model has some work surface and storage, four burners, oven, and broiler. Instead of storage, some models have whopping big ovens, larger than those in standard bigger ranges. With or without added attractions. Price: \$180-\$230

36-in. to 43-in. models (so-called "standard" ranges). There's an enormous variety here, and they come in basic models or as deluxe as ranges can be. You can have one or two ovens, one or two broilers, four to six surface burners, and all the features in the book (see list of features on page 78). Price: \$185-\$350

50-in. or larger ranges—the Big Berthas which are the dream of every chef, male or female. A wonderful choice if you have room for them—and if you do a lot of cooking for a lot of people, try to *make* the room. They have six to eight surface burners, two or three broilers, one or two ovens, and features galore. They give you good working surface on top, and storage space as well. Price: \$700-\$1000

Modular units are a new idea in gas ranges: the burner, oven-broiler, and storage units come separately and don't have to be in-

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Handsome Is—and Handsome Does!



We love pretty kitchens and step-savers, and this kitchen is both—but that's not why we show it, primarily. We think it's remarkable for the superb organization which saves more than steps—by eliminating *all* wasted motions. It's one thing to have "a place for everything and everything in its place"—but it's something very much better to give every job its own area—complete, and no moving out of it—as the Neil McLeods did in this kitchen. After all, you'd hate your bathroom if toothbrushes were kept far from the basin—but many kitchen arrangements are hardly more logical than that!

Imagine how smooth the routine is in this one. Enter with your groceries, put them down on the laminated plastic top of the cabinet next to the door, and start stowing right where you are. Packaged goods go into the cupboards, spices on the lazy-susan corner shelves, baked goods into boxes kept here. One step brings you to the refrigerator—in with your meat and soon-to-be-used frozen things. Another step and you're at the food-preparation center, complete with its own sink for washing vegetables and fruits before refrigerating.

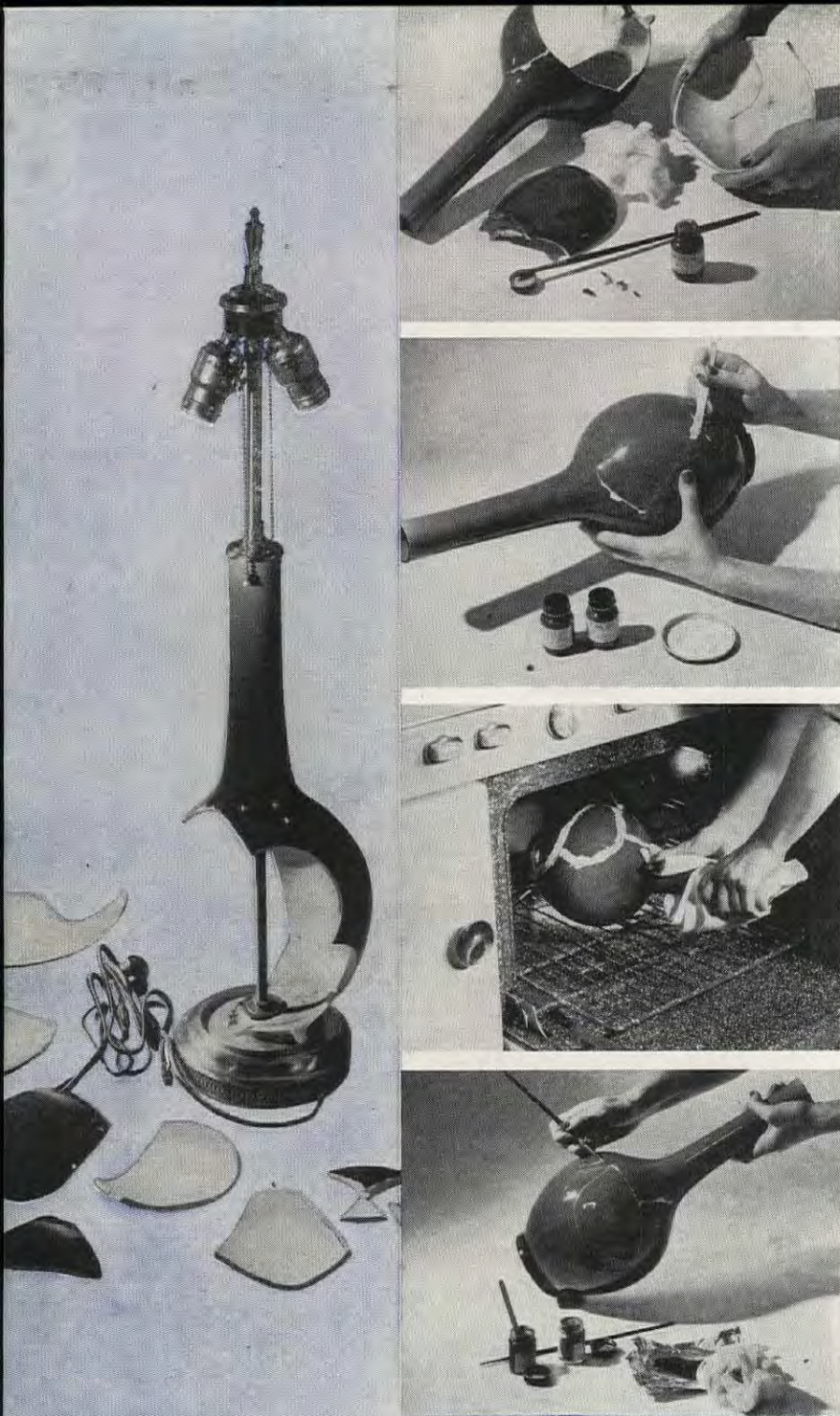
When it comes to cooking, here's where you start. There's a stainless-steel counter with large wooden chopping board that lifts out for cleaning. Canisters and jars for staples are on open shelves above, and there's an appliance outlet. The burner part of the modular range is next to the food-preparation sink, and notice, please, that pots and pans hang on the wall above. The oven, directly across the narrow room, is a modular type, placed for no-bend baking and broiling—and next to it

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Cool greens and bright blooms make it an attractive place to work—but the best of it is the arrangement. Door leads to dining room, and it's right next to area where trays and linens are kept, where dishes, silver, and glass are washed and stowed away



Food storage starts at delivery door. Packaged goods go into cupboard at right-angles to refrigerator. Food-preparation center has modular burners (not shown), a sink of its own, a chopping board, shelves for easy-to-reach staples, and hanging pans



Just because it's smashed, it isn't dead and gone. Professionals have developed the art of restoring badly shattered pieces, and our instructions will help you to practice that art yourself. But be sure to save *all* the pieces—every splinter helps!

We used professionals' materials, also available to you: A. Ludwig Klein's China Repair Kit, used by many antique dealers for their own repairs. Except for the paint, preparations indicated below are in this kit. If you use other preparations, follow manufacturer's directions carefully.

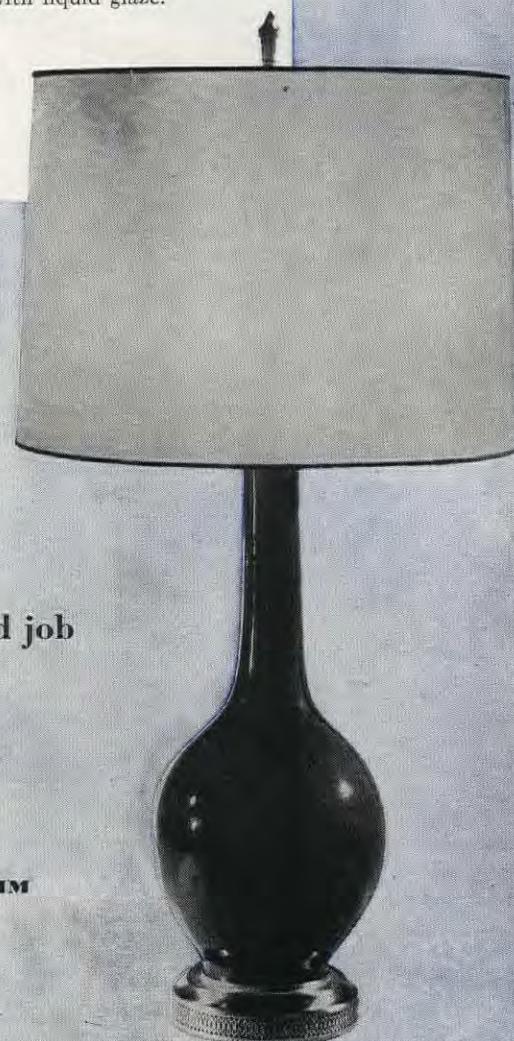
Before cementing, fit pieces together. Clean and dry broken edges; remove glue from earlier repairs. Next, cement pieces together, one at a time, with Klein's #19 cement, applied with palette knife or ice-cream stick. Work by sections. Dry each section 15 min., then set on radiator or in lightly warmed oven for an hour. Use same procedure to cement sections to each other. If first cementing fails to fill all cracks, fill with #53 cement, not more than 1/8-in. thick. Then bake 3 hrs., in oven set at 150° F., temperature for all baking steps. Apply additional #53 if necessary; bake again for 3 hrs. Whether or not you have used #53, next step is to coat cement with neutralizer and bake 2 hrs. Then apply #55 cement over other cement, and bake 3 hrs. After baking, sand first with medium, then with fine sandpaper. Apply coat of glazing liquid over cement. Bake 1 hr. Repeat glazing operation.

To color cracks, mix tube oil paint to correct shade and add a little #54 liquid. Apply color with brush or lint-free cloth. When paint is thoroughly dry, glaze with liquid glaze.

Save The Pieces

Keep every sliver, and you can do a good job
of repairing porcelain, pottery, and glass—our way

BOB HOUSEMAN and DORCHEN TRUMM



The Keeping Room Comes Back

Webster doesn't define it exactly, but our Pilgrim fathers knew what a keeping room was! It's a great new revival of a *real* family room

Actually, the heart of the early colonist's castle—and just about all there was to it—was the keeping room. One room in which they prepared the food, cooked it, ate it, slept—a room in which all the family activities took place.

It is strange, in a sense, how we in this country departed from (and are again returning to) this concept of the family room. Somehow our ideas of what a living room should be got all changed around, and as houses got bigger the first thing you know we got stuck with the "parlor" . . . stuffiest invention of the very stuffy Victorians.

The seldom-used parlor gave way in turn to other kinds of living rooms: who doesn't remember the overstuffed velours furniture, the wrought-iron bridge lamps of the 20's; the angular black-and-orange "modernistic" of the 30's? A yearning for something more elegant made us throw away these fads, and we set about reproducing in our homes scaled-down versions of formal little 18th century drawing rooms.

Something must have been basically wrong with these rooms, because at about the same time the parlor set in, there began another great escapist movement—the escape from the parlor to a comfortable second living room.

First we glassed in our porches and we had wicker-furnished sun parlors. You recall the sudden rash of "dens"—small pine-paneled cubicles with a studio couch, an easy chair for Papa, and the console radio. Our frantic attempts at *lebensraum* increased: we discovered the basement as a place to let our hair down. Down cellar we began to create "atmosphere"—everything from a German *bierstube* to a penthouse terrace!

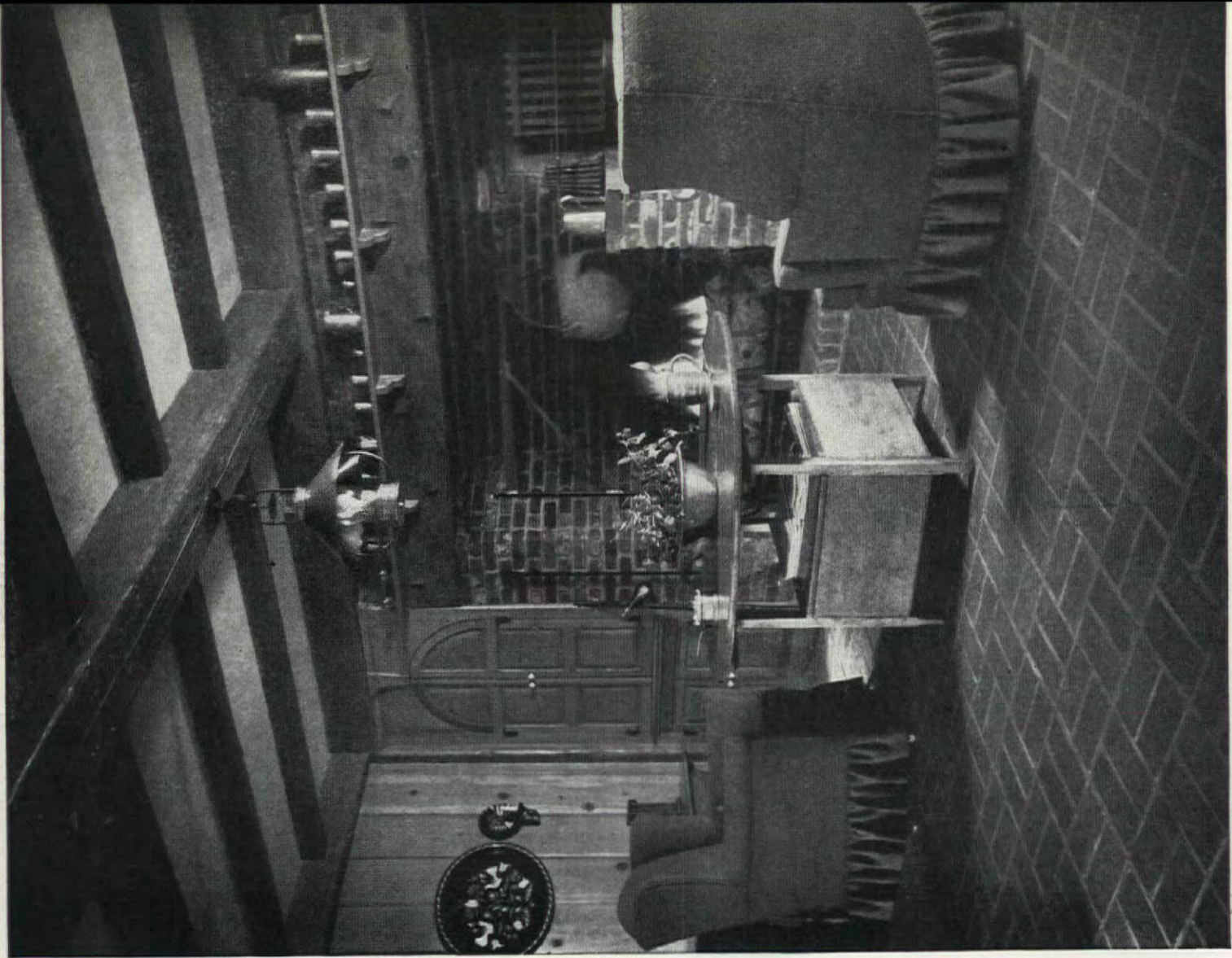
We think the present country-wide trend to reviving the old-fashioned idea of the keeping room is the healthiest movement yet. So right, it seems, for the easygoing informal suburban life that families like in the mid-1950's. One challenging thought presents itself: since a good keeping room combines the best aspects of a cozy, comfortable living room, an easy-to-keep dining room, and in many instances even the kitchen, will it eventually eliminate in many house plans the formal living room and dining room which have seemed so necessary in the past? Maybe *your* answer is on these 5 pages.



The very heart of the keeping room is its fireplace. This beautiful one with its wide hearth and ovens belongs to the Frank R. Millingtons. On another wall of this 17 x 18 room there's a complete kitchen, and plenty of room for dining



The Sylvan Wolfs can easily seat eight at the big pine table in their keeping room. The room practically "keeps" itself—waxed brick floor, pine walls, shuttered windows rarely need attention. Note beamed ceiling, electrified oil lamp

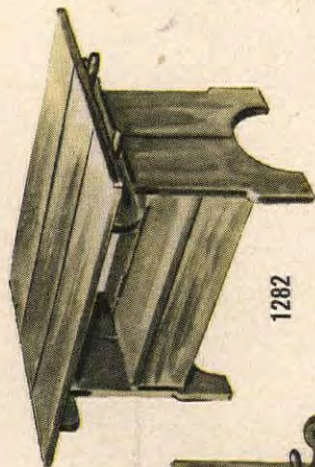


Opposite the dining table is the Wolfs' big fireplace. There's a barbecue grill with an electric spit at right—wonderful for roasts or steaks! When the family group is small, supper is served on the table before the fire. Your cup of tea?

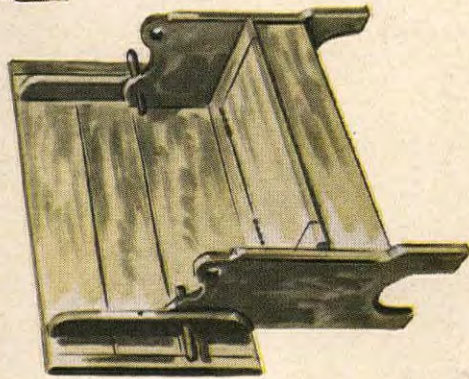
Keeping Rooms

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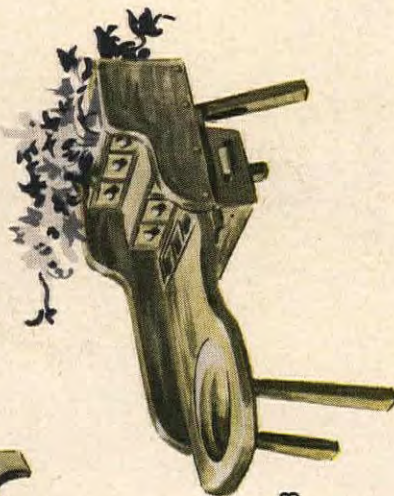
*Furniture designs you can make
for your keeping room*



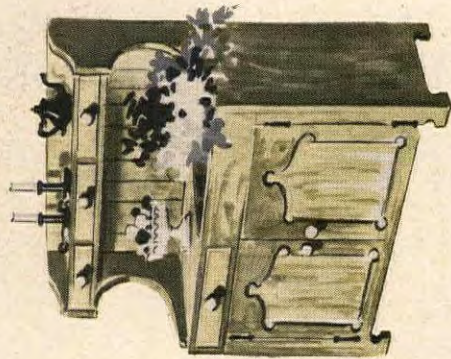
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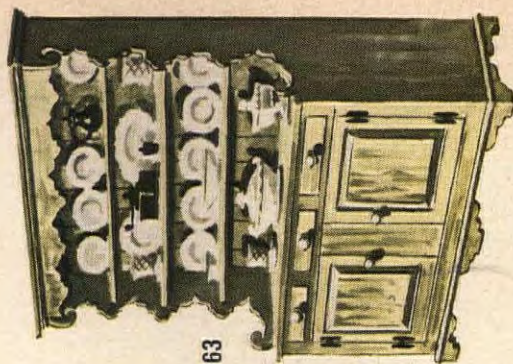
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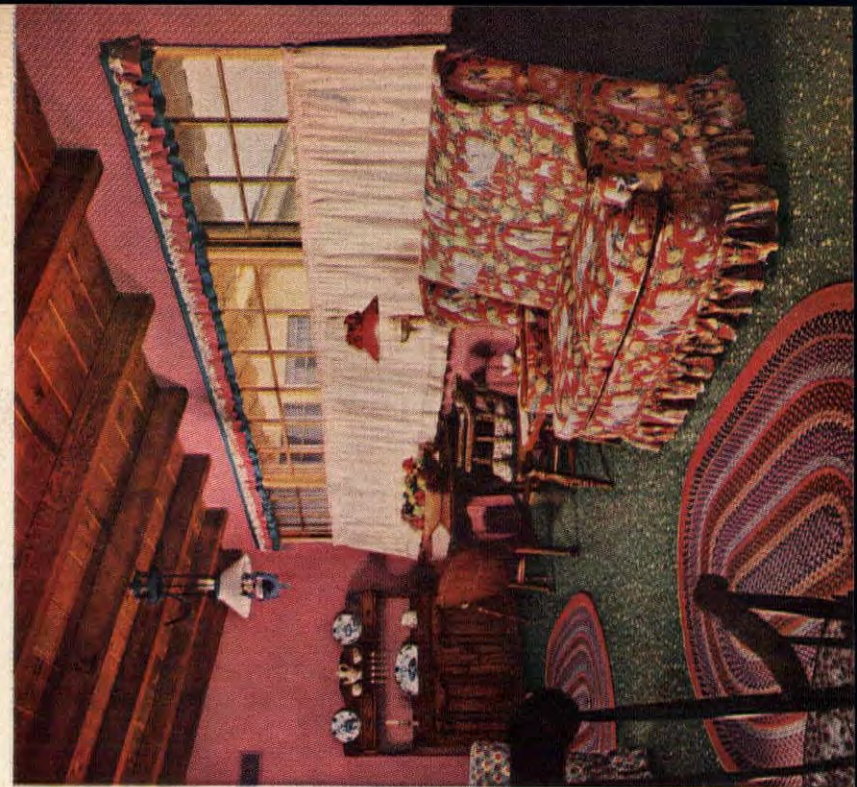
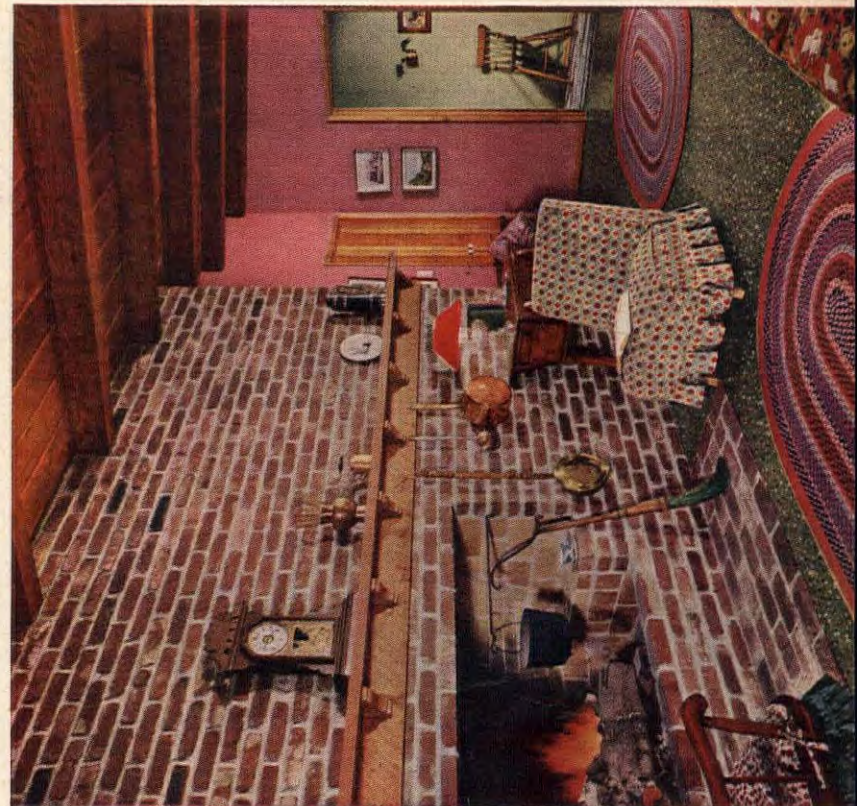


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Below, three views of the Joseph Guzzetta's keeping room. This long room is divided into three areas; a beautifully equipped pine kitchen is at one end

Far end of the Guzzetta keeping room is a dining room furnished with good-looking table, captain's chair, Welsh dresser. Note the braided rugs, spatter linoleum floor

Central area has a wide brick chimney breast containing fireplace, oven, and grill. Opposite the fire, there's a comfortable love seat with two cozy chairs nearby





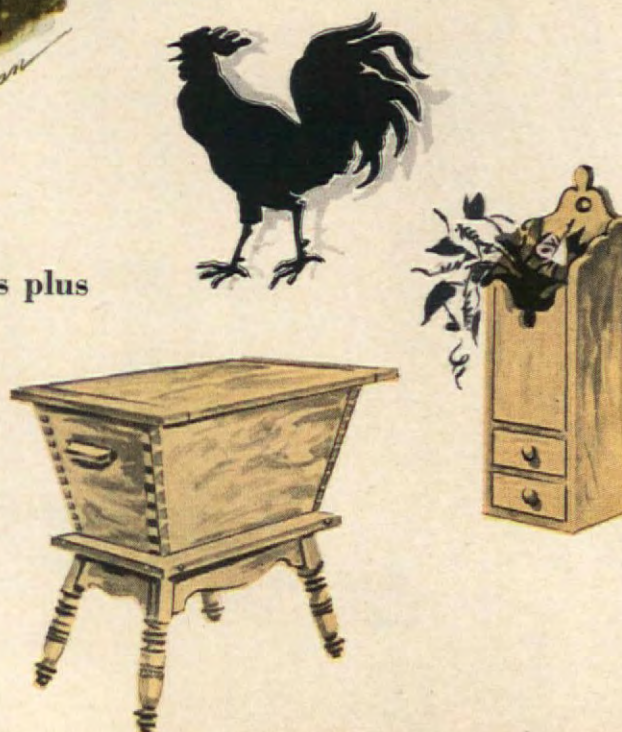
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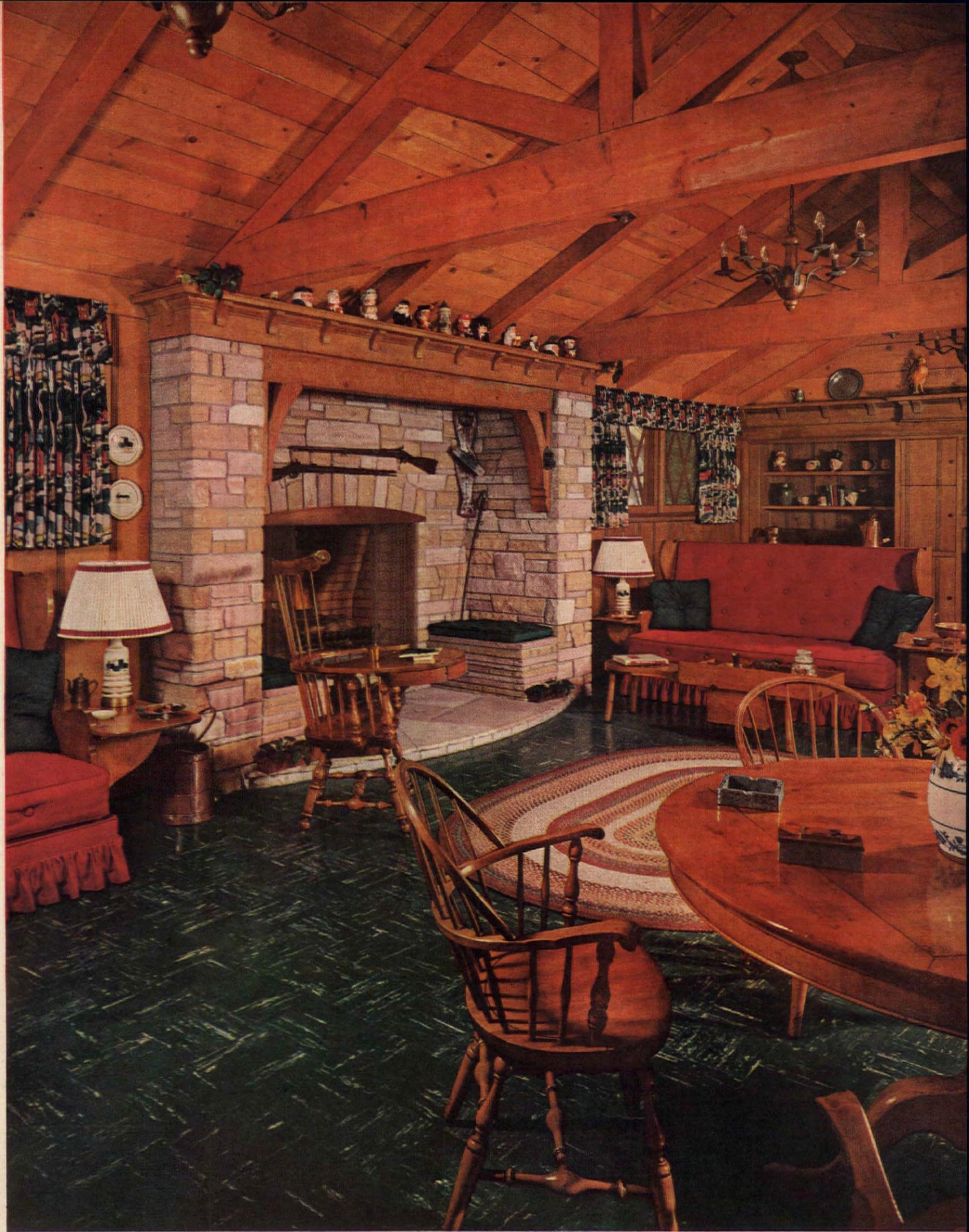
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Strictly for Papa! Our he-man gun cabinet, so handsome that we made working drawings and drew up a full set of instructions so he can build it right in his own workshop. It's waxed pine, with black-iron hardware and glass doors which lock to protect his shootin'-irons. (American Home Blueprint Pattern 2011)

Something to crow about! Our patterns plus your talent go a long way toward furnishing your keeping room. Order form, page 116

Our cock o' the wall—a rooster to cut out of wallboard, plywood, or to paint right on the wall (Pattern 1388). Use pine or maple to make the Colonial dough-tray end table with dovetail corners and a sewing box tucked away inside (Pattern 1168). Charming, old-fashioned pipe box with two small drawers to hold your fireside matches, can be built from our Blueprint Pattern 1385



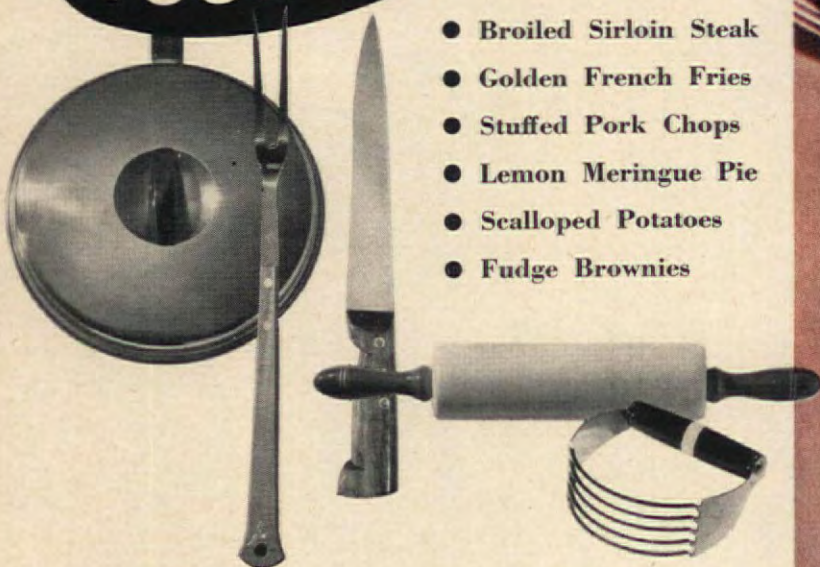


An inglenook fireplace centers the William Bendixes' keeping room. Built-ins across one end of the room house a television set, radio-phonograph, and a movie screen which pulls down from behind molding. Top of dining table lifts off to make poker table

ELEANOR LEE JONES

FOOD AMERICA LOVES BEST

- Broiled Sirloin Steak
- Golden French Fries
- Stuffed Pork Chops
- Lemon Meringue Pie
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Fudge Brownies



Yankee or Southerner, whether you hail from the Pacific West or the Atlantic coast, what six favorites could we find that you would vote to a loftier spot on a popularity poll? Step up, line forms to the right, and cast your ballot—a straight-ticket voter, we'll bet! And six very, very good recipes, collected with great care and tested over and over again are yours for the clipping; good, good food, yours for the cooking.

Lemon meringue pie with a real lemon flavor, its very tartness refreshing, a lemon filling with a smooth-as-velvet creaminess that doesn't set into a sweet, sweet, stiff jell—here is lemon pie you'll want to make for the man-of-the-house, junior or senior. So easy to do is a perfect shell for such a perfect filling, and here are two ways to make it more perfect: First, after fitting pastry into pie pan, prick thoroughly, placing fork marks about one-fourth inch apart across bottom and around sides of pan. Pricking with a four-tined fork deeply and close together actually vents the steam formed at the high baking temperature—means you have no air-bubbles in the baked shell! The second tip: Chill shell in refrigerator half an hour before baking at 450° F.—a more tender pie shell and one that shrinks less will be yours.

Even though steak isn't standard fare with most of us, that special reason to splurge rolls around once in a blue moon! Juicy, wonderfully tender steak, your choice cut broiled to a perfect turn—as you like it, rare inside, charcoal-brown outside, or medium-well, or well-done, dotted with pats upon pats of butter, served on a sizzling platter—and to “go with,” a gigantic bowl of crisp, salted French fries—here in one sentence lies a true expression of good eating, American style! As added attraction, try any one of these really elegant seasoning tricks: sprinkle chopped chives over butter patties (as we've done here); cream one-fourth cup butter with two tablespoons grated onion, or chopped parsley, or one tablespoon chili powder, or paprika, or Worcestershire sauce; make slits in the steak one-half inch deep and two inches apart, then fill incisions with Roquefort cheese; spread thin layer of prepared or herb-flavored mustard over steak after turning to broil on second side; sprinkle broiled steak with garlic juice or garlic salt.

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To crown our September table, we selected an arrangement of wheat and the new tawny red chrysanthemum developed by Mrs. Lewis M. Hull and named for our own Betty Merriam. More picture steps on page 100

Place and Show

BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangement
GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting



After that wealth of summer green—wonderful as it is—some warm color, please: Autumn's own. Here it is at a table set with a good harvest in mind—one which you don't need a horn of plenty to buy! That red Colorflax place mat reminded us of Old Sol setting in September glory like a ball of flame, so we grabbed it to use with neutral napkin on this September table (mats, \$.75 each; napkins, \$.80 each).

What a backdrop the mats make for the sturdy grace of Roseville's new ovenproof, chip-resisting stoneware! We mixed the colors to create the triple interest of white against red, and terra cotta against white, in a series of highlights and silhouettes. Notice the sculptural modeling of the dinnerware, the elongations which make it easy to handle. Men love the cups for their broad handles, and gals delight in imaginative serving pieces, corn dishes, and covered ramekins. The set comes in three other colors, is priced at \$7.95 for a 16-piece starter.

Tumblers are ideal with stoneware, so we chose Libbey's sparkling "Flair" which rises up from its weighted base like a stream of water, and captures the colors around it—all for \$1.20 for a set of eight glasses in any of five sizes.

The sterling flatware is something out of the ordinary: Tuttle's "Hannah Hull," which will be as good 300 years hence as it was 300 years ago. It was adapted from a piece attributed to John Hull, a Boston silversmith who became the first American mintmaster in 1652 when he designed the celebrated Pine Tree shilling. It's good with everything from rugged pottery to eggshell-thin porcelain, and a six-piece place setting costs \$36 for luncheon size, and \$38.25 for dinner size.

There's a touch of frivolity in the Olde Thompson salt and pepper mill—and color, texture, and shape are "just right." \$9.95 a pair.

(ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE)

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NEW! A wide-mouth vacuum bottle now on sale in many stores throughout the country—perfect for hot soup!

School Days are SOUP DAYS

Lunch at home? Lunch at school? Give them good hot soup

BY *Anne Marshall*



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

How youngsters do burn up energy . . . always on the go! Most of you mothers know this, and try to practice what food experts "preach". You see that your children have school-day lunches that are substantial and nourishing, always including one hot dish. And for this, soup is simply ideal.

It's satisfying, sustaining, warming and cheering. And children love soup.

So be sure your children have good hot soup at noon. It's easy to serve at home, and it "travels" well in a vacuum bottle. Soup helps give variety to lunches, too—there are so many delicious kinds to choose from.

SOUP offers you so many tempting noontime lunches

The hearty soups shown above—tomato, vegetable, chicken noodle—are favorites with youngsters. So are the sandwiches and salads

surrounding them. Combine them in various ways to suit your child's tastes—add a glass of milk—and you have a nourishing lunch.

A good cook keeps a full Soup Shelf



Take a Package of

• apple-maple mold

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

Brown sugar
Cornstarch
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup applesauce
Macaroni
Cinnamon
Vanilla
Maple-flavored syrup

Grease lightly a 1-quart mold and decorate as desired.
Combine $\frac{1}{3}$ cup brown sugar, firmly packed, with 2 tbs. cornstarch.
Mix sugar and cornstarch with applesauce, 2 cups cooked macaroni, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. vanilla and $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. salt. Pour into mold.
Bake at 350° F. for 30 minutes.
Unmold and serve with maple-flavored syrup.

Serves 6-8

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• cheese maquettes

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

1 can condensed cream of celery soup
Process Cheddar cheese
Elbow macaroni
Onions
Eggs
Dry bread crumbs
1 can condensed tomato soup

Combine celery soup, 1 cup grated process Cheddar cheese, 2 cups cooked macaroni, 2 tbs. grated onions, 1 slightly beaten egg, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bread crumbs.
Season to taste with salt and pepper.
Chill thoroughly.
Shape into croquettes.
Dip each into slightly beaten egg and then roll in bread crumbs.
Fry in deep hot fat (375° F.) until browned on all sides. Drain on absorbent paper.
Serve with TOMATO SAUCE: Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sliced onions in 2 tbs. butter or margarine until tender. Add tomato soup, 2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce and $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. Tabasco sauce. Heat to serving temperature.

Makes 6-8 croquettes

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• ham-macaroni mousse

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

Unflavored gelatin
Vegetable juice
Mayonnaise
Elbow macaroni
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. ground cooked ham
Onions
Celery

Soften 1 tbs. gelatin in $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water.
Heat $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups vegetable juice to boiling. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved.
Chill until slightly thickened.
Fold in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup mayonnaise, 2 cups cooked macaroni, ham, 2 tbs. grated onions, 1 cup chopped celery, and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt.
Pour into a 1-quart mold which has been rinsed with cold water.
Chill until firm.

Serves 8

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• sherry tuna-mac

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

3 medium-sized tomatoes
Macaroni
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
Milk
1 $6\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can chunk-style tuna fish
Sherry
Tabasco
Parmesan cheese

Chop tomatoes.
Mix with 2 cups cooked macaroni, soup, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk, tuna fish, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sherry, and $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. Tabasco.
Pour into a greased $1\frac{1}{2}$ -quart baking dish.
Sprinkle generously with cheese.
Bake at 375° F. for 30 minutes.

Serves 6

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• pink elbow-salad

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

Elbow macaroni
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ can beets
Dill pickles
2 cans anchovies
Onions
French dressing
Salad greens
Sour cream

Chill 4 cups cooked elbow macaroni.
Add 2 cups chopped beets, 1 cup chopped dill pickles, 2 cans anchovies, chopped, and 2 tbs. chopped onions.
Moisten with French dressing made with tarragon vinegar.
Serve on salad greens.
Garnish with 1 cup sour cream.

Serves 8-10

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• caboodle loaf

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

Butter or margarine
All-purpose flour
Milk
Macaroni
Cabbage
Tomato juice
1 can deviled ham

Decorate a greased 9 x 5 x 3 baking pan as desired.
Melt 3 tbs. butter or margarine.
Blend in 6 tbs. flour.
Add 2 cups milk gradually.
Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils.
Add 4 cups cooked macaroni, 4 cups cooked, chopped cabbage, 1 tsp. salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper.
Pour into pan.
Bake at 350° F. for 45 minutes.
Unmold and serve with "Tomato-Ham Sauce"
SAUCE: Combine 1 cup tomato juice with deviled ham. Heat to serving temperature.

Serves 8-10

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

Macaroni

CABOODLE LOAF



APPLE-MAPLE MOLD



HAM-MACARONI MOUSSE



CHEESE MAQUETTES



PINK ELBOW SALAD



SHERRY TUNA-MAC



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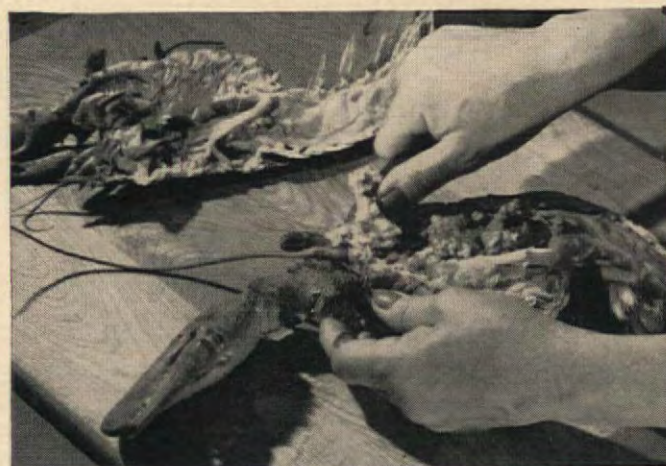
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How to Prepare a Lobster



1. Place lobster on its back. Make a deep, sharp cut through entire length of body and tail with a heavy sharp-pointed knife



2. Remove sac behind the head



3. Remove dark vein along the tail or back

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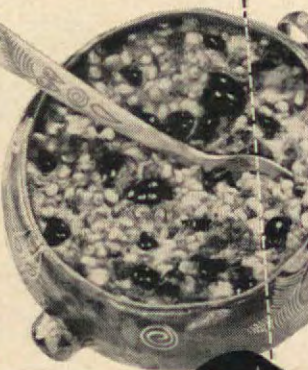
New Main Dish Idea **Ripe Olive Tamale Casserole**

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RIPE OLIVE TAMALES CASSEROLE (Serves 6)

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 pound ground lean beef | 1 tablespoon chili powder |
| 2 tablespoons cooking oil | 4 teaspoons salt |
| 1 cup chopped onion | ¾ cup cornmeal |
| 1 No. 2½ can tomatoes | 1 No. 1 tall can ripe olives |
| 1 No. 2 can whole kernel corn | 1 cup grated American cheese |

Brown beef in oil. When meat is almost cooked, stir in onion and cook until onion is transparent. Add tomatoes, corn, chili powder and salt, and heat to boiling. Slowly stir in cornmeal. Cook over very low heat 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Cut olives from pits into large pieces. Stir olives into tamale mixture, and turn into 2 quart casserole. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 to 40 minutes. Makes 6 big servings.

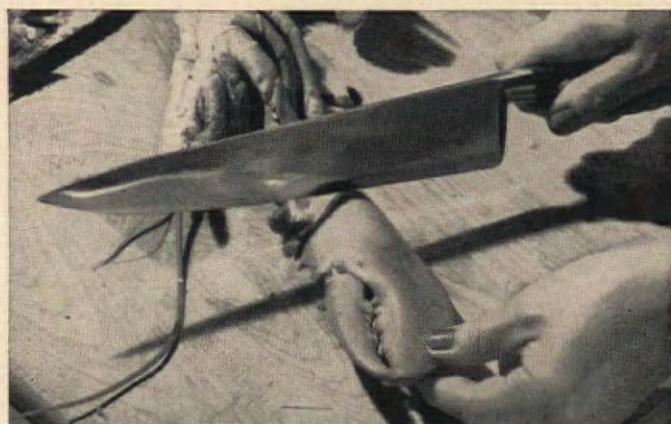


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How to prepare a lobster

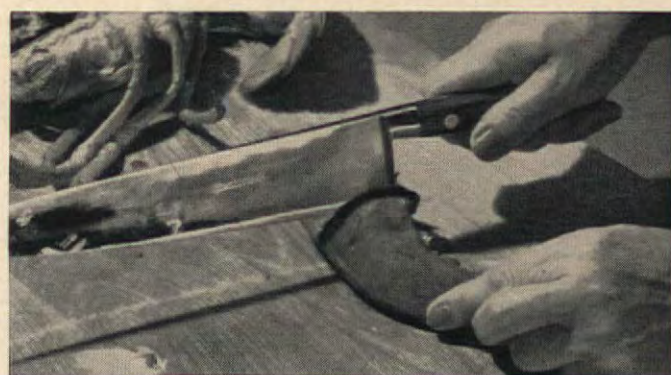
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4. Cut off claw at the first joint



5. Break off the small pincer



6. Lay the big part down on a board, hit with cutting side of a knife about one inch from the joint. Turn over, do the same on other side



7. Pick up claw in your left hand, pull off end with your right hand. It will separate, and the claw meat come out in one piece



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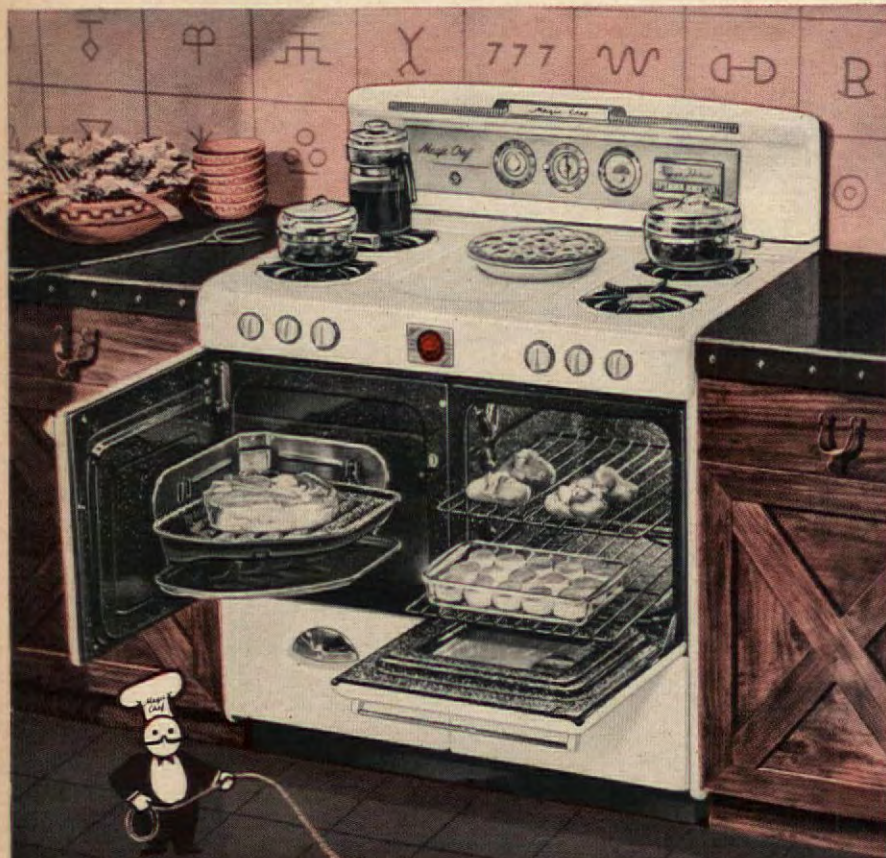
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there's a good working surface for sit-down jobs. While dinner cooks, set the table from the serving center which boasts drawers for silver and linens, a file for trays, and cabinets for china and glass an arm's reach away. When dinner's over, the dishwashing center goes to work—there's an electric dishwasher, a double sink, and a pull-out towel rack, all in the area where everything gets put away. The pictures below show you what happens on laundry day in one well-composed corner of this kitchen.

This laundry isn't idle between washdays. Cabinet makes a fine drink-mixing center or a good spot for sorting food for the freezer which will be installed at its right



Here is how the laundry gets set for business. The washing machine is in the far corner. The cupboard houses a sink for hand-washables, and is covered when not in use. Shallow shelves cache soaps and the like, and the compartment at the right holds an ironer arranged to slide out with ease



Broom closet doesn't need to be large when it's this well planned.

Cleverest part is the 8-in. wooden disk with hooks for brushes and brooms—it whirls around on a pivot! There's a slotted space for carpet sweeper, tipped flat; a shelf for vacuum-cleaner hose; and shallow shelves for various cleaning aids

THRIFTY IDEAS for HOME CANNERS



by *Savina Ball*

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Good Cues



CLEAR BROTH. To keep broth clear while it cooks, leave the pot partially open



FROZEN FRENCH FRIES will be crisp if placed in heavy, ungreased skillet over low flame. Salt and turn carefully

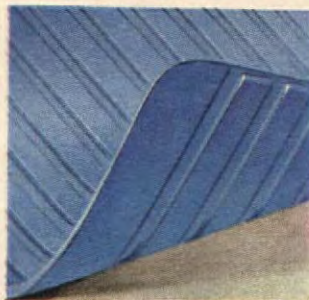


TO FLOUR EVENLY, shake pieces of chicken in a paper bag containing flour and seasonings



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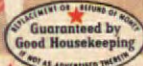
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LEMON BARBECUE SAUCE FOR FISH

1/2 c. fresh Sunkist lemon juice	1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 tsp. salt	2 tbsp. grated onion
1/4 c. salad oil	1 tsp. dry mustard
	2 tbsp. brown sugar

Mix ingredients well, stirring until sugar is completely dissolved. Place 1 lb. of fish fillets or fish steaks in shallow pan and pour sauce over. Heat broiler about 3 min.; then, with pan about 2 in. from heat, broil fish on both sides until brown and tender, basting frequently with sauce. Serve immediately.

FRESH
**Sunkist
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BY GERTRUDE AUSTIN
Sunkist Home Economics Director

Lemon works the same wonders with other seafood that it works with fish. Sprinkle a few tangy drops on oysters, crab, shrimp or lobster. m-m-m-m... makes them taste fresh as a sea breeze!

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1/2 c. mayonnaise	4 tbsp. catsup
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Combine. Mix with fresh-cooked or canned salmon or tuna, or serve on side. Garnish with lemon wedges. Ideal for the meal-in-one salad. (Loads of new dishes in our *Lemon Recipe Book*—see below.)



Here's a bit of food magic for you. Serve lemon with tomato, apricot, prune, pear or pineapple juice. A flavor! Adds zest!

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• "Imp of Satan" cake
(a cheapie)

1 lb. oleomargarine
3/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups cake flour
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup milk
2 tbs. finely chopped lemon peel
1 1/2 squares grated chocolate
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten
2 tsp. vanilla

Cream sugar and shortening. Beat until fluffy. Sift cake flour, baking powder, and salt. Then add to creamed mixture, alternating with milk. Add lemon, then chocolate. Fold in egg whites, vanilla. Bake in 2 greased 8" pans for 35 min. in a 350° F. oven. Family-tested



• sauce Portugal
(a cheapie)

2 tbs. butter
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
2 tbs. flour
1 cup stock
2 tbs. anchovy paste
1/4 cup evaporated milk
3 drops Tabasco

Use your double boiler for this. Melt butter in top, add celery and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in flour. Slowly pour in the stock and blend in the anchovy paste. Cook until it thickens. Add milk and Tabasco. Blend well. Pour over fish and garnish with lemon. The double boiler keeps this hot for some time—just cover and set aside. This serves 6. Family-tested



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Cheapies

JEANNIE WILLIS

Angel Food? No, ma'am, no relation whatever. Devil's Food? Well, maybe. At least it is a "wee" devil and merits its name of Imp of Satan Cake. Here is a cake that made a big hit, not only with women, but also with those incurable pie-faces—men. It's the texture of it that makes it outstanding, and this effect is achieved by grating the chocolate which does not melt in the baking, and so produces a texture quite unlike that of other cakes. We frosted it with a cream-cheese icing, edged with powdered walnuts. And thereby hangs a curious tale. Everyone who tested it thought there were nuts in the cake—which there aren't. Believing that the nuts on the icing gave this impression, we re-tested it, omitting the nuts. Again, every tester was sure that the cake contained nuts. We won't pun about what we thought about them! But it does make you stop and think. How often do we add an ingredient which would not be missed, if left out? Cheapies cooks are, by now, old hands at beating extravagant recipes down to size. We have seen how often a bird in the hand is just as good as two in the recipe. So let's keep an eye open for this sort of thing, too. Just one more thing, before we go on to the other recipes: sometime try a custard pudding as a cake filling—baby food jars of it, I mean. You will find it very handy and not very expensive.

How many sacred cows are there

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• stuffed onions
(a cheapie)

6 lg. Bermuda onions
2 tbs. oleomargarine
1 lb. hamburger
1 slice of bacon
2 tbs. chopped parsley
2 tbs. chopped celery
1/4 cup evaporated milk
2/3 cup bread crumbs
1 cup stock
Salt and pepper

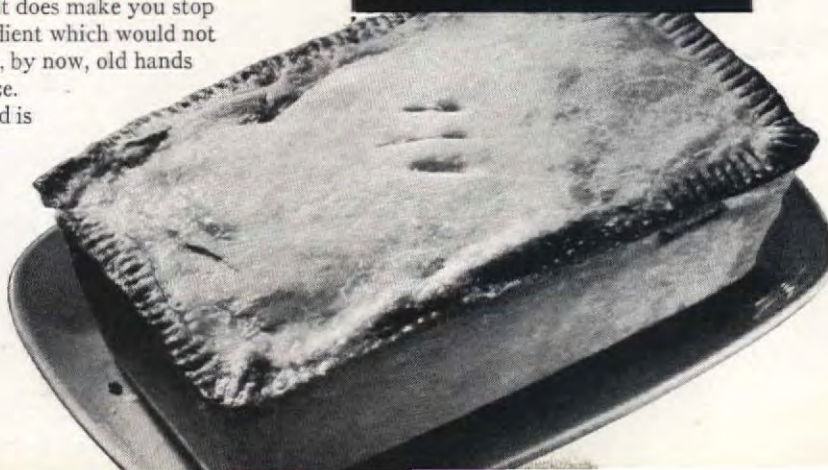
Parboil onions for 10 min. Drain and cool. Sauté meat and chopped bacon in the margarine, but do not brown. Then add parsley, celery, milk, crumbs, and 1/3 of the stock. Now peel and scoop out the centers of the onions. Stuff with meat mixture and place in baking dish. Pour in rest of stock and bake for 40 min. at 400° F. Baste occasionally. The pound of meat will stuff 6 very large onions, and serves 4-6. Family-tested



• deep-dish ham pie
(a cheapie)

2 cups ground ham
1/2 cup evaporated milk
2 eggs, beaten
1 tbs. prepared mustard
Few drops Worcestershire
Salt and pepper
Pie pastry

Line small greased bread pan with pie dough. Mix all other ingredients well and pack into pan. Top with pastry and firmly pinch edges. Bake for 10 min. at 500° F., then 50 min. at 350° F. Serve hot with a mustard sauce, or cold. It makes 4 generous servings. Family-tested



• white (fish) mountains (a cheapie)

Toast rounds or
toasted English muffins
Sliced tomatoes
Cooked white fish
Slices of hard-boiled egg
Cheese-y cheese sauce

Make a sandwich of this in the order listed. Gently mash the fish with a fork after it is on the sliced tomatoes, then top with the egg slices. Set aside. Fix a good sharp cheese sauce. When ready to use, arrange stacks in a baking dish. Pour sauce over tops and pop into a hot oven for about 20 min. Heat thoroughly and serve at once. Plan on a $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of fish per serving.

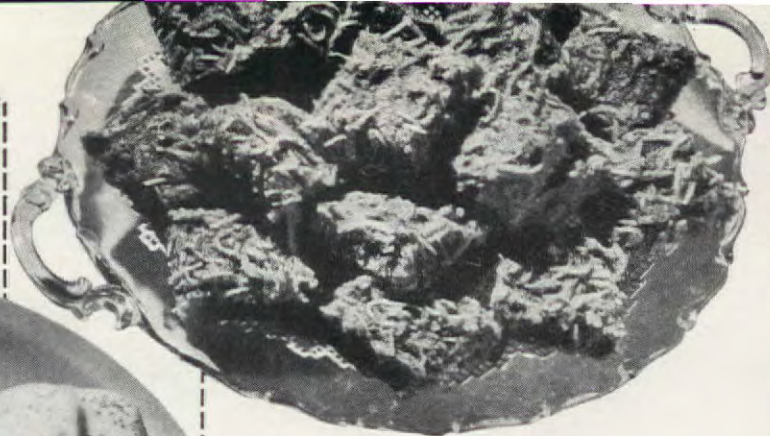
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Cheapies (Begins on page 67)

in your family? How often do you pass up cheap foods because your menfolk won't eat this, Junior doesn't like that? And worse—how often do you yourself turn up your nose at certain foods? Now, don't alarm yourself—space will not permit my getting on my soap box, so no lecture. I shall just meekly tell you that here are two recipes for fish. One is a sauce, to serve with any plain boiled or poached fish, and genuinely good. The other is a Sherlock Holmes affair. Heavily disguised, as this fish is, seems as if this should elude detection, and permit fish where fish is not permitted!

Cheapie Chewies—well, the name tells all. Swell as a snack, wonderful with fruit desserts, and very easy to make. Next we come to Stuffed Onions. This specially for all the Bermuda and Spanish onion fiends. And speaking of



• cheapie chewies (a cheapie)

1 can moist coconut
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup brown sugar
4 slices whole-wheat bread

Grate or finely crumb the bread. Chop the coconut up a little, then mix all ingredients and blend well. Pour into greased square cake pan. Bake 35 min. in a 375° F. oven. Cool slightly, cut and remove from pan. Makes 16. Family-tested

fiends, that is exactly what these are to prepare. The hollowing out of the onions doesn't take any special skill but it sure does take patience. However, it all can be done in advance, then baked later. And they are mighty good, so do try them, fiends or not.

Seems as if most men like cheeseburgers, if you can judge by how often they eat them "out." But haven't you noticed how they get that injured look, if served them at home for dinner, and how they immediately ask you if you have had a hard day? I suppose it is associated with the quick-lunch counter. Yet it is a right good combination, so we went to work on it. And that Cheeseburger Loaf will bring forth no injured looks, we are sure. You, too, will add this one to your repertoire of quick and easy family favorites.

Our two ham recipes rated high around here. The deep-dish ham pie calls for left-over ham, true, but don't let that mislead you into thinking that you can't serve this to the Boss and his wife. For a bit of an extra, make a white sauce, then stir prepared mustard, a bit of brown sugar, and some horseradish into a paste, and add this to the sauce. Ladle some onto each slice of ham pie, and lap up a compliment with every bite. Ham in a Jam changes plain old boiled ham into something pretty special. And if you have any spirit of adventure in you at all, try it with any other jam or jelly you have on hand—apple butter, too. Incidentally, the rolls will stay warm for quite some time if left in the papers so you can do that much of it in advance, then finish it up in just a whip-stitch at dinnertime. So you see, Ham in a Jam is a very apt name for this, in more ways than one! There you are, Cheapies Club members, with eight brand new recipes to work with this month. Cooking, our way, is a wonderful thing. It satisfies the stomach, the soul, and the stingy streak in every one of us!

• cheeseburger loaf (a cheapie)

1 tbs. chopped parsley
Left-over mashed potatoes
1 lb. hamburger
1 cup bread crumbs
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
2 eggs
1 onion, chopped
Salt and pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sliced cheese

Brush an 8" square pan with oil and sprinkle lightly with some of the crumbs. Mix parsley and potatoes. Mix meat, crumbs, eggs, water, onion, and seasonings. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ of meat mixture in bottom of pan. Cover with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cheese slices. Now spread with potato mixture. Repeat layer of cheese. Top with balance of meat. Close edges firmly to prevent oozing. Bake 25 min. in moderate oven and turn over onto platter. Serves 6.

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• ham in a jam (a cheapie)

Boiled ham
Butter
Orange marmalade
Brown sugar

Plan on 2 slices of ham per serving. (A $\frac{1}{2}$ slice is easiest thickness to work with.) Butter each slice, then spread with orange marmalade. Roll tightly and secure with toothpicks. Wrap each roll in wet heavy paper; fold edges tightly. Place in pan with tight cover and bake at 425° F. for 20 min. Unwrap and place on an ovenproof platter. Pour juice left in papers over the top and sprinkle with brown sugar. Glaze in hot oven. Remove picks before serving.

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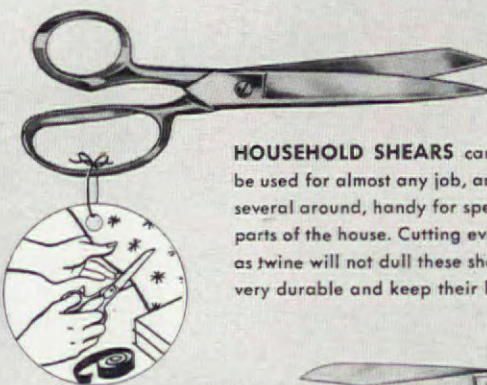
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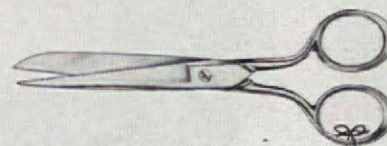
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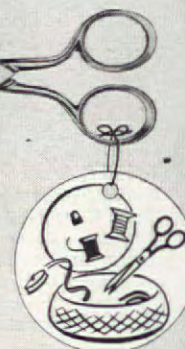
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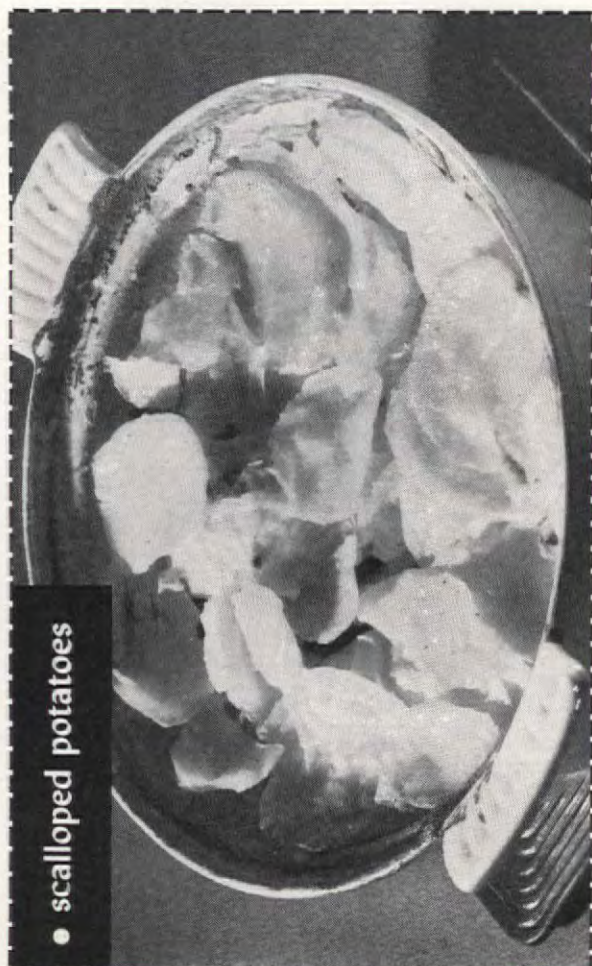
Food America Loves (Begins on page 54)

Many cooks shy away from French-fried potatoes for lack of the know-how to make them really successful. We give it here in a few easy-to-follow directions: $1\frac{3}{4}$ -2 lbs. potatoes will serve four. Cut pared potatoes into strips $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $\frac{3}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Soak in salted ice water half an hour, then drain thoroughly between sheets of absorbent paper towels. Place just enough in bottom of frying basket to cover sparsely. Immerse in hot deep fat (380° F.) and, shaking pan or basket, cook 5-7 minutes, or until potatoes are golden brown and tender. Turn out on absorbent paper towels to drain, then sprinkle with salt. Most especially remember this tip: good French fries are served *hot*, so the wise cook serves them immediately! In case your kitchen equipment does not include a deep-fat thermometer, never fear—just use the bread-cube test: place cubes of stale bread in the heated fat, and check length of browning time. For a 380° F. temperature, bread cubes will turn light brown in 40 seconds. For best results, check temperature between each round.

Another cherished recipe for you—pork chops stuffed with a dressing that has just enough celery, onion, and sage to make it but *perfectly* seasoned! Many butchers will cut the pocket in the loin part of the chop, but if meat is cut along rib bone, you'll be able to tuck in bits of more stuffing.

Our recipe for scalloped potatoes gives you a casserole that is tender from top to bottom. Baking the potatoes covered in a slow oven is the tenderizing secret, and then the cover is removed for the final browning and tempting top crustiness.

And now for the brownies: we remembered, with happy nostalgia, the chocolate richness of brownies "just like Mom made"—the chewy kind, almost like fudge, and packed with the goodness of chopped walnuts blended throughout a truly chocolate tidbit. We made them, and we love them, and we pass the recipe along to you. They're different, and richer than the less chocolate-rich brownies you usually find—and so good!



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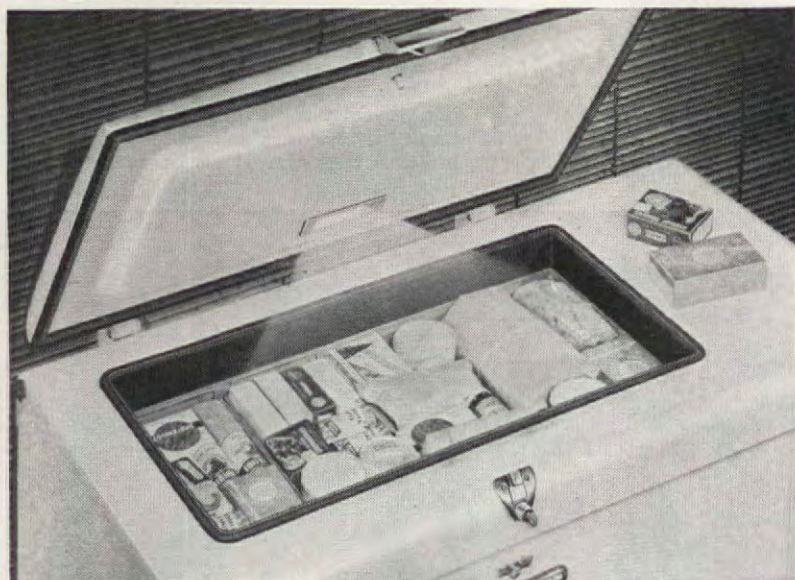
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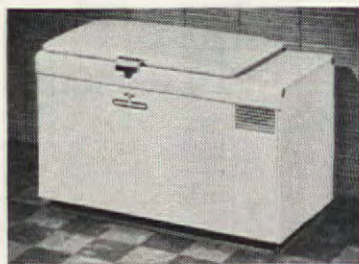
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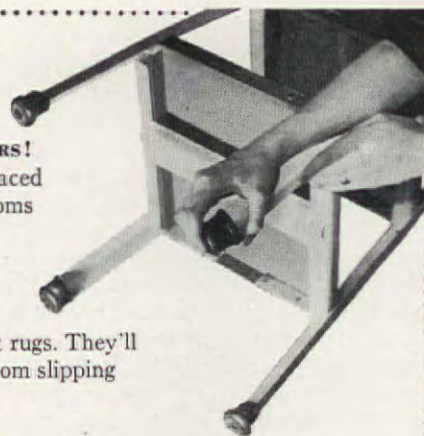
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● scalloped potatoes

3 cups thinly sliced potatoes
1 cup thinly sliced onions
2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 tbs. all-purpose flour
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup milk, scalded

Alternate layers of potatoes and onions in a greased 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle each layer with some of the salt, pepper, and flour which have been mixed together. Dot with butter or margarine. Pour milk over other ingredients. Bake, covered, at 325° F. for 1 1/2 hours. Uncover and bake at 325° F. for 30 minutes.

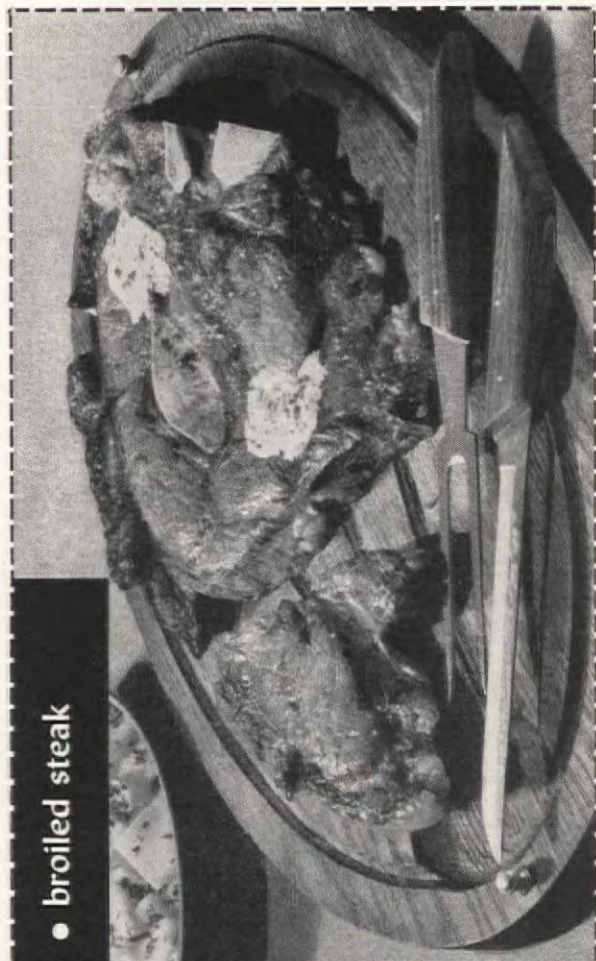
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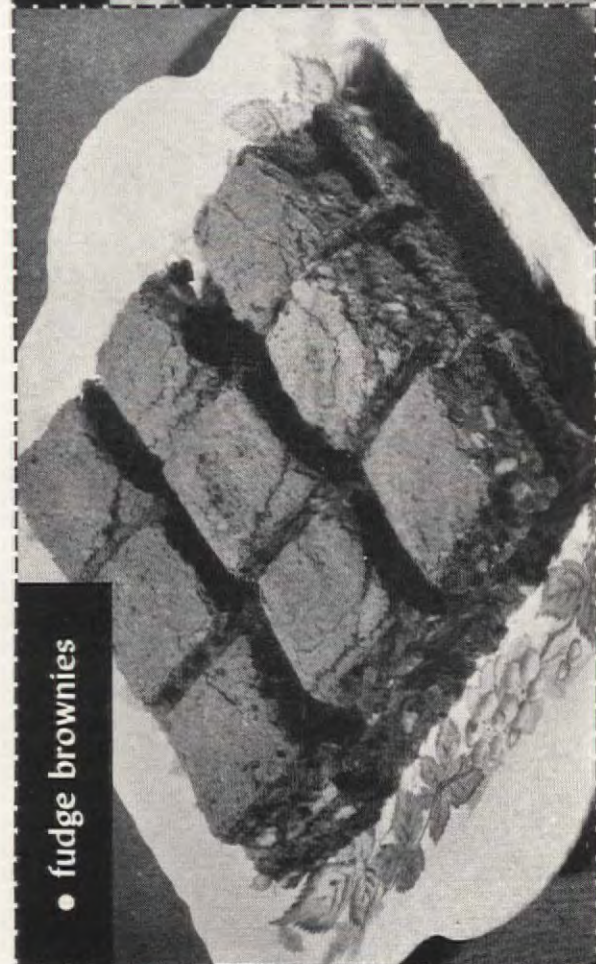
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Check range booklet for recommended broiling procedure.

Preheat broiler with regulator set at "broil." If broiler pan is preheated also, grease rack to keep meat from sticking. Slash fat in several places to prevent meat from curling. Place meat on rack of broiler pan, two to three inches from source of heat. Steaks $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inches thick should be at least three inches from heat; steaks 1 inch thick or less should be broiled two inches from heat if you can't pan-broil them.

Broiling time depends on thickness of steak and degree of doneness desired. For steaks removed from refrigerator temperature to preheated broiling compartment, approximate minutes per side are:

Steak 1 inch thick: rare, 5 minutes; medium rare, 6; well done, 7 to 8

Steak $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick: rare, 9 minutes; medium rare, 10; well done, 12 to 13

Steak 2 inches thick: rare, 16 minutes; medium rare, 18; well done, 20 to 21

Broil steak until top side is nicely browned, then season. Turn with tongs so that juices do not escape. If meat fork is used, pierce the fat when turning. Broil until second side is browned. To test for doneness, cut a slit in the steak near the bone and check the inside color. Season steak before placing on heated platter.

• fudge brownies

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sifted all-purpose flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt
1 cup chopped walnuts
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup melted shortening
1 tsp. vanilla

Sift flour, baking powder, cocoa, and salt together. Add nuts and mix well. Add sugar gradually to eggs, beating constantly. Blend in shortening. Add flour-nut mixture and beat thoroughly. Add vanilla. Pour into a greased and floured 8 x 8 baking pan. Bake at 350° F. for 30-35 minutes. Cool and turn out of pan. Cut into squares.

8-10 Brownies

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• lemon meringue pie



• pork chops
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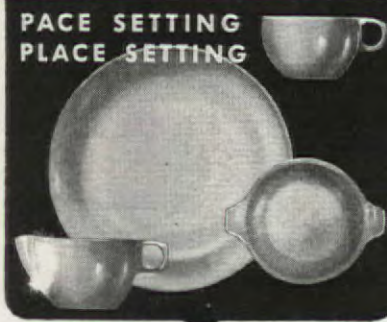
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(Begins on page 54)

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1/2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup shortening
3-4 tbs. cold water
1/2 cup cornstarch
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
1 1/2 cups hot water

3 egg yolks, well beaten
3/4 cup lemon juice
1 tbs. grated lemon rind
2 tbs. butter or margarine
3 egg whites
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/8 tsp. salt
1/3 cup sugar

Combine 1 cup all-purpose flour and 1/2 tsp. salt. Cut in shortening. Add 3-4 tbs. water, tossing lightly until mixture can be shaped into a ball. Roll out to 1/8 inch thickness. Fit into a 9-inch pie pan. Fold pastry edges under 1/2 inch and flute. Prick thoroughly and chill for thirty minutes. Bake at 450° F. for 12-15 minutes. Mix cornstarch, 1 1/2 cups sugar, and 1/4 tsp. salt in a saucepan. Gradually add hot water and cook over high heat, stirring constantly, for six minutes. Mixture will be very thick and translucent. Remove from heat and add egg yolks slowly. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, for six minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon juice, rind, and butter or margarine. Cool. Pour into pastry shell. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar and 1/8 tsp. salt until frothy. Gradually add sugar, beating constantly until stiff. Pile meringue over filling so it touches pastry edging on all sides. Bake at 325° F. for 15-20 min. Cool thoroughly.

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• pork chops celery stuffing

6 loin pork chops, cut 3/4 inch thick
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1/2 cup chopped celery
2 tbs. grated onion
2 1/2 tbs. melted butter or margarine

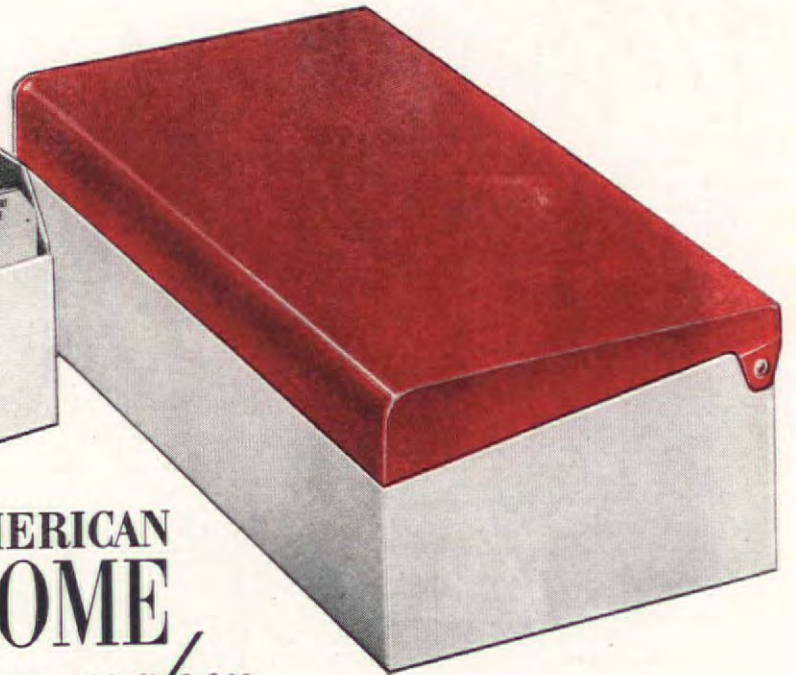
Cut a pocket in each chop. Combine bread crumbs, celery, onion, butter or margarine, sage, salt and pepper. Toss lightly until well blended. Stuff each chop with bread crumb mixture. Brown chops on both sides in melted fat. Add enough water to cover bottom of pan. Cover and bake at 350° F. for one hour.

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Which Gas Range?

(Begins on page 44)

stalled together. You can have one in one part of the kitchen and the others elsewhere if you prefer, and the oven can be as high or as low on a wall as you want it to be. If you already have a good range but want greater capacity, added modular units might be a wise choice. Prices are: \$130-\$250 for the oven-broiler unit; \$80-\$200 for a four-burner unit; \$125 for a three-burner unit; \$44 and up for storage unit. Cost of installation is same as with other types of ranges. One manufacturer's price includes installation and one-year service. Of course, installation does not include kitchen redecorating before these modular units are installed.

There are some additional types, not illustrated on page 44, but excellent for special requirements:

High-Oven range with oven placed above burner unit, on the right or on the left. Special orders.

Compact combinations include four surface burners, a tiny sink, and a tiny refrigerator (but no oven nor broiler) in one unit. In a pinch, it serves a one-room apartment, is ideal as an auxiliary "kitchen" in a playroom, in the bedroom wing, and so on.

Cooking-heating range is for homes without central heating system. It has four to six surface burners, an oven, broiler, and a wood, coal, gas, or oil-heating section.

WHAT BURNER ARRANGEMENTS?

On page 44, you'll see some of the ways the surface units may be arranged. Which one you prefer depends upon the other work surfaces in your kitchen and their nearness to your range. There's no rule-of-thumb about which one is best, although the divided top, with work surface between burners, is very popular.

WHAT MAKES GOOD CONSTRUCTION?

If you can't see good construction—ask questions. Here's your check list:

It's important to have a welded steel frame of rust-resistant material which gives a range durability.

Porcelain enamel one-piece top, front, and sides of the range should be acid- and stain-resistant.

Removable top grates and drip pans make for easy cleaning.

Horizontal drilling of portholes of the surface burners makes clogging by spillovers impossible.

Oven racks should have non-tilt stop position and lift out easily.

Oven bottom, made of porcelain enamel on both sides, should be recessed to catch and hold spillovers, and be removable for easy cleaning.

Swing-out, pull-out, or drawer-type broilers are all satisfactory. Broiler door front, and entire broiler should be easily removed. Look at rack guide positions: several will give you greater flexibility in broiling. The deeper broiler pans with narrow slits



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Which Gas Range?

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Look at the method of lighting the broiler. Certified Performance (see page 79) requires automatic lighting.

Vent stabilizes interior oven temperature during baking, keeps excess heat and moisture from food in oven, gives good baking results. Vents should be located so heat and moisture won't attack kitchen walls.

Insulation should be on all sides and top (not bottom), and between ovens when there are two. Most ranges have fiber glass, rock, or mineral-wool insulation.

CAN A GAS RANGE BE AUTOMATIC?

Three devices make newer gas ranges automatic time savers:

Automatic heat control gives you exact even heat when thermostat is set from 250° F. to 550° F.

There is a trend towards **automatic ignition**: The familiar type is the constant-burning pilot, separate ones for burner, oven, and broiler. Single-point gas ignition is one constant-burning pilot which ignites burners, oven, or broiler through a flash tube as the valves are turned on. The newest—and there are several types—is the electric ignition which permits the range to be cold when not in use. **Automatic clock control** starts and stops oven cooking at any predetermined times. One manufacturer has clock for top burner.

ARE GAS RANGES COLORED?

Many manufacturers employ color as an accent, and several of them have offered exterior color during the past few years. One range has interchangeable panels: if you redecorate, you can purchase a panel of a different color.

CAN A GAS RANGE BE SWITCHED FROM ONE TYPE OF GAS TO ANOTHER?

Yes, in most cases it can. Ask your range dealer, liquified petroleum dealer, or local gas company. You buy the kind of range recommended by your dealer for the type of gas used in your own home; should you move to a locality where different gas is used, check with your gas company or service department of range manufacturer to have orifices changed.

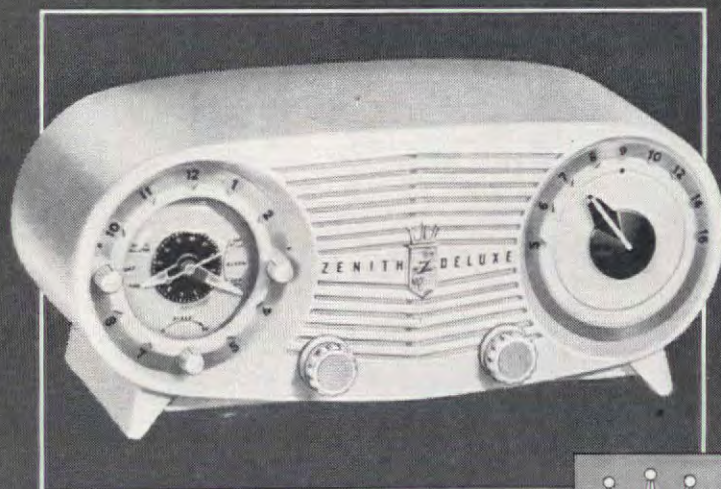
WHAT SAFETY FEATURES?

All reputable ranges are inspected, tested, and approved at the American Gas Association laboratories, and carry their sign of approval on the name and number plate. This is your assurance that the range has been tested for safety, performance, and durability.

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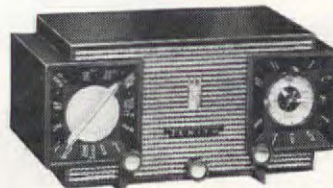
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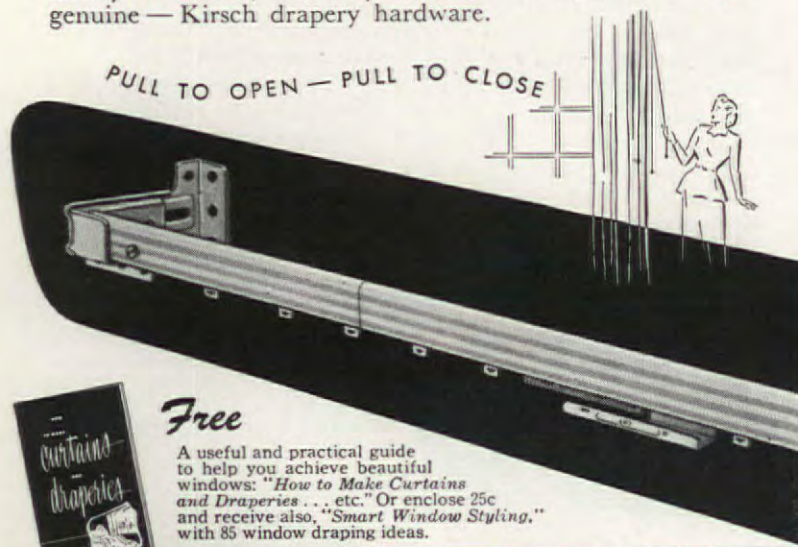
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Which Gas Range?

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the rigid specifications and high performance standards. Look for these seals, and *don't buy without them*.

Ask for a gas range equipped with a 100% shut-off of gas in the event of an emergency.

One range has a key to shut off the flow of gas to the burners when the range is not in use.

Well insulated ranges that can be installed flush to walls and kitchen cabinets add to safety factor.

WHAT GUARANTEES AND SERVICES SHOULD BE DEMANDED?

Reliable manufacturers have a five-year warranty on the burners, and one-year guarantee on the whole range. Of course, porcelain enamel is like glass, and is not guaranteed against misuse by the owner.

Your local gas company will give you service, and, if not equipped to handle service jobs, will recommend the proper service for your range.

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Deep-well cooker is recessed aluminum pan on top surface for foods that require long, slow cooking.

Dry storage is a compartment in the range for keeping cereals, crackers, and other dry foods crisp.

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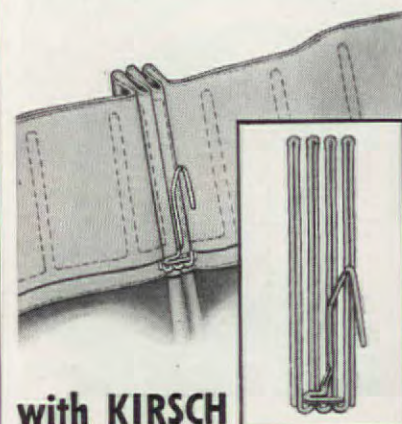
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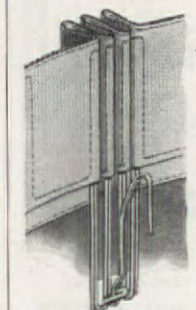
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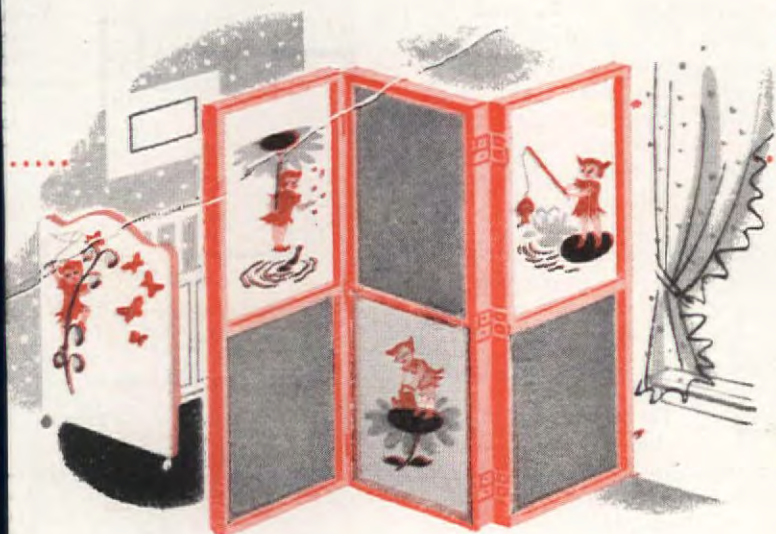


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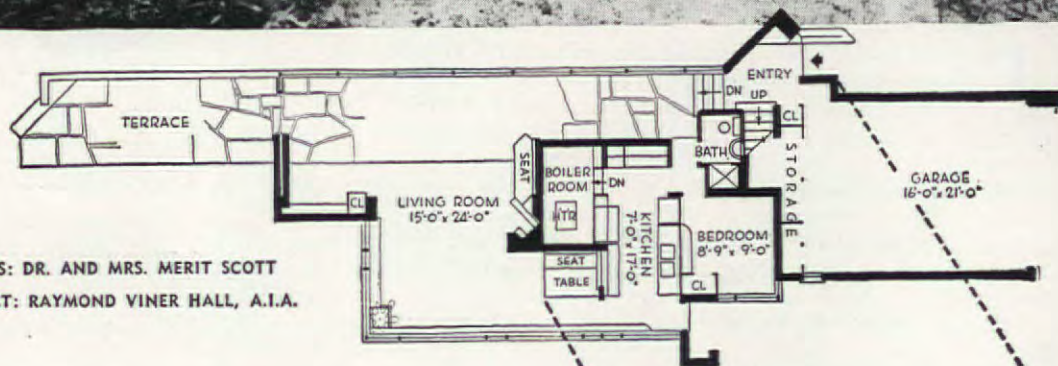
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This House Is Free From Care



OWNERS: DR. AND MRS. MERIT SCOTT
ARCHITECT: RAYMOND VINER HALL, A.I.A.

This house in the woods near State College, Pa., was designed for a college professor and his librarian wife, the Merit Scotts who love home so much that they want to enjoy every second here. Downstairs, there's a kitchen, dining area, a tiny guest room and bath, and a spacious living room with a fireplace, walls of glass to admit the view and the winter sun, and a row of high clerestory windows on the street side. Upstairs, the study and bedroom seem literally to be built in the trees, for trees even grow through openings in the eaves. Built-in furniture of walnut plywood, floors of flagstone and red-painted cement, and interior walls of stone and wood retain their looks with little attention. The concrete roof and exterior walls of stone and stuccoed-concrete block make few demands. The Scotts are surrounded by nature, but have no garden chores.

Aesthetically, whether you like modern architecture or not, you'll have to admit this house is a beauty. The idea behind its design springs from the pioneering of Frank Lloyd Wright, which means that it's low, and wide, and accented with stone and glass (where there's something to look out upon), and that it seems to have grown, rather than to have been put, on its site.

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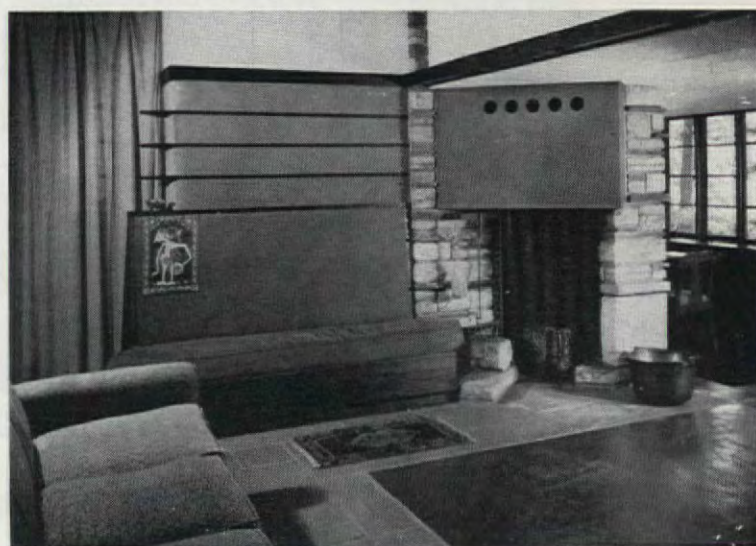
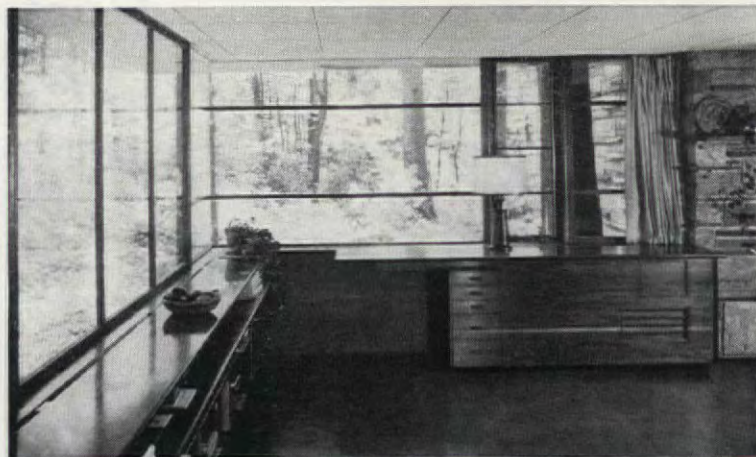
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Garden without gardening: a minimum of planting blends with the sylvan surroundings and demands little attention from the owners. The use of stone and jutting eaves makes this handsome house in the woods look more like a natural formation than a man-made building

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This not-built-in cabinet is also cut out to fit around baseboard. The simple but substantial crown molding at top is well designed, harmonizes with ceiling trim but doesn't ape it



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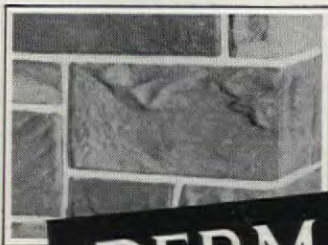
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In Oregon

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a hill, and surrounded by wild life and flowers, it certainly fulfills the idea of unity between house and grounds. At the front, it overlooks a nearby town and distant mountains. At the back, a hill climbs up steeply, but there is space for a lawn, flower garden, and outdoor fireplace. The rest of the landscape is the lush natural vegetation of Oregon.

A quick look at the floor plan of this house shows you that it was designed to be lived in—not as a temporary shelter during a freak storm. It is big, comfortable, and well thought out. The house is divided into three distinct sections, with the living room and dining area in the middle. At the right are the kitchen, servants' quarters, storage areas, and stairs to the basement and attic. At the left, there are three bedrooms and two baths so arranged that each bedroom opens onto a bath, and that the master bedroom adjoins both, making two baths act like three. Such a floor plan needs a lot of elbow room—you can't crowd it on to any suburban lot and expect it to thrive—but there is ample space for it in Oregon!

The rooms are on the large side, too. The living room is 18' x 28', which is big in this day and age, and the same goes for the 14' x 15' master bedroom. The maid's room and second bedroom are a comfortable 12' x 16', and the guest does pretty well with his 12' x 14' 8" quarters. You'll notice that the kitchen is smallish, but since there's a real dining room, the kitchen is for cooking only, and needn't double as a dining area. In addition to the dining room, there is a dining terrace which is covered so it can be used even when the weather is not all it could be.

In Washington

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portion of the living room with its exposed rafters.

So there you have two fine examples of what they are doing with modern architecture in the Pacific Northwest. The Oregon house seems to have been created for just this location—as straight Northwest as the mountains and forests which surround it; the Washington house was a dude from the East, but it caught on quick, and adapted itself not only to the new land, but to the new times as well. In any event, they both have much to offer and certainly prove that the best house, be it modern, contemporary, or traditional, is the house designed to become a part of the land rather than one that stands apart, foreign and uninviting.

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The big thing to remember about white spots on tables is that they are only skin deep. All you have to do is rub them off. The mildest abrasive for this is cigarette or cigar ash; the latter seems best. Drop some ashes on the spot, wet your finger, and rub them in. This will be successful in most cases where the liquid didn't have long to work into the finish.

If your problem is more serious, try a stronger abrasive, like very fine steel wool. You can buy it at any hardware store, and be sure to get grade 0000 (sometimes marked "4-0") or finer—the more 0's, the finer the wool. Tear off a very small piece and rub the spot. Rub in a straight line, following the grain of the wood. Waxing will restore your polish.

If your spot is a real humdinger, use a stronger abrasive, such as kitchen scouring powder, which is as strong as pumice and should be used with water. You must be very careful with this as you may rub right through the finish before you know what happened. If the spot is very deep, it's best to put aside your abrasives and go at the job chemically.

At the hardware store, buy a quarter-pint of lacquer thinner. As most table tops are lacquered, you can dissolve the finish that is spotted, and thus eliminate the spot. Fold a small piece of cloth into an inch-and-a-half pad; wet it with thinner. Wring it out and quickly rub the spot with it, beginning with single, light strokes. Use a brushing motion so as not to give your stroke any definite beginning or ending. The spot may disappear like magic on the first stroke, but if it doesn't, increase the dampness of the pad and the pressure of your stroke until it does.

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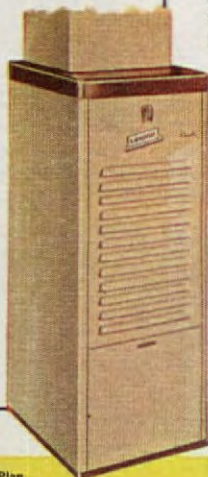


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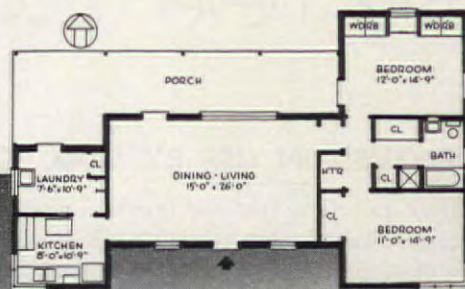
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The living room is a mighty fine thing, and beautifully arranged for convenience. Instead of being built around a fireplace, the conversation group shown below has that picture window for its spectacular center of interest. Behind the sofa, and just a step from the kitchen, a small table and four comfortable arm chairs are used for dining. And there is no shifting them around before or after meals—they just stay there, well composed, as ready for

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This compact grouping, ample for five people without using pull-up chairs, gives you the coziness of a small room amid the advantages of a large one. And what a view to build it around!



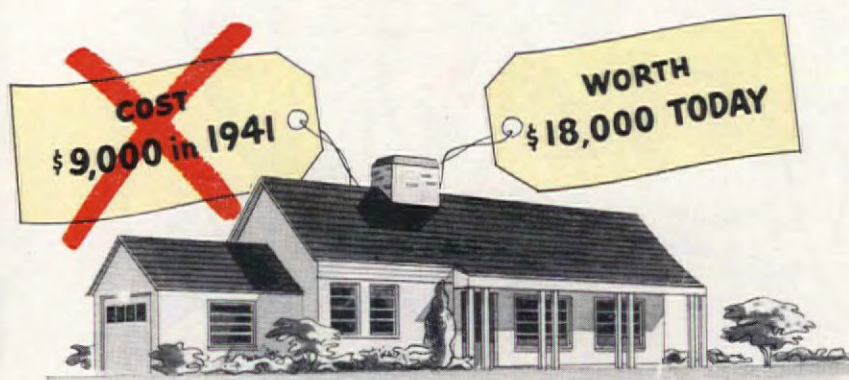
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A Good Compact (Begins on page 92)

games as for food. You can get the most out of a large room if you divide it into distinct areas this way, instead of always centering the sofa against a wall. Such an arrangement is cozier when there are only a few people, yet there's a feeling of space and great flexibility when larger groups of people gather 'round.



There's no pulling out of tables and pulling up of chairs for dining in the corner of the living room, near the kitchen and door to the terrace. And the set-up is ready for games, too



The bedrooms appear to be larger than they are because the closets are engineered storage walls, and only beds, tables, and chairs are required. Notice that lamp base holds flowers



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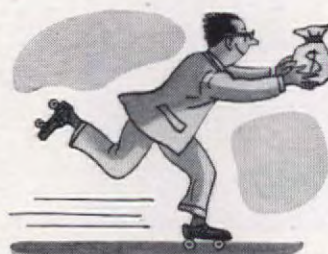


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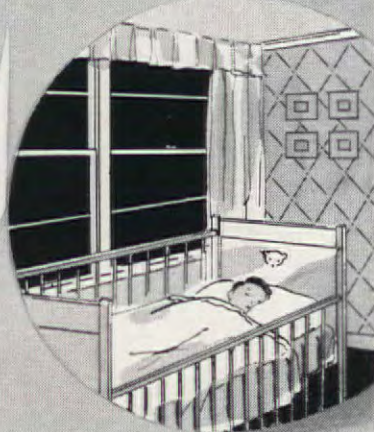
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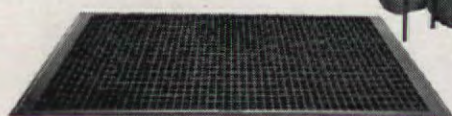
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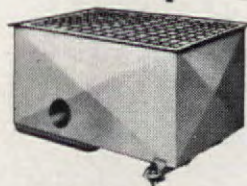
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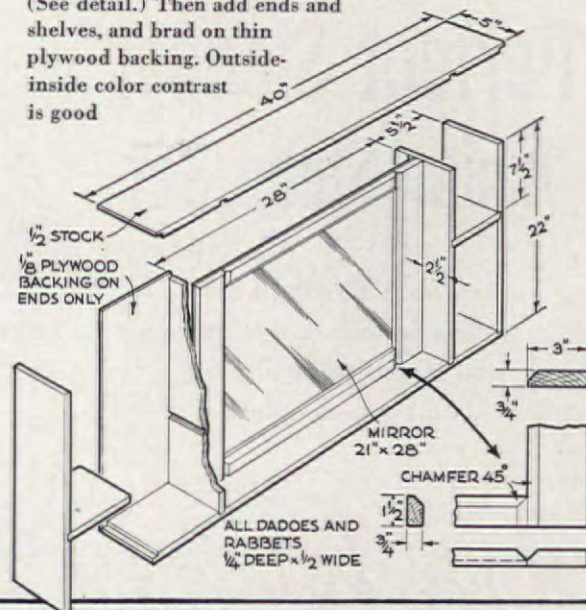
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With thumb and fingers, gently "curl" heads and beards of wheat stalks that have been sprayed with white paint; this is to give them rhythmic lines



Place wheat stems—cut to proper lengths—so the heads form an S curve from left to right down through focal point of arrangement, as shown in the color picture on page 56

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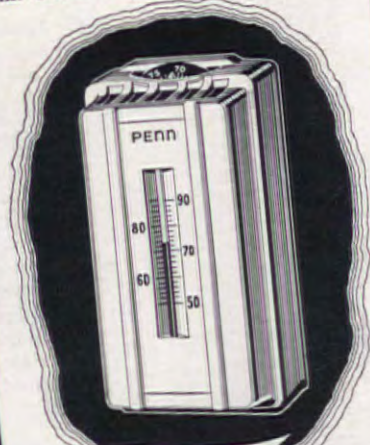
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Shopping for a Lawn

(Begins on page 30)

your location, climate, soil conditions,
and objectives. And then, when you
buy, be sure the seed is good. "Low-
quality seed," says Prof. M. T. Munn
of New York, after years of study and
observation, "and the use of heavy
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to wreck lawns than anything else."

We'll assume that what you want is
a good-looking, thick, tough turf that
will withstand normal use and, pos-
sibly, some abuse; that will crowd out
weeds, and resist the diseases that
grasses are heir to—and this with only
a reasonable amount of attention. If
you have in mind a close-cropped,
velvety, immaculate surface like that
of a putting green, well, you can
achieve it—but only by using special
kinds of grass, investing heavily in
soil preparation, and giving your lawn
constant, meticulous care: regular
watering, feeding, sweeping, rolling,
etc. You will have to use the finest,
most expensive strains of bent grass
and, if they are to be happy and do
their best, you will have to be located
in the rather limited geographical
regions shown on the map on page 30.

But if you want just a good, enjoy-
able lawn, you will use a mixture of
two to several grasses whose differing
characteristics fit in with and supple-
ment one another. The mixture will
include, for example, first, a long-
lived main or base grass which can
be expected to dominate and make
your lawn in due course, but which
will be slow to start and reach vigor-
ous maturity. The aristocratic bent
grasses are of this type. So is the
splendid, all-purpose Kentucky blue
grass (which is the backbone of most
good mixtures for the greater part of
the United States); also Chewings or
red fescue, which is a bit less partic-
ular as to its environment.

Next, there will be included some
quicker growing, but shorter lived,
variety to act as a "nurse grass," oc-
cupy the ground while the other is
coming along, and provide cooling,
moisture-conserving shade. Here red-
top and the rye grasses play their
part, then give way to the star per-
former after a few years. White
clover, though not a grass, is some-
times used in this way by those who
don't object to its ungrass-like foliage
and (if it is not cut frequently) its
little white blossoms. However, clover
is unpredictable, sometimes coming
in even though not sown, and then
disappearing just as unexpectedly.

The mixture may also include some
special-purpose grass, such as Canada
or rough blue grass, creeping fescue,
or one of the southern or dry land
species, each adapted to withstand a
particularly difficult condition of heat,
shade, sandy or heavy soil, etc.

A fourth type of grass, including
timothy, orchard grass, and other per-
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Shopping for a Lawn

(Begins on page 30)

fectly good hay and pasture kinds, is often represented in low-price commercial lawn-seed mixtures. Its function is to provide bulk, start quickly when planted, and thus suggest good value. Actually, unless you are seeding for a field or paddock, you will save money and avoid disappointment by leaving such grasses out of any mixture you buy or make up. For you can, if you wish, buy your grasses separately by name and mix them yourself—always *before* sowing. However, as a rule, you will again save time, trouble, and money by buying (from a reputable source) a mixture recommended for your locality by a grass-seed specialty firm or the horticultural specialist at your State Agricultural Experiment Station. It will usually contain from 25 or 30 to 80 per cent of one of the base grasses, and one or two from the second and third groups. If you are in the South and, as is commonly done there, start a lawn of all Bermuda grass, you will probably be advised to sow rye grass on top of it in the fall; this will grow quickly and supply a green winter effect while the Bermuda goes into its state of straw-colored suspended animation. This companion planting system is not necessary if Zoysia is used where the winter is not cold enough to brown it. However, although both the japonica and the less hardy matrella species of Zoysia are proving satisfactory summer grasses well up into the temperate Zone 2, they do turn yellow when frost comes and remain so until spring definitely arrives.

The grasses in the table fall into two other groups on the basis of how they are planted. Most of them are seeded, but a few must be started from stolons or bits of underground stem or runner, made by chopping up sods or pulling them apart. These are broadcast and raked in or, as usually done with Zoysia, the divisions or "plugs" are planted a few inches apart to spread and cover the area in a few years. Also the growth habit of a grass influences the way it should be mowed. If it spreads by runners or rhizomes, it can be cut rather close— $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 in. If, like blue grass, red-top, etc., it does not spread this way, it should not be cut lower than 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and 2 in. is better if it is to do its best and successfully withstand inevitable invasions by weeds.

When you have chosen your grasses, remember to: Prepare your soil thoroughly in advance—you'll never have as good a chance again. Sow your seed in fall (late September) if possible—otherwise as early in spring as the soil can be worked. Cut high. When water is needed, soak well. Roll rarely, if at all. Feed moderately in fall and early spring. Aim to keep weeds out rather than get them out after they get in.

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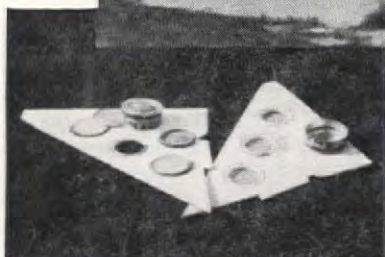
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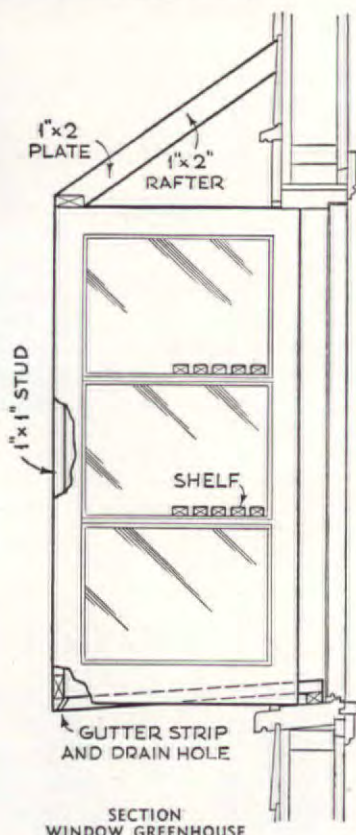
Individual window greenhouses were of glass, plastic screen, and plywood on light wood frames hung against house wall. Plywood gable ends (above glass) were pierced with three ventilation holes which could be closed with paint-can covers when desired. Note construction details

Idea from R. W. Pratt

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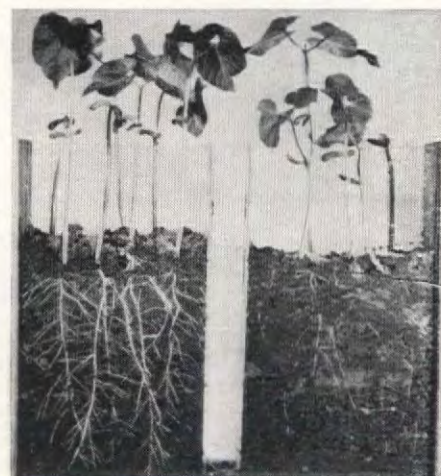
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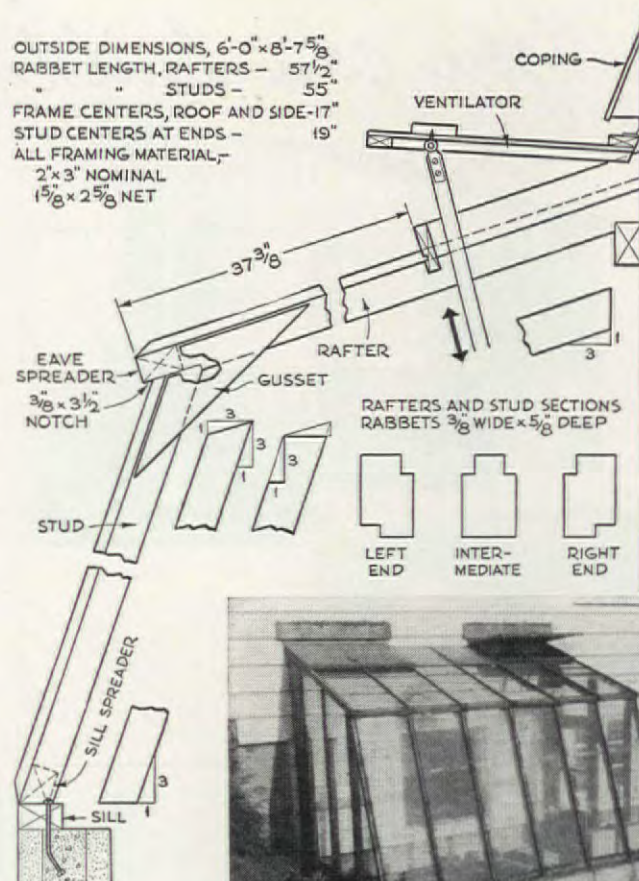
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Greenhouses You Can Build

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Compare photograph and framing-detail sketches to understand the simple construction of this 6 x 8 ft. greenhouse. Dimensions could be varied for use of different size glass or to meet special conditions

A woman made this one



I know that almost anyone can have a hobby greenhouse at the cost of a little effort, because my 8 x 12 ft. pride and joy was almost entirely a one-woman-power job and cost only about \$215 complete, including a 3 1/2 x 6 1/2 ft. coldframe. My never-ending joy in the flowers I grow there is increased by the knowledge that I had a major share in building it. After my husband startled me one May evening by saying he was going to build me a greenhouse during his July vacation, we made plans for a lean-to

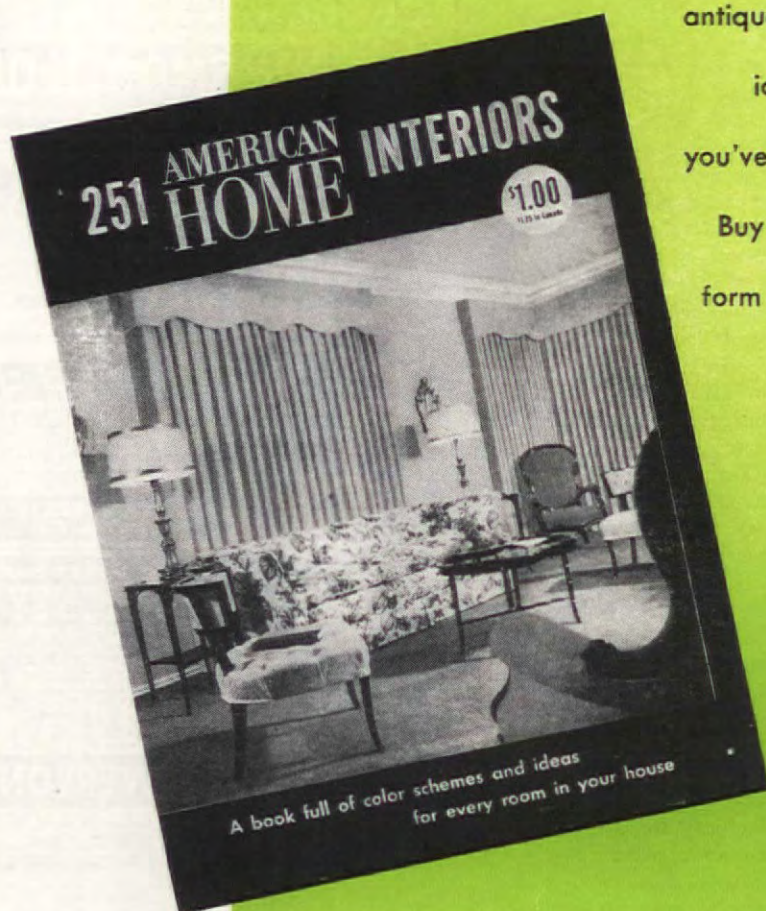
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type to be attached to the south side of the house. The kitchen windows being 7 ft. from the ground allowed enough pitch for most of the roof, but to make it clear a third window we had to pitch the last 3 ft. of the roof at right angles to the main section.

In July, with the ground cleared and a 12 x 12 in. trench dug for the foundation, Jim started work. But in trying to economize by mixing the cement, he ruptured a disc in his back and consequently spent five weeks in bed and ten months in a brace.

There was the waiting trench, my desire for a greenhouse was overwhelming, but the prospects were dark—and that's where the woman-power came in. Before taking to his bed, Jim had collected at the building site cement blocks, a supply of used 16 x 18 in. glass, and used roof-bars of the two-groove type (one to hold the glass, the other to carry off water of condensation or leakage). So while grandmother watched our two boys (1 and 3½), grandfather (76) and I built the foundation wall 32 in. (4 blocks) high. Then I bolted the 2 x 6 in. plates to the blocks, set up the corner posts, nailed the framing to the stuccoed house wall (with the aid of a star drill), attached the top plates, and put the roof- and side-bars in place. I must admit having had some help—in putting the heavy glazed ventilator (another "used" item) in the roof, in painting, and in building the benches. For glazing, I recommend a caulking gun. My putty-knife job keeps rain and wind out, but the result was more workable than neat.

To permit proper roof pitch, the door had to be shorter than standard so I had it and the coldframe sash made at a cost of \$22. Piping water in (from the nearby kitchen) cost only \$10.50, and an electric light and extra outlet were installed for \$5, using mostly materials that were on hand. Providing heat was a little more expensive. Our home is heated by hot air and, though we were told that this was not suitable for a greenhouse, it was the only practical method for us—and it has worked very well. I rerouted the pipe that ran to the kitchen out through the basement window to the greenhouse, into which the warm air is pulled by a fan in the end of the pipe. Controlled by a thermostat, this assures me a night temperature of 60 degrees. The entire arrangement cost \$50.95.

Both thermostat and heating pipe are in the western end of the greenhouse where my fourteen orchid plants bloom from October until June. There also are my cutting bench, a dwarf lemon tree, and various other heat-loving plants. Fortunately, but quite by accident, the opposite end runs 10 degrees cooler—which is fine for such things as stock,



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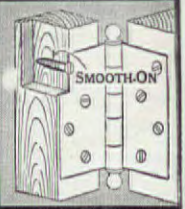
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which refuses to set buds at anything higher than 50 degrees.

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As a necessary adjunct to the greenhouse, I first dug an 18-in.-deep pit in which spring-flowering bulbs spend their 10- to 12-weeks' storage period. Last year, I more than doubled my coldframe space—but still I need more, for it is not only essential to the full use of a greenhouse, but also exceedingly useful by itself. For the second frame I used scrap lumber and three surplus 41½ x 40 in. window sash. My latest addition is a camellia-gardenia shelter which cost about \$15. Although, in our part of Tennessee, camellias are hardy, most winters are cold enough to freeze the flowers of the mid-season (December to March) varieties. So, outside one basement window, I built an 88 x 44 in. frame, 28 in. high at the back and 24 in. in front, and covered it with two plexiglass sash. When freezing weather threatens, I close the sash tight and open the basement window.

It is fun to garden, but how much more fun it is to see snow outside while inside there is still a riot of color to look at, and a riot of fragrance to smell! It is fun for me to know that I built most of my greenhouse myself. But best of all, perhaps, on those problem days when everything goes wrong, nothing can so quickly restore my serenity and confidence as a trip to the greenhouse to pot up some bulbs, to transplant some tiny seedlings, or just to stand there, look about, and discover a new bud or blossom or other miracle of beauty. This great hobby is within reach of anyone with some expendable man—or even, woman-power.

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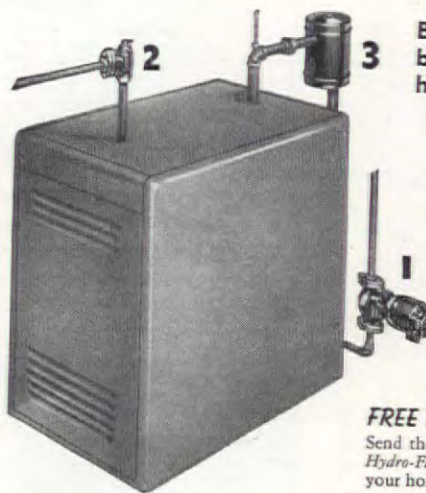
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After you have found the leaks in the chimney, cut out the cracks so they can be patched. Cutting out can be done with hammer and cold chisel, but be careful not to damage the surrounding bricks and mortar joints



When damaged mortar has been removed, clean out the opening, wet down edges of surrounding masonry, and pack joint with mortar—one part Portland cement and three parts sand, or ready-mixed mortar sold at hardware stores



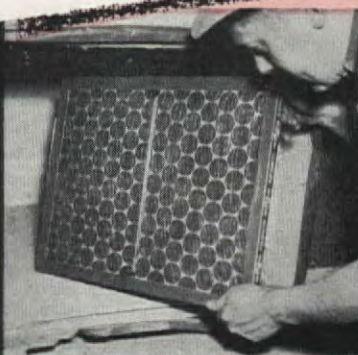
Be sure oil-burner motor is cleaned and properly oiled. If manufacturer's oiling instructions are not handy, fill oil cups with $\frac{1}{2}$ 10 motor oil. Refill cups one hour after first filling. Keep oil off electrical wiring

How to get your Heating Plant

A physical checkup is as important
for your heating system as for you.



Dirt and compound are removed when boiler is cold by opening drain valve at base and flushing inside of boiler with a garden hose held to various boiler openings after fittings have been removed



Filters on forced-warm-air heating systems should be cleaned or replaced at the start of the heating season. While you're at it, brush down the blades of the blower and remove dirt from filter housing



Efficiency of warm-air system can be increased if air ducts are wrapped with asbestos paper. Two layers will do, and the paper can be held in place with lengths of wire. Inside of ducts should be cleaned by vacuuming



Pipe insulation is slit down one side so it can be slipped around pipe and secured with metal bands. Return line on two-pipe steam system requires no insulation as this would delay the steam condensing into water



Breaks in pipe insulation or areas around valves and fittings should be patched with asbestos cement. Wet down surrounding insulation, mix dry asbestos cement with water and apply to damaged area with a trowel



Noises in the heating system are often caused by pipes that are not properly supported, have sagged at some point, or don't slant down from radiator to boiler. Use a level and see that they have the proper pitch



Dirty chimney (a serious fire hazard) can be cleaned with a burlap bag weighted with stone or metal, filled with sawdust or excelsior. Dirt and soot can be removed through clean-out door at chimney base

Check to be sure that stovepipe from furnace does not extend into chimney flu as this will spoil chimney draft. Make a tight joint between stove pipe and chimney thimble with asbestos cement or furnace cement

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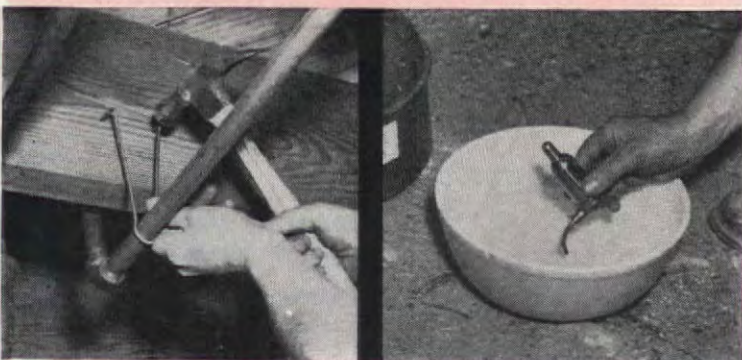


Dirty boiler water should be changed in fall, never in spring. If boiler water is exceptionally dirty, add boiler-cleaning compound after refilling. Allow boiler to operate a few times, then drain



Be sure that all warm-air ducts slant up from the furnace to the registers. If they have sagged so they have a downward slope, they will not deliver heat properly. Wire or metal bands can be used to fasten them securely

Hot-water pipes and steam lines should be incased with asbestos air-cell insulation to prevent heat loss. Insulation comes in 36" lengths to fit standard-size pipes. It can be cut easily with a knife

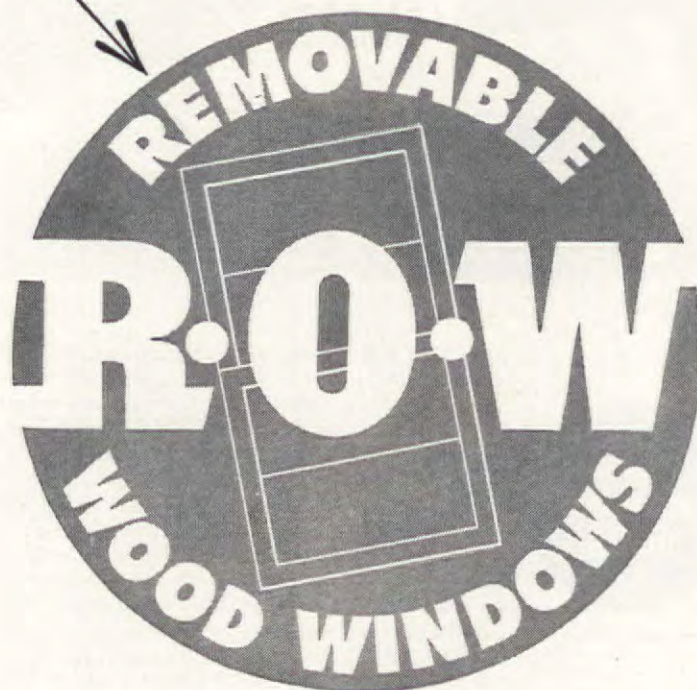


The pipes can be secured to the ceiling joists with one of several different kinds of pipe supports. Unless they are securely fastened, even the domestic hot-water pipes will pound when a faucet is opened

Steam radiators may fail to heat because air valve is stuck. Remove valve and soak in white gasoline which softens dirt and oil inside valve

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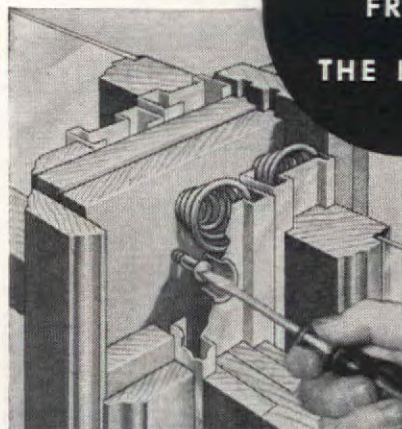


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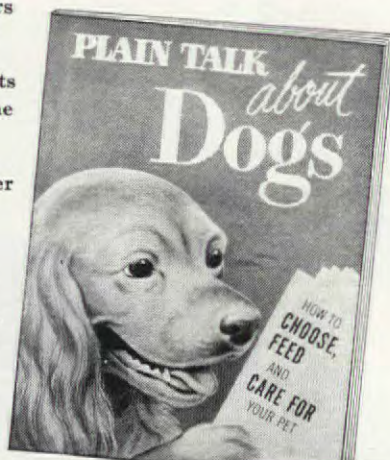
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The Heating Plant

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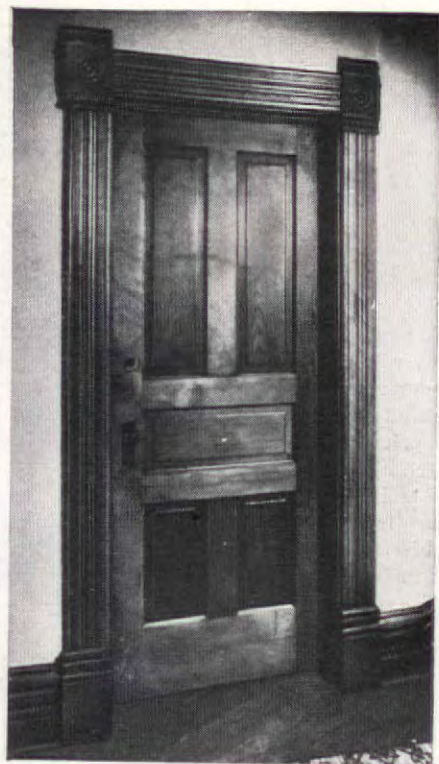
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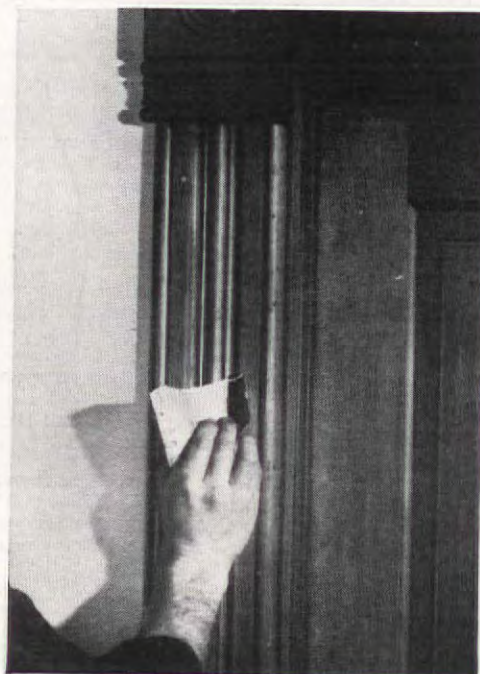
How to Bring Woodwork Up To Date

You don't need "piano finish," but you do want a smooth job. With hammer and finishing nails, go over all trim. Fill open nail holes and other blemishes with water-mix putty or wood plastic. Use good professional's tools



If new finish doesn't stick to the old, it will chip—so scuff up the old finish with sandpaper (0 grade is fine enough). Garnet sandpaper costs a little more, lasts longer, and clogs less rapidly. Unless old finish is badly marred, this sanding can be merely a once-over-lightly. Think big to make the job small—buy plenty of sandpaper, and buy your paint-and-varnish remover by the gallon if you're doing the whole house

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Bring Woodwork Up To Date

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Dark stain will bleed through if you just paint over it. For light colors, don't sand stain away—seal it in with aluminum primer or alcohol-base sealer which flows smoothly and should be applied freely to make ideal bleed-proof base for the undercoat and enamel. For transparent finishes, use stain remover first



Let sealer dry: 4 hours for alcohol-base; 24 hours in warm, dry weather for aluminum. Then apply enamel undercoat which makes flat base, good under enamel. Tint undercoat to approximately final shade. If first sanding smoothed woodwork and there is no serious dust between sealer and undercoat, you need not sand again before enameling. For semi-gloss instead of high gloss, add some undercoat to final enamel coat



Modern Finishes for Old Woodwork

All are easy, and here's how to make each one work like magic to transform your out-of-date dark woodwork into a conversation piece.

ENAMEL: A quick sanding and puttying, a coat of stain-sealer if old trim was stained. Then enamel undercoat and enamel. For semi-gloss finish, mix final coat of enamel half-and-half with undercoat. White is popular, so is "off-white" made by adding a touch of raw umber—but why not use a pale tint to match your walls?

WIPING STAIN: Unlike old-time stains of wood tones, these are colors—white, pale greens, etc. Take off old finish, bleach out stain, and lighten wood at same time. Then brush on wiping stain, let it penetrate a few minutes, and wipe it off. Pigment clings to softer grain, but harder grain wipes nearly clean. Dealers stock stains in some colors, but you can make your own by diluting enamel of right color with equal amount of paint thinner.

PIGMENTED VARNISH: When old finish is removed and wood is bleached if necessary, use varnish to which you add some pigment of any color you desire. Use one coat, then wax—or use two coats. You can buy color in tubes, or match your wall by mixing with varnish a little of the paint used on your walls. "Measured quantity colors" available in decorator shades, stir in more easily. Use only a very small amount of pigment, and stir it well with the varnish. If you use two coats, mix in even less pigment.

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Many remedies have been tried with little success. But a neighborhood association in Montclair, N.J., has devised one that seems to have worked. As reported in *The Shade Tree* (published by the New Jersey Federation of Shade Tree Commissions at Kearny, N.J.), it is based on the starlings' fear of owls.

First, 41 papier-mâché owls (used by crow hunters as decoys) were bought for \$1.98 each from a mail-order house, wired to 7-ft. poles, and lashed well up in the branches of the trees to which the birds had taken a liking. Then an association member borrowed a lot of records of the hooting of owls and several phonographs which were placed on nearby porches and beneath the owl-decked trees in charge of cooperating homeowners.

"At first," reports *The Shade Tree* in telling of the first evening's test, "the starlings just seemed startled when they returned to their dormitories; they flew off in groups, maybe 500 of them, and dived at the owls; then they went away and roosted in unadorned trees nearby. But the scheme worked after all, for the starlings that were not frightened by the owls' big staring eyes soon had their nerves worn to a frazzle by the hooting phonograph records. . . . Oddly, the ordinary stay-at-home birds paid no attention to the owls or the records, and soon all 41 owl-populated trees were without starling lodgers."

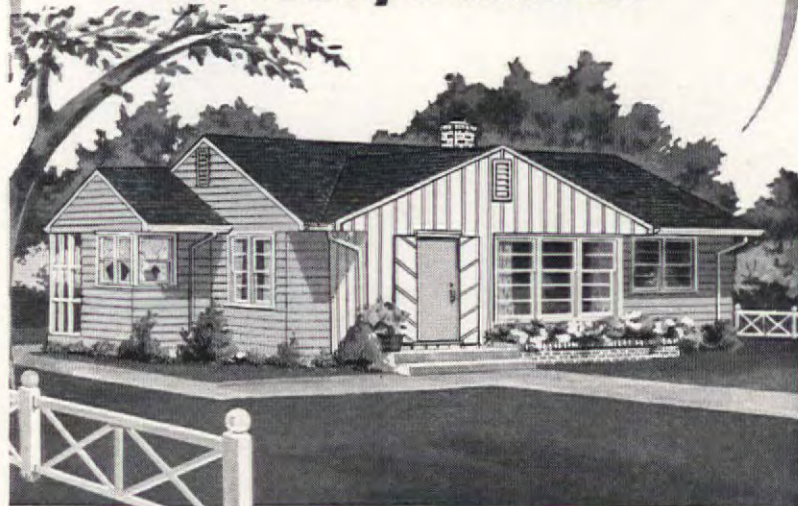
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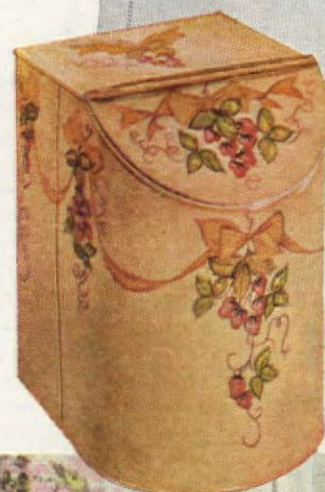
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Take One

A single motif

Here is where we found our
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and jaunty ribbons—on an
old spice canister whose
graceful shape they
enhance. We decided that
they could embellish many
another object, too, so we
made them into American
Home Pattern 1441 for you



Did you ever see anything daintier than the set of matching cloth and curtains decked out with borders of our pet pattern? It lends itself so well to use as a repeat pattern, knowingly curved at the corners, and can be adapted to fit borders of any size. We applied it with textile paint to sheer white organdy, the cloth with a large 12-in. hem, and so beautifully mitered at the corners!

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 116

THE AMERICAN HOME, SEPTEMBER, 19

Pattern

can be a house's theme song

—here are many ways to employ one

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

When a good decorative motif catches your eye, let your imagination lead you on—nine times out of ten, it can be adapted beautifully to many uses. We first saw these strawberries with their ribbon garlands on an old spice box where they seemed so right, so ideally proportioned for that piece. Yet the design is so suited to almost anything you can think of, that we turned it into AMERICAN HOME Pattern 1441 which gives full directions for applying it with different mediums to different materials. Textile paints were used for mats, cloth, and curtains; tube oils for the canister; and for the coffee maker, a special enamel which you bake in your oven to make the design long-lasting despite hot water.

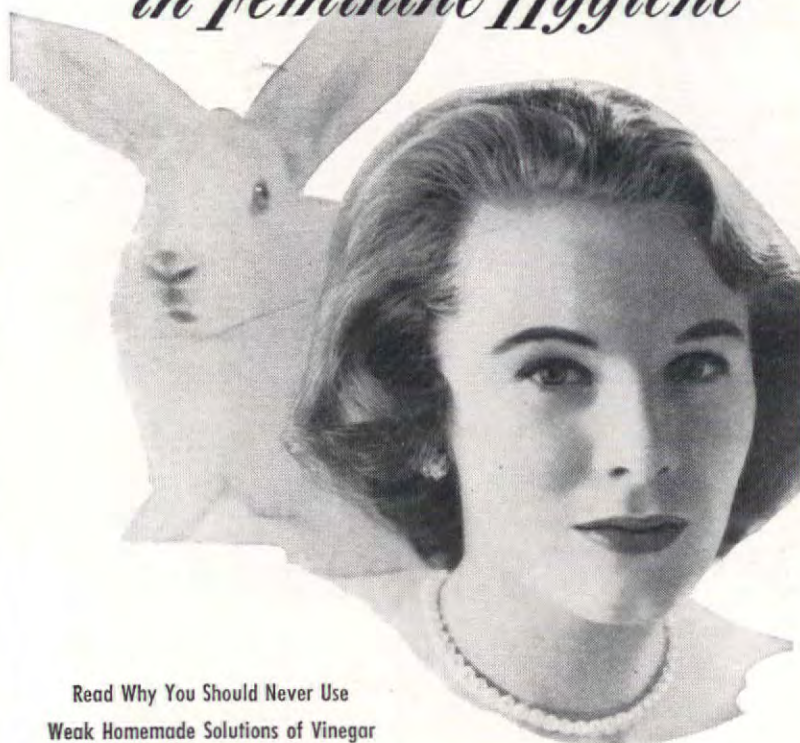
You'll find dozens of other places to apply it. For instance, why not use it as a window border, or on a window shade, or on one of the new small-slat blinds? You might try it over a dado or bed, paint it on kitchen cabinets or furniture. It would make a fine floor border, or, in a larger scale, a lovely theme for a hooked rug. You could even paint it on an apron, or a skirt, or a blouse. Our patterns are made to guide you, but your own inventiveness will suggest new adventures in adaptation. See Pattern Order Form on page 116.

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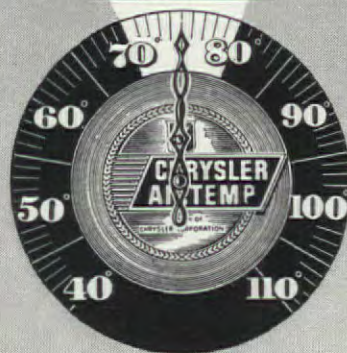
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Pages 54, 55: Terra-cotta covered casserole, "Dru Iron," Evans International; cloth, "As You Like It," Sandalwood, Ellison & Spring; platter, bowls, salt and pepper, "Bantu," Denwar; carving set, Robeson Cutlery Co.; pyrex pie plate, Owens Corning; copper hot plate, Jenfred-Ware.

PLACE AND SHOW

Page 56: Table, Chamois finish, Grand Rapids Bookcase & Chair Co.; dinnerware, "Contemporary White" and "Terra Cotta," Raymor Modern Stoneware, designed by Ben Seibel, Roseville; tumbler, "Flair," Libbey Glass; silver, "Hannah Hull," Tuttle Silver Company; linen, "Color-flax," John Matouk; Olde Thompson Pepper Mills, "Desert Rose," The George S. Thompson Corp.; Dazey cage flower holder.

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Story and drawing by C. B. Colby

According to Webster, a mole is (1) a burrowing insectivore of the Talpidae family; (2) a massive work of masonry used as a breakwater. If he had ever had moles in his front lawn, he would probably have added other, less complimentary definitions. Certainly, I could suggest several. However, I have also found a solution for the mole problem that I want to tell about.

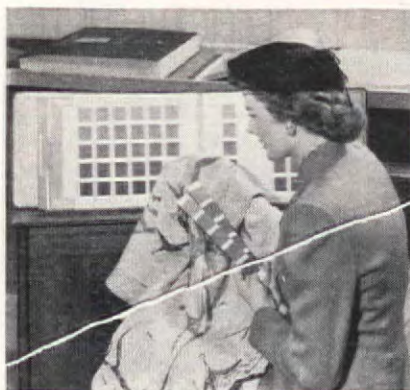
When those bumpy tunnels began to make a mess of what I hesitantly call my lawn, I bought various mole poisons and planted them in the runs. Finding no new traces of the critters next morning, I thought success was mine. But by evening they were back. Apparently they loved the stuff and were looking for more, for they dug more enthusiastically than ever. Next I tried spiked traps, but I guess I didn't have the knack; the only damage they did was to the lawn, plus some pinched fingers, scraped knuckles, and almost-pierced toes. Even when I found the trap sprung, and dug gleefully into the run, the little victim wasn't there. I visualized a message saying (in Molish) "Spring trap to give the guy thrill, then detour either side!"

By this time, the monsters were on my mind at all hours. When I should have been typing or drawing, I'd catch myself staring vacantly about my den seeking a solution. One afternoon, doing just that, I glanced from aircraft models to archery tackle and . . . Hey! what was that? . . . Archery? Bows and arrows? . . . Well, how about stalking my garden enemies with my hunting bow? So I went on safari with the longbow every evening for a while. But whatever the hour, whenever I was there, the moles weren't. Then one night, wakened by a coughing spell, I got to thinking about those four-legged steam shovels. Even now, I thought, they may be at work. My watch said 2:30. Well, what of it? So I fumbled into bathrobe and slippers, grabbed a flashlight, sneaked downstairs, took my bow, strung it, chose a couple of extra-long-headed arrows and slipped out onto the lawn.

Now, I've hunted deer and all kinds of small game, but I don't think my heart ever pounded harder than it did that night. Walking softly, I swept the flashlight beam over the mole-made ridges. AHA! At the end of a brand-new tunnel, the sod was humping up as I watched, cracking along the middle of the ridge. This was it! I stuck the spare arrow behind one ear, gripped the light between my knobby knees, drew a bead on the ridge of cracking sod—and let fly. . . . The steel-headed arrow went six inches into the ground—and no detour. Success at last! That night I wrote *finis* to two destructive careers; the next night I got a third miscreant, and I've seen no more. My lawn is again a reasonable, pounded-down example of what it was or should be—thanks to one of Man's most primitive weapons. . . . But I wonder what would have happened had some neighbor or constable seen me in my yard at 2:30 A.M. in my pajamas, clutching bow, arrows, and flashlight. The town has put up with considerable from me, but that might have been the last straw, instead of the last Talpid.

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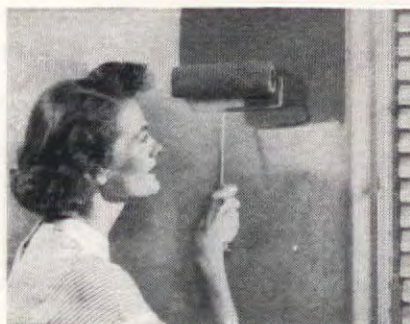
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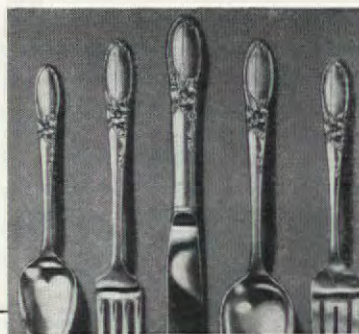
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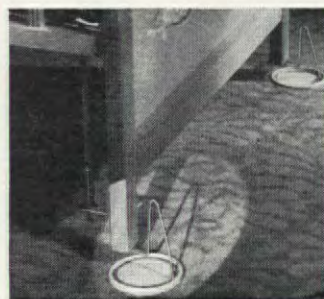
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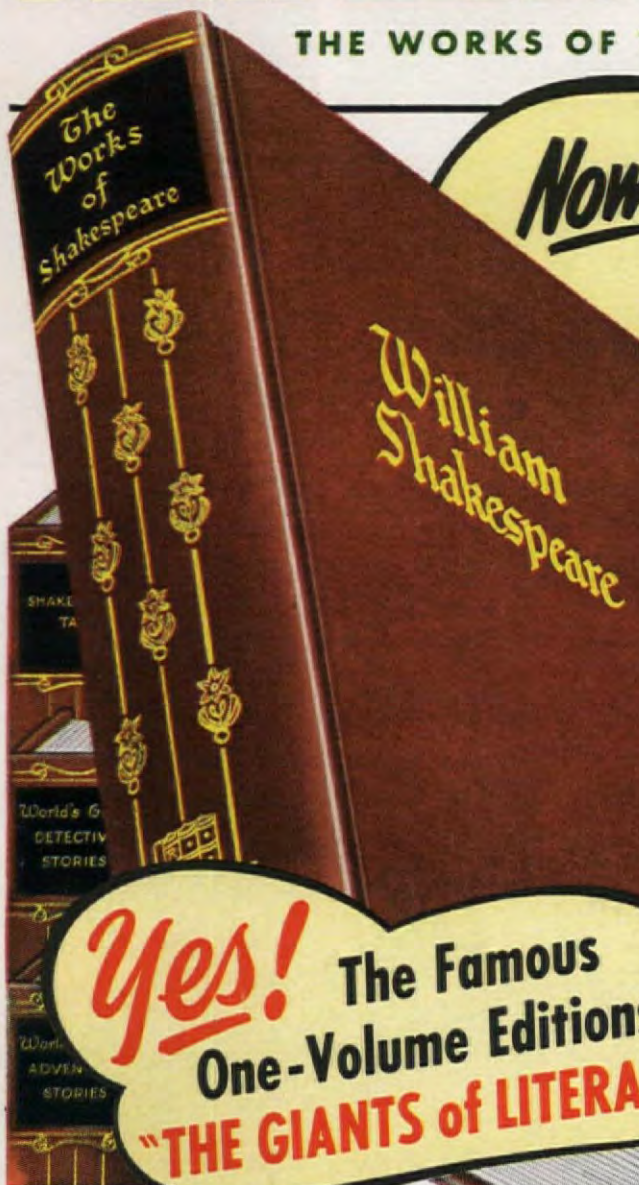


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