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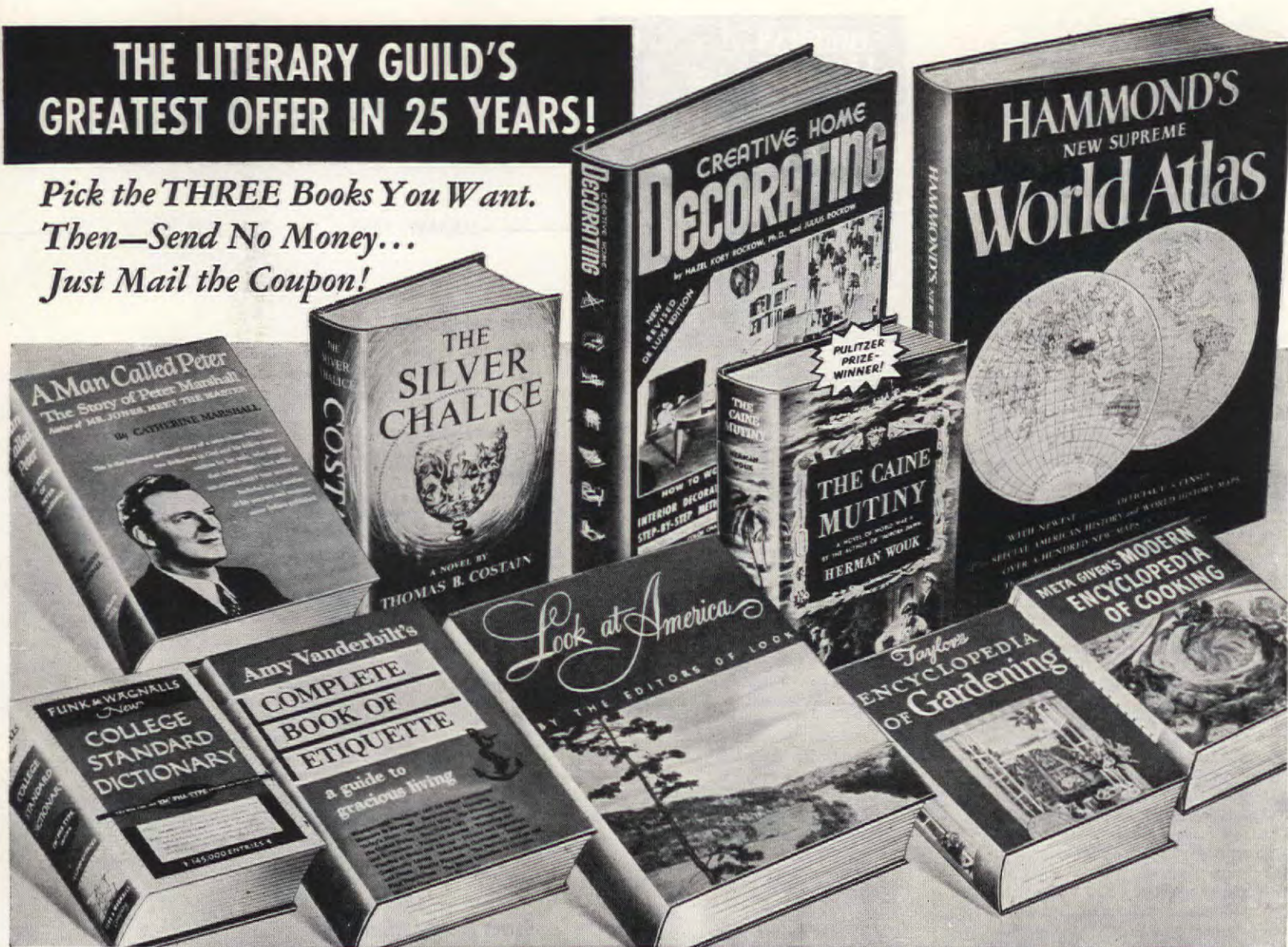
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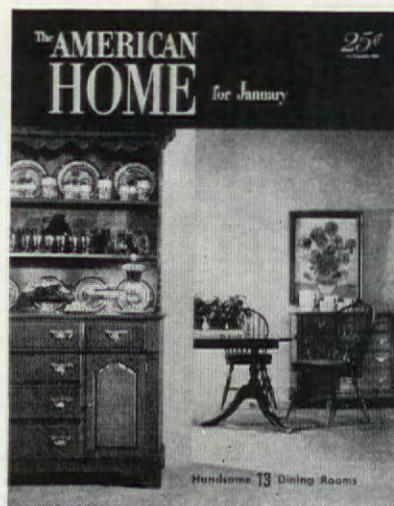
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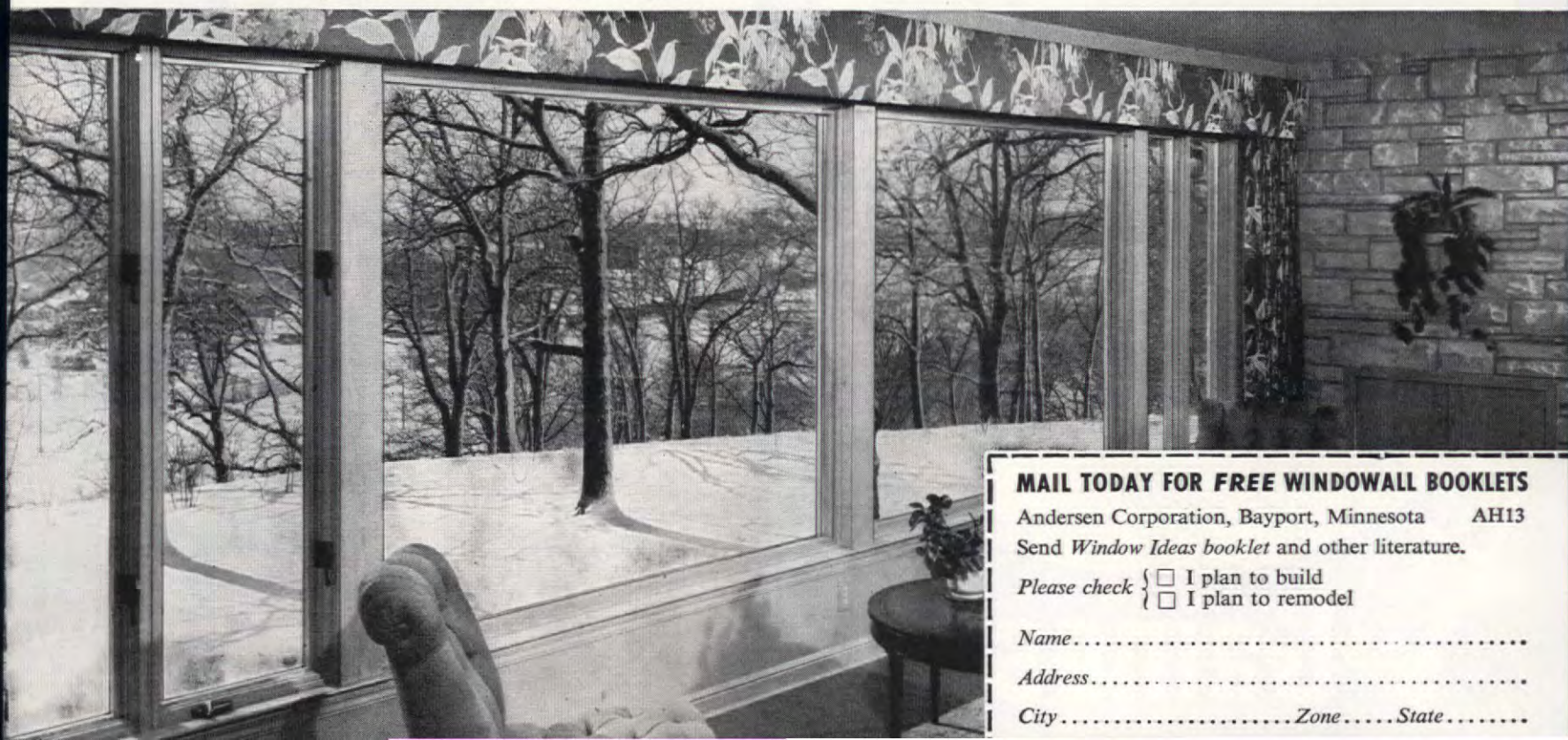
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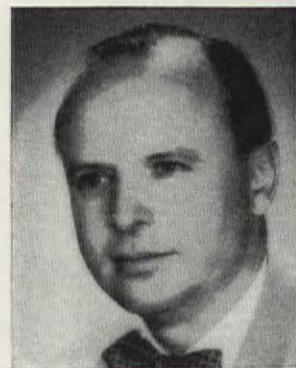


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... **MRS. JOSEPH F. KERN** (better known to our readers as Mary Griffin) is an **AMERICAN HOME** alumna, now a full-time homemaker and mother of recently arrived Joe Jr. The Kerns had a wonderful time decorating their new home in Garden City, L.I., the bedroom of which we show on page 78. Mrs. Kern says that Little Joe should grow up to be nothing less than a publisher, between herself and Big Joe, who is also in the magazine field.



... **ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN**, recently appointed our Merchandise & Field Editor, joined **THE AMERICAN HOME** 2 years ago as an associate in the decorating dept. Educated at the U. of Iowa and the Cummings School of Art in Des Moines, he came to N.Y. 7 years ago because his brother did. (His brother came because Bob did.) Bob "scouts" out-of-town homes, supervises studio and field photography, and edits much of the news-merchandise features.

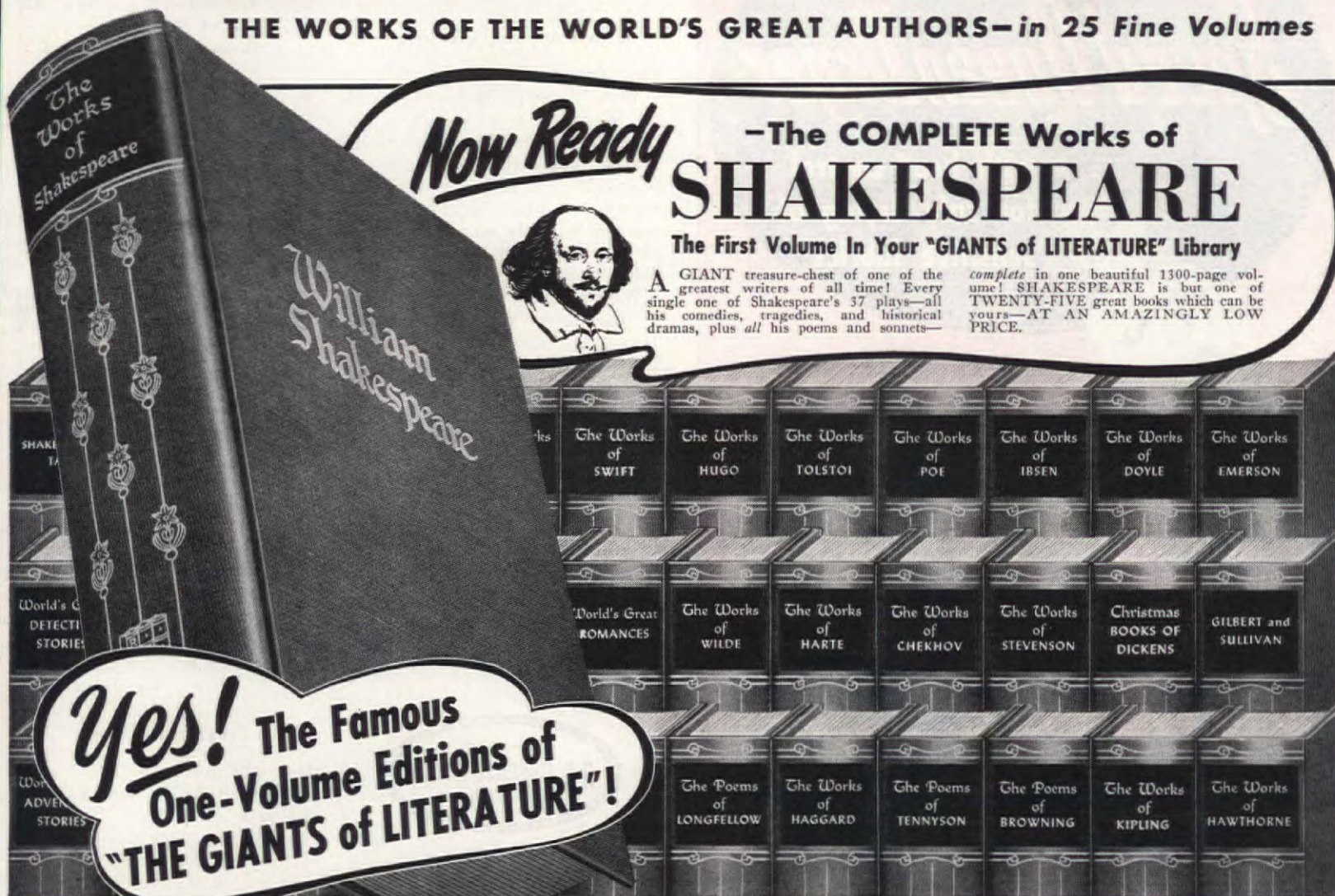


... **MRS. HAROLD RUBEN** not only collects Meissen china (page 50), but has been an avid "antiquer" ever since she can remember. Her collection began when she asked members of her family for their very old furniture and dishes, and since then she has added pieces she and her husband found on two 10,000-mile trips through the U.S. and Canada. She is a native of Los Angeles, and her parents and grandparents have lived there for at least 100 years.



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—SYLVA M. BROWN



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Dear Editor:

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eastern Oregon sagebrush and blanketed Indians. We may even find Jap.—ROBERT O. LEONARD
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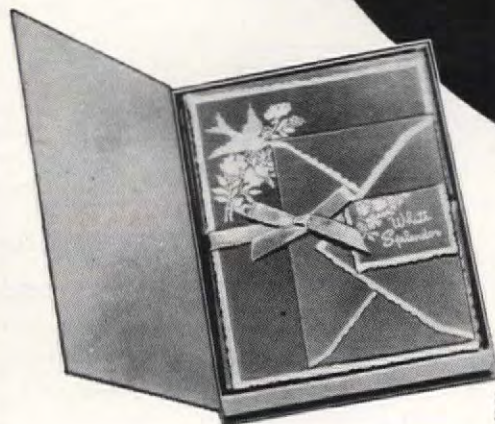
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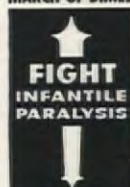
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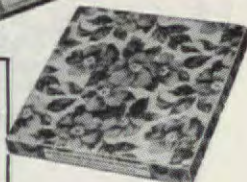
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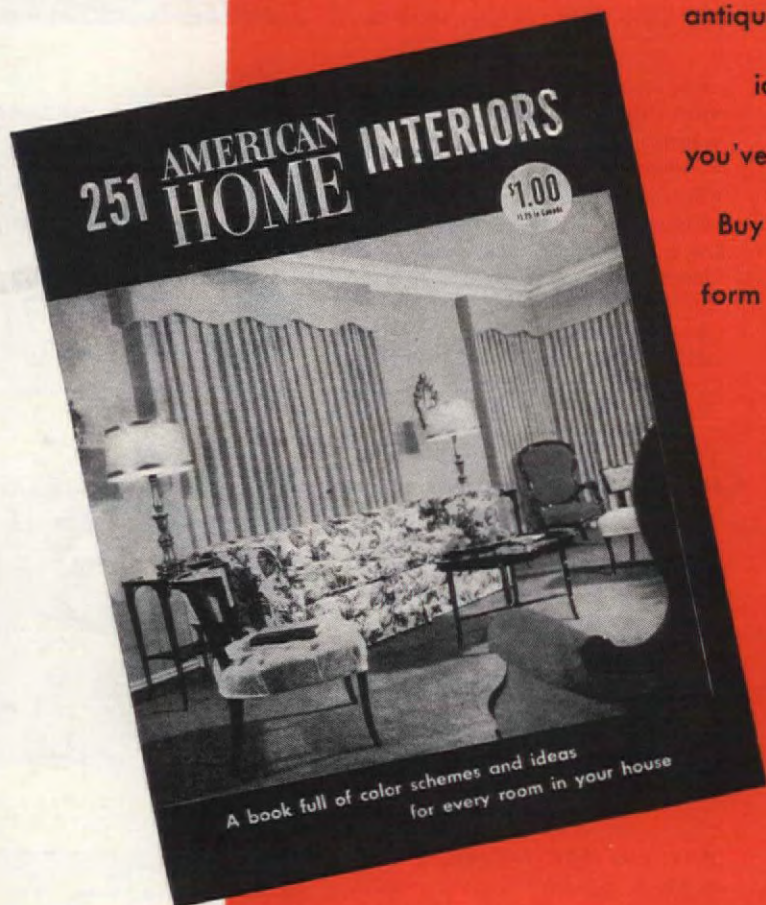
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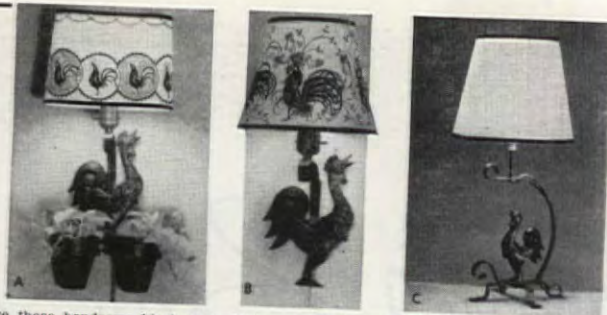
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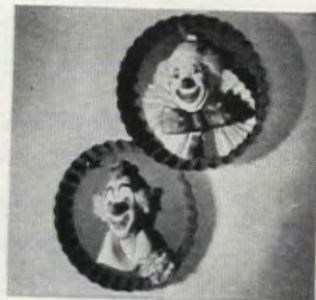
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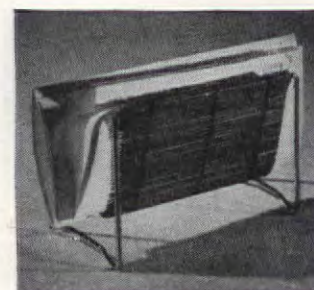
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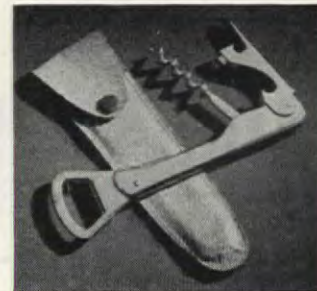
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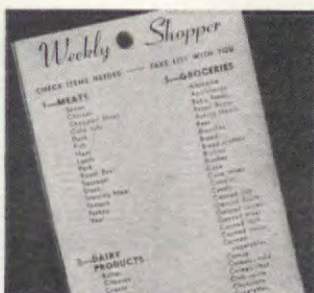
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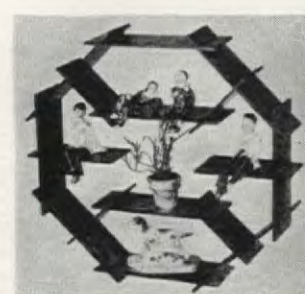
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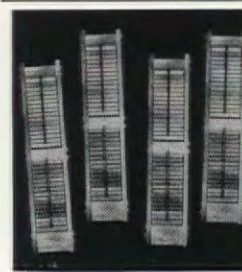


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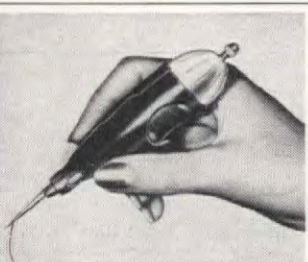
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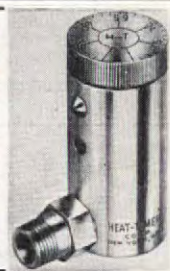
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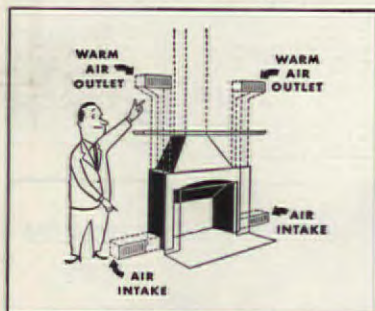
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Make Money at Home by Marjorie O'Shaughnessy. (Homecrafts) Price \$3.00. . . This little book fairly bulges with ideas on making money at home with little or no cash investment. It reviews the entire procedure from an analysis of your qualifications, to the technical problems involved in setting up a small home

business, to the best ways of marketing your product. It includes many legal and technical pointers valuable to the home businessman.

The Art of Entertaining by Blanche Halle. (Grosset & Dunlap) Price \$1.50. . . A comprehensive guide for the hostess, including almost every entertainment problem you can think of. Beside the etiquette of certain types of dinners and parties, there are pointers on entertaining overnight and week-end guests, how to cope with young guests, and even suggestions for pre- and post-wedding festivities. Also included is a section on how to be a good guest.

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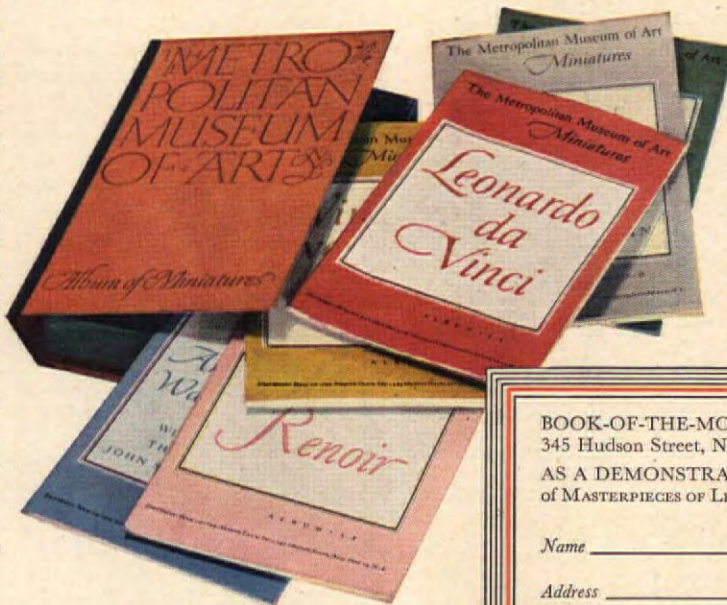
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A few years ago the town fathers of Atlanta, Ill. (pop. 1,300), gave their community a "memorial for the living." It is a fine old house located a bit out from the business district, and known as the Eminence Memorial Home. Under the supervision of Atlanta's Park Recreation Board, Eminence's 13 rooms house all kinds of community, cultural, and recreational activities. Eleven organizations, including civic clubs and the Scouts, hold their regularly scheduled meetings here, and the house's facilities are always open to worth-while civic projects.

It's a memorial to the present instead of the past. And just recently, it started playing an important role in the future of the town as well. For it now houses a kindergarten—a constructive and public-minded one which should make good citizens of Atlanta's small fry. About 22 children are enrolled now, with promise of more.

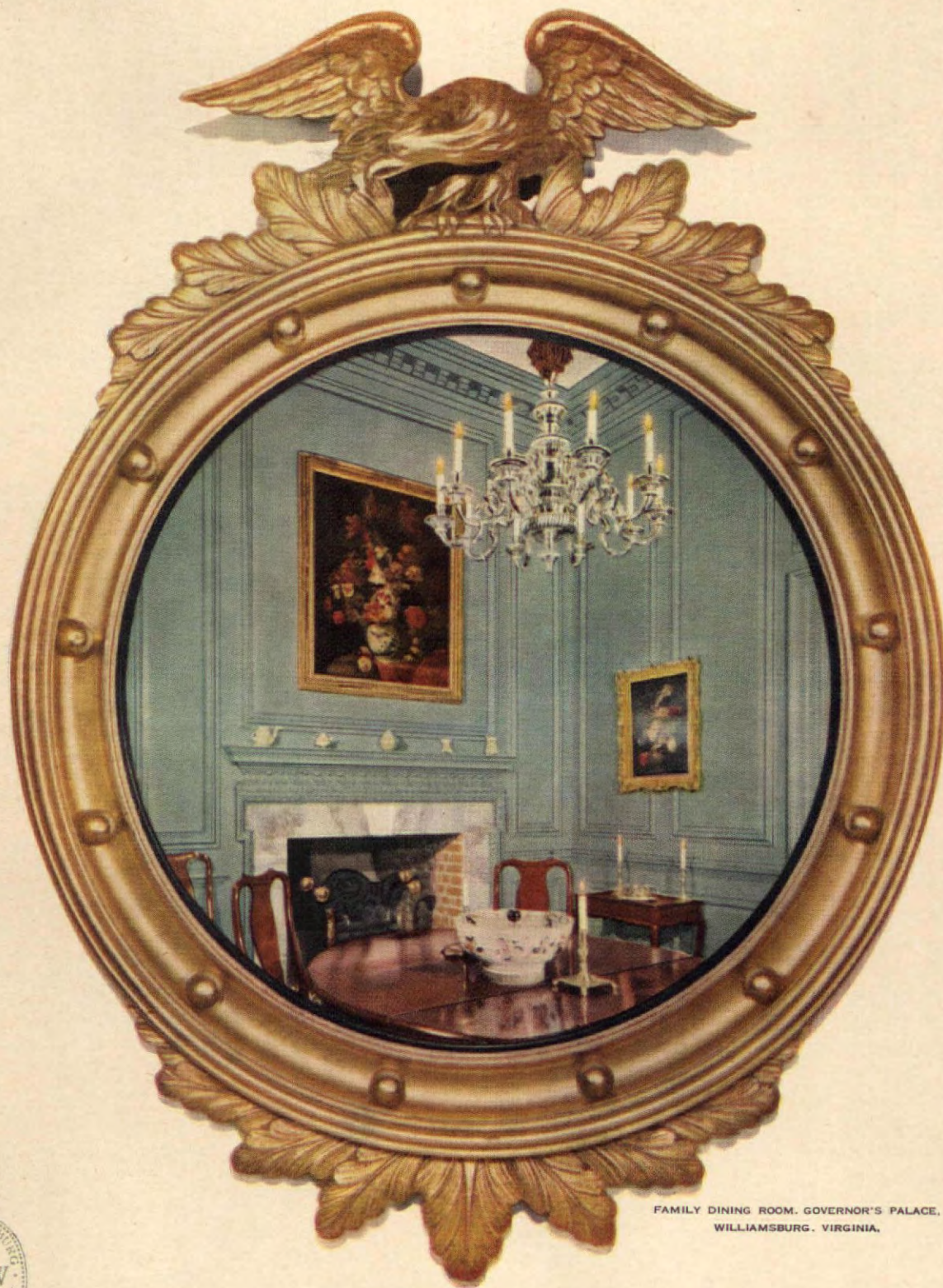
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Scoutmaster George W. Brock gives the Boy Scout cooking class a chalk talk, for Scouts must learn early to cook

Now, towns of this size are often kindergarten-less. Atlanta was, and its grade school just couldn't accommodate one. So a group of mothers got together and took their problem to the Park Recreation Board. Privately financed classes, held in the spacious, well heated basement of Eminence, seemed to be the answer. And a competent primary teacher and assistant were interviewed and approved.

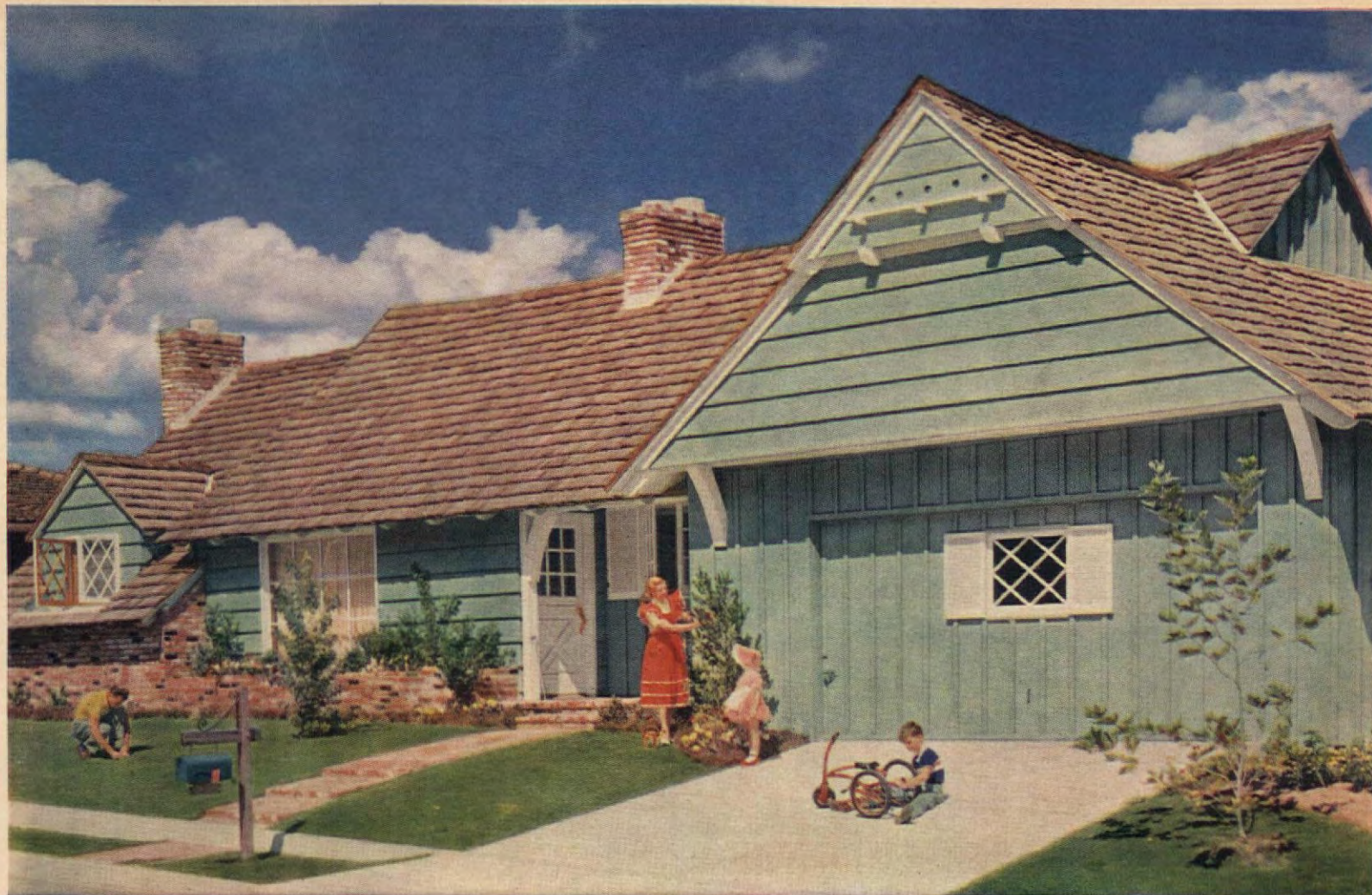
And all did *not* go smoothly. The teachers had to be paid, and parents agreed upon \$2 weekly per child. But the by-laws of the Home provide that its facilities can't be used for individual profit. And when some citizens *couldn't* pay, it didn't seem right to conduct private classes in the town's own building.

Obviously, the plan was to the best interests of the community, so the Board got around its by-laws in a most sensible way. It agreed to pay the \$2 fee for all parents who couldn't afford the luxury of a private class. That made it an open-to-all project, and perfectly legal. To date, the Board hasn't been called upon to put up money for this purpose, but it's ready to do so.

The parents pay the Board, and the Board turns over the fees in full to the teachers. No rent is paid for the kindergarten rooms, and the Board leaves the operation of the classes up to the teachers, who shoulder all expenses and make their own policy. They do their own janitoring, too. So far, the plan has worked famously. Mothers are satisfied that their youngsters are getting constructive, supervised play, and valuable preschool training which will be of great benefit to them when they actually start going to school. And the Eminence Memorial is sheltering still another worth-while project, more than carrying out its tradition as a "memorial for the living."



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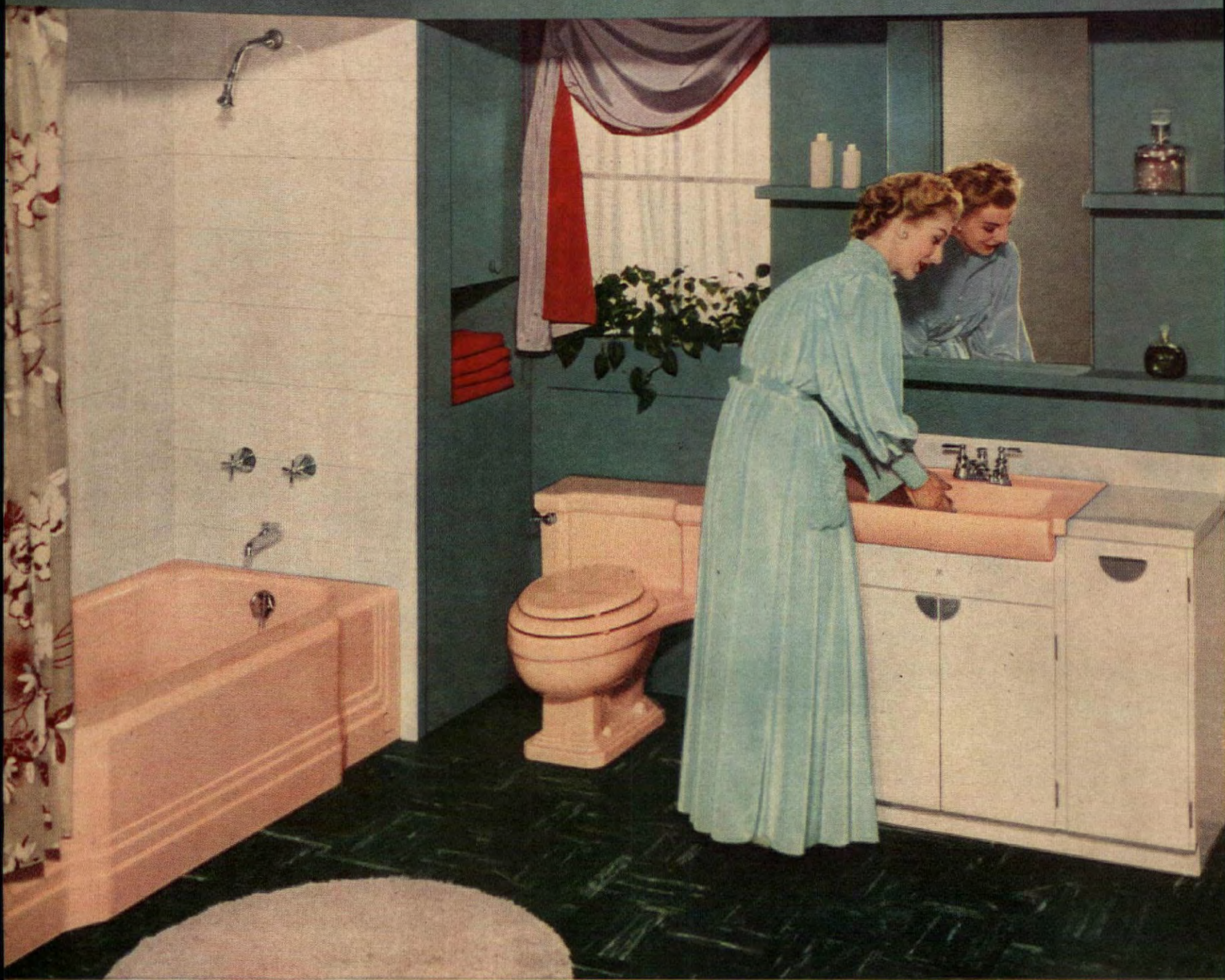
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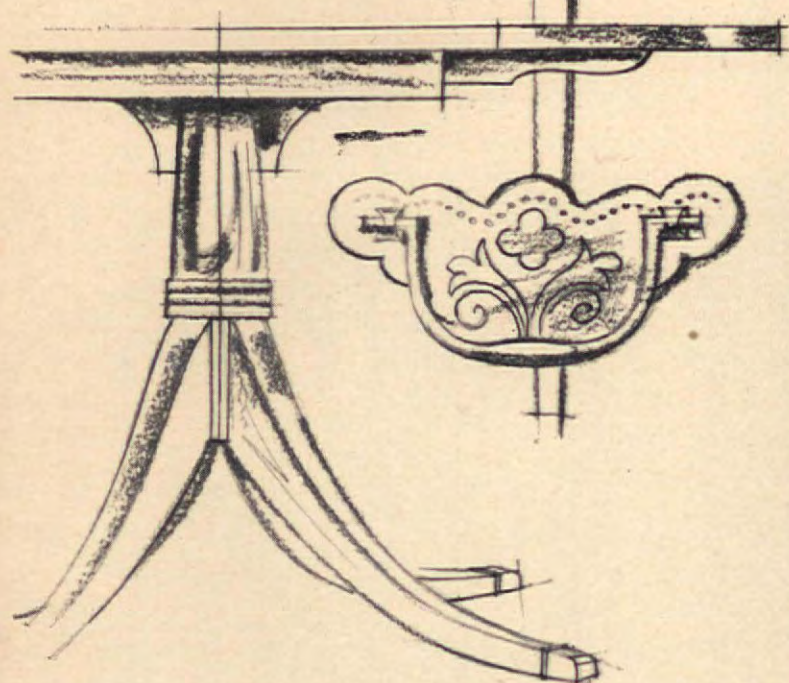
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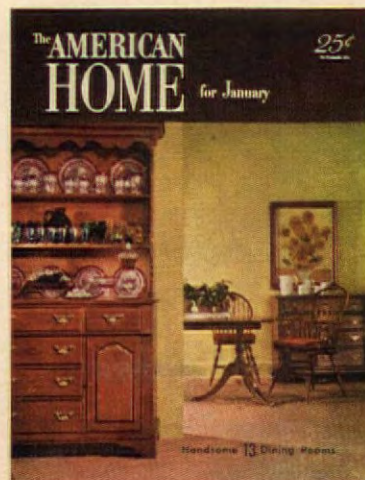


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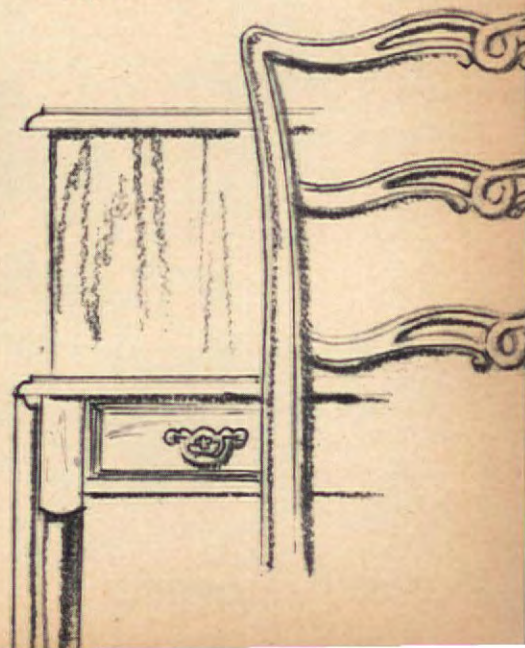
HANDSOME 13 DINING ROOMS

Give a good tradition enough time, and it triumphs—even over our foolish attempts to abandon it. Take the dining room, for instance. The family dinner hour didn't mean much there for a while, in make-shift "dining areas" which just didn't work. And so now, even in the smallest new houses, efforts are made to squeeze in a separate dining room. There is an urge for a dedicated spot, however small, especially arranged for the pleasant rite which takes place there. We show you herewith a fine assortment of dining rooms—all sizes, many styles. You'll note their traditional air, but note too, please, that they're blessed with a new point of view. In keeping with this new-old tradition is the furniture shown on this page and on our cover. It's Drexel's new "Cherry Highlands" group, inspired by American antiques the late Wallace Nutting illustrated in his celebrated book, *Furniture Treasury*. Its fine design honors our past, while its proportions suit it to today's rooms which could never take on Grandma's oversized furniture. It's traditionally American as blueberry pie, but there's good modern thinking behind the way we've led into it by placing one large piece outside the dining room proper, and the way we've tied it all in with the same carpet. New too, in dining rooms, are the colors and fabrics we've put together here.

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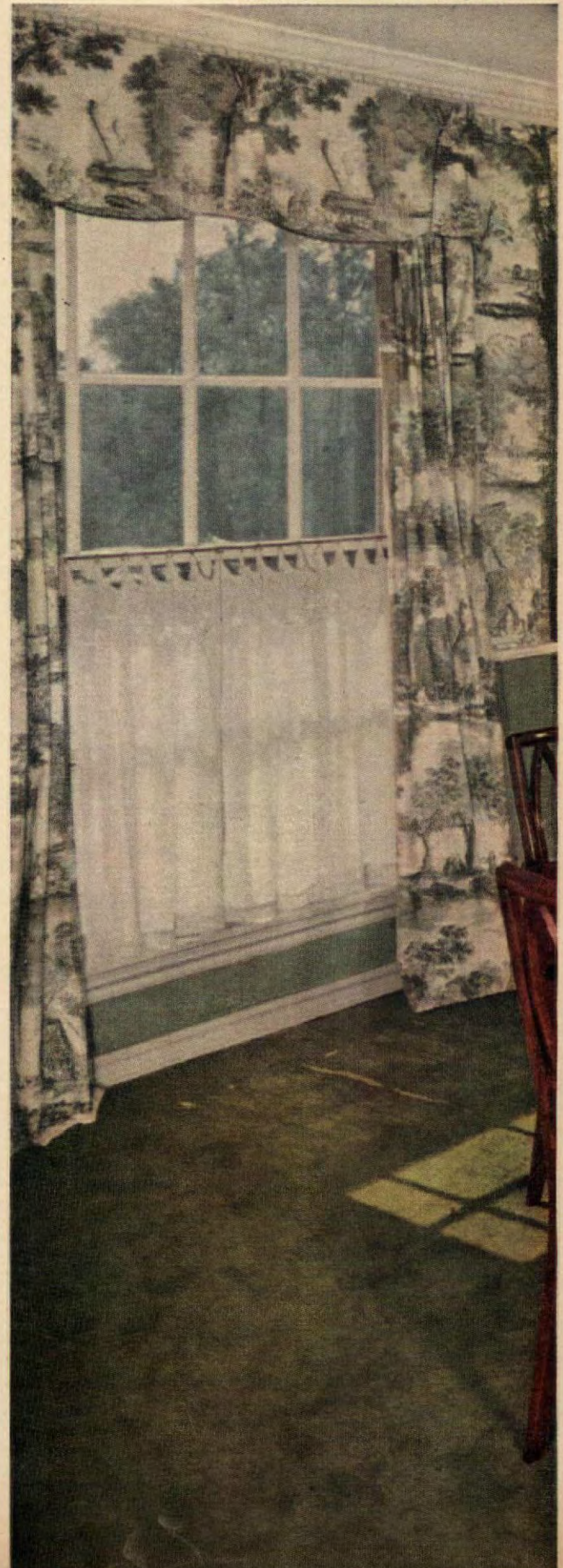


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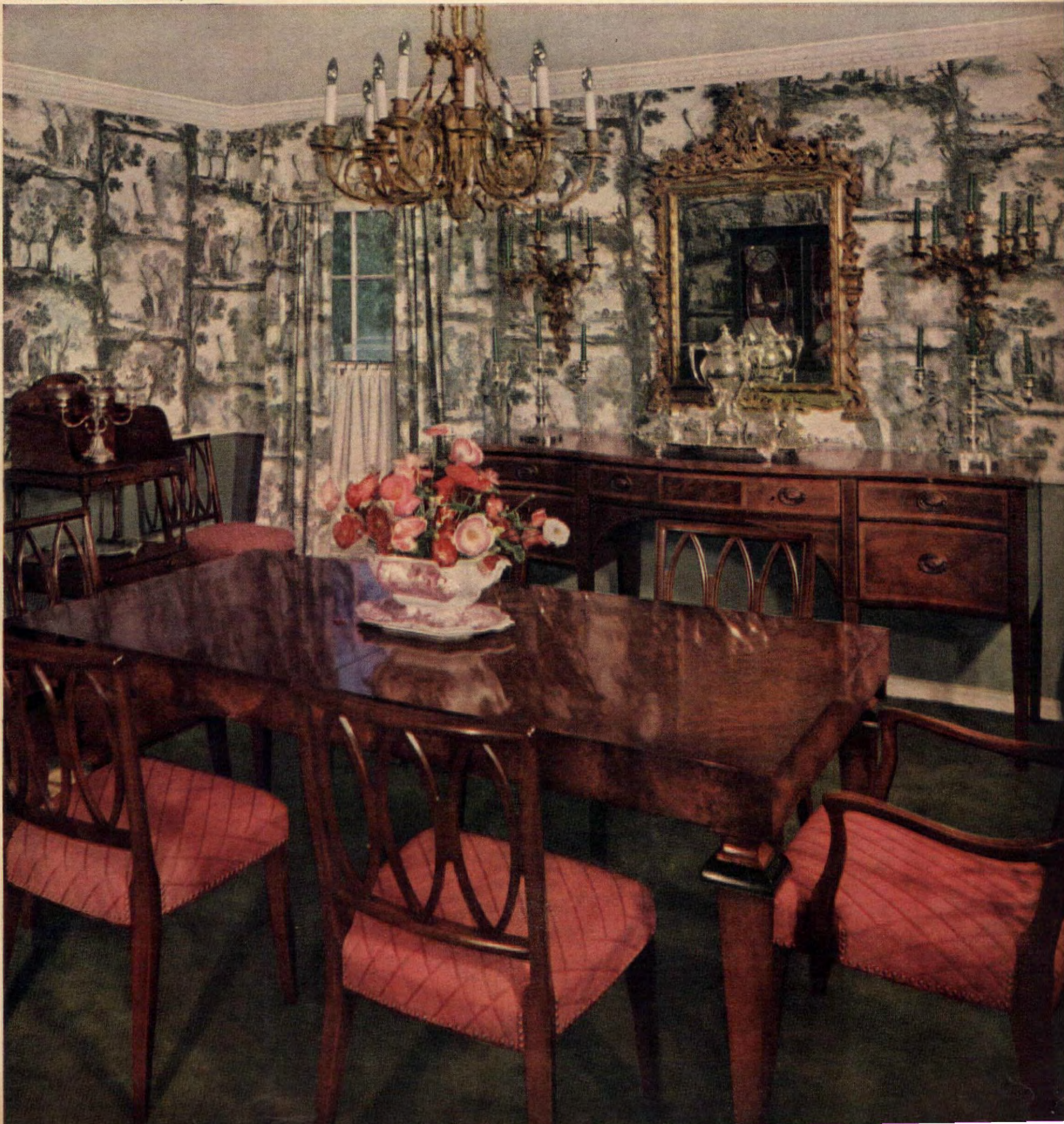
Home of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Grammar



ROOMS

We're grateful that the dining room's back, but its living-room exile did teach us a thing or two. Certainly it helped us happily over some fusty old taboos. For example, in the old days, only certain woods, certain wallpapers (mostly floral), certain pictures (still-life, often dead fish), certain rugs (Oriental or floral) and certain furniture arrangements (table, dead center) were considered "right" in a dining room. Now we've learned the value of light woods as well as dark ones, and even of such "outdoorsy" materials as metal-and-glass or the split bamboos which can make a dining room gay on a budget. If our view is good, or if the room furnishes better that way, we put the table by the window. And from plaids to landscapes, from chocolate browns to pale blues, any patterns and colors which warm our hearts we use here.

Decorator: John Astin Perkins, A.I.D.





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Home of Gen. and Mrs. Francis Brady



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. McLarry



*Home of Dr. and Mrs. H. Robert Dykes, Sr.
Decorator: Barker Bros., Los Angeles*

There's a subtle new look to dining rooms, regardless of their size, or the degree of their formality—and the key to it is in the fact that furniture no longer is labeled for one room only, that manufacturers are designing pieces to move from room to room. Even though it is on its own, the dining room is apt to open right off the living room—so we treat the two areas to harmonize visually, often starting with a carpeting practical for both. Notice that dining-room chairs make fine pull-ups in the living room, that chests are of a type which look well wherever you put them. See how dining rooms look better than ever with window treatments, and lamps, and ornaments which used to be earmarked (Heaven only knows why!) for living rooms only. And while the dining room got its new look, it learned other new tricks: thanks to Lazy-Susan tables, to synthetic rug fibers which spot-clean in a jiffy, to new table surfacings and fabrics, the dining room makes little added work in return for the downright comfort and sense of well-being it gives.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Frew; Decorator: James Lyons



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Home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blum



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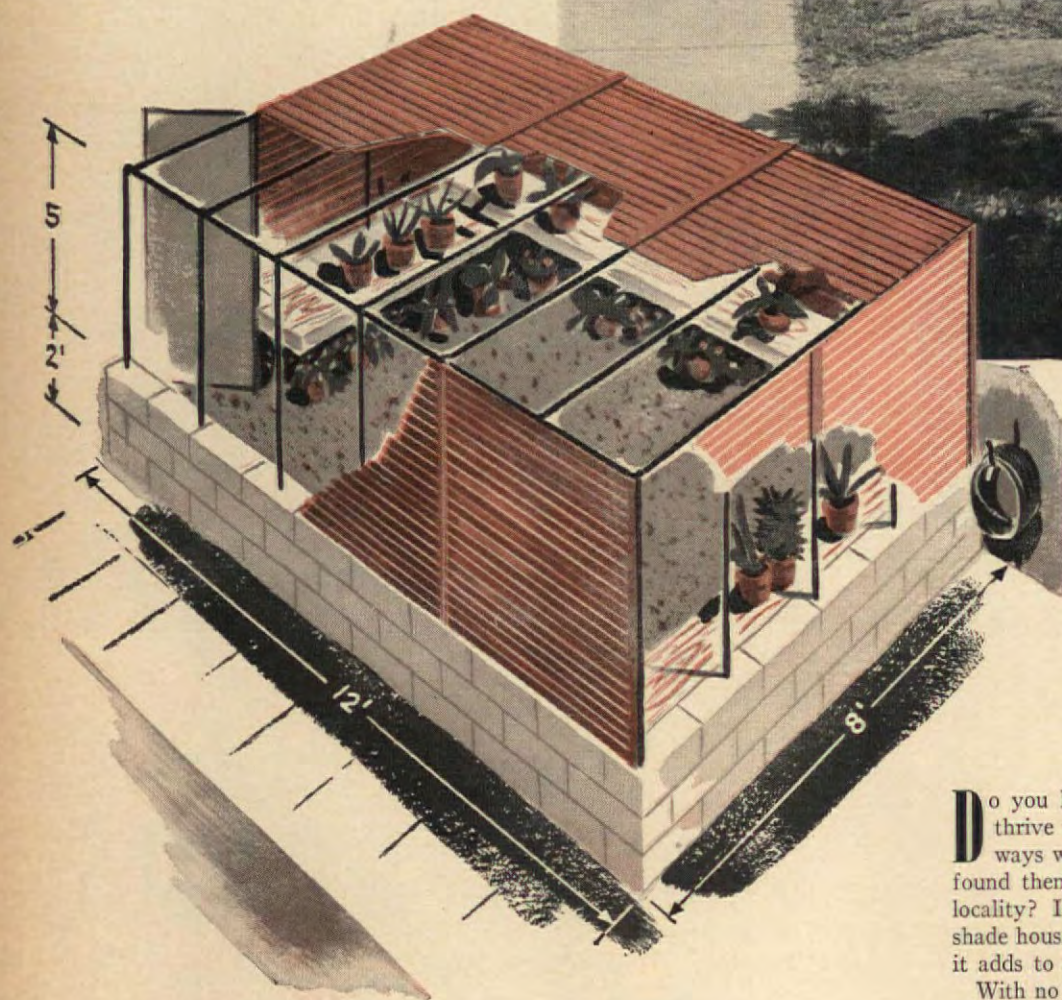
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this Slat House for \$156—*so can you!*

house which thus seems part of the garage and is unobtrusive; as it faces west, the plants get the benefit of the full afternoon sun, broken and softened, of course, by the slats of the snow fence that forms the roof and sides. The 2' high cement-block wall extends around three sides (except where space is left at one end for the door); 5' lengths of 1" galvanized pipe set 9" deep in cement in the top of the wall, about 2' apart, are connected at the top by slip fittings to pipes which, attached to the garage wall with floor flanges, form horizontal supports. The 4' wide snow fence is wired to the supports with its slats parallel to the garage wall on the roof, and horizontal at the ends and on the

side. Where the ends of the slats butt together, they are covered on the outside and held firm by vertical wooden strips.

Orchids like half shade, half sun, and no wind; also a twice daily sprinkling of their strap-shaped, waxy leaves. This is a time-taking chore when one has up to a hundred plants on the benches and hanging from the sides and roof of the slat house. So I worked out a quick and easy way to water my orchids. One lawn sprinkler head attached to the garage wall and connected to a length of $\frac{1}{2}$ " pipe sends out a fine misty spray that reaches every plant in the house at a twist of the turn-on valve outside. It's effective and so simple!

THESE ROSES ARE NEWS . . .

They are the All-America Selections for 1953, carefully chosen and tested before being offered for American gardens. Ma Perkins (above), a bright, coral-shell pink Floribunda, originated in New York. Chrysler Imperial, a deep crimson-red Hybrid Tea, was developed in California

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

What makes a rose? Why, the same two complex factors that determine the nature and fate of every living thing—heredity and environment. Heredity, involving genetics and genealogy is, of course, the field of the rose breeders, hybridists, and producers. Environment includes not only location, climate, and soil, but also the cultural operations—planting, feeding, pruning, watering, etc.—that are the responsibility of rose growers, who may be commercial, or professional, or even amateur gardeners, like you and I.

The two new roses pictured here not only “have what it takes” to win acclaim, but also demonstrate the part played by background and breeding. They are the 1953 All-America Rose Selections, chosen by a panel of expert judges on the basis of 13 major qualities (floriferousness, hardiness, fragrance, etc.) and over-all performance during a two-year test in 20 official trial grounds in 15 states. Prior to that ordeal, in competition with thousands of other candidates, they had survived the critical scrutiny of the firms that originated them, of scientifically trained hybridists, hard-boiled growers, sales- and promotion-minded executives—all striving to give gardeners some-

What makes a Rose

thing new, better, and more beautiful. And still farther in the background is their parentage, the blending of ancestral “blood lines” in the effort to “accentuate the positive” and “eliminate the negative” traits that determine the ranking of a new rose.

In the “family trees” of these two roses appear many famous names—of both roses and rose breeders. One parent of Chrysler Imperial, for example, is Charlotte Armstrong, descended from Soeur Thérèse, a French rose of 1930; Crimson Glory, developed by the German hybridist Kordes in 1935; the famous French Souvenir de Claudius Pernet (1920); its parent Constance Pernet (1915), and the English variety of 1929, W. E. Chaplin. The other parent, Mirandy, also has Charlotte Armstrong as one parent, and an Irish rose, Night, developed by McGredy of Ireland, as the other.

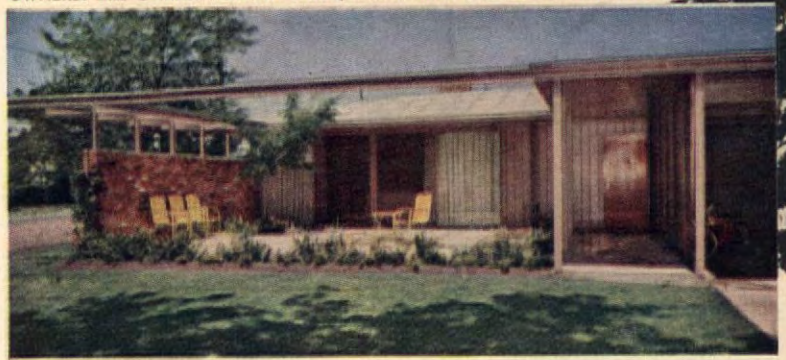
Back of Ma Perkins, we find such notables as Fashion (a 1950 All-America), Crimson Glory, and Pinocchio; also Mme. Caroline Testout, who dates back to 1890; Sensation, Hoosier Beauty, and Premier from Indiana; Richmond, a 1905 novelty; Lady Battersea (1901), Liberty (1900); good old General Jacqueminot that came into the world's gardens in 1853, and the almost as ancient La France, of 1867.

So gardeners, if (or, better, when) you plant a Ma Perkins, or a Chrysler Imperial, or any other of the roses that are tested, proved, and offered year by year, pause a moment to pay tribute to the plant miracle entrusted to your care and to the generations of work it represents. And pledge it the care it deserves and needs in order to reward you with perfection.

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DOROTHY MONROE



The people down Natchez, Mississippi, way are about as house-conscious as they come, but their idea of a fine home is usually the stately ante-bellum mansion, surrounded by formal gardens and reflecting a way of life that has long since passed from the scene. Barbara Blum, a Natchez girl who now lives in Dallas, had dreamed of owning just such a house before her husband, an electrical engineer, found that he couldn't fit his ideas on architecture and home engineering into a house that was traditional in any way, shape, or form.

So the Blums sat down with an architect to plan a modern home around Mr. Blum's ideas—with the understanding that if Mrs. Blum didn't like it, the deal was off and they'd head back to traditional. Well, you know how engineers are. Full of ideas and ways to save steps, time, and money. It didn't take Mrs. Blum very long to admit that while her Natchez tradition was a pretty one, nothing can compare with good modern if you want time to enjoy living in your home. Realizing that a compromise house is nothing at all, she succumbed completely to modern.

The modern design of this house fits in perfectly with the climate of Dallas which, as any Texan will tell you, is the best in the world. The exterior of the house is old brick and timber. Patio furniture and flowers in yellows and pinks

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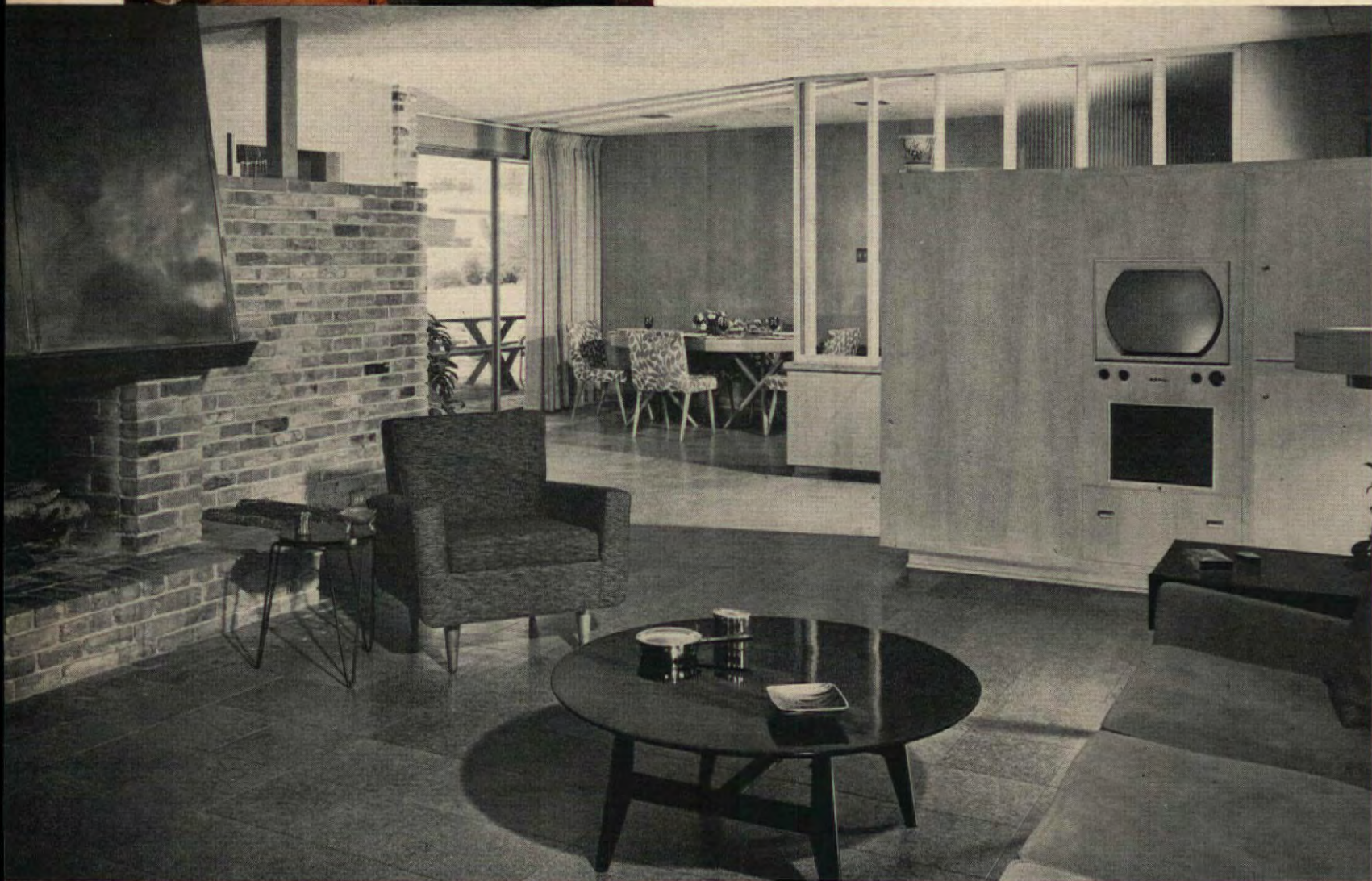


HOME WITHOUT COMPROMISES

FOR ENGINEER HERMAN BLUM AND NATCHEZ-BRED MRS. BLUM



Fireplace in living room stands free, has ceiling-high copper hood. Its raised hearth extends full length of wall to form plant ledge. Storage wall between living room and hall has built-in TV on the living room side, storage cabinets on hall side. Living-room floor is cork; the ceiling, acoustical tile. Walls are brick and wood paneling. Sliding glass doors open onto patio. Dining room is separated from entrance hall by a fluted glass divider that forms a bar on the dining-room side. Sliding doors in dining area further feeling of spaciousness, gives easy access to dining terrace and garden

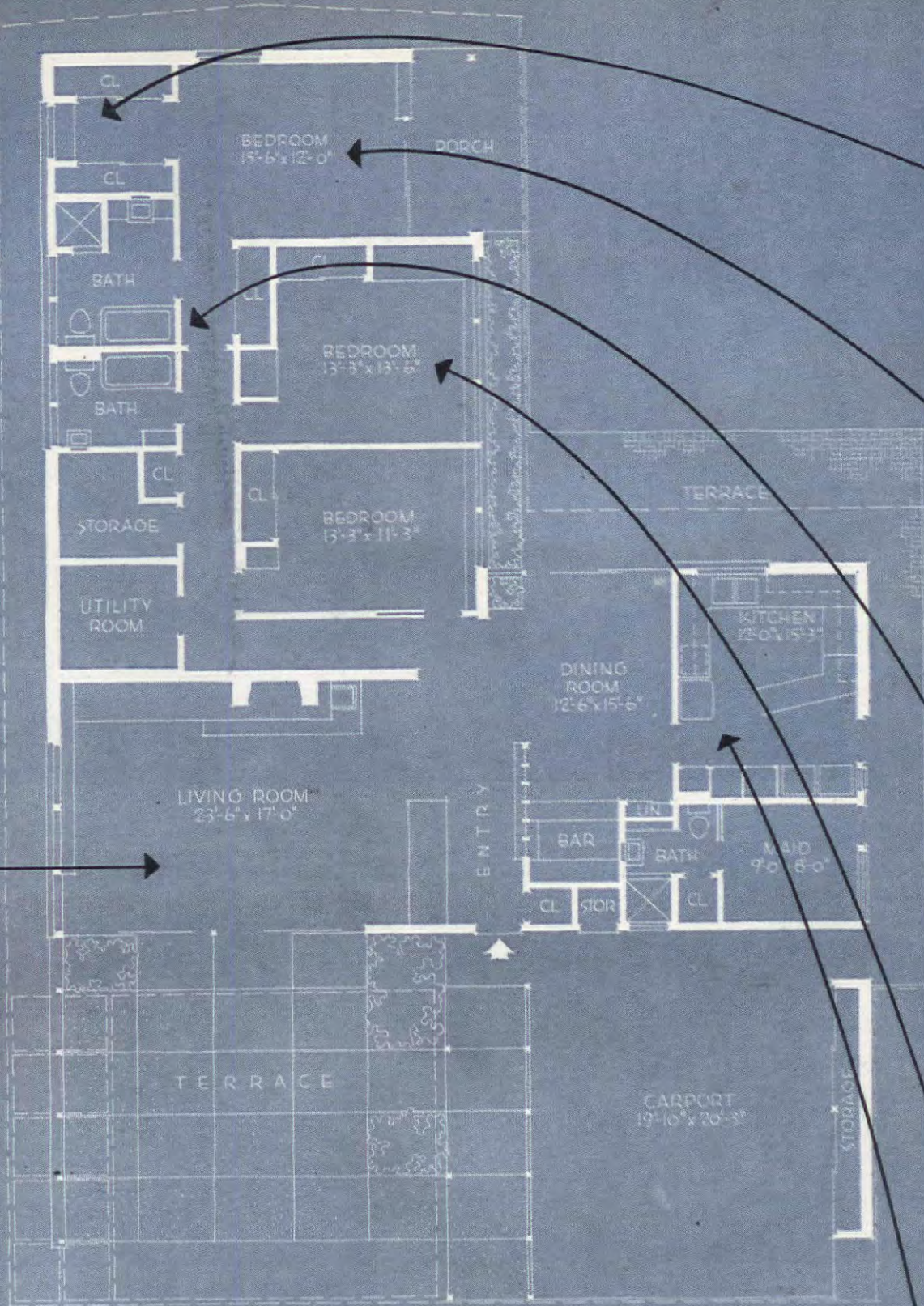


Home Without Compromises (Begins on page 33)

complement tones of house and of the mimosa tree, and the brick and wood motif has been carried inside the house as well. For indoors-outdoors effect, Mrs. Blum, never one for half-measures, carried modern logic throughout in the furnishings—there's no evidence anywhere of nostalgia for her deep south background, no dotting mementos mar the perfectionism of this strictly functional, but undeniably attractive, home.

The three bedrooms all face the garden area, while the living room fronts a quiet street. The west side, a busy thoroughfare, is devoted to storage purposes—and on that score, the Blums are very well fixed. They used almost every bit of west wall space for closets, a dressing room, a utility room, and bathrooms. Windows on this side are placed higher for privacy, but in the living quarters great areas of glass have been used to good advantage to create the feeling of greater spaciousness and greater enjoyment of the outdoors.

The southwest calls for a lot of outdoor living, and the Blums took good care of that—there's an enormous patio off the living room, a smaller one opens from the dining room and is also handy to the kitchen, and the master bedroom has a private porch of its own.

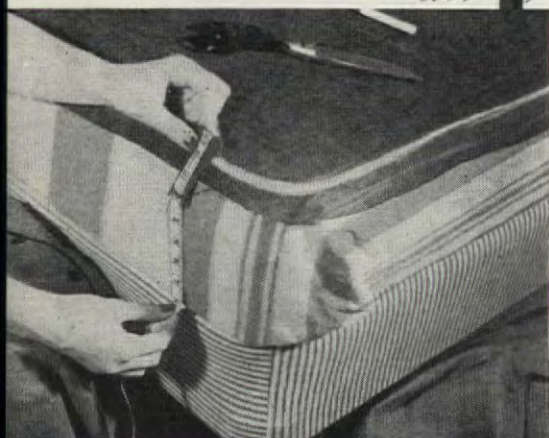


● Ideal storage area in alcove dressing room off the master bedroom was planned by Mrs. Blum. An entire wall is devoted to drawers—enough of them for everything. They are flanked on each side by closets with sliding doors, and there's another large closet near the entry. A spacious bath and a terrace of its own make this a completely private master suite which gets good light from glass panels in wall above bed and from sliding glass doors opening on the terrace. Child's room contains ample storage space that is easily reached but will not be outgrown. Third bedroom doubles as den and guest room, and there's also a maid's room and bath. Big storage room makes a good "attic." Dining area has enough separation from living room, and bar is out of sight when out of mind. Push-button electric kitchen, planned by Mrs. Blum, is efficient, and is separated from the laundry room only by breakfast bar

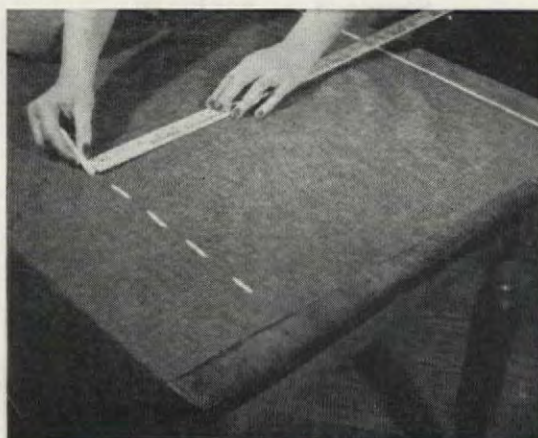


How to Slip-Cover a Studio

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 91



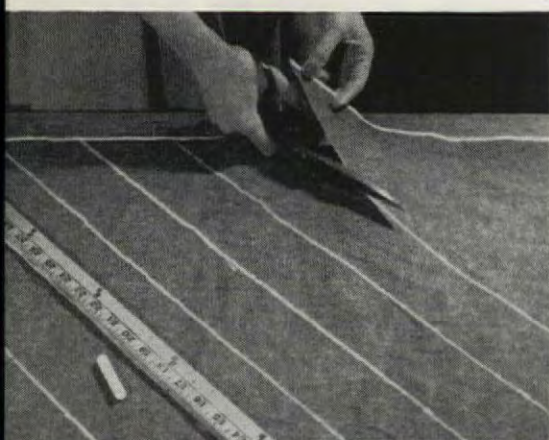
3. To cut boxing, measure from chalk mark on top piece to bottom of mattress. We suggest working on made-up bed so that the slip cover will fit perfectly without unsightly bulges



4. Boxing must be cut double width to allow for the heavy cording which not only looks smart, but also prevents the fabric from musing. With yardstick and chalk, mark off width of boxing piece from selvage



5. Draw a straight line along chalk marks with a yardstick. Cut along this line. These simple measuring precautions will assure you a straight and even piece. Trim off the selvage



9. Cording for top and for bolsters is covered with bias strips, 3" wide. To make them, fold fabric diagonally so selvages meet. Crease, chalk crease, and use mark as cutting guide



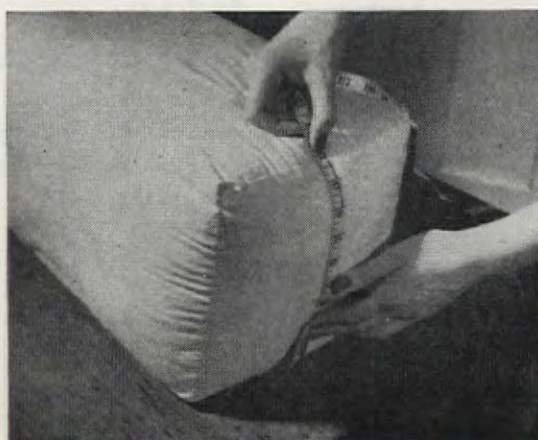
10. Cover cord with bias strips using the cording foot of your sewing machine. Join strips with a diagonal seam. You can make miles of cording in a couple of hours with this attachment



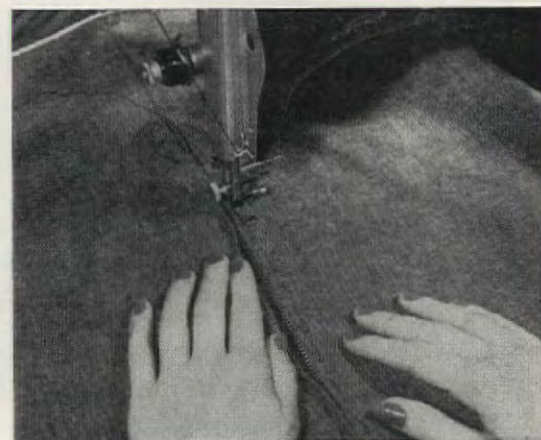
11. Baste cording to top piece of mattress cover. Notch fabric as shown when going around curved corners. Sew on sewing machine. If you plan to use thinner cording, pin instead of basting



15. When all rows of cording have been sewn in place, join boxing strip to top piece, which has cording sewn around edges (step 11). Hem remaining fabric at bottom of boxing



16. Measure bolsters. In order to retain square shape, it is necessary to cut one piece for each side, plus end pieces. Cording is sewn around end pieces, inserted between three sides



17. Fourth side of bolster cover is not corded. Long zipper is inserted to permit easy removal of bolster. Baste zipper into place as directed on package, then sew on machine with zipper foot

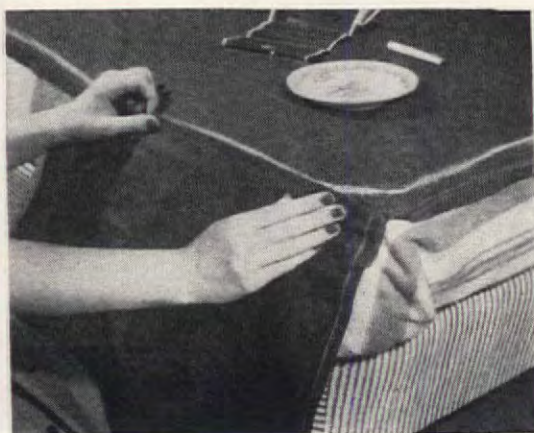
Couch



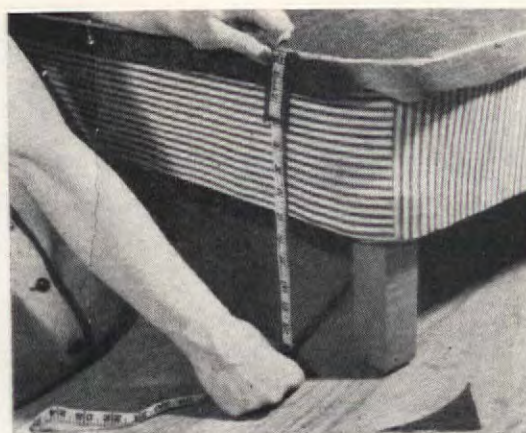
1. Start with the top piece. With bed fully made up, smooth fabric over top blanket. You can feel rolled edges of mattress through the coverings—outline them in chalk on fabric



2. If you're using a 36" fabric, one width isn't enough for most beds. Add a strip of fabric along back of top. In measuring for added strip, allow $\frac{1}{2}$ " on each piece for each seam (2" in all for seams)



6. Hold boxing strip in position to determine how many rows of cording you will need to cover your mattress. We allowed four rows, plus the cording which joins the boxing to the top piece



7. Now start on cover for the spring. Cut fabric for top same way as for top of mattress. For skirt, measure from chalk mark to floor. Allow for hem or double fabric, or line with contrast



8. Measure around top of spring. Add 12" at each corner for kick pleat (6" for each side of pleat). Starting at center back or in one corner, pin skirt to top piece. Pleat at corners



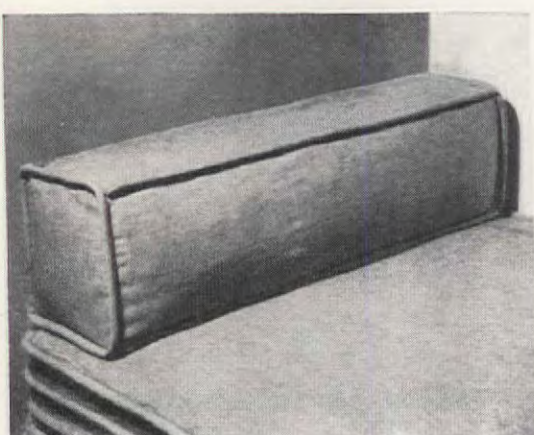
12. Cording for boxing is sewn into the boxing itself. Allow 1" at top of boxing for joining to top piece. Then baste first row of cording into place before sewing it on your machine



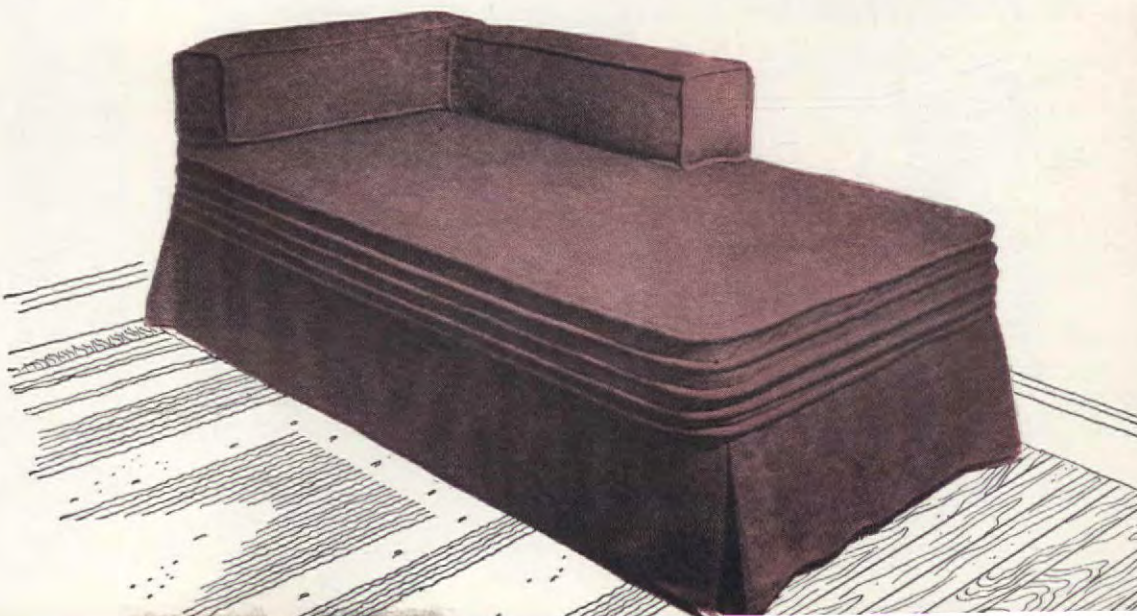
13. Because cord is thick, do only one row at a time. Baste second row of cording into fabric, then stitch. Here is how to measure and mark fabric for each row of cording you add. Baste along the chalk lines



14. This photograph shows clearly how each row of cording is set in fabric. First two rows are completed and third is started. Fold surplus fabric under cording and sew along chalk marks



18. Smart cover and bolsters turn a boxspring and mattress into a handsome sofa by day. A similar cover may be used for other types of studio couches, though skirt may have to be joined to boxing strip





Have You Seen These?



1. "Woodbine," a new sculptured pattern, is made of melamine plastic, by Watertown Lifetime Ware, in a choice of 8 colors. Chip-proof and unbreakable, 16-piece set is \$16.95.

2. How old the design, but how new the colors! Georgian tumblers—iced teas and sherbets to match—come in 9 colors. Tumblers, 55¢ ea. Viking Glass Corp.

3. Hardly a size or color combination is unavailable in these handsome braided rugs of cotton over a heavy wool core. Over 50 sizes, many colors, mixed or solid. 4' red and black circle, \$22.50. Robert E. Mitchell & Co.

4. Mayan-inspired "Kru Ware" by Ken Sebring comes in a wide variety of shapes, with sgraffito and painted designs hand-applied. Prices from \$1 for ash tray to \$5 for candleholder.

5. This iron table with fitted pottery containers will hold a complete spaghetti supper or a variety of snacks. Table comes in black, containers in choice of five colors. \$37.50 complete.

Kay Finch Ceramics.

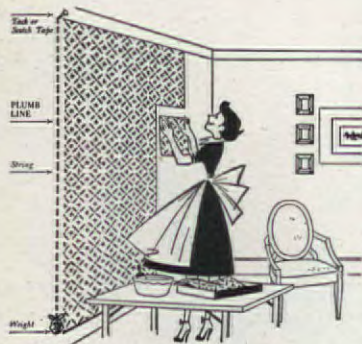
6. Wallpaper in easy-to-handle 14" squares, is available in many patterns and colors. In boxes of 27 sheets, or the equivalent of one roll of regular wallpaper, \$1.75 to \$2.95 per box. Wall-Dec Company.

7. Wastebasket of brass-handled antique or pickled pine. \$30. Alfred Assid.

8. Redwood overhead garage door kit includes all hardware, ready to install. In standard 8' and 16' widths, they may be trimmed on one side for an odd-sized door. Detailed instructions for assembling included. Single door kit, \$58.91. Sturdee Steel Products Co.

9. Prefabricated cupola, for garage or house, comes cut and ready to assemble. \$16.95. Trese Pre-Fab Industries.

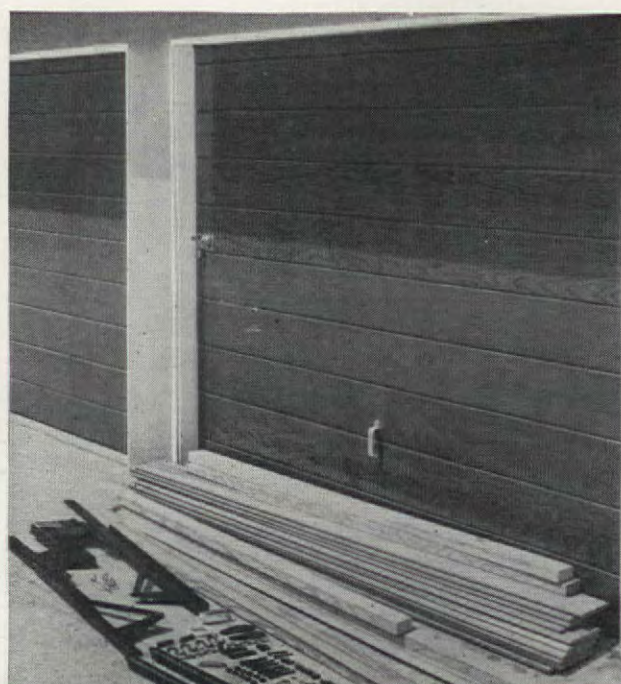
10. Needle and presser bar are now slanted toward user for greater visibility. Weighing only 16 lbs., sewing machine by Singer is designed for use as a portable or in a regular cabinet. Knee and foot control. Machine and cabinet, \$325.



6. WALLPAPER TAKES A NEW SHAPE



7. ACCENT IN PINE

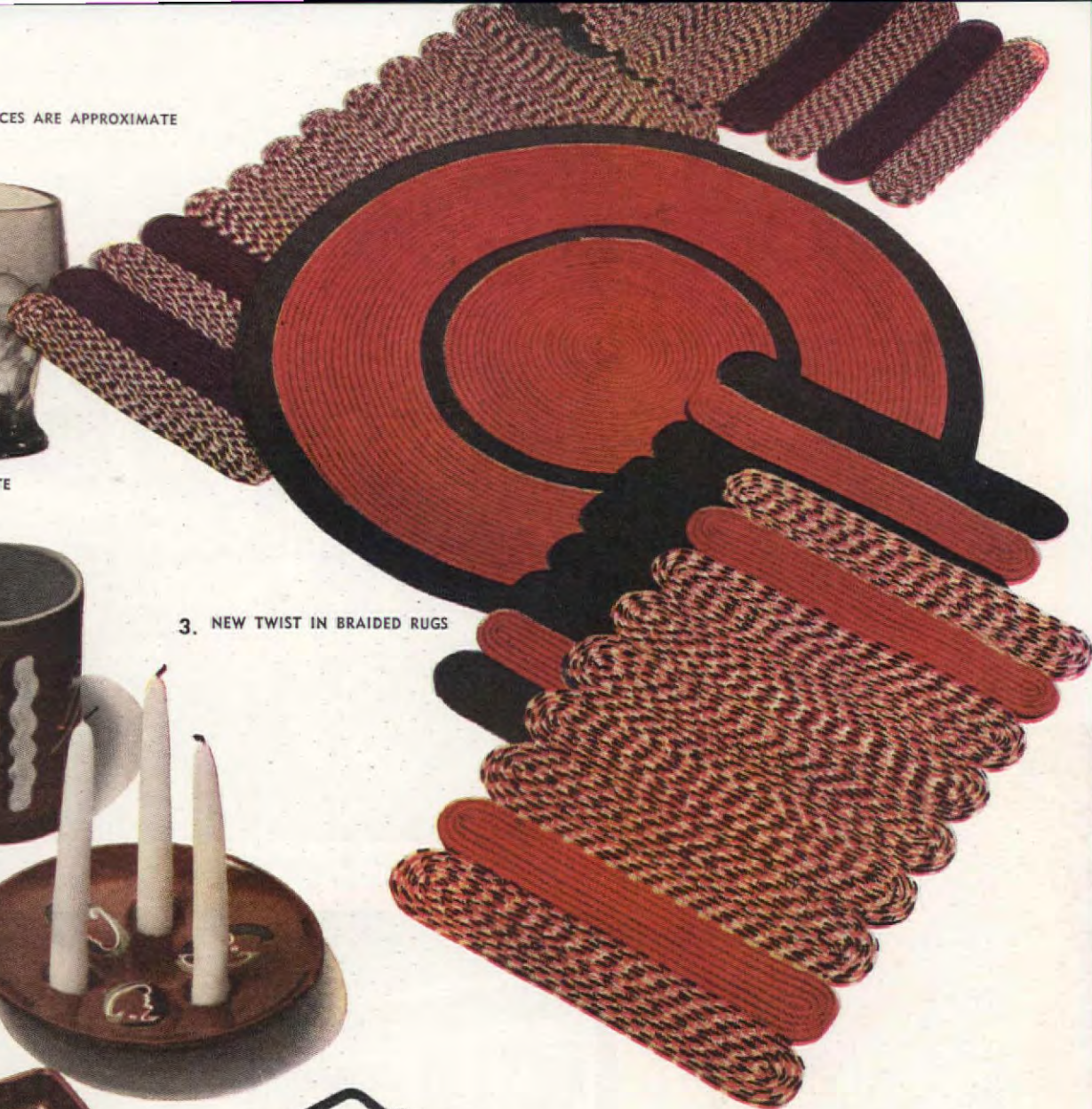


8. GARAGE DOORS YOU ASSEMBLE

ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE



2. NEW COLORS FOR AN OLD FAVORITE



3. NEW TWIST IN BRAIDED RUGS



4. DESIGNS BY HAND



5. ESPECIALLY FOR SMORGASBORD

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9. CUPOLA FOR A FINISHING TOUCH



10. SEWING MACHINE ANGLED FOR COMFORT



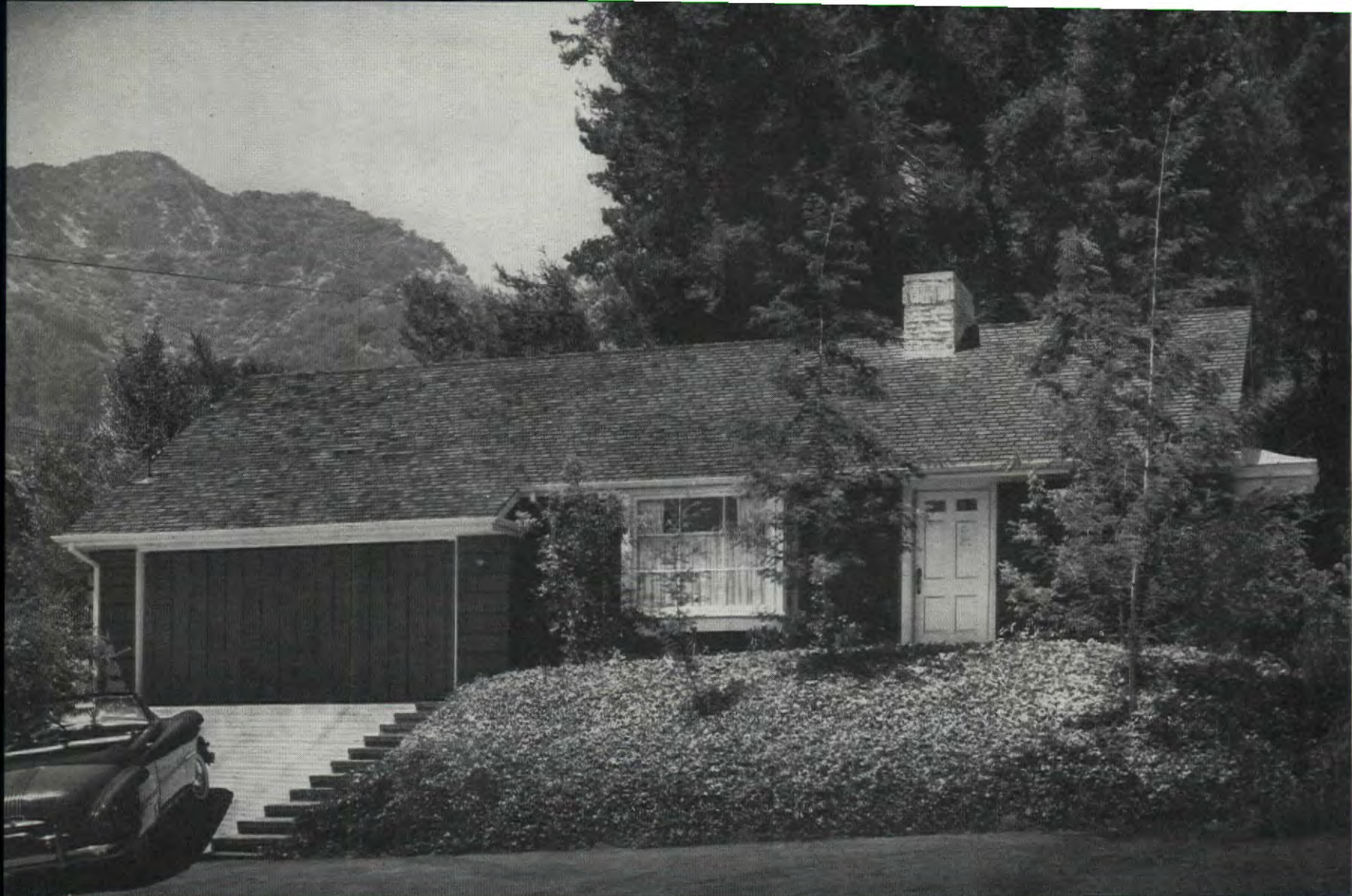


*Is this the Kind of Planning
Worth \$5.00 to You?*

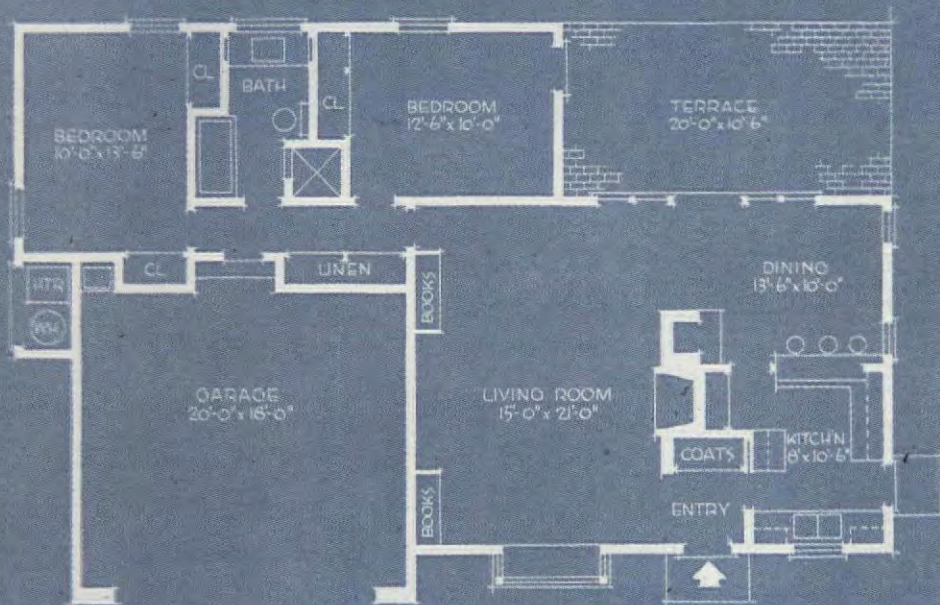


This little house has one priceless ingredient—the priceless know-how of the skilled professional designer. We say priceless—actually, you can buy that kind of talent to plan your home for you—if you can pick up the bill. But so many people who build homes of this size today really can't afford the services of a top-flight architect or designer. That's why we're featuring this gem of a small house as our AMERICAN HOME Blueprint House No. 17. We show you the inside first, because that's how all good house plans start—from the inside out. The secret of the feeling of such spaciousness in only about 1100 sq. ft. lies in the open planning of that big area that encompasses living room, dining area, and kitchen. The large fireplace wall suggests the division of these areas—but actually the eye moves freely from end to end of this whopping big 28½ ft. spread. There are many plusses in this plan you don't ordinarily find in a house this small (next page). For example, the handsome fireplace, plus the wonderful barbecue grill in the dining area; the ample space for table dining plus the breakfast bar. Note that there's a traditional big bay window at the front—plus a modern glass wall opening onto the terrace at the rear.

TO SEE HOW IT LOOKS OUTSIDE, TURN THE PAGE . . .



*Planned with priceless know-how
\$5.00 buys this show-how*



OWNER: MR. AND MRS. ALDEN OLDS
DESIGNER: WILLIAM STEVENSON BUILDER: BRUCE TEBBE

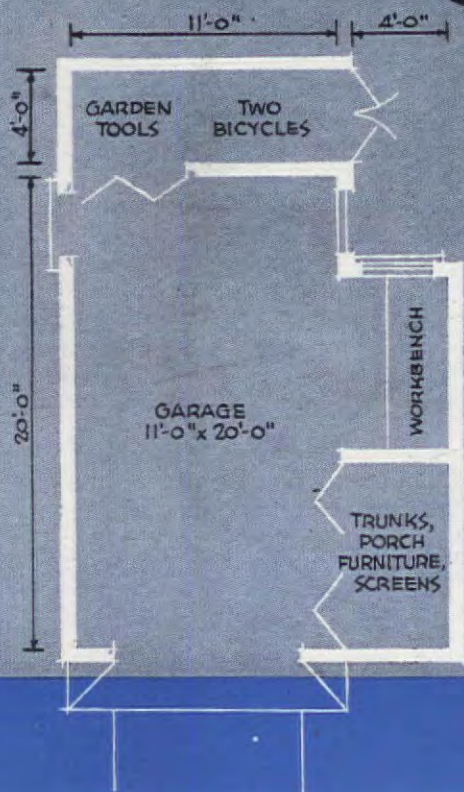
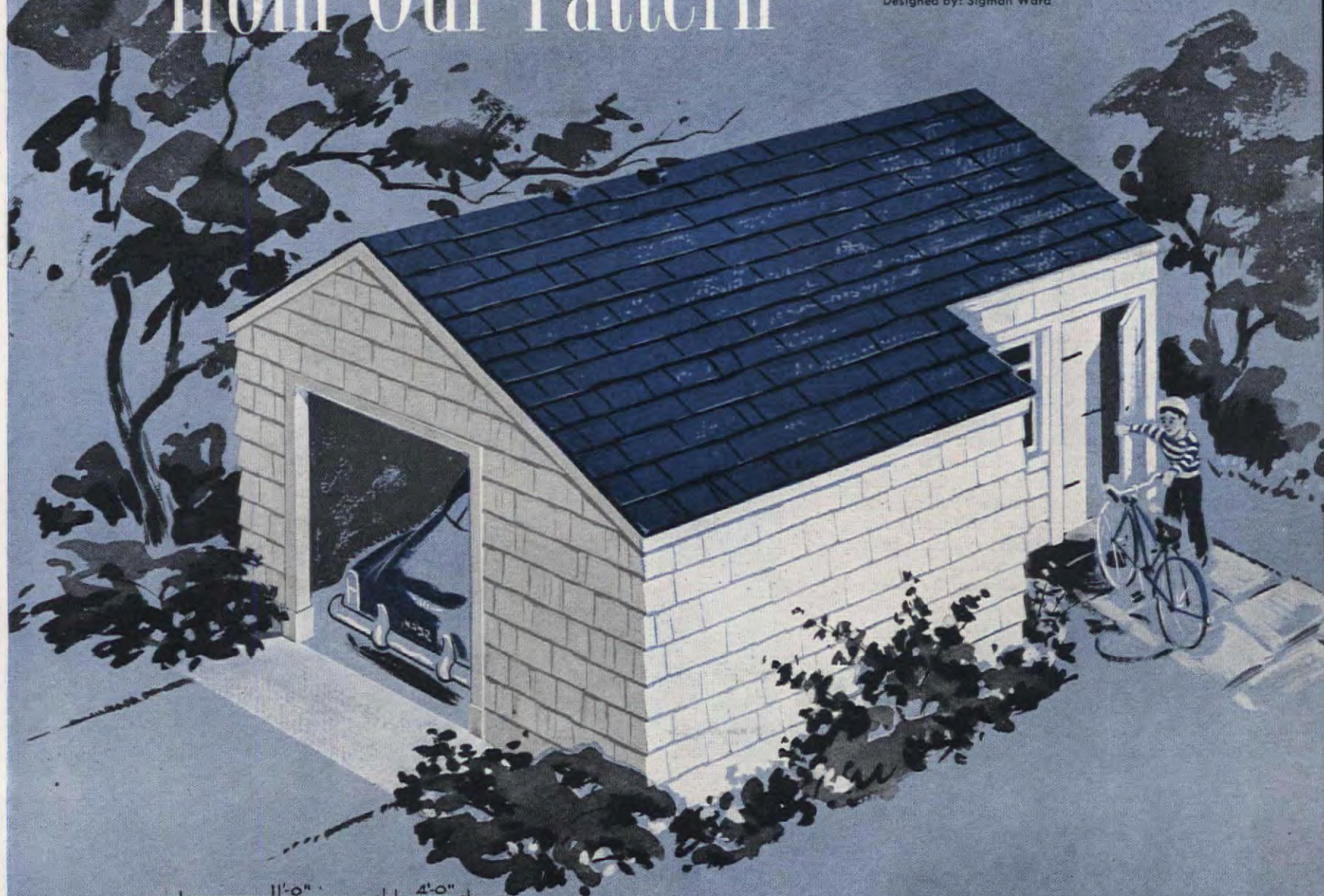
Five bucks brings you the complete blueprints and specifications for this two-bedroom charmer—certainly a small price for the plus-planning designer William Stevenson and builder Bruce Tebbe created in such a relatively small space. The living area's unusually spacious (page 40), and the bedrooms have good closets and are easily accessible to the bathroom complete with stall shower. We don't quote costs because they vary so widely in different parts of the country. But 1100 sq. ft. or so (without garage) is a small house in any man's state.

The exterior is stained redwood siding with painted trim and shingle roof. New England might make it barn red; Ohio, yellow; Texas, tan—with equally effective results. The traditional design qualifies it for conservative neighborhoods, but the modern planning inside, the big glass windows which open at the back to good outdoor living, make it a house of today. In many areas, a two-car garage is a must. If it isn't in yours, think what a storage plus that big garage is.

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Four-in-One Garage—Build it from Our Pattern

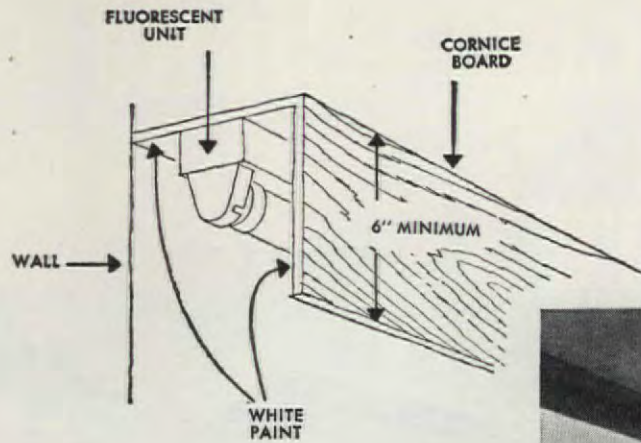
Designed by: Sigman Ward



The average family car is pretty reasonable. Build this nice garage from our pattern (see Pattern Order Form, Pattern 2015, on page 93), and it will be happy to share the space with you. And if you already have a garage, just think what an attractive study, guest house, playhouse, or workshop this car house will make! As a garage, this very unusual one has plenty of space to share because we planned it carefully for people just like you who need something more than a garage. We know most of you have a serious storage problem, so we included a big storage bin that's just perfect for bulky items like porch furniture, trunks, and screens. We know most of you need a place for your workbench and tools, so we've set aside a good spot for them with ample wall space for shelves, and a window for natural lighting. From our own experience, we know that cars and bikes don't mix well, so we made a separate compartment just for the bikes, and it has its own private entrance. The kids may still have excuses for not putting their bikes away at night, but lack of storage space won't be one of them! And we didn't forget garden tools, either. Anyone who has stepped on a rake or hoe and had the handle crack him on the head knows that garden tools need a place of their own! People who want nice homes also want attractive garages, and so we've designed one that both you and your car will be proud of.

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Light Where



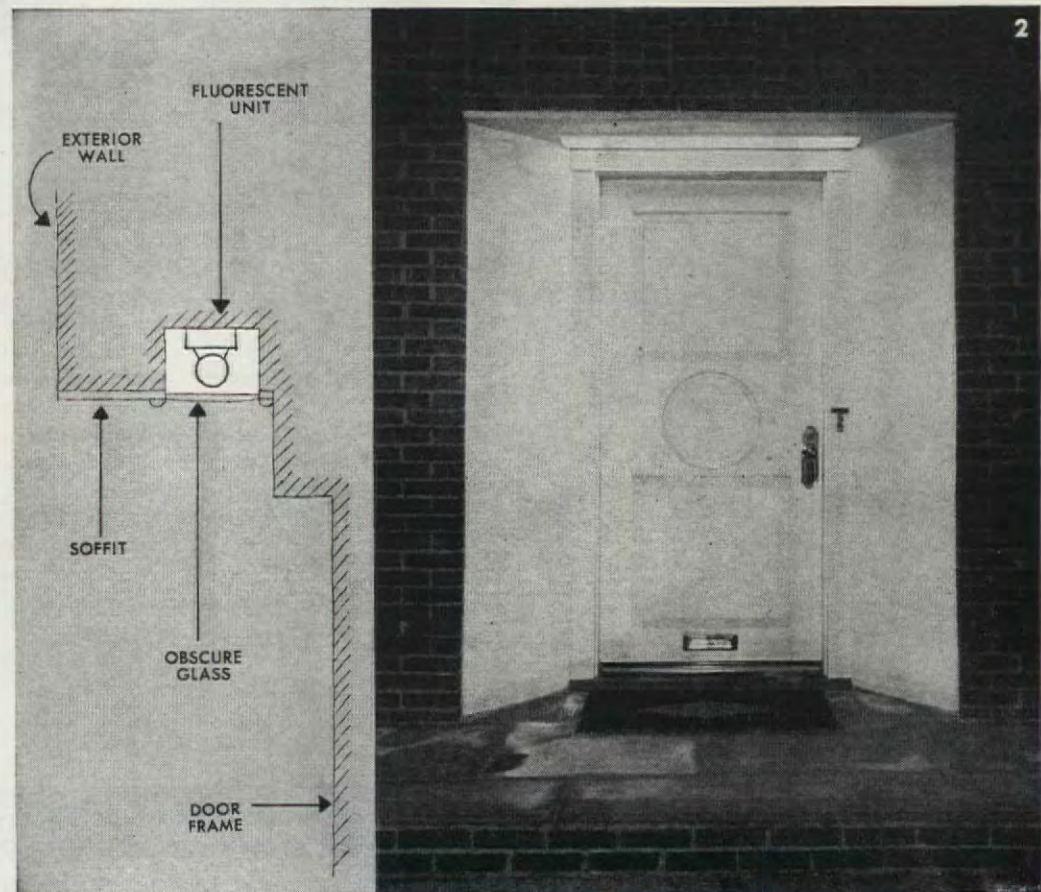
For years we have all been familiar with fluorescent lighting in its use in shop windows, stores, offices. You may even have fluorescent lighting in your kitchen or bathroom. But it has taken these glowing wands of light quite a few years to break down the barriers of prejudice and gain acceptance in the living rooms of the home. Modern designers have been their greatest champions and have used these fluorescent units with striking—and sensible—effect. One of their most valued talents is their adaptability to function as a hidden source of light: illumination of any desired level, but so unobtrusively built in that you are rarely conscious of where the light comes from. Here are a few facts that may help you in your choice of a new kind of light where you need it . . .

Does fluorescent lighting change the color of home furnishings? Yes, to a degree, and so does incandescent lighting alter colors if we use natural daylight as our standard. During recent years, however, there has been a tremendous improvement in the color rendition of fluorescent tubes. Today there are fluorescent tubes that bring out all of the colors in all materials . . . foods and complexions included. First, decide if a cool or warm atmosphere is desired, then choose the De Luxe Cool White or the De Luxe Warm White to produce the desired effect. Fluorescent lighting now has not only acceptance but genuine popularity.

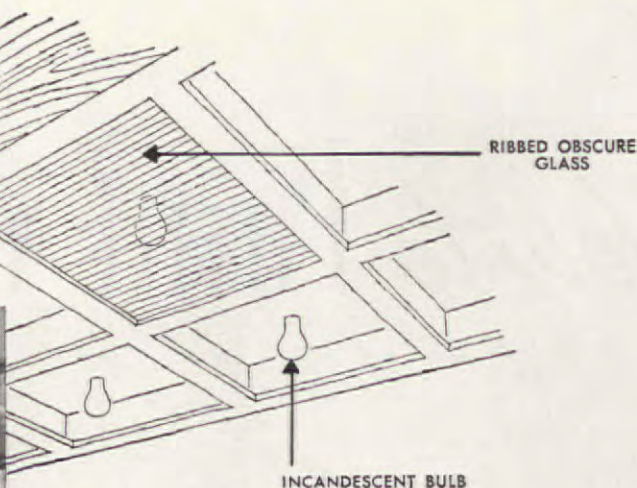
Are the fluorescent tubes limited in scope? No, during the last ten years rapid strides have been made in sizes. There are straight lengths from 6" up to an almost room-long 8', and circular tubes 8½", 12" and 16" in diameter. Plastic- and glass-diffusing media for shielding the tubes have greatly improved in appearance as well as in efficiency.

Is it a complicated matter to have fluorescent lighting installed? No, the permanently installed fixture, valance, or cornice fluorescent lighting is simply connected directly to the wires at the outlet-box location. In planning fluorescent lighting, the advice of experienced dealers or lighting-fixture people should be sought. You have simply to outline your problem and they will show you how to achieve the effect you desire. In many towns and cities the electric service company maintains a staff of engineers and home-lighting specialists, who are glad to give unbiased recommendations for fashionable fluorescent lighting. If you have a seemingly peculiar or difficult problem, do not hesitate to take advantage of this free and tremendously valuable service.

Can incandescent and fluorescent lighting be used in the same room? Yes, most people prefer a subtle blending of incandescent bulbs in floor

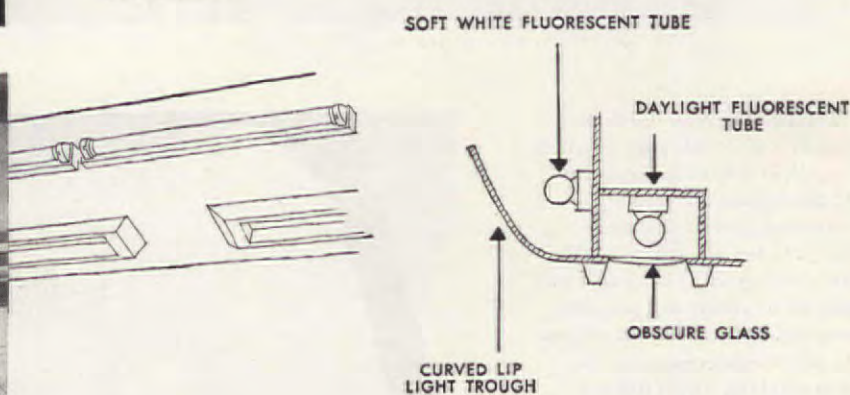


You Need It



and table lamps and fluorescent tubes concealed behind valances and cornice boards.

Is it necessary to have the hum of fluorescent lighting? No. Parts called ballasts are built into the metal channels of housing that holds the sockets and the tubes, and if quality ballasts are used there is no hum. An inferior ballast or poorly fabricated fixture may produce a hum. Naturally, all inferior parts should be avoided. **Can fluorescent lighting be used in "period" rooms?** Certainly. Here its ability to hide itself is of great advantage in rooms which may be poorly lighted by handsome but inadequate table lamps. It has been successfully installed behind such authentic architectural woodwork details as deftly curved period cornices near the ceiling of a room. The luminous tubes shed a clear soft light over the ceiling which is reflected downward as general illumination. Or they may be installed behind cornice boards of valances of draperies to shed light both downward and upward over the ceiling. Beneath obscure glass panels or tucked behind moldings, they can shed light upward and outward into recessed niches to light plants or collections. The new circular tubes can be recessed into the bowls of many period chandeliers to shed a soft glow over the ceiling.



1. Fluorescent lighting can keep unobtrusive company with elegant period furnishings, and provide adequate lighting where lamps are out of place. Simple cornice board above this bay window continues along one wall, conceals new slim-line fluorescent tubes

2. One 40-watt fluorescent tube in a recessed glass-shielded luminaire directs light downward over entrance steps, lighting the front door as well. Slanted white plaster wings at either side are good reflectors. How much more effective—and safe—than the usual dim bulb

3. Incandescent downlight from this light box supplements fluorescent lighting used elsewhere in room. Rheostat-controlled bulbs light all at once or in alternate panels behind squares of ribbed obscure glass

4. Soft-light fluorescent tubes in cove shed warm light outward over ceiling; daylight tubes behind obscure glass shed cool light downward. Both installations on this page in the home of architect John Lindsey, A.I.A.

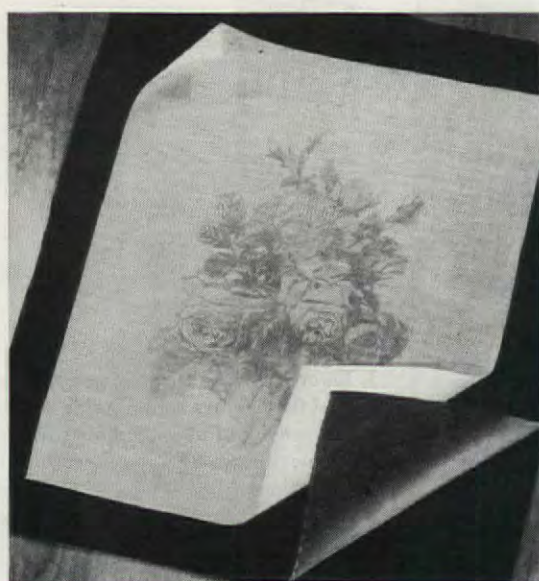
How to Paint with a Sewing



Here's a new horizon—"painting" pictures in rich silk thread on your sewing machine! It started with the "fashion" stitches, so handsome they inspired us to put on our fanciest thinking caps and come up with a way to use this innovation to enhance your home's wardrobe, too. We chose a floral design in the Old Master tradition, and did it up on velvet. It's not too difficult for a beginner, and it just can't look amateurish. The Singer people liked it so well that all 1,200 Singer Sewing Centers are demonstrating the technique on our pattern. But don't limit yourself. You can invent your own stitches, and use them, or ours, on a variety of fabrics to decorate chairs or boxes—any place you'd use tapestry or needlepoint. And don't confine yourself to floral designs—crisp modern effects are splendid made this way.

The "Signature" stitch used for backgrounds, and mentioned in captions 3 and 5, produces an interesting texture when stitched in curved lines. To make this stitch, you unbalance the machine's tensions as follows: The upper tension is tightened, and the lower tension is loosened, to the point where the lower thread rises to the surface in a gimp-like effect when the machine is operated rapidly, and the fabric is moved slowly. The presser foot is removed, as it is for the outline stitch described below. Put in dark shadings first to bring out the form of the outlined motif.

1. You transfer this design to organdy, color with crayon, stitch it in silk on velvet backed with felt. First place the organdy over the tracing pattern, and trace clearly. Color the entire motif with wax crayons. Then press with steam to set colors and prevent smearing. This tracing on organdy acts as a reinforcement for the dense stitching which follows



2. Place velvet on top of felt, pile side up, then place organdy with transferred and colored design over this. Felt backing is essential here since it provides the firmness needed when stitching without presser foot. Baste all three fabrics together with silk thread, using diagonal stitches across fabrics



3. Use sewing silk for both bobbin and upper threading. A size 14 sewing-machine needle accommodates thread and fabric. Tensions are same as for regular stitching when outlining. For filling-in, use "Signature" stitch (see text). For both, remove presser foot, drop feed, set stitch regulator at neutral

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

Machine

We made a full-size tracing pattern of these full-blown roses, and included instructions for embroidering on your sewing machine. Try it on velvet, as we did, or try it on other fabrics to use as you'd use needlepoint—for footstools, chair backs, etc. Your local Singer Sewing Center demonstrates the whole process on this very pattern. (American Home Pattern 1458)

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4. Place fabric under needle. Lower presser-bar lifter to put upper tension in action. Holding the needle thread in left hand, turn balance wheel forward until needle brings up bobbin thread. Position needle in fabric. Operate machine slowly and evenly. Control fabric with tips of fingers



5. Move evenly to form outline of design. Do one section at a time. Then fill in shaded areas, using "Signature" stitch to shape and express design. Edges should be irregular to permit blending and shading next colors. Thread ends are tied on wrong side or concealed by stitching as work progresses



6. As work progresses, use curved nail scissors to trim organdy from design outline before solid areas are complete. Trimming lets you conceal frayed edges with stitches. Leave organdy on the background until the entire embroidery is finished

With SPRING on your mind



If you live where winters are white—and love them so—you'll soon share the delights of the cold, clear crispness with the early crocus and the snowdrop, those engaging and prescient citizens of winter whose mood is so in tune with your own. And if you live where winters are mild, there's a new softness in the air, a new lilt to your walk, now that another year is upon us—and you're grateful once again to the generous climate which brings spring so soon, and so richly.

But wherever you live, on fine days the first hints of spring in the air and on the ground stop you short. The early-blooming branches can be coaxied into flower now, and

it's time to bring a few indoors to make their magic season so much longer. So say good-bye to the polished

fruit, to the evergreen sprays, to the jaunty dried leaves which have served you so well, and will serve you again in

their own season. Now's the time to pledge the new year with something fresh—and these two arrangements are ideal for such celebration. In most parts of the country,

a visit to your florist can furnish the makings if your own plantings cannot. Use some unopened hyacinths—two for one as perfumed

they're easy to work with, and give you you watch the lovely chartreuse buds turn into brilliant, blossoms. For the centerpiece at your right, use tulips in bud, with forced flowering quince—the tulips will open later and last long, but a few may be opened right now by the warmth of your hand if you press the petals gently. Or, for a sunny scheme, use forsythia and daffodils this way. To force branches, pick them after a freeze, crush their stems, and put them in deep water in a dark, cool place for a few days before exposing them gradually to heat and light, and spray occasionally to prevent their drying.

How-to Pictures on Pages 80-81





*Happy New Year! There's always hope, there's promise!
No sorrow ever held a crocus back.
The rigid earth revives, day breaks; tomorrow,
Deliberate, comes down the starry track.*

LOUISE DRISCOLL, *New Year*



Although Meissen china in the Onion pattern often was used as "everyday" ware, its beauty won it friends in high places, so its makers also applied this design to some of the finest china they produced—for example, the openwork plates and the pistol-handled knives and forks with which Mrs. Ruben set the table above. The simplicity of the color scheme—just beautiful blue on clear white—makes this one pattern you can use in quantity. It never appears overworked

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

Meet a Cinderella—Meissen china in the Onion pattern, one of the freshest, brightest, most appealing—and most ancient—chinaware patterns there is. It's highly prized by collectors today—and no wonder! But it wasn't always so. In well-to-do households in Germany where it was made, the sturdy, clean-cut, blue and white of Meissen Onion was everyone's favorite—for everyday use. But come Sunday, gaudier, flower bedecked, gilt-edged wares took its place—while our Cinderella looked on from the kitchen. However, the Onion's lineage was the most distinguished of them all: it was the first dinnerware pattern used on true porcelain in Europe. For centuries Europeans had admired the fineness, the thinness, and the smoothness of Chinese porcelain, and tried in vain to imitate it. Finally the secret was mastered by one Johann Böttger, an alchemist in the service of the Elector of Saxony, who, in 1710, opened the West's first porcelain factory at Meissen, near Dresden. And here the Onion pattern was soon born. Or rather, reborn—for these early porcelain makers looked to China for pattern inspiration as well as for the porcelain formula itself, and the Onion pattern was an old Chinese motif, beautifully adapted to western wares. It was so dearly beloved that they kept right on making the Onion at Meissen through the centuries—but always in limited quantities, so that it's hard to come by today. Mrs. Harold Ruben of Beverly Hills is a Meissen collector whose diligence has been well rewarded, as the examples we show you herewith testify eloquently.

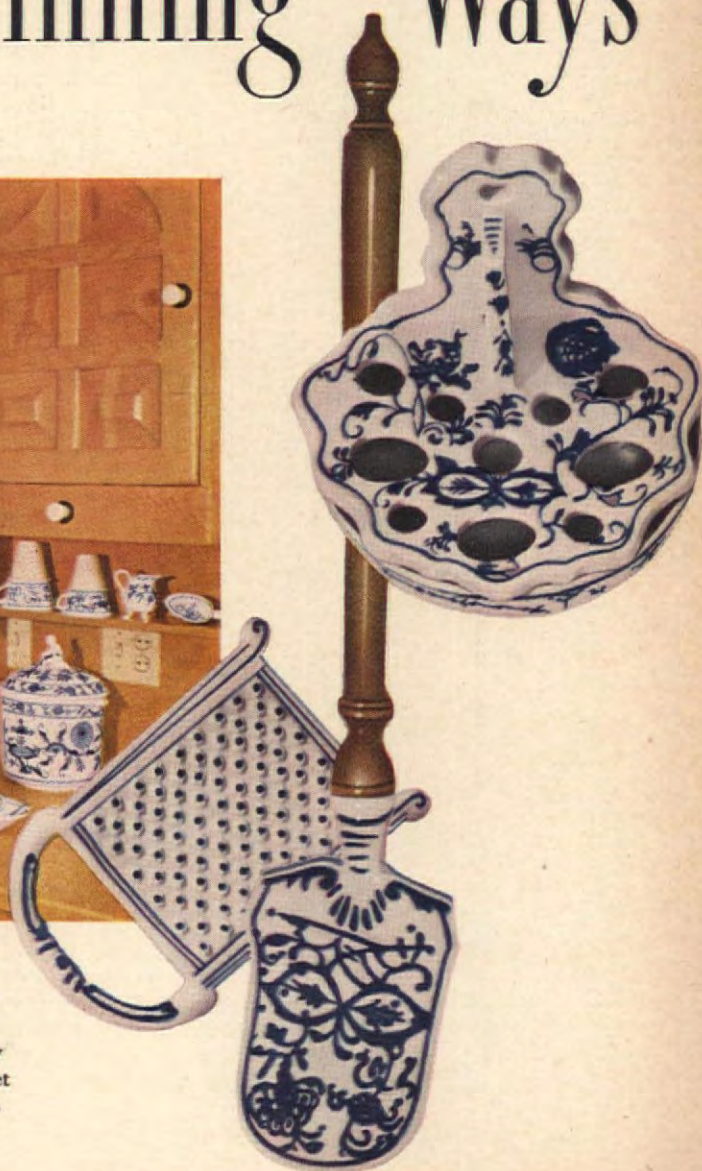
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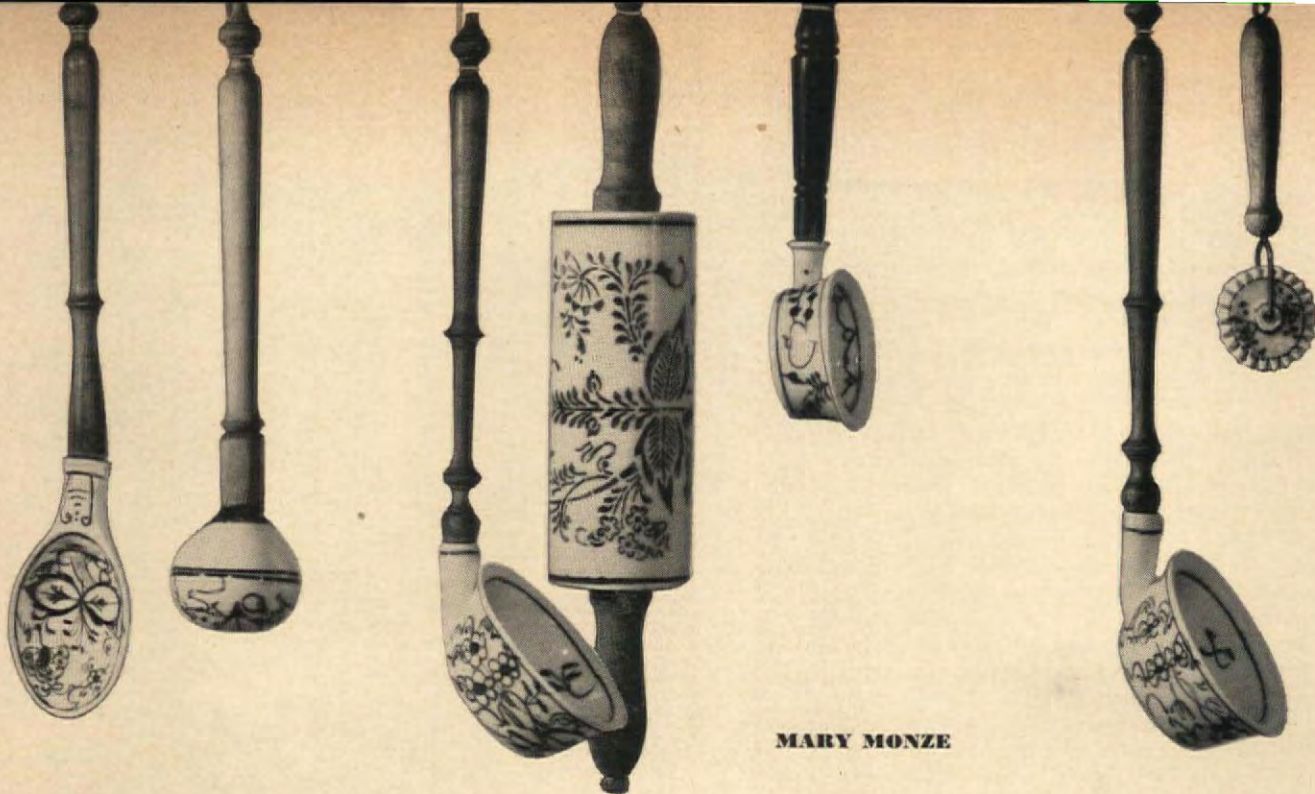


This Onion Has Winning Ways



Some Meissen Onion was made for the scullery, and lucky the cook who could shred her cabbage, skim her savory stew, or roll out a flaky pie crust with utensils like these. They are much too rare, and much too valuable, to go through such paces today, but they still can work very well in the kitchen—as delightful decoration. Mrs. Ruben, who can set a handsome table with her Meissen, also has the pleasure of looking at it while she cooks





MARY MONZE

Onion Is Good in the Kitchen



Here is Meissen china to whet a collector's appetite—jars and strainers, egg cups and pepper mills, all in the same Onion pattern which bloomed on some of the finest of dinnerwares (page 50). You have to look hard to find these blue and white beauties, but if you keep your eyes open while you're "antique-ing," it is possible to assemble a sizeable collection, as did Mrs. Victor Blihar of Great Neck, Long Island. The pieces we show here are only a sampling of the ones she displays to great advantage in her heart-warming kitchen. The rolling pin, pie crimper, and potato masher she found in a pile of odds and ends in a thrift shop—the three priced as a lot for less than one usually pays for a single small piece. The others turned up, one by one, in antique shops she visited frequently. Not all Onion pattern china was made at Meissen proper, for as the popularity of the design spread all through Europe (and our own country too, for much of it was made for export), other factories "borrowed" the Onion from Meissen—whose designers had swiped it from the Chinese to begin with! In fact, they loved it so much in Denmark where the Royal Copenhagen factory used it to great advantage, that it is sometimes known as a "Copenhagen" pattern.

Though not all true Meissen was marked, in some cases there's a mark to tell you the factory or the country of origin—for example, the ladles shown here bear the crossed swords of the Elector of Saxony, one of several marks used by the Meissen factory. But regardless of the country or the factory where it was made, the clear white and blue of a good piece of Onion pattern will gladden the eye which beholds it.



Cheapies

• fricasseed potatoes (a cheapie)



• paradise rice (a cheapie)



• Mom's braised beef (a cheapie)



• any jam cake (a cheapie)



• the cradle (a cheapie)



JEANNIE WILLIS

IF I WORE A VEST, I'd be popping the buttons this month, and no fooling. For one reason, I am just plain proud of our Cheapies Club members. Though we can't begin to use all the recipes that you sent in to us, it was a wonderful thing to read and test them and find out what darned smart members we have in our club! That testing, now, is still another of my reasons for popping my vest, for good food isn't apt to be slimming!

That Santa Claus gent is truly one smart cookie, for he manages to get for himself all the credit of giving, and is safely re-ensconced at that North Pole before those Christmas bills start coming in. Never was there a month when Cheapies were so desperately needed as this one! And we have five swell ones for you, all from fellow members, too. The Cradle is one of those ideas which makes you mad—wishing you had thought it up yourself. Basically, it is a creamed left-over made from whatever you happen to have on hand. It's the presentation of it which is so noteworthy. This simple but wonderful trick is to split lengthwise a loaf of Italian bread, and pour the creamed mixture into it. Cover with cheese and brown, and there you have a guest-worthy main dish. This reminds me of a Cinderella tale, this recipe—and the long loaves of bread are so much easier to come by than fairy

godmothers! Fricasseed Potatoes are one of the "regulars" now at my house. Company or just plain family, these provide the variety, the flavor, the glamor we like to have. Incidentally, you can get this all ready to bake, then let it stand two or three hours without its discoloring.

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• the cradle (a cheapie)

1 loaf Italian bread
(the long kind)
1 can mushroom soup
1 cup milk

1 can peas, drained
2 cups diced ham
Salt and pepper
Grated cheese

Heat soup, milk, peas, and ham very slowly, stirring often. Season to taste. Slice loaf of bread lengthwise just to bottom crust, but not through it. Butter (and toast, if you wish) bread lightly and place in large pyrex dish or casserole. Pour heated ingredients into the open loaf. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Put under broiler until gently brown. Can be done with any left-over meat, and choice of soup.

Serves 5-6

Recipe submitted by Clark H. Greene

FAMILY-TESTED

it on a platter of buttered noodles, and here is another recipe which you will find yourself using for family and company. You can make it more festive looking if you use larger-than-usual pieces of meat. Somehow it ceases to be just stew, that way.

Any Jam Cake means just what it says—you can do it with whichever flavor of jam your family prefers. This is not a fluffy cake; it is a good old-fashioned country loaf cake. Slices with fruit are grand—that is, if you can keep your small fry out of it for that long. And your menfolk.

Here are but five—and there are many more coming in future issues. So you can see why I feel so proud of our members. Being a Cheapies cook means being so many things. It's not just grimly licking the budget problem. It's not merely serving adequate nutrition. Above all, it's not just "feeding your face"—awful, but apt, expression in so many cases. These three are done by us, but they are like learning the scales or finger exercises when you learn to play the piano. A "must," but then comes the fun of it all. For we get fun out of our cooking, we Cheapies cooks, and well deserved satisfaction.

Winter is upon us, and I made a note to myself to be sure to remind you of tomato aspics. Tomatoes do reach a pretty low ebb in taste and a high price, so don't forget that this is a good time for whipping a bit of color into your salads via tomato aspic. Don't save them for summer when tomatoes are cheap—you need them now, too!

If left-over hot cereals worry you, try this oldie: Cook up a little sausage and mix well with the cereal, then chill—slice, dust with flour, and fry it for the next morning's breakfast. And soups. Instead of making a "stingie" of them, toss things into the pot with a bit more recklessness, and have yourself a delicious Cheapie dinner, not just a soup. Too, when salads go uneaten for lack of available variety for "makings" switch them to a first course, before appetites lose their heartiness, before something better is in sight!

Cheapies (Begins on page 53)

Paradise Rice came to us un-named, but was unanimously christened with that name by every taster. It is only fair to pass on to you the warning that came with it—don't cheat on the butter! And no reason to do so, for actually it is a most inexpensive main dish. The grated cheese cooks into a marvelous sauce. There just aren't words for this one; it is a case of tasting is believing. If your holiday entertaining is incomplete, here is an easy way to make a sensation, and one which won't break your piggy-bank.

Mom's Braised Beef—well, her Mom sure knows how to cook! The marinade tenderizes any cheap, tough cut of beef, then works again for you to make a gravy that is quite different tasting. Serve

• fricasseed potatoes • paradise rice (two cheapies)

1 cup rice
1 cup butter
1 cup grated cheese
1 #2 can tomatoes
1 cup finely chopped stuffed olives
1 beef bouillon cube, dissolved in
1 cup boiling water
Salt and pepper

Mix all ingredients together and bake for 2 hours in greased casserole at 350° F. Add more liquid if necessary.

Serves 6 Family-Tested
Recipe submitted by D. S. Havland

2 tbs. bacon drippings
2 tbs. flour
1 cup chopped onions
2 cups water
4 medium-sized potatoes, sliced

Brown together drippings and flour, and add onions. Wilt but do not brown; add water and potatoes. Salt and pepper to taste. Bake in greased casserole for about 1 hr. at 350° F. When done, add thin slices of frankfurters and chopped chives or parsley.

Serves 6 Family-Tested
Recipe submitted by Mrs. C. F. Coons

• Mom's braised beef (a cheapie)

1 cup apple juice or cider
1 tbs. molasses
1 lg. onion, sliced
1 clove garlic
1 bay leaf

1/8 tsp. allspice
2 lbs. beef, cut for stew
2 tbs. shortening
1 1/2 tsp. flour
Salt and pepper

Mix together cider, molasses, onion, garlic, bay leaf, and spices in shallow bowl or pan. Add meat; cover and let stand. Turn and keep in marinade until ready to cook. (Marinating overnight in the refrigerator is the very best, but just a few hours will do it if you are rushed.) Melt shortening in skillet over low heat. Remove meat from marinade and dust with flour, salt, and pepper. Brown the pieces in melted shortening. Remove garlic and pour balance of the marinade over meat. Simmer for about 2 hours. If desired, thicken up the gravy, and serve meat and gravy over wide noodles or rice.

Serves 6 FAMILY-TESTED
Recipe submitted by Mrs. Harry Fleming

• any jam cake (a cheapie)

2/3 cup bran cereal
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour

2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 tsp. almond flavoring
2 eggs
1 cup jam

Soak bran in milk. Add dry ingredients which have been sifted together. Add rest of ingredients and beat for 2 min. by hand or at low speed on electric mixer. Pour into greased 8" square pan. Bake at 350° F. for 35 min. Cool and frost.

JAM FROSTING

1 3 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1/4 cup jam
2 cups powdered sugar

Mix cheese and jam well. Sift in sugar and beat well. If you prefer thinner frosting, add 1 tbs. orange juice.

Serves 8-9

FAMILY-TESTED

Recipe submitted by Mrs. Clyde Miller

PICK A SOUP and plan a meal

BY Anne Marshall

Close your eyes. Try to name 21 soups. You'll think of half a dozen favorites . . . maybe more.

But what about the other soups? If you don't use them, you're missing a whole group of good meals.

Soups offer so many mealtime possibilities; each is so different in taste and texture that when you plan menus around soup . . . an appealing variety is bound to result.

That's why I've set up this soup shopping guide. Study it carefully. Each new soup you discover will help you create new menu ideas for more interesting meals.

The more soups you use, the more interesting your meals will be.



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

A choice of chicken soups

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CHICKEN GUMBO: Vegetables, pieces of chicken, in flavorful chicken stock. An old New Orleans specialty.

CHICKEN NOODLE: Chicken broth, pieces of chicken and old-fashioned egg noodles. A favorite with the children.

Vegetable soups are varied

CREAM of ASPARAGUS: A smooth blend of fresh asparagus and butter; a garnish of luscious asparagus tips.

BLACK BEAN: Delicious purée of fine black beans, expertly seasoned.

CREAM of CELERY: Crisp garden celery, diced, blended to velvet smoothness with heavy whipping cream.

CREAM of MUSHROOM: A blend of cultivated mushrooms and heavy whipping cream; with mushroom pieces.

GREEN PEA: A nourishing purée of green peas, with fine creamery butter, delicately seasoned.

TOMATO: Red-ripe tomatoes, blended with butter, gentle seasoning.

VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE: A fine flavorful all-vegetable soup. Luscious garden vegetables mingled in a delightful vegetable broth.

Soups for beef-eaters

BEEF: Pieces of beef, fine vegetables and barley, in sturdy beef stock.

BEEF NOODLE: Pieces of beef, with egg noodles, in a deep-flavored beef stock.

BOUILLON: (Beef Broth) Savory broth delightfully flavored with garden vegetables—a clear soup.

CONSOMMÉ: Clear beef broth flavored with herbs, tomatoes, celery, carrots (serve hot, cold, or jellied).

OX TAIL: Meaty ox tail joints, barley and vegetables in stout beef stock. English-style soup.

VEGETABLE: Fourteen different garden vegetables in a hearty beef stock.

VEGETABLE BEEF: Vegetables, barley, pieces of beef, in a rich beef stock.

Ever so many hearty soups

BEAN with BACON: Old-fashioned thick bean soup chock-full of plump beans—made savory with the flavor of bacon.

CLAM CHOWDER: Chopped bay clams, tomatoes, potatoes, and savory seasoning, in a tangy clam broth.

PEPPER POT: Pieces of meat, macaroni, vegetables, in a substantial meat stock.

SCOTCH BROTH: A sturdy main-dish soup, prepared with choice mutton, barley and vegetables.

A good cook keeps a full soup shell.





FOOD AMERICA LOVES BEST

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ROAST PRIME RIBS OF BEEF—The way to everyone's heart
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OATMEAL COOKIES—They keep long, but won't last long
CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES—Already an American favorite

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ELEANOR LEE JONES





A collection of good recipes, it seems to us, is mighty like a collection of good silver: the longer you use it, the more you cherish it, and the more valuable it becomes—if it was good in the first place. Extra-good, that is, like the perfected old favorites we've presented here month after month. We collected them from hither and yon in the hope that they'd find a special niche in that sterling collection of yours. Like heirloom silver, they're the kind of good thing that's passed on from mother to daughter, then from mother to daughter again. But missing from our American Home Menu Maker were the great favorites we give you this month. They're dishes you've loved for years, and maybe you've devised a wonderful way to do them—but you'll not go wrong if you give our way a try! When the Government told us that beef supplies are larger, we rushed to give you tips for making your next standing rib roast your best ever—done to rare, medium, well-done—it's all there on our chart. With it, mashed potatoes, fluffy every time, and brown gravy—need we go on? Here for you to use and use—the way to good American eating for today, and many tomorrows.

RICHLY MELLOW, SPARKLING-CLEAR
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"Grinders"—the sandwich is with us more than ever. Here's a grill which turns them out quickly, and what's more, the lid hinges expand for meal-size double deckers. If you'd like a waffle instead, replace the grill with the waffle grid which is part of the set. A.C. or D.C.



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4. Don't use it only for toast! The next time you entertain, or want to treat the family to something different, heat frozen waffles in an automatic toaster. They're delicious, and oh so quick! A.C. or D.C.

5. Eight brimming cups of coffee—uniformly delicious—that's what you get from this classic chrome automatic percolator. Complicated settings are unnecessary—the coffee perks, then stays hot and ready for pouring. A.C. only.

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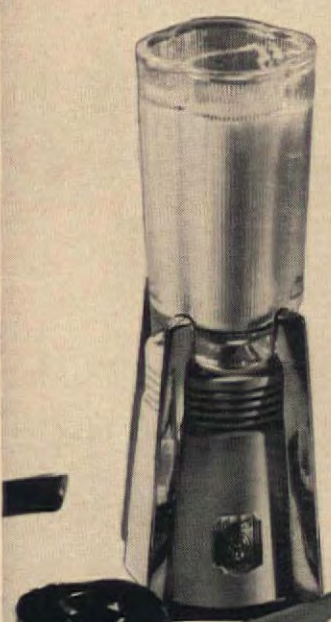
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9. When it comes to blending old favorites like Vichyssoise or Daiquiris, or to improvising new ones, the blender will inspire you. It makes liquids from solids almost like magic. Try it for pie fillings, purees, dressings, soups, beverages, and even for cakes made from mixes.



You don't need to precool the foods, for the container is Pyrex. A.C. or D.C.

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Take a Can of Fruit

• California crisp

YOU'LL NEED:

• $\frac{2}{3}$ can fruit cocktail
• Butter or margarine
• Lemon juice
• Brown sugar
• All-purpose flour

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Serves 6-8

Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup.
Place half of fruit cocktail in a greased 8" x 8" baking pan. Dot fruit with 2 tbs. butter or margarine. Mix together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fruit cocktail syrup and 1 tbs. lemon juice; pour over fruit.
Mix together 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sifted all-purpose flour, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. salt. Sprinkle half of sugar-flour mixture over fruit cocktail.
Make second layer of remaining fruit cocktail. Dot with 2 tbs. butter or margarine. Mix together $\frac{1}{4}$ cup fruit cocktail syrup and 1 tbs. lemon juice; pour over fruit.
Top with remaining brown sugar-flour mixture. Bake at 350° F. 30 minutes.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• angel tutti-frutti

YOU'LL NEED:

• 8-10 inch baker's angel food cake
• Heavy cream
• Confectioners' sugar
• $\frac{2}{3}$ can fruit cocktail

Serves 12-16

Preparation time: 20-30 minutes

A buying tip: $\frac{2}{3}$ (1 lb. 14 oz.) can fruit cocktail contains $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups fruit cocktail, undrained.

Cut slice from top of cake about one inch thick. Reserve cut slice.
Cut center of cake to within 1 inch of outer cake surface on sides and bottom. Remove cut portion.
Whip 2 cups heavy cream until stiff. Fold in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup confectioners' sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. almond extract.
Drain fruit cocktail. Divide whipped cream in half. Fold fruit cocktail into one part of whipped cream. Fill cake with fruit cocktail mixture.
Replace top of cake. Cover top and sides of cake with remaining whipped cream. (If desired, decorate with finely chopped, drained fruit cocktail). Chill before serving.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• fruit-in-a-wheel

YOU'LL NEED:

• Biscuit mix
• Sugar
• Milk
• $\frac{3}{4}$ can or $\frac{1}{2}$ tall can fruit cocktail
• Cornstarch
• Lemon

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Serves 8

Mix together 2 cups biscuit mix and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar.
Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk and mix lightly.
Turn out on lightly floured board and knead gently for about 10 seconds. Roll into a rectangle 9" x 12".
Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup. Spread fruit over dough; roll up.
Cut roll in 1-inch slices and place cut side down in a greased 9" x 9" baking pan.
Bake at 425° F. 15 minutes.
Make Fruit Glaze by mixing together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, 2 tbs. cornstarch, and 1 tbs. grated lemon rind. Add water to fruit-cocktail syrup to make 1 cup. Add to sugar mixture, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat 5 minutes or until thickened.
Pour Fruit Glaze over rolls and bake an additional 15 minutes.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• pastel pie

YOU'LL NEED:

• Butter or margarine
• 1 can moist-shredded coconut
• $\frac{3}{4}$ can or $\frac{1}{2}$ tall can fruit cocktail
• 1 pkg. lime-flavored gelatin
• Heavy cream

Preparation time: 30 minutes

Serves 6

Spread 2 tbs. soft butter or margarine evenly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie pan. Sprinkle coconut in pan, pressing evenly into the butter or margarine.
Bake at 350° F. 10-12 minutes. Cool.
Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup.
Prepare gelatin according to directions on the package, using 1 cup hot water and $\frac{2}{3}$ cup fruit cocktail syrup.
Chill until slightly thickened. Beat with rotary beater until thick and fluffy.
Fold fruit cocktail into gelatin.
Beat $\frac{1}{2}$ cup heavy cream until stiff and fold into gelatin mixture.
Pour mixture into cooled coconut shell. Chill several hours until firm.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• fruit-'n'-ginger puffs

YOU'LL NEED:

• $\frac{3}{4}$ can or $\frac{1}{2}$ tall can fruit cocktail
• Cornstarch
• Lemon juice
• Gingerbread or gingercake mix

Serves 6

Preparation time: 15 minutes

A buying tip: $\frac{3}{4}$ (1 lb. 1 oz.) can or $\frac{1}{2}$ tall (16½ oz.) can contains approximately 2 cups fruit cocktail, undrained.

Drain fruit cocktail and reserve syrup. Divide fruit among 6 greased baking cups.
Combine $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. cornstarch and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. nutmeg.
Add 1 tbs. lemon juice and fruit-cocktail syrup, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat 5 minutes or until thickened. Pour evenly over fruit in baking cups.
Prepare $\frac{1}{2}$ pkg. gingerbread or gingercake mix according to directions on package. Fill baking cups two-thirds full with gingerbread batter. If desired, mix together 2 tbs. sugar and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon and sprinkle over batter.
Bake at 350° F. 20 minutes.
Turn out of cups immediately on dessert plates, fruit side up.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

• rainbow glazed ham

Eskimo special

YOU'LL NEED:

• Cornstarch
• Maple syrup
• Sherry
• $\frac{3}{4}$ can or $\frac{1}{2}$ tall can fruit cocktail
• Preparation time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

• 1 pt. sour cream
• Lemon juice
• Sugar
• $\frac{3}{4}$ can or $\frac{1}{2}$ tall can fruit cocktail
• Preparation time: 10 minutes

Recipe from Mrs. Robert W. George

Mix 3 tbs. cornstarch with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cold water. Stirring constantly, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water to dissolved cornstarch. Stir in 1 cup maple syrup.
Add 1-inch piece stick cinnamon.
Continue stirring and cook over low heat until mixture boils and is clear.
Remove from heat. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sherry. Remove stick cinnamon.
Drain fruit cocktail. Add to thickened mixture. Pour glaze over thinly sliced cooked ham, sliced canned luncheon meat, or ham steak, cut 1 inch thick.
Bake at 350° F. 20 minutes for ham slices or luncheon meat, 1 hour for ham steak.

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

Mix together sour cream, 1 tbs. lemon juice, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar.
Drain fruit cocktail. Fold into sour-cream mixture. Pour mixture into refrigerator tray and freeze until firm.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHEN

Serves 8

Cocktail

ESKIMO SPECIAL



FRUIT-'N-GINGER PUFFS



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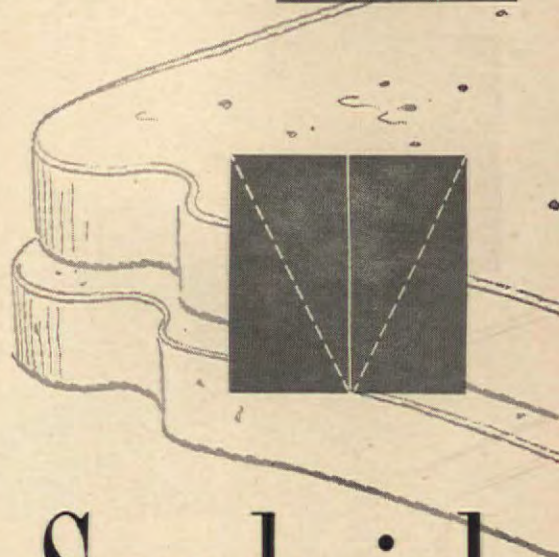
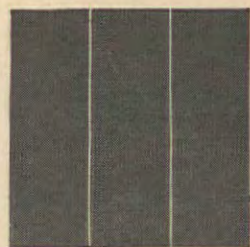
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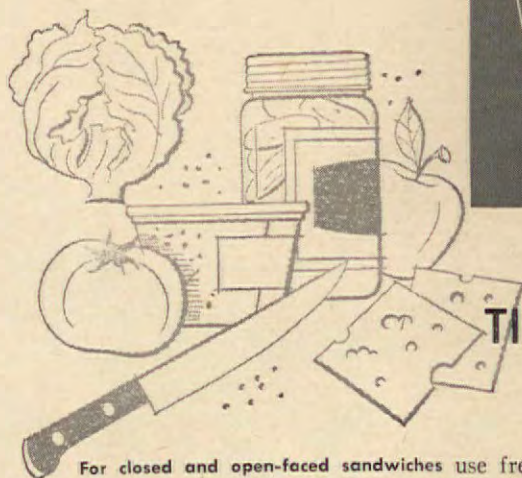
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TIPS ON CUTTING

With a twist of the wrist—and a turning of the knife—you can have real variety of shapes in the plainest of sandwiches. Here are nine patterns to follow! For easier cutting, hold the sandwich together with the thumb and first finger of one hand, then with a very sharp knife in the other hand, cut the sandwich in sections



Sandwich



TIPS ON

For closed and open-faced sandwiches use fresh bread with a rather firm texture; for roll and pinwheel sandwiches, use fresh bread with a rather soft texture. So that sandwiches will be of uniform appearance with even edges, use adjacent slices of bread. Soften butter or margarine for easy, economical spreading, then spread to the very edges of the slices of bread. Melted butter or margarine makes a soggy sandwich, as does jelly, mayonnaise, or salad dressing—when using any of the latter, spread bread first with the creamed butter. High-color ingredients such as chopped pimientos, eggs, olives, and pickles are a mighty easy way to get the plus of eye appeal. Try keeping fillings in shallow, easily-covered dishes rather than tall jars, so that it will be unnecessary to take the filling out of a long, narrow jar. A spatula is ideal for spreading fillings—has more bend than a knife. When spreading sandwiches for a crowd—and it's a cue worth using even when making sandwiches that go into the daily lunchbox—line up the slices of bread in pairs. Spread like fillings on alternate rows of bread in one operation, allowing about one-third cup filling per sandwich. Make all of one type of sandwich at the same time. Stack two or three sandwiches, and cut them all at once with a sharp bread knife. Sandwiches made up in advance should be stored in the refrigerator, but don't plan to keep them more than 24 hours. Sandwiches can be frozen in your home



Patter

SANDWICH MAKING...

freezer and kept for several months. Allow about one hour's thawing time at room temperature. All varieties of bread will freeze well. The best fillings for frozen sandwiches are peanut butter, Cheddar, American, or cream cheese, sliced or ground meat, fish, or chicken. Egg salad and sliced eggs do not freeze well because the egg white becomes tough. We suggest not using mayonnaise, jelly, or preserves in sandwiches to be made and refrigerated or frozen unless peanut butter or cream cheese is spread clear to the edge of the bread before spreading with these fillings. Sliced tomato and lettuce should be tucked in just before serving, not before refrigerating or freezing. With a bit of imagination in combining ingredients, sandwiches can be extra-special eating. Try these combinations for the lunchbox, in-between-meal snacks, or for your next party menu (each combination makes filling for 4-6 sandwiches): 3-oz. package cream cheese and $\frac{1}{3}$ cup canned cranberry sauce; $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mayonnaise; $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cottage cheese and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup apple butter; $\frac{3}{4}$ cup liver sausage, 2 chopped, hard-cooked eggs, 2 tbs. mayonnaise and 1 tbs. chopped onion; 1 3-oz. package cream cheese, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup peanut butter, 1 tbs. orange juice, 1 tsp. grated orange rind, 1 cup canned beans in tomato sauce, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped, cooked bacon, 2 tbs. chopped pickle relish, 2 tbs. mayonnaise; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped avocado, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mayonnaise, 1 tbs. lemon juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped cooked shrimp.



Easy salad with a party look—thrifty too—with Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

FRUIT COTTAGE RING

1 No. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ can fruit cocktail
1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
4 tablespoons lemon juice

1 pint cottage cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chilled evaporated milk
or whipping cream
Salad greens

Drain 1 cup syrup from fruit cocktail, heat. Dissolve gelatin in it. Add lemon juice. Cool. Stir in cottage cheese. Chill until slightly thickened. Whip chilled milk in chilled bowl until thick. Fold in cheese mix-

ture and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups drained cocktail. Chill in 8-inch ring mold until firm. Unmold. Garnish with salad greens and cocktail. Serves 6 to 8.

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1 No. 2½ can DEL MONTE Fruit Cocktail	1 pkg. cream cheese (3 oz.)
2 pkgs. lemon-flavored gelatin	1 cup heavy cream

Drain fruit cocktail thoroughly, reserving syrup. To syrup, add water to make 3½ cups. Heat to boiling point. Dissolve gelatin in the hot liquid; set aside 1 cup. Chill the rest till thick and syrupy, then add drained fruit cocktail and pour half the mixture into 2 quart mold. Chill till set. Break up cheese in bowl; then blend in cream. Beat in 1 cup gelatin mixture which was set aside. Spoon into mold; chill till set. Add rest of fruit cocktail-gelatin mixture; chill until firm. Unmold; garnish with flavored, sweetened whipped cream, if desired. Serves 6-8.

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Small Helpers (Begins on page 58)

10. Did you know that homemade ice cream, ices, and sherbets can be made in 15 short minutes in this Hobart freezer that attaches directly to the Hobart mixer?

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Food America Loves Best

(Begins on page 56)



• fluffy mashed potatoes,
brown gravy




• fried oysters,
tartare/chili sauces




• standing rib
roast of beef



• oatmeal cookies



• chocolate
chip cookies



• apple cobbler

buy a roast weighing at least 4 lbs., or having at least 2 ribs. The roast may be seasoned before or after cooking as desired.

standing rib roast of beef

Place meat fat side up in shallow open roasting pan. Rib bones will keep roast off bottom of pan.* With the fat on top, the roast will do its own basting. Insert roast meat thermometer through outside fat into center of thickest part of meat, being certain that it does not touch bone or fat. Use of a meat thermometer prevents overcooking or undercooking. Follow roasting schedule below as a time guide for starting to roast meat. Roast at 325° F. uncovered without added water.

Guide for Roasting at 325° F.
(Times given are for roasts removed from refrigerator temperature)

Weight	Desired degree of doneness	Approximate roasting time	Internal temperature (by roast meat thermometer)
4 lbs.	Rare	1 3/4 hours	140° F.
	Medium	2 hours	160° F.
	Well done	2 1/2 hours	170° F.
6 lbs.	Rare	2 1/4 hours	140° F.
	Medium	2 3/4 hours	160° F.
	Well done	3 1/2 hours	170° F.
8 lbs.	Rare	3 hours	140° F.
	Medium	3 1/2 hours	160° F.
	Well done	4 1/2 hours	170° F.

*In cooking a rolled rib roast, place meat on a rack in shallow open roasting pan. Allow additional time, 5 to 10 minutes per lb., for roasting.

fried oysters, tartare/chili sauces

1 quart oysters
2 eggs, slightly beaten

2 tbs. milk
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 cup fine bread crumbs, cracker crumbs, or corn meal

Drain oysters. Mix eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Dip oysters in crumbs, in egg mixture, and then in crumbs again. Fry in deep hot fat (375°-380° F.) 2 to 3 minutes, or until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper towels and serve with Tartare or Chili Sauce.

6 servings **535 cal. per serving (with tartare sauce)**

TARTARE SAUCE
2 tbs. pickle relish
2 tbs. chopped olives
2 tbs. chopped parsley

Combine ingredients just before serving.

CHILI SAUCE
2 tbs. horseradish
1 cup ketchup or chili sauce
2 tbs. chopped celery
2 tbs. tarragon vinegar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/8 tsp. Tabasco sauce

Blend all ingredients and chill before serving.

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fluffy mashed potatoes, brown gravy

6 medium-sized potatoes
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/3-1/2 cup hot milk
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Pare potatoes. Cook, covered, in 1" boiling salted water 25 to 35 minutes or until just tender. Drain and shake over low heat to dry. Mash, press through ricer, or beat in electric mixer according to mixer direction booklet. Add butter or margarine. Add hot milk gradually and beat until light and fluffy. Add salt and pepper. If desired, add 2 tbs. grated onion. Serve immediately topped with a double butter pattie.

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BROWN GRAVY

1/4 cup fat
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups water, stock, or part milk
Salt and pepper

Skim fat from liquid in roaster or pan. Blend fat and flour over low heat and cook until lightly browned, stirring constantly. Gradually stir in liquid and continue stirring until smooth and thickened, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes about 2 cups gravy or 6 servings

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NOTE: Milk makes the gravy lighter in color and adds flavor. To add further seasoning, stir in 1 tsp. bottled gravy aid after gravy is thickened.

2 tbs. grated lemon rind
1/4 cup fresh, canned, or frozen lemon juice

1/3 cup melted butter or margarine
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening
2/3 cup milk (approximately)

Arrange apple slices in a greased 8" x 8" baking pan. Mix together 3/4 cup sugar, 1/4 cup flour, spices, and lemon rind. Sprinkle over fruit; pour lemon juice and butter over sugar-spice mixture. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 425° F. about 40 minutes or until apples are almost tender. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Add shortening and cut into mixture until it resembles coarse corn meal. Add milk to make a dough soft but not sticky. Turn out on lightly floured board and knead lightly for 1/2 min. Roll to 1/4" thickness; adjust biscuit dough over filling. Press edges down and cut gashes to permit escape of steam. If desired, brush top with light cream. Bake at 425° F. about 25 min. Serve warm.

6-8 servings **462-616 cal. per serving**

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chocolate chip cookies

1 1/8 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup butter or margarine
6 tbs. granulated sugar

6 tbs. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg, well beaten
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Sift flour, soda, and salt together. Cream butter or margarine, granulated and brown sugar until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add flour mixture; mix well. Add semi-sweet chocolate pieces and walnuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 375° F. 12-15 minutes.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

83 cal. per serving

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oatmeal cookies

1 cup seedless raisins
1 1/2 cups boiling water
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. allspice
1/2 tsp. cloves
2 cups quick-cook[®] oats
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
3 eggs, well beaten

Cook raisins in boiling water 5 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup raisin liquid. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices together. Combine oats and walnuts with flour mixture. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add flour-oats mixture alternately with raisin liquid. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 400° F. 12-15 minutes.

Makes 4 dozen cookies

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• smooth
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• 1-2-3-4 cake



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smooth fudge frosting

- 3 cups sugar
- 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 squares unsweetened chocolate
- 1 cup milk
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tbs. butter or margarine
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine sugar, cream of tartar, salt, chocolate, and milk. Cook over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Cook without stirring until thermometer registers 234°-236° F. or until a little of the mixture dropped in cold water forms a soft ball. Beat egg yolks. Pour chocolate syrup slowly over egg yolks, beating constantly. Add butter or margarine and vanilla. Continue beating until frosting is creamy and thick enough to spread. Frosts three 8" x 1" or 9" x 1 1/2" round cake layers.

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1-2-3-4 cake

- 3 cups sifted cake flour
- 4 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Cream shortening and sugar until fluffy. Add egg yolks and beat well. Add milk and dry ingredients alternately. Add vanilla. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold in. Turn into 3 greased and floured 9" x 1 1/2" round layer cake pans. Bake at 350° F. 30-35 minutes. Remove from oven, cool on cake racks 5 minutes, then remove from pans and allow to cool thoroughly. Frost with Smooth Fudge Frosting.

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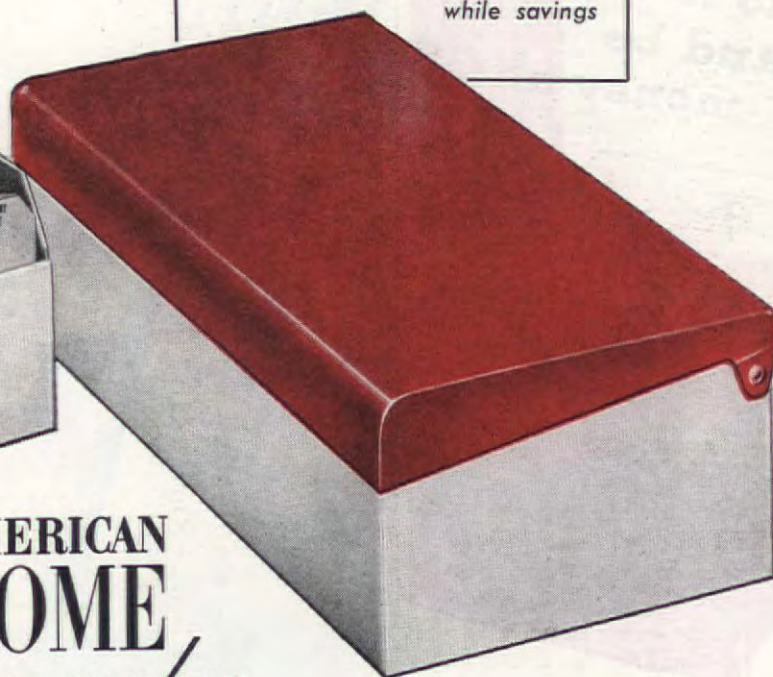
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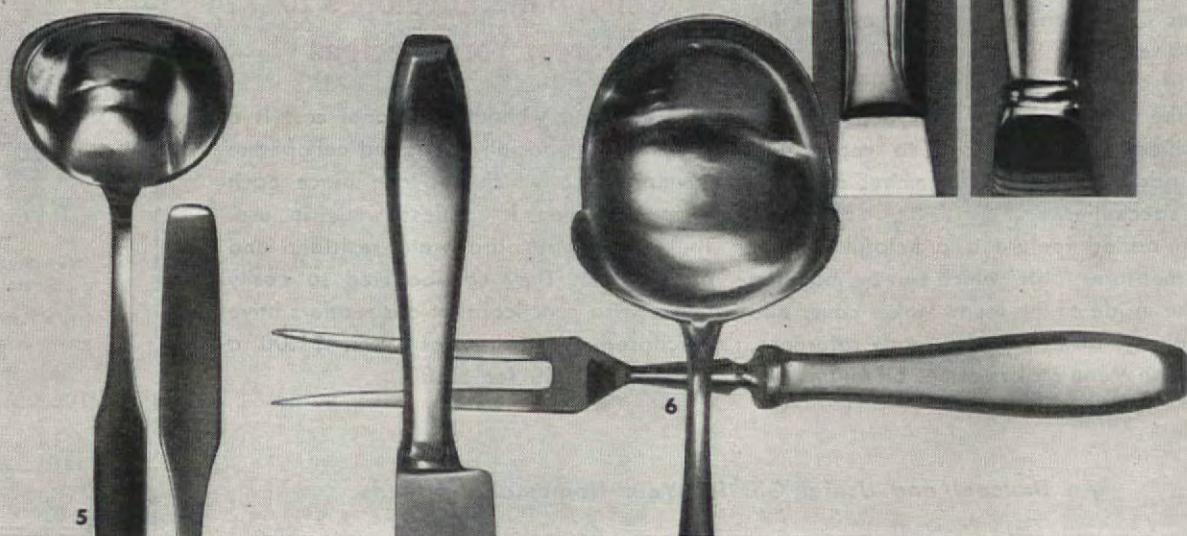
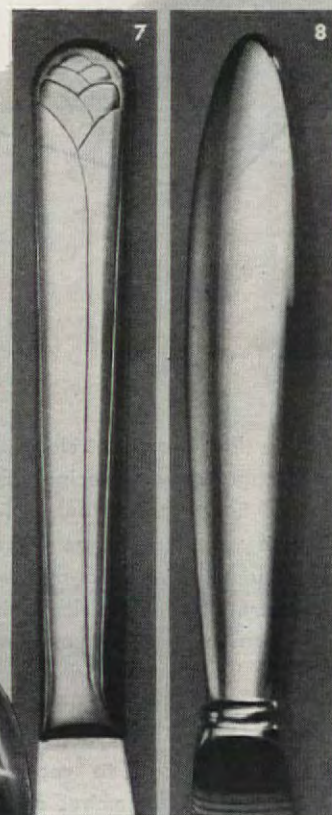


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FRINGE DETAIL



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TOWELS

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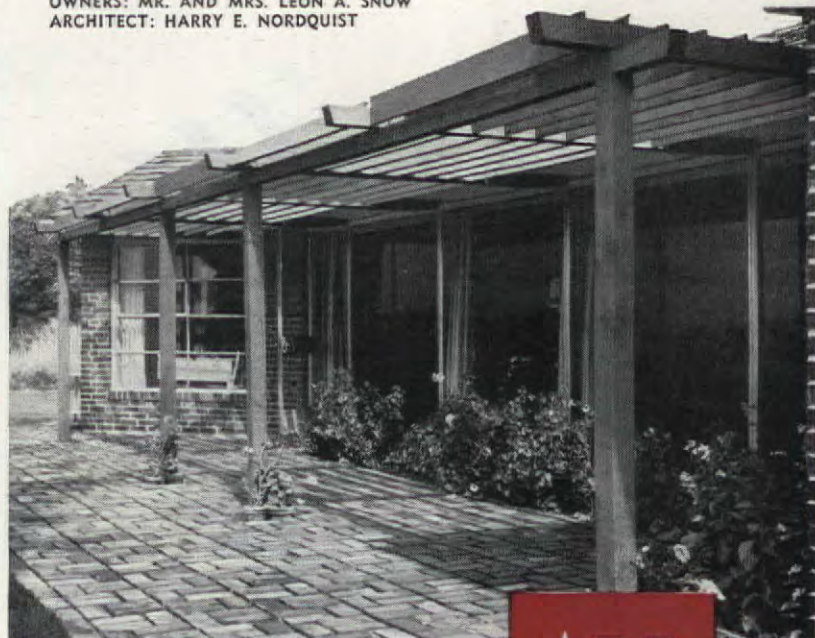
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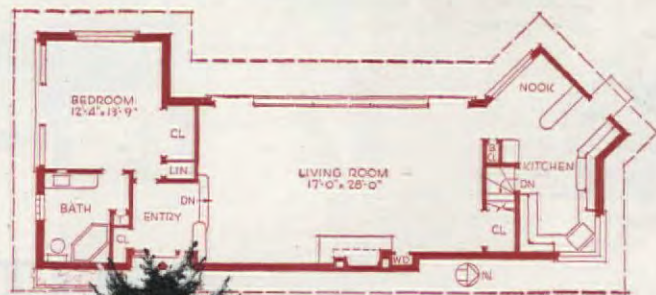
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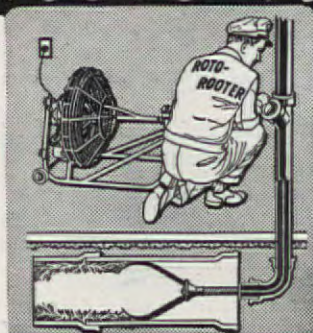
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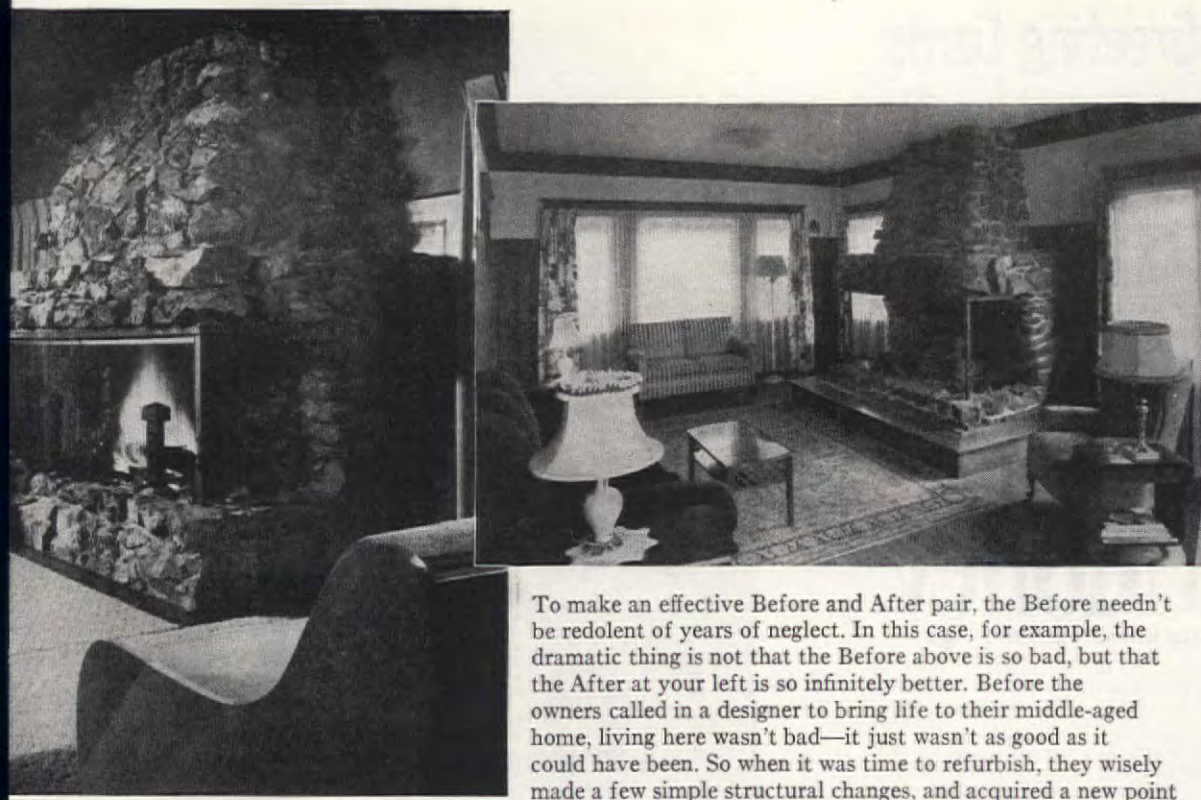
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Large dining room in the same house was always a dual-purpose room, but since its modernization, it does several jobs with more grace. Before remodeling, window seats were so narrow that an old sofa turned its back upon them, and the room was awkward to furnish. Now the complex of windows and pillars has been replaced by one enormous picture window and a long seat, wide enough to double as a guest bed. Redwood cabinets built under the other windows enhance the appearance and multiply the usefulness of the room. As in the living room, the ceiling beams and the molding have been removed to make the room seem years younger, and flush ceiling lights over the dining table furnish excellent modern illumination. The color scheme of soft green and rose spiked with copper is similar to that of the living room.

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 91



To make an effective Before and After pair, the Before needn't be redolent of years of neglect. In this case, for example, the dramatic thing is not that the Before above is so bad, but that the After at your left is so infinitely better. Before the owners called in a designer to bring life to their middle-aged home, living here wasn't bad—it just wasn't as good as it could have been. So when it was time to refurbish, they wisely made a few simple structural changes, and acquired a new point

of view along with their new fabrics and furniture. The redwood paneling was stripped of its dark finish and returned to its natural color, and the walls and ceiling were painted dark green. The ceiling light and wall brackets were replaced by modern cove lighting. The bulky ceiling molding disappeared, as did the clumsy platform around the base of the fireplace. Instead of breaking up the wall area, the windows are now unified by soft sheer curtains which admit plenty of light though they're used wall-to-wall. The new color scheme of rose-beige, green, and copper now creates a restfulness the former profusion of conflicting patterns and stripes never could foster.

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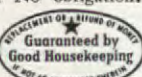
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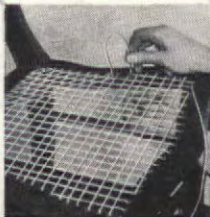
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Spring on your Mind

(Begins on page 48)



Use slender Haitian mahogany tray on simple carved wood base (for interest and lightness) and protect it from water stain by setting cup pin holder on irregular piece of dark-colored blotting paper. (1) Cover this with sphagnum moss laid in a rhythmic or S curve, and place in holder a spray of forced Japanese quince not more than 14 inches tall. (2) Add shorter sprays, inserting them as close as possible to base



(3) Add tulips—partly open and even in green bud stage—on different length stems in spiral design, with foliage curved to follow lines of branches. Loop larger leaves and tuck tips in at base. Open one or three tulips by gently pressing petals back; cut their stems to 1 to 3 inches; place them low, close to main stem line as a focal point. Water should last 24 hours and, if replenished daily, keep arrangement fresh for two weeks if material was pre-conditioned in deep container (top picture). Forsythia and daffodils make charming yellow effect

Spring on your Mind

(Begins on page 48)

Hyacinths, jaunty as a new spring bonnet, and stalks of iris buds are used here with pachysandra tips in a modern milk-glass compote. Buy pots of hyacinths in bud stage for longer life and fascinating chartreuse bud colors. To prevent the succulent stems from curling when cut, wrap ends with cellulose tape or wire to short green sticks for additional strength. Loop leaves, wire ends together for an inch or so



(1) Anchor cup pin holder in compote with inconspicuous green modeling clay. Start design with spike of white or blue iris (in bud) to establish highest point. (2) Arrange heavy, open hyacinth flowers at different levels, but low, grouping colors for distinctive effect. (3) Use the fat chartreuse hyacinth buds even lower, then insert the looped leaves in a sort of ribbon-bow effect around the base, being sure their ends are in water. Finish the arrangement with a few end sprigs of pachysandra (Japanese spurge) or other soft, graceful evergreen foliage around base to give depth and stability

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The interesting reader response to an article, "Our Debt to Datura," in the August, 1949, AMERICAN HOME, seems to warrant more discussion of the striking plant called, because of its big white flowers, "angels-trumpet" and, because of its spiny seed pods, "thorn-apple." The handsome, bushy, annual species (*D. meteloides*) pictured in our story is apparently well known and widely grown in gardens, but a number of readers sought or offered information about other forms, including the wild *D. stramonium*, known as jimson (or Jamestown)-weed.

From Chicago Dr. W. D. McNally, chemist and toxicologist, wrote: "As several hundred accidental poisonings have occurred from the eating of seeds or other parts of the common jimson-weed, either by children taking the seeds for caraway seeds or adults mistaking the plant for greens or dried herbs. I believe you should publish a warning regarding this 'humble weed that is beautiful and easy to grow in gardens.'"

A warning is justified, even though *D. stramonium* is hardly beautiful and rarely cultivated. Also it does have defenders. Mrs. J. M. Stoker, of Ohio, has plants in her garden whose leaves she dries and stores in paper bags. For, she says, "To me it's a miracle plant as it saved my life after three doctors gave me up to die. I had what they called inflammation of the bowels and was unconscious. When they left, saying they had done all they could, an 80-year-old neighbor asked if she could try an old family remedy. My folks assenting, she kept hot jimson-weed poultices on me all night. By morning, the swelling had gone down and next day I knew the folks again. When our doctor came, he was speechless. . . . I still use such poultices when I have quinsy to take out the inflammation."

"To make them, I soften the dried leaves in warm water, squeeze out all the water I can, and fry them in an iron skillet in enough fresh hog's lard to keep them moist, put them in a flannel bag made to cover the affected place, sew up the end, and steam the poultice as hot as it can be borne.

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Similar evidence came from Re S. E. Tull of Arkansas. When he was a farm boy in Mississippi, "a jimson-weed poultice bound to a boy's foot or toes would kill the 'ground-itch' and other infections over night. But the main use for the hard, prickly buds or pods was to put under an angry broody hen to break her of 'setting'."

In his garden he also grows *suaveolens*, a tender tropical tree-type species which he propagates from cuttings indoors. A plant will attain height and spread of 10 to 12 feet and a trunk diameter of 3 in. in one season. If all suckers are trimmed off, a handsome tree will result. Early in October the white flowers, 12 in. long and 9 in. across, begin to open, staying on the tree a whole week, folding up in the daytime, but at night filling the air with a fragrant like magnolia.

From Dr. R. Milton Carleton of Chicago, we obtained facts about *fastuosum*, a species found around the sites of ancient Inca temple operating room platforms in the Andes. In the surgical work, the priests employed strong concoctions of *Datura* as an anesthetic. Drinking them, patients soon became numb, then went into deep coma for several days.

O. A. Marsh of Connecticut wanted to know how to keep the flowers when cut, alive long enough to enjoy them. With him, "they droop after 24 hours just as on the tree." We thought that seems to be their way and don't know how to change it. But considering their beauty, doesn't 24 hours seem enough to ask of them?



Peru's angel-trumpet tree (*Datura arborea*) as it grows in California

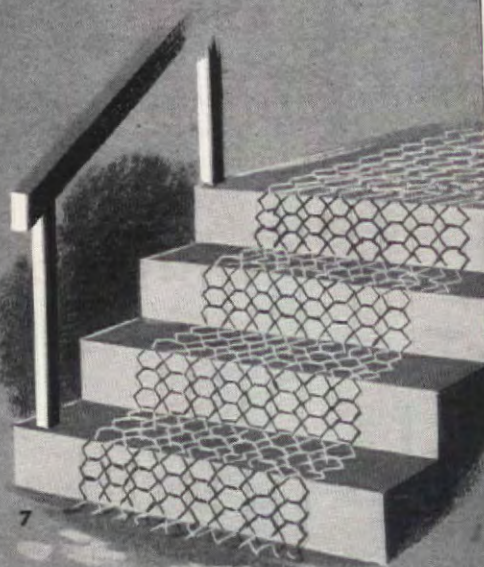
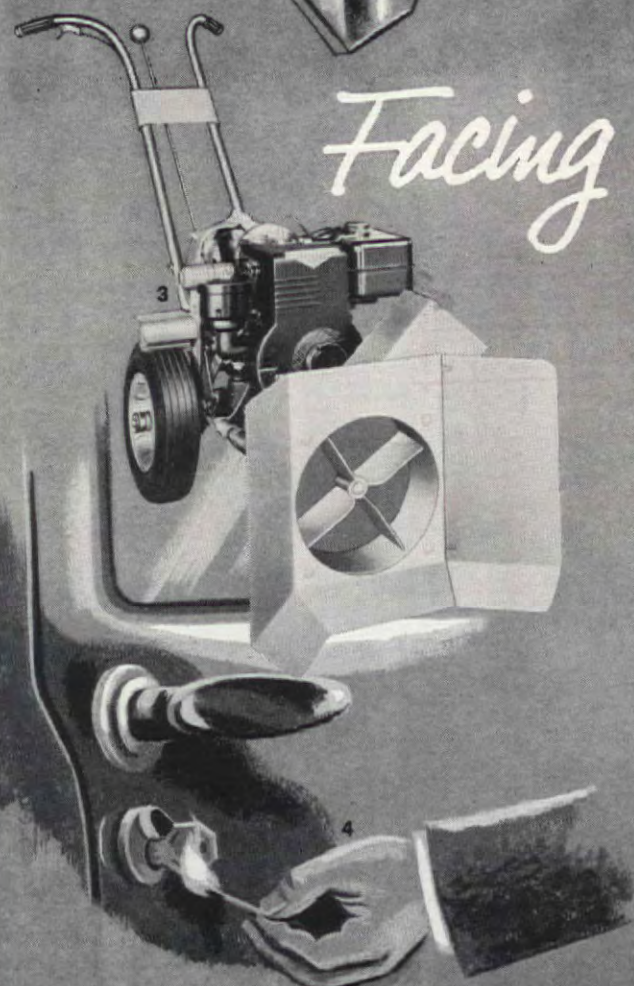


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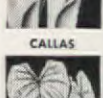
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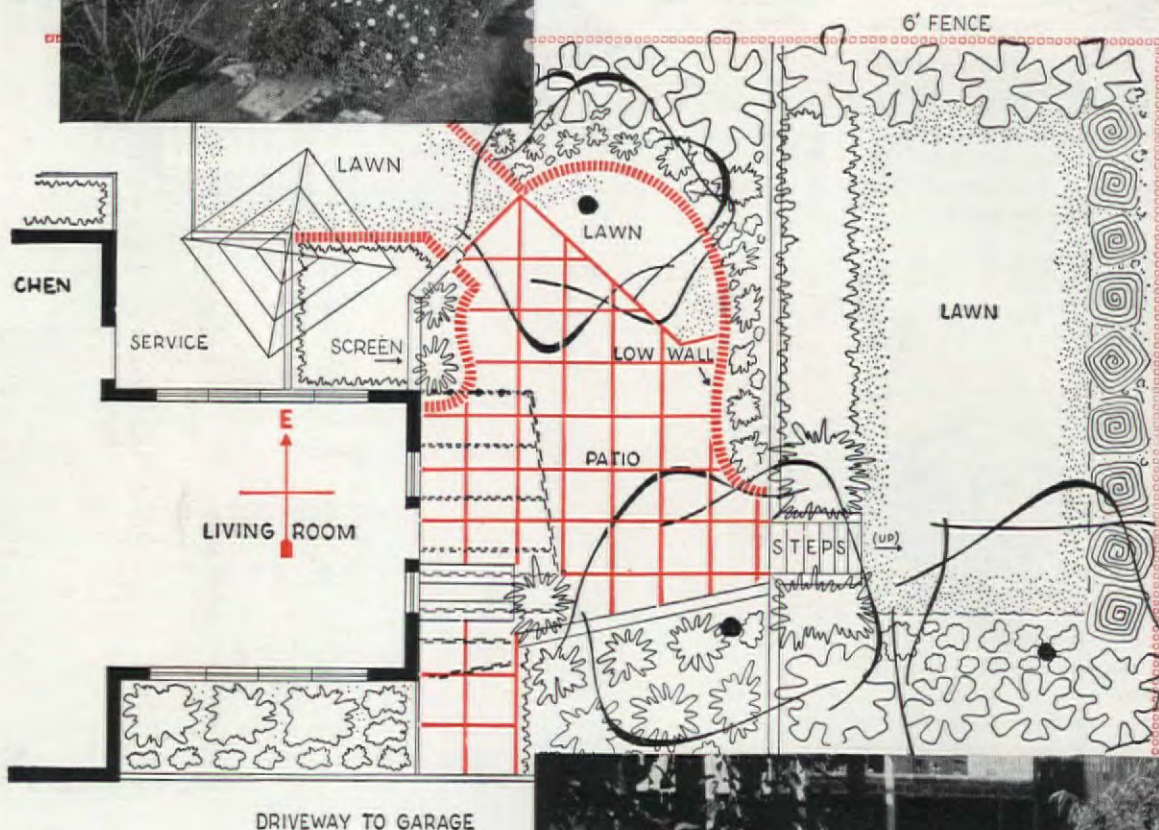
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As it was—a weed-ridden lower lawn of no particular shape framed by nondescript bushes incapable of hiding the house next door, especially from the upper level from which this picture was taken. Inadequate stepping stones between living-room door and service area; a hard-to-care-for border along the stark retaining wall at the back, and equally harsh concrete steps between the two levels. Contrast the larger picture, taken from about the same angle after the transformation (shown in three stages)

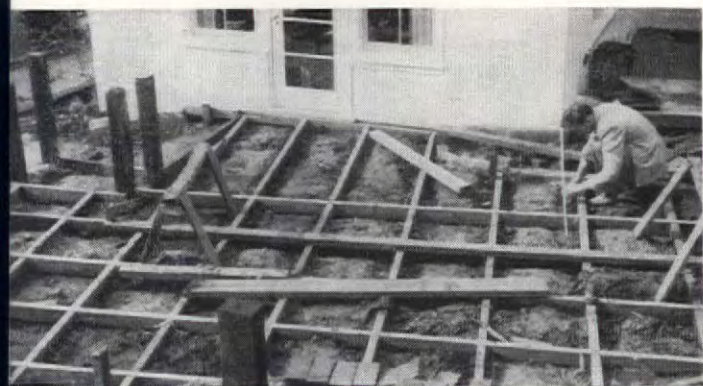


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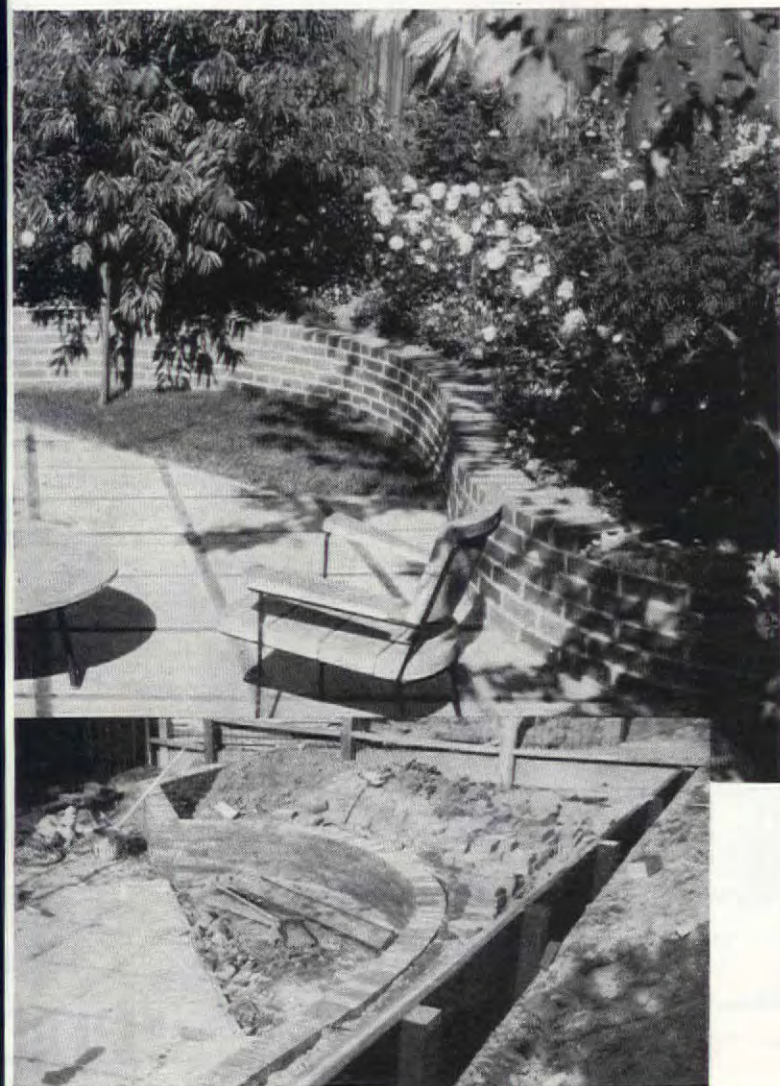
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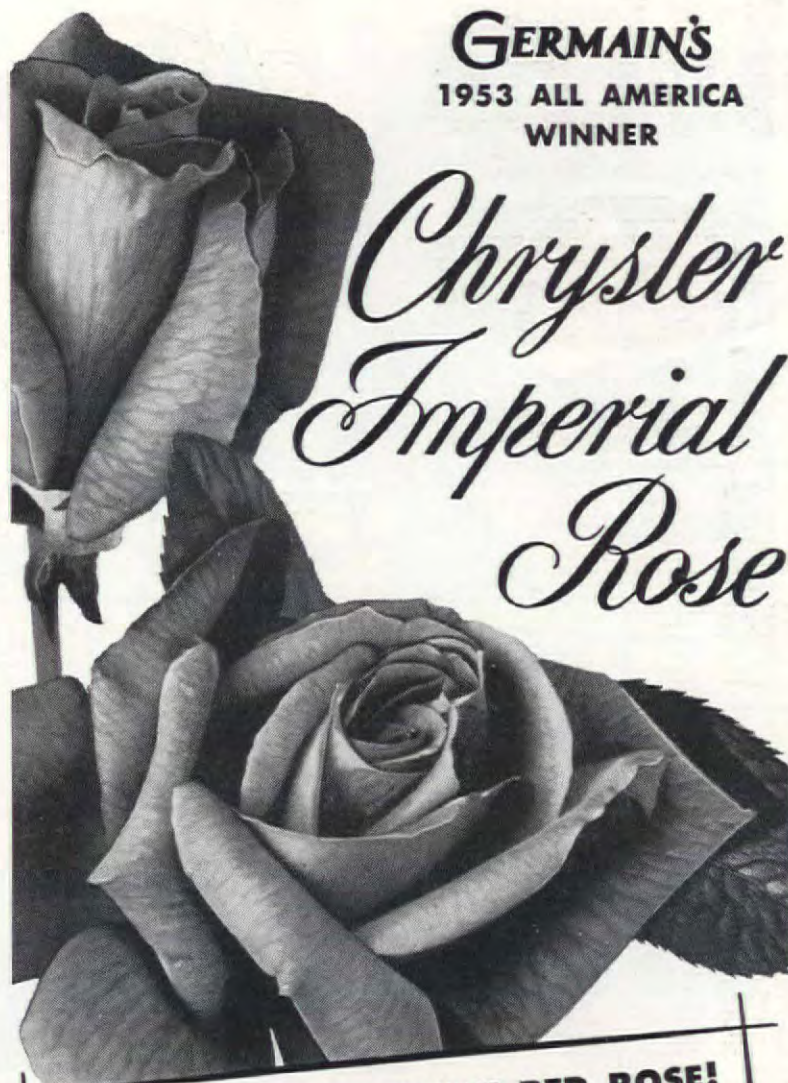
With the patio area leveled and its pattern laid out, 2" x 4" redwood headers were held in place by being nailed to firmly driven stakes. The four posts at the left are the framework of a redwood plant box beside which two broad steps enter the patio



Progress—as the concrete is poured between the redwood strips. Note the four pipe supports for the future trumpet-vine trellis, the plant box, left open at the bottom for drainage, and, in the foreground, the top of the new, higher redwood retaining wall



Here, seen from almost the same point as the Before picture on page 84, the finished patio paving, low brick retaining wall (and seat), the raised flower bed, and the wall that holds the upper level



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Garden for Living

(Begins on page 84)

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Maximum use was made of the space outside the living room by leveling it all the way out to the abrupt slope and paving it with concrete laid inside squares marked off by 2" x 4" redwood headers set on edge. However, in the southeast corner, a small semicircular portion was made into lawn to soften the effect.

At the rear, a new and higher redwood retaining wall was built to support the upper part of the garden which also was leveled and made accessible by a flight of redwood steps. In front of the retaining wall on the patio level, a curving brick wall 18" high defines the patio area, provides a convenient seat, and supports a raised bed of flowers and shrubs.

Along the whole eastern side of the garden, a 6' screen fence of redwood grape stakes (an effective and very satisfactory, but often misused, material) hides much of the adjoining property. A 6" high, round-topped brick wall partially separates the patio from the service area, and the latter from another bit of lawn. The service area is further set off by a 6' vertical grid frame of 2" x 6" redwood. Potted plants on the horizontal members help to screen off the clothes reel beyond. Shade is supplied by a trellis attached to the house and already covered with trumpet-vines. Four pipes embedded in the concrete on a line extending the east wall of the living room support the trellis. Also a good-sized maple tree was planted in the patio and a smaller peach tree in the tiny grass plot. For the rest, the planting is mostly of flowers, for enjoyment outdoors and indoors.



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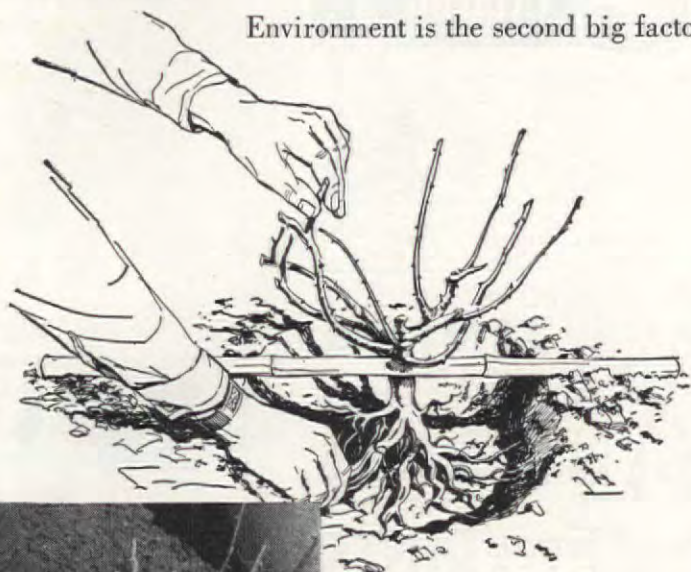
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Start filling in topsoil, working it around and between roots with fingers or blunt stick (second view). Add more, firming it well with the hands, then by treading, until hole is about three-quarters full. Pour on a pail or so of water, and let it sink in before filling hole level full with soil which is left loose, not firmed. Don't use fertilizer at planting time; save it for surface feeding later on when plants are growing well



Mound up soil 6" to 10" high around each plant to prevent drying and dying of canes while roots take hold, and (after spring planting) until new growth starts. In fall, after ground freezes, cover mounds with straw or other litter to keep soil frozen and prevent injury from alternate thawing and freezing

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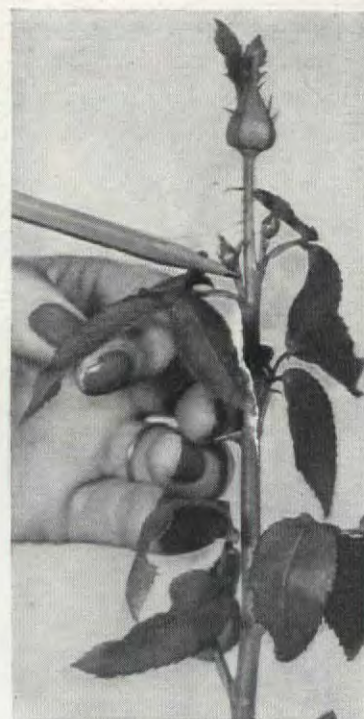
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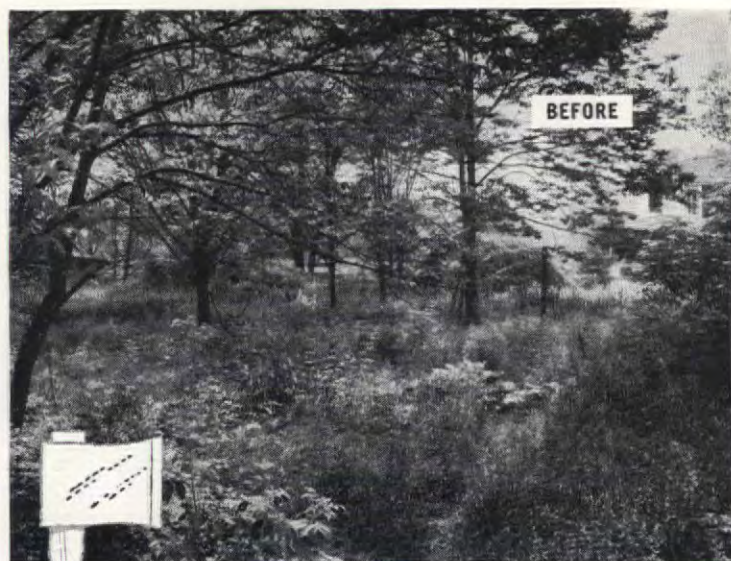
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For fewer—but larger and finer—exhibition-type blooms, "disbud." That is, pinch out small side buds (indicated by pencil) so the large terminal bud will make maximum growth. This may stimulate growth of buds in lower leaf axils, which, also, should be rubbed off as soon as seen. A second ration of plant food applied (in accordance with the manufacturer's directions) when the plants start coming into bloom, will be definitely beneficial



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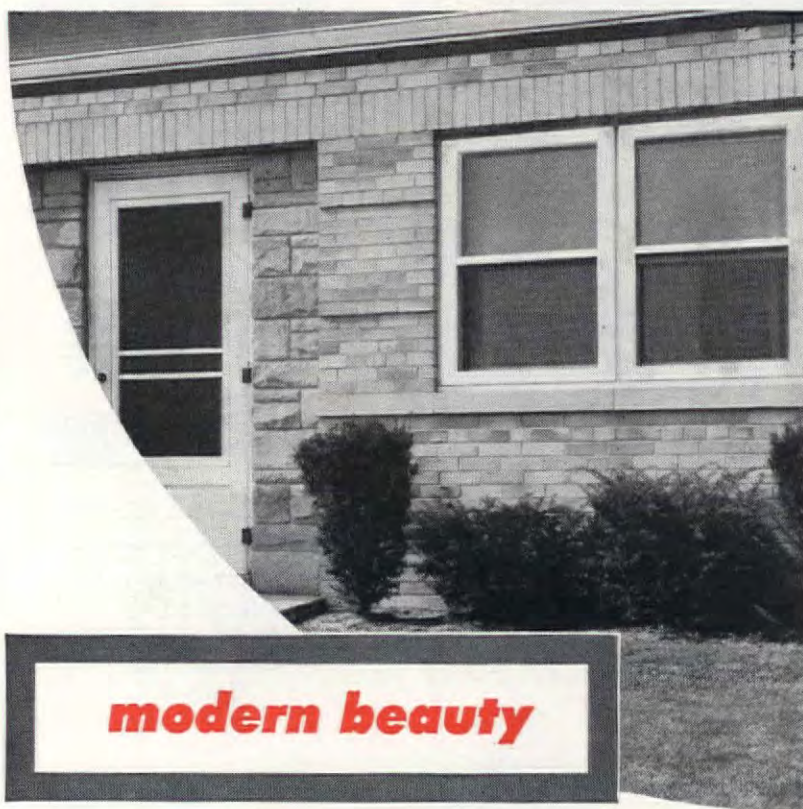
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Plant with an Ax (Begins on page 39)

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You see, they did their landscaping, their "planting," mostly with an ax, which is a tool of great possibilities when judiciously handled. And they have something that couldn't have been duplicated by the cleverest landscape architect starting with an expanse of bare, bulldozed land because *every plant belongs where it is*. It grew, thrived, and was happy because Nature had put it there. All they bought were some good saws, axes, pruners, ladders, etc., and a book or two on how, when, and why to prune and on how to recognize, appraise, and make the most of good trees, shrubs, and other plants. They also had a Government bulletin that tells what trees to thin in a wood lot, and how to do it—gradually, so as to prevent excessive drying out of the soil from sudden exposure to unaccustomed sunlight and wind. They learned to identify the various plants and how to make the desirable ones more vigorous and attractive by wise pruning, thinning, and feeding. In effect, they did a large-scale "weeding" job, removing the overcrowding, less desirable species so as to make room for the valuable, wanted ones.

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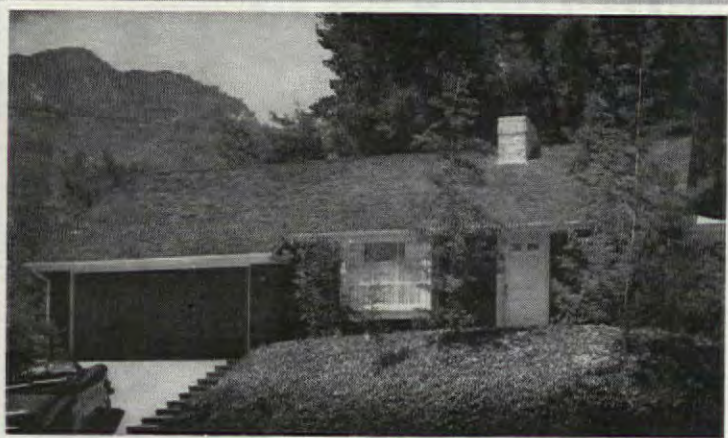
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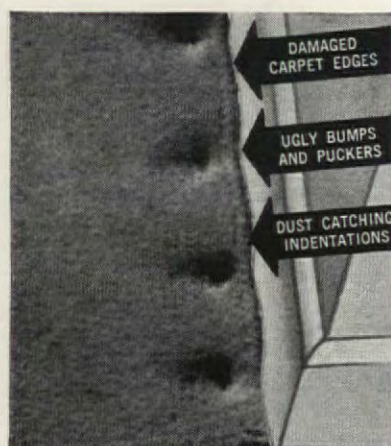
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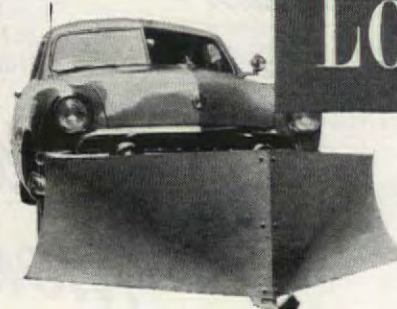


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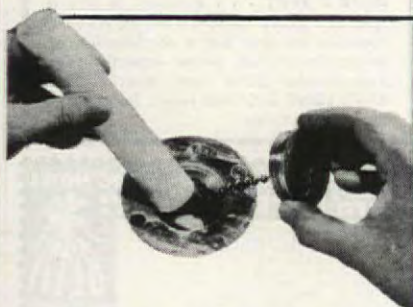
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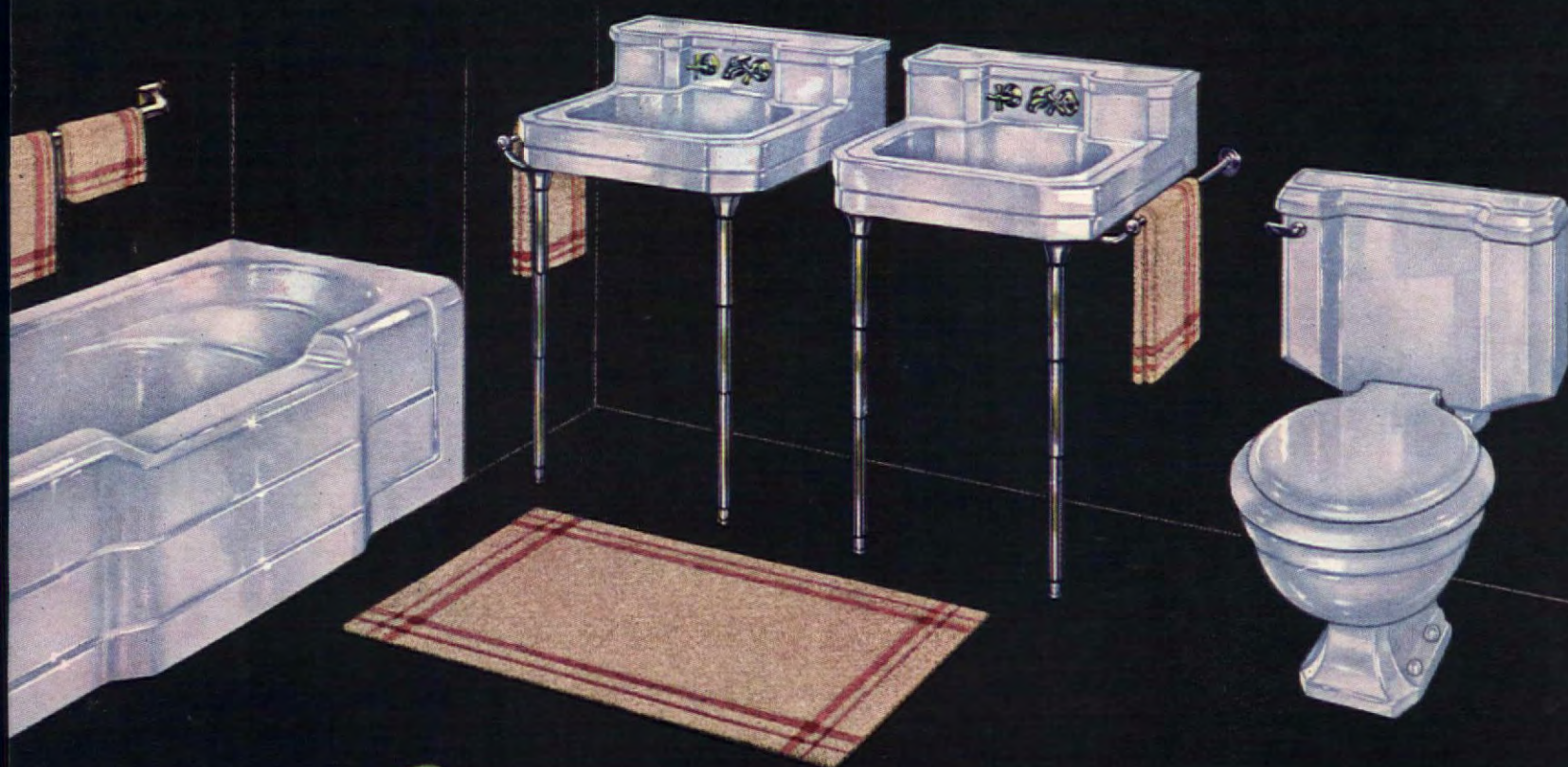


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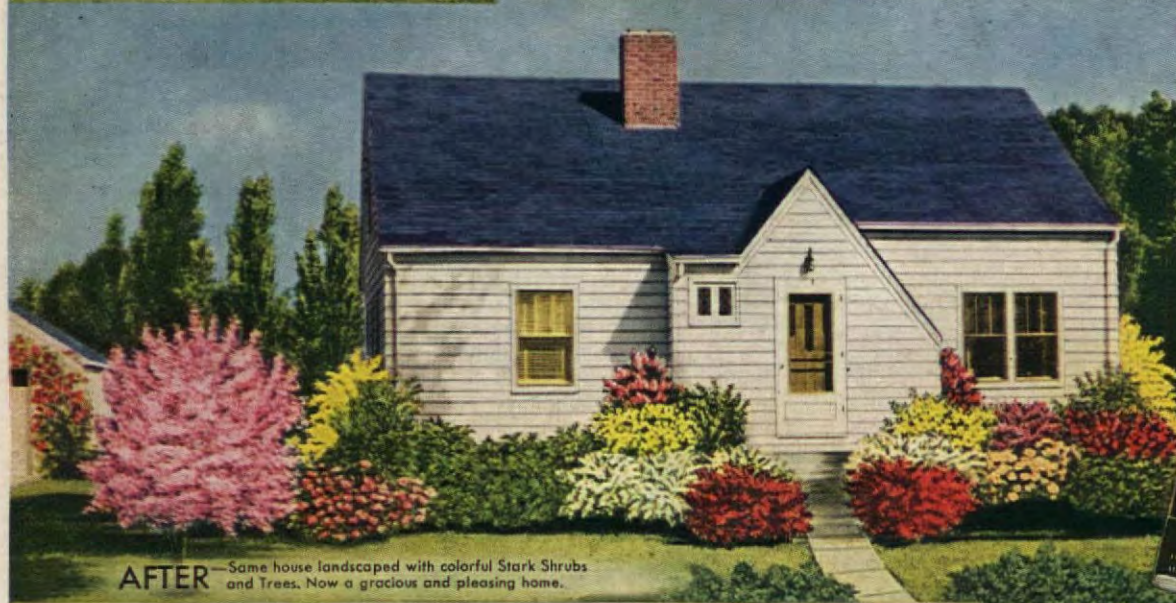


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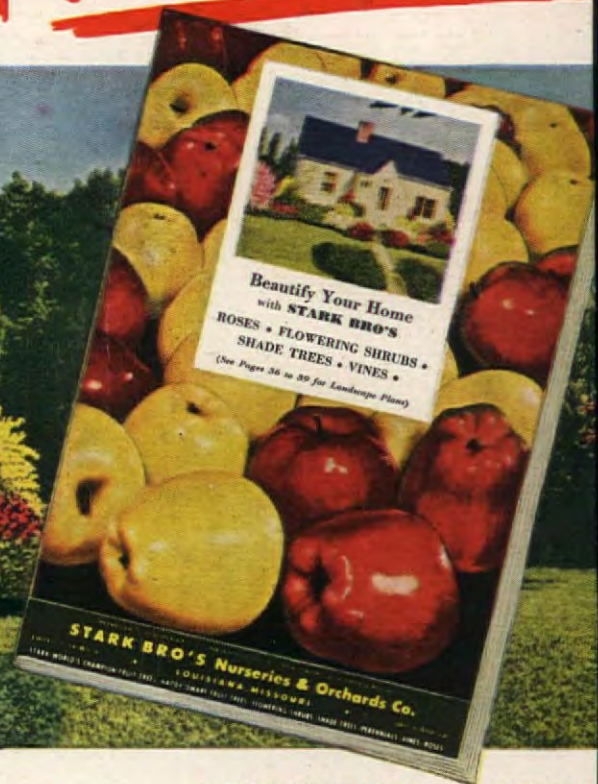
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