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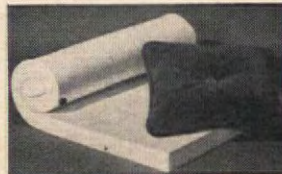
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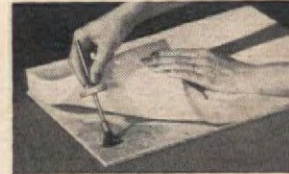
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... **WARREN REYNOLDS** used to disrupt his family's cross-country trips by lagging behind to snap scenery with his box camera. Nowadays he and his partners in Photography, Inc., are focusing on bigger projects (our cover and its story on page 58, for example) and are helping to make our cross-country trips a joy thereby. The Reynoldses have two up-and-coming young shutterbugs, Gary, 8 years old, and Stephen, 10.



... **ROBERT BRUCE BRANDT**, the architect who designed a house shown in this issue, spends most of his time these days as appraiser and architectural adviser in the mortgage loan department of a large insurance company. But he manages to practice in a "limited" way—which means that he has recently designed houses in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia. The Brandts have 12-year-old twin daughters, and a son, Bob, who is 6.



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ROBERT BAGAR

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Another opera that will return to the Metropolitan this season is Debussy's *Pelleas et Melisande*; this, after an absence of several years. ("Debussy's operatic masterpiece," I once heard a commentator say of it. How true, especially since this is the *only* opera he ever wrote!) The role of Pelleas will be entrusted to Theodore Upmann, whom you may remember as the hero of Benjamin Britten's *Billy Budd*, given its American première by NBC Television Opera last season. Again, this appears to be a good piece of casting, for not the least of young Mr. Upmann's many virtues is his sensitiveness, a quality urgently needed by the interpreter of that poetic, delicately constituted character.

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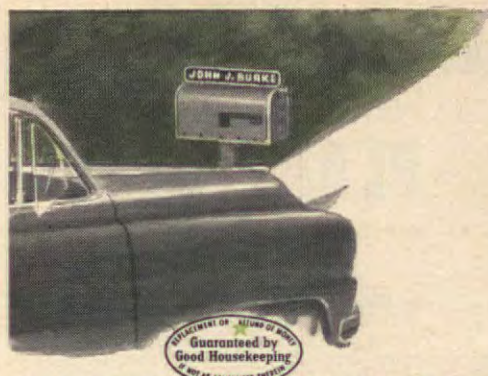
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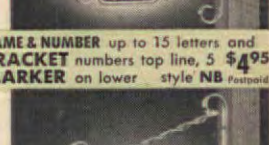
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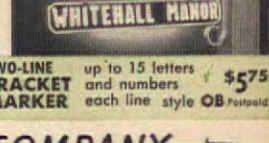
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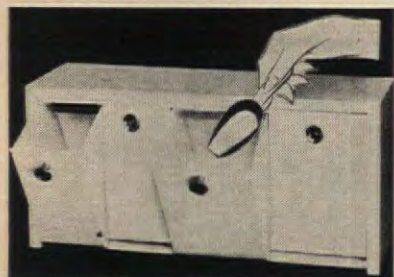
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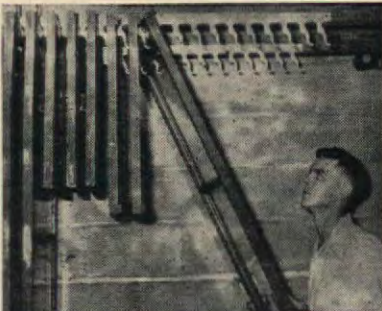
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"	72"	6.69	4.69	"	72"	4.98	3.39
"	81"	7.39	5.29	"	81"	5.49	3.69
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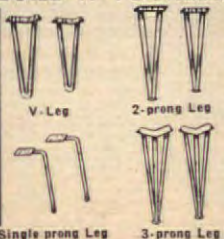


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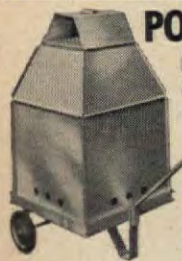
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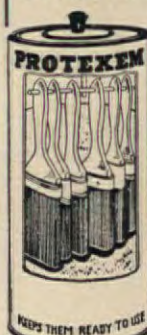
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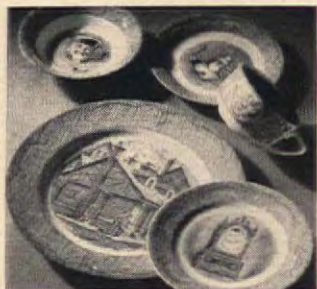
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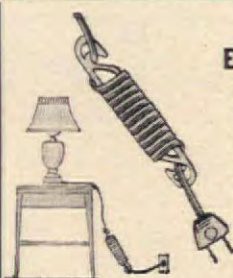
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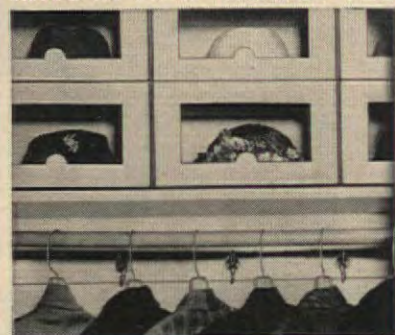
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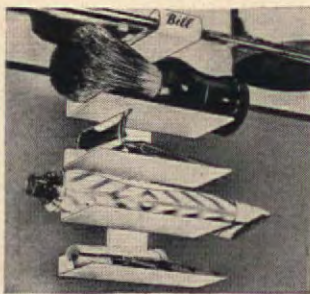
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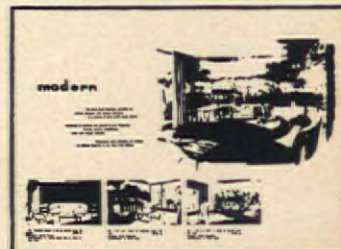
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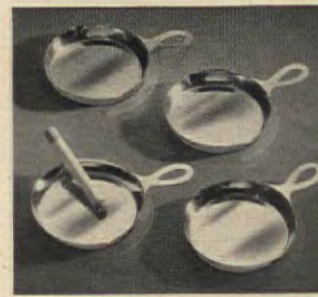
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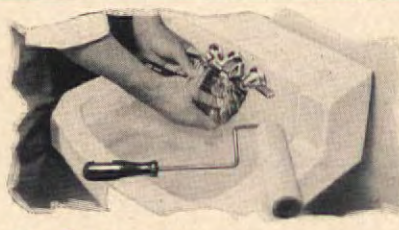
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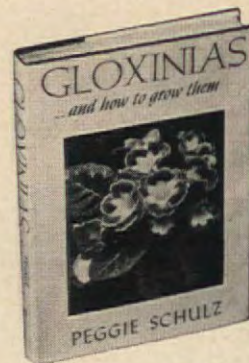


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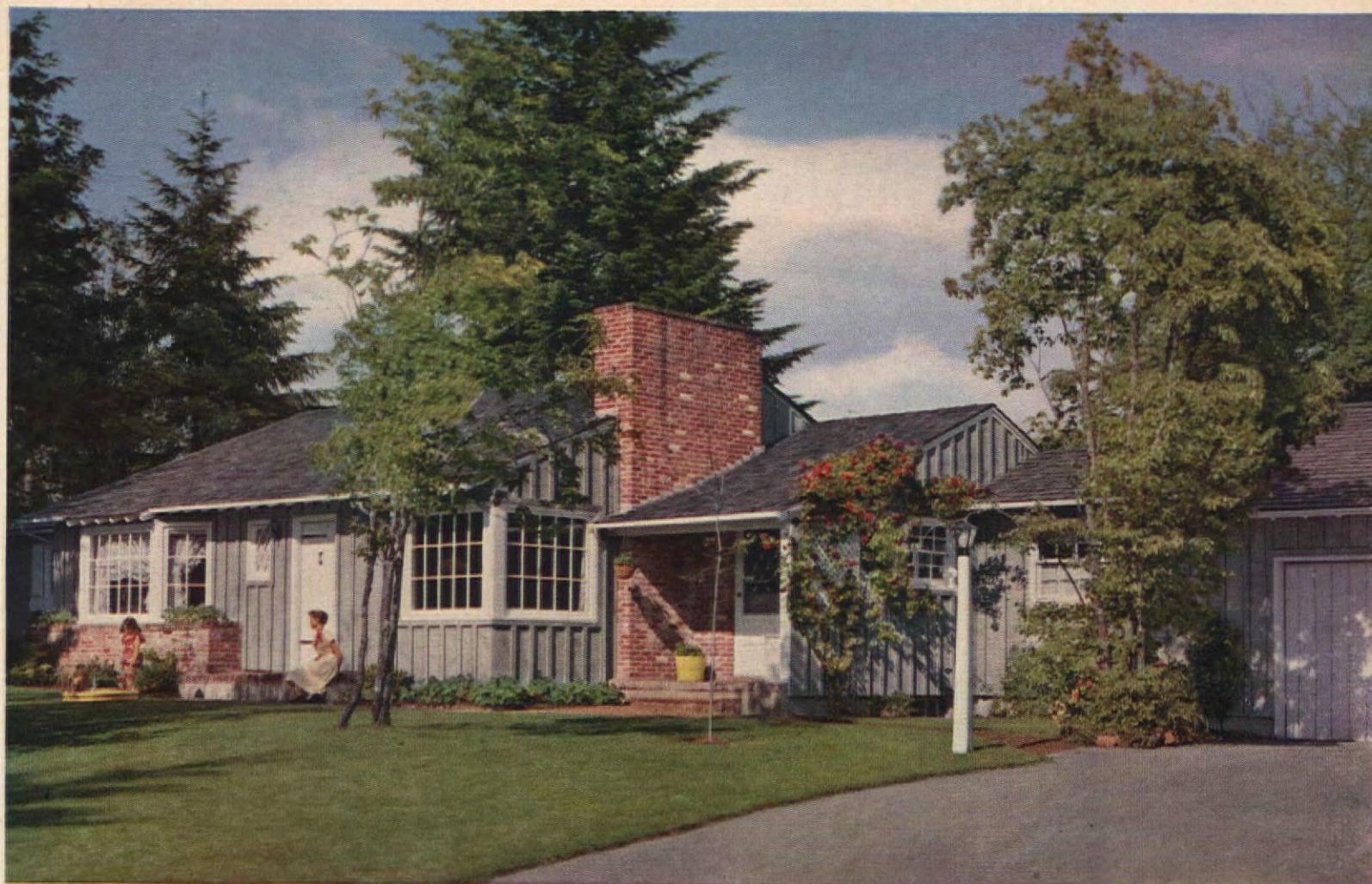
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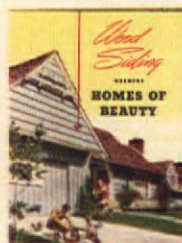
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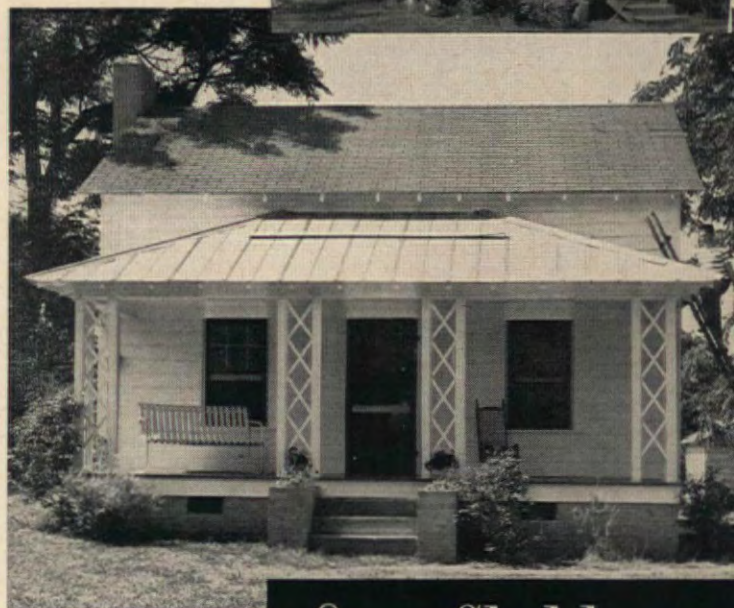
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Mecklinburg County, in North Carolina, has set a standard of home beautification achievement which, we suspect, is an all-time world's record. Actually, the credit should go to, first, the 375 boy and girl members of the county's 4-H Clubs who entered a contest sponsored by the Citizens Bank of Charlotte, and particularly the 248 who completed their projects; next, the Citizens Bank, which also provided \$1,000 in prizes for the 32 winners; then Assistant County Agents Ray Kiser and Maude Middleton, in charge of the 4-H Club work; and, finally, a supporting community spirit of enthusiasm and encouragement which, if duplicated in the 87,000 counties in which 4-H Clubs are active, could do much to insure the stability and progress of the nation by encouraging the ingenuity of our young people.

The contest was announced in February and entry blanks were distributed through the county's schools. As each was received, photographs were taken of the home and grounds of the contestant so there was a complete "before" record by the time the project started on April 15. The first eight prizes offered ranged from \$100 to \$30; then came 22 awards of \$20 each, and two specials to go to the 4-H Clubs with the largest percentages of members completing their projects. (The Clear Creek Club, which won the first of these, had 91% of its members on the list of project completers; the second-place Steele Creek Club had 79% of its members carry through.) Contestants were scored on the basis of 46 different improvements that might be made around the average home, for each of which a certain number of points was allowed. For example, 89 entrants undertook to clear their yards of rubbish, etc., for which a perfect score would be 20 points. Another 63 said they were going to gravel their driveways

(15 points maximum); 60 were to plant shrubs around house foundations (25 points); 51 to paint all or part of a house (100 points) and sow grass seed (30); 47 to erect or repair mail box supports (10); 41 to build strong house steps (2); 30 to remove overgrown shrubs from foundation plantings (15); 23 to lay or replace walks or drives (20), and so on.

The contest ended a year later and, early in June, the Citizens Bank staged a picnic dinner, attended by more than 200 people of all ages, at which the winners were announced and presented with their prize checks. The \$100 top award went to 14-year-old Troy Campbell of Clear Creek for the transformation effected in his home as shown in the pictures on the opposite page.



Another significant feature of the dinner was the presentation of a bronze plaque given by the State 4-H Club organization for "continuous years of service and support to the 4-H Club movement," to Mr. Zeb C. Strawn, then executive vice-president and now president, of the Citizens Bank. It was tendered him by Miss Mouise Simpson, winner of second prize in the contest, whose presentation speech reflected the spirit of mutual appreciation and co-operation that marked the contest. "In February," she said, "355 4-H candles in Mecklinburg County were warm but not burning—interested but not doing anything. Today there are 248 of them glowing brightly. Someone had to provide the spark and this Mr. Strawn has done. . . . This plaque, the first of its type ever presented in this county, is awarded to a person outside the 4-H Club who has contributed much of his time, money, effort, interest, and assistance. . . . The receiving of it, Mr. Strawn, makes you an honorary member of the Mecklinburg 4-H Clubs and welcomes you to any and all meetings."

Congratulations, say we, to Mecklinburg County for this achievement in home beautification; this example for others.

4-H Club Style



President Zeb C. Strawn of the Citizens Bank of Charlotte, N.C., which sponsored the Mecklinburg County contest, giving winner Troy Campbell his \$100 first-prize check. Looking on approvingly are the other top winners and (left, front row) 4-H Club Leader Ray Kiser. In the smaller picture above, Mr. Strawn is receiving from second-prize winner Mouise Simpson the State 4-H Club plaque given him as a tribute for his encouragement and support of the contest



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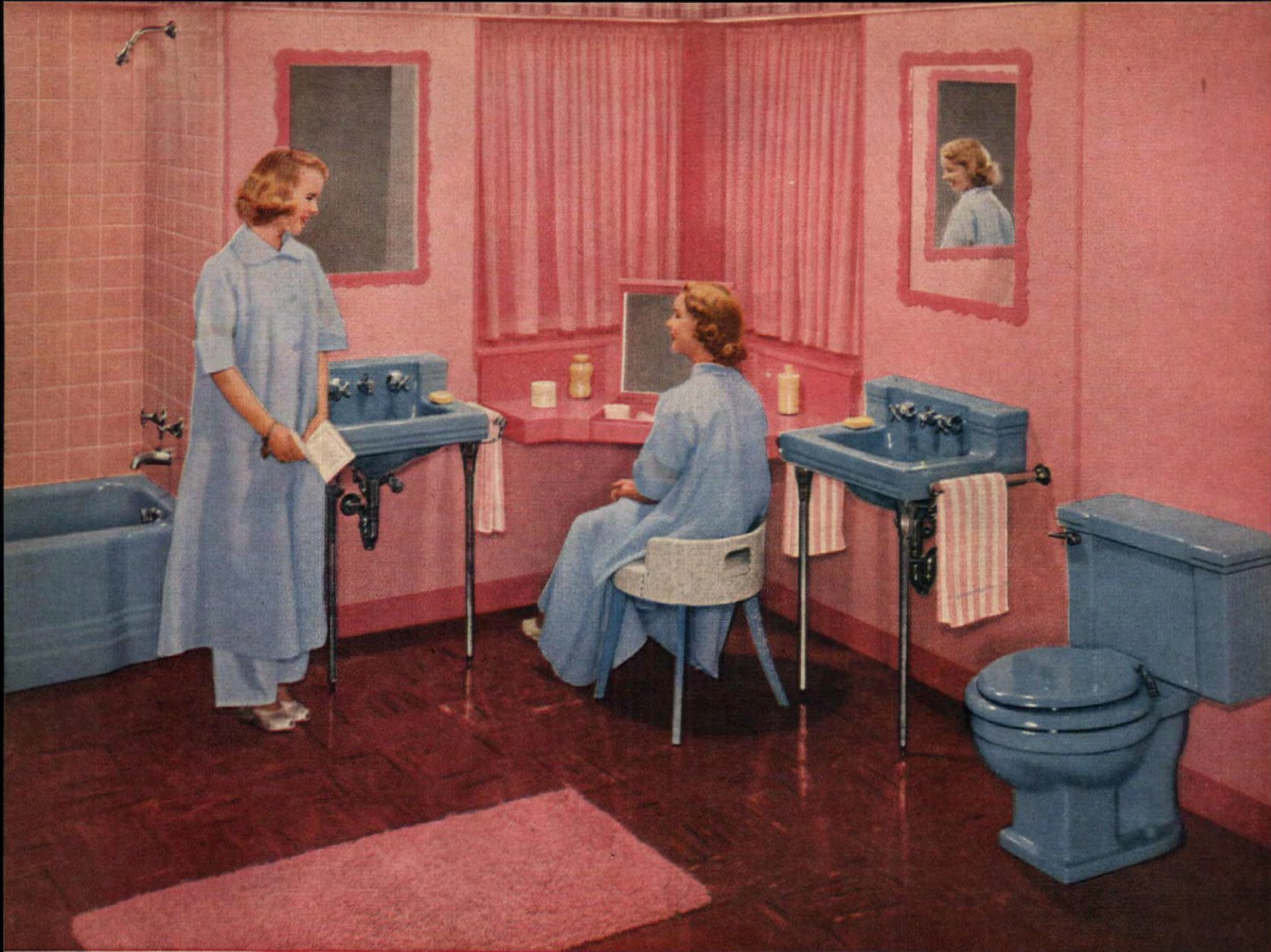
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It's hard to believe
this crowded
little room



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—and here is the story!

The busy-looking little guest room on the preceding page never earned its keep, so our Home Furnishings Editor, Gertrude Dixon, taught it to take on new jobs with aplomb. Not the least of its functions is to give to house guests a heartier welcome than ever—but between visits, it's a den, a TV room, and a much-needed second living room serving the whole family every day of the year. And while she was at it, Decorator Dixon used some of her best tricks to make this small room look as large as it acts. Here are the things which expanded it—in usefulness, elbow room, and appearance:

SOFA BEDS sleep two by night; seat four every day and evening.

SAVVY WALL ARRANGEMENT (BELOW), 28 in. deep at its deepest, houses all of these handsomely: TV set; chests of drawers; auxiliary refrigerator (well vented); china chest; swing-up desk; pull-out bench (which doubles as a luggage rack); lamp to serve both TV and desk; books; magazines; and a wealth of pretty, decorative objects.

SCALED-TO-SPACE FURNITURE, bought or built for a preplanned arrangement, hugs the walls, but leaves the center of the room free.

EXPANSIVE RADIATOR COVER was built to double as end table for both sofa beds. Asbestos hood over radiator keeps cover from warping.

EMPHATIC HORIZONTALS MAKE WALLS SEEM WIDER:

Horizontals on TV wall are carefully lined up with each other; striped cornices make windows appear to be wider than they are.

EYE-DISTRACTING GEWGAWS WERE RIPPED OUT OR COVERED OVER:

Smooth surfaces make a small space look larger, so door moldings were ripped off, part of the crown molding was removed from the baseboards, the heavy window frames were covered by draperies, and flush doors were substituted for the paneled ones.

GOOD USE OF WALL COLOR MAKES THE ROOM LOOK LARGER:

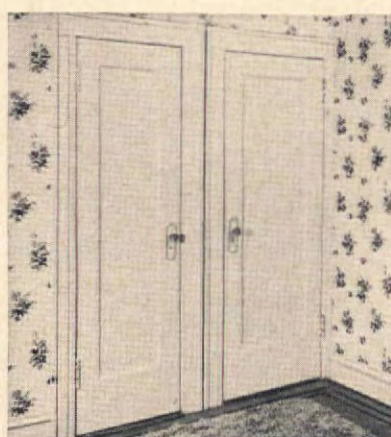
Instead of patterned paper which can crowd a room visually, three walls are one solid color while the wall of built-ins is a second receding shade.

PATTERN, CONCENTRATED AT WINDOWS, KEYED THE ROOM'S COLORS

and *only* colors taken from the drapery fabric were used in the room—another device for making a room look larger than it is.

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Here's how removing eye-distractors makes the same space look larger. Corner at left is busy with lines of paneled doors, baseboard molding, patterned paper. Substituting flush doors, painted the wall's color, seems to "push back" the walls

Capacious "desk" takes up space only when in use. Drop leaf has plenty of work area, is strongly braced to support a typewriter. Bench nests under the TV when leaf is down

The best way to keep good acts in memory is to refresh them with new ones. . . That advice is still as valid as it was back in ancient Rome when wise old Cato voiced it. And it's just as true that the best way to keep *any* good thing good is to add to its goodness, whether the "thing" is a spiritual value, or such a mundane matter as a room. When major refurnishing isn't needed, bright little touches go a long, long way toward keeping your home—and yourself—young in heart. To that end, we've assembled, on these eight pages, some 31 pictures in which you'll find scores of new things to do with a happy, light touch to bring back a glow to your good old rooms.

For example, adding a canopy to almost any bed is a fine kind of refreshment, for the crop of canopies flourishing these days refuses to be taken too seriously, or to be limited by any nonsense about "authenticity" and "period." They're just downright appealing little part-canopies (no more than deep cornices, really), and they are simple to make with ready-made cornices, with curtain rods, with plywood, or with special fixings you can buy in drapery departments. Use them at the head of a bed, or, in an elegant variation, at the side of a bed turned to the wall.

Now, let's get down to cases about these we show here:
1. This mannish modern canopy with a story-book look (something like Saladin's tent) was cut from sailcloth to match the bed cover, and trimmed in glistening black oilcloth. Curtain rods hold it out from the wall between drapery poles lacquered black. "Headboard" is cushion suspended from the wall by oil-



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cloth straps. **2.** To make a gal's life a bed of—well, violets—use semicircular curtain rods to hold a pinch-pleated valance of flower-strewn chintz and double-hung, fiber-glass curtains. Ready-made pleater tape helps you to pinch-pleat, another type makes ruffling of any fullness. Curtain tie-backs are fake violets; floral motifs on headboard and chest were cut from the chintz. **3.** It's smart to tie a window treatment in with a bed's, all with fine attention to detail. A ready-made cornice board, covered with corduroy, tacked on, serves as canopy. Denim hangings hung from a curtain rod make it look positively regal—ruffle is thumbtacked in place for easy removal for washing. **4.** A little star-studded wallpaper has a big effect in a smart panel behind a bed. Shallow canopy, cut from plywood, is papered in more of the same, while ruffles and side draperies are of economical—and pretty—sheeting. **5.** A Victorian brass bed can be very new fashion *sans* its footboard, and trimmed up with bright color. To crown it, a ready-made cornice, topped by finials, is papered with a rich wallpaper border. The hangings are lace, and so is the bed ruffle—but wait a minute: the "lace" is practical plastic, and a textured fiber rug does handsomely. **6.** Save in a perfect old-fashioned garden, we're all a bit tired of rose-covered arbors. But what a good new trick the old arbor has learned when the climbing flowers are printed on chintz! Big bouquet of felt-covered pillows are easy-do's, too, for you cut the felt with pinking shears and needn't hem it.

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YOUR HOUSE

Small Canopies to Frame Your Bed



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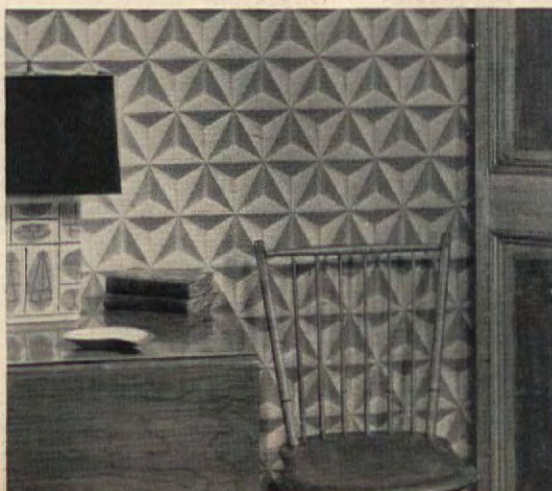
Wallpapers are 3-D too, and as exciting as you-know-what. Now any gal can have glamorous "tufted satin" in her boudoir, for this "satin" is an inexpensive paper. But use it sparingly—a little goes a long, long way

The lady is genuine, but the books are a beautiful fake—printed in fine, clear colors on a budget-priced wallpaper. You wouldn't want a roomful, but it's great fun along a wall or so of a living room or den—especially if you own some of the real thing



New Wallpapers for New Dimensions

You almost have to touch this luxurious wallpaper to convince yourself that it isn't actually costly, deeply carved wood. We show it here with Early American furniture, but it's perfect with modern as well, and it's a natural for treating those long, unbroken wall surfaces which often are so difficult to decorate



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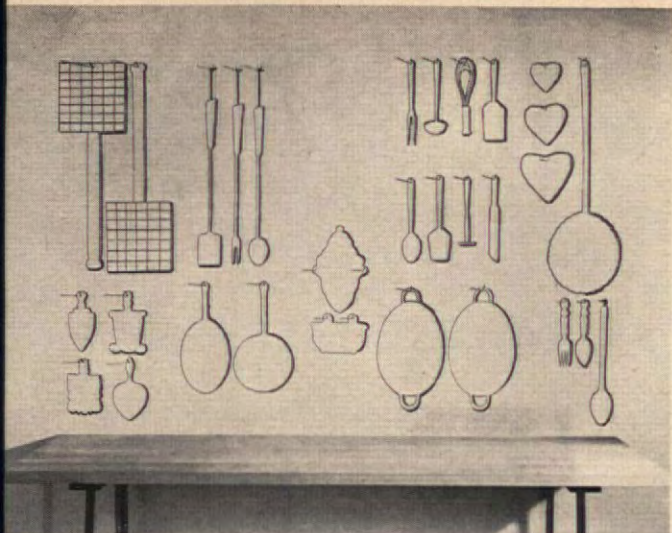
Want hand-painted paper in your own colors—for a rock-bottom price? Here's an idea by Designer James Kimball Mills, so clever it copped a coveted Home Fashions League award. Flower design is printed in black and grays on white—just the outlines. Do-it-yourself fans fill them in. We show it here with just a few of the blossoms colored

More 3-D, for this "wainscoting" is horizontally hung wallpaper printed in soft shades of gray to look like painted wood, and designed to be cut at any of 16 points for the height you want. Such paneling-at-a-price is a centuries-old idea borrowed from superb, highly prized European "fool the eye" papers proudly used in fine homes. Above it, the one we show—or any good paper

Wallpaper draperies? Why not? Just flank a window with a four-fold screen made from plywood cut into 1-ft. sections and hinged together. Then cover the screen with wallpaper, two patterns—one side to use with your winter décor, the other to go with your slip covers in summer. What's more, behind such a screen you'll find an excellent nesting place for folding chairs and the like

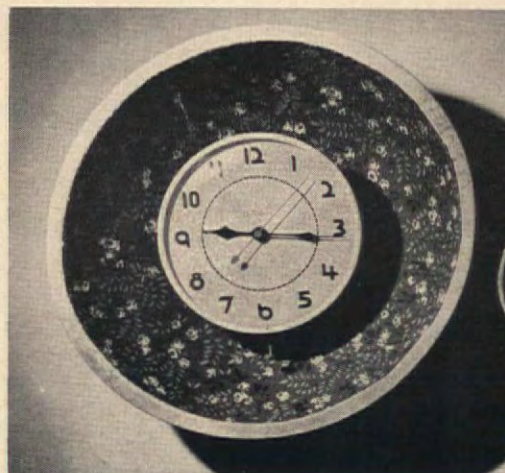






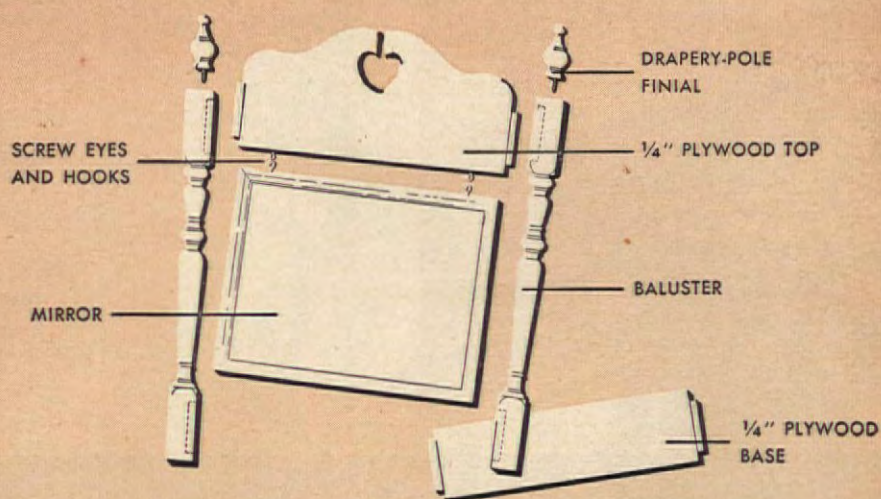
Kitchen utensils and other accessories are so handsome these days that it seems prodigal to hide them away. At the far left we display some on a series of those excellent adjustable shelves which look so well in any room. Chest is a rejuvenated Victorian. Gadgets which can hang prettily on a wall when not in use inspired the arrangement at your left and above. We composed them as carefully as an artist would compose a picture, then outlined each one in black and color to give them accent, and to reserve their places and preserve our picture intact when its ingredients are in use. Table is plywood door on iron legs

Here's an effective way to dramatize a simple clock face. Frame it with a chintz-lined wooden bowl in the center of which you have drilled a hole for the clock's wire



Bright Pick-ups for Kitchen and Bath

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 146



If you use some imagination and embark upon a little adventure in color, a modern bath can be right at home in a house full of Early American. Inspiration for this powder room came from a kitchen towel imprinted with all manner of engaging objects familiar to Paul Revere. We fashioned it into window curtains. A yellow from the towel was splashed on the walls and on the Victorian washstand as well. The mirror went Early American, too. Its ingredients: two lumber-yard balusters topped by two drapery-pole finials, a five-and-dime store mirror, plywood base and top panels cut to fit. Plywood panels are glued into dados cut into the baluster; mirror is attached to top plywood panels with screw eyes and hook eyes

Smart in any color, in any room,
and with any décor, except,
perhaps, Early American: cover
scalloped wooden cornice with
fabric, trim it with ball fringe.
Draperies can be straight ones,
or, like these, a series of
squares of a sheer fabric

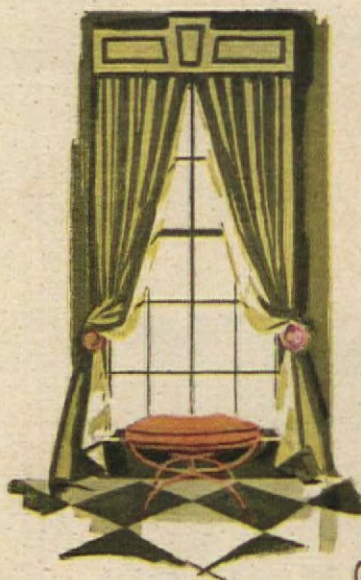
In a kitchen, why not trim up a
ready-made plain valance with a
few breadboards which are blessed
with decorative shapes? Curtains
can be ready-made café type,
patterned or plain. Chair pads
match them smartly



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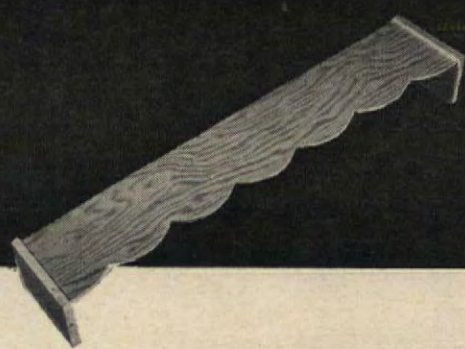
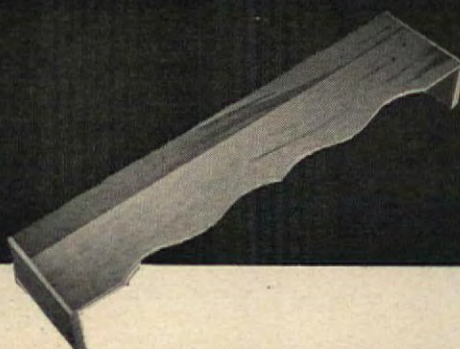
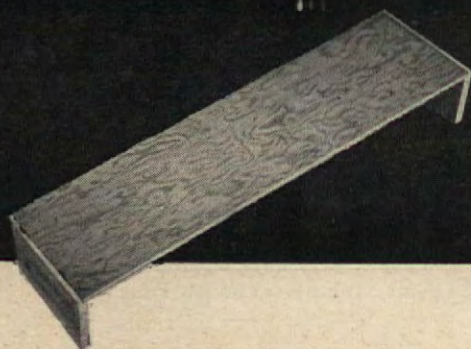
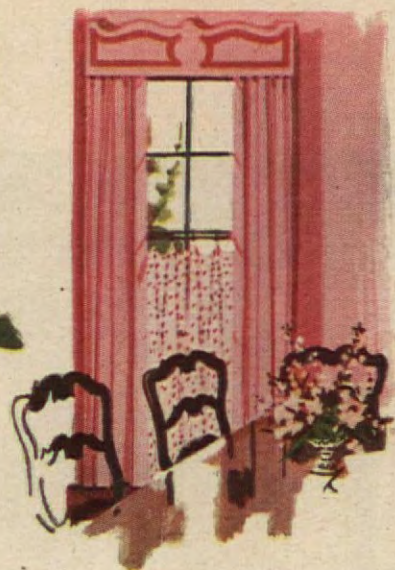
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Smart Windows with Ready-made Valances



Center keystone, which adds elegant
illusion of height, was cut from
plywood, fabric covered, and attached
to fabric-covered straight valance

A shaped valance is often more
effective shaped-side-up if you want
a window to look taller. Decorative
motif may be painted on, or applied
in braid to a fabric-covered valance

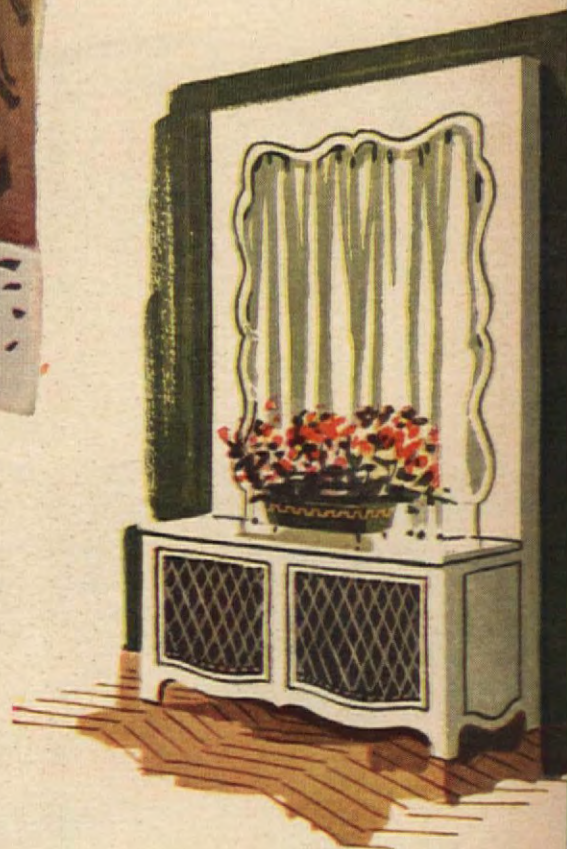
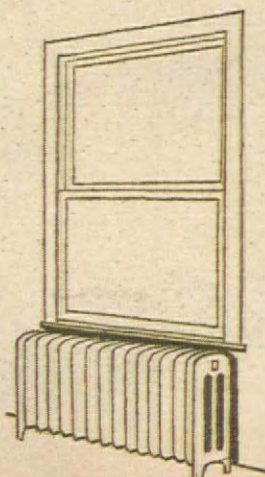




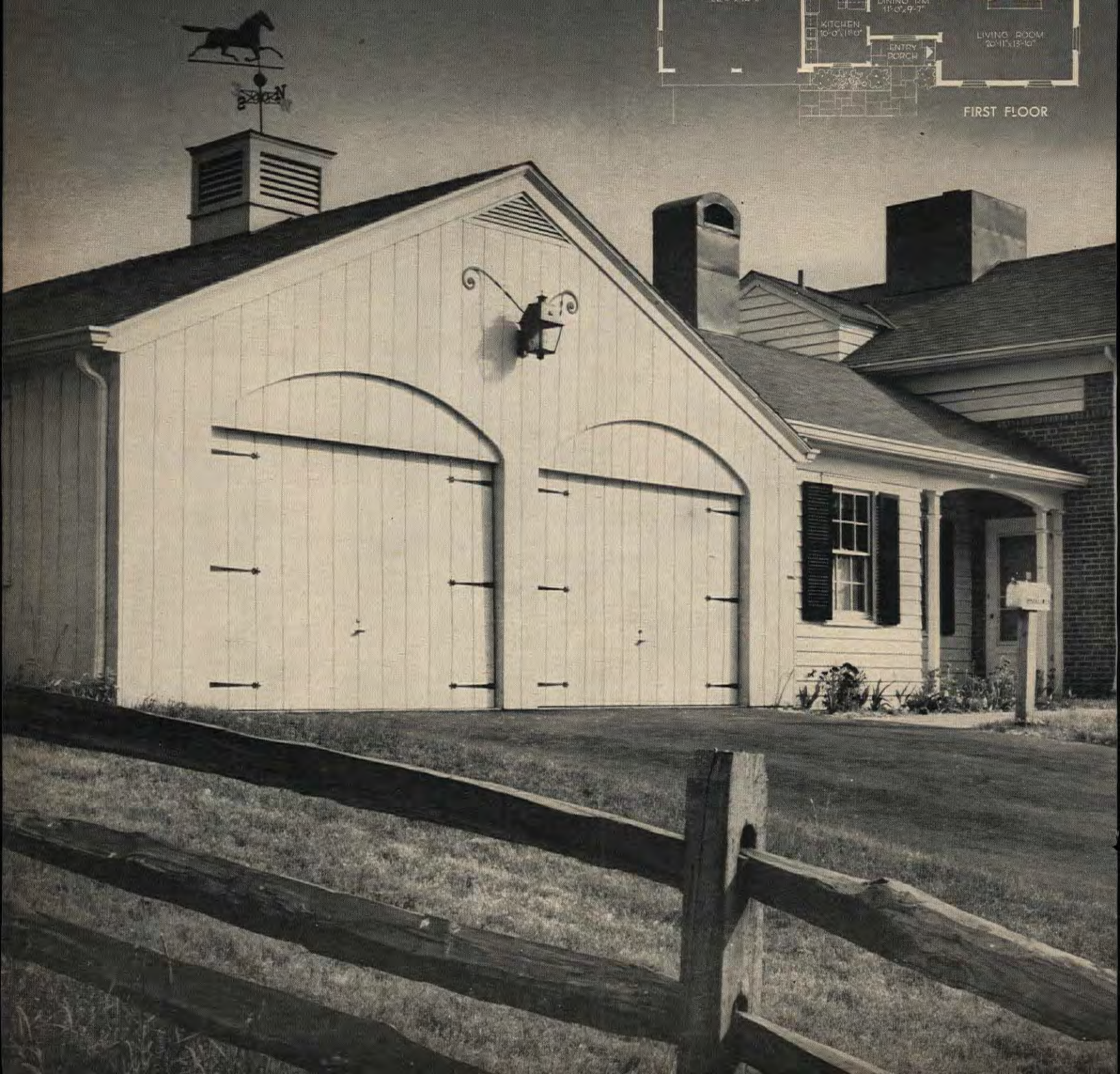
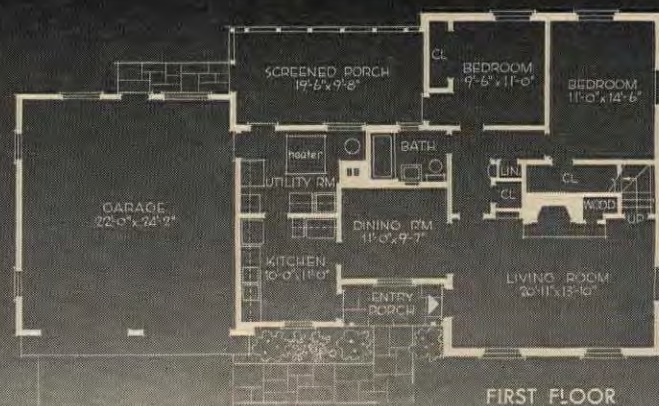
We refuse to say what this is as cute as—but it's very modern and sophisticated to boot! We made the draperies of an inexpensive Indianhead, covered the valance with more of the same, and sewed on the buttons. But if you prefer to paint the valance, oversized pearl buttons may be glued on, or attached with wire through tiny holes drilled in valance. Buttonholes bound with bias tape are real, and they work!

A three-sided valance plus a carpenter-built radiator cover, not only mask one of the most common of eyesores in old houses, but have the air, if well done, of an important piece of furniture—so effective, indeed, that it's worth doing even if there is no radiator to hide. The window dressing was made from two long and one shorter ready-made valances, their corners neatly mitered. Of course, you'll want to paint this rather than cover it in fabric

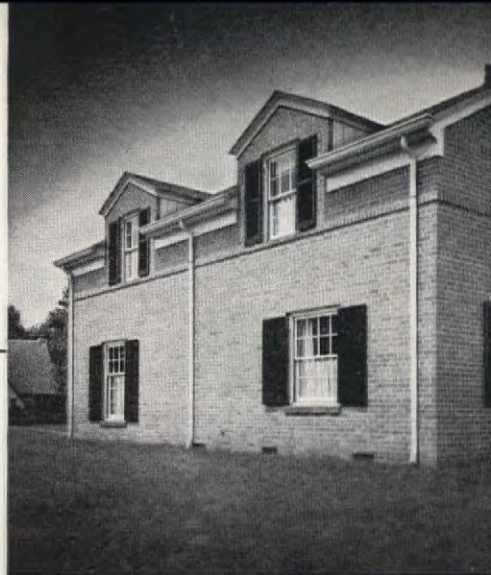
Almost any effect can be achieved with these three valance types available in department stores in a range of standard sizes, or cut to your order. Shape can be modified with plywood additions screwed on. Paint them, or cover them with fabric, glued on. Braid or cord trims may be glued or sewed onto the fabric



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When they decided to build, the Claude Fletchers who live here were determined to have the staircase-free ease of a one-story plan. Then they went and bought a lot in a two-story district! What's more, because that lot in a fine neighborhood in Cincinnati, Ohio, extends from one street to another, it became necessary to present as pleasant an elevation to the rear as to the front. So Architect Brandt produced this excellent design—the interior convenience the Fletchers wanted, all neatly wrapped up in an exterior that's attractive from every point of view.

The main floor occupies approximately 1,240 sq. ft., in addition to the two-car garage. There are a brace of comfortable bedrooms, cross ventilated, in a bedroom wing that's nicely isolated from the rest of the house. There's a separate dining room, well placed to add its sweep to the living room when large parties are in progress. The kitchen is well planned, and the utility room next to it holds the laundry equipment and the heater, thus eliminating the need for a basement. A good screened porch to the rear for sitting and summer dining, finishes the main floor. All in all, a comfortable small home in itself.

Two more good bedrooms, a bath, and a storage area occupy 739 sq. ft.

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Buy the Plans (Begins on page 46)



upstairs, and you can reach them by a stairway rising behind the closed door in the picture above. Thanks to the door, the top floor can remain shut off and untended when it isn't in use. If you don't need the bedrooms, an ideal recreation room could be built up there, and so could an income-producing apartment, present or future.

Interior details, as you can see here and on page 110, are as well considered as the floor plan and the exterior. Take that imposing fireplace wall, for example, with its simple, commodious mantel, its good paneling, its built-in woodbox and bookcase (all detailed for you on our blueprints). With such a wall, a room has a definite personality even before you put a single thing in it, and one whole wall is well and permanently "furnished." But its personality is an adaptable one, for while it was designed as a background for the Fletcher's traditional furniture, it needs no more than a change of accessories to become a good contemporary.

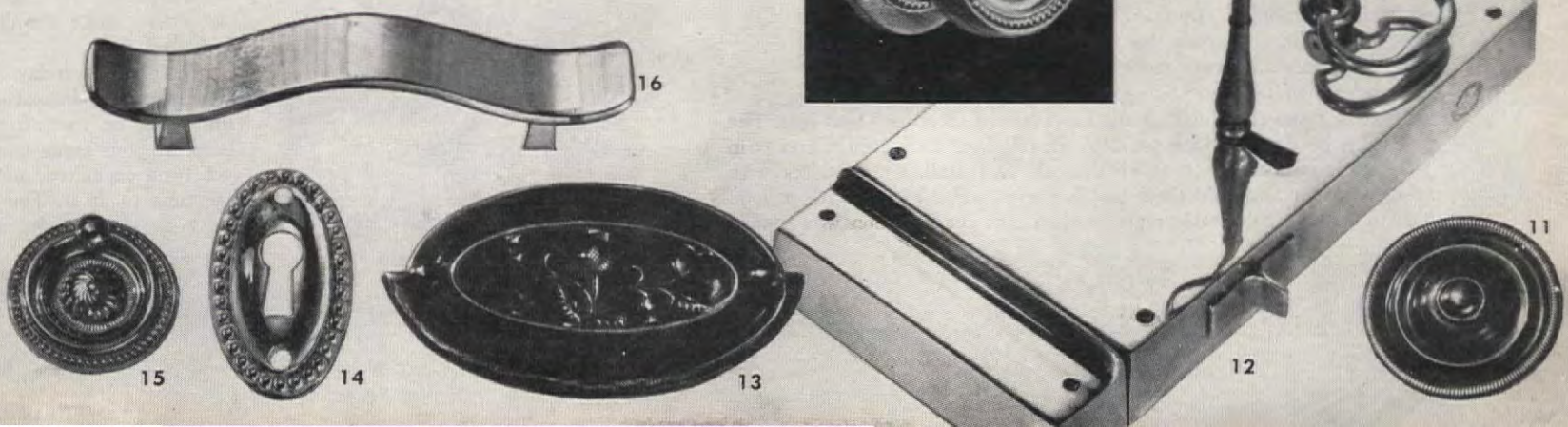
You can see by the plan that expensive space isn't wasted, and you can see from the interiors that the design of the rooms permits you to make the most of each square foot—a grand piano plus ample seating in the living room, good traffic lanes and adequate accommodations for sit-down dinner parties in the small dining room, an inviting kitchen that behaves scientifically but shows no signs of strain.



Handsome Hardware Designs

We gathered them together to show that good hardware comes in a wide range of designs which can add greatly to the style of the object it serves. On built-ins or inexpensive furniture, ordinary hardware may be all that you need — but handsome metal handles can enhance their appearance enormously. And while you're refinishing your country-auction antiques, don't overlook the benefits of authentic period hardware reproductions. Indoors and out, a functional door can become an imposing one through the imaginative use of well-designed hinges, handles, and locks. Most pieces we show come in brass, though other finishes may be had. Your local store may not stock them all, but they are well worth looking up. 1. Modern drop pull, Chinese in flavor. 2. Chippendale drawer handle. 3. Louis XV handle, gold-plated. 4. Melon rose drawer pull with ball knob. 5. Ball-bearing hinge, olive-knuckle type—a Colonial design excellent with modern. 6. Three ornamental brass door knobs and one of hand-painted English porcelain. 7. Georgian key escutcheon. 8. Twisted-wire drop pull. 9. Square modern drop pull. 10. Twisted-ring door knocker on rose. 11. Doorbell with gadroon trim. 12. Colonial box lock with key—cylinder for larger sizes available. 13. Sheraton drawer handle. 14. Oval beaded key plate. 15. Sheraton drop pull. 16. Modern drawer pull. 17. Dutch door quadrant.

See "Where Credit is Due", on page 146



It's Time to Get Going on

Vacations are over and done with, the weather is just right for working, and there are a whole lot of things to be done around the house and grounds before the first frost appears. Let's get going! First, if you haven't finished all that outside painting, better get it over with now because paint should not be applied when the temperature is below 50 degrees.

Whether you're painting or not, get out your caulking gun and fill all those open joints on the exterior. Caulking serves several useful purposes: it seals up those openings to prevent water from getting into cracks and causing decay, it prevents annoying drafts indoors, and at the same time helps to cut down on heat loss. Very large seams should first be filled with oakum and the caulking compound

the basement damp or cause adjoining wood work to be damaged by decay. Water pipes in unheated areas must, of course, be heavily insulated to prevent their freezing.

Check your storm windows and doors, and make sure that the glass is tight and the wood well protected by paint. Get your storm windows up before the winter winds start to blow—it's difficult enough to handle a large storm

window from a ladder on a mild day, and no fun at all when the winds are high. Be sure your windows are secured in place and fit tightly. Loosely fitting windows call for weatherstripping around the edges.

Storm doors should be hung, too, and equipped with a closing device to insure their being tight shut at all times. It's a good idea to weather-strip storm doors just as you do regulation outside doors.

Ready-made door or window units in standard sizes are inexpensive and are easily installed. Custom-made metal or wood units are available at a bit more. If you are out for economy, you can buy knock-down units and assemble them yourself. If you're after rock-bottom economy, sheet plastic is fine for this purpose. It can be tacked to removable frames for doors and windows or directly to window frames.

If you live in a house with crawl space rather than a basement, you may have been troubled with cold floors during the winter months. You can remedy this problem by getting into the crawl space and tacking lengths of insulation to the floor joists, fastening them in place with either large-headed nails or wire staples applied with a heavy-duty stapling machine. If the earth under the house is damp, apply waterproof building paper over the insulation, or lay sheets of the paper directly on the ground, overlapping them at the edges for about six inches or so. Another way to keep the first floor warm is to close in the crawl space with a curtain wall of masonry block or brick around the outside walls of the house; but be sure to leave

some sort of openings in the wall for ventilation purposes and to provide access to the crawl space. Any pipes in the crawl space should be insulated.

Most homes today have some degree of insulation in the walls or the attic, or both. If your home has not yet been insulated, now is the time to do it. The best place to start is the attic,



applied over it. Pay special attention to joints between masonry and wood, for in cold weather these open up and allow water to get inside and damage the wood.

Look over all the masonry work and be sure that mortar joints are sound and free from cracks. Faulty mortar joints should be cut out with cold chisel and hammer and packed with fresh mortar. Dampen the surrounding masonry before you apply the fresh mortar, and remember never to apply mortar in freezing weather.

Heating pipes and ducts should be insulated to reduce heat loss. The pipes can be covered with asbestos air-cell insulation, which comes in 3-ft. sections and is not at all difficult to install. Cover ducts with asbestos paper and hold them in place with strips of wire. It's a good idea to insulate cold water pipes, too, so that condensation won't make



Winterproofing

for its through the roof that you have the greatest heat loss. If the attic floor has not been applied, it's a simple matter to install insulation between the joists. Use any regulation insulation for this job—granular, roll, or batts. If the insulation has a paper vapor barrier on one side, be sure that this side faces down towards the ceiling of the room below. If the attic floor is in place, insulation should be applied along the roof rafters. Install ceiling joists between the rafters, about two or three feet below the peak of the roof. Wood or metal louvers go at each end of the attic above these ceiling joists, and the insulation is laid between the rafters starting at the eaves. Come up the rafters to the ceiling joists, follow across the joists and down the rafters on the opposite side. Make sure that the insulation doesn't come into direct contact with the roof sheathing, for if it does, there's the chance of moisture collecting on the wood, causing dampness and decay.



An insulation with a vapor barrier is best for this job, but remember that much of its effectiveness depends on how tightly it is applied.

Water entering cracks in concrete drives and walks can freeze and make such openings wider and wider. Now is the time to patch those little cracks before they mature into big ones. Cut out the crack with a cold chisel so that the inside is wider than the outside. Dust out the opening,

wet down the sides, and pack it with patching concrete. (You can buy this ready-mixed, or you can make your own with one part Portland cement, two parts sand, and three parts gravel, with sufficient water to produce a workable plastic.) Keep the patch damp for several days until the concrete hardens.

If you have young and impressionable trees on your grounds, you'll want to brace them against uprooting winds. Flexible wires will do the job of supporting the tree, and if they're cushioned at contact points with pieces of old garden hose, they won't bruise the bark. Just split the hose and



slip it over the wires. Drive wood or metal posts into the ground to anchor the ends of the wire. Delicate shrubs and plants should be given a thought, too. Cover them over with burlap to protect them from

the blowy cold of late autumn and winter. Snow fences will stand between next spring's green lawn and the drying winter winds. Check over fixtures such as a television aerials, shutters, and so forth, to be sure that they are firmly anchored against the onslaughts of the wind and heavy accumulations of ice and snow.

Check over the roof gutters and make sure that they all pitch towards the down-



spouts. Make sure that the outside edge of the gutters is below the roof eave and flush out the gutters and downspouts with your garden hose. See that the downspouts are perfectly clear and that they discharge into a storm sewer or dry well leading away from the house foundation. Remember, if they do drain into the soil around the house, you may have a flooded basement after every heavy rainstorm—and that could mean unnecessary trouble and expense later on.

Another important step in winterproofing is to go over the roof carefully and re nail or replace any of the shingles that may be loose or damaged. Check the chimney and the valley flashing for tightness, and fill holes or cracks with elastic roofing cement. Of course, bad cracks and leaks in entire roof would call for reroofing.

Each year there is a good deal of property damage done by weakened or dead branches of trees falling on the house or power lines. Removing them—not as simple a project as you may optimistically think—is the only way to eliminate the hazard. The correct way to saw off an offending branch is to make one cut on its underside about one foot from the trunk of the tree. When your saw begins to bind, remove it, and begin to cut from the top of the branch about one inch in from the bottom cut. Continue to cut until the branch falls down. Now take the saw and cut off the stump of the branch as close to the tree trunk as possible without damaging the bark on the trunk. Support the stump with your hand so that when it falls it won't tear the bark. Coat the wound on the tree trunk with a mixture of good lead paint and Bordeaux mixture, or use a commercially prepared tree paint to prevent insects and decay attacking the exposed wood. Asphalt paint can be used for this purpose, too.



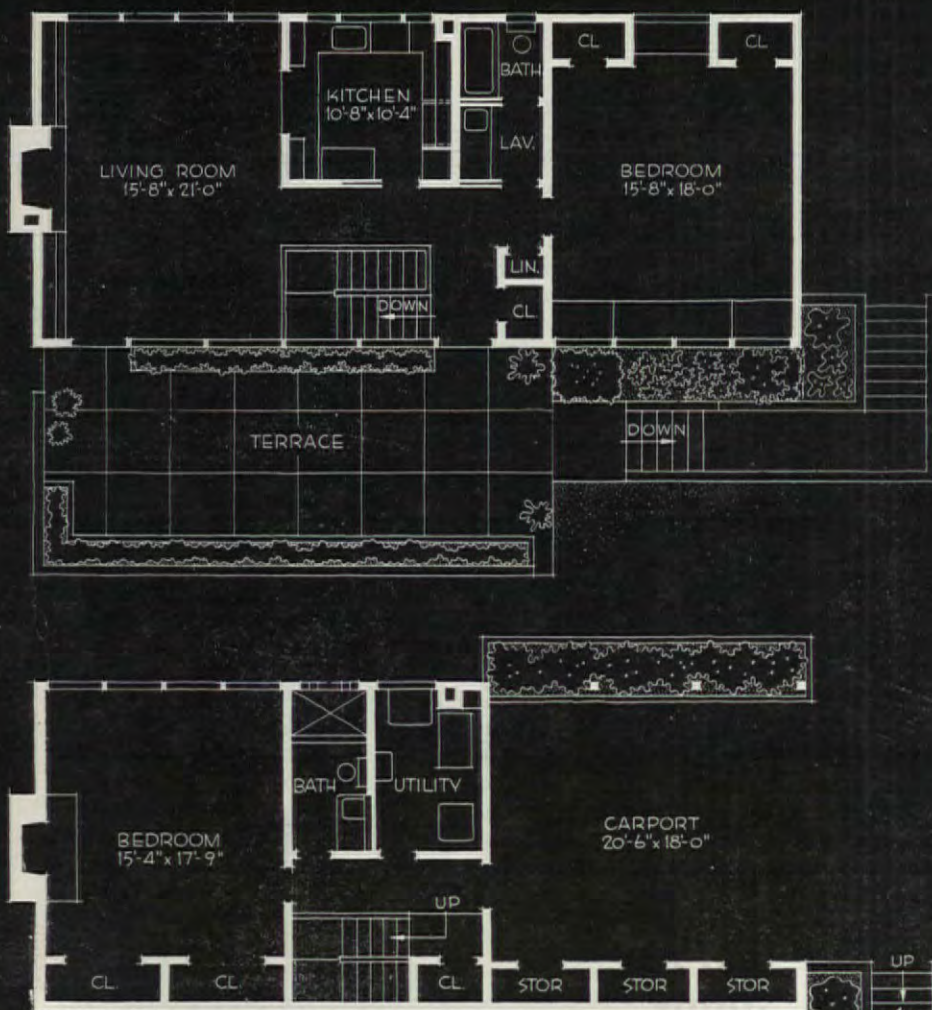
High Score for a Twosome



The Neil Malarkeys used to live in a big house in the hills near Portland, Oregon, where Mr. Malarkey's father had lived before him. But when their own youngsters were grown, the handsome old homestead was much too much for a family of two, so it went to a son, and the senior Malarkeys built for themselves, on a choice corner of the old property, this perfect two-passenger house.

Of course, when you move from a big house to a small one, there's a danger of feeling cramped by too-compact quarters—a danger deftly avoided by the very clever planning of this retirement house which measures just 22' x 50'. For one thing, *only* the necessary rooms are on the main floor. Living room and bedroom are oversized, while compactness is reserved for the well-designed kitchen, and a divided bath done in birch plywood. The main rooms are made to seem even larger, thanks to polished walnut paneling, and to walls of windows facing a spectacular view of city and mountains to the north, and a very private, beautifully planted terrace to the south. These few rooms are all that require daily attention.

However, after years of big-house living, room for guests must not be overlooked. Nor is it here, for visitors have their choice of the charming quarters with fireplace downstairs, or a little eagle's nest of a guest house perched on the hillside at the end of the terrace.



Upstairs is complete home for a couple, with airy rooms, compact kitchen, divided bath. Spacious downstairs room is perfect for guests, and you reach it by a modern stairway which is a real work of art.



Owners: Mr. & Mrs. Neil Malarkey Architect: John Whelan Builder: Jeremiah & Sons

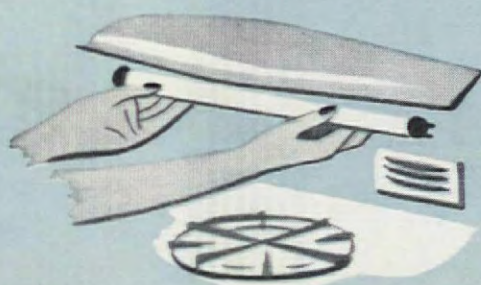


The Malarkeys wanted to be rid of burdensome space, but to preserve the blessings of spaciousness, when they moved from a big house into this small one they built for themselves. So the large living room, broad hallway, and big master bedroom were designed to share a single broad sweep, while the bath and kitchen are enclosed tidily by walnut paneling and flush doors. A pass-through connects kitchen with living room for the serving of food and drinks

Replace oven light



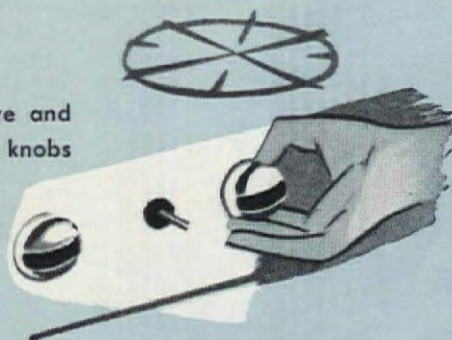
Change and clean panel light



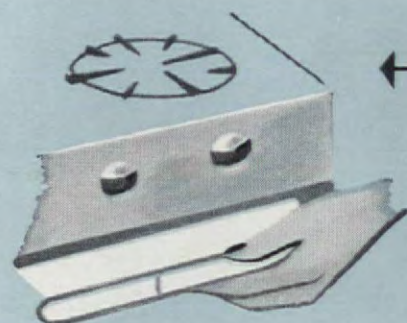
Clean oven liner, racks, and interior

Clean oven door glass

Remove and clean knobs



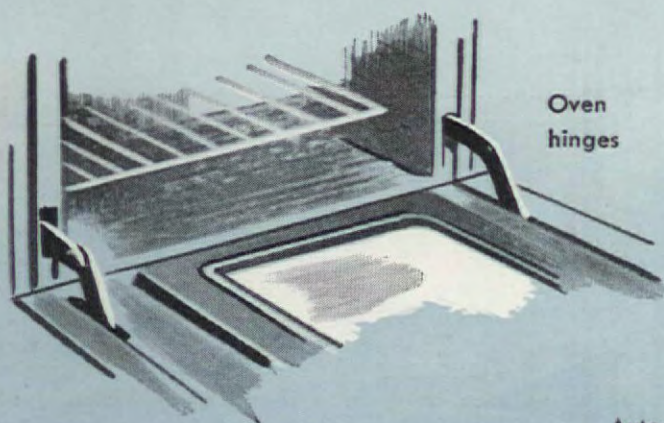
Remove and wash spill pans



Wash burners and grates



Keep Your New

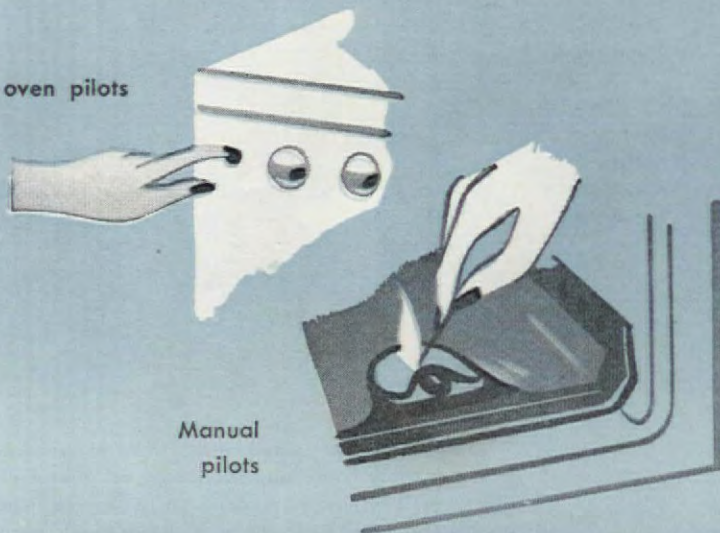


Oven hinges

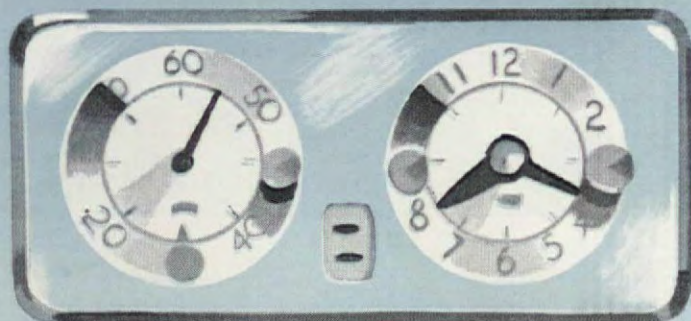


Oven thermostat

Automatic oven pilots



Manual pilots



Minute minder

Oven timer

You can do these yourself



Lucky you with that new gas range of yours—so much better than models which came out a decade ago! Don't misunderstand—you can cook mighty good victuals on older ranges, but not nearly so conveniently as you can on the new. And small wonder. Aside from being a thing of beauty, new ranges have more labor-saving gadgets than an inventor's patent file. There before you are automatic ignition, automatic oven controls, gas burners you can control exactly from a simmer to a full-blast cooking production, speed broilers and barbecuers that give you that outdoor-cooked flavor, timers that all but think, and wonderfully improved insulation that keeps your kitchen and your temper cool. So use it for all that it's worth!

BUT KEEP IT CLEAN

Too bad Mrs. Average Housekeeper can't overhear what landlords and servicemen think of her standards of range care. She'd blush, but she'd learn a great lesson. Their denunciation is devastating. She'd hear tales of unwashed ovens, uncleaned drip pans, and burners so clogged with grease, grime, and even coffee grounds that only a miracle kept them operating. Often ranges are reported as out of order when all they need is a little elbow grease and a sudsy cloth. What a pity it is to neglect it when, with just a little care, a gas range can be a thing of beauty and an instrument

broiler looking as new as they were the day you first used them.)

Broiler pans that are as easy to clean as skillets—wipe with paper toweling, and then the soap-and-water treatment. Most broiler drawers will come out for a scrub-up at the sink.

Griddles that can be washed with soap and water, or scoured with fine steel wool, if the spots are stubborn.

Oven vents that condense grease and moisture.

Hardly a working part or a surface panel isn't detachable and all can go into the sink. So . . . save yourself the time and expense of a service call, by taking care of them.

NEW RANGES—NEW USES

You can do new tricks with your new gas range—but you don't have to. The research that went into its development was geared to give you the advantages of such new cooking methods as low-temperature roasting and speedy, smokeless broiling—but it also gives you better burner and oven control for your pet old-fashioned cooking methods, Mother's or Grandmother's way.

Controlled-surface cooking: New burners adjust accurately to full boil or slow simmer. The new simmer burners even permit you to prepare in a saucepan things which used to require a double boiler. Don't think of the top of the range as merely a place for the frying pan and the coffee pot. Look in your cook book, and try all those wonderful recipes for boiling, simmering, poaching, pan frying, and the like.

Ovens, thanks to thermostatic controls and even distribution of heat, can produce foods that Grandma would envy. Their capacity is tremendous—four cakes at a time, a 30-lb. turkey, complete oven meals, everything from soup to nuts. Because the new thermostats on ovens are so very accurate and can be adjusted to

Gas Range New

EDITH RAMSAY



for efficient cooking for more years than most of us will live.

Here are some of the simple things that the manufacturer has given you to make it even easier to care for your range:

Acid-resisting porcelain exterior with rounded corners and edges that will always look new and fresh if you just wipe it off daily with a sudsy dishcloth—the clean-as-you-go method. A word of warning here, though—be careful to wipe up such spilled foods as tomatoes, peaches, lemons, and milk, for they will leave a dull spot unless they are removed at once.

Removable handles on gas valves and oven and broiler drawers.

Spill pans under the burners that can be removed and washed in the dishpan—yes, even in the dishwasher.

One-piece burners, all detachable and washable, with burner ports (holes to you) designed to reject spill-overs, but easily reamed out with a pipe cleaner if they should become clogged. Dry them in the oven.

Porcelain-lined ovens with removable oven bottoms, racks, and in some models even removable doors. Be extremely fussy with your oven, because it is here that most carbon and grease accumulate. (Incidentally, there are some new oven cleaners on the market that will keep your oven or

such very low temperatures, you can oven-cook foods which used to require surface cooking and plenty of stirring—no stirring now when you cook in your oven, at low temperatures, such foods as marmalade and cereals. And you can now use your oven at low temperatures for preparing soups, too.

Broilers are now smokeless, and improved broiler burners give you a degree of perfection in broiled meats you used to find only in the best steak houses at umpteen dollars a portion. Use the broiler to full capacity, to prepare complete broiler meals all at one time. The recipe book which comes with your range will give you some good suggestions for these.

Griddles not only answer the problem of doing a family-sized portion of bacon at a time, and plenty of pancakes and eggs at a clip, but they convert into supergiant burners for additional top-of-the-range cooking. They are excellent plate warmers, too.

USE THE CONVENIENCE FEATURES ON YOUR NEW RANGE

Minute minders are often standard equipment on ranges, but they can also be bought as an accessory. They are wonderful for timing cooking operations and for timing other tasks.

Automatic timers eliminate oven watching and much of the food testing. This is an oven control that makes "absentee" cooking possible. There are three things to remember when using it: the time you want to have the meal finished, the length of time the food must cook, and turning the clock back to manual operation once it's done the job. If you forget the turning back, the oven won't turn on the next time you want to use it.

Storage space was put in ranges for your convenience, too. It may be drawers for pots and pans, a warming compartment for dishes, a chest crisper for crackers and cereal, or a pull-out rack for

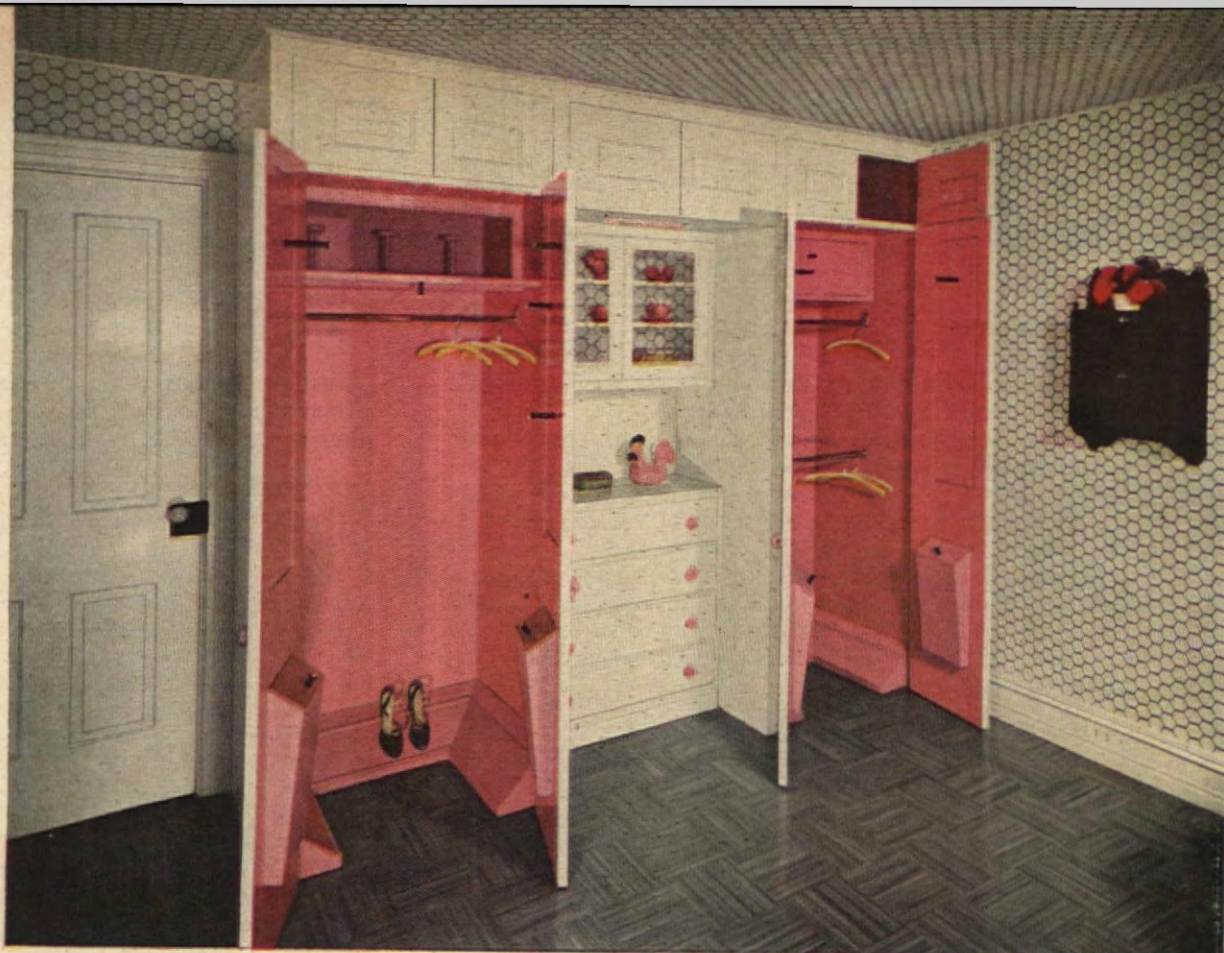
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*Call Serviceman
to repair these*

GIRLS' ROOM:

No squabbles between sisters sharing a room when each one has her own closet equipped with shoe racks, and prettily colored to encourage pride in neat habits. Between closets, a handsome built-in chest of drawers, and above it, a cupboard for the display of treasures. Top cupboards are for storage of out-of-season hats, shoes, and the like



All photographs courtesy of Armstrong's Idea House, Armstrong Cork Co.

Closet YOURSELF WITH THESE

MARY E. MONZE

You'll find fewer skeletons in modern closets because the space therein is so well organized that there's no room for horrors, and closets are so pretty nowadays that a skeleton just wouldn't feel at home. So whether you're building closets, or just trying to improve the ones you have, take a tip from these. It so happens that they were built into a remodeled Victorian house which, like so many old homes, was very short on storage space because our ancestors had less gear to stow. But even after the matter of a closet for every bedroom and a few to spare became the accepted thing, the space in them was prodigally squandered. Really "engineered" storage of the type you see here is a former luxury, now a necessity. And when a closet does a room's job, easy maintenance is also required—that's why the floors in these closets are all wipe-clean-in-a-flash linoleum.

BOYS' ROOM: Small bedroom, two boys, no closet? Try this: a large closet built under an upper bunk. Inside, there's space enough for two boys' things. Outside is cork-covered to receive their pin-ups





LINEN CLOSET: Every shelf is deep enough, and wide enough, to take the things it is intended to hold, while drawers, bins, and cupboards protect the extra supplies. A drop-leaf shelf is handy for sorting, and a blackboard helps you keep track of what's where

PARENTS' ROOM: Space from an adjoining room was used to create this wide closet which stores underwear as well as suits, dresses, shoes, bags, and hats, all in premeasured compartments. We could only photograph half of it, for sliding doors conceal the rest



HALL CLOSET takes on guests' wraps and spells a warm welcome. Metal grillwork is used for shelves and for umbrella stand equipped with easily emptied drip pan. Decorative keyboard saves rummaging, and tinker toys serve as pegs as well as conversation pieces

TELEPHONE ROOM: Victorian teen-agers didn't need such a nook, but there's space for a cozy telephone "booth" under the stairs of most old houses—where it's handy to the kitchen, too. Shelf, stool, and memo board equip it, and attractive paper keeps conversations gay



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Curved top rail, shaped spindles, legs set back under shaped seat, make this chair an excellent example of modern and traditional in one design

Idea for panels of this buffet was borrowed from pierced tin ones which ventilated old pie cupboards. These are aluminium, decorative only, the motif hammered out by Mr. Bassler himself



We turned the Bassler living room (shown on our cover) into a proving ground; proved that two designs—contemporary and traditional—do compound pleasingly

In the homes of our forebears, the coffee table was unknown. In our own, it has become indispensable; even (as shown at right) takes on foam-rubber cushions and functions as additional seating space



Good Contemporary is Timeless

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

It's called "Transitional," but when this group of cherry furniture by Designer William Bassler first appeared, its lines were so clean and its appearance so well endowed with that attention to detail required of simplicity at its best, that it was hailed as "Modern"—and displayed in 20th-century settings. However, as design with a future should—it has much in common with the past—no borrowed features nor details you can put your finger on, but a general sympathy, in this case, with Early American and even Sheraton. To prove our point, we moved some pieces right into Designer Bassler's own traditional home. Out came his 18th-century wooden

furniture. In went his new creations. But not a background was changed, no upholstered chairs nor sofas were redone, few accessories were added. Since the pieces lend themselves to some modern ideas about furniture placement our forebears either didn't think of or didn't require, we naturally took advantage of them. For example, the arrangement of the bedroom chests, the two dining-room servers which make ideal book tables along a living-room wall. This refurnishing of the Bassler home was supposed to be temporary, for the sake of photography only—but when last heard from, Mrs. B. wanted to keep many of the changes and Mr. B. mumbled about budgets. We like to start *that* kind of family argument!

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"T-square" stretchers, tapered legs give handsome dining table a well-supported, architectural look. Extended top has gently curved ends, lip is rounded and thinned to prevent bulky appearance

Usefulness keynotes this whole group. Lower part of this nested twosome is deep enough (25") to form step table when pushed under 16"-deep companion. By itself, a good-sized auxiliary table





"Transitional" incorporates modern ideas along with timeless lines. Recessed legs give ample desk an airy, small-scale look. Traditional fireplace grouping works better, thanks to a modern coffee table. A variety of chests of different sizes, designed to fit together in any arrangement you like, take advantage of very good new thinking about storage.

Three New Roses for Fall



Outstanding in the year's headlines have been the names of President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower and England's Queen, Elizabeth II. Outstanding among new roses available for American gardens are varieties named for those personalities and a third that bears the truly American name, Mojave. The latter and Lilibet (commemorating the enchanting childhood nickname of the lovely young monarch) are the All-America Rose Selections for 1954. Plants of all three will be obtainable this fall and, in

greater quantities, next spring. All are of the popular bush or bedding type, two being Hybrid Teas, characterized by large, singly borne blossoms, and the other being one of the co-operative, multipurpose, cluster-flowered Floribundas. The two All-Americans—the 38th and 39th since this “royal family” of rosedom was established in 1940—were chosen out of thousands by their originators, and have subsequently survived a two-year test in 20 official trial grounds in 15 widely separated states. Plants can be seen in nearly 100 public gardens scattered over 28 states where, last June, they were first identified by label after their selection was announced.

President Eisenhower

The President Eisenhower rose was developed by the Joseph H. Hill Company of Richmond, Indiana, long famous especially for its production of fine florist type or greenhouse roses, and is being introduced by the Conard-Pyle Company of West Grove, Pennsylvania. From such noted ancestors as Better Times, Rome Glory, Chieftain, Dame Edith Helen, Hoosier Beauty, Talisman, and Premier, the variety has inherited qualities that make for good growth habit, vigor, and foliage, and few thorns. It bears 4- to 5-in., 35- to 50-petaled, fragrant, strong-stemmed blossoms of a rich, lasting, medium-red color. Its description as a modern “American Beauty of a rose,” combining “brilliance, charm, and dependability in outstanding amounts” suggests how happy and appropriate was its introducer's choice of a name.

Remember, fall is a fine rose-planting time. Select an open, sunny spot with well-drained average (or better) soil; dig spacious holes, working organic matter into the bottom; keep plants moist and shaded; set them at nursery depth with roots well spread; half fill hole with soil; firm; soak well; complete filling, and mound soil 6 or 8 in. high around plant to prevent drying out, prune lightly.

Mojave

Planting

Mojave, the sole Hybrid Tea All-America rose for 1954, gets its name from the rich, warm colors of the Painted Desert, which are reflected in its glowing apricot-orange shade with overtones of nasturtium red, vermillion, and scarlet. Its next most distinctive quality is its abundance of long-stemmed slender buds produced over a long season. They open into large, 25-petaled, pleasantly fragrant flowers, splendid for cutting. The plant is tall and vigorous with glossy foliage. Descended from Charlotte Armstrong, the one All-America Rose Selection in 1941, Mojave was originated by Herbert C. Swim of the research department of the Armstrong Nurseries of Ontario, California, its introducer.

[Incidentally, the All-America Rose Selections Committee has sponsored a 13-minute, 16-mm. sound and color motion picture called "All-America Roses," which can be had without cost for showings before adult audiences of 50 or more. For information about it, apply to Films of the Nations, 62 West 45th Street, New York 36, N.Y. or any of its branch offices.]



Lilibet

Lilibet, an exquisite "dawn pink" rose, brings new luster to the modern Floribunda class which continues to win popularity. (According to Rosarian Charles H. Perkins, a survey of the roses in 90 public rose gardens in the United States showed that about one plant in every four was a Floribunda; a comparable trend seems evident in home gardens, too.) Originated and introduced by the Howard Rose Company of Hemet, California, Lilibet makes a lusty plant with leathery foliage, bronzy when young, but gradually changing to a deep, glossy green tone. The charming double flowers, occasionally borne singly but mostly in graceful clusters, start as deep pink, almost red, buds; but as they open, they take on various clear pink shades which, from a distance, give an overall mass effect of delicious soft pink.

Want good rose-growing advice? The U. S. Department of Agriculture's new *Home and Garden Bulletin No. 25* on "Roses for the Home" can be had free from its Office of Information, Washington 25, D.C. It is a revision of *Farmers' Bulletin 750*, first issued in 1916, of which some 2,700,000 copies have been distributed. How's that for rose interest in America?





Little Dinner for Friends

Blanquette of Veal
Frito of Artichokes

Poached Pears Avocado
Demitasse

Oscar Wilde it was who said: "To get into the best society, one has to feed people, amuse people, or shock people." Certainly Oscar was first-rate at shocking people, and did amuse them, too. But how much easier it is to feed them! And it's feeding them well when your dinner is built around a Blanquette of Veal—one of the most delicious meat dishes in all the world, in my opinion. It is not only delicious, it has snob appeal as well, for so rarely does it appear anywhere but on the menus of the hoity-toity eating places. Why, I'll never know. It is no more difficult than any other stew, yet how rich and elegant! And do you know what? It's made of breast of veal—the cheapest cut of veal there is, I guess. Figure four pounds of breast of veal for six generous servings (it's very, very rich, you know) and compare it with the cost of double French lamb chops—and what he-man ever feels well fed on one lamb chop, French or double? If the recipe looks long and complicated, just sit yourself down and read it all the way through, calmly and carefully. It's veal, mushrooms, onions, and seasonings—plus an easy sauce. Is *that* difficult? Now look at the picture again—isn't it a glamorous dish, fittin' for high society? I don't aim at high society, so in my house it's for friends and family. Remember—it's breast of veal, not leg, loin, nor rib of veal at purse-shattering prices.

With it, a conversation piece—for few who ate our dinner here in my kitchen knew *what* the vegetable was. They liked its slightly bitter taste which offset the richness of the blanquette. They liked its crunchiness with the blandness of the veal—but what was it? That low-caloried, easily digested vegetable—the artichoke. And again a plus. You can buy the tired, browned artichokes for less than the perfect green ones, and we don't care about pristine green leaves—we use only the hearts.

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Good Victuals



Formal Dinner, 1953 Style

Finding it hard to get going on those first autumn parties? Well, outfit your table smartly, and one big hurdle will be pleasantly passed. To inspire you—and prod you, we hope—we present herewith not just one, but five table settings.* Hie yourself for a look at the new linens—as exciting and every bit as style conscious as the latest Paris frock. Check your silver, your glass, your accessories. And while you're at it, take stock of your china, and remember that Grandma's old formula of only two sets ("everyday" and "Sunday") is as dated as her Model T. These days when even inexpensive dinnerware is so handsomely designed, most of us can afford the spice of variety.

You don't need a footman to have a table as engaging as the one at your left: formal dinner, 1953 version—not stuffed shirt. The china, banded in copper and gold, is set on a gold-shot cloth, perfectly washable and nontarnishing. The flatware is sterling with an 18-kt. gold trim; the crystal, hand-blown and cut; the candelabra, downright princely.

For your last outdoor "do," or a young-in-heart party anywhere, anytime, try the ingredients below: good folk-art design decks the semivitreous china; the smart flatware is stainless steel with sturdy plastic handles; the glasses, two-toned and given a third, just for fun, by the napkins; the cloth, dark and sturdy, is *chic* as all get-out; the edible centerpiece can be doubly enjoyed by the eye, thanks to a mirror plateau which reflects it before you pass it around.

**In New York City you can see these settings at the United States Potters Association exhibit, National Home furnishings Show, at Grand Central Palace, Sept. 17-27, 1953*

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Place and Show

GERTRUDE BRASSARD

Young-In-Heart Party





Discover all the extra ways to enjoy Tomato Soup!



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

Your very favorite soup is also delicious as a pour-on sauce...and as a cooking ingredient

BY *Anne Marshall*

Here's how everybody who loves tomatoes can really *revel* in that wonderful garden-ripe flavor! I'm sure you often serve tomato soup as *soup*. Bright and zesty, made with water. Or creamy smooth, combined with milk.

But discover the delicious *additional* uses for this favorite soup. Use it as a

pour-on sauce. It makes dozens of dishes more tempting in color and taste—meat loaf, for instance. And *cook* with tomato soup for added richness and flavor, as in chili con carne. To get these recipes and many more, send for the booklet, "Cooking with Condensed Soups." Just drop a card to me at Campbell Soup Company, Camden 1, New Jersey.

OCTOBER SUGGESTIONS FROM

Campbell's SOUPS



Two delicious ways to make tomato soup. Blend with milk for the extra nourishment and richness of Cream of Tomato. Or just add water for bright red color, tangy tomato flavor.



Good cooks keep a full soup shelf



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Informal Luncheon

The setting above makes the excellent point that "unlike" things may be mixed if you have an eye for color and a sense of proportion: the china is fine and rather formal, but it takes with perfect poise to a modern printed cloth; the flatware, silver plate with very good detail, couldn't be more traditional; the crystal is completely modern.

Even old, old pets have new flavor, as you can see at your right: the beloved rose on a pottery plate, modern in shape; the sterling flatware, a traditional pattern so simple it always looks new; the crystal, rose decked; the dainty cloth, good old linen. As background for a buffet, a striped cloth which looks hand-woven (at a price which shows it can't be); gay, beflowered pottery plates; stainless steel flatware elegantly turned out; milk glass for a cool, fresh accent; and a sumptuous three-section server which keeps victuals hot—or cold.

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Sumptuous Supper



JEANNIE WILLIS

Sweet talk is all very well, but you're a rare gal if it can get you out of having to prepare desserts for your family. Let the gourmets say what they will about wanting only cheese or fruit to wind up some delectable menu lightly. Let the nutritionists preach on about the unwisdom of overindulging in starches and sugar. It's a cinch that they aren't faced with a hungry family whose first question as they enter the door is: "What's for dessert, Mom?" Let us remember, instead, that our main courses do not normally consist of the rich ingredients nor the elaborate sauces on which gourmets thrive. And while none of us will argue with the soundness of good nutrition, we all know full well that it is a lot easier to get our family to eat a fruit dessert *if* there are some larrupin' good cookies to go with

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• molasses cookies



• south seas steak
(a cheapie)

Preparation time: 15 min.
Marinate: 3-4 hrs.

1-2 lbs. lean beef (chuck, sirloin tips, etc.)	4 tbs. green onions, finely chopped
½ cup salad oil	1 clove garlic, minced
½ cup vinegar	½ tsp. salt
¼ cup sugar	½ tsp. pepper
2 tbs. soy sauce	4 tbs. sesame seed

• Place meat in bowl or flat dish you can cover. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over meat. Be sure meat is well covered with sauce. Let stand a few hours or overnight in refrigerator. When ready to broil, drain off surplus sauce. Baste with sauce while broiling. Use any form of beef desired—even cut-up stew beef works well.

Serves 4-6 558-542 cal. per serving Source of vitamin B
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Family
Food

• apple custard pie



• chocolate
pumpkin cake



Preparation time: 20 min.
Chilling time: 2-4 hrs.

1 tbs. soda
¼ cup hot water
¾ cup sweet milk
1 cup sugar
1 cup light molasses
1 egg

1 tbs. ginger
1 tbs. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
1 cup melted shortening
5 cups sifted all-purpose flour

• Dissolve soda in hot water. Then add milk. Mix all of the ingredients together and put in the refrigerator for a few hours or overnight. Roll and cut in squares with a floured knife. Bake at 375° F. for 12-15 min. Store covered to keep crisp.

Makes 10-12 doz. large cookies

46-38 cal. per cookie

Source of vitamins A, B

Submitted by Mrs. Lillian R. Goldberg

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Family Food (Begins on page 67)

it. Sure, we can easily salve our conscience by using good healthy fillings, and adding some wheat germ to every crust whenever we do serve those "indigestible pies." Yet the fact remains that pies we do eat, and cakes and cookies, too. No sweet talk, certainly no health lecture, will substitute. So let's look at some new ideas for desserts this month.

Molasses cookies, good old-fashioned ones, top our list, but with a gimmick. Instead of the everlasting rolling and cutting, cutting, cutting out of cookies, take a hint from the "boughten" ones and merely roll and cut in squares. They taste every bit as good as the fancier shapes when stolen from the cookie jar, yet save a lot of time. Incidentally, these are the kind that don't puff up when baked, and you may want to remember them for Christmas.

Apple Custard Pie offers something a bit different in the way of a pie filling. It is made with applesauce, and a custard poured on top, then coconut toasted to a golden



brown. Watch those apple-pie-faces go after this one!

Like a real honest-Injun chocolatey spice cake? Then be sure that you try the cake recipe we have this month. It's called Chocolate Pumpkin Cake, for that is just what it contains. The frosting recipe is excellent, and note that it is one of those rarities, a recipe which calls for egg yolks. A thin frosting, this, the pouring kind, glossy and good.

South Seas Steak is a Cheapie recipe from the Far East. It is a way to take the less expensive—also tougher—cuts of beef and tenderize by marinating in a most unusual sauce. And it's then broiled. That is news—to be able to broil the tougher cuts, and it is a joy to all those who like their beef not-well-done. Usually you have to cook such meats to a fare-thee-well, and for those who like it rare or medium, that is no good at all. But this does the trick, and to judge by the way it was eaten up around here when we tested it, there's no loss of appeal to the masculine appetite due to what is a downright exotic South Seas sauce!

• south seas steak (a cheapie)



• apple custard pie

Preparation time: 30 min.

1 pie shell, slightly prebaked

Filling: 4 cups applesauce
½ cup sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
2 tbs. butter
1 tsp. lemon juice (optional)

Topping: 1 egg
½ cup evaporated milk
Pinch of salt
½ cup sugar
2 cups shredded coconut

• To make filling, sprinkle applesauce with sugar and cinnamon. Dot with butter. Bake 25 min. in 425° F. oven. Meanwhile beat egg slightly, add evaporated milk, salt, sugar, shredded coconut. Mix well. Then pour over baked pie. Put it back in oven and bake 20 min. at 375° F. until golden in color.

Makes 10-in. pie

463 cal. per serving

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Submitted by Mrs. Edith Dixon

Preparation time: 25 min.

1¾ cups cake flour
1½ cups sugar
¼ tsp. baking powder
1¼ tsp. baking soda
¾ tsp. salt

½ cup cocoa
½ cup soft shortening
½ cup pumpkin
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
½ cup water

3 eggs

• Sift together the cake flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cocoa into a bowl. Add shortening, blend. Mix together pumpkin, pumpkin pie spice, and water. Add half of this to the first mixture and mix well. Add eggs, one at a time. Then add remaining pumpkin mix. Beat well for 2 min. Pour into 2 greased 8-in. layer cake pans and bake at 350° F. 35-40 min.

Submitted by Mrs. Donald Reynolds

CHOCOLATE EGG ICING

5 tbs. milk
1 cup sugar
Dash of salt

2 sq. bitter chocolate
2 egg yolks or 1 egg yolk + 1 tbs. evaporated milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Cook milk, sugar, and salt over low heat for a few minutes. Add chocolate. Stir until melted. Place over hot water. Beat egg yolks, then stir into sugar and chocolate mixture. Add vanilla. Keep hot until ready to frost cake. No need to spread with a knife. Pours easily if hot and runs over the cake. Coats to a shiny gloss. Makes enough for an 8-in. 2-layer cake or 1 doz. cupcakes.

Serves 8

510 cal. per serving of iced cake

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Take a Can of SOUP

CATHERINE NISSLY

Diamonds or no, a gal's best friend can be a can of soup—and not, mind you, only in emergencies, nor only as a sure-fire, speedy, first course. Soup can make a quick sauce in the real gourmet class, often fully as good as the time-consuming kinds based on venerable recipes. Did you know that, in addition to saucing poultry and fish, cream soup makes an excellent mustard sauce, that tomato soup improves salads as well as stews? Here's a field for real improvisation!

MORE RECIPES ON PAGES 75-78

GOOD HARVEST SOUP



SHRIMP BOMBAY



BARBECUE RIBS WITH KRAUT

Preparation time: 10 min.

• all-American chowder

3 slices bacon
1/2 cup minced onion
1 7 1/2-oz. can minced clams, drained
(reserve clam liquor)

1 cup cubed potatoes
1 can condensed cream of celery soup
1 1/2 cups milk
Dash of pepper

• Cook bacon in saucepan until crisp; remove and break into 1-in. pieces. Brown onion in bacon fat. Add clam liquor and potato; cover and cook over low heat until potato is done (about 15 min.). Blend in bacon pieces, minced clams, and remaining ingredients; heat but do not boil. (Bacon pieces may be reserved for use as garnish.)

Serves 4 188 cal. per serving

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Preparation time: 5 min.

• good harvest soup

2 thinly sliced frankfurters
1 tbs. butter or margarine
1 can condensed green pea soup

1 can condensed vegetable soup
1 can milk
1 can water

• Brown frankfurters in butter in large saucepan. Add soups. Use empty can to measure milk and water; add to soups. Stir until smooth. Heat, but do not boil. Float "frank" slices on top.

Serves 4 265 cal. per serving

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Preparation time: 15 min.

• barbecue ribs with kraut

1 large or 2 small sides spareribs
1/2 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
1 can sauerkraut, drained
1 tsp. dry mustard
3 tbs. brown sugar

1 tsp. paprika
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce
1 can condensed tomato soup
1/4 cup vinegar or lemon juice

• Wipe spareribs with a damp cloth, rub with salt and pepper. Place sauerkraut on half the ribs, fold over other half. Combine remaining ingredients and add. Bake in moderate oven 350° F., for about 1 3/4 hrs. or until brown and tender. Baste with sauce occasionally.

Serves 4 306 cal. per serving

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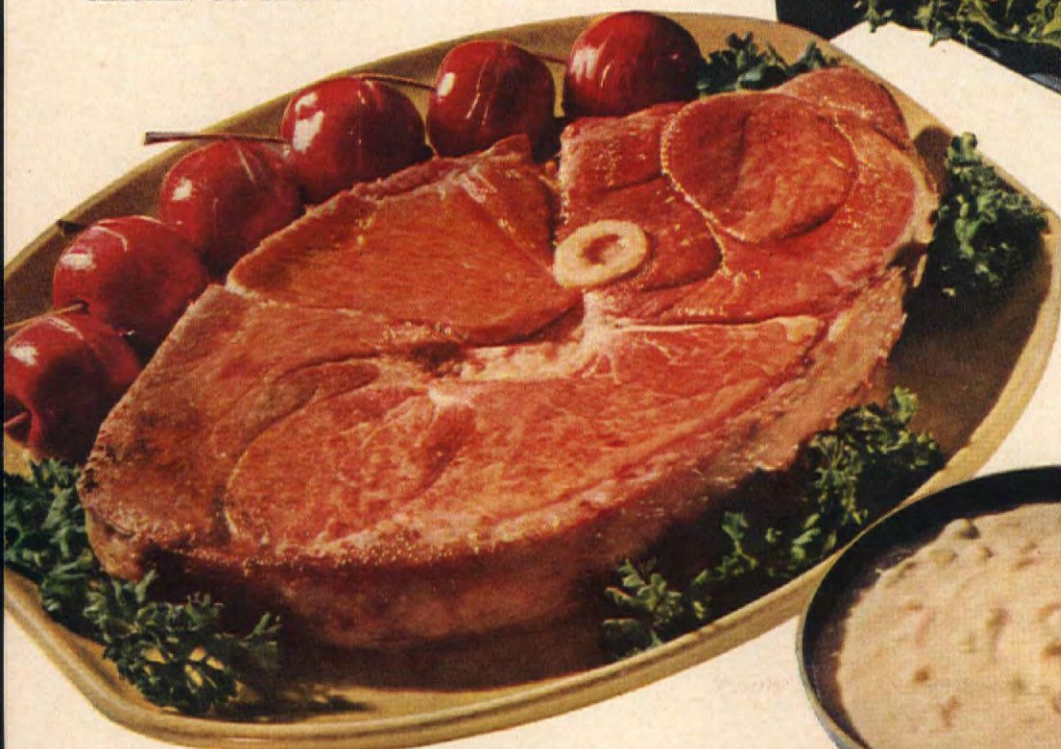
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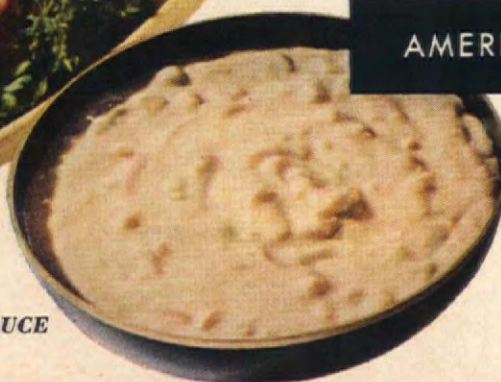
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1-MINUTE DRESSING
OCTOBER SALAD

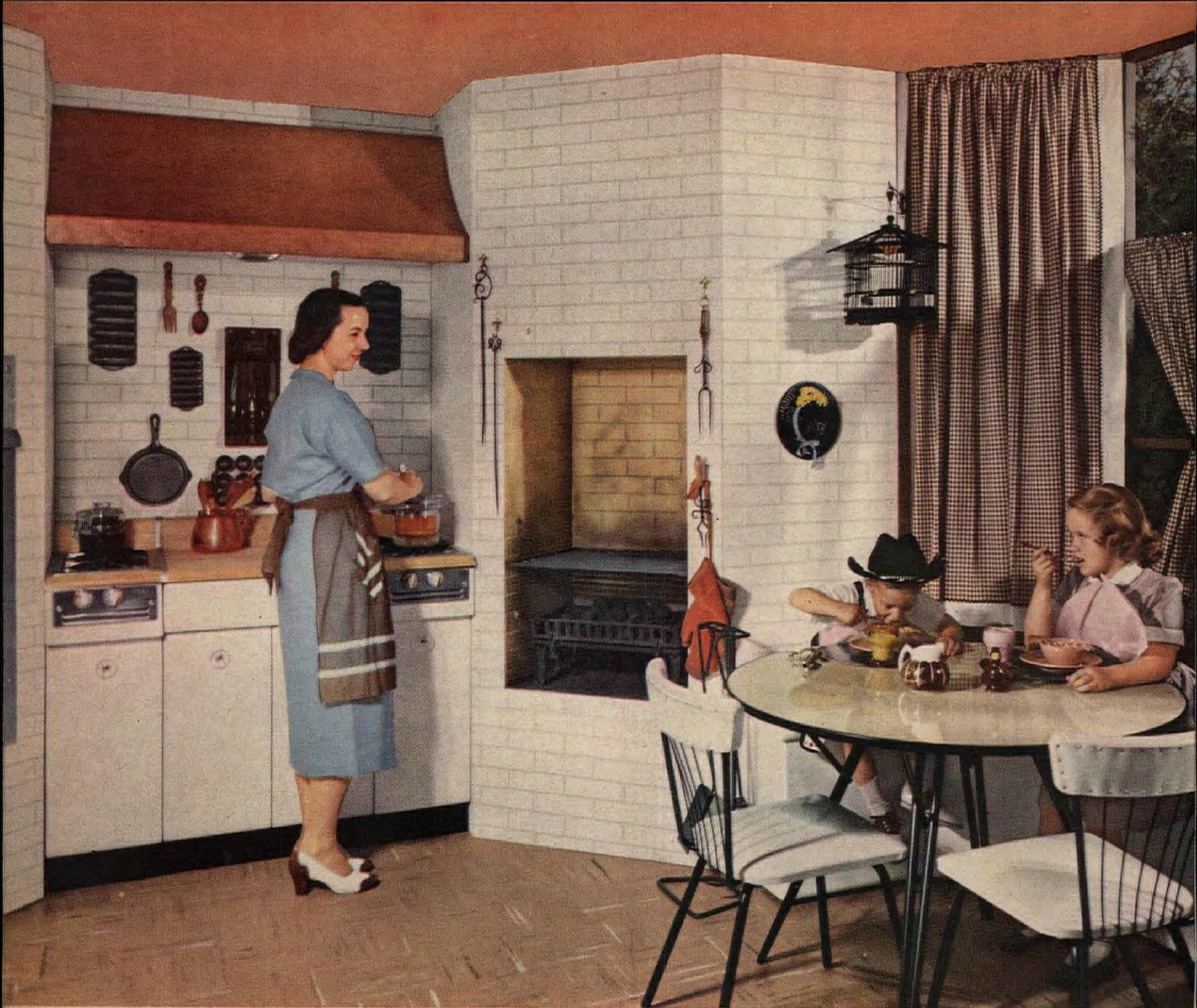


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- A SERVICE CART NESTS UNDER A CABINET



When we set out to design this AMERICAN HOME kitchen,* we determined to incorporate not only the *latest* in kitchens, but the *best*—while we made it downright beautiful. So we took careful stock of the tried and true along with brand-new ideas. We borrowed from Great-Grandma the concept of the big family kitchen—but this is a sophisticated, city-wise version, as heartwarming as any country kitchen. We used the pure white metal cabinets which made such exciting news for Mother in the '20's; but to remove the "clinical look" an all-white kitchen sometimes has, we evolved a high-style contrast of dark tones with light ones to show what life white can have as a color. Old-time country kitchens inspired the fireplace, but we raised ours to a convenient level for open-fire cookery. Then we had a look at the innovations of the past decade, new to most kitchens, but already tried and true. Among those included here are the modular gas range which permits you to have your surface burners in one place and your oven, waist-high, in another; and of course, there are the blessed dishwasher and garbage disposer. We used a silent gas refrigerator of a new type which deposits an unlimited supply of ice cubes into a basket to free you from bother with trays.

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EDITH RAMSAY

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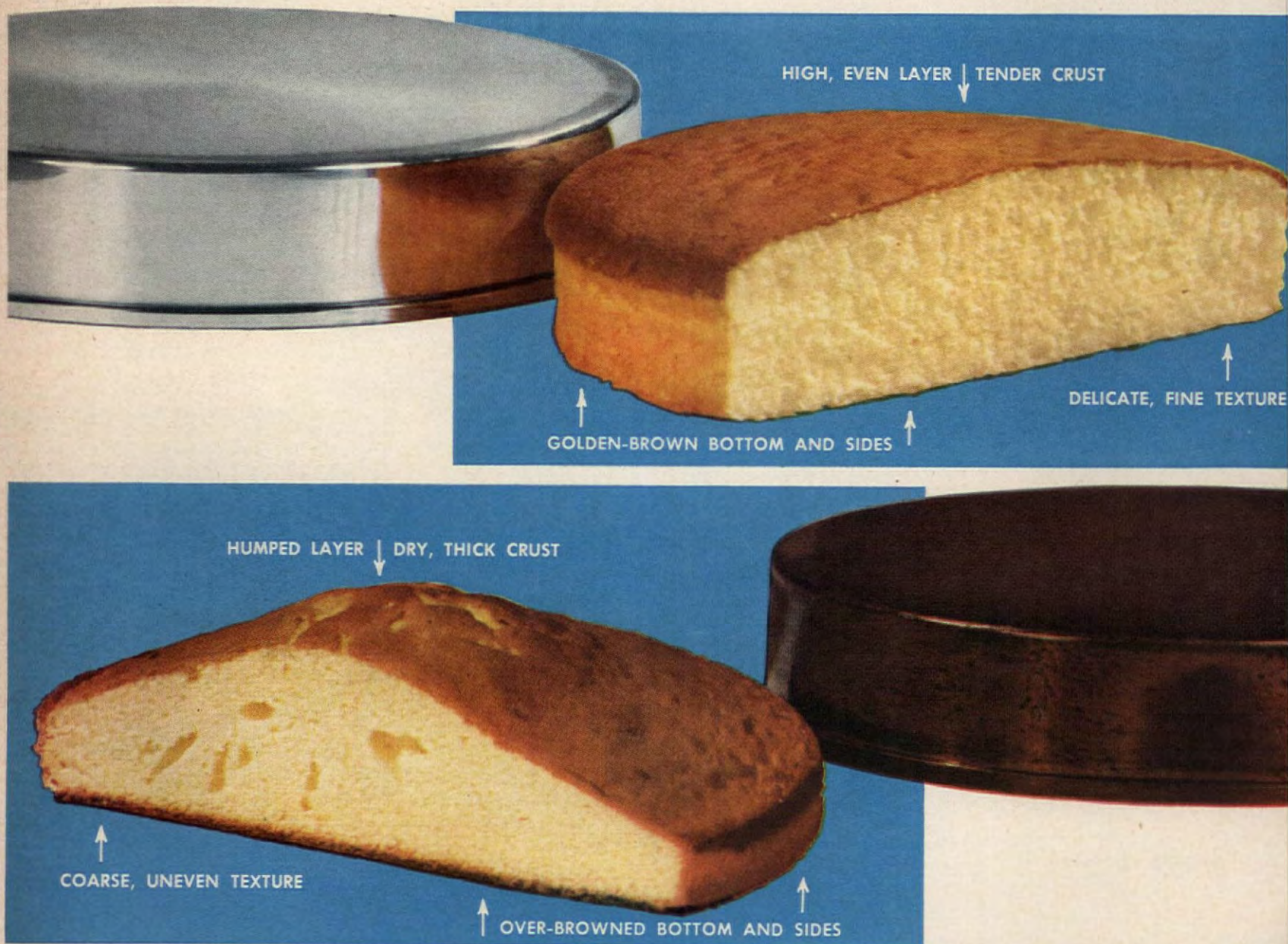
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More Pictures of This Kitchen on Page 86

Look what a difference a shiny cake pan makes

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American Home Recipes

(Take a Can of Soup, pictured in color on page 70)

• chicken continental

Preparation time: 15 min.

- 1 bunch broccoli or 1 pkg. frozen broccoli, cooked
- 2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 6-oz. can chicken or 1 1/4 cups sliced chicken
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

• Arrange broccoli on baking platter or in shallow baking dish. Combine soup, milk, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour half the mixture over the broccoli. Sprinkle with half the cheese. Top with sliced chicken, remaining soup mixture, and cheese. Bake in moderate oven 375° F. about 15 min., or broil to heat through and lightly brown cheese.

Serves 4 325 cal. per serving

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• lamb stew in the pink

Preparation time: 15 min.

- 2 tbs. flour
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 lbs. lamb, cubed
- 1 small clove garlic, mashed
- 2 tbs. shortening
- 3 cups water
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 6 small onions
- 6 small carrots
- 1 tsp. vinegar or lemon juice

• Combine flour, salt, and pepper; roll meat in this mixture. Brown meat and garlic in shortening in a heavy saucepan. Add water; cover and simmer 1 1/2 hrs., stirring occasionally. Add soup, onions, and carrots; cover and cook 15 min. or until vegetables are done. Add vinegar. Serve with noodles, rice, or mashed potatoes.

Serves 6 237 cal. per serving

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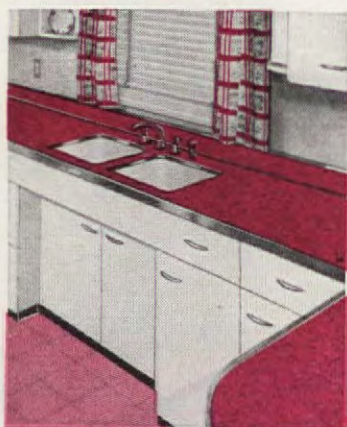
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American Home Recipes

(Take a Can of Soup, pictured in color on page 70)

• shrimp Bombay

Preparation time: 10 min.

1 can condensed cream of chicken soup ½ cup undiluted evaporated milk
¼ tsp. curry powder 2 cans shrimp, drained
Dash of pepper

• Combine soup, curry powder, pepper, and milk in saucepan. Add shrimp. Heat to serving temperature.

Serves 4 142 cal. per serving

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• broiled ham with quick mustard sauce

Preparation time: 5 min.

1 slice ham, 1 in. thick 1 tbs. water
1 can condensed cream of celery soup 1 to 1½ tbs. dry mustard

• Place broiler about 3 in. from heat. Broil ham for 5 min., turn to broil other side. Serve with Mustard Sauce: Stir water into dry mustard and add to soup. Heat over low heat to serving temperature. Stir occasionally.

Serves 4 432 cal. per serving

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 62)

cooked in lemon juice, dry white wine, et cetera, then fried in deep, hot fat. If you've never had artichokes this way, please do try them. Pears are in season, and pears are good now. Poach them in a simple syrup. Cool them, sprinkle them with soupçon of lime or lemon juice and araçao. Chill—they must be icy cold. Serve as is—or garnish with whipped cream and sieved avocado. Rich, of course. But when I serve this dinner and it's one of my favorite dinners—there is nary an extra anything. Just three dishes, including dessert. A demitasse—and you've had it.

As an alternative, I sometimes serve the Caramel Lemon Sponge. It is light—but the caramel gives a dusty get-your-teeth-in sensation that takes the curse off plain lemon sponge—and men do object to the plainness of plain lemon sponge, as you know. Now I can't promise that you will get into the best society" with this dinner menu, but I will promise that your guests will leave your board well-fed and happy, and come back—as often as you ask them.

Two such good recipes I give to you this month. Oysters, the like of which you've never eaten—if you haven't had them cooked this way on

rock salt! They stay hot, hot—no matter how gay the company in the living room. You can serve a few as a first course. Eight of them make a fulsome main course—and my pet use for them is as a little meal before a concert or the theater. I'm usually a purist—and a rather tiresome one about my sea food staying far, far from heat—but this is one of the exceptions that break my rigid rules. You just can't conceive what a bit of butter, mayonnaise, and curry powder a sprinkling of parsley, chives, and freshly grated pepper can do for an oyster. Since cheap tin pie plates are no longer cheap, or even available, I did them in a pan. No sooner had I taken the color pic-

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American Home Recipes

(Take a Can of Soup, pictured in color on page 70)

• October salad

Preparation time: 5 min.

1 small head raw cauliflower
1 onion, thinly sliced
2 carrots, cut very thin
1 red pepper, sliced

Chicory
Lettuce
Water cress

• Separate cauliflower into flowerets. Arrange in salad bowl with onion, carrots, red pepper, chicory, lettuce, and water cress. Serve with 1-Minute Dressing.

Serves 6 152 cal. per serving (including salad dressing)

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1-MINUTE DRESSING

3 parts soup (1 can condensed tomato soup)
2 parts salad oil (fill can 2/3 full of oil)

Pour soup into shaker or mixing bowl. Add oil and vinegar mixture to soup. Shake well or beat with a rotary egg beater or electric mixer. Smaller amounts can be made with leftover soup using 3 parts soup, 2 parts oil, and 1 part vinegar.

Makes 2 1/2 cups salad dressing 1419 cal.

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Preparation time: 1 min.

1 part vinegar (add vinegar to oil until liquid comes to top of can)

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 62)

ture than Gertrude Brassard, our Tablewares Editor, flounced in with the most heavenly pans to do this recipe in. They are a lovely iridescent green, and the little wire works fit in to hold six or eight bivalves—I show one on page 77 so that you may serve these divine oysters in the glamorous way they deserve.

Now tripe is like finnan haddie or kippered herrings. When you like them, you like them very much. And when you don't—well, I'm writing to those who do like them. I know people who have traveled miles and miles, just to eat finnan haddie at the old Ritz—the way Louis Diat did it. Include me in. Include me in for this tripe recipe, too. It's not a quickie, heaven knows. Vera, my right arm, who does not like tripe, called it my "57 Hour Gourmet Quickie"! Now you don't stand there cooking tripe for days on end. It's a serial story sort of thing which you start, leave, and come back to. The recipe comes straight from Marseilles. Monsieur Maurice Moyal, residing at 45 Avenue Camille, Pellatan, Marseilles, France, sent it to me, stating that he would like to write for my esteemed publication, in a light and entertaining way, about Genoese cook-

ing. "Tripe Shallots," wrote the French-born writer and gourmet, "for Cordon-Bleus only. This dish must be baked over three days, by its perfume, unique flavor, and mildness make it a great delicacy. And Monsieur Moyal did not exaggerate! I never have enough time to cook all the old favorites, much less fuss around with new ones. But Tripe Shallots is no longer "new"—it's a ready a favorite with Mrs. A.

Now have you been wondering what all the "fixin's" at the top of page 62 were? Well, they're new recipes. They are there merely to remind you—yes, goose you—in remembering that this is practical. The last call to put down some of the good fruits and vegetables that are on the market now and very short will be available only in jars with very fancy prices attached thereto. One skinny little jar of watermelon pickles, ditto pickled pears or braised peaches, on your grocer's shelf can—and will—shock you when you read the price tag. Boughten chutney is good—but it can't stack up to homemade chili sauce. So I'm not heckling you to steam and stew—you don't have to. But don't say I didn't remind you!

American Home Recipes

(Take a Can of Soup, pictured in color on page 70)

• touchdown franks

Preparation time: 20 min.

1 lb. frankfurters (about 8)
8 slices bacon

2 cans condensed tomato soup
1 lb. elbow macaroni, cooked
½ lb. Cheddar cheese

• Combine tomato soup and macaroni in 2-qt. baking dish. Cut 8 slices from cheese, reserve. Grate remaining cheese and stir into tomato soup mixture. Silt frankfurters, insert cheese slices, and wrap with bacon slices. Arrange over top of macaroni. Bake in moderate oven 350° F. about 1 hr.

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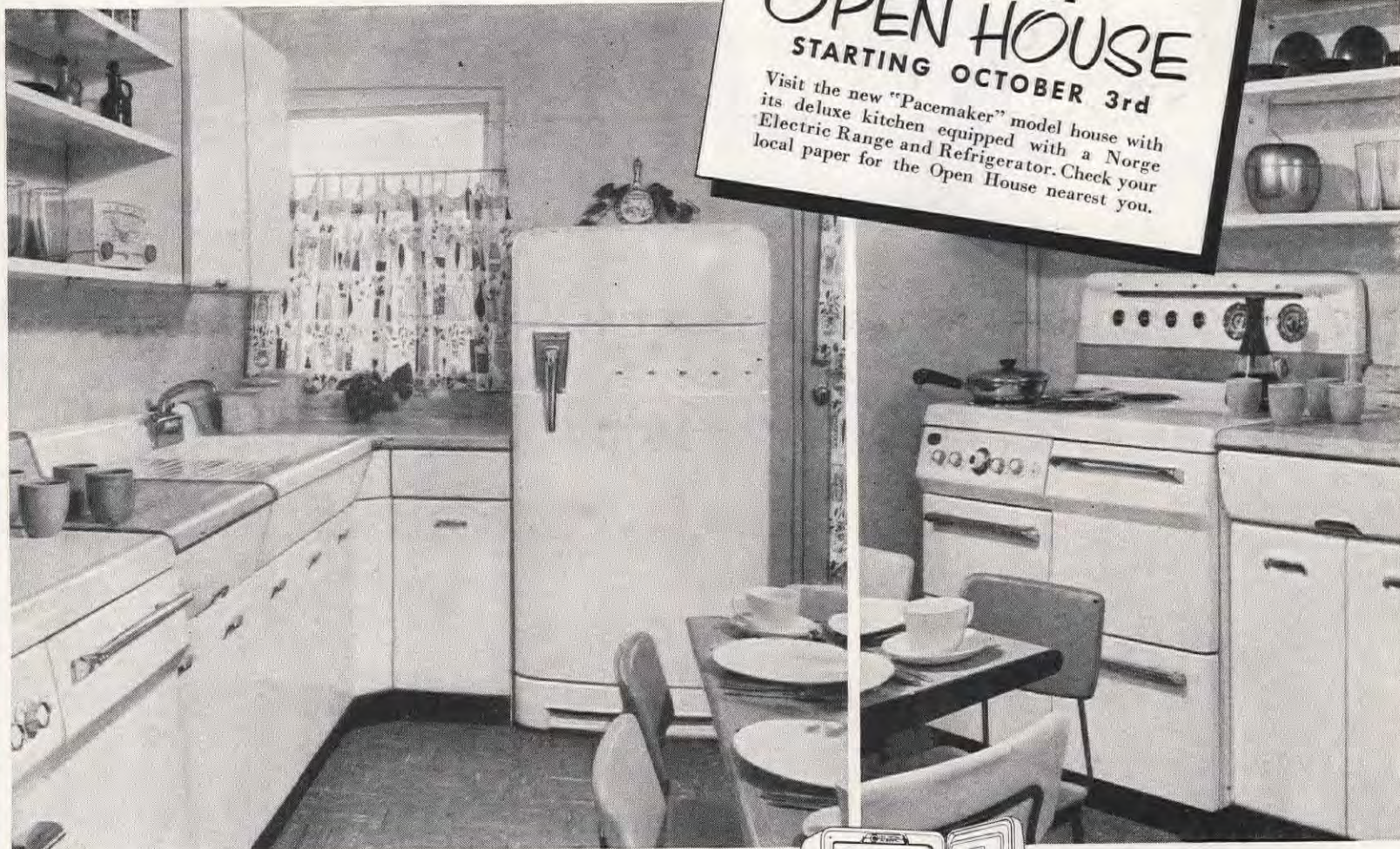
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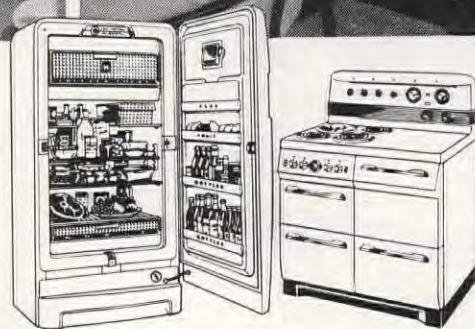
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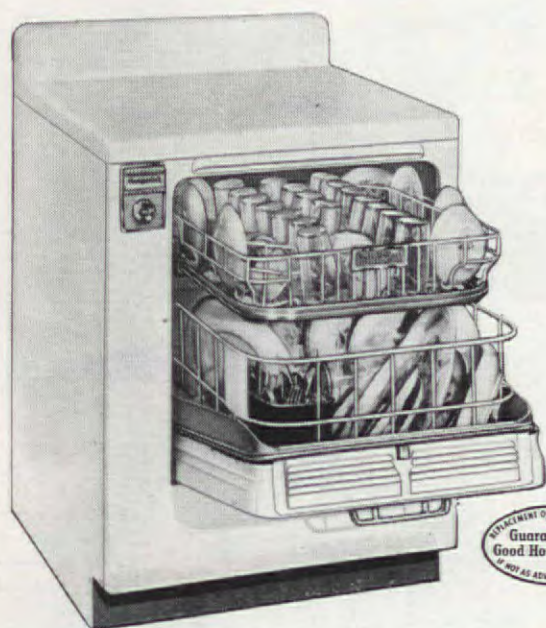
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• blanquette of veal

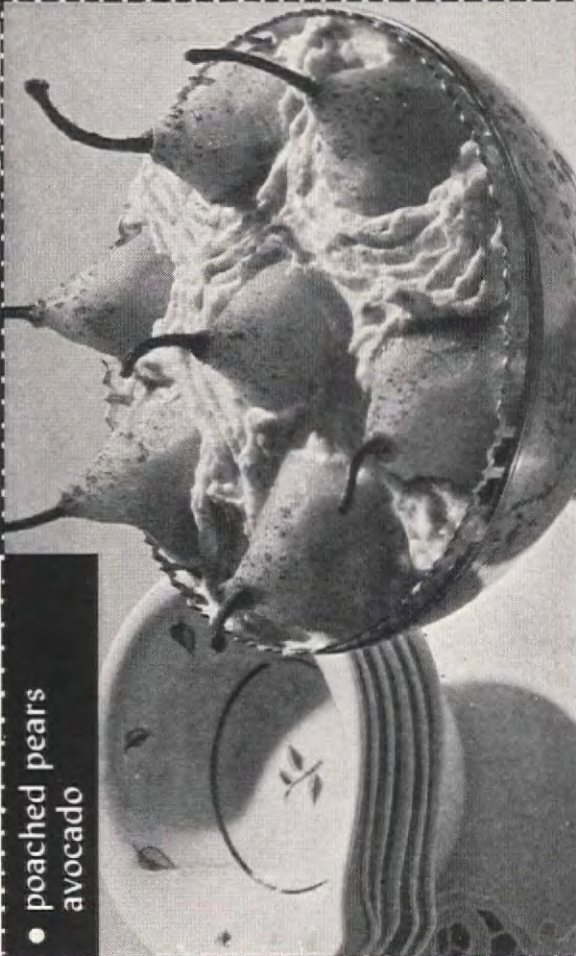
(BEGINS ON REVERSE SIDE)

While the veal is cooking, clean and cook the mushrooms in 1 tbs. water, 1 tsp. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. lemon juice, salt, and pepper, for 5 min. Use this mushroom juice in the sauce, and add the mushrooms to the veal and onions in the saucepan.

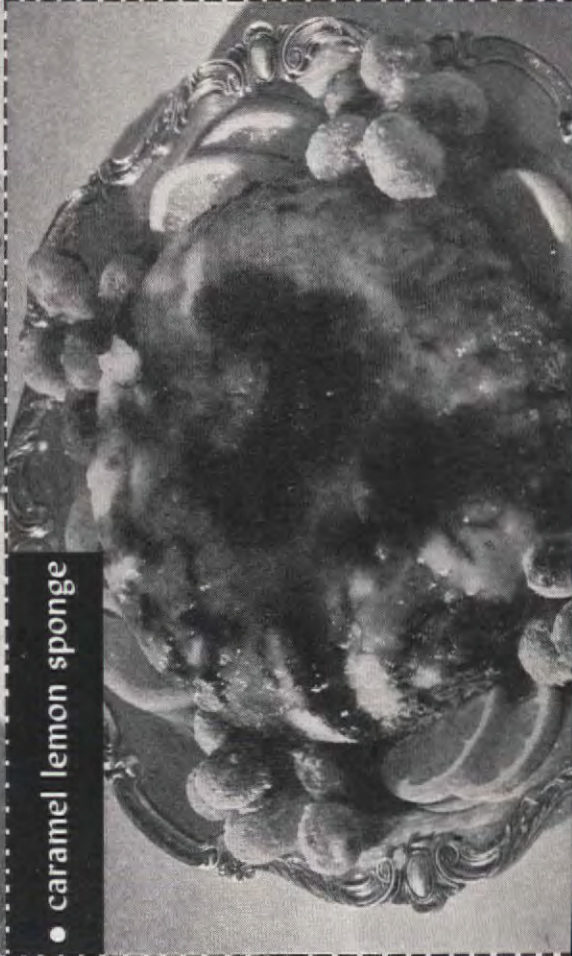
Complete the cream sauce by adding the egg yolk mixed with the cream. Bring just to the boiling point, but do not let boil. Correct the seasoning, and pour the sauce over the meat, onions, and mushrooms. Sprinkle finely chopped parsley over it.

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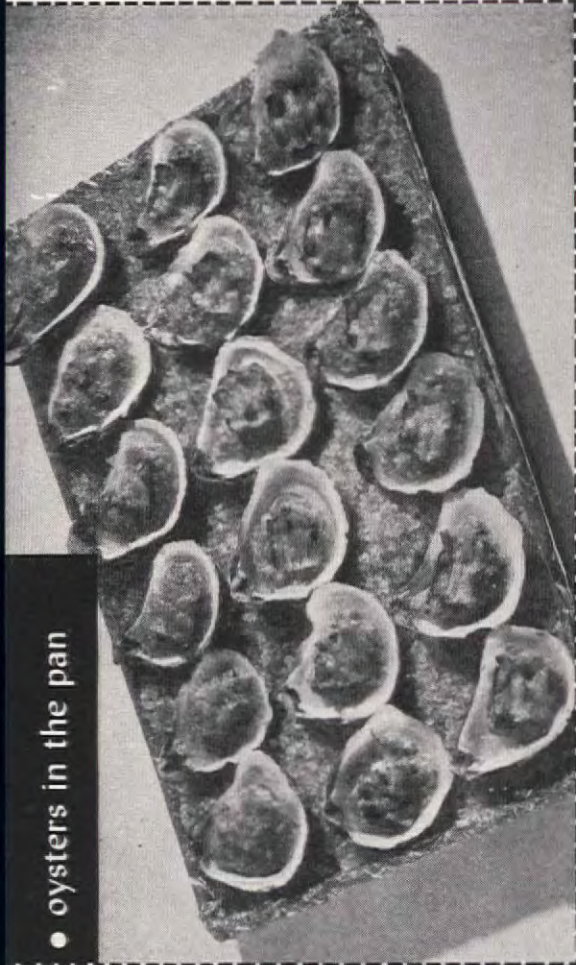
• poached pears avocado



• caramel lemon sponge



• oysters in the pan



• frito of artichokes



• tripe with shallots

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bacon, carrots, few grains of nutmeg, 4 kinds of spices to taste; season with salt and pepper. Cover with second square of cheesecloth. Bring to brisk boil, reduce heat, put on a close-fitting top, and continue to bake in slow oven 6 hrs. Allow to cool, let stand 18 hrs. Bake again for another 6 hrs. in slow oven. Let stand another 18 hrs. Bake another 5 hrs.

Discard bouquets and squares of cheesecloth. Remove tripe, calf's foot, carrots to heated dish. Skim most of fat off sauce; reduce, if need be.

For variety, you may add 9 oz. tiny mushrooms, cooked 20 min.



Serves 10 generously

1½ cups milk
3 tbs. flour
¾ cup sugar

¾ tsp. salt
3 eggs

3 tbs. lemon juice
½ cup grated lemon rind

Scald milk over hot water. Mix flour, sugar, and salt and add to beaten egg yolks. Gradually add the scalded milk, stirring constantly. Add lemon juice and rind. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into an ungreased 8-in. casserole or baking dish. Set in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 30 min. Cool and place on serving dish. Pour Caramel Sauce over top of pudding. Garnish with slices of orange and Frosted Grapes. This is a particularly good dessert to serve with fish.

CARAMEL SAUCE: Melt ½ cup sugar in heavy pan over slow heat until golden brown. Add ½ cup boiling water gradually. Boil a few minutes. Pour over pudding.

FROSTED GRAPES: Beat an egg white with 2 tbs. water until white is well broken up, but not frothy. Immerse grapes, a few at a time, into egg white, then coat well with fine powdered or confectioners' sugar. The powdered sugar gives more sparkle to the grapes than the confectioners', but either may be used.

Serves 6

• poached pears avocado

Pare and core 6 ripe pears. Poach until tender but still firm in a syrup of 1 cup sugar and 2 cups water.

When cool, arrange pears in serving dish, pour syrup over them and sprinkle with 2 tbs. lime or lemon juice and ¼ cup curacao. Chill. Must be *very* cold when served.

Garnish with 1 cup whipped cream mixed with ½ cup confectioners' sugar, ⅛ tsp. salt, and ¾ cup sieved avocado.

Serves 6

• blanquette of veal

4 lbs. of breast of veal
cut in large pieces
2 lbs. mushrooms
2 dozen small onions

1 cup cream
2 egg yolks
2 tbs. butter

3 tbs. flour
Salt
Chopped parsley

Make a Bouquet Garni with: 2 sprigs parsley
4 branches celery
½ bay leaf
Pinch thyme

Put the meat in the saucepan, cover with cold water, and parboil; then wash the veal under the cold water faucet. Return the saucepan with the veal to the stove and just cover with water. Add the Bouquet Garni (tied in cheesecloth), the onions, and a little salt. Cook about 1½ hrs.

When the meat is tender, remove the cheesecloth with its contents. Using the butter and flour, make a cream sauce in a second saucepan, utilizing the cooking liquid. If the cooking liquid is too much to make the cream sauce thick enough to coat the meat, reduce it by half, or as required.

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

• tripe with shallots

6 lbs. tripe
2½ cups stock
9 oz. breast bacon, cut in
10 thin slices
3 medium carrots
4½ oz. butter
12 shallots
½ cup onions

11 oz. dry white wine
6 oz. brandy or fine
champagne
6 sprigs parsley
4 leeks
4 whole cloves
2 sprigs thyme
2 stalks celery
2 bay leaves
1 large calf's foot,
cut into pieces
1 tbs. salt
Dash of pepper
Few grains nutmeg
4 kinds of spices to taste

Recipe must be cooked over 3 days. Make 2 bouquets, each consisting of 3 sprigs of parsley, 2 leeks, a celery stalk, a bay leaf, and a sprig or pinch of thyme, and tie together firmly. Wrap the onions, shallots, and cloves in 2 squares of cheesecloth.

Select cleaned honeycomb fresh tripe, wash thoroughly in hot water, wipe, cut into 2½-in. pieces. Cook bacon in thin slices until golden brown.

Put butter and tripe in ovenproof bean pot, cook 15 min. in hot oven (400° F.) but do not allow to color. Remove tripe so as to place a square of cheesecloth at bottom of beanpot. Add a bouquet and replace tripe. Pour on the brandy or fine champagne. Moisten with stock and dry white wine. Add second bouquet and calf's foot.

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

• frito of artichokes

Roll six artichoke bottoms with little leaves, in lemon juice. Cut each of them in six parts. Remove chokes. Cook with lemon juice, dry white wine, olive oil, thyme, bay leaf, and seasoning for about 25 min.

Make a light paste with 1 cup of flour, 2 ounces of olive oil, 1 cup of beer, and a little salt and pepper. Leave for 1 hr. in a medium warm place, then add 4 whites of egg well beaten.

Remove all artichokes from cooking stock. Dip each one in paste and sprinkle with chopped chives. Fry in small quantities in deep fat.

• oysters in the pan

Allow 6-8 oysters in the shell, per serving. Have them shucked and delivered to you with both shells (for better flavor). When ready to cook, lightly cover bottom of cake pans or 1 large pan with rock salt and place in hot oven until salt is very hot.

Leave oysters on deep half of shell and place on salt. Sprinkle each with lemon juice. Spread each oyster with the following:

¼ lb. butter
1 cup mayonnaise
½ tsp. salt
¼ cup finely chopped parsley
¼ cup finely chopped chives
1 small grated onion
1 tbs. curry powder
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
½ cup cracker crumbs

Moisten with tarragon vinegar to spread easily. Place small piece of bacon over each. Put in hot oven until oysters are plump and bacon is crisp. Serve in pans in which they were cooked and garnish with water cress and lemon wedges.

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| 1 No. 2½ can DEL MONTE Pineapple Slices | 1 tablespoon cornstarch |
| 2 packages strawberry flavored gelatin | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 2 cups milk | 2 eggs |
| 4 tablespoons sugar | 1 teaspoon vanilla |

Drain DEL MONTE Pineapple Slices (or use DEL MONTE Chunks if you prefer). Set aside to chill. Prepare gelatin according to directions, using the pineapple syrup as part of the liquid. Pour into 8" square pan to chill. Scald 1½ cups of the milk in double boiler. Combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt with remaining cold milk. Add slightly beaten eggs. Stir into hot milk, stirring constantly about 10 min. or until thickened. Add vanilla. Pour into a 10 to 12-inch shallow serving dish. (Cover with a damp cloth about 1 hr. to prevent film from forming.) Chill. At serving time overlap DEL MONTE Pineapple Slices down center of custard. Cut gelatin into ½ inch cubes and pile all around fruit. Serves 6-8. Garnish with mint if desired.

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1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
1 1/2 cups grated American cheese

Cook macaroni in boiling salted water until tender. Meanwhile, cut olives into large pieces or use whole olives. Drain macaroni thoroughly. Add milk, Worcestershire sauce and mustard and heat thoroughly. Stir in cheese and olives and cook over very low heat until cheese melts. Serves 4 to 6.

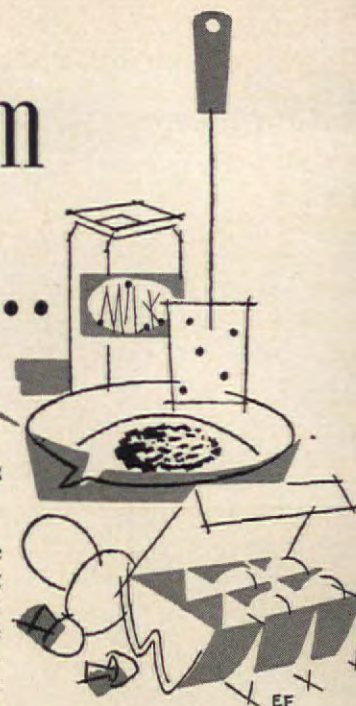
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We analyzed them. I told him I made them with plain chopped meat and salt. "No," he said, "you need more seasoning." I told him I broiled them. "No," he said, "try frying them. I like them crisp on the outside. And make them flatter. They're too thick."

I grated in lots of raw onion, hammered the patties flat, and fried them crisp. "Did you cook the onions?" he asked after the first taste. I admitted they were raw. "That's what's wrong. You have to cook the onions. And they're a little dry." He'd heard that grated raw potato would keep them moist.

Well, the next time they were moist. But who likes the taste of raw potatoes? "And that's not all that's wrong," he made sure to tell me (we had been married two years at that point), "they fall apart because you need an egg to hold them together."

The egg hamburgers were tough. Hamburgers disappeared from our table for a year. They reappeared, though, after we ate hamburgers my husband liked at a friend's house. I got the recipe and went to work. He chewed the first bite slowly. "They're not like Martha's," he said. "What did you do that was different?" I'd made them the way she did, but hadn't broiled them, because I remembered how my husband had insisted upon fried hamburgers. The next hamburgers were *exactly* like Martha's. I settled into a happy rut of hamburgers like Martha's. Then one night that tactful look came into my husband's eyes. "Darling, you're such a good cook," he said, "but you never make hamburgers the way I like them." I told him I thought he liked them the way he was eating them, the way he'd been eating them for over a year.

"Oh, they're all right. But I think you could do better." The familiar analysis of ingredients and preparation began. My husband's conclusion was that I should have the meat ground twice. Where he, who didn't know a poached egg from a shirred egg, got so many ideas about hamburger preparation, I don't know. My reaction was to give up. I'm not a culinary artist, but I've mastered more challenging dishes



than hamburgers—I couldn't give up on something so simple! I did some research and served up the results.

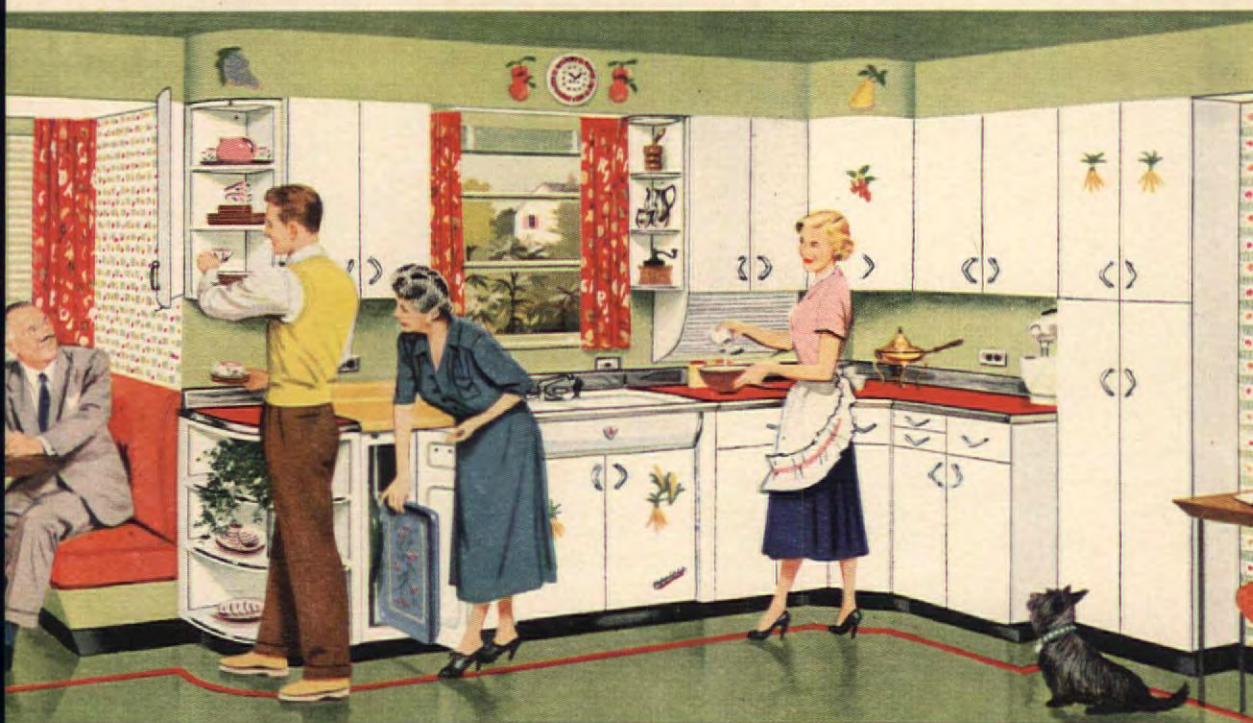
"Delicious!" my husband said, "what's in it?" I wouldn't tell, just nodded my head as he guessed. Finally I divulged one ingredient he hadn't named. Chopped chicken. "That's what does it," he said.

The next time I wanted to make hamburgers, I had no leftover chicken, and I knew that I usually wouldn't. I took a chance. After his third, my husband beamed and said, "You know what makes the difference? It's the chicken!"

That was a year ago, and he's still delighted with my hamburgers with(out) chicken. This theory of keeping husbands happy by keeping them ignorant can be extended to other areas of life, if you think about it. Women since Eve have done it. In fact, I think I'm probably the very last to learn.

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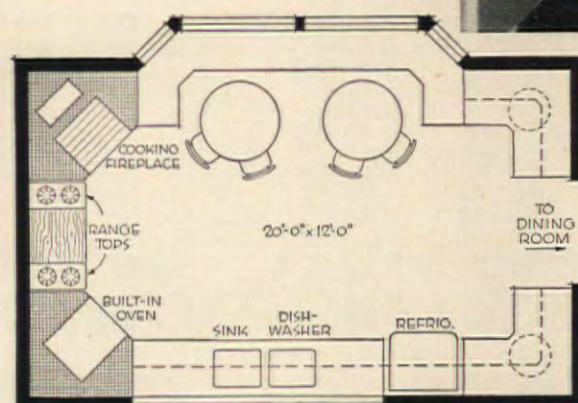
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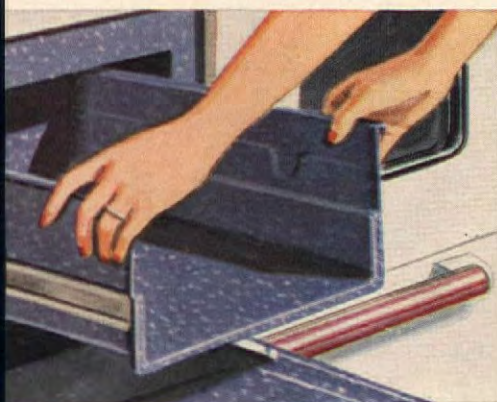


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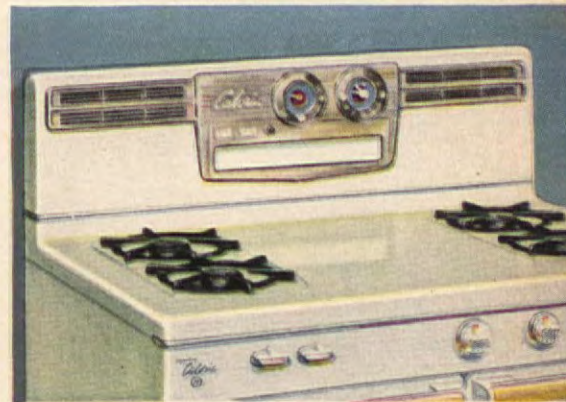
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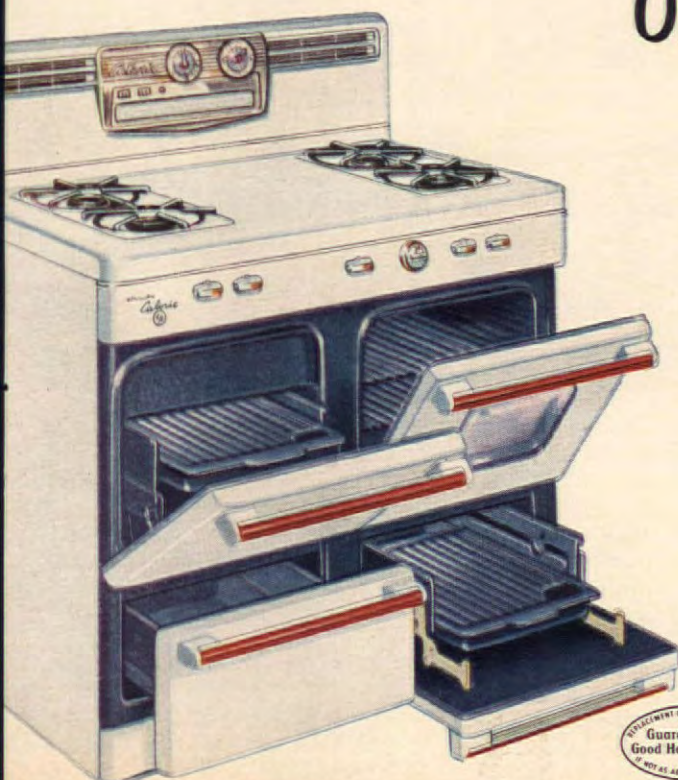


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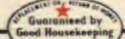
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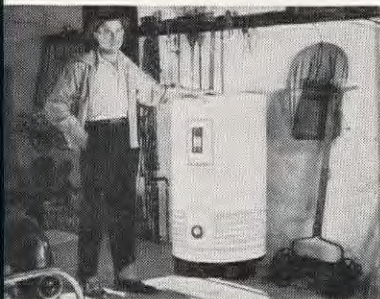
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cabinets provide fingertip storage.

But in addition to things you may have seen before, we thought up some tricks all our own. At the eating area (plan, page 86) two tables, please, instead of just one, so Mom can sew, keep accounts, and write letters at this agreeable spot without clearing her work from the table when snack time comes. At a wall of pertly curtained windows, a window seat is an obvious asset—we made ours the more so by using, as the seat, a row of short wall cabinets, which double as storage space, and we topped them with plastic-covered foam-rubber cushions. And to make this whole setting as agreeable by night as by day, we lighted it well with a ceiling fixture you can push up or down.

For just plain beauty, we covered the range hood in inexpensive paper-backed copper sheeting. We painted the ceiling a strong color to act as a foil for our beautiful expanses of white; we used pecky cypress finish for the louvered doors you can now buy ready-made in many sizes; we matched small areas of wallpaper to the cypress; and garnished the whole with cast iron and glints of gold.

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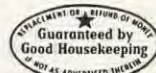
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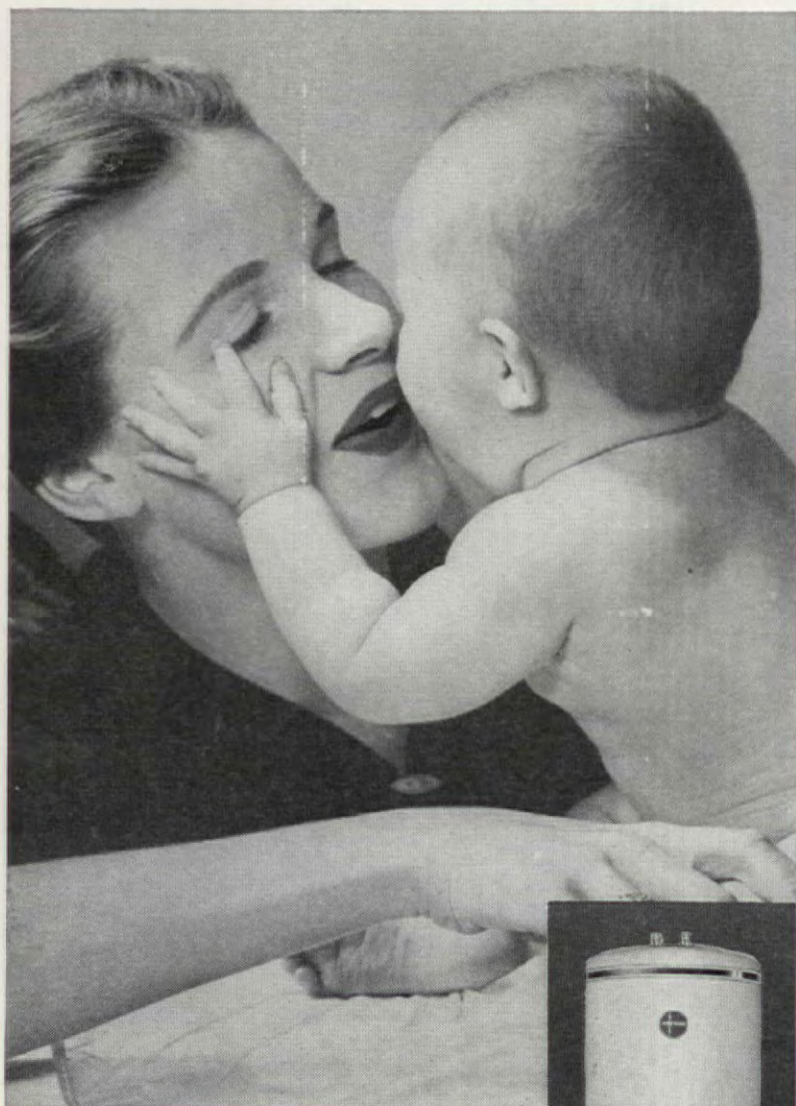
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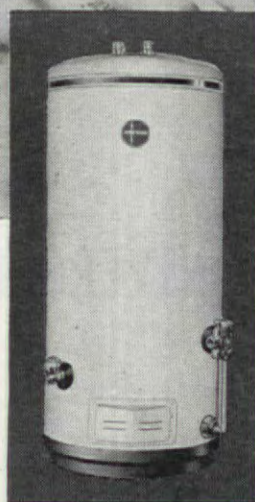


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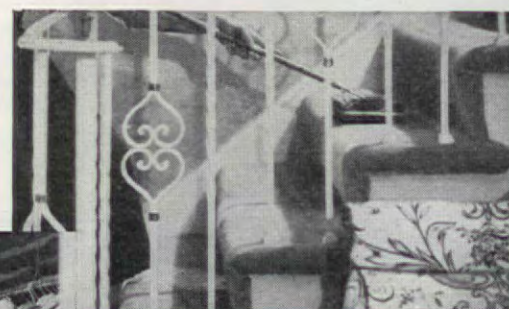
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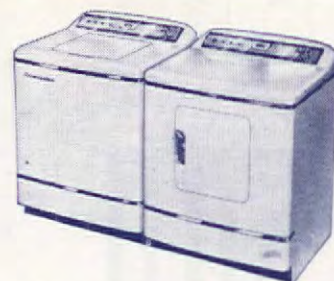
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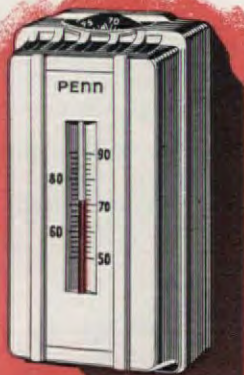


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Gas Range

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towels or pot holders; but whatever it is, it will be handy, so use it.

Pilot lights give instant ignition to surface burners, and if you've been concerned about the cost of this tiny flame—don't be. Kitchen matches will cost you about as much, without half the convenience.

Automatic oven ignition is another plus. And did you know that new ranges have safety devices that will either relight the oven, or turn the gas off completely in case a gas flame should be blown out? If the electricity should go off when the oven is operating on the automatic clock, the clock will stop, and the gas will shut off.

Appliance outlets are found on most of the better new ranges. Any household appliance can be used on these outlets. Some deluxe models are so designed that the electric timer will automatically operate any appliance plugged into the outlet. For instance, you can set the timer, plug in the coffee maker at night, and have coffee ready for that first wonderful cup when you get up in the morning.

THINGS YOU CAN "FIX" YOURSELF

Replace burned-out top panel light. If it is a fluorescent lamp, you may have to remove some screws from the range panel before replacing the tube. If it is incandescent—replace as you do any household bulb.

Replace burned-out oven light in the same manner.

Relight top burner pilot by applying a match to the pilot.

Relight oven pilot, if your range is equipped with one. Read the directions in your range instruction book.

Level your range—if you don't, your cakes will be lopsided.

CALL A SERVICEMAN TO:

Adjust pilots if they go out too frequently.

Adjust oven or broiler burners.

Adjust anything on clocks or timers.

Adjust oven heat control.

Adjust oven hinges, unless the instruction book tells you otherwise.

Make adjustments if the flame isn't behaving—this happens rarely. Gas flames are clean and odorless when properly adjusted. The flame should be a bluish green, it should come directly from the ports, and its tips should just touch the bottom of a pan when the flame is turned on full. If the flame seems to be "floating" aimlessly, the gas mixture is too strong. If the flame sputters, there is too much air in the mixture. If it has a yellowish-orange cast, the adjustment is faulty, and you'll find sooty deposits on your pans. All of these require a serviceman's attention.

And when you call the serviceman, be sure to give him the model and serial number of your range.

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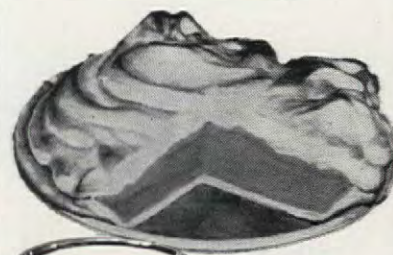
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FREEZER INVENTORY LIST: Jog your memory about what's where in your freezer with a freezer inventory list. It will keep you mindful of what needs to be replaced, too. Work out a simple check list, suited to your special needs, and keep it right up to date, noting deposits and withdrawal as you make them.

GLEAMING SILVER: Don't discredit your silver polish if you've been forgetting to team it with hot soap water. Treat smudgy silver to a bath in hot suds, then apply polish, follow with a thorough rinsing. Even the best polish can't do the job alone.

RUG BEAUTY TREATMENT: Use the blower attachment of your vacuum cleaner to speed up the drying of a rug after a "shampoo." This beauty parlor technique does well by newly sudsed upholstered furniture, too.

FOIL WRAPPING: Potatoes (lightly brushed with butter or cooking oil), corn, and other vegetables usually boiled in water, are delicious when oven-baked in a tight wrapping of household metal foil. Serve right in the foil wrappings so they'll stay hot longer. Wrapping fresh vegetables—lettuce, asparagus, spinach, watercress, etc.—snugly in foil before storing in the refrigerator is a good bet, too. They'll stay fresh and retain their vitamin content much longer since air and moisture are excluded.

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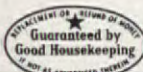
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Stop that FIRE



JUNE TOWNE

Fire, under control, is one of man's oldest and most useful servants. But on the loose, it's a dread enemy. So treat it with respect, and keep it in its place. The fire chief of your town and, most of all, your physician, know the often tragic toll it can take, as the result of plain carelessness around the kitchen.

Poof! What was once an innocent pan of bacon becomes a roaring monster—because you let the fat smoke too long. It takes just a split second for the pot holder, designed to protect you, to become a mitten of flame—just because you looked away from your work instead of at it. Your ironing-board cover and best cotton dress can become a raging inferno—just because you left the iron flat on the board when you went to answer the telephone or door bell.

What to do? Where to turn? The worst of it is, as your fire chief will tell you, that the first few minutes, when you are apt to be panicky, is just the time when you must act, and quickly, if you want to avoid serious trouble. So be prepared in advance, learn what to do.

KNOW YOUR FIRES

Like all Gaul, a fire has three parts, and without all three, you won't have a fire. One part is heat, one fuel, and the third, oxygen. Take any one of these away, and the fire is out. Smothering (which is removing the oxygen) is the most effective method you can use in controlling most kitchen fires.

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Stop Fires



A grease fire is frightening, but not uncontrollable if you think, and act, quickly. Slam a lid on the pan, or throw a handful of baking soda or salt on the fire. It's a sound idea to keep a box of soda or salt near your range

ovens, broilers, frying pans. They flare fast, but can be curbed if you know what to do, and if you douse them with water which spreads grease fires dangerously. If the fire is in a pan, slam a lid on it quickly, no air, no fire. If you have no lid, or if the fire is in the oven, throw a handful of salt or soda on it—carbon dioxide that the sodium generates will smother the flame. As of course, always turn off the burner when a fire starts. Grabbing the door in an attempt to rush out of doors to the sink is an invitation to a very bad burn. Be careful!

Paper or cloth fires—A soaking towel, which both cools and smothers, is an effective weapon. Be generous—use two or three. If some carebooby slips a lighted cigarette, match into your wastebasket, or your cleaning and polishing cloths suddenly spurt up because they have been tossed in a corner or in a pile under the sink—use water, and plenty of it.

Electrical fires—these are real bad boys in the conflagration world because often you can't see the point of origin. But here are a couple of do's and a couple of don'ts that will help you master them. Don't use water or any type liquid extinguisher—you might be badly shocked. Shut off the current instantly, even if you have to pull the main fuse switch. Don't think the fire is just because you stop the current; insulation may be burning. Watch closely for some time.

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There is no end to the wonders that can be done with random oddments of space, if only you view them with an enterprising eye. This wall area between two doors in a service room seemed unpromising until a handy husband envisioned it "built-in." Now its aerated hamper bins store soiled clothes, its cabinet holds flower arranging wherewithal, laundry staples, bottled drinks and empties. The top, counter-high and impervious to stains, is supplemented by a hidden shelf which pulls out flush with it to provide an ample surface for sorting rough-dry and finished pieces. A multipurpose unit like this one would do wonderfully well in a bath or upstairs hall, too.

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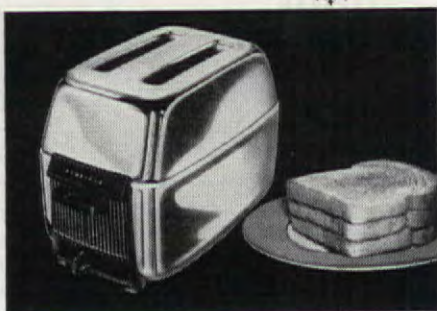
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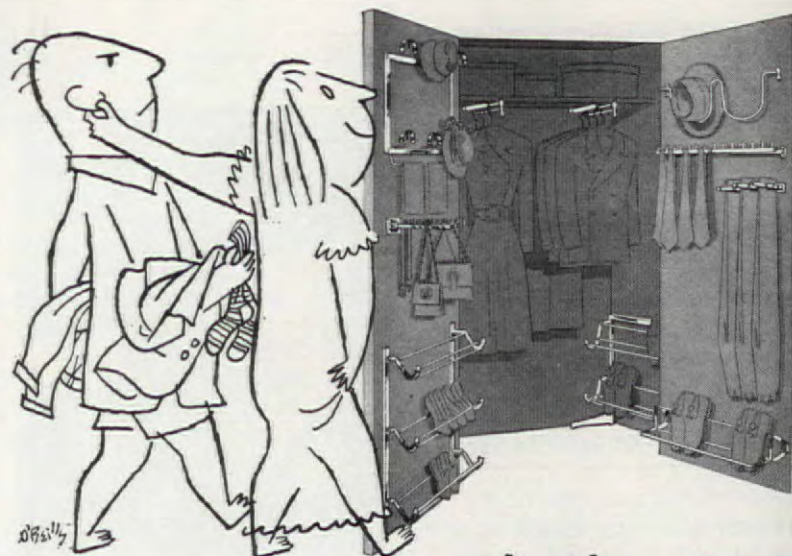
When we were married, my husband and I promised ourselves two children and a cozy little cottage, and solemnly shook hands to bind the bargain. Now some twenty years and four children later, we realize how naive we were.

We could see, even before our eldest started junior high school, that our ancient seven-room house was bulging at the sides and spreading at the seams, and that two lots, even with dirt to dig in and trees to climb, didn't begin to offer enough occupation for our three boys and a girl. And besides, Mother came to live with us. So, when the war ended, we bought, with the assistance of a GI loan, a five-acre tract with a big brick barn, and some chicken sheds—

but no house. That had burned down leaving a big front yard with a deep hole and a few scattered bricks.

To cut a long, expensive, and sometimes disheartening story short, our barn divided up into eleven nice rooms. I began to think, gratefully that we had plenty of space at last. But I was wrong. We had, for example, a rumpus room—but it turned out to be the only place we could put the piano. It was also the only place a relative could store *her* piano when she moved. So it has become the "music room," and the boy's trumpets and music racks fill the odd corners, while sister's sousaphone stands in the middle of the floor. W "rumpus" elsewhere.

My laundry was as cheerful as my husband could make it. We planned lots of counter space and long, open shelves to hold our vases and flower arranging equipment. But our two older boys discovered the fascination of chemistry and, thanks to test tubes and beakers, Bunsen burners and ring stands, my handsome laundry is now a professional-looking laboratory.



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The boys' room—we call it the room—is big enough to hold all their things, and it does its best. But we've just about run out of wall space, what with pennants and 4-H ribbons. From the ceiling hang so many B-36's and its and helicopters that it's downright unwise to wander sleepily through the room in the dim dawn. Some months ago my grandmother's furniture was offered to me. I did want a few especially handsome pieces, but when our oldest saw all even rooms' worth of Grandma's Victorian best, he was delighted and insisted that we bring home everything. Then he took off happily for his year's schooling across the continent, leaving me to dig through the years of varnish and the dust of generations. After weeks of refinishing, considerable beauty stood revealed, and I put aside my dreams of modern and decided that, after all, those dressers did hold a lot, and we did need extra chairs.

Grandmother's furniture looked wonderfully well in our dining room, and her china cabinets were just the thing

to hold my mother's large collection of cut glass. What's more, we could even get in there to eat.

We had a space problem in the living room, though; every day or so some one of us would bring home a book we'd "needed for a long time," and even wall-to-wall shelves haven't solved that problem. We have room for three or four volumes more, and then I fear they'll start pyramiding from the floor.

Our kitchen is a nice size for one or two to work, and there's nothing old-fashioned about it except a Chinese dinner gong and a few prized pieces of ironstone. Of course, little businesses, like the avocado seed I'm trying to sprout and the wishbone the boys are soaking in vinegar to see if it will get rubbery, take up a bit of space, but I really don't feel cramped till it's 4-H Foods Club day, and four pairs of my little "Flour Girls" get in there making muffins—then I think about tearing down walls and adding an extra stove or two.

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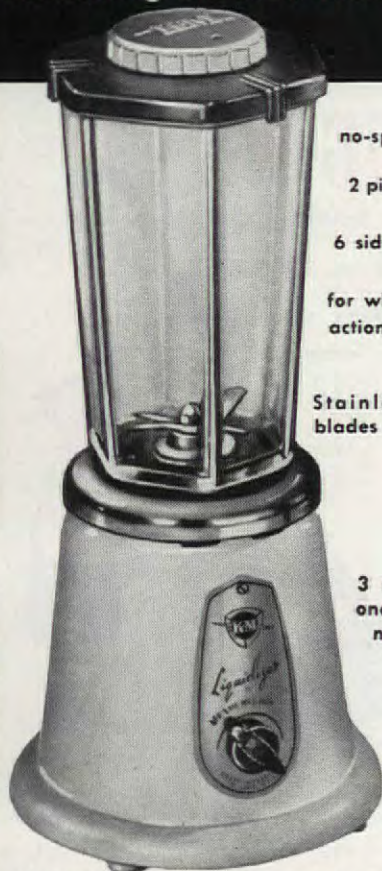
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Of course, the clever housewife arithmetically apportions her hours of freedom between evenings out with her husband while the children sleep, and days away from the routine while they are awake.

Once you are out, and you are sure that your sprouts are in responsible hands—forget about them! Make that time out a refreshing experience rather than a physical drain. A day away from home has the power to send you singing through the week.

Don't make the mistake of going out too often, even if you can afford a flock of baby sitters. It's just as bad to be restless with your hat off as it is to feel uncomfortable with it on. It's almost impossible to be out and active every day and still keep a pleasant disposition and a happy family.

Learn to evaluate your time. Decide what kind of lift you need to keep homework from becoming a monotonous routine. Choose the thing that means most to you, enlivening your life and providing a feeling of accomplishment as well as relaxation.

A day out should make you love the days in. Check up on the way you're spending time away from your children. Is it worth a baby sitter?

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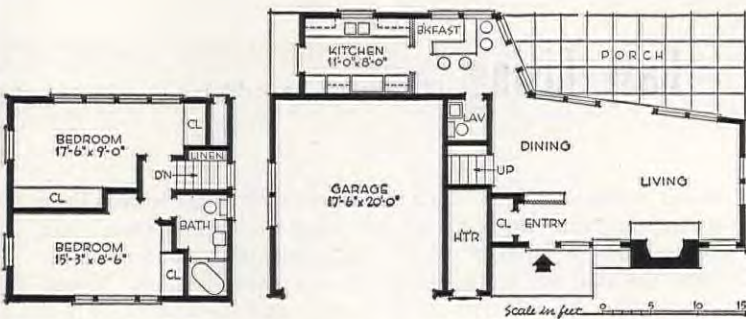
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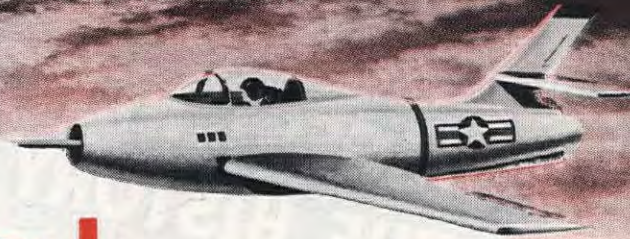
Said Mrs. Schreier: "Positively minimum housekeeping." "Practically no garden nor maintenance problems," said her husband Otto, thinking of those leisurely days ahead of him. With the Schreiers as with others, there had come a period in family life when, for the first time in many years, the house seemed too big. The Schreiers, now that their years of child-rearing were over, yearned for a really simple little house. There was no longer a need for bedrooms for the young and their visiting guests, no longer a need for a library where parents could keep comfortably out of the way of teen-age doings.

So the Schreiers decided to build for themselves a house—complete with pool—containing no more than they needed for comfort for two. And Mr. Schreier decided to take a hand in designing it himself. The contour of the lot, a gentle slope, determined the placing of the garage—it's close to the street and to one side. The house is at a slightly higher level and the stairs which separate its two floors are the sort that wouldn't frighten anyone—in fact with the bedrooms over the garage, the effect is more split-level than two-storied.

Let's see how well the house meets Mrs. Schreier's qualification—minimum housekeeping. She wanted to take care of it herself, but still have plenty of time for all the other interests she's developed over the years—and their good planning has made it possible to do just that. Downstairs, there's really just one big room. The living room, which has a fine spot for dining, flows into a charming and unusually ample breakfast bar (here the Schreiers do all their noncompany dining) and this area in turn proceeds to a trim, galley-sized kitchen which manages to be both close enough for conversation and out of sight of guests. The cork

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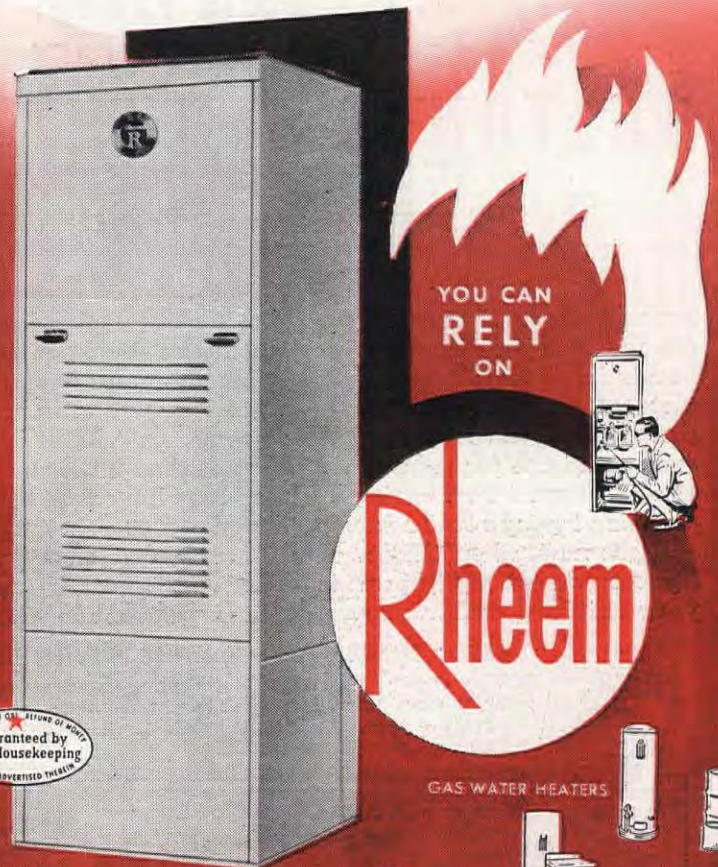


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Easy Living (Begins on page 99)

floors are unrugged, and their handsome surface needs very little attention. Furniture is simple and comfortable and there's not too much of it; drapery fabrics are the kind that stand up to the sun. The wall behind the dining counter is of glass, and beyond its door lie the Schreiers' paved terrace and the wonderful pool which fills most of the garden area. Forethought like this makes meals outside easy affairs. There are no doors between downstairs areas, but a handsome partial partition of bookshelves and fluted obscure glass shields the entry. In the two bedrooms upstairs the theme of simple living is carried out with built-ins—in fact there's almost no movable furniture—and a wealth of carefully planned storage space. One whole wall in the Schreiers' charming bedroom is given over to the marshalling of wardrobes and linens. The guest room is equally compact and just as practical-minded, with its own gay and sturdy washables.

As for Mr. Schreier's requirement: "Practically no garden maintenance," well, if a swimming pool fills most of your back yard, and ivy instead of grass makes your lawn, there obviously aren't many outdoor chores to be done.



No hint that corners have been cut intrudes upon the pleasure of living in this house, because they haven't been. There's a nice carefree air about it, but nothing slack or unconsidered. Space in plenty, a calculated sparseness in the furnishing, and a well-projected plan for leisurely living make this a house perfect for the years when the child-rearing is over. There are no skimpy compromises here, just good sense and the ability to turn aspiration into accomplishment



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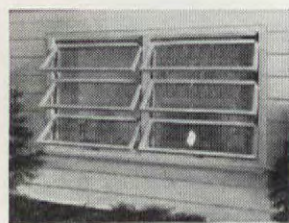
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If you're a mother, you know what happens when you clean up your young fry's quarters—and do a bit of cleaning out of accumulated unuseables at the same time. "Now I can't find anything," is the usual, and perhaps natural, response to your interference with a youngster's beloved possessions. Putting the responsibility on *their* shoulders usually isn't effective either. You seldom get results from repeated requests to "please clean your closets," or "throw out that junk."

Closet and room tidying in our house was always done with great reluctance, if indeed it was done at all. When I issued an ultimatum that clean-ups must be instituted, the children and I would work together without harmony. The objects they had collected were far less valuable in my eyes than in theirs, so we argued over discarding each item. Then, suddenly, a solution occurred to me. I searched for pleasant ways to suggest that rooms and closets be pruned of unuseables. And I tried to teach a little lesson in unselfishness at the same time. I suggested that others would get pleasure from possessions each of us had outgrown. I asked Jack if he would like to add his stone collection to the pile Dad was using in the construction of our terrace. He obligingly carried them out. When I told him that his closet looked much neater, he nodded without affront. It was timely to suggest that he put in our "good will" bag an old pair of shoes and an outgrown belt. A few minutes later his closet was neat.

The same emphasis on sharing worked with Peggy. She packed up her old picture post cards and sent them to the children's hospital. Outgrown dresses and other articles went into the "good will" bag, as we talked about helping others. Children will be pleasantly co-operative if you point out that they are growing into new interests, and that their discards will be prized by others.

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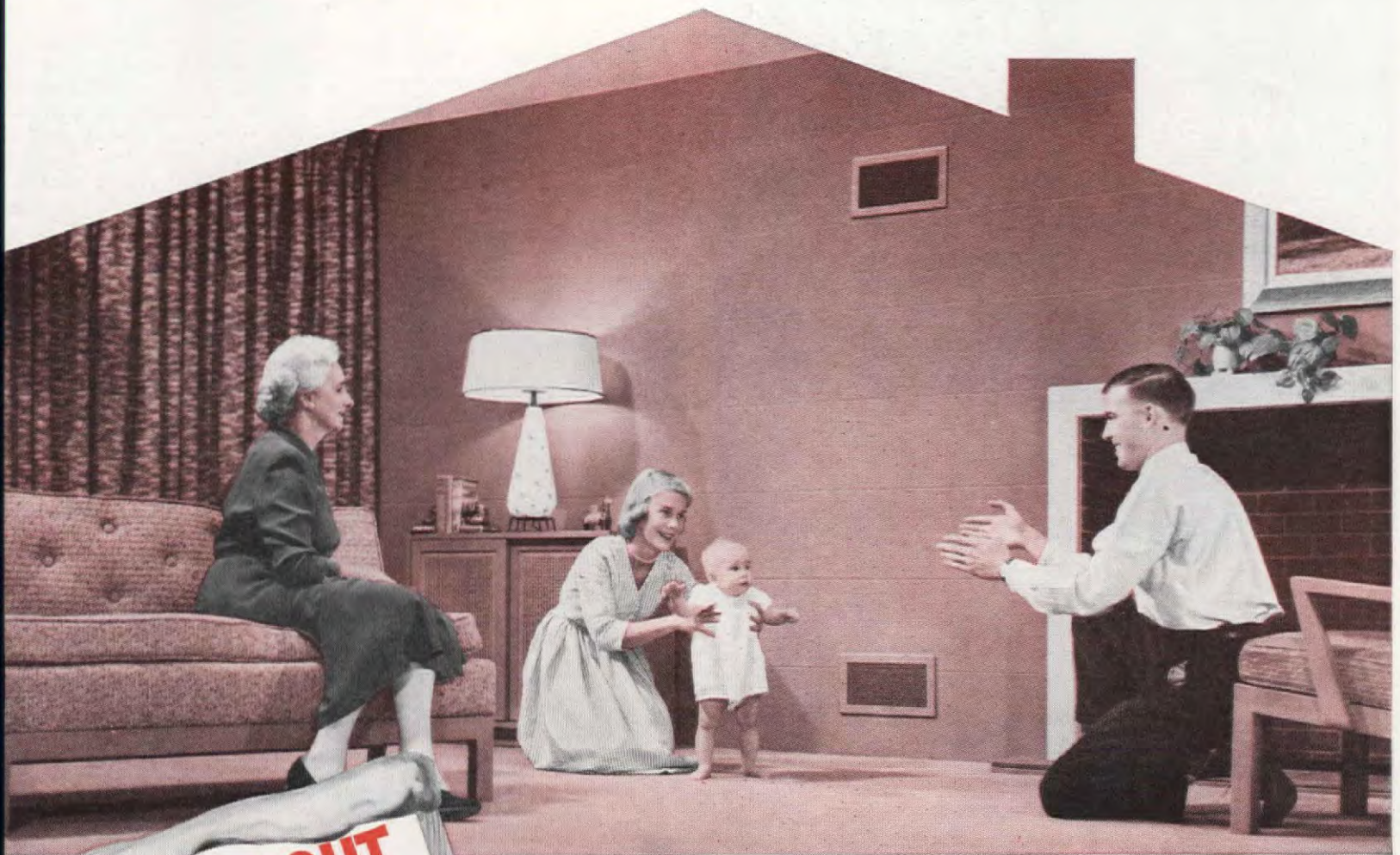


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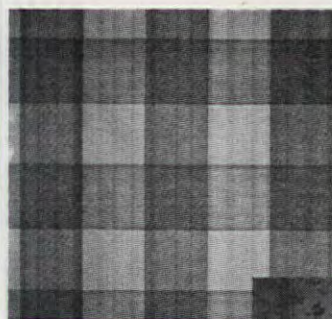
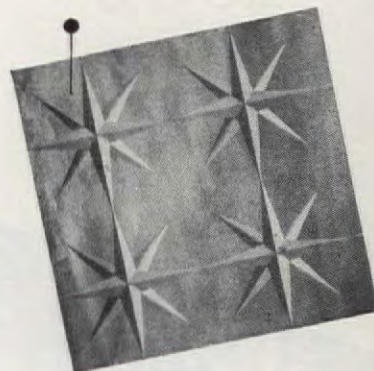


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31 Ways

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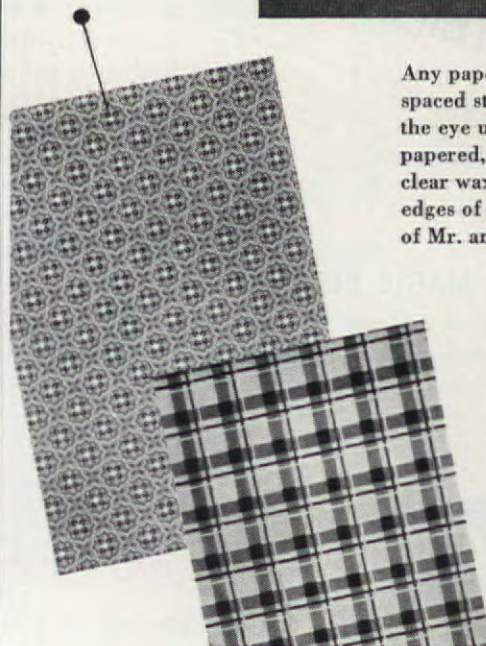


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FOR MORE WAYS
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Another stencil copy—a proud pineapple, exquisite in two tones of a single color. A rich and distinctive paper, right in period for American antiques or reproductions, and timeless enough to do very well by the light and airy types of modern

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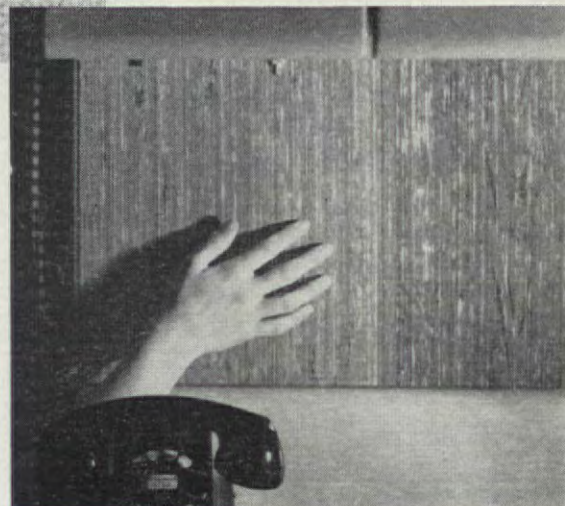
31 Ways

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The great ancient Chinese art of line painting inspired this pattern of ducks and grasses which can be imaginatively used in many kinds of settings



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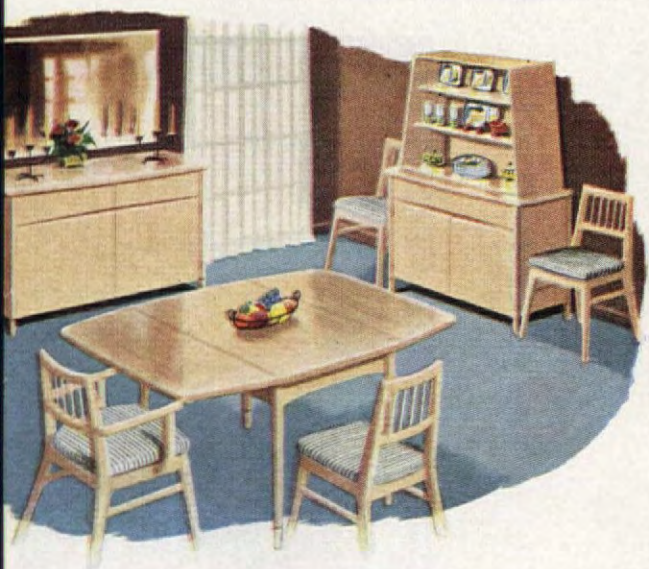
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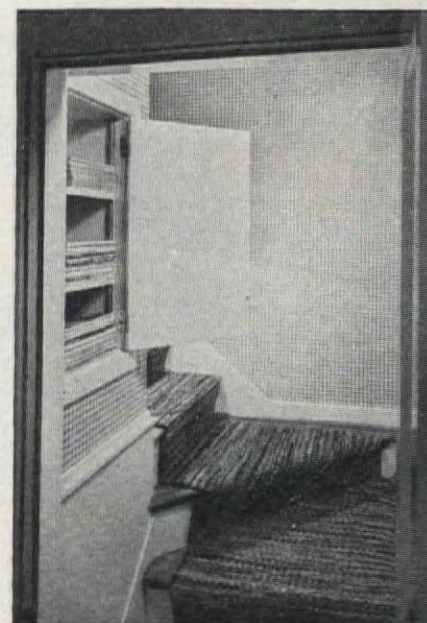


A well-planned small dining room is the answer to those who want the blessings of a separate dining room without squandering space. Drop-leaf table and corner cupboard permit an airy arrangement in this one. Yet, when occasion demands, the table opens up to seat guests in comfort.

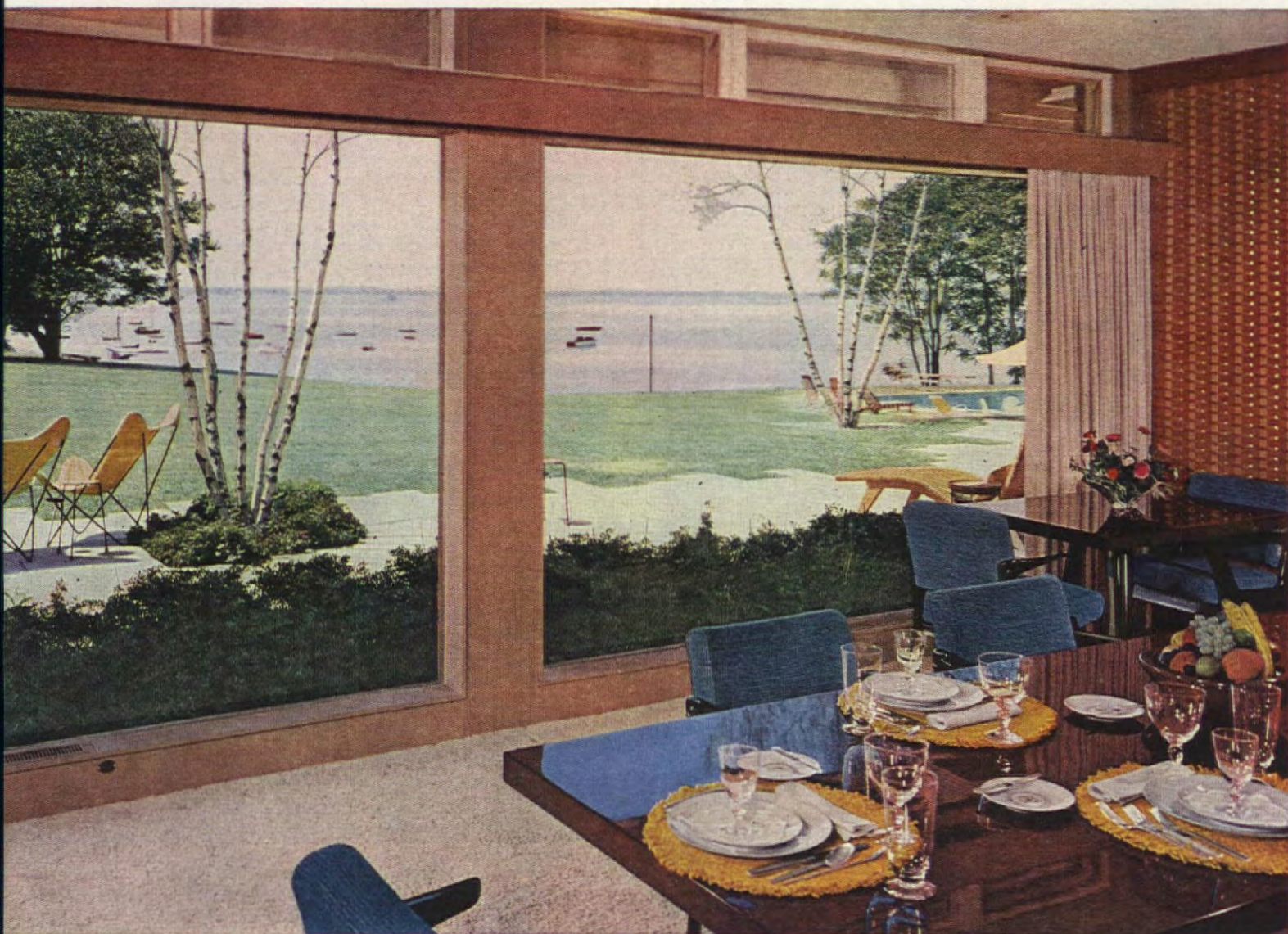


A Dutch door, shown closed above, and with upper part open at the top of the page, separates kitchen from dining room without necessarily isolating the cook. Small drop table by the door is handy for snacking or as an adjunct to serving, and can drop out of the way when you don't need it.

An infinite saver of steps is a cupboard such as this one by the stairs—things to go up, and things to go out, can rest here tidily between trips. Even with a one-story floor plan, such a temporary cache could be a great boon near the kitchen.



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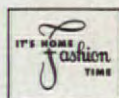
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TV Guest Room

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Our guest room project is two stories in one: the first, how to make a room more useful; the second, how to make a small room seem larger through carefully calculated furniture arrangement and good use of color and pattern. To begin with, we had a room 11'11" x 11'8" that looked even smaller because furniture ate up all but narrow lanes of floor space; patterned wallpaper pulled the walls in; linoleum floor covering added more pattern and color; paneled doors, window frames, and baseboard were all too heavy for the size of the room.

Expanding it in usefulness *and* in appearance required a lot of preplanning, but resulted in making a seldom-used guest room work 365 days a year as a den which doubles as a very comfortable guest room. By using sofa beds on 50" wall areas flanking one window, and by building a grill-fronted radiator cover to act as night table between them, we provided comfortable sleeping for two and seating for four on a wall which formerly held only

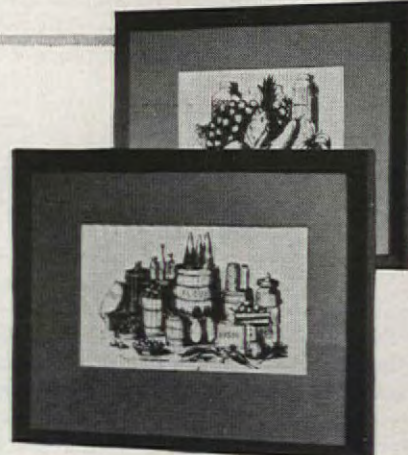


a small chest and chair. Under a second window, there is a highly accomplished table bench; when sofa beds are closed, it's a coffee table; when sofa beds are open, it lines up at the foot of one bed to receive the sofa's cushions by night; and, of course, it's an extra seat. This is all the furniture we bought, for that multipurpose wall on page 36 had to be built to order. First, there are two four-drawer chests, 18 in. deep, flanking a canny center section, 28 in. deep to hold the TV. When the drop leaf pulls up to form a desk or serving table, it reveals a wastebasket and pull-out bench which doubles as a luggage rack. At the far

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Idea!

• Anyone can capitalize on the picture idea we used over both sofa beds. In our quest for the right prints, we came across reproductions of some Early American ads. They were too small for our purpose, but any photostating firm can solve the problem by enlarging the prints (line prints are best) to the proper size, inexpensively. We matted them with paper which matches the olive green wall, and framed them in ready-made frames, painted black. The asymmetrical grouping composes well with the pull-down lamp.





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right, an auxiliary refrigerator for snacks and fixin's, and above it, a cabinet for dishes, crackers, and such. The cabinet is shallow, so there is a vent space behind it to assure proper operation of the refrigerator. A magazine rack and adjustable shelves complete the picture.

Because the room is so small, we were very fussy about the way we lined things up with each other, for strong horizontals can make a space seem wider. Chests, drop-leaf desk, and refrigerator line up exactly; the height of the TV set established the level for the magazine rack, the china cabinet, and the first two shelves; other shelves are lined up to create strong horizontals, and we were even careful about such details as lining up the first drawers with the bottom of the refrigerator.

There's a good light for every activity—and no lamps to knock over in this small room. The swivel lamp on the storage wall is good for the desk, and swings back over the TV to provide correct light for viewing. Over each sofa bed there are brass hanging

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Four ways to make space in a tiny closet: Make shoes climb unused wall space in a built-in rack. For hatboxes, add a shelf the depth of the rack, and place it mid-way up the wall—luggage stows underneath. Sized-to-door mirror, easy to attach, adds function, too. Use room-scheme fabrics to trim accessories





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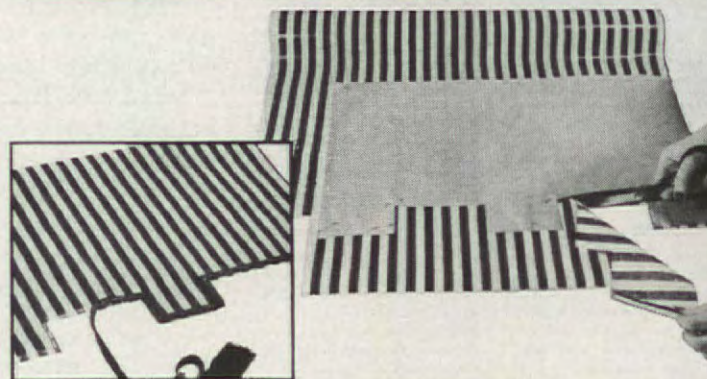
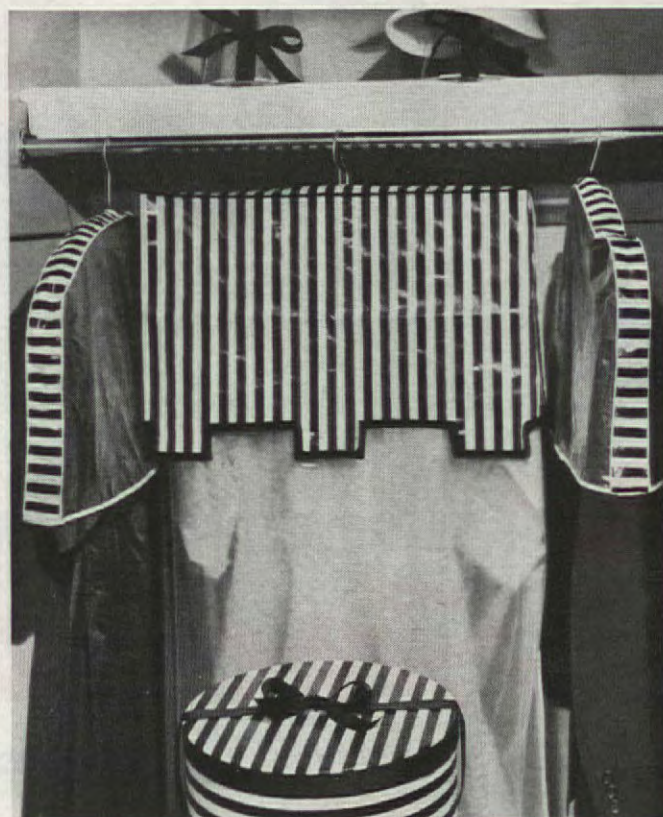
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lamps which pull down to reading-in-bed height or push up out of the way.

We got rid of space-eating, eye-disturbing gimcracks. Flush doors replace heavily enframed ones; top crown was removed from baseboard to make it less conspicuous; window aprons were removed; windows were draped to hide their heavy frames.

For the kind of color which enlarges a room, three walls were painted a warm beige, and the "built-in" wall an olive green to make it recede. These, the black trim, and all other colors in the room were taken from the gay, fruit-patterned chintz. Chintz cornices, horizontally striped, complete the widening process and are deep enough to hide the tops of the Venetian blinds. On our beautifully refinished floor (page 129) there's room to spare for a handsome 6' x 9' oval rug. We didn't push out walls—color and arrangement made the additional space.



An easy step to closet glamor is to dress it up with crisp accessories you can make yourself. Chintz cover for a plain inexpensive plastic garment bag for out-of-season storage consists of a front panel, a back panel, and a boxing strip to go between, all cut to fit the bag. Cut them from a paper pattern, as shown. Sew front and back to boxing, leaving seams on the right side. Bind all seams with cotton bias tape. Along the bottom, fold back the raw edges and baste down. Then bind with bias tape as shown at the left. For hangers, make perforations on top of the boxing, and finish them with buttonhole stitches. The cover may be slipped on and off easily for convenience and laundering

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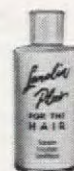
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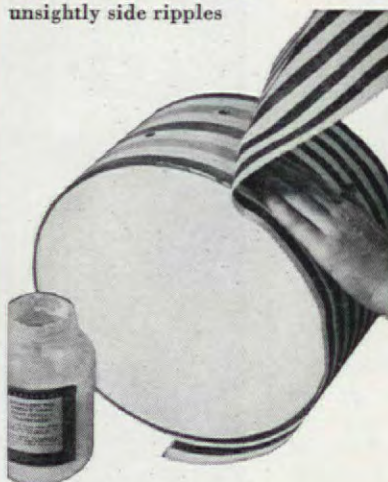
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To glamorize a hatbox, cut a strip of fabric long enough to go all around the box, allowing an extra inch in length for lapover at back seam, and an extra inch at top and bottom for turn-ins. Starting with one end of fabric on seam of hatbox, cover a few inches at a time by applying paste to the box and smoothing fabric over it. Keep fabric straight as you work around the box. When you meet the seam, fold under raw edge and paste down. Slit top and bottom turn-ins every inch, as shown. Paste down so they overlap to make the finished effect smooth and free of unsightly side ripples



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Music

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For its part, the NBC Television Opera has been perfecting plans for its once-a-month series of programs beginning late in October. Peter Herman Adler, musical director of the company, is always on the lookout for the novel, the unusual. So far, I must say, he has been eminently successful—without disregard of musical value. The curtain-raiser for the season will be Gruenberg's *Emperor Jones*, and the title role, once magnificently embodied by Lawrence Tibbett, should have no terrors for the fine Negro singer, William Warfield, scheduled for it.

Among the other NBC Television Opera projects are Verdi's *Macbeth*—a work, like *Emperor Jones*, highly regarded, yet unduly neglected—Richard Strauss' *Salome*, and Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*.

SYMPHONIES ON THE AIR

The symphonic side of the picture, this season, again offers two of the nation's foremost orchestras in weekly radio broadcasts. I refer to the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Society under the direction of its regular conductor, Dimitri Mitropoulos, and the NBC Symphony with Arturo Toscanini wielding the baton. The Philharmonic's guest conductors include Bruno Walter, George Szell, and Guido Cantelli. The only guest leader with the NBC Symphony is Mr. Cantelli, a future colossus, perhaps, already spanning two networks.

Any Toscanini performance is something to hear. But his rehearsals are something else again—something to see and hear. He is intense, explosive, determined at all costs to obtain exactly what he wishes, whether that be the phrasing of a long passage by the entire orchestra or two notes by a single instrument. The thunders of Jupiter are as nothing compared to the Olympian rage of a Toscanini, and on such an occasion I happened to be present. This, if you please, is a story about a Toscanini mistake.

The orchestra was rehearsing the *Seventh Symphony* of Shostakovich. At one point Mr. Toscanini stopped abruptly, looked up, and said sharply: "We go back—to before bar fourteen." The players dutifully turned pages and waited. Down came the beat, and with it the musical sounds. The conductor stopped again, rapping his desk. "Before bar fourteen!" Same ritual, same results. Mr. Toscanini shouting this time: "No! No! Before bar fourteen!" The entire business was repeated once more, and once more dissatisfaction. A flood of imprecations in well-chosen Italian, then momentary calm, and one musician asking him apologetically: "Maestro, do you mean before bar fourteen or after bar fourteen?" Mr.

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Toscanini stared at him fixedly for an instant, then a puzzled expression crossed his features, as he seemed to be racking his brain for something. Finally, in a whisper, almost shyly, a contrite look on his face, he put out his hands to the musicians and said: "Yes, excuse me, excuse me, after bar fourteen."

Sudden tempests, sudden calms. All that in rehearsal, and out of it emerges the Toscanini perfection.

ON THE RECORD

The phonograph recordings which I most value—of this year's issue at least—are of such extraordinary compass interpretatively that comment, excepting about special aspects, can properly be reduced to essentials. RCA Victor, for example, put on the market a handsome album of all nine Beethoven symphonies, played by the NBC Symphony and Arturo Toscanini. The works were not recorded in one batch—each emanated from a different point in the conductor's career with this orchestra. This limited-edition album is no longer available, but there is nothing to stop one from buying the symphonies separately.

As far as my own preferences go, I have always had a special affection for the Columbia LP version of the Beethoven *Third Symphony*, the *Eroica*, performed by the Philharmonic-Symphony under Bruno Walter. I play it more often than the other for the sake of its human charms, the beauty of its sound, its glowing spirit.

Among modern works, there is a superior recording of Honegger's dramatic oratorio, *Jeanne d'Arc au Boucher* (*Joan of Arc at the Stake*) released by Columbia. In this performance, Vera Zorina speaks the lines of Joan compellingly, and is beautifully companioned by a group of soloists and two fine choirs. Raymond Gerome is the excellent narrator, and the Philadelphia Orchestra lavishes upon this movingly dramatic work its most glorious sounds under the direction of Eugene Ormandy.

Operas? Well, you will find many fine performances on records. The Cetra catalogue, now taken over by Capitol, offers a whole cosmos of operatic recordings. Just to mention a few, there are Cilea's *L'Arlesiana*, Ponchielli's *La Gioconda*, Rossini's *La Fille du Regiment*. Rewarding, too, are RCA Victor's *La Boheme* of Puccini, with Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony, and *Der Rosenkavalier* by Richard Strauss, with Lotte Lehmann.

Of chamber works, I relish particularly the Columbia album presenting the Budapest String Quartet playing Debussy and Ravel, whose *Quartet in G minor, Op. 10*, and *Quartet in F major*, respectively, are rendered just deliciously, that's all.

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One rainy afternoon, we organized the family into teams and set to work. Broken by doors, staircase, and pine paneling, there were six plaster areas in the room, so we decided to devote each area to a subject of family interest: "The Story of America," "Food and Diet," "World Travel," "Children," and "Education," and "Health" were the topics which best suited us.

While some of us outfitted a wooden crate with tab index folders, the rest of us stripped the jackets from all the books in the house and trimmed off the flaps. The trimmed covers were divided into the six categories and filed in the index folders.

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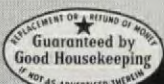
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Book Jackets

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Meanwhile, our "paperer" laid the book jacket flat against the wall and rubbed it carefully with a soft-bristled brush. And that was that. The next jacket fitted flush beside it.

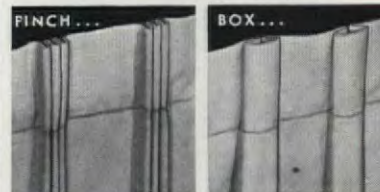
Since jackets aren't all the same size, we found that we had to do some patching. So, we clipped individual figures and patches of solid color from some of the jackets and pasted them in to fill bare spots. This led to some unusual effects. The jacket of *Just Like David* on the "Children's Wall" shows two boys playing in a tree and grinning down at the grass and flowers. An unattractive strip of wall lay between the bottom of the jacket and the wainscoting. One of the children regarded it reflectively, turned, and pulled the jacket of *Snow White* out of the file. There in the corner a fox, raccoon, rabbit, and squirrel sat in a semicircle gazing up from green grass. The result is an appealing panorama of the boys in the tree and the animals below giving each other "the once over."

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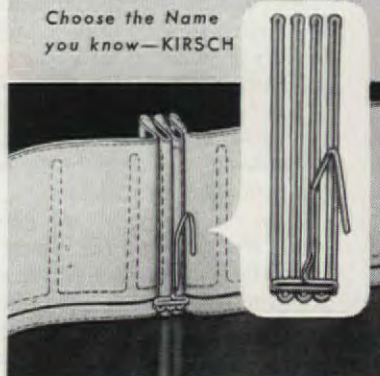
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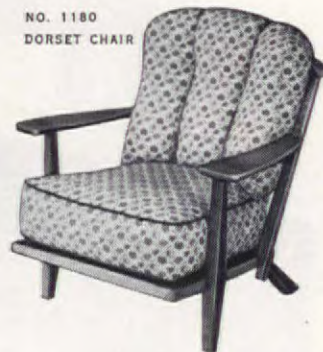
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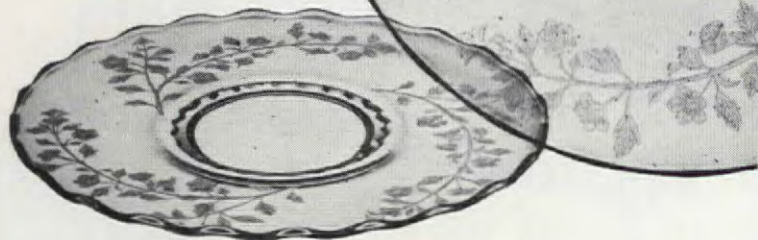
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Of course, when we are younger, most of us look forward to the days when our responsibilities will be

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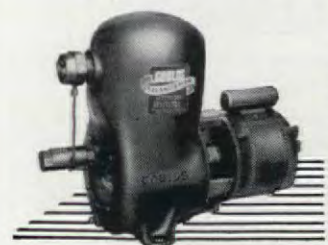
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As for "the friends of a lifetime," very few of them are near us now. Some have moved to other parts of the country and several have died. Of course we have made new friends along the way because we are both very active: my husband in business

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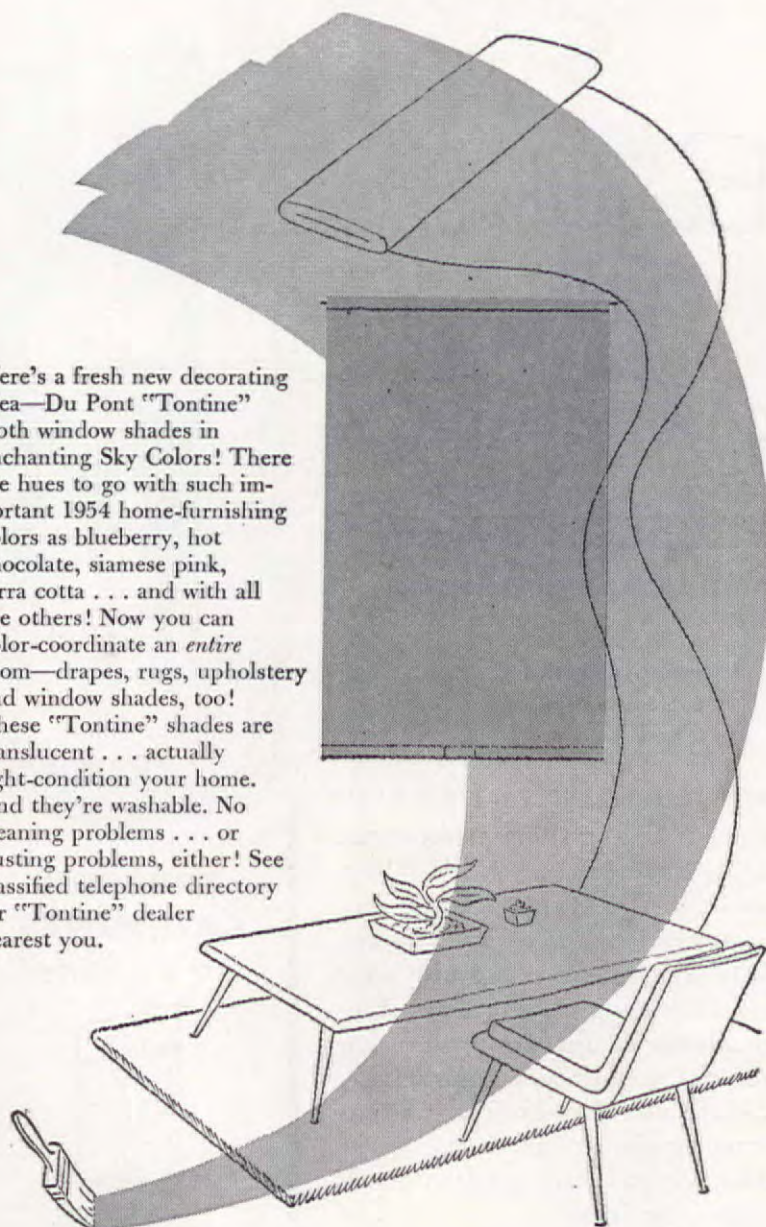
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Enough of what "might be"! It is the future that intrigues us. Tearing up our old tired roots and planting new vigorous ones in strange soil where we will have the company of many other couples in similar circumstances is an exciting prospect.

Many of our new neighbors will be people of our own age as eager for companionship as we, and if we choose our location carefully, they'll be congenial people with interests similar to ours. We know that this is very important, and we've given it a great deal of thought and "exploration" traveling over the state, studying the various communities and the types of people settling in them.

Florida happens to be the place we

have decided upon. But it could have been any one of a number of other places. The most important thing is to move to an entirely new environment. Next in importance is that the climate be pleasant, for as we grow older the rigors of winter take their toll of even the strongest of us.

In Florida we think we'll be able to live much more economically than we do here, and yet maintain our present standard of living.

We plan to build near a lake in the central part of the state. John and I love gardening and we will have as we do here, flowers and a vegetable garden which, abetted by a home freezer, will see us through the year.

It will be fun learning to garden



from scratch once more, as we most certainly will have to do, for the soil, the seasons, the planting conditions, and the bugs will all be different from the ones we are used to.

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o Retire (Begins on page 124)

es. But there'll be oranges and grapefruit from our own trees to take their place, and avocados, mangoes, papayas—many tropical delicacies which are hardly more than names to us now. Chickens are easy to raise in Florida, so we'll have our own fresh eggs, and whenever we want fish we can drift out on our own lake and reel in a few.

We don't worry about not seeing the friends we are really fond of, because we already have enough books to keep our guest room filled for years, and I've heard it said that when you move to Florida you're amazed at the warm friendships that develop overnight. (Or shall we say overwinter?)

Best of all, there are many opportunities for a man if he cares to work while longer. My husband is still at the peak of his powers and it would be suicide for him to retire, and humiliating for him to take a lesser position just because of his chronological age.

True, John would like to take it easier than he does here, giving up the responsibilities and the long hours that go with an executive position, and he'd like some private work on

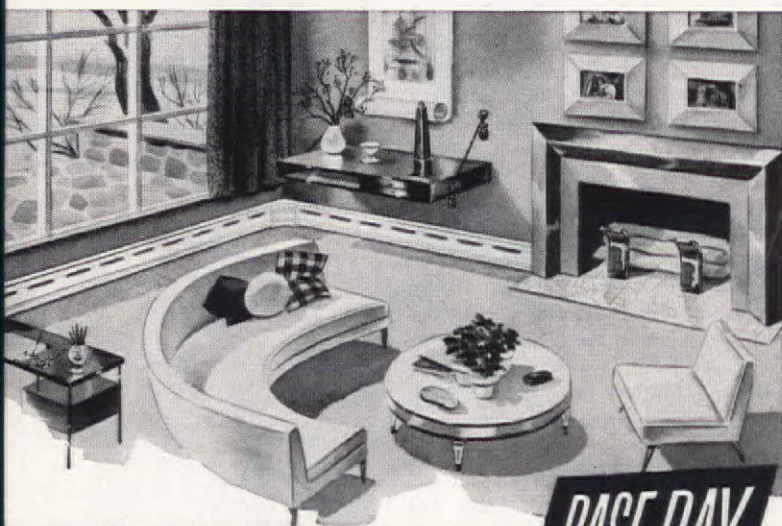
his golf and his fishing. But he wants to keep active for a few years yet, and he feels that our new life will enable him to do just that, without a loss of stature.

If we weren't kept so busy reading new books on Florida, studying horticultural pamphlets, boning up on the best bait to use for wide-mouth bass, and trying to decide whether we will have a big breezeway (to double as a dining room) or a screened patio, we might get down to brass tacks and face the fact that we are growing old.

But with so many new and exciting things to look forward to and plan for, we simply don't have the time. We think we're growing younger every day just contemplating the next twenty years!

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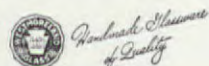


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No matter how many dinnerware sets we acquire, however, the same good old buying rules apply—no matter how well priced or how handsome, don't buy it unless it will look well on *your* table in *your* room, unless its design is in keeping with your furniture, and unless its color and pattern will "do something" for your surroundings. Periods may be mixed freely, of course—but not sloppily. For example, many very modern designs just do *not* look well with elegant 18th-century furniture, and some of the best traditional patterns, versatile as they are, don't adapt themselves to the starkest of modern backgrounds.

Undecorated wares depend for their beauty upon their graceful shapes, and many people turn to them in an attempt to "play safe," to avoid conflicting patterns. They're very handsome—but not so "safe" as you think, for it takes great skill to set a table with undecorated dinnerware. So if you like decorations, don't bypass them—just choose them carefully.

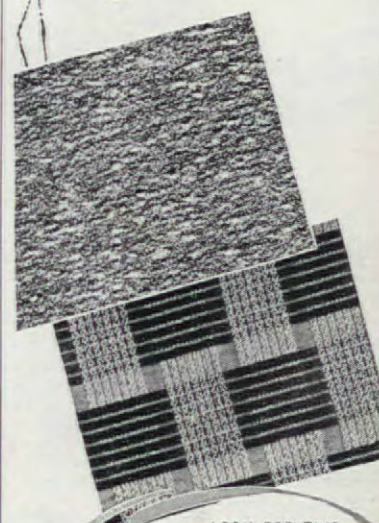
When it comes to price, you can find good design in all brackets, but you usually get just what you pay for in quality and workmanship. Difficult shapes and hand decorations add to the cost. You may find earthenware or even pottery tagged higher than wares entitled to be called "fine china," and the type of decoration is usually the clue: chances are, in such cases, that the china is plain or decorated with decalcomanias, while the usually less-expensive earthenware or pottery is hand painted. There's also the matter of "grade." All dinnerware is factory-inspected, but firms which produce the higher-priced types guard their brand reputations by screening their product so rigorously that very few imperfect pieces creep through. You would expect to pay for such rigid protection—and you do.

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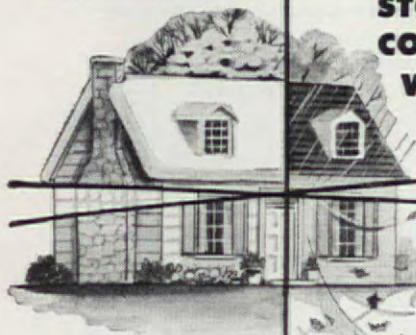
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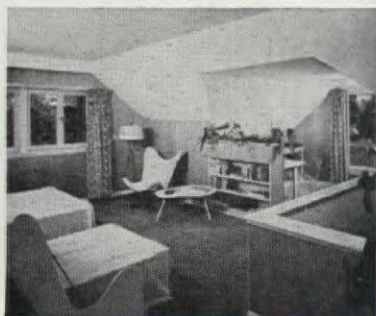


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Refinish Old Floors

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Of course, in the corners and around the radiator, etc., we couldn't use the sander, but had to go to work with a scraper, steel wool, and sandpaper. Incidentally, when using the power sander, we swept the floor clean with a brush to remove any solid matter that was not taken up by the sander.



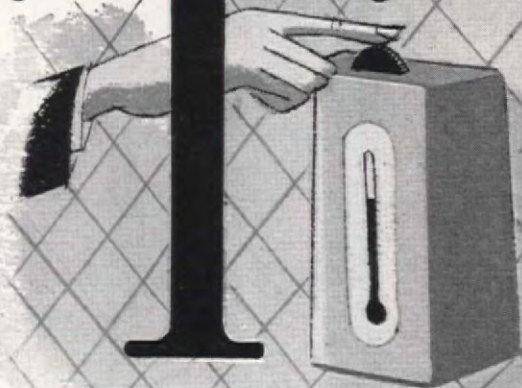
Exposed nailheads had left unsightly black stains on the floor. We had to bleach these out with oxalic acid. We used a mixture of 1 lb. of oxalic acid to each gallon of warm water, and then we applied this to the entire floor with a brush. When the acid was dry, we brushed the floor clean, and rinsed it with three applications of fresh water. After the woodwork dried completely, we gave it another light sanding to remove any of the roughness left by the water.



On the bone-dry floor—we waited an extra day to be sure—we applied three coats of shellac, using a 5-lb. cut of white shellac thinned half and half with alcohol. After the last coat had dried (all three can be applied the same day), we sanded the floor lightly with steel wool and dusted it. Then we applied a paste wax. Below you can see the final results.



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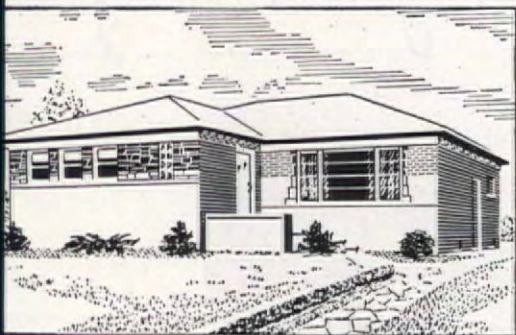


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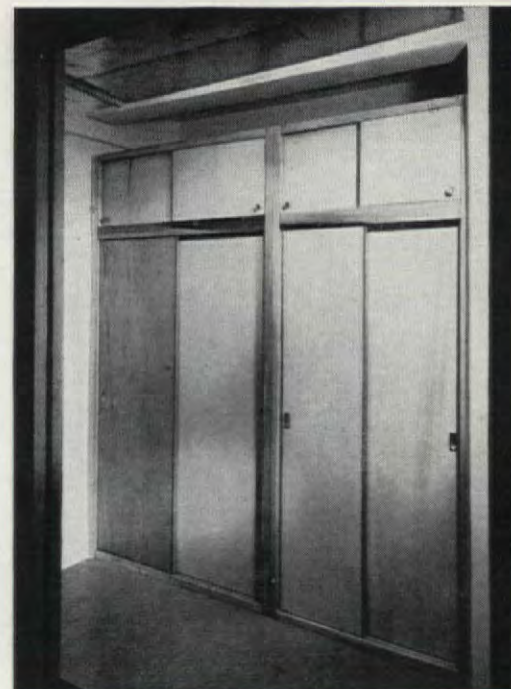
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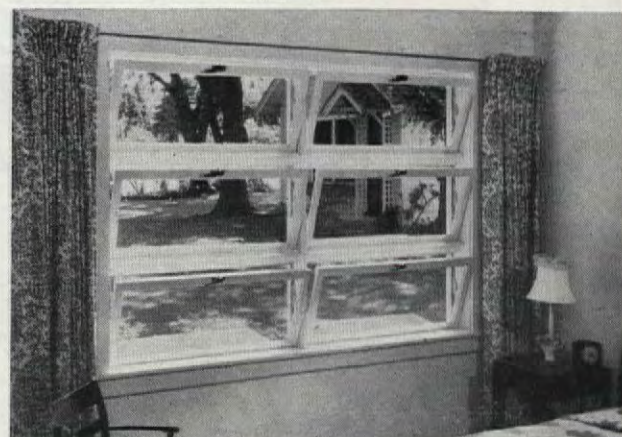


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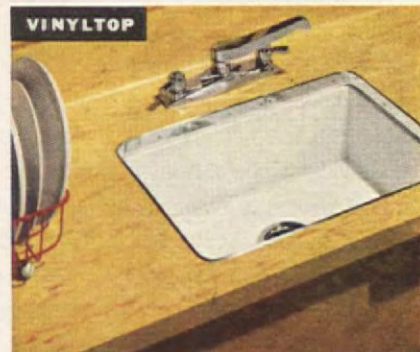
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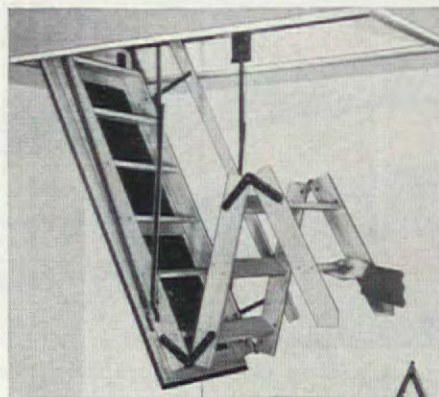
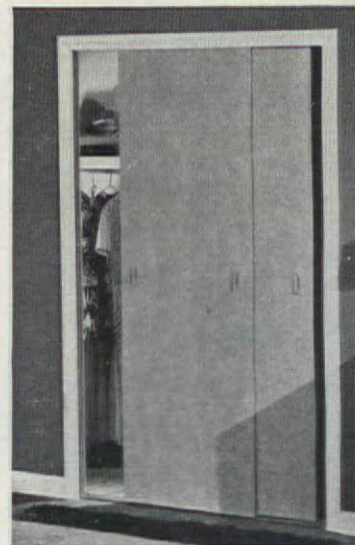
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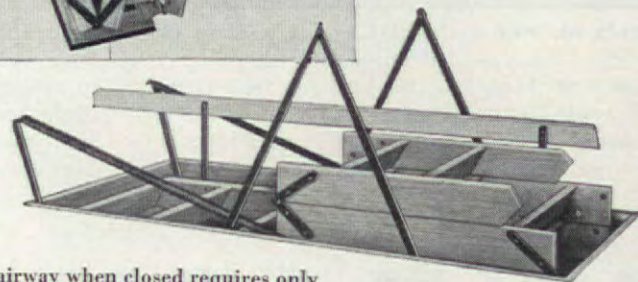


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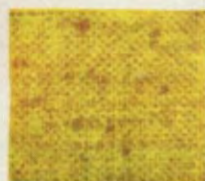
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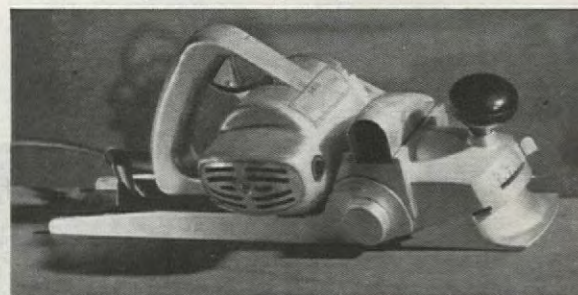
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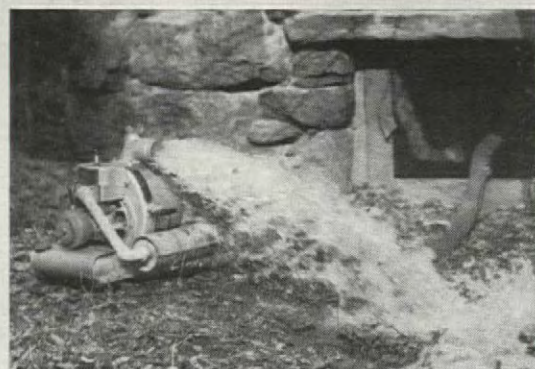
These You Can Rent

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Electric Plane: No better substitute for elbow grease than an electric plane when you have a quantity job facing you. Easily adjusted blade depths make fitting doors and windows to size a fast and accurate process. It's also convertible to a surface plane for cabinet work and pattern making. Daily rental: about \$3



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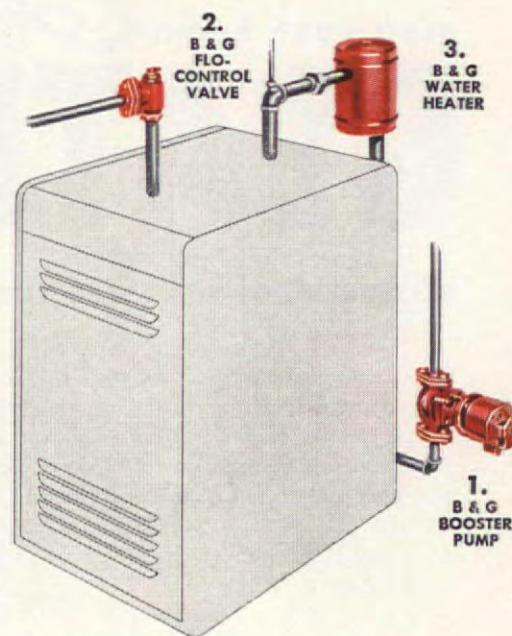
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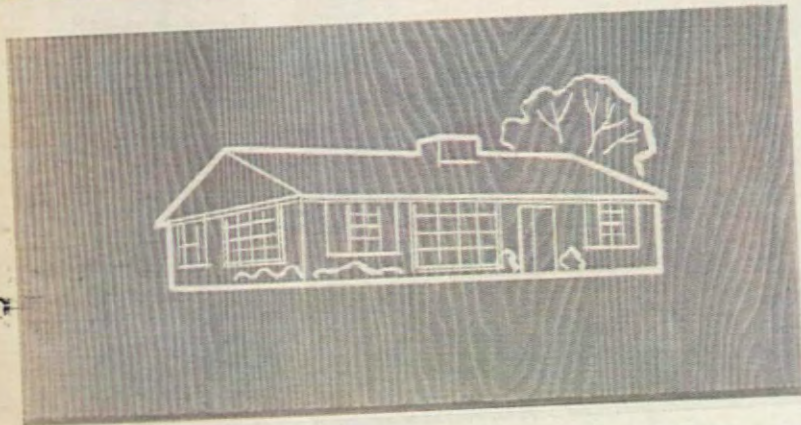
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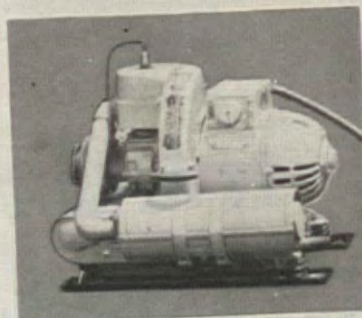


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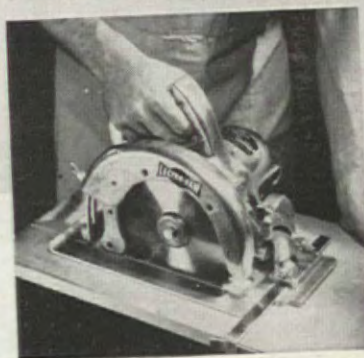
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A Garden is not Impossible

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For a long time I thought my thumb
was brown or yellow. Now, hap-
pily, I claim that it is, if not green,
at least a pale chartreuse. In com-
munities where most citizens have
lawns, flowers, and some house plants,
the plantless have little standing.
That fate threatened me five years
ago when I left an office job to be-
come a homemaker. The first spring,
having perused seed catalogues and
visioned our home in an Anne Hath-
away cottage setting, I shopped in
seed stores and 5-and-10's with great
expectations. And how I bought! My
husband said I had enough seeds to
plant an acre, but little did he know.
Under my cultivation, supergiants
turned out pigmies. The only real
flowers I raised were daffodils—which
were here before we moved in!

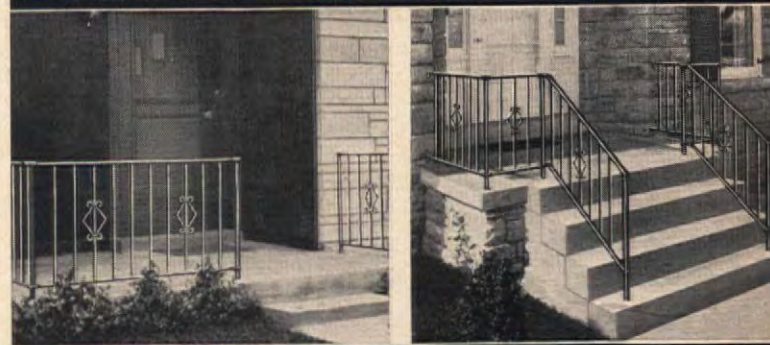
Then, reading garden books and
magazines, I found that I couldn't
blame any seed firm for my failure.
I, who try so hard to nourish my
family, including the cat, had never
given a thought to the well-being of
the plants! A neighbor came, looked,
and said: "I've lived here 40 years
and no one has ever tried to grow
anything on that soil of yours. It just
isn't fit." Apparently, it was mostly
"fill"—ashes, rocks, gravel, and clay
—designed to raise the ground level
physically, but not in productivity.
Because topsoil hauled in would have
cost \$8 a load, we felt it would be
cheaper to move to a farm than have
it moved to us. Then, learning about
compost piles, which rot leaves, grass
clippings, garbage, etc., into good rich
earth, we started one.

Now I no longer complain about
the way our garbage piles up, nor do
I mind when the neighbor's leaves
blow onto our newly raked yard.
(We even reach over and rake in a
few more.) We dug a pit and started
filling it with layers of all kinds of
vegetable refuse sprinkled with soil;
a depression in the top held rain
water and hastened decomposition, as
do the fishworms with which the pile
soon teemed. The wastes were being
converted into compost for our gar-
den. We are assured that soil so im-
proved will grow vegetation such as
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Not Impossible

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vinced of all that, we're hopeful, though the process takes time—almost a year to turn a heap into usable humus. And a 60' x 150' lot provides neither space nor raw materials for a large project.

Nevertheless, four years ago, I bought 50 purple crocus bulbs and, not trusting to haphazard planting as many people do it, I dug a trench by our three-window bay, in front of the shrubbery; mixed in some good soil and planted the bulbs in groups of five about a foot apart, following directions on the bag as to depth. The next spring I found it hard to get away from the window from which I could watch the favorable reactions of passers-by to my little planting, which by now has spread out of its original border—but it's still attractive, bravely heralding the coming of spring.

The next fall, I bought 15 hyacinth bulbs at 10 cents each (to me an amazingly low price), in white, pink, and blue, and planted them in a row where we could see the flowers from our dining-room window. Again success, an increasing bulb population, generous rewards. So then, a little "drunk with power," we sent \$5 to a bulb firm for 30 Red Emperor and 36 Keiserskroon tulips. Planted in groups of three or four in front of our bay, the Emperors (the king of tulips, I think) bloom the first half of April after which the red, yellow-edged Keiserskroons take over. In beds on either side of our front walk by the porch, I put rose-colored double and lilac Parrot tulips which bloom far enough apart so they do not clash. Though "luxury class" bulbs, I got them late in the season at a reduced price and planted them in mid-September. Already I have stakes to mark where I plan this year to put some red and yellow botanical tulips which bloom earlier than any I now have.

That doesn't mean that I'm just a "spring-flower" fan. My plot of compost-enriched soil is growing and I am going in for summer- and fall-blooming plants, bulbs, and seeds, with modest success and hopes for, in time, that green thumb. But what I want to tell would-be gardeners, whether on unlandscaped new places or the depleted soil of old homes, is that a garden is not impossible!

You can have an eye-catching splash of color next spring no matter what the color of your thumb. And this fall is the time to start. Even if you must "borrow" or even buy a few pails of good soil; even if you have only a smidgeon of room, why not invest a few dollars in bulbs? They carry their lunch box with them and won't disappoint you. With them, you can make your home, too, a little star in the gardener's firmament.

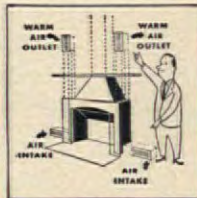
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Lazy Man's Patio

Data: Ethel McCall Head

As an owner of a new home, George E. Peterson, of San Gabriel, California, was confronted with the problem of a 15' x 30' garden filled with weeds a foot high and higher. The condition didn't make for enjoyment of the patio he had planned, so he decided to do something about it. He calls the solution "a lazy man's patio," but it is also a highly practical and ingenious example of what could well be called a very busy man's patio.

Realizing that modern weed killers, crushed rock, and flagstones are all inimical to weed growth (and make for minimum upkeep), he first leveled the patio area, giving it a slight slope to one side for drainage. Then he applied a powder-form herbicide over the area and sprinkled it generously with water to put it into solution so it could be taken up by the plants—as it was.

Since he wanted color in his patio as well as low maintenance, he chose red flagstones and white and red crushed rock for the paving materials to apply on the weed-freed surface. The flags ranged from 1 in. to 1½ in. thick and varied considerably in size, but none was too large or heavy for an amateur stonemason to handle. He left a circular space about 6 ft. in diameter in the

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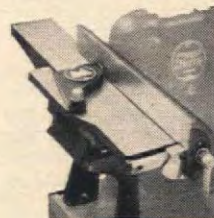
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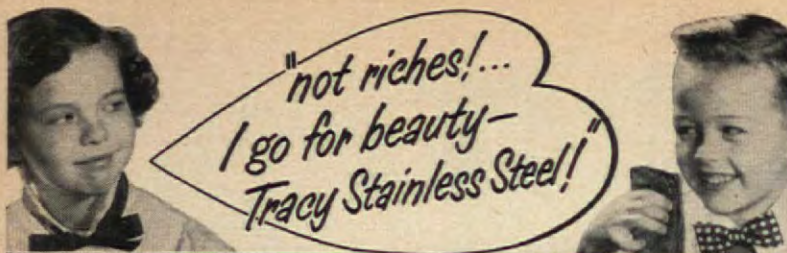
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Lazy Man's Patio

(Begins on page 143)

center, and placed there a simulated tree trunk of cement (a section of an actual tree would probably have been more effective), and on it set a large bird bath. Around the circle, he laid a fan-shaped edge of common red bricks on their sides, and between this border and the bird bath support, he poured four small sacks of crushed white rock, known in the trade as "roof sugar," which contrasted effectively with the red brick. Finally, he filled in between the flagstones—



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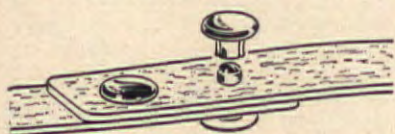
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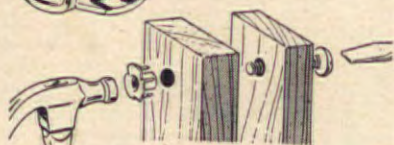
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Page 37: Sofa beds, Simmons Co.; bench table, Consider H. Willett; printed chintz, "Delicious," striped "Ribband," Everfast Fabrics, Inc.; black denim, Erwin Mills; venetian blinds, Venetian Blind Assoc. of Am.; lighting fixtures, Litecraft Mfg. Corp.; brass bowl, figurine, William Pahlmann Assoc., Inc.; ash trays, cigarette holder, clock, Richards Morgenthau & Co.; all plants, Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assoc.

Page 112: Blanket, plaid-bordered sheets, cases, Flordrest Mills.

Page 114: Door mirror, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; flush doors, U.S. Plywood.

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Page 39: Top left: "Sweet Violets" and "Bonny Plaid" chintz, Everfast Fabrics, Inc.; coverlet, Sumergrade & Sons; Fiberglass curtains, Godel's; lamp, Bloomingdale's; top right: Avondale fabrics; room setting photographed at Macy's; lower left: "Windsor" plastic lace, Elmer P. Scott Co., Inc.; pillow, coverlet, Sumergrade & Sons; "Delvogue" fiber rug, Delta Rugs; lower right: "Daisy May" chintz, Everfast Fabrics, Inc.; lamp, W & J Sloane; box spring and mattress, Simmons Co.; felt for pillows, Central Felt Co.; coverlet, Sumergrade & Sons; all shirring and pleating tapes, Consolidated Trimming Corp.

Page 40: Wallpaper books in corner, Imperial Paper & Color Corp.; tufted effect, United Wallpaper Co.; Alhambra, Katzenbach & Warren; floral "Do It Yourself," James Kimball Mills, distributed by Jean McDonald, Inc.

Page 41: Dado wallpaper, and ivy-leaf squares above, Imperial Paper & Color Corp.; gray cotton rug, Artloom; window screen papers, United Wallpaper; venetian blind, Venetian Blind Assoc. of Am.; rose cotton rug, Cabin Craft.

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Page 107: Bird and Basket, Katzenbach and Warren; Delta (covering closet doors), Renverne Corp.; Winter Scene and Pineapple Damask, Katzenbach & Warren.

Page 108: Ducks and Grasses, Katzenbach & Warren; printed design and borders, United Wallpaper; Pecky Cypress, Timbertone Dec. Co.; deep border, Imperial Paper & Color Corp.; Tweed Day, Columbus Coated Fabrics.

HANDSOME HARDWARE DESIGNS

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GOOD VICTUALS

Pages 62, 63: Apothecary jar, U.S. Glass Co.; "Village Green" casserole, Red Wing; round silverplate tray, "Rochelle," International; china "Luanda," Haviland; flatware "Esplanade," Towle; Madeira cloth, Leacock; "Melon" well and tree platter, Oneida Community; Searak, Joseph Import Co.

PLACE AND SHOW

Page 64: Table 1: china "Copper and Gold" 5-pc. place setting, \$25.50, Flintridge; crystal "Southern Star" stemware, \$2.75 each, epergne, \$22, Tiffin Glassmasters; cloth and napkins "Treasure," 65" x 108" with 12 napkins, \$65, Felix Tausend; flatware "Stardust," 6-pc. place setting, \$90, salts and peppers, \$5 a pr., ash trays, \$3.25 each, match-box holders, \$2.75 each, candelabra, \$225 a pr., compotes, \$14 each, all tax included, The Gorham Co.; "Georgian Ivory" Byzantine candles, Emkay; flower arrangement, Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assoc.

Table 2: Semivitreous china "Provincial" 16-pc. starter set, \$7.95, Homer Laughlin; "Two-Tone Mist" highball glasses, \$4.50, set of 8, 16" hurricane lamp, \$7.50, W. Va. Glass; "Town & Country" cloth 60" x 90" with 8 red napkins, Paragon Art; cutlery "Ebonlite," 6-pc. place setting, \$20.85, Plascut Co.; brass bowl, \$4, Rubel & Co.; "Malibu Sands" peppermills, \$9.95 a set, Olde Thompson; mirror plateau, \$8, Conroy-Prugh Glass Co.; "Byzantine" candles, Emkay; flowers, Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assoc.

Page 66: Table 3: china "Duchess of Windsor," 5-pc. place setting, \$15, Royal Jackson; crystal "Capri" goblets and juice glasses, \$2 each, 7" square plates, \$1.25 each; hurricane lamps, \$10 a pair, centerpiece bowl, \$7.50, Fostoria Glass; cloth, "Potter's Wheel" 60" x 80", \$7.95, napkins, 59¢, Simtex; silver "Heritage," 6-pc. place setting, \$8.50, 1847 Rogers Bros.; candles "Marble," Will & Baumer; flower arrangement, Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assoc.

Table 4: China "Moss Rose," 16-pc. starter set, \$6.95, Universal Potteries; crystal "Heisey Rose" stemware, \$2 each, A. H. Heisey; silver "Pointed Antique" flatware, 6-pc. place setting, \$29.75, "Paul Revere" salts and peppers, \$15 pr., almond dishes, \$5 each, centerpiece, "Little Honeymoon" covered vegetable dishes, \$15 each, Reed & Barton; pink linen cloth and napkins, 9-pc. set, cloth 72" x 90", \$35, John Matouk; flower arrangement, Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assoc.

Table 5: Pottery "Sunny Spray" 16-pc. starter set, \$6.95, Southern Potteries; milk glass "Grape" goblets, \$1.25 each, pitcher, \$3.50, duo-mayonnaise set, \$5, Imperial Glass; Sanforized cotton cloth "Sunset," 56" x 100", \$6.95, napkins, 49¢ each, Leacock; stainless steel "Northland," 6-pc. place setting, \$6.75, Wm. A. Rogers Stainless; 3-compartment food server, \$100, Maxwell-Phillips; plastic butterflies, \$2 each, Santa Monica Products; cheese and cracker server, \$5, bird cage tray, \$15, M. Wille.

FAMILY FOOD

Page 67: Dinnerware, Spode "Florence," Copeland and Thompson; silver cake breaker, "Royal Danish," International; flatware, "Morning Star," Oneida; "Gold Finches," Stangl Pottery; steak platter, Wear-Ever Aluminum.

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Omission: Jack Roche took the beautiful color pictures of flower arrangements illustrating the feature, "It Was a Lovely Party," in the September issue on pages 32 and 33. We regret he was not given due credit in that issue.

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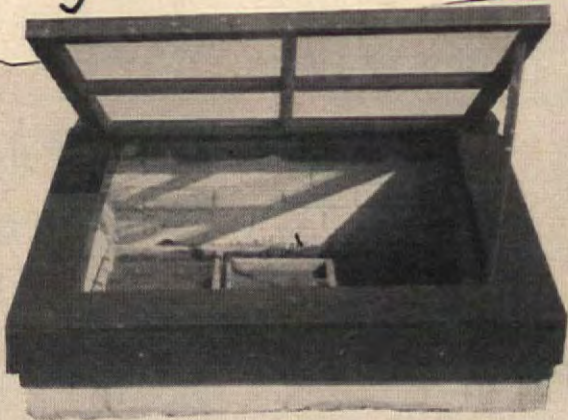
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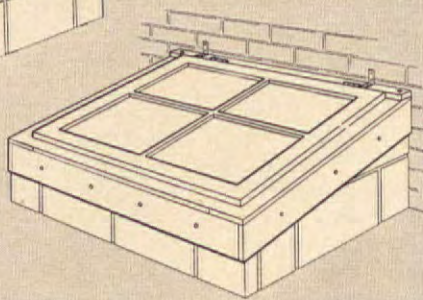
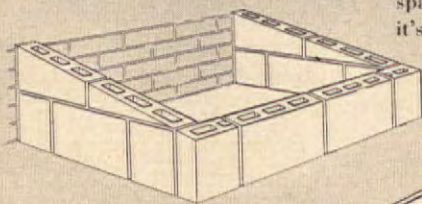
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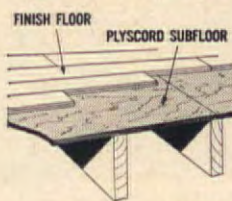
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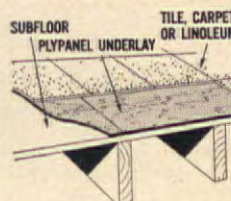
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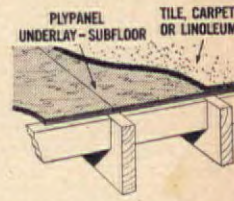
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Episcias are sold by retail florists who specialize in house plants, and by at least three large mail order seed houses, one of which has trademarked the name "Flame-violet." They can be shipped safely except during severely cold weather.

CORRECTION

Two caption errors slipped through in the "Let's Go Shopping for Holidays" article in August. The top picture on page 36 was of *Ilex verticillata*, not *I. opaca*; Yaupon (top, page 37) is evergreen (as stated in text and table), not deciduous. Sorry, readers; thanks, Dr. H. Harold Hume, noted holly authority, for telling us.

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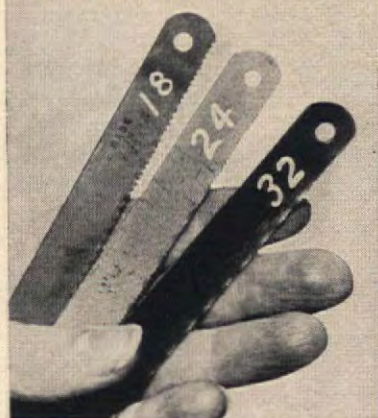
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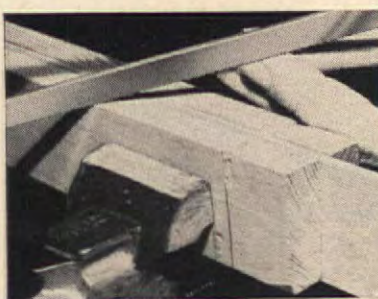
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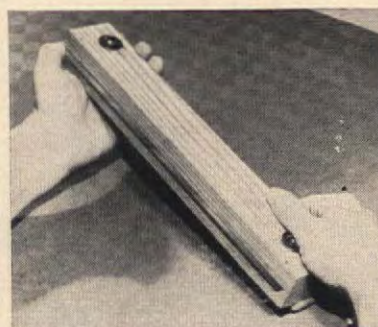


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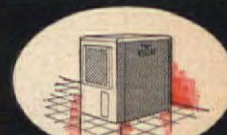
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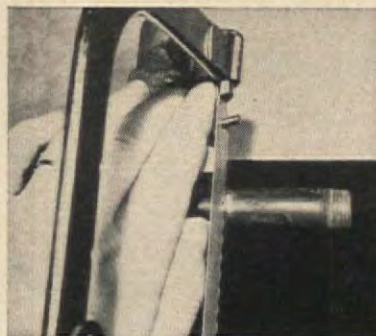
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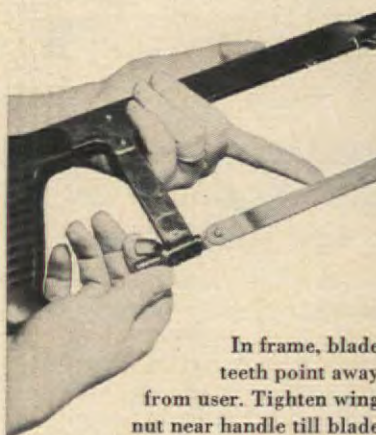
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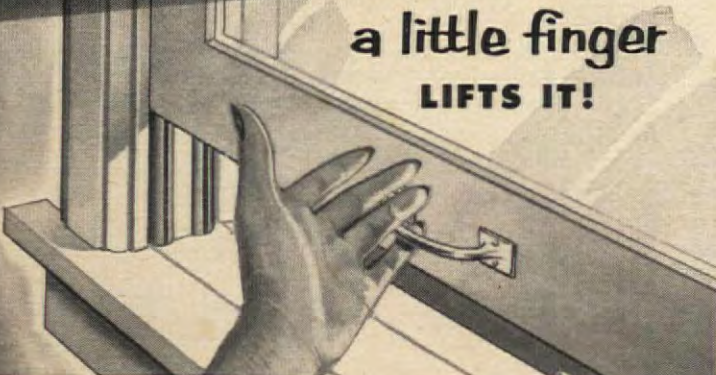
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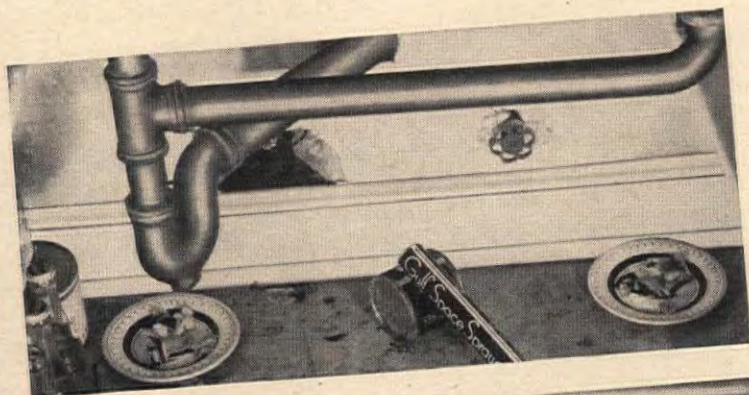
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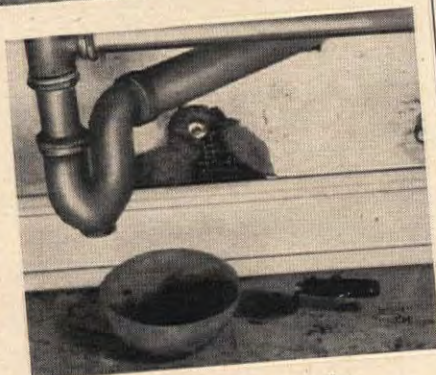
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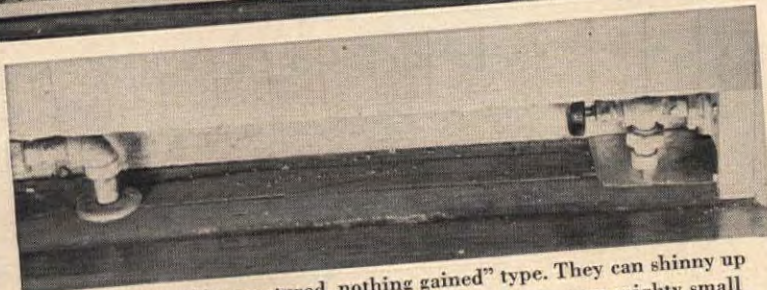
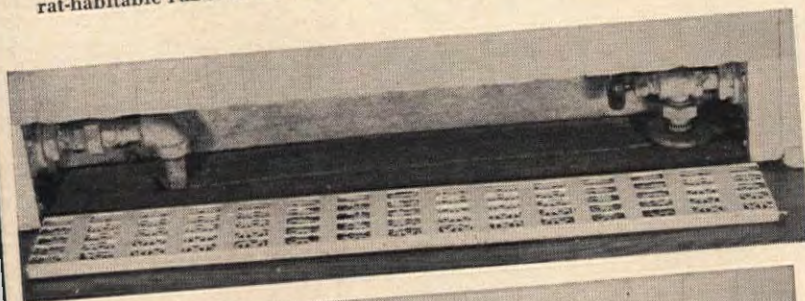
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Rats are accomplished first-story workers, and such ports of entry as this hole left from a plumbing job brings tears of gratitude to beady eyes. If rats are around, try traps, then poison—on fresh food, out of reach of kids and pets. Before carting away the demised, use DDT to kill lice infesting them



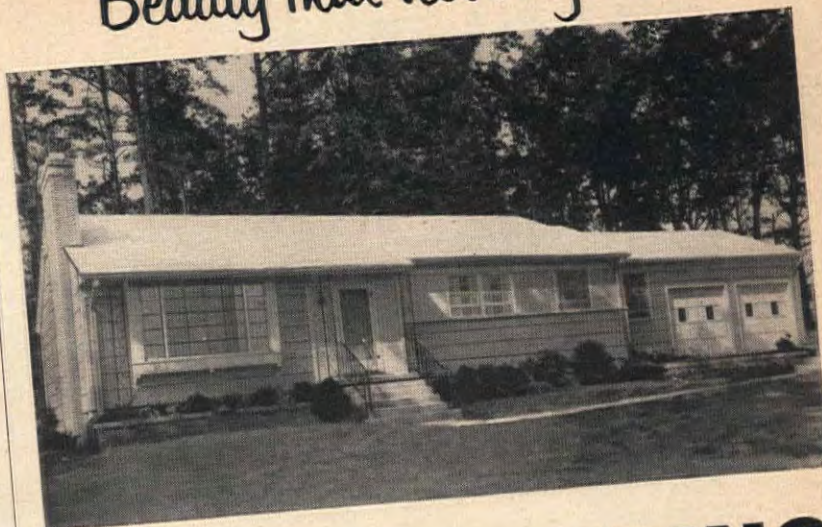
To keep the furry fiends on the outside, seal odd openings securely. Patch any holes with a strip of metal lath or with screening and plaster. It's also a good plan to keep your grounds clear of rat-habitable rubbish. Pile lumber at least 18 in. off the ground



Rats are the "nothing ventured, nothing gained" type. They can shinny up a pipe in nothing flat and squeeze themselves through some mighty small openings at the top. These pipes, uncollared and running to a radiator, invite rat trouble. Once they are fitted with snug metal collars, though, they're proof against the rodents' siege. Remember, even if hole is too small for their bodies, rats can chew through wood

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Rats Outside

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Once rats invade your basement you can expect to see new faces all over the house, for from there they hie themselves into the hollow walls of your house. Spots where walls join the foundation at the sills are especially vulnerable and should be made securely ratproof with metal



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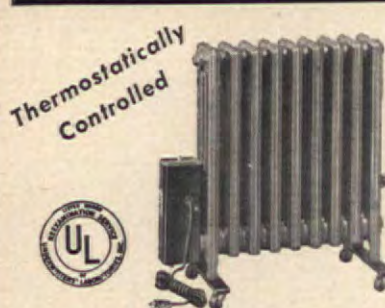
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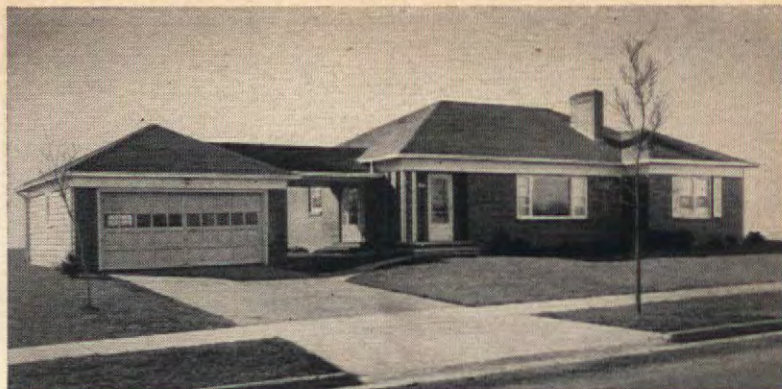
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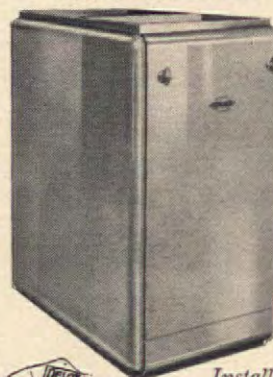


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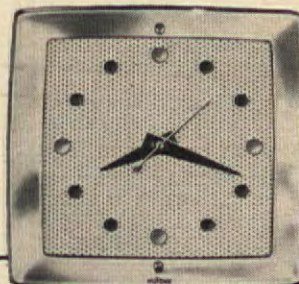
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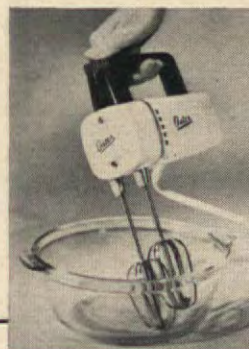
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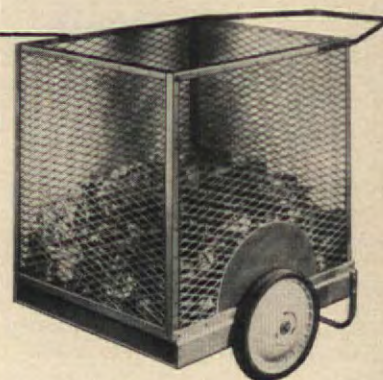
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"Don," I said thoughtfully, "maybe we could fix up our basement so we'd enjoy it, too. Now if we put the record player downstairs . . ."

Don saw the idea coming. "You mean we'd dance in the basement?"

"Why not?" I said. "We could even give it a supper-club atmosphere."

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