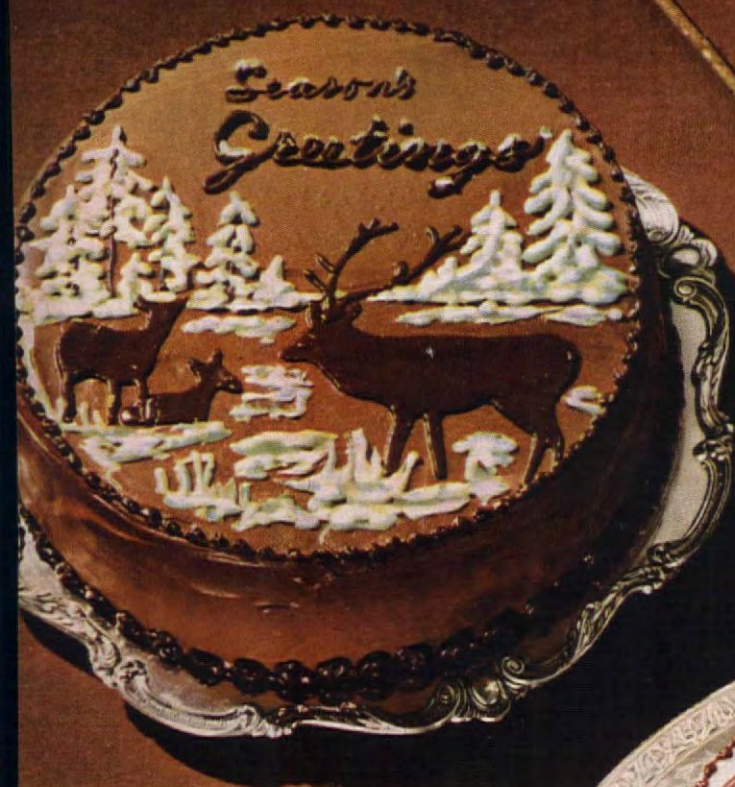


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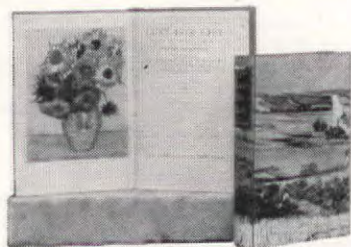
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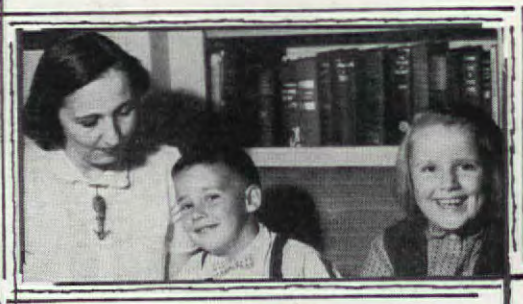
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This month THE AMERICAN HOME family celebrates an important milestone—its 21st birthday! And what would a 21st birthday be without a family album with its nostalgic tugs and chuckles?

The "family portrait" above, of the Old-Timers who've been with us from the start, was taken in Publisher W. H. EATON's office. Seated directly in the center is the distinguished gentleman himself—the one who steered THE AMERICAN HOME on a straight course over the 21 years to attain a circulation of well over 3 million. MRS. JEAN AUSTIN, editor and president, seated at Mr. Eaton's right, has been friend and counselor to her family of AMERICAN HOME readers through her personal visits, correspondence, and more recently, her "Good Victuals" pages. MARION MAYER, right center, has been managing editor for many years and is also one of the vice-presidents. Standing (l. to r.)—EMMA BARNES, circulation statistician; BOB MAHN, production manager; CAROLINE KELLEHER, secretary to vice-president Warren Agry; ERMA SPRAGUE, cashier circulation department; TED GLOISTEN, vice-president and comptroller; LORETTA WILS, supervisor circulation mail room; GRACE MEINEN, secretary to editor. And that genial gentleman on the floor is DEMMY (F. M. Demarest to you), the talented and patient photographer whose beautiful photographs you have seen on our pages over the 21 years.



JIM BIDWELL, one of the "old guard," is manager of our Cleveland advertising office. His wife Betty's claim to fame is not exactly as a handy man about the house ... but at farming—why he grew so many beans the family had to eat them for breakfast! He and Betty are in the throes of redecorating their new hundred-year-old farmhouse in Hudson, Ohio.



JEANNIE WILLIS, field editor, shown with her two engaging children, Gil and Clyde, was our first child model, and now her offspring are following in her footsteps, Clyde having first posed for us in her nursery at age two months. In this issue, Jeannie and her husband, Weldon, are responsible for the exquisite wrappings shown on page 33.

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BILL LANYON was still in knee pants when the AMERICAN HOME was launched but, though not one of the old-timers, he justly deserves special mention this month. Not only is he an assistant editor in our art department, he is also a handy man of no mean reputation, as evidenced by the illustrations on pages 43 through 45. Bill and Prudy, his wife, have innate good taste, and with lots of imagination and hard work they have created for themselves charming surroundings. Baby Bill, age eight months, approves, too.

LIONEL STEVENSON (Steve to his friends and associates) by rights belongs in the "family portrait" on page 6, but his advertising duties called him away on the day appointed for the photograph. One of the original old-timers, Steve is a member of our advertising department in New York, and when not off on business trips spends his time in his attractive home in Chappaqua. His love of outdoor sports has been demonstrated over the years by his prowess with rod and gun, and of late years, a new role has been added to his repertoire—that of grandpa to his daughter's three young children.



GRACE FOY, an old-timer in our Chicago Branch Office was born in Chicago and has lived all her life in its suburbs. Being one of a family of recognized artists, she quite naturally indulges in the pleasures of art as an avocation. She has watched the Chicago office grow from a small beginning to a large and lusty family, and during that time has always been ready with a warm and hospitable welcome for the visiting editors and ad men from the East.

JOHN MCGINLEY was the first "road man" in our circulation department. His duties over the last 21 years have kept him constantly on the go—traveling over miles of the East Coast to see that each news dealer received his supply of AMERICAN HOME magazines on time for publication date. He and his wife Julia, who was formerly a member of our circulation staff, have for many years been residents of Elmhurst, N.Y.

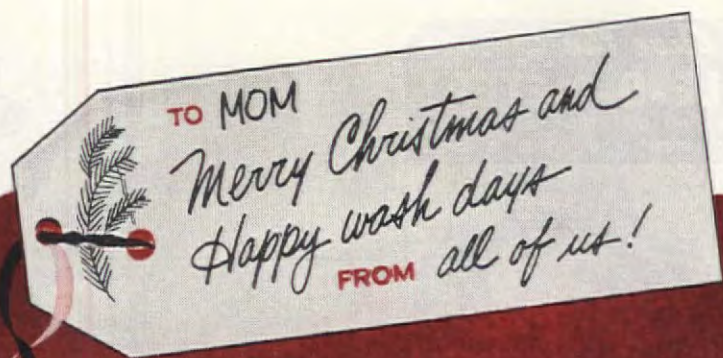


Our 21st birthday would not be complete without special mention of our horticultural editor, E. L. D. (NED) SEYMOUR. You will find a picture of him and the story of his newly acquired home on Long Island on page 75.

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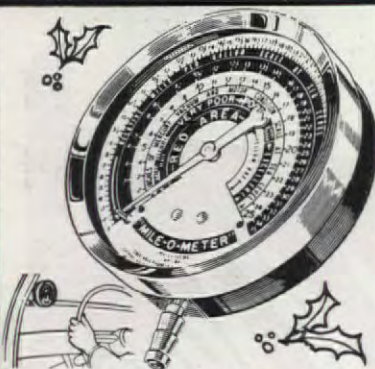
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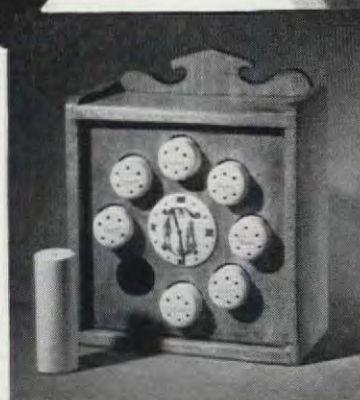


A FISHERMAN'S WIFE would love a 17-inch striped perch of bright ovenware to bake the big catch on (or her canned tuna special when the big ones get away). \$4.95 ppd. Wonder Bar, P.O. Box 425A, Trenton, N.J.

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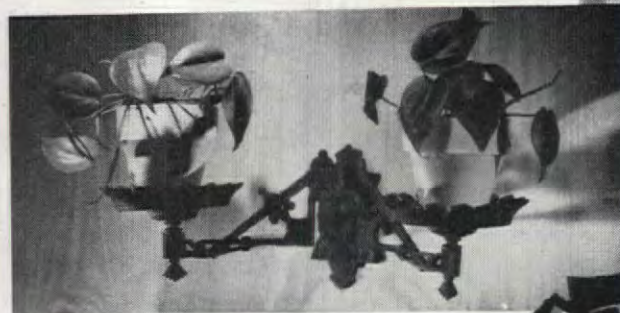


DELIGHTFUL DELFT pattern decorates 4-piece blue and white ceramic set. Rack holds wood-handled ladle, funnel, draining spoon. 14" x 9 1/4" overall. \$3.95 ppd. Damar, 971 Damar Bldg., Newark 5, N.J.

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ORIGINALITY marks the dishes of cooks who file recipes in a pine mailbox decked with Pennsylvania Dutch style. Paper rack can hold rolling pin and towels. 12" x 10 1/2". \$10.50 ppd. Sylvia Moss, Box 334A, Glenbrook, Conn.



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CUPID AND VENUS decorate a fancy old-fashioned black cast-iron match box, and what's a kitchen without big matches to light the candles or set a pudding aflame? 6½" x 3⅞". \$2.50 ppd. Wits' End, 221 Bellevue Ave., Upper Montclair, N.J.

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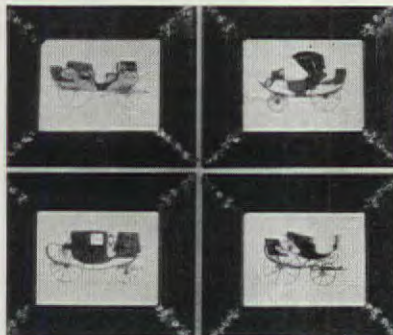


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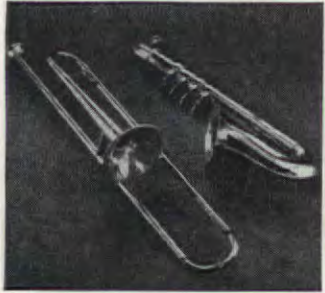
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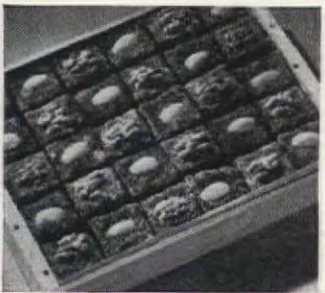
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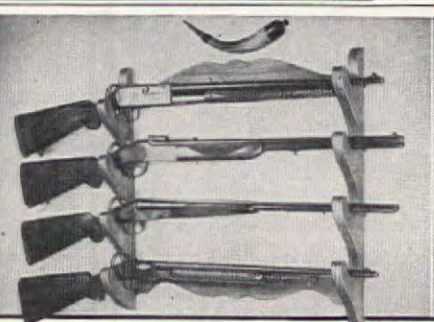
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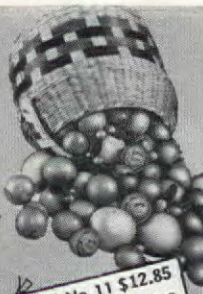
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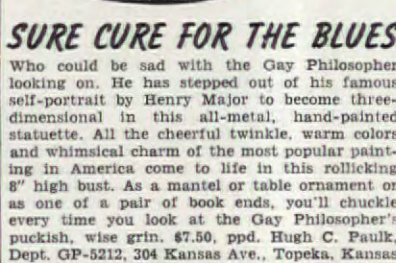
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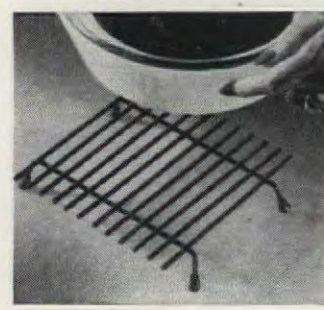


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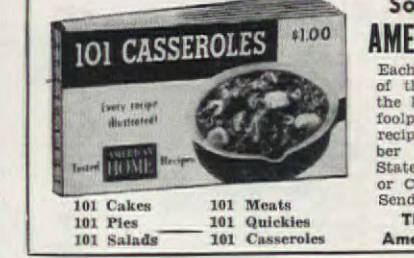
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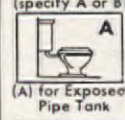
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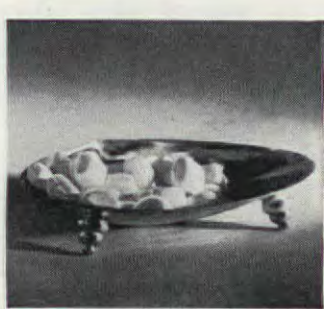
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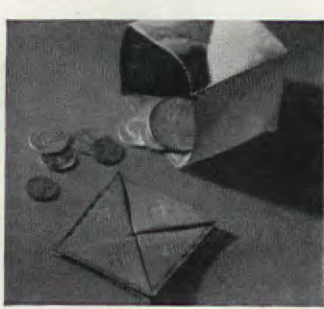
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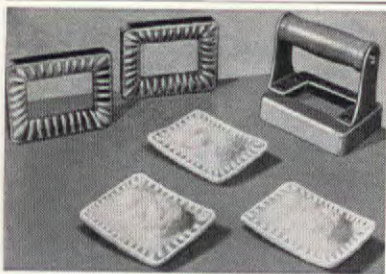
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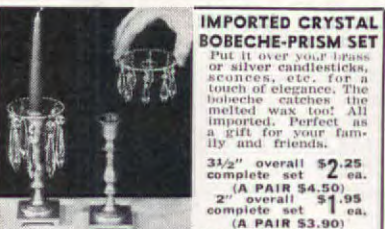
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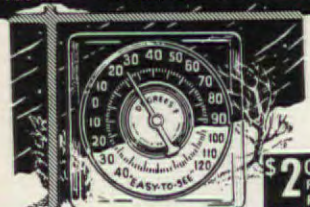


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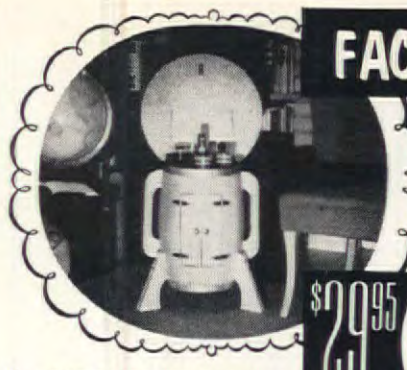
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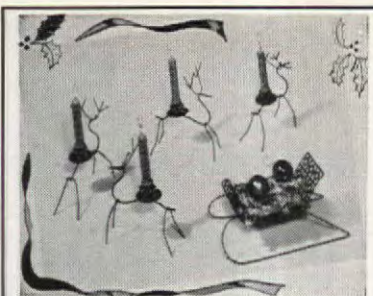
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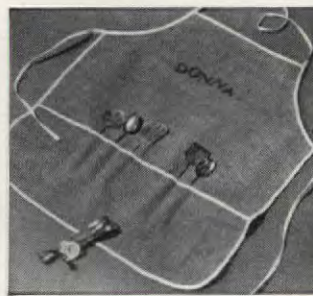
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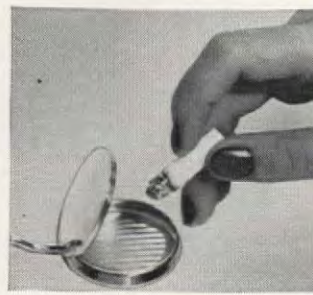
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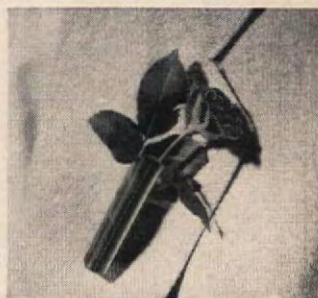
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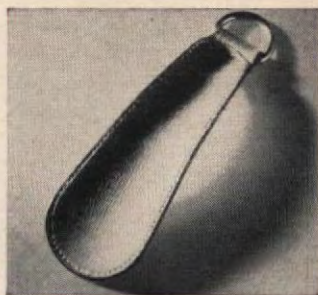
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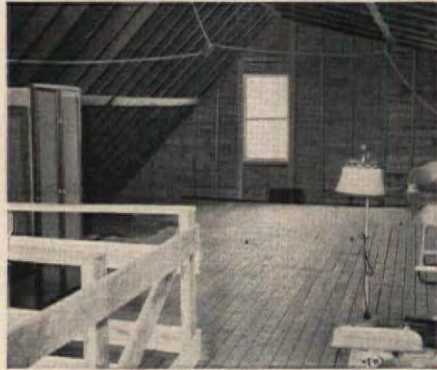


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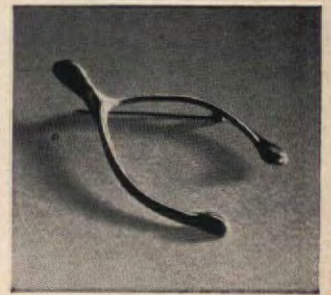
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It would be fine if one could develop Wagnerian talents at gift making at Christmas. But that, involving a number of special accomplishments, seems rarely attainable, and the answer is compromise: a gift of music you buy.

MUSIC IN YOUR HOME

ROBERT BAGAR

Books about music are a good choice. I particularly prize Olin Downes' learned work, *Ten Operatic Masterpieces* (B.M.I.-Ricordi-Scribner's) and Victor I. Seroff's witty, sympathetic life of *Ravel* (Holt). However, there are two other perfectly enchanting volumes, each in its own way. Jacques Barzun's *Pleasures of Music* (Viking) is an anthology of writings from Benvenuto Cellini to George Bernard Shaw, including stories, articles, correspondence, and such. Barzun is fascinated, and no less so may the reader be, by the art of the writing that expresses, favorably or unfavorably, a reaction to another art—music. On the other hand, Nicolas Slonimsky in his *Lexicon of Musical Invective* (Coleman-Ross) brings forward a compilation of derogatory criticism directed at the music itself, or at the composers—and sometimes, believe me, it gets terribly violent.

If your man is a record enthusiast, you have no worries. He cannot possibly own all the excellent recordings extant. Play detective, carry on subtle inquiries to find out his preferences. He may have an abiding devotion to one composer, or to one performer, or to one conductor and orchestra. Among the latter, you'll find Toscanini and the NBC Symphony, Koussevitsky and the Boston, Walter and the Philharmonic-Symphony, Monteaux and the San Francisco, Ormandy and the Philadelphia, not to mention the host of importations from Europe where things musical are flourishing brilliantly: Von Karajan and Von Beinum and other conductors whose names are new to the general public, as well as names scarcely new, including Ansermet, Beecham, Steinberg (now conducting the Pittsburgh Symphony).

Here, in any event, is a random list of suggestions—a very general one. Naturally, I have my own preferences, but you will keep in mind, I trust, that the recipient is the VIP.

SYMPHONIC WORKS

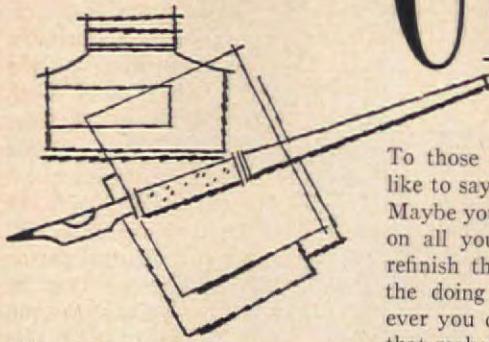
BEETHOVEN—All nine symphonies—Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony (RCA Victor). Just about the last word. Also the *Eroica*, recorded by Bruno Walter and the Philharmonic-Symphony (Columbia) is especially pleasing to me.

BERLIOZ—*Romeo and Juliet, a Dramatic Symphony*—Charles Munch and the Boston Symphony (RCA Victor). The new *orthophonic* sound—excellent.

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Off Your Chest



A NEW LIFE

Dear Mrs. Caudill:

I just sat down and cried when I read your article, "We Are Eager to Retire." All at once it cleared up so many things for my husband and me. The same idea had been swishing around in our heads for some time, but we had reached a state of confusion . . .

Thank you for your inspiring article.—MRS. E. C.

THOSE MAGAZINE PICTURES

Dear Mrs. Austin,

The homemaking magazines almost wrecked my marriage! If that shocks you, let me explain. For years I have been an eager reader of every home improvement magazine I could lay hands on. I gaze at the bright pictures of lovely rooms, gay with chintz and refined antiques that "anyone with imagination and gumption can duplicate." The trouble is, the chintz that so generously drapes an entire wall usually retails at no less than \$1.50 a yard; the antiques cost plenty, even before the expenditure of cash for paint remover, sandpaper, linseed oil, etc., and all of that beautiful sewing and refinishing takes hours and hours of work.

Well, I got married on a shoe-string back in 1940, and we've been tying knots in it ever since. I well remember our first little home and how I wanted to paint and brighten it up. I would pore over the magazines and catalogues and plan and dream—it would only cost \$15 for new linoleum rugs! At that time we were expecting our first baby, and Vic would patiently explain that we had to learn to live on his salary. . . .

Since then our family has increased to four children, and we have lived in a succession of places called home to us—in 13 years we've moved 13 times. Many places we have papered and painted and brightened up as best we could with what we had, but none ever looked like the lovely ones in the magazines. . . .

Now the reason I am writing you about my experiences is this: There must be thousands of young wives who are feeling depressed and down-hearted because there is never enough money or time or even energy to have a house like those in the pictures.

To those young housewives I would like to say: "Do not be discouraged." Maybe you'll never have bright chintz on all your furniture or be able to refinish that priceless old chest, but the doing of things together, whatever you can afford, is an experience that makes a marriage real and vital.

Meanwhile make the most of an imperfect situation and have fun as you go along. After all, the most important things to make a home are a husband and children . . . Don't give up your magazines, for they represent your dreams for the future.

—MRS. LELA OWENS

FOR MISCHIEVOUS MOLES

Gentlemen:

I've just read in your August issue T. J. Thompson's article, "Mole Control." I'm sure his method is good, but my way of getting rid of them is sure, simple, and inexpensive. I keep castor beans on hand, and when a mole begins to work in my garden, I put several beans in the runway 3 ft. or so apart and press the ridge of earth down. I grow several of the bushes that bear about a quart of seeds apiece. One warm day last February, the pests began plowing in my front yard. I planted about a dozen beans, and there hasn't been one mole there since. The plants and seed pods are beautiful, too.—MRS. P. R. BOWERS
[This strong endorsement of an old-time remedy should be accompanied by a reminder that castor beans are highly poisonous and should never be eaten—HORTICULTURAL EDITOR.]

WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING

Dear Editor:

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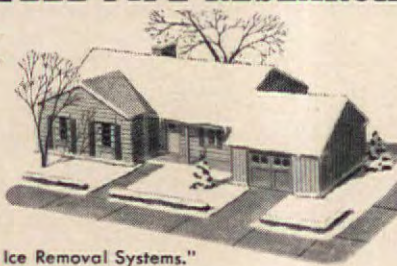
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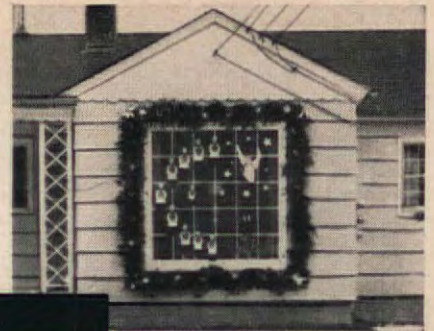
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Neighbors



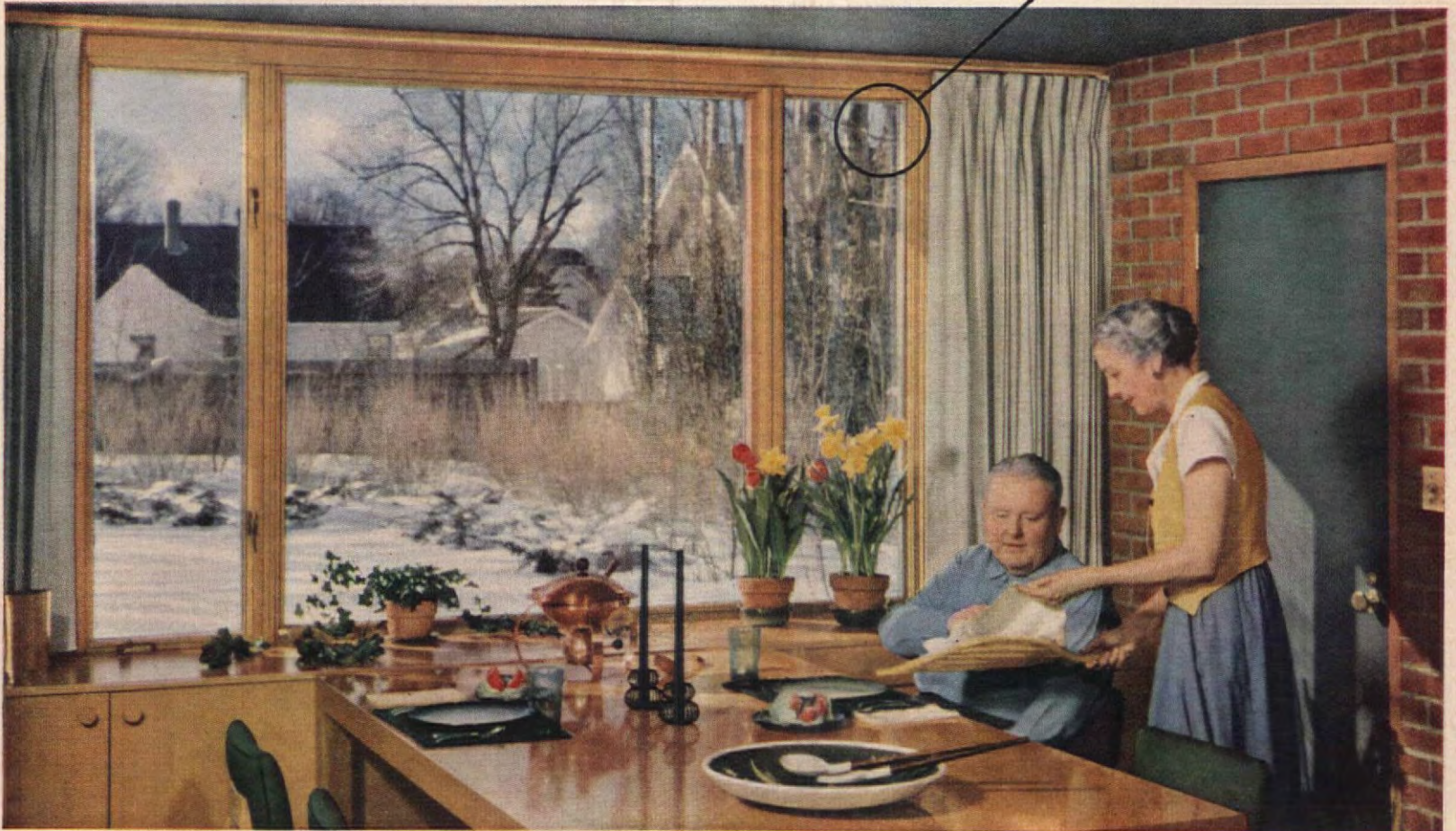
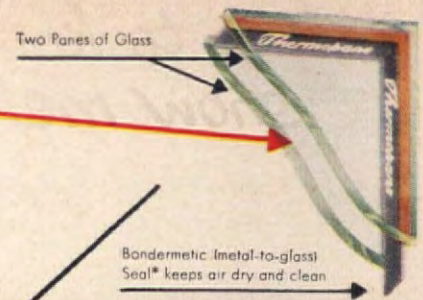
3 TIMES A WINNER

Once upon a time, as all good stories start, there were two sisters—but just for a change, and because this is a Christmas story, neither of them was wicked. Both indeed were handsome, virtuous, and clever, and both, as you shall see, were visited with suitable rewards. Their names were Terry Gradowski and Vera Scaroffini, and they lived in the nonmythical kingdom of Torrington, Connecticut. Each year Terry and Vera plotted and planned for Christmas, turning their homes into gay, almost audible greetings to passers-by. When Terry moved into her new home, both sisters were delighted by the possibilities of the huge picture window. That first Christmas they considered, and discarded, all of the ideas they'd used before—nothing seemed quite new and splendid enough. Finally they found, in the pages of AMERICAN HOME (a well-known volume of nonmystical lore) the very thing. They ordered a pattern, and Terry planned the display, while Vera, who is locally famous for her skill in such matters, carried it out. You can see the lovely results at the very top of the page. A windstorm whirled away three of the little singers, but the sisters hustled in replacements and carried off Third Prize in Torrington's annual lighting contest.

Appetites whetted, they awaited the Carnival on Wheels, a festival in honor of the donors of play areas in the city. For this event, Vera built a miniature church, deployed the choir boys around it, and stationed her daughter, eight-year-old Sandra, and Terry's ten-year-old Donald on either side of it, suitably garbed. The float won First Prize, of course! But Terry and Vera weren't ready to let those choir lads rest on their laurels. Last Christmas they trotted them out again, arranged them with Vera's church, constructed a big angel from the original pattern, and mounted the whole on and around the picture window (which was heavenly blued with tinted scouring powder). The result: another First Prize!



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We all know about necessity and invention—but the air of spendthrift, high-style gaiety found in these candy-decked packages is something you don't expect when invention is inspired by a need for economy. Yet cost-cutting was the heart of the matter at Christmas last year when Associate Editor Jeannie Willis eyed Husband Weldon over a stack of gifts and demanded: "What now?" Their wad had been shot on presents, fancy papers came high, and the Willises had a reputation for witty wrappings to uphold. Jeannie desperately suggested plain brown paper, or tissue at umpteen for a dime. Weldon balked. So Jeannie steered him to a Five and Ten to show how handsome colored tissue paper can be. On the way, they passed the candy counter . . . and the idea for these jaunty jobs, sans high-priced paper and ribbon, was born. Candies cost only pennies, are anchored by any clear household cement. Each design could set off a tissue-wrapped box, although, for reason of photographic contrast, some of the packages we show were redone in metallic paper.

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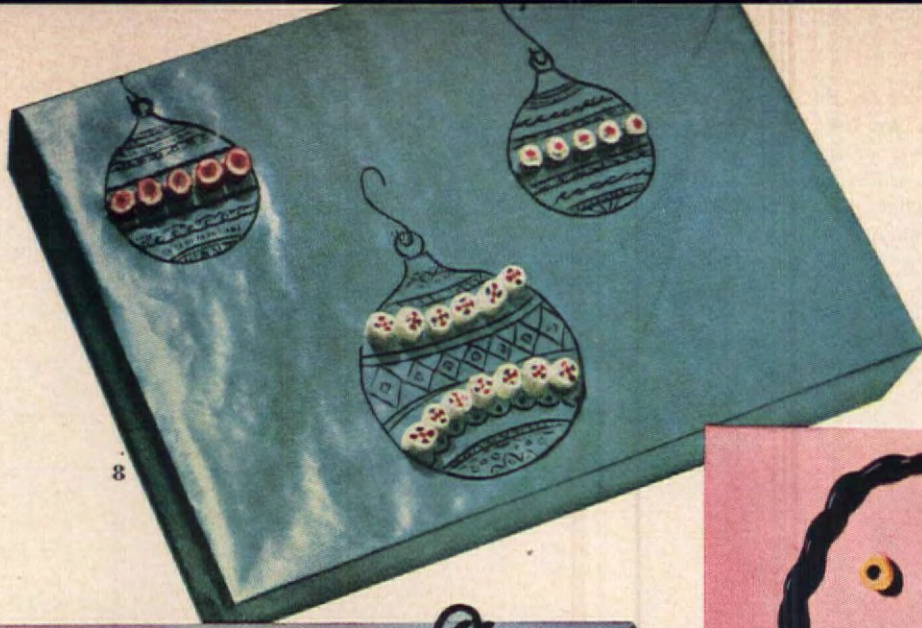
PIQUANT PACKAGES on preceding page require wit, not wealth. Striped box, tissue-wrapped, is garnished with rows of candy "pillows" and long candy sticks. Bell design, made of nonpareils, can be topped with a bow. Gleeful train will delight a small boy as much as the present within: tracks are licorice sticks; rear car and engine are nickle candy bars—licorice bits make light and smoke stack, a wired licorice stick is the "smoke"; box car, licorice-loaded, is made from four packages of Dentyne gum (half-packages make car ends). Wheels are little striped peppermints, and whole caboodle is assembled with household cement

Dandies Are Candies

(Begins on page 33)

Tissue cuts wrapping costs, candy cuts ribbon costs—and packages cut quite a figure. **1.** Della Robbia wreath: nuts and marzipan "fruit" glued to cardboard circle, ribbon-laced. Glue wreath over bow's ends. **2.** Stylized tree: licorice-stick scrolls, sparkled with cake decorations and applied to plain brown paper. Glue licorice, or pin with straight pins. **3.** Shoe box takes a half-tree outlined in licorice, dressed with candies. **4.** Dad's tie box, tailored yet titillating: wrap in gold, trim with candy cigarettes; or use red tissue paper, red-tipped "smokes." **5.** Candy canes taped under small box make a sleigh—with or without passengers. **6.** Any small box is gayer for having candy-cane candles pushed down into box. Circle of silver candies masks holes. **7.** Draw bell shape lightly with pencil; fill outline and desired designs with "red-hots," those tiny cinnamon candies, plus silver "shot." Cover sides with ribbon. Add bow. **8.** Draw Christmas balls in India ink; glue on a few rows of hard candies; complete design in ink. **9.** For a little girl, sugar and spice: hair, three strands of licorice, braided; any candies make features. **10.** Mint star, radiating silver cake "whosies"—quick and effective. **11.** Handsome boxes need no paper. Just deck the top with wrapped Charms, checkerboard style, outlined in gold cord. **12.** "Ring out the Bells"—licorice sticks, a hunk of rock candy, contrasting clappers. **13.** Balloons for a child, completely personalized, and very easy: Necco wafers, string, stickum letters. **14.** Big fish and other undersea denizens are only expensive novelty candies in this entire series. Similar effect can be achieved with fabric or wallpaper fish in a rock-candy underseas garden.

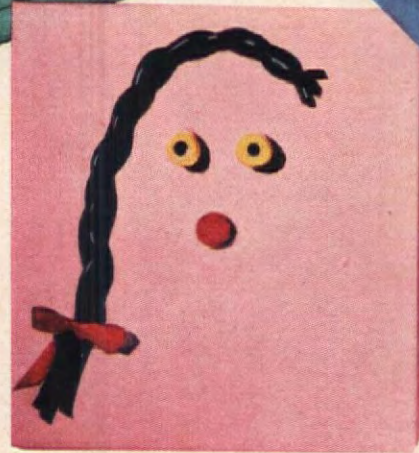




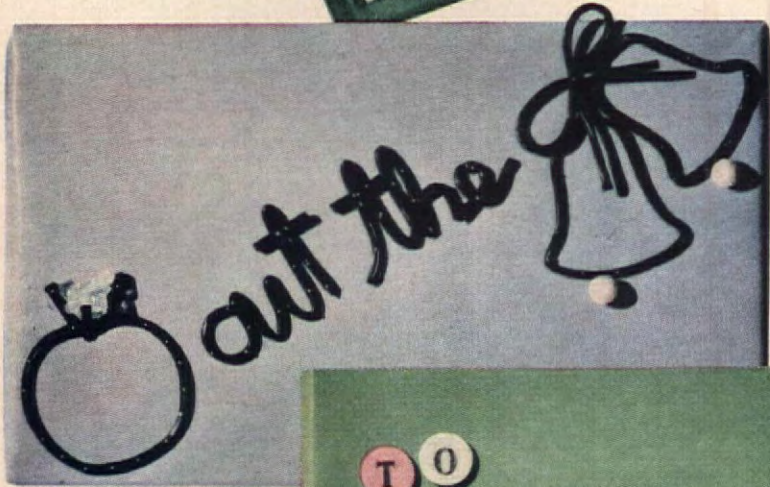
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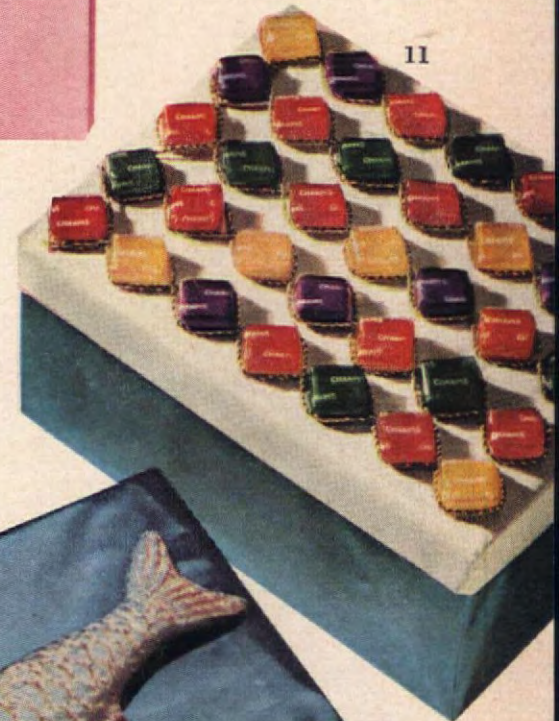
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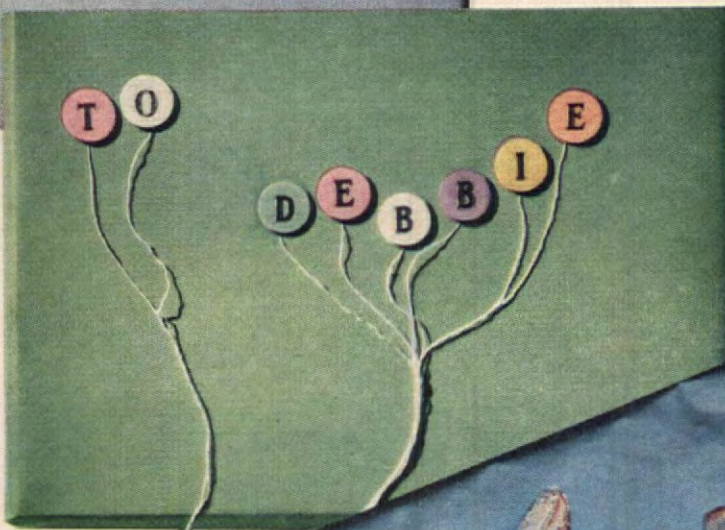
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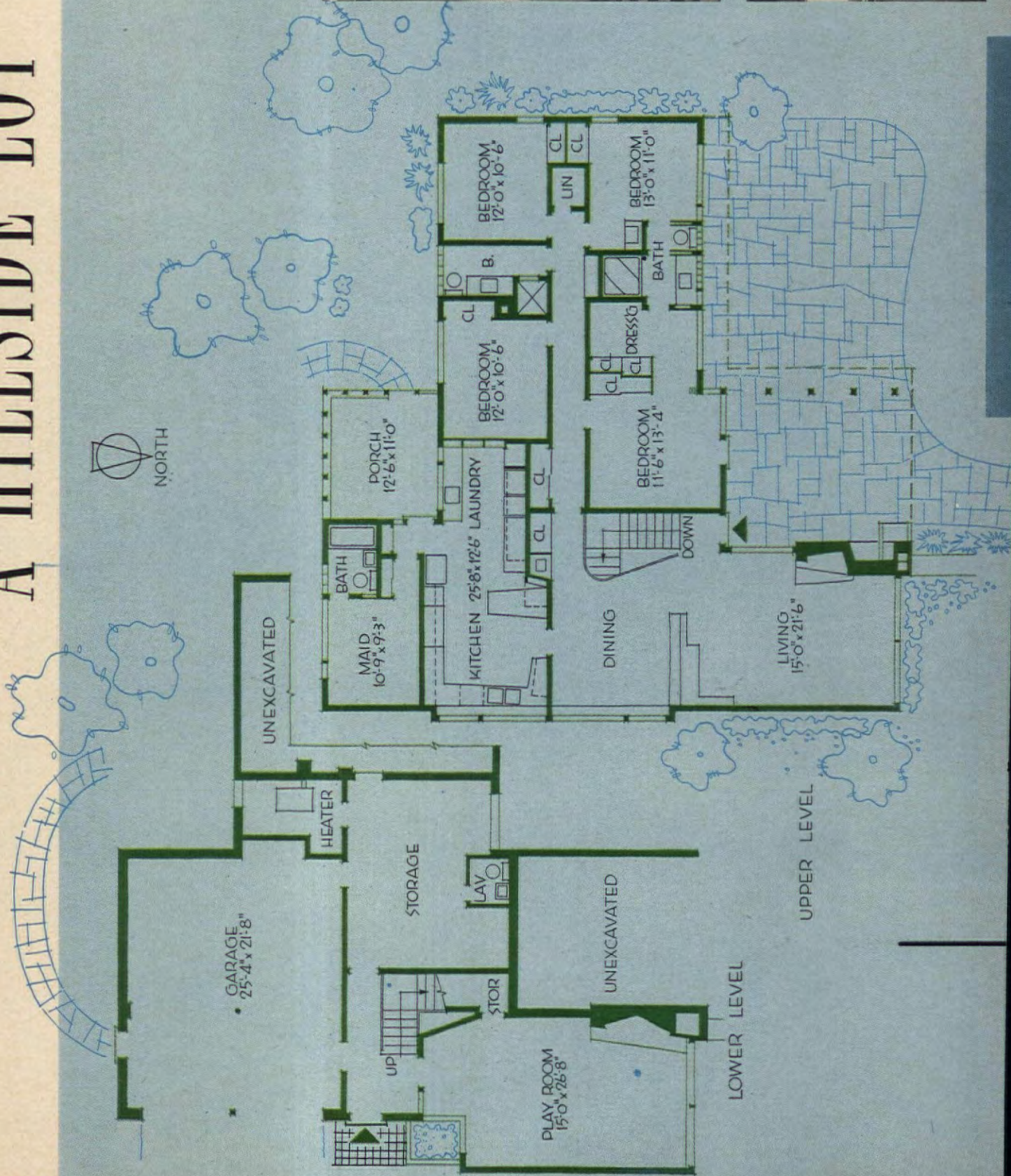
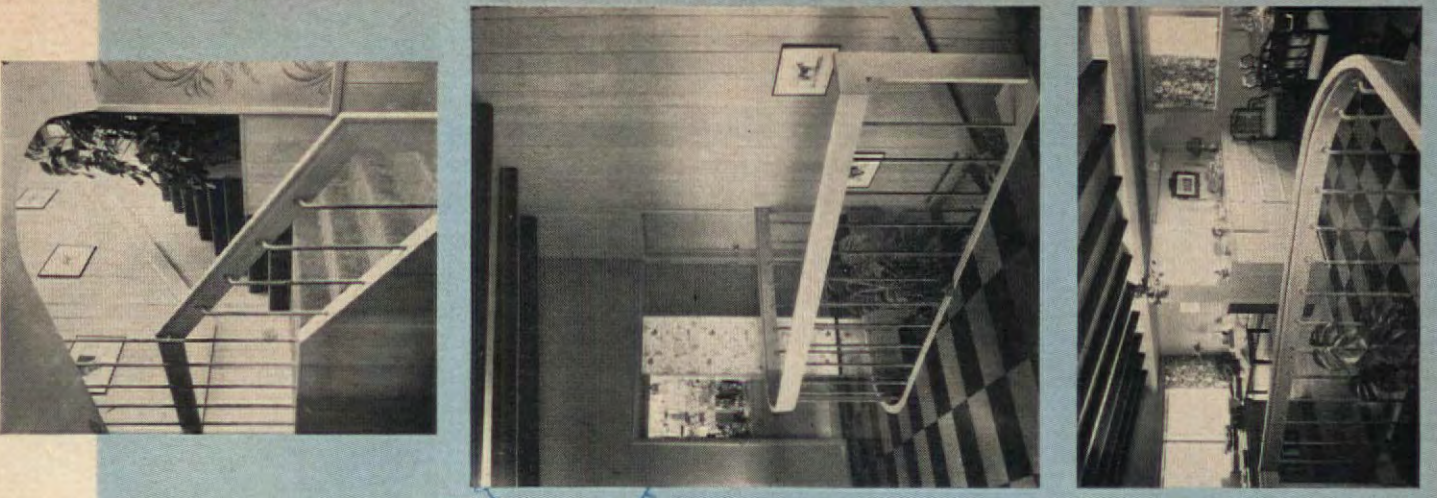


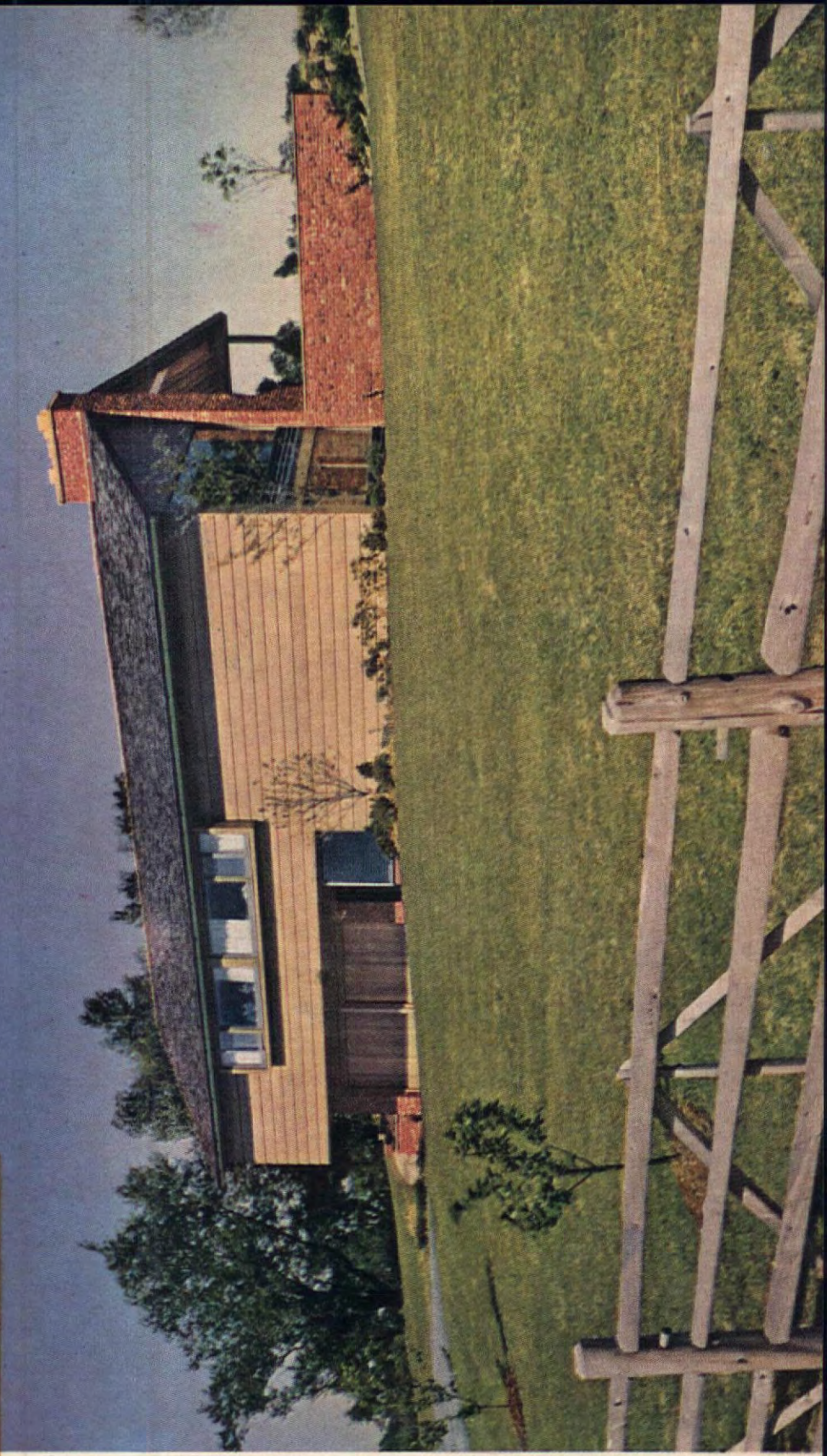
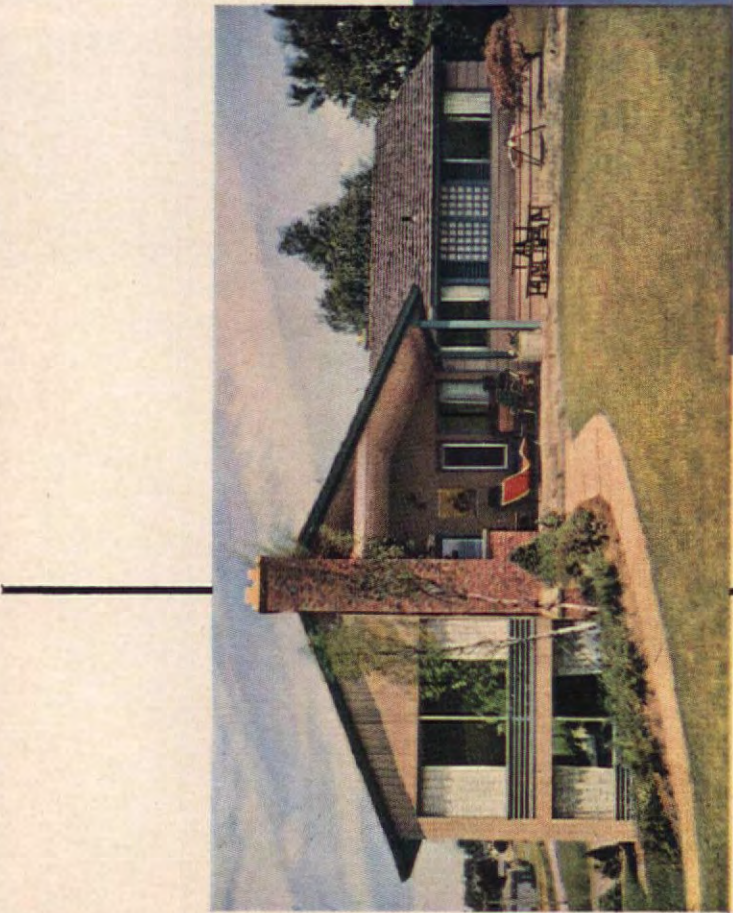
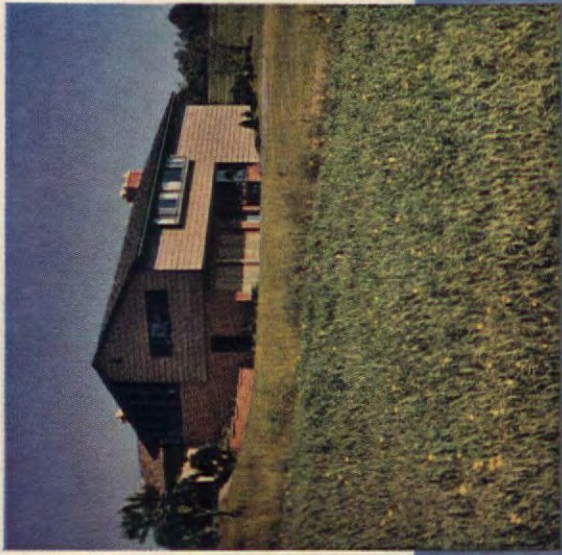
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They Have their Cake and Eat It

No important architectural innovation (O.K.—revival, if you will) has been more controversial than the living-kitchen. After all, in new homes especially, its heartwarming qualities must be paid for—in increased building costs, or in space robbed from other rooms. If it replaces a den and assembles the clan in the kitchen to give Mom the pleasure of their company, chances are Mom will never be able to work alone and like it—besides, a separate den has virtues of its own. If it replaces a dining room, the business part of the kitchen is always in sight, even when you want to dine in style.

But in the inviting and flexible arrangement you see here, Architect Hilyard Brown of Los Angeles gave his own family one of the best living, dining, eating plans to come from a designer's pen. The space an ordinary dining room would have occupied houses a comfortable three-in-one graced by an imposing corner fireplace and designed to function as dining room, den, and the living end of a kitchen. A series of doors which fold and doors which slide separates it from a long, narrow, and very attractive cooking quarters. When the doors are open, it's a living-kitchen par excellence—big, yet cozy, and pretty always. But with the wooden partition closed, the den can be just that—or it can be set up for very formal dining

at the big drop-leaf table. Even the bookcase is flexible, for it was planned to double as a server.

An architect's eye and a homemaker's exacting requirements combined to produce this well-planned suite. Notice how the fire-place wall of native stone extends clear into the kitchen to unify the spaces, and how it is topped by a continuous shelf which makes a perfect place for displays. Mark the blue slate floor which is both decorative and easy to maintain. Don't miss such fine details as the molding over the kitchen partition or the Early American butterfly hardware on the kitchen drawers. Mrs. Brown, who hates to grope, wanted drawers instead of shelves in the base cabinets, and she wanted a good outlook of her own over the kitchen sink. Her husband provided both—reason enough for marrying an architect!



OWNER-ARCHITECT: HILYARD BROWN



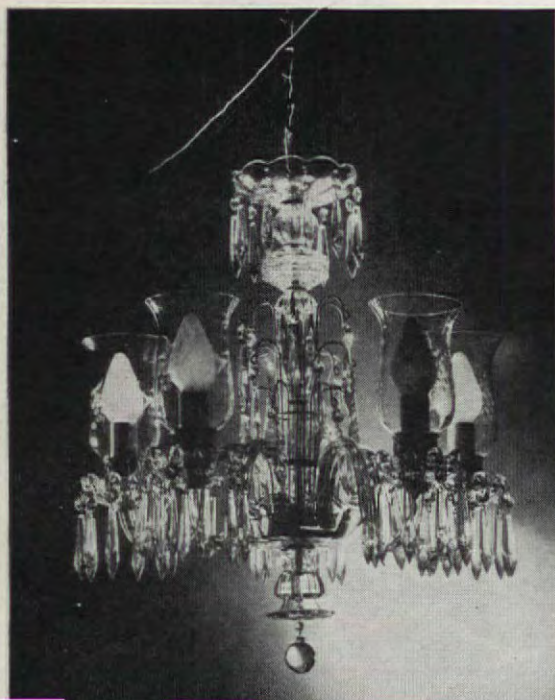
GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON



For the contemporary room, overhead lighting combines old and new materials with new and old techniques. At left, uncommonly handsome modern chandelier has three brass shells under 24-in. fiber glass dome (\$53). Above it, a cluster of five suavely shaped pierced aluminum bowls on 30-in. stem (\$110). Both come in natural or brushed finish. At right, three versions of vertically movable lighting. In largest, wrought iron frames linen-like plastic side panel, holds plastic shield with brass ring for operating. Cord reels into brass ball—not shown (\$34). Pierced metal shade (painted red, gray, or white) hangs from cord which winds into metal ball (\$35). Gleaming brass forms bell-shaped bowl. Solid brass teardrop counterweight assures absolute balance (\$109).



12 handsome versions of the chandelier—
an old favorite makes a comeback in diversified designs to fit
the mood and manner of rooms of all periods



CHANDLIER S



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For the room of distinctive decorative character, designs and materials follow the dictates of the period. Above first, jet and antique bronze form a handsome branched Empire chandelier with 21 in. spread, 28 in. high—available in other dimensions (\$160). Second, a Colonial charmer—base, arms, and scalloped shade of polished or weathered brass, natural or antique copper. 18 in. wide, 40 in. long (\$20). Third, pierced gallery on 17-in.-long shade adds a final note of authenticity to tole Provincial design. Its gilt decoration is hand-applied on any of seven colors (\$60). At right, jewel-toned elegance for any elegant room. Exquisite, too, is the workmanship—design is cut through opal overlay on green or rose crystal, then polished with wood; jewel drops, prisms hand-cut and polished. This has 23 in. spread, is 28 in. high (\$325) but design is alterable.

For the traditional room, designs and materials hew to the line or make a venturesome departure. Opposite page, far left: molded crystal sections and polished prisms combine with dull, chrome-plated steel in approved traditional manner. 20 in. spread, 22 in. high (\$65). Center: metal, skillfully worked in filigree, painted white, achieves great flair. Like so many of today's designs, it's adaptable for many periods. 20 in. wide, 36 in. high (\$42). Intricately swirled and spiraled brass arms in ormolu finish give suspended-in-air look to ornate chandelier. Jewels and prisms of hand-cut, wood-polished lead crystal hang unusually close together to define the lines. 23½ in. spread, body 21½ in. high (\$315).

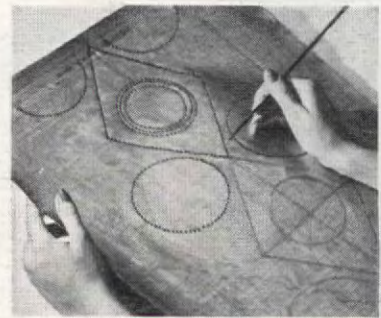


ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE



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Can you guess what the pretty girl is cutting? Give up? Well, it's copper-clad building paper, and the man at the lumber yard is still trying to figure out what she wanted a roll of it for! For years, he's been selling it to builders and contractors for use as flashing around roofs and chimneys, or over doors and windows—but this gal doesn't look like a contractor. Actually, she's using the stuff for strictly decorative projects around her home, and the very handsome end products (see page 84) which result from this brand-new use for a familiar material would make it a good find of the month—any month. But it's especially welcome in a season when metal accessories, metal wall trim, and even glimmering metal panels on tables and chests are all top news.



You'll find, as we did, that this material is easy to work without special tools, and easy to fold by hand. You see, it's a thin sheet of copper—real copper—bonded to a very tough paper. You can cut it with ordinary scissors, or with a knife, and you can fasten it to a solid base with a good mastic (linoleum cement, for example) or with copper tacks or rivets. Since the paper backing is resilient as well as tough, the copper may be tooled to some degree, or a design punched into it. It comes in several weights, but the lightest is adequate for most decorative jobs. Widths range from 6 to 60 in., each roll is 120 lin. ft., and costs under \$12 per 100 sq. ft. of the lightest. To keep bright, polish with metal cleaner, wipe with nonflammable cleaning fluid, and give it a coat of lacquer.

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Find of the Month



Our Own Bill Lanyon Did It!

DORIS BRIAN

Bill Lanyon of our Art Department is a guy who not only works on *AMERICAN HOME*, but reads it as well. And not only does he read it, but he also follows the suggestions found on its pages. What's more, in so doing, he came up with some fresh do-it-yourself ideas, brand-new to our editors—and proudly presented herewith.

"Good antiques needn't cost a fortune"—we've said it repeatedly. So Bill and his pretty bride, Prudy, taking our hint, hied themselves to Connecticut, and came back with what *might* be called "lucky finds." But finding them wasn't pure luck at all, for the Lanyons used their eyes and their wits to discover possibilities hidden under coats of peeled paint and battered finish. As a result, they have a beautiful drop-leaf table, an exquisite candle table (museum quality), a useful dry sink, and a coffee table made by Bill from an old wagon seat. This furniture was the nucleus of their first small apartment, and also sets the tone of their second home—the one we show here. But now that Billy III, eight months of age, demands room for expansion, the Lanyons will move again—and when they do, their beloved, but not bank-busting, antiques will once more be the decorative center of interest.

"Make it yourself," we advise—and tell how. And so the antiques, a bed, and some rugs were the only things that the young Lanyons bought. The rest of the furniture, the accessories, even the valances, were made by Bill in the basement of their apartment house, without the aid of power tools, or even a miter box. The first thing he tried was a hutch cabinet, and, like a beginner, he started with the doors and played it by ear from there on. The result (page 44) is surprisingly successful—but after that, Bill worked from more complete plans! He concocted a fine dining table from a plywood circle and the sturdy, three-legged cast-iron stand of a drawing board. Because he saw no reason why good modern couldn't blend well with Early American, given the

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Bill built this Furniture



"Use your imagination," say we—so Bill hung some brick-patterned paper to turn a tiny windowless foyer into an attractive dining area. Cast-iron drawing-board base, painted to match Hitchcock chairs, supports a plywood table top—and can support a top twice as large. "Pictures" comprise two magazine covers, one original Lanyon painting—all in frames made by Bill

Hutch at left is first piece of furniture Bill constructed to go with their Early American antiques. It was made in an apartment-house basement, without the aid of power tools or other fancy equipment. Refinements are wallpaper lining, bamboo sliding curtain which partially screens lower shelf, and checkerboard chest top, made by quartering rubber floor tiles

He designed and made modern for the den bedrooms

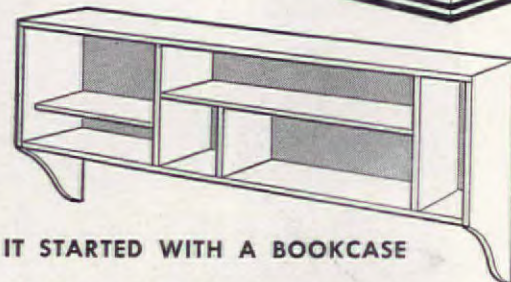
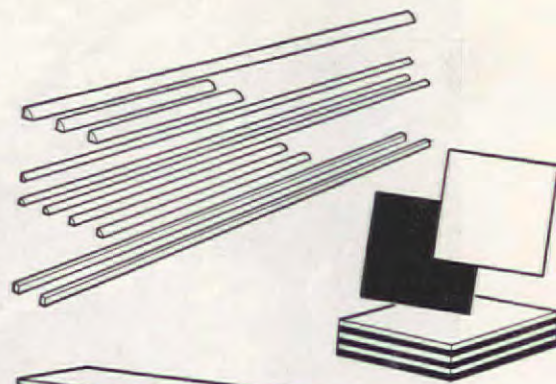


When the Lanyons were first married, they moved into one-and-a-half rooms in town, furnished them in Early American. Their second apartment, which they now occupy, boasted one bedroom, part of which was fixed up as a sleek modern den with furniture Bill constructed. Very handsome and trim and good to look upon it was—that is, until the gear garnered for infant Billy III changed the room's character entirely. To get more space for themselves and for Billy, the Lanyons will be on the move again, and they have some very special uses in mind for these benches and bookcases we took out of their bedroom to photograph

Bill designed his own very sophisticated benches and bookcases, and constructed them without too much trouble, for they consist of simple, four-square boxes, and slabs of wood mounted on iron legs. The trick was to make compartments for magazines and books of various sizes, and to assemble the units in pleasing arrangements. In their next home, one bookcase may make a dining-room buffet, a bench may support a TV. Such ingenious pieces always have a promising future if they are simple, and if, like these, they have a light finish which can be darkened later on

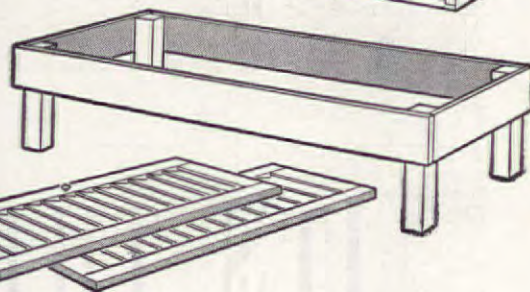
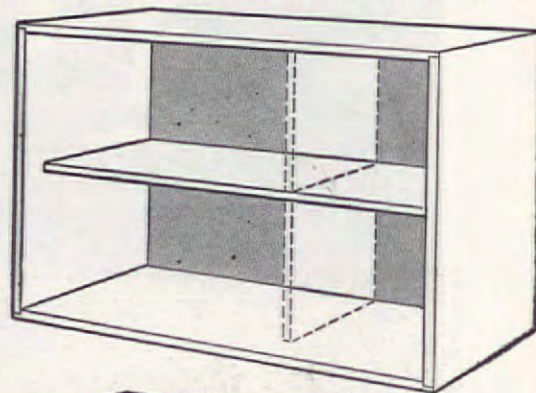


and Bill made himself a bar



IT STARTED WITH A BOOKCASE

The bar started with an unpainted, ready-made bookcase Bill saw on a page of *AMERICAN HOME*. He cut back the shelf to accommodate sliding doors made from shutters, (they slide on tracks made from molding). He added a vertical interior partition, then mounted the case on a homemade base. Checkerboard top, like that of the hutch, is rubber floor tile, cut to smaller size, and framed by molding. When Bill designed the hanging cabinet, filled with things good to eat and to look at, he combined modern shelf arrangements with shaped brackets to harmonize with his Early American pieces



proper conditions for such a mixture, Bill built practical, versatile, and very attractive modern bookcases and benches for the den end of their bedroom, and saw to it that each one could assume an entirely different role, if need be, in a future home.

"Make something of it!" we cry. So Bill took a ready-made bookcase, then went off to a lumber yard to buy ready-made shutters, some board, and a few dozen feet of molding with which to turn said bookcase into the useful bar shown above—modern in flavor, but finished to harmonize with Early American woods.

"Give yourself a good outlook," we council. And so Bill managed the window treatments very cleverly. Because he wanted shaped valances of a type he couldn't find ready-made (and lacked the tools with which to make them himself from hard wood), he used cedar house siding, which cuts just like butter—and he found himself almost in business, making similar valances for neighbors. The tidy curtains were Prudy's handiwork, and very gay they look, made from a fabric she discovered in the pages of guess-what magazine.

"Do it yourself" is our slogan. So Bill did his own painting, and

when some wallpapers illustrated in *A.H.* seemed to reach out and grab him, he bought a few rolls, and put them up to turn a small foyer into a "dining terrace" with "brick" walls, and to lend individuality to a small kitchen. It goes without saying, of course, that such do-it-yourselfers took their battered antiques and, following our directions, reupholstered, repaired, and refinished them.

"Use your head to deck your house." We may not have said it in so many words, but the Lanyons got the idea, so their accessories are very un-standard, and the eye always finds something good to light upon in their home. When old magazines failed to yield up excellent prints for one wall, Bill tried trivets framed in a shadow box of his own making, and an elegant French breadbasket, in the round, is used as a fine bedroom "picture." Their lamps, planters, and trays, you may be sure, are not the store-bought variety, either.

"Build it yourself," we suggest, with reservations. But it would not surprise us in the least to publish, a few years hence, an *AMERICAN HOME* Blueprint House, constructed, decorated, and expertly turned out entirely by the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lanyon.



IT'S THE PRETTIEST HOUSE

To me, as a constant passer-by, this had always seemed the prettiest house in our town—and that was only taking it at face value, before I learned what sound sense this blond beauty possesses. Actually, the most impressive thing about it is the way in which it combines Colonial charm with practical modern ideas about privacy and outdoor living, for, though a formal façade is presented to the street, the house rambles on the garden side from terrace to patio to porch, enjoying it all through wide windows. Professor F. A. Comstock of Princeton's Department of Architecture designed it for a family who love old things, but were, at the same time, captivated by the Comstock practice of blending traditional elegance with slick kitchens, modern storage walls, and good built-ins.

At first glance, it doesn't seem possible, but eight rooms are tucked away behind that miniature façade—and not small ones, either, for they include a 29-ft. living room overlooking patio and garden. Two bedrooms and a bath for the children are one flight

up, while below there's a family sitting room (page 50), ideal when the program includes the youthful pounding of an old piano or the broiling of steaks at a Franklin stove. That room, by the way, began as a barren basement, and thanks to the owner, a helper, and a pile of bricks, became a second living room.

The low wing you see at the rear houses the master suite, its bath designed to double as the downstairs powder room. The bedroom, garden-side, isn't large, but it's quiet, and the generous dressing room, lined with built-ins for everything, permits an early riser to catch the morning train without ever disturbing anyone else.

For their new house, the owners chose an old setting—four acres of lawn and woods from a once-large estate. The house was designed to fit snugly between a magnificent old pine and a rare Japanese cherry tree. The valuable box, yew, and the small trees that now nestle around it, were neither there to begin with nor bought for the spot—they were moved, by degrees, from other parts



It looks Colonial—but its plan and concept are contemporary. It looks small from the front—but it has eight large rooms. It looks like a pretty house—and it's also smart and sophisticated. Designed by a distinguished architect, it proves that a house which appears to be traditional can behave in a very modern manner

Behind the trim façade, the real living takes place at the rear of the house, overlooking the garden. Only kitchen and dressing-room windows face the street. Large windows of all other rooms take in the private view. Landscaping was done by the owner with materials transplanted from other parts of his property. He also built the flagstone terrace and landscaped it with colorful, easy-to-care-for potted plants



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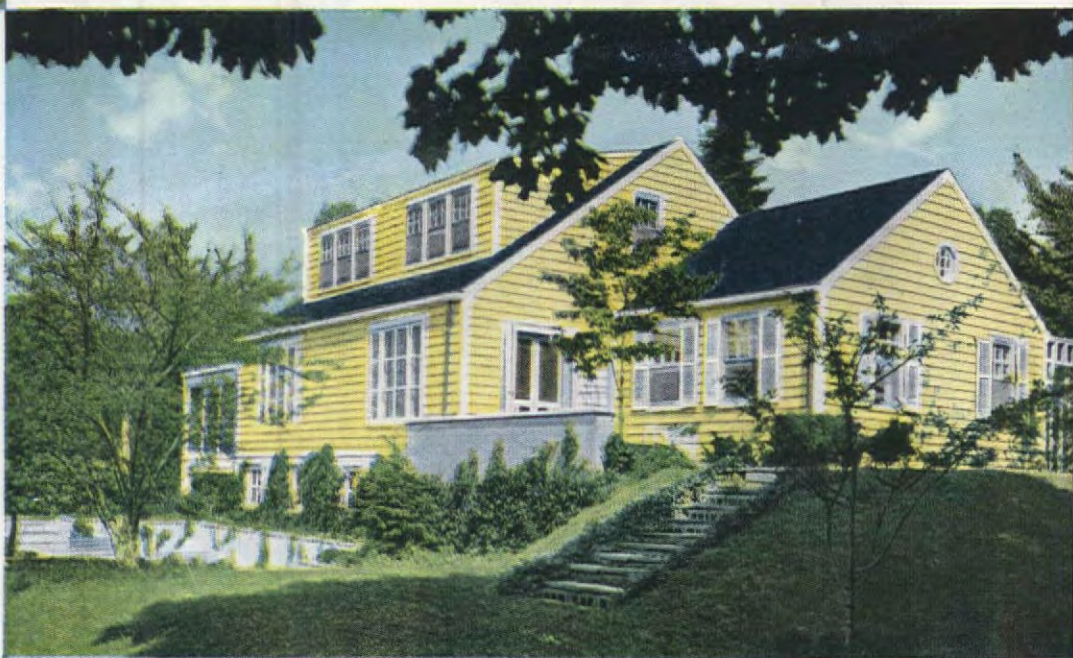
BARBARA HART

of the property. All of the landscaping was planned and most of it executed by the enterprising owners themselves with outstanding success. And what a joy to have good-sized trees and shrubs from the start!

Trading his garden trowel for a mason's, the husband next constructed the patio—a "weekend" project that took weeks with brick and mortar, and required assistance from a hired helper. But isn't it lovely now? Potted plants set on the flagstone floor can be rearranged for variety, and they provide luxuriant effect for a minimum of effort. A few cutting beds and roses and vines climbing the white-washed brick walls are all that need much tending.

Now, before we go inside to see the gracious kind of living for which this house was built, note the excellent design of the doorway, and such details as the

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ARCHITECT: F. A. COMSTOCK



Prettiest House (Begins on page 46)

window boxes of wrought iron knobbed with brass, all copied from some engaging old ones in Philadelphia. They are a hint of what's to come.

Interiors such as these take planning from the start. Architect Comstock provided a dramatic living room with wide windows, good built-ins, and a mantel from an old Virginia home. Once covered with dark paint, but now scraped and waxed, its fine wood and lovely carving made it a distinguished addition to the room. Then the owners took over. They had some luck at auctions, and their most recent reward is the oval-backed desk chair of fruitwood and leather. Very "Versailles" is the dining-room mirror-wall made from an old screen picked up at another auction, and the fine French fruitwood dining table and chairs are the happy result of a careful search among importers, cabinet makers, and refinishers to achieve just the right effect.

The lady of the house, acting as her own decorator, is a connoisseur of color and arrangement. In the living room, brilliant

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Decorating story is heartening—the ingredients: good space, excellent taste, a handful of family heirlooms, antiques knowingly acquired at auction, modern things where modern was best. All are beautifully blended in a formal, yet warmly inviting living room (left). Coffee tables are a clever answer to traditionalists who bemoan the fact that there's no such thing as an antique coffee table—the one in front of the sofa was made from an old French flower stand—and its legs were copied for the oversized table serving both sides of the fireplace

Elegant dining room would be at home in a French Château—but it started as a dining porch. Auction-bought mirror-screen doubles its apparent size. Silver sconce was designed to blend with heirloom English silver. Linoleum-tile floor, very practical, has a French accent. Lemon-yellow wall is parted around bay window before which flutter curtains of sheerest embroidered organdy. Chairs and tables are French antiques, the latter made of fruitwood and finished in a tone the French call "marron." Small chests are Canadian French Provincial, embellished with a flourish of good French hardware



Prettiest House

(Begins on page 46)

Chinese prints hang beside the gilt-framed mirror above an old cherry table, while a Victorian bureau, minus its mirror, just fits in the corner beyond. Background colors are jewel-toned—pale jade walls and woodwork, coral curtains of antique satin, and a pearl gray rug. Upholstery fabrics of delicate floral patterns and muted herringbone are balanced by the burst of sunbeam yellow on the big wing chair.

The game corner of the living room is furnished around an old French backgammon table of exquisite inlay that you see set up for action. It is flanked by a pair of Hitchcock chairs, and in the corner stands an old pine chest acquired from a country cabinet maker and now housing a small collection of Staffordshire and other fragile bibelots. This arrangement makes a pretty picture reflected in the large mirror on the opposite wall. Such aristocratic antiques add to the elegant distinction of the room, yet they are informally arranged for a casual effect.

As you glance from the French, English, and Early American antiques to the modern sofas and chairs that so harmoniously share the living room, you realize that these furnishings show a discrimination of selection that is in no way fortuitous. Though they were accumulated over the years, no pieces are overly large, no one piece dominates the room. Nothing is out of scale. Skillful arrangement plays its role in highlighting the most unusual, and in minimizing the few things which are primarily utilitarian. Here is a room to enjoy, to converse in, to read in, to delight in alone or with friends gathered round—a room that is also a genuine work of art.

For a different kind of living, inviting hearty relaxation, there's that "cozy room" downstairs, furnished with plenty of enviable antiques of its own, as a glimpse at the painted woodbox and the marble-topped stove quickly tells you. But the antiques here are of a more durable variety, and the room is blessed with its own outside entrance to the patio so both may be used in combination for all sorts of entertaining. The central attraction is always the Franklin stove which can be put to many uses as the utensils beside it testify. Here is another ingenious blending of the decorative and the practical, the principle on which this house was planned, and for which its architect, Professor Comstock, is noted.

Incidentally, the Professor practices what he preaches, spending his winters in a very modern house furnished with antiques, while his summer home is an eighteenth-century beauty to which he has added a new wing of Comstock conveniences. So, for himself and for others, he has perfected the art of mingling past and present, using only the best of both.



A generation ago, aristocratic antiques like these might well have been preserved just to look at. But above we see an heirloom backgammon table ready for play in an inviting arrangement. Hitchcock chairs and pine cupboard complete the grouping

Parents and children can enjoy each other's company without concern for damage to delicate fabrics and fine woods when they gather in the "cozy room," downstairs. But there's no lowering of standards, as this room, too, is furnished in antiques—sturdy ones. Bricking was the work of the owner who also delights in searching for such objects as the tiny brass figure hooks from which ornamental utensils are suspended



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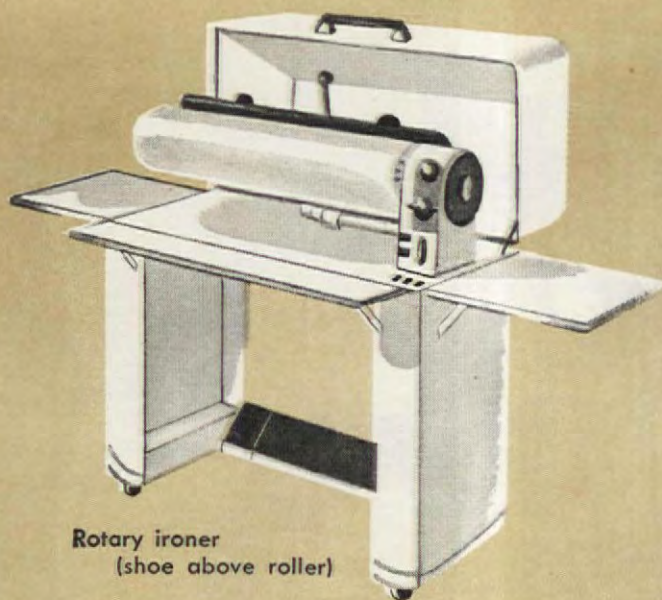
When you go South~



Searching for "plant ghosts" to use in winter flower arrangements is a pleasant and profitable outdoor sport wherever you may be. But the Southland is especially rich in such material, whether the region be subtropical Florida or the desert country of the Southwest. There the term "plant ghost" is applied to the dried stalk and other parts left when a plant dies, and which, in arid sections, stand unchanged for months. Specifically, it refers to the sort of thing pictured on page 93, but it is no less appropriate for the thistles, palm inflorescences, corn tassels, and dried cecropia or snakewood-tree leaves shown above. Both arrangements, made for us by Betty Merriam, exemplify ideas and directions presented in an article sent from southern California by Lillian E. Miles together with an intriguing collection of

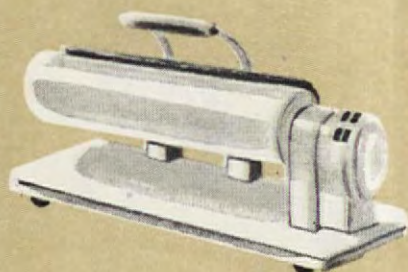
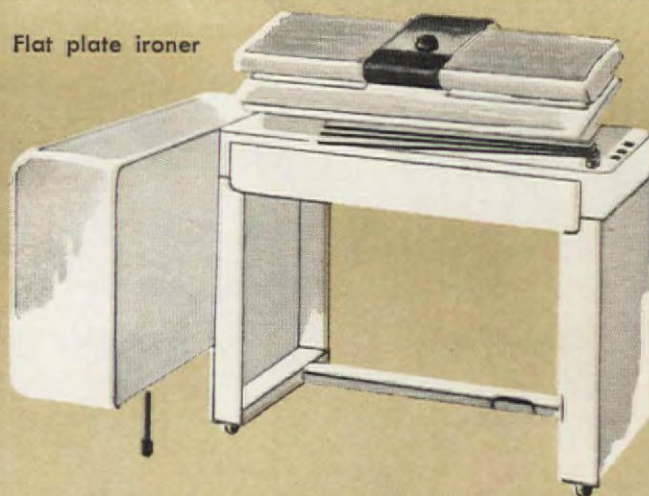
desert plant material gathered by her. To quote from her article: "If your household is overtaken by a time when summer flowers have faded and suitable bouquets for table and mantel are available only at exorbitant prices, why not make a plant-ghost arrangement, using materials that are all about you? Interesting and even beautiful in themselves, many of the "ghosts" combine with any growing plants or blooms you may have; but an all-dried bouquet, besides being decorative and unusual, means less time spent in caring for cut flowers. You can start in early fall, summer, or even spring to lay in a store of material for late fall assembly, waiting merely until the plant or flower matures and loses its green succulence, but not until it is rain- and wind-beaten and bedraggled. Store each kind in its own box (correctly labeled

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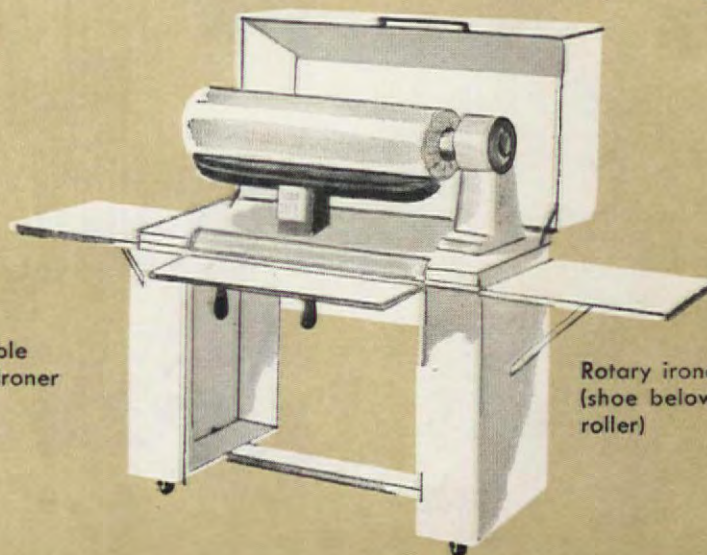


Rotary ironer
(shoe above roller)

Flat plate ironer



Portable
Ironer



Rotary ironer
(shoe below
roller)



EDITH RAMSAY

Automatic IRONERS:

If all home ironing were done by the gents, every home laundry would boast an automatic ironer! As it is, ironers run a poor third to washers and dryers—and it doesn't make sense. Thanks to washers and dryers, the heavy things which used to go out in many households can now be washed and dried quickly at home, at a great saving in cash and in wear and tear on your washables. But unless an ironer finishes them up smartly and quickly, the wear and tear of hand ironing the flat pieces, and Pop's shirts, and little Sue's dresses will be on milady!

Look at the figures. According to the American Home

Laundry Mfrs.' Association, the automatic ironing of all washables for the average family of four takes 36 eight-hour days a year less than hand ironing—seven office weeks! In our test laundry, it took five and a half minutes to hand-iron a sheet against two and a half with an ironer. But *time* isn't the half of it. It's lifting that heavy hand iron that takes it out of your hide, causes swollen feet, backaches, varicose veins, deadly fatigue.

But with an automatic, you just sit on a stool and deftly steer your laundry through the machine. When the ironing is so pleasant and so easy, you'll find yourself really using your washer and dryer for all they are worth. You can't really appreciate the job an ironer can do for your possessions, and for yourself, until you've tried one. So by all means, get a demonstration. And don't just watch the demonstrator—try the thing yourself.

So now, which type for you? A portable or a wheel-about

folding model (not illustrated) if you're an apartment dweller—a heavy-duty cabinet type if you can possibly have one. If your space is at a premium, some models come in wooden cabinets which look well in living or dining rooms. In addition to the types shown above, there are pull-up-and-out models in cabinets which look like the other cabinets in your kitchen.

There are flat-plate types and rotary types, and we, who have used them repeatedly, find both types excellent. It's just a matter of personal preference—try both. All ironers have thermostats you regulate to suit the fabric you're working on, and some have two thermostats so that you need heat only half of the ironer when you're doing small things.

Rotary Ironers are of two types: in one, articles being ironed pass under the roller; in the other, they pass over the roller. Again, it's a matter of personal preference. Just touch a control, and the padded revolving roller is brought into contact with a heated metal shoe, and—whiz!—goes the ironing. There is a pressing action which lets you apply heat to one spot for as long as is necessary. And there is always a safety release.

Flat-Plate Ironers have a padded surface (called a buck) similar to an ironing board. Here the material to be ironed is spread. Above the buck is a heated shoe, and ironing starts when the shoe is lowered onto the padded surface.

Extras: By and large, the price of the big babies depends upon their deluxe features. Some such, all worth having, include: telescoping clothes bars to hang clothes upon; table extension leaves for added space; cord compartments; ruffler plates for ironing small ruffles and gathers; pilot lights; locking casters.

Which one for you

Once you own that wonderful ironer—don't leap before you look! Remember how awful it was when you first leaned over an ironing board trying to capture that first elusive pleat or to remove a stubborn wrinkle? By hand, such jobs need skill, and you need some skill, too, before you do dainty little dresses and fine men's shirts on an ironer. A store demonstration and the excellent instruction book which comes with your ironer can teach all you need to know. But you're away ahead of the game if you also have a home demonstration. Your dealer, or your local utility company, will gladly send over a home economist, for free, and she will instruct you thoroughly in the *correct* use of your ironer, how it controls work, and the best techniques for ironing laundry and pressing your suits and the like. She'll start you off on flat pieces, but in no time at all, you'll find your ironer doing the entire laundry, smooth as silk.

THEY DO MORE THAN YOUR LAUNDRY

Don't waste an ironer's talents on the weekly wash only. Here are other things it does well:

- Presses suits, trousers, or shorts. (Make Pop do 'em!)
- Pleats your skirts. Hold pleats in place with straight pins stuck into the padding.
- Revives tired neckties. Put a wet bath towel between shoe and roller or buck until steam starts appearing. Put tie on towel and brush lightly—don't put shoe down.
- Refreshes velvets and corduroy. Same procedure as for ties.
- Removes shine from serge or other hard fabrics. Use steam method above, but dip towel in vinegar.
- Use it to apply stick-on mending tape, name tape, and patches.
- Rescue costly gift wrappings and ribbons for future use.

TIPS ON TECHNIQUES

- *Plan your ironing:* Sorting makes all ironing easier. Do flimsy, quickly dried things while the ironer warms up. Then do the

heavies. Often, two or three lightweight things can be put through the ironer at one time, one on top of the other.

- *Sit down comfortably* off your feet on a chair of the right height, and iron by the simple process of guiding your things through the ironer, piece by piece.

- *Use less starch and dampen clothes less* when you iron with an ironer. This is a slight modification from hand ironing.

- *Adjust thermostat settings* for the type of fabric you're ironing. Ironers do well by all fabrics.

- *Keep a damp sponge near at hand* to dampen material that becomes too dry to iron nicely.

- *Smooth and straighten the material* on the ironing surface

before starting to iron, stroking with both hands from the center outward. Never pull or tug at the edges or corners.

- *Start at the selvage edge* when ironing large, flat pieces.

- *Iron with the weave* whenever possible . . . hem first. There'll be no sagging curtains or bulging tablecloths if you iron this way.

- *Iron each section dry as you go.* This saves extra handling and mussing. Use the press control which stops the roller, when it is necessary to dry the material.

- *If material begins to wrinkle,* release shoe, straighten material—and then continue.

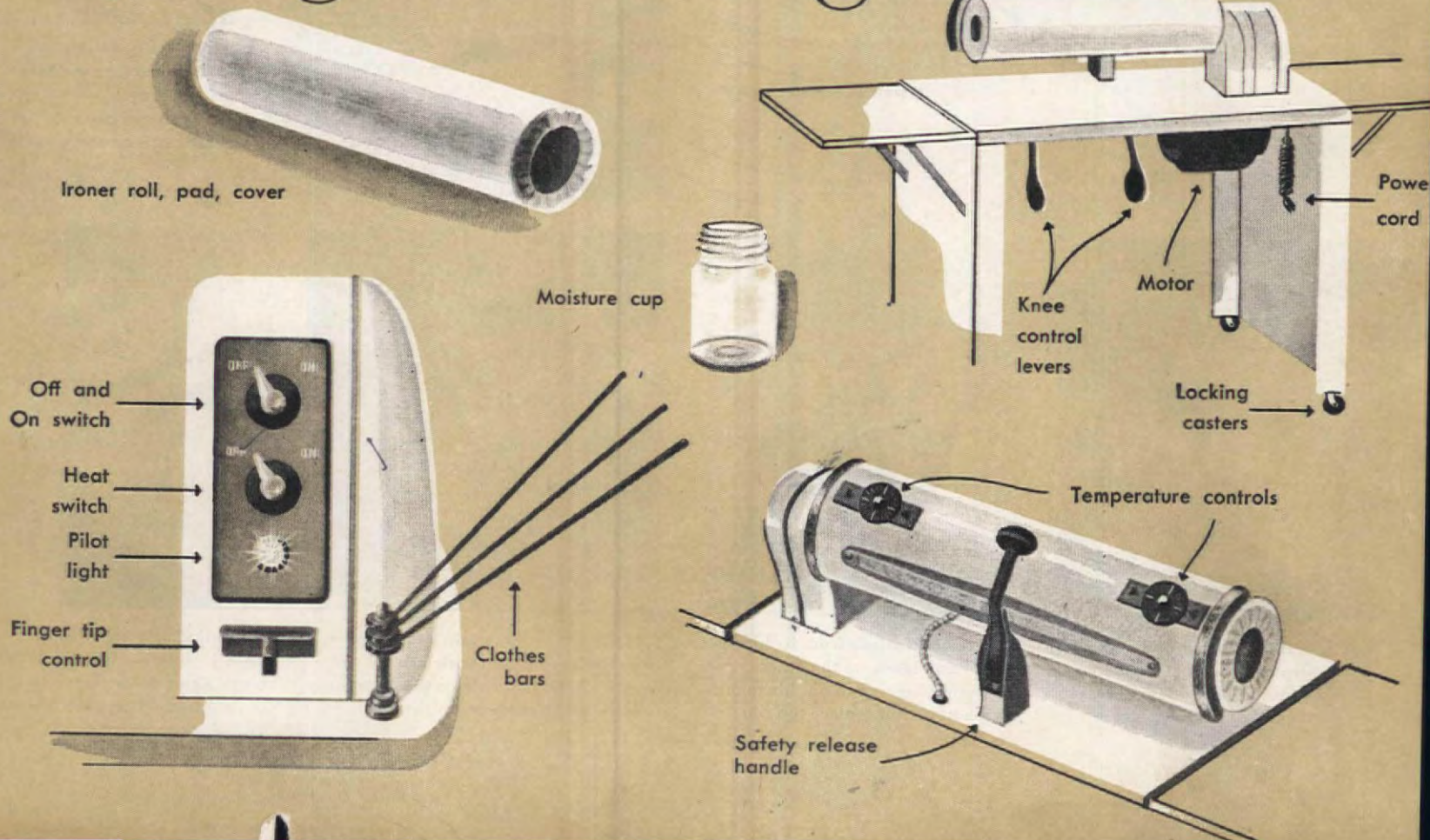
- *For intricate pieces,* experiment as you would with hand ironing. For example, if it's a shirt or dress, find the shoulder seam which leads to the flat part of the garment, place it on the ironing surface, and iron as far as you can iron flat. Then stop and rearrange. It is really just as simple as that!

- *Follow through with careful folding and storing.* Giving your ironing a professional look is not only an art but a satisfaction. But the final test of skill is to fold your things *without* putting the wrinkles back into them! The best way to fold is to observe, on something new, just how the manufacturer folded it for delivery to the store, or how the store folded it for delivery to you

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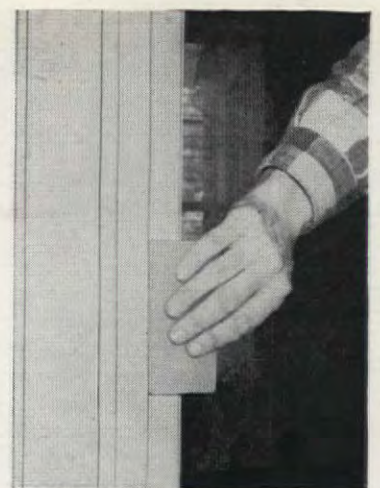


How to Make Doors Behave

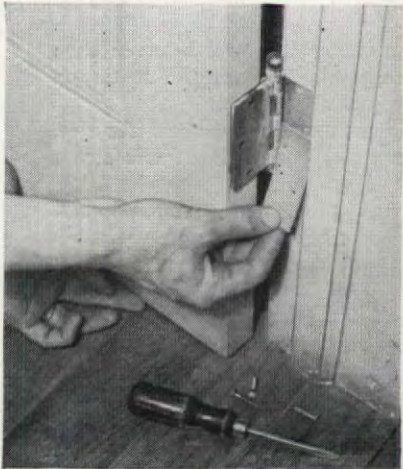
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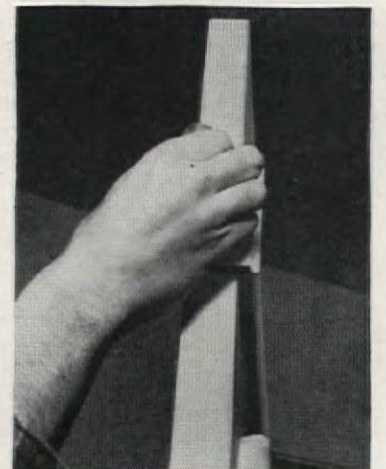
1. If door sticks, check hinges for loose screws. If screws won't hold, glue wood plugs in holes, or fill with plastic wood, let dry thoroughly



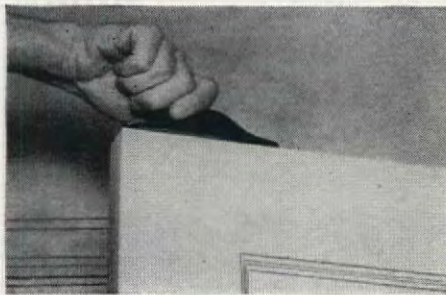
2. When dry, put wedge under door, reset longer screws. If door rubs frame lightly, rub paraffin block along surfaces where friction occurs



3. If door binds at bottom, shim out bottom hinge with bit of cardboard. Loosen hinge screw on wall side, insert shim behind hinge, replace screw



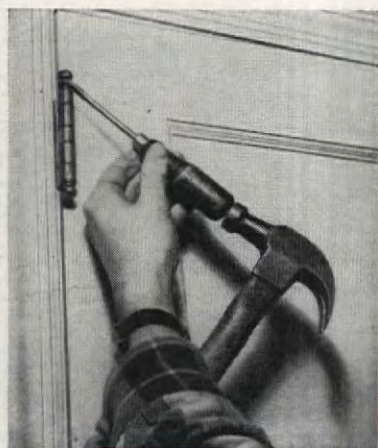
4. If hinges are tight but door sticks on latch side, sand spot where binding occurs, using medium-coarse sandpaper, then fine



5. Sticking at top may be due to failure of paint there to prevent moisture absorption. Remove excess wood with plane, working in direction of wood grain. Paint exposed wood



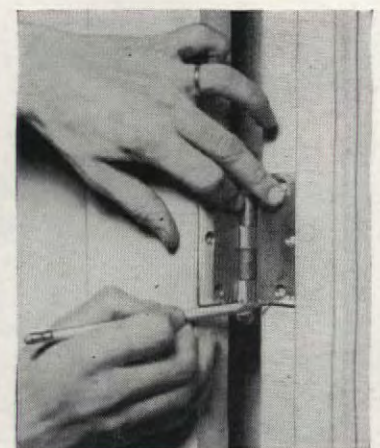
6. If door binds on bottom, slip medium-coarse sandpaper under it, swing door across it several times



7. To remove a door from its hinges, open it and block up the outer corner to relieve hinges. Tap out hinge pins from bottom but replace top pin first



8. If the door sticks against the stop, carefully pry up stop with a chisel and reset it slightly away from the door to provide additional clearance



9. Binding of a heavy door can often be relieved by adding third hinge. Open hinge, mark and cut mortise. Align door and attach
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How to find time at CHRISTMAS



Just plan quick, easy meals with brimming bowls of good hot soup

BY *Anne Marshall*



ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
Campbell Soup Company

Here comes that happy, breathless season again! Probably you're saying, "Oh, for more shopping-wrapping time!" And besides, you still have meals to get—good, hearty meals for good, healthy appetites.

But cheer up! You'll find help . . . and time . . . and grand good eating—all three! Just choose a favorite soup from your Soup Shelf. Add a platter of eggs, or quick-broil some sausages, or heat a casserole of beans—and there's your meal. And how welcome on winter days—meals that include heart-warming bowls of good hot soup.

On this page are some lunch and supper suggestions—with help from your Soup Shelf. So, as we enter another Holiday Season, here's more Merry Christmas-time to you!



A good cook keeps a full Soup Shelf

Plan these good meals around tomato soup

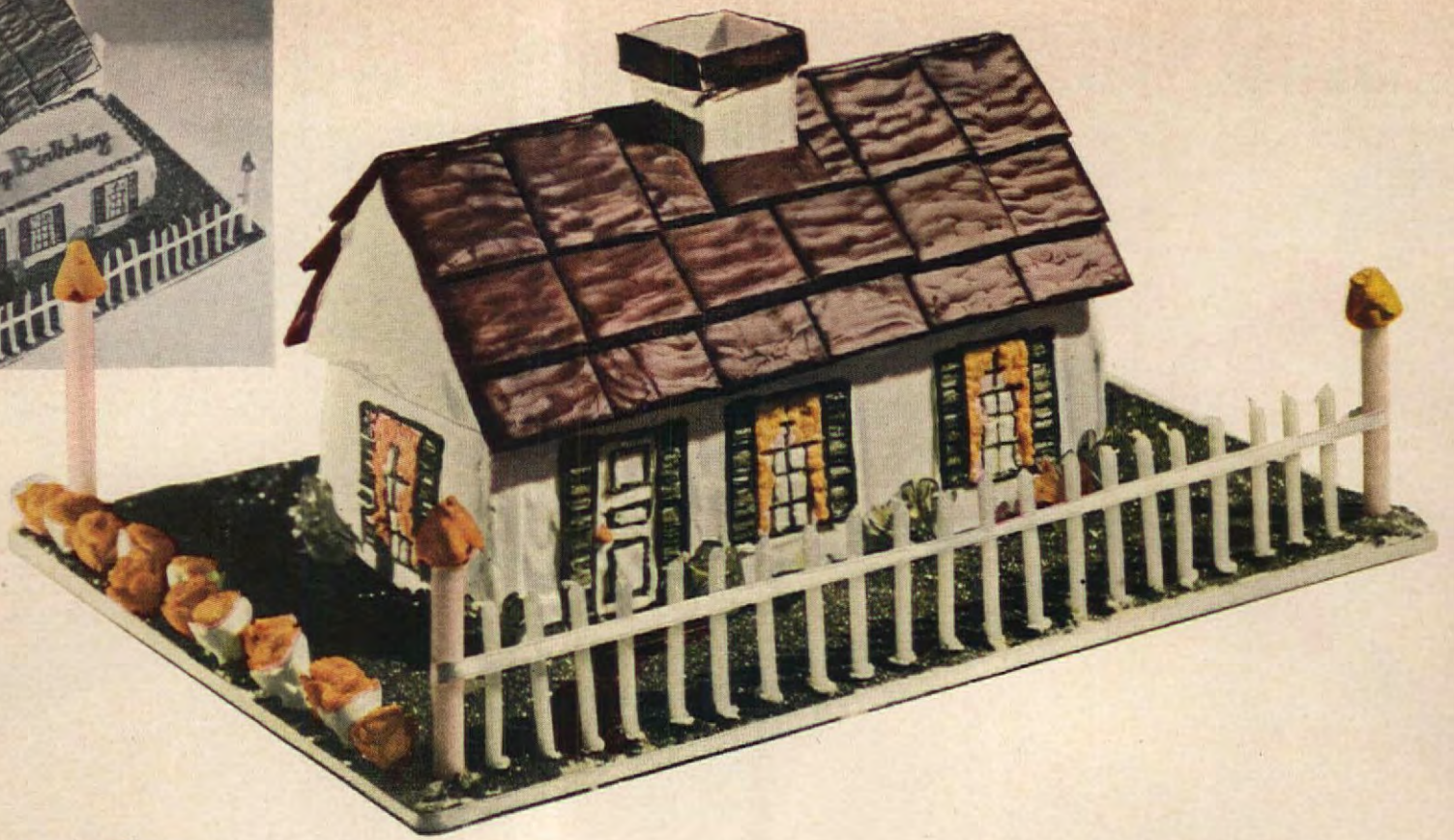
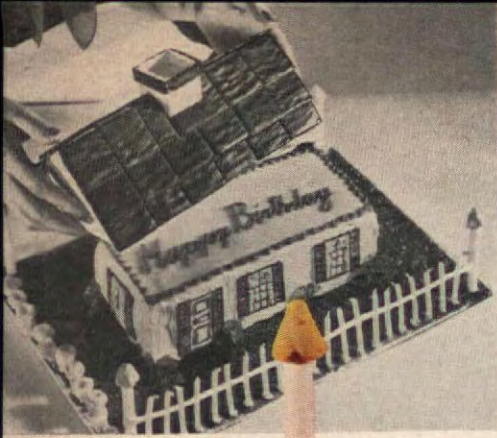
- Ham and Potato Cakes
- Pork and Beans, Salad
- Frizzled Beef, Toast
- Codfish Cakes, Slaw

With green pea soup you might serve

- Franks and Relishes
- Chili, Green Salad
- Chicken Hash, Muffins
- Creamed Tuna, Fruit

Beef noodle soup goes well with

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hot Potato Salad
- Waffle and Syrup
- Stuffed Peppers, Salad



We Come of Age—

IT'S OUR 21ST BIRTHDAY

THE AMERICAN HOME, under present management, is 21 years old this month, and it's a lot of growing we've done—with the times and, we trust, within ourselves—since December, 1932. But looking over that first issue in a sentimental mood, we were pleased to find that, however much our horizons have broadened, our sights were well set from the start. We never have, and we pray that we never shall, suggest to you things which would waste your time, nor bid you to *make* what you can go out to *buy* just as cheaply. For Christmas, 1932, for example, we told you about "Good-to-eat Christmas Decorations," including peanut clowns, taffy bells, and Aunt Marilla Schunkwiler's Christmas Tree Cake which doubles as a Christmas dinner centerpiece, and does other tricks to boot. While we didn't present them as handsomely as we offer the cakes you see here, the principles behind those first festive foods were very much the same as those which inspired the three very uncommon cakes pictured on this page—decorative cakes well worth the time that they take because the decorations themselves may be used over and over again—and because bakers stock nothing like them.

Of course, we give you an AMERICAN HOME Birthday Cake, good for anyone's birthday, for the garden on its cardboard base may be reused, and so may the roof which you make of cardboard, frost, and shingle with chocolate mints. The cake itself is your favorite loaf, iced in white, and inscribed with a "Happy Birthday" visible when the roof is removed. Doors and windows are made of strips of angelica, licorice, or frosting; yellow curtains are frosting, toothpick applied. Shrubbery is candy, scissored into branches; grass is colored sugar; path is chocolate mint. Corner lampposts are candles in ordinary cake candleholders, inverted; and flowering hedge is made of similar holders, filled with frosting. Naturally, that picket fence is nothing more nor less than our very own 21 birthday candles!

Those two exquisite creations on our cover? They are not one bit beyond you, for we have made a pattern with which you can duplicate them exactly—you needn't be an artist, nor even a magician! Just make your best party cake, fruit or other, and frost the top and sides. Decorations go on a cardboard circle, cake size—and they *stay* on that cardboard, to be used over and over, all through the holidays.

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Take it easy! You needn't worry about over-moistening, over-handling or over-rolling the Crisco way!



Crisco ends pie crust failure



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Give this old favorite a sunny new taste

CRISCO'S APPLE PIE

(Makes one 9" pie)

CRISCO PASTRY: A pie is only as good as its crust, so be sure to use Crisco! And if you want the *easiest* way to delicious pie crust, follow the 2-crust pastry recipe on Crisco's new "Recipe Round-up" label or double the 1-crust recipe.

APPLE FILLING: Combine and place in 9" pastry-lined pan 5 cups sliced apples, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar, 2 tbsps. flour. Top with pastry. Bake at 400°F. about 40 minutes.

SPECIAL TWIST: Add 1 tbsp. grated lemon rind, 1 tbsp. grated orange rind; 2 tbsps. lemon juice, 2 tbsps. orange juice and an extra 2 tbsps. flour.



When you make a pie, do you have trouble shaping the dough into a ball—or rolling it out just right the first time? Don't worry! You can shape and re-shape a Crisco dough . . . re-roll it two or three times. Wonderful Crisco acts to keep your pie crust light and tender. And you needn't worry about using too much water, either. Crisco's pastry recipe tells you *just* how much to use!

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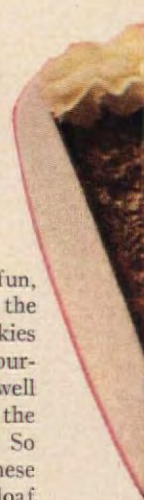


Christmas Really

Whether it's for food or for fun, Christmas really begins in the kitchen, for your holiday cookies and candies, always both gay and gourmet, make delicious decorations as well as fine eating—and you want *all* the food that you serve to have flair. So along with some traditional Chinese tidbits and a Christmas Eve meat loaf complete with mashed-potato socks, we present table decorations and other

festive fillips that begin life in the kitchen. We even used actual food in our title, for that "C" and that "K" are cookie canes, made from any cookie dough, iced in red. And here is the low-down on the others: **1.** Any staircase gets additional lift with its rail wrapped in garlands, its balusters beribboned, and a row of gingerbread men on the march. **2.** A food-bearing centerpiece is this tree for your table. Base is wooden disc, painted white; trunk is a dowel, paper-covered and wrapped with ribbon. Branches are red-and-white chenille bought by the yard, tacked or stapled to base, and tied or wired together at top. Use red ribbons to hang your pet cookies from the top. Add Christmas ornaments or other cookies to branches, fill base with goodies. **3.** Hurricane lamps get the Christmas spirit in no time flat! We used ivy, arborvitae, winterberry, and shellacked crab apples plus a big, fat

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Begins in the Kitchen



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JEAN AUSTIN

Good Victuals

A Walsall man, when asked if he and his wife were going to have goose for Christmas dinner, replied: "A goose is a silly bird, too much for one, not enough for two." So runs the proverb—but for the life of me, I cannot make sense of it, for I was reared on Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*: "Such a bustle ensued that you might have thought a goose the rarest of all birds. . . . Mrs. Cratchit made the gravy. . . . Master Peter mashed the potatoes with incredible vigour; Miss Belinda sweetened up the apple-sauce; Martha dusted the hot plates. . . . the two young Cratchits set chairs for everybody, not forgetting themselves, and mounting guard upon their posts, crammed spoons into their mouths, lest they should shriek for goose before their turn came to be helped. . . . and even Tiny Tim. . . . beat on the table with the handle of his knife, and feebly cried Hurrah! There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness, were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by apple-sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family; indeed, as Mrs. Cratchit said with great delight (surveying one small atom of a bone upon the dish), they hadn't ate it all at last! Yet every one had had enough."

Remember? Of course you do remember the greatest Christmas story ever written. But do you remember how very, very good a goose is too? It is the traditional Christmas feast of most of Europe, including Scandinavia, and well might we make it ours too, as we have made Sir Turkey our Thanksgiving feast. How you cook it, how you stuff it, must always be a matter of family taste or tradition. But this is how I do it, and of all the ways that I have eaten it, this is my preference. Like the Cratchits, potatoes eke out my goose—but unlike Master Peter's potatoes, mine are mixed with sausage meat and onions and plopped inside

the bird. Apples, of course—but not in sauce. Shiny little ones, stewed whole in wine and sugar syrup to make a lustrous ruby necklace round my bird.

"Hans Breitmann gife a barty—
Where ish dat barty now?"

Dat barty's in the soup—the silly goose—simmering away with cabbages and beans, with spice and many things nice—to make a lusty, noble *Garbure*—utterly delicious for buoyant souls floating in the New Year. And in the great round yellow bowl, a *Confit*—a greatly prized winter stand-by in the French countryside, and greatly prized by Austin. Eat cold, eat hot.

Now some there are to whom Christmas is no Christmas without a Roast Suckling Pig. Look at the little fellow, isn't he a darling? Such affection we lavished on him, coaxing his curly little tail to stay curled while he was taking on that beautiful tan, wrapping his little ears in foil so that they would not burn. A wreath of parsley and cranberries around his fat neck—and the little fellow resting comfortably on a soft green bed of water cress with little red apples all around, all around. But pray, do not for one minute get like my sister Velma who named all her chickens and had to leave the house when one of them appeared on the table—the appearance for which they had been groomed and fed for months! This little fellow is for eating—and roast suckling pig eats good.

A Merry Christmas to you all—and don't forget to eat and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year.

*Blest be those feasts with simple plenty crown'd,
Where all the ruddy family around
Laugh at the jests or pranks that never fail,*

*Or sigh with pity at some mournful tale,
Or press the bashful stranger to his food,
And learn the luxury of doing good.*

GOLDSMITH, THE TRAVELLER





Here's **Barbecue Salad**

Barbecue Salad

"TOMATO ASPIC WITH PERSONALITY"

- 1 package Lemon or Orange Jell-O
- 1 1/4 cups hot water
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1 1/2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- dash of pepper

Dissolve Jell-O in hot water. Add tomato sauce and other ingredients. Blend. Pour into individual molds. Chill until firm. You can serve four to six people for about a nickel each.

Note: For extra spiciness, add any of the following before chilling: onion juice, seasoning or celery salt, cayenne, Worcestershire sauce, pepper sauce, or horse-radish.

"Tomato aspic with personality"



The best new recipe in the magazine!

Christmas gifts from your very own kitchen are always welcome—and easier now than ever if you're aided by excellent mechanical assistants. And, of course, at Christmas each piece of equipment plays Santa to its owner! Your freezer lets you cook in advance, and frees you for frolic. Your mixer and blender work overtime, willingly, on eggnog and other wassail. And even your laundry appliances get into the act. For a gay Christmas table, color an old tablecloth bright green or red—with fabric dye, in your washing machine; rinse, then dry it in your automatic dryer—it won't streak. Later, a color remover lets you change the color if you like. And don't forget to give Santa's suit a face-lifting before the big night—remove the white trim, tint the suit, and brighten the white parts with bleach before putting them back.

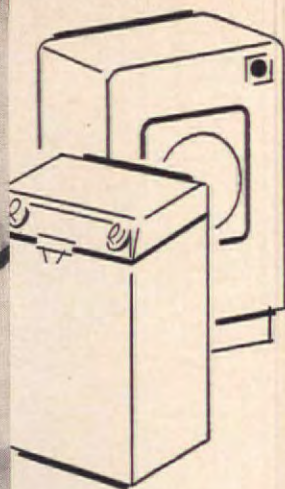


LET YOUR EVERYDAY EQUIPMENT PLAY SANTA

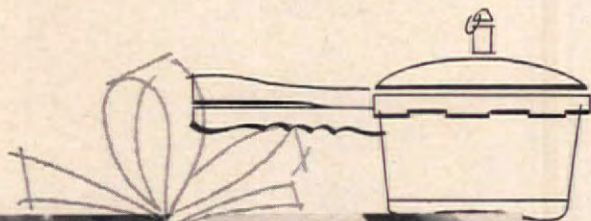
JUNE TOWNE

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There's a lot that's frivolous about Christmas—but there's more that's not, and thanks to your freezer, your home-cooked gifts—good, gay, and warmhearted—can be prepared, and ready for giving weeks ahead of time. Trouble no more about pleasing friends who “have everything”—discount the temptation to make do with a “clever,” if not especially personal, gift. A friend's favorite cookies, a special fruitcake, a coffee ring contrived in the image of a Christmas wreath, can all be baked, and stored in the freezer long before the holiday rush. So can the “little” gifts of cookies and cakes or the bright jars filled with good cranberry-orange relish which go to fellow workers, to neighbors, and to neighbors' youngsters for whom you want nothing so formal as your store-boughten gifts.



Poor Mrs. Cratchit! What a blessing it would have been to her (or any other woman of Charles Dickens' day) to have a pressure cooker to help her, especially at Christmas time! With it, fine moist fruitcake can be steamed in half the time that baking requires. Plum pudding, sign and symbol of winter holidays, issues from the pressure cooker hot and ready for the hard sauce or flaming brandy. Really well-made-up custards, the kind that never separate, are made with the aid of this trusty. And did you ever try it for the popping of corn? It makes corn extra fluffy, more attractive than ever, whether for stringing or for eating, or, as is bound to happen always, for eating while you string.

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TROPIC PORK CHOP ROAST

6 pork chops (½" thick), each with a bone	½ to 1 teaspoon dry sage
Salt and pepper	½ teaspoon salt
3 cups dry bread (½" cubes)	¼ cup water
2 tablespoons finely cut onion	6 DEL MONTE Pineapple Slices

Cut fat off 1" at end of each chop bone. Salt and pepper meat. Toss bread, onion, sage and salt with water to make dressing. Lay one chop flat, spread with about ½ cup dressing; repeat, ending with a chop. Wrap and tie string around chops and dressing. Stand up in low roasting pan; cover pan tightly with aluminum foil. Roast in moderately hot oven (350° F.) 1 hour; uncover and roast 45 min. more, till crispy brown. To serve, ring each chop bone with a pineapple slice; reheat in oven. Garnish if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

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CRAN-MINCE PIE



CHRISTMAS
CRAB MOUSSE



IT'S-THE-BERRIES
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• cran-mince pie

*Preparation time: 45 min.
Baking time: 40 min.*

2 cans whole-cranberry sauce
1 package mincemeat
1 cup water

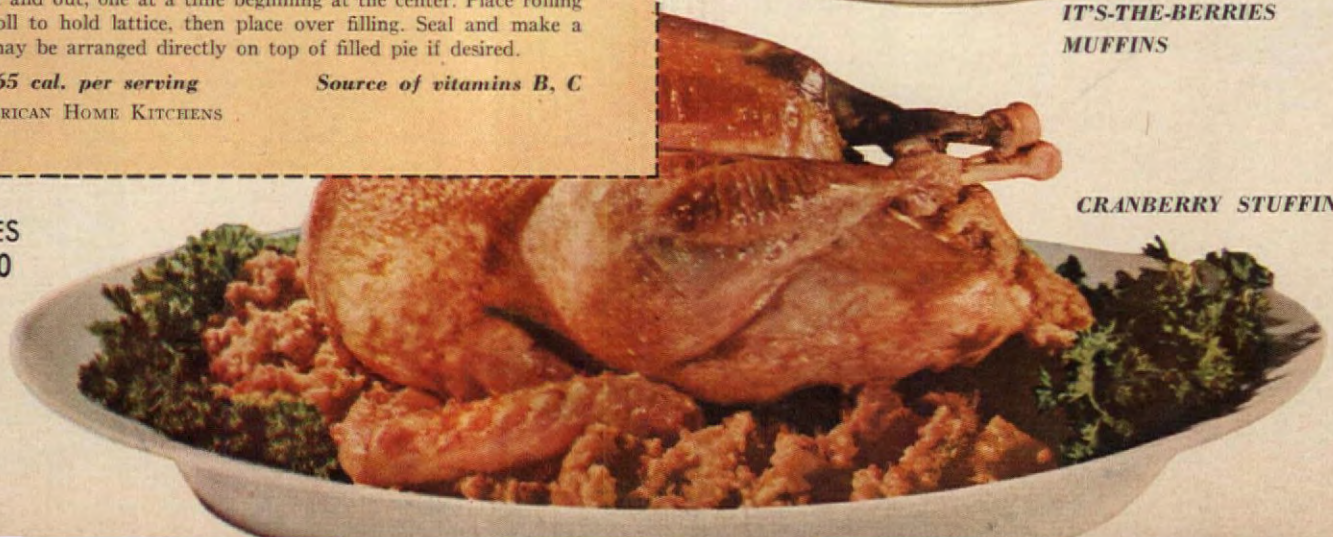
2 tbs. lemon juice
¾ cup grated Cheddar cheese
1 package pie-crust mix

● Break up mincemeat with fork in saucepan. Add water and lemon juice. Cook over low heat until well blended. Remove from heat; stir in cranberries. Cool. Add cheese to pie-crust mix. Follow package directions for mixing. Line 9-in. pie plate with pastry; pour in filling. Cut remaining pastry into strips; arrange over pie. Flute edge of pastry. Bake in hot oven 425° F., 30 to 40 min. For Crisscross Topping: Place ½-in. strips of pastry on waxed paper. Lay strips across the opposite way and weave them in and out, one at a time beginning at the center. Place rolling pin on lattice, gently roll to hold lattice, then place over filling. Seal and make a fluted edge. Crisscross may be arranged directly on top of filled pie if desired.

Serves 8 **565 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins B, C**
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CRANBERRY STUFFING

Take a Package of COCONUT

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CHRISTMAS-TREE CAKE

• Christmas-tree cake

Preparation time: 25 min.
Baking time: 25 min.

1 package cake mix
6 tbs. butter or margarine
3 cups confectioners' sugar
½ cup milk

¼ cup chopped maraschino cherries
2 cans coconut
Maraschino cherries
Green cherries
Silver dragées

• Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Turn into 13" x 9" x 2" pan. When baked, cut into tree design, or bake in tree-shaped pan; bake as directed on package. When cool, split cake into two layers.

FROSTING: Cream butter or margarine, stir in confectioners' sugar and milk until smooth. Measure 1 cup frosting, add chopped maraschino cherries. Spread cherry frosting between layers. Spread remaining frosting over top and sides of cake. Cover with coconut. Decorate as desired. To make star: cut cardboard star, cover with frosting and dragées. Fasten with toothpicks to cake.

Serves 16 176 cal. per serving
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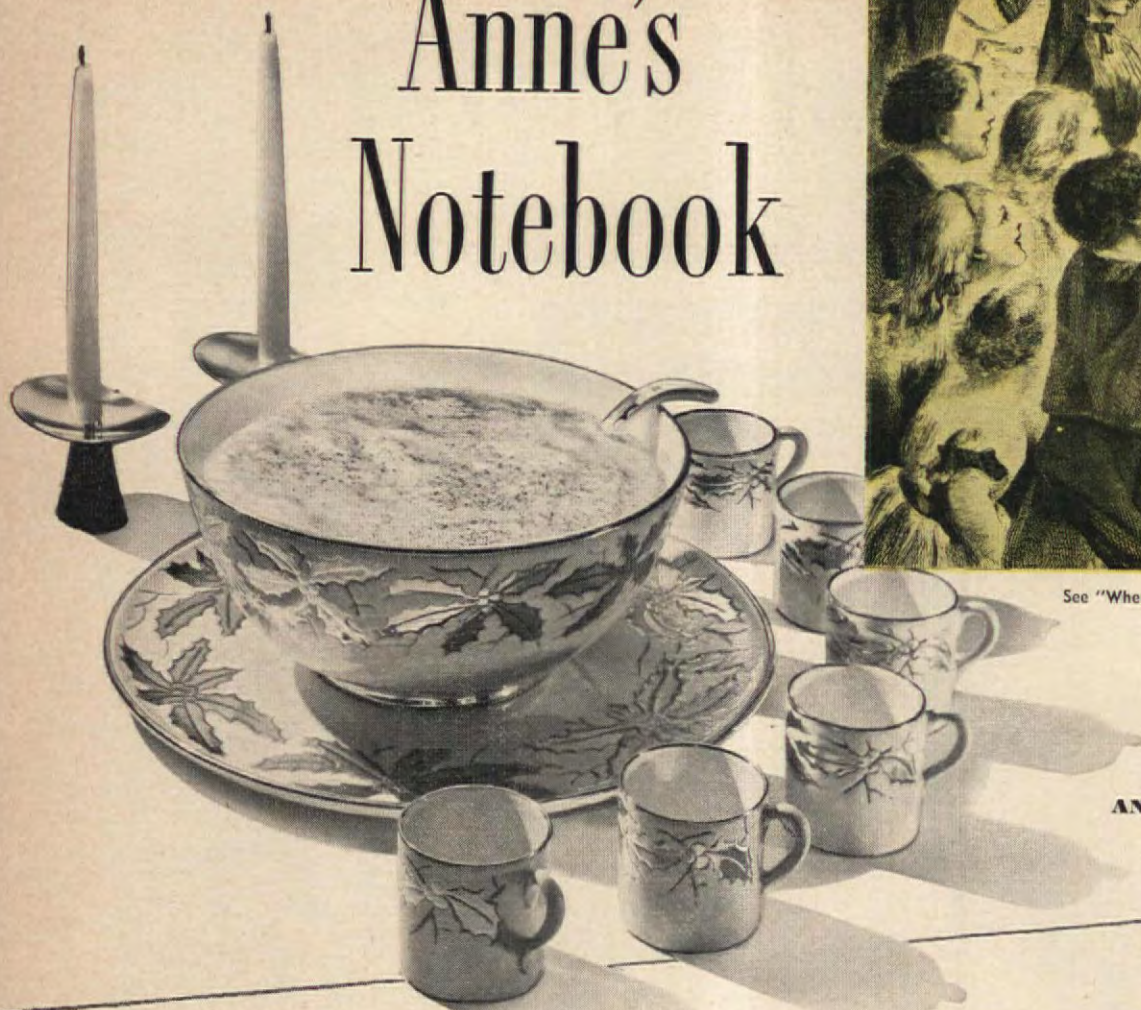
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ANNE BARNARD

• WHETHER IT'S TEETOTAL--or by no means totally tea--you can spark the looks and spike the taste of your holiday punch or eggnog. A bowl that cheers takes a little advance preparation, but it certainly saves wear and tear on the host while the big Christmas-week do's are in progress--and if you lavish affection upon it, it may even tempt the "on-the-rocks" crowd.

• COFFEE IS A FLAVOR that can give extra dash to an eggnog. In the mixing of your best party recipe for 25 servings, add three cups of strong, freshly made cold coffee.

• A BEDECKED SOFT-DRINK BAR will give blessed juniors and non-imbibers their due. Set it up with every type of fruit juice and soft drink (including low calorie types). Add a liberal supply of vanilla ice cream and orange ice from your freezer for them as wants "sodas." The orange ice is particularly good with ginger ale.

• CRANBERRY PUNCH is nonalcoholic, tasty, and colorful as Christmas. To serve eight, use two pints of chilled cranberry-juice cocktail, plus scoops of lime sherbet floated on top at the last minute.

REALLY SUCCULENT ROAST CHICKEN (OR SMALL TURKEY) is roasted breast down, and without stuffing to steal the juices. Half an hour before it's done, turn breast up for browning, and surround with small balls of your pet stuffing, basted with drippings.

ADD GLOSSY GLAMOR TO BROILED CHICKEN by sprinkling a bit of granulated sugar over it 10 minutes before it's finished.

HERE I GO CURRY-ING AGAIN. For best-ever curried shrimp, add cooked dry apricots stuffed with cream cheese and pitted cooked prunes stuffed with nuts. Blend with cooked rice, top with curried shrimp, and serve with chutney-flavored biscuits I mentioned last month.

SAUCY KUMQUATS, you're so apt to get in those gift packages, are excellent in dressy salads. Slice firm ones paper-thin and add to French dressing or whipped cream or mayonnaise for fruit or Waldorf salad. Good, too, with mixed greens.

BAKED BEANS are a buffet hostess' best friend these days. Next time, top them with skewers bearing cubes of franks, dill pickles, and tomato chunks, brushed

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Holiday Treats
with Fruit Cocktail

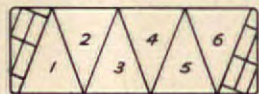


California Shortcake. We think this is one of the merriest, tastiest treats we've seen in many a happy holiday season. And the best part is, it takes so little time. Just a rich, dark ginger bread, mixed in minutes with Betty Crocker® Ginger Bread Mix. Whipped Cream. And gay fruit cocktail, drained and arranged. Think of it. Cling peaches, pears, grapes, pineapple, cherries—all neatly cut, instantly ready.

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Christmas Tree Salads. Soften 2 (3-oz.) packages cream cheese with fork. Blend in ½ teaspoon grated orange rind, juice of 1 orange, 1½ cups drained fruit cocktail. Freeze until barely firm in tray of refrigerator set at lowest temperature. Cut trees as diagram illustrates. Cut tree trunks from odd-shaped end pieces. Serve on greens. Garnish with fruit cocktail. Serves 6.



What are your favorite Fruit Cocktail Treats? Fruit cocktail is so handy it's no wonder most good cooks have several prized recipes. If you have one you believe deserves a place in our collection of the nation's best, won't you mail us a copy? For each original recipe our kitchen staff selects, we'll pay \$5.00. Cling Peach Advisory Board, Dept. 102, 350 Sansome Street, San Francisco 4, California.



Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

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with melted butter or margarine, and baked over the beans for about 30 minutes.

HAS THE RUSH LEFT YOU SHORT-TEMPERED? Then such irritations as fat spattering from a pan are more annoying than ever. Next time, put waxed paper across the top of the skillet while frying.

QUICK, HEARTY SOUPS are thrice blessed for the time preparation they save when houses are very "open." Here is a good pair: **SPEEDY ONION SOUP**—Slice four large onions; sauté in butter or margarine. Dissolve six beef bouillon cubes in six cups of boiling water. When onions are golden brown, pour bouillon over onions. Simmer 20 minutes. Season to taste. Float toasted French bread sprinkled with grated Parmesan cheese. **CORN AND TOMATO SOUP** with a dash of curry is a meritorious winter soup. Combine a can of prepared condensed tomato soup with a can of cream-style corn. Dilute with milk or beef bouillon. Add dash of curry before serving.

A WINK-QUICK DESSERT: Sprinkle instant coffee atop vanilla, coffee, or chocolate ice cream. It attracts the eye—and the taste buds. I keep instant coffee in a shaker to sprinkle over puddings, frostings, whipped cream, or chocolate meringue pie.

BOMBE FROSTÉ climaxes a meal in style, without too many demands on the cook. For this glamor puss, shape any ice cream into balls, roll in lightly crushed, sugar-coated corn flakes mixed with chopped nut meats and shredded coconut. Place in freezer to harden. Crown with fudge or butterscotch sauce.

TWO PACKAGED DESSERTS can combine for as good a quickie as two different canned soups. Prepare a package of flavored gelatin and a package of vanilla pudding. When gelatin starts to thicken, beat and fold in chilled vanilla pudding. Tasty for sure!

SALADS NEEDN'T BE DULL just because it's winter. For a handsome one that nips the tongue, then carresses it, try this: Arrange not-too-thin slices of avocado on lettuce, overlapping a bit; make an inner circle of grapefruit sections; fill the center with crisp pickled onions. Serve with Roquefort or tart French dressing. It's the onions as does it!

RAW BROCCOLI: Chop the young, tender flowerets, season with salt and pepper, adding enough salad oil to moisten. Add two teaspoons of lemon or lime juice. Add diced tomatoes. Pour over them, cream mixed with a dash of prepared mustard. Mix well, and serve in lettuce cups. To make it heartier, tuck in a deviled egg and serve with Russian dressing instead of cream. There's no waste. For the broccoli stems may be cooked.

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• cranberry salad mold

Preparation time: 20 min.
Chilling time: 3 to 4 hrs.

- 2 1-lb. cans whole cranberry sauce
- 1 package lemon-flavored gelatin
- 1½ cups hot water
- ½ cup chopped nuts

- 1 cup finely cut apples
- ½ cup finely cut celery
- 1 tbs. lemon juice

• Dissolve gelatin in hot water; cool. Break up cranberries with fork and add to cooled gelatin. Add remaining ingredients. Turn into 1½-qt. mold or ring mold. Chill until firm.

Serves 8 **281 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B**
Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• cranberry stuffing

Preparation time: 15 min.

- 1-lb. can whole cranberry sauce
- 4 tbs. butter or margarine
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 tbs. chopped parsley
- ¼ tsp. poultry seasoning (optional)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 cups bread cubes

• Cook celery in butter until lightly browned. Add parsley, seasonings, and bread cubes. Stir in cranberry sauce.
Note: 1 package prepared bread stuffing may be used instead of bread cubes; omit poultry seasoning.

Enough stuffing for 4 to 6 lb. turkey or chicken. **266 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, C**
Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• Christmas crab moussé

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

- 2 1-lb. cans jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- ¼ cup cold water
- 1 3-oz. package cream cheese
- 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 tbs. lemon juice

• Soften gelatin in cold water. Heat ¼ can soup; add gelatin; stir until dissolved. Soften cream cheese with fork or electric mixer. Beat in remaining soup, and heated soup and gelatin. Fold in remaining ingredients except cranberry sauce. Pour into 8" x 8" dish and chill until firm.

To Serve: Slice each mold of cranberry sauce into 6 plump slices. Put each slice on mound of lettuce. Cut jellied crab meat salad into squares and place atop each cranberry round. Top with cranberry cutout or ripe or stuffed olives. Or pour into 7" x 4" x 2½" pan, chill until firm. Serve on slices of cranberry rounds surrounded by salad greens.

Makes 10 to 12 salads **256-213 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, C**
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• chicken Pacific

Preparation time: 40 min.

- 1 cup coconut
- 3 tbs. butter or margarine
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ½ green pepper, sliced
- 1 cup pineapple chunks
- 1½ tsp. soy sauce
- 2 tbs. flour
- 1 can chicken broth
- ½ cup pineapple juice
- 1½ cups diced turkey or chicken (or use 6-oz. can chicken)
- ½ tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper

• Cook celery, pepper, and pineapple in butter until lightly browned. Stir in soy sauce and flour. Add chicken broth and pineapple juice. Stir until thickened. Add chicken and seasonings. Serve with generous amounts of coconut.

Serves 5 to 6 **330-276 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, C**
Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• snowball sundae

Preparation time: 5 min.
Chilling time: ½ to 1 hr.

- 1 qt. ice cream
- 1½ cups coconut
- Few drops green coloring
- 1 cup fudge, butterscotch, or fruit sauce

• Shape any flavor ice cream into balls, or use scoop to serve ice cream. Roll in colored coconut. Place in freezer to harden. Top with sauce.
For an Extra Special Dessert: Colored Coconut Candy crust (see recipe page 70) with red coloring, then serve Snowball Sundae in crust.

Serves 6 to 8 *Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS*

• coconut snowdrift

Preparation time: 40 min.
Baking time: 15 min.
Plus chilling time

- 1½ cups coconut
- 1 package vanilla-flavored pudding
- 2 cups milk
- 2 eggs, separated
- 2 cups sliced oranges
- 2 cups crushed oatmeal cookies (about 12)
- 3 tbs. sugar

• Break up yolks with fork, add milk, and stir into pudding mix. Cook as directed on package; cool. Stir in 1 cup coconut. Line baking dish or 9-in. pie plate with half the cookie crumbs. Arrange 1 cup sliced oranges on top, then half the pudding. Add remaining crumbs, oranges, and pudding. Beat egg whites until foamy; beat in sugar until very stiff. Stir in remaining ½ cup coconut. Place over pudding. Brown in moderate oven 350° F., for 15 min. Serve very cold.

Serves 7 to 8 **485-424 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, D**
Submitted by Mrs. Louise Sutton *Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS*

TOASTED COCONUT: Place coconut in shallow pan, in 350° F. oven 10 to 15 min. turning with a fork to brown evenly. Delicious on ice cream, puddings, fruit, and cream pies.

• dreamy dessert

Preparation time: 10 min.
Chilling time: 2 to 3 hrs.

1-lb. can whole-cranberry sauce
¼ lb. marshmallows

• Cut marshmallows into quarters with scissors dipped in hot water. Break up cranberry sauce and add to marshmallows. Allow to chill 1 hr. Fold in whipped cream. Serve very cold.

Serves 6 **321 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B**
Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• saucy cranberry pie

Preparation time: 25 min.
Chilling time: 2 to 4 hrs.

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
1-lb. can jellied cranberry sauce
1 ½ cup applesauce (2 cups)
2 tbs. lemon juice
2 tbs. sugar
⅞ tsp. salt
1 9-in. baked pastry shell
½ cup heavy cream, whipped
Nutmeg

• Place gelatin in custard cup. Add cold water. Place custard cup in pan of boiling water until gelatin dissolves. Empty cranberry sauce and applesauce into a mixing bowl; add the lemon juice, sugar, and salt; beat with a rotary beater until smooth. Add gelatin and mix well. Pour into pastry shell; chill until firm. Spread top with whipped cream and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Serves 6 **375 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B**
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• it's-the-berries muffins

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 25 min.

¾ cup canned whole cranberry sauce, drained
2 cups prepared biscuit mix
⅓ cup sugar
¾ cup milk
1 egg, unbeaten
2 tbs. melted butter or margarine or salad oil

• Combine biscuit mix, sugar, milk, egg, and butter or oil in bowl. Mix until dry ingredients are dampened. Break up sauce with fork and carefully fold into batter. Fill well-greased muffin pans ¾ full. Bake in moderate oven 400° F., for 20 to 25 min.

Makes 12 muffins **153 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, C**
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• Santa salad

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese
2 tbs. cream
6 canned pear halves, drained and chilled
6 red maraschino cherries
3 green maraschino cherries
½ cup coconut (about)

• Mash cream cheese with a fork until softened. Add cream gradually; then beat until cheese is light and fluffy. Place each pear-half, cut-side down, on crisp lettuce. Use large end of pear for face and tapered end for cap. Cut round pieces from red cherries for eyes and half a ring of red cherry for mouth. Arrange eyes and mouth on face. Spread cream cheese on tapered end of pear-half for cap and at base of large end for whiskers. Cut green cherries in half at tip of each cap for tassel. Sprinkle cap and whiskers with coconut. Serve with mayonnaise, if desired.

Serves 6 **143 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, C**
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• coco-pine squares

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 50 min.

COCO-PINE SQUARES 1 egg, separated
1 tbs. butter or margarine 1 cup flour
1 tbs. sugar 1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs 1½ cups crushed pineapple, drained 2 cups coconut
• Combine tbs. butter and sugar. Add 1 egg and 1 egg yolk. Beat together. Add flour and baking powder sifted together. Spread mixture on bottom of 9" x 9" x 2" pan. Spread with crushed pineapple. Beat remaining egg and egg white until light. Stir in sugar, melted butter, and coconut. Spread over crushed pineapple. Bake in moderate oven 350° F., for 50 min.

Makes 36 squares **74 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamins A, B, C, D**
Submitted by Flora Antle
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• JIGTIME COOKIES

Baking time: 15 min. **Preparation time: 10 min.**

1 cup coconut
½ cup sweetened condensed milk
Dash of salt
1 tsp. vanilla
½ cup chopped mixed candied fruits
• Combine all ingredients and mix well. Drop from teaspoon 1 in. apart on greased baking sheet, pressing down ends of coconut with back of spoon. Bake in moderate oven 350° F., for about 15 min., or until golden brown.

Makes 1½ dozen cookies **68 cal. per cookie** **Source of vitamin B**
Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• colored coconut candy crust

Preparation time: 15 min.
Chilling time: 2 to 4 hrs.

10 marshmallows
2 tbs. butter or margarine
1 tbs. hot water
3 or 4 drops food coloring
1½ cups coconut, cut

• Melt marshmallows and butter in top of double boiler, stirring until blended. Add hot water and food coloring, stirring well. Add coconut and mix thoroughly. Spread on bottom and sides of greased 9-in. pie pan. Chill until firm. To serve, fill crust with ice cream or chiffon pie filling.

Serves 6 **164 cal. per serving** **Source of vitamin B**
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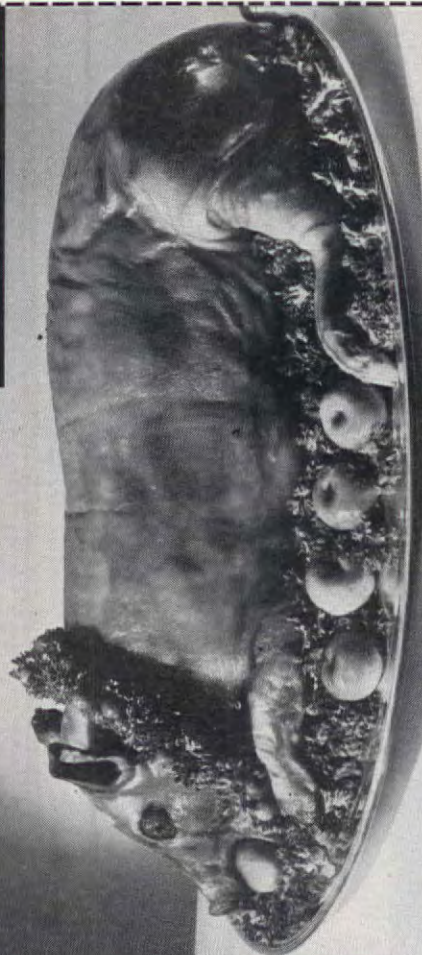
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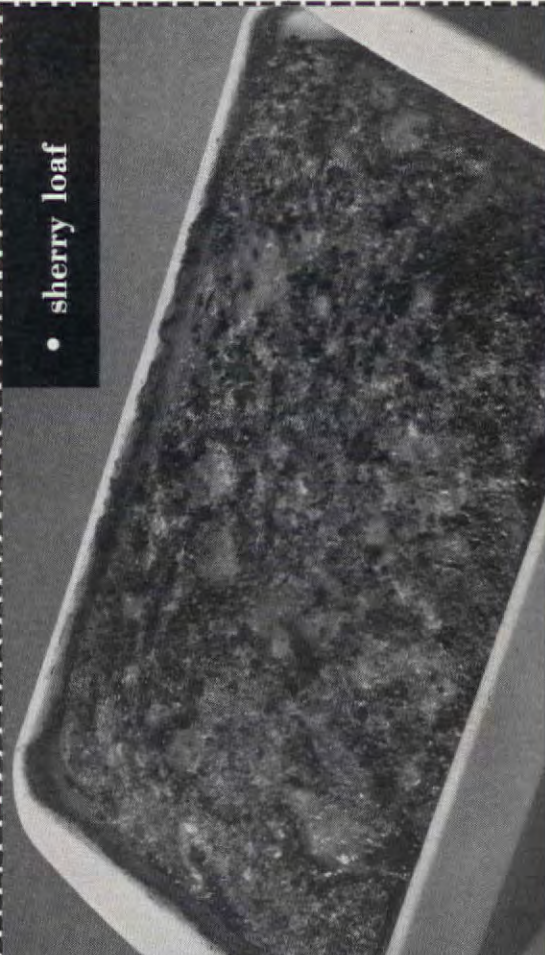
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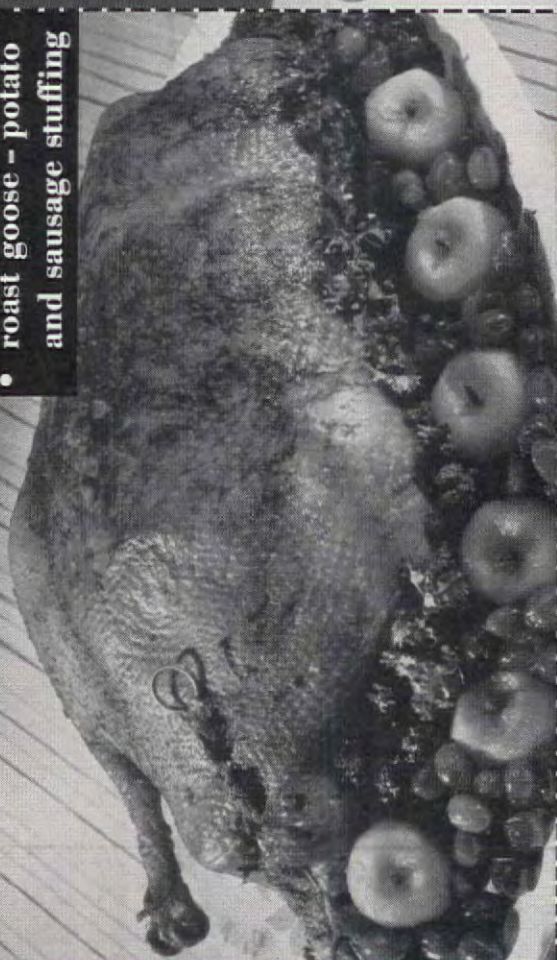
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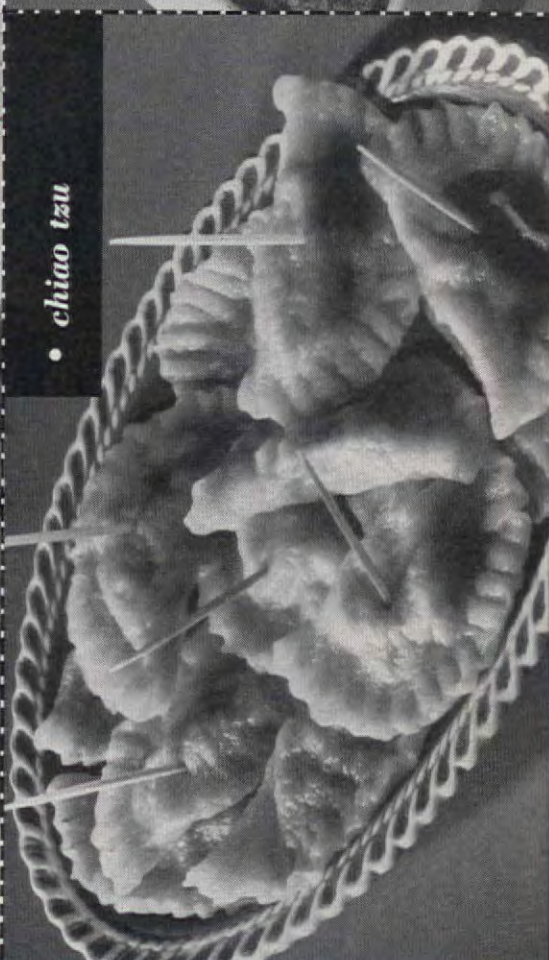
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• roast goose - potato and sausage stuffing



• *chiao tzu*



• sherry loaf

12 slices dry bread
1 cup raw carrots, grated
1 cup chopped celery
2 medium onions, chopped
2 green peppers, chopped

1½-2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
Pinch of garlic salt
2 eggs
1½ cups milk

2 tsp. prepared mustard
½ cup sauterne or sherry
2 lbs. ground beef
Peppers and pimientos for garnish

• Break bread very small; add vegetables, salt and pepper, garlic salt. Beat eggs. Add milk, mustard, and wine. Let stand until bread mix absorbs liquid. Blend in meat well and pack firmly into a 2-qt. rectangular baking dish. Bake in 375° F. oven for 45-50 min. To stretch the recipe, 2 cups of cooked noodles or mashed potatoes may be spread in the baking dish before the meat mixture is packed in. To decorate, as on p. 59, use mashed potatoes and pat into stocking shape. Decorate with strips or cut-out shapes of peppers and pimientos.

Serves 8 434 cal. per serving **Source of vitamins A, B**

Submitted by Mrs. J. H. Doudican **Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• roast suckling pig

Wash the little fellow in 3 changes of water, then rub inside and out with salt and pepper. Work 2 tbs. chopped parsley into ¼ lb. butter, and rub piglet inside and out with this. Stick 1 small onion with 3 whole cloves and place inside piglet. Peel and core 6 small cooking apples and place whole in cavity. Skewer and tie securely. Pull front legs forward and tie together. Pull back legs forward against his body and tie together. Wedge mouth open with a block of wood and roast in open pan in preheated 450° F. oven. In a few minutes, reduce heat to 300° F. Baste every 30 min. with pan drippings. (Allow 20 min. per lb.)

Give him eyes of maraschino cherries and place a rosy red apple in his mouth, a wreath of parsley and cranberries around his neck, and serve with aplomb.

Cook small red apples in a syrup of half white wine, half regular sugar syrup. Do not overcook—they should be firm. Use as garnish, alternating with cranberries on a bed of parsley.

RECIPE BY JEAN AUSTIN

• confit d'oie

Clean and remove all fat inside one goose. Melt down fat by gently boiling with ½ cup water. If not enough to cover pieces of goose, melt with it some pure pork lard.

Carve goose into 2 breast pieces, second joints, legs, and wings. Rub all over with lots of coarse salt. Leave in a covered bowl 24 hours with 3 cloves garlic, 3 whole cloves, 12 peppercorns, 1 large bay leaf, and a little thyme. Move occasionally to make sure that all pieces are covered with salt. After 24 hours wipe off salt with towel. Cook at low heat in the goose fat, but never allow to fry. Pierce with skewer—juice should be pink, not red. (If to be eaten cold as an hors d'oeuvre, cook until meat is very well done—1 hour or more. Drain off fat, and separate meat from bones.)

Pour 1 inch of cooled, strained fat (no gravy) in bottom of jar, place pieces of meat on this, then pour in remaining fat only, no gravy, to cover meat. Be sure no meat touches sides—it must be entirely surrounded by fat. Let stand two days. If any cavities form, pour in more fat. Cover with aluminum foil, tie with string.

Confit will keep several months if kept in refrigerator at cool temperature—but it will not stand moisture. It can be used cold, is delicious cooked with cabbage, beans, and other vegetables (Cassoulet Toulouse), is very useful for impromptu or emergency meals, heated and served on red cabbage or with thin rounds of potato fried with the goose. Use a long fork and fish out of the jar or crock what you need, disturbing remainder as little as possible.

• chiao tzu

½ lb. ground lean pork
¾ cup chopped cabbage
10 water chestnuts, chopped
(or small crisp apple)

3 tbs. soy sauce
1½ cups flour
¾ cup water

4 green onions, chopped
4 tbs. vegetable oil
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. black pepper

• Blend first 8 ingredients together and allow to stand while the dough is being prepared. Mix flour and water to make a medium dough. Roll out very thin and cut into 1½ or 2 in. circles. Put about ½ tsp. of meat mixture on the circle, fold into half moon, and pinch edges together securely, making little scallops. Drop the Chiao Tzu into a large kettle of briskly boiling water, cover, and allow to come to a rapid boil. As soon as they boil, add about ½ cup of cold water. Cover and let boil again. Repeat this boiling-cooling process four times—adding 2 cups of cold water in all. Scoop up with a slotted spoon. They are delicious plain, but may be dipped in soy sauce or vinegar. These may be made and refrigerated a day in advance. Then bring out and sauté lightly to serve as wonderful hot canapés.

Makes 90-100 20-18 cal. per serving **Source of vitamin B**

Submitted by Mary B. Deaton **Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• roast goose - potato and sausage stuffing

Chop off neck, tips of wings, and feet of cleaned and drawn goose. Hold under faucet and wash inside and out. Drain and dry well. Rub inside with salt and a little marjoram. Rub outside with salt. Cover with dampened cloth, then waxed paper. Let stand overnight.

For stuffing, sauté 3 tbs. chopped onions in 3 tbs. butter. Add 4 cups potatoes which have been diced and parboiled 5 min. only. Then add ½ lb. sausage meat. Season with pepper, very little salt. Mix well and stuff goose lightly.

Preheat oven to 375° F. Prick goose all over. Cook, breast down, on rack in covered roasting pan filled with hot water to rack height (use 2-3 tbs. of fat if goose is very young). Cook 1 hr., then turn goose over, prick again, and finish cooking with cover off. Throughout cooking, baste frequently with pan gravy and a little water, skimming off excess fat each time before adding water to basting fluid. Ten minutes before goose is done, baste with browned butter and turn up heat a little. (Allow 30 min. per lb.)

Serve with small whole apples stewed in sugar syrup made with half water and half white wine, a little lemon peel.

RECIPE BY JEAN AUSTIN

• garbure

In a large earthenware, flameproof casserole, put ½ lb. bacon (in one piece). Fill casserole with water. When boiling, add 2 potatoes and 2 leeks cut in small pieces, ½ lb. shelled peas, ½ lb. broad beans (soaked overnight) or baby lima beans, 1 turnip and 3 carrots cut in small pieces, 1 red pimento cut in strips, several cloves of garlic, pepper, marjoram, and thyme. Simmer, do not boil. Add 1 head shredded cabbage when vegetables are half-cooked.

If making a small quantity, omit some of the vegetables—but cabbage, beans or potatoes, and pork in some form or other (I prefer bacon) are essential. String beans may be substituted for the peas. But whatever your combination, it must be cooked until the beans or potatoes are in a mushy state.

For a superb Garbure, add Confit d'oie—but it's a fine soup even if you haven't been foresighted enough to put down that goose in its own fat.

On each plate, pour soup over 1 slice of dark bread or French bread if you prefer. Put bacon and goose on separate dish and cut up in serving pieces. Thus each person can have as much or little meat as he prefers. As you near the end, add a glass of wine to the remaining Garbure in your plate—and know what "good to the last drop" really means!

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Christmas

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bow to make a decoration which doubles as a source of light—but you could use almost any greens and small fruits—or clusters of nuts, brightly painted. 4. Our *Chiao Tzus*, a centuries-old Chinese holiday treat, make filling, and very satisfying, hors d'oeuvres which will keep 'em guessing. They are pastry, filled with a provocative mixture of pork and water chestnut (or apple) and cooked like a dumpling. For additional crispness, sauté after boiling. (See recipe, page 72) 5. What's better than a gingerbread man? A whole family of same! The family stands in a basket, supported by chopped florists' foam (bought at your florist's), and backed up by any evergreens. 6. It would be hard to find a better dish to serve the night before Christmas than this very fancy-pants (or fancy-socks) meat loaf. And the best of it is that we gave every bit as much consideration to its taste as to its looks, mixing in a liberal amount of sherry and other palate-teasers to make it really Epicurean. The ruffle which tops it is mashed potatoes, and the socks are the same trusty spuds, garnished with green pepper and pimiento. (Recipe, page 72.) 7. For generations, the Germans have made capital of the good looks of their Christmas cookies on this kind of loop tree. Here, the base is an ordinary small-tree holder, the trunk a dowel wrapped in tinsel or garland rope, and each of the two loops is made of two interlocking wire circles (could be coat hangers), wrapped in tinsel. Strings, wrapped around loops, are held in place with cellophane tape, and at the end of each string, the same kind of tape secures cookies, candies, and little wax candles (which should never be lit). To make it authentic, don't omit the striped flag and the star at the top. 8. Fruit Cuties are made from oranges (or apples). With a very sharp paring knife or razor blade, cut away the rind of the fruit to leave a heart-shaped "face" of white membrane. When the fruit has dried a bit, make features with India ink and lipstick. A bobby or small hairpin secures the giddy headpieces. When finished, mount on three colored picks. 9. For sheer beauty and a subtle variation of the traditional Christmas colors, this centerpiece was done on an antique pewter plate. The materials are juniper, California pepper with its pink berries, lady apples, fiorelli (Christmas-pears), and Taxus (yew). We shellacked the fruits for greater brilliance, but this should not be done if fruit is to be eaten. Stack greens in center, use fruits around them, and place pepper berry in curving lines to tie the high point and the focal point of the arrangement together.

Twenty-four years ago, the December *AMERICAN HOME* described (left) the little house which was then, and until she died last winter, the home of Ruth Sturdevant, long managing editor of *Country Life in America*. Again it interests us for, since July, it has been the home of our Horticultural Editor Ned Seymour, who tells more of its history

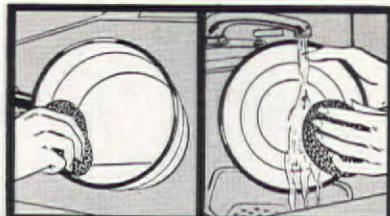


A Story Twice Told

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

By rights, this story should be told by the "little house" itself, for I am but the grateful second beneficiary of all it so generously affords, and I know its early history only at secondhand. Here lived my friend and my colleague when, two score years ago, I was on the staff of *Country Life* and *The Garden Magazine* which later became *THE AMERICAN HOME*. Here she lived alone, yet not alone, for always there were one or more great Danes. (Incidentally, my own first Dane, and later a St. Bernard, came to me from her.) Here she planted and tended flowers and shrubs—natives and old-fashioned sorts in keeping with the rustic informality of the setting. Here she kept house, read, worked, received her friends, and filled her days with quiet, unspectacular, but useful activities.

And now, after a quarter of a century, I am privileged to occupy this little haven and to try, in some ways, to emulate its former owner's way of life and her enjoyment of its advantages and charms. The great Danes are gone, but "Peter," of vague ancestry but gentle disposition, is a constant, faithful companion. I hope the plants and trees will continue to brighten the seasons, along with some I brought from my previous home (for 41 years) in another, now urbanized part of Long Island. My housekeeping efforts will be cruder, no doubt, but no less sincere in their endeavor to do justice to the little house. And, surrounded by beloved books and prized pictures that compete with views of woods, hills, and trees, with my father's and my grandfather's desk to work at, and a fireplace to sit before (and, I hope, share with kindred souls), I humbly hope, for a space, to contribute my bit to the progress of horticulture and humanity. . . . And so the little house starts again a story of service in terms of shelter, comfort, hospitality, and peace.



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A STORAGE WALL CAN LOOK LIKE A HANDSOME OLD CHEST: This one, at the dining end of a Texas living room, resembles a Spanish antique, but was carpenter-built. Its imposing appearance results from clever, not costly, tricks. What looks like hand-carving is merely double rows of flat molding. Within each square, an oblong pull adds to the decorative effect. One section conceals a pass-through to the kitchen, and below it are trays for table linens

FUNCTIONAL



THEY CAN LOOK AS WELL AS THEY BEHAVE: Storage walls of the type shown above and at the far left are not inexpensive, even when carpenter-built—but the man who owns one will tell you that they are worth every cent that they cost. However, too often, the good planning stops with the interiors, when a little more thought, and very little more cash, can make them as attractive as this one. The trick? A simple motif of half-round molding plus square door pulls to give great distinction to ordinary flush doors. Interiors were planned for milord and milady, with places to hang shirts, suits, and dresses, each measured so that no space is wasted below them. Carefully calculated compartments were made especially for hats and for handbags. The shoe rack has sloping shelves for better visibility and accessibility.

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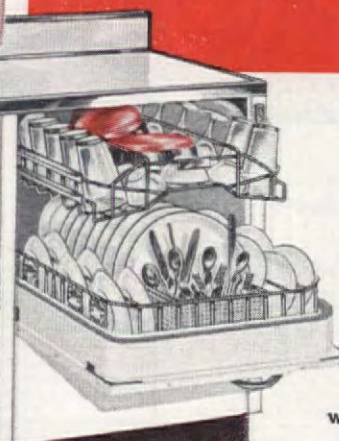


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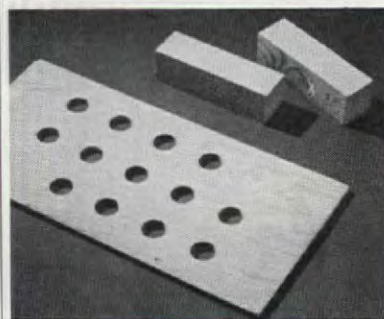
HOW TO MAKE
 QUEEN ANNE'S
 SILVER STARS

Gay In



Our artists' souls always respond to the appeal of a palette, so with thoughts of Christmas uppermost, we decided to use its decorative form for a centerpiece. Paint a vivid Yuletide color, and use a "horseshoe" made of a wire coat hanger strung with Ping-pong balls (cemented together) and a gay Christmas greeting in red. Screw on three little star-shaped cookie tins to serve candies, and add three striped candy-cane "candles"

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 90



HOW TO MAKE
 YOUR OWN
 CENTERPIECE

This easy-does-it centerpiece looks mighty attractive on your dining table or buffet and adds to the conviviality if you fireproof it—and if you use tall candles and don't let them burn down too far. Base is a piece of scrap plywood with holes bored for candles and greens. Two blocks of wood, about 1" x 3", make the legs. Spray base with fireproofing compound and insert any number of candles and in any design you wish. Arrange fireproofed greens to cover board



Spray with aluminum paint from a spray-type container. While wet, dip heads into silver, gold, or colored glitter, which will stick to paint



We arranged our "silver stars" in a low bowl with a pin-type flower holder. For variety we added silvered cones and seed pods



Heart

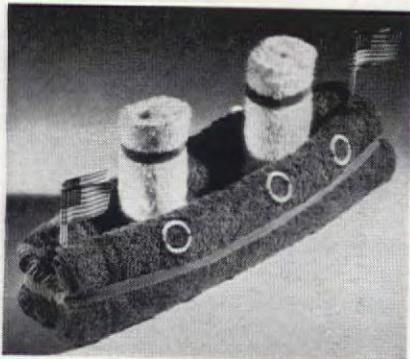
Rose-trellis tree is a good gift for a Green Thumb. Tree is rose trellis, base is coiled garden hose. Attach rose catalogue, markers, pruning shears, labels, pencil, spray box, book on growing roses, local garden club data



MORE ON PAGE 30



Make a mobile of lightweight Bristol board, bright paint. String with thin black string: a cut-out candy cane, striped red; two stars, one white, one colored, interlocked by slots; two trees, mounted like star; add a gay sock. Mount all and hang



S.S. Washcloth: Roll four green cloths into tubes with paper sheet inside. Stitch. Make sides two deep—join at ends. Add curtain-ring portholes. For funnels, roll two white cloths; stitch and sew inside "ship." Add flags at each end. Bind funnel tops and body of boat with 1/2-in. ribbon



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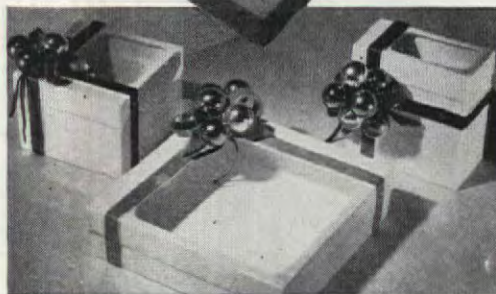
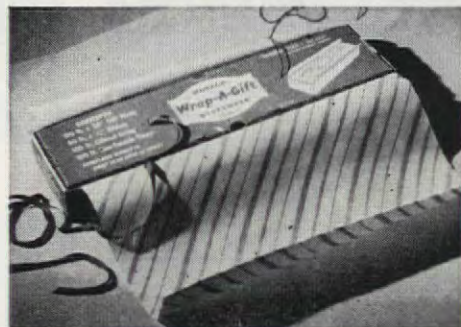
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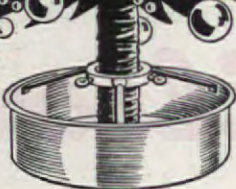
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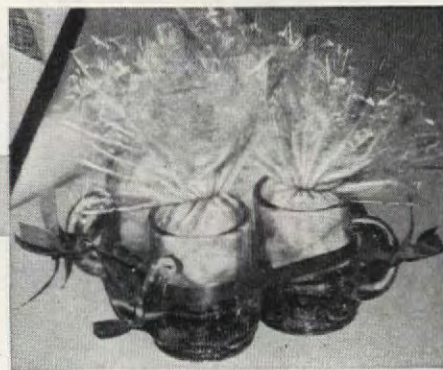
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See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 90

An ordinary copper scourer un-makes into this gay wrapping. Unravel your scrubber to fit, then decorate with bright beads attached with tiny bows. Top-notch with bow or clump of beads



Copper foil, a sharp-edged cutting implement, glue, and a few sequins and snippets and you'll do these clever decorations for tree or a table in no time at all. (1) Rudolph sports a diamond eye, a red nose, glittery tips to his antlers. Attach earrings with thread. (2) Curl tailfeathers around pencil, add two bright beady eyes. Serrate wing edges, draw on other markings



Copper Curlicues



(3) Cut out curved strips of foil for tail and wing, paste on, then scatter colored sequins onto the body. Cute as place card any time of year, as well as on Christmas tree or packages. (4) Parisian "pompons" are finger-tip-sized clumps of a kitchen scourer. The ribbon bow sits gaily on topknot, can be used to hang this one



Data: Martha Weathersbee



(5) Frolicsome little fawn still sports his baby spots! Use light sequins for them, and glue on. Wisps of silver tinsel make a lifelike tail for this dear!!

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painted or otherwise processed by young craftsmen of the Republic.

Thus, in a dramatic way, the inspiration and ingenuity of two artisans of ancient Italy have leapt the centuries to contribute very practically and materially toward the support of a nonsectarian, nonprofit, boy-government community with no state or church affiliations. Made up of youths of high school age who are homeless or from broken or disorganized homes, the Republic occupies a 240-acre farm near Pomona.

The wreaths are sent out on order to every state in the Union and to many foreign countries; the customer and recipient lists include names of social, political, business, and cultural leaders. Uniquely American in its self-reliant aspects, one of these wreaths is literally "a gift within a gift" to give or to receive.

Music (Begins on page 28)

phony for Strings. The joys of LP, what?

BRAHMS—*Variations on a Theme of Haydn*—Toscanini and the NBC (RCA Victor). No other rendering approaches this, nor does any other rendering approach the accompanying item, **ELGAR**'s *Enigma Variations*.

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TCHAIKOVSKY—*Symphony No. 6 (Pathétique)*—Willem Fürtwängler and the Berlin Philharmonic (RCA Victor). An old "78," not yet given the LP treatment. No longer available in most shops—but I hope you can find it for, to me, it represents perfection.

OPERAS

MOUSSORGSKY—*Boris Godunoff*—in the Rimsky-Korsakoff version, present-

ing in the title role a very great interpreter, Boris Christoff. The others, all effective. Issay Dobrowen conducts glowingly (HMV).

MOZART—*Così Fan Tutte* with an all-Metropolitan cast, including Steber, Thebom, Peters, Tucker, Guarrera, and Alvary, plus the Met orchestra and chorus under Fritz Stiedry (Columbia). Two words for this—utter charm.

PUCCHINI—*La Bohème*. Toscanini's NBC Symphony takes the honors, although Albanese and Peerce do right well (RCA Victor).

VERDI—*Falstaff*, considered by many this composer's greatest work. A well-balanced cast—a brilliant impersonation of Sir John by Giuseppe Taddei, and skillful singing by Lina Pagliughi and Anna Maria Canali (Cetra).

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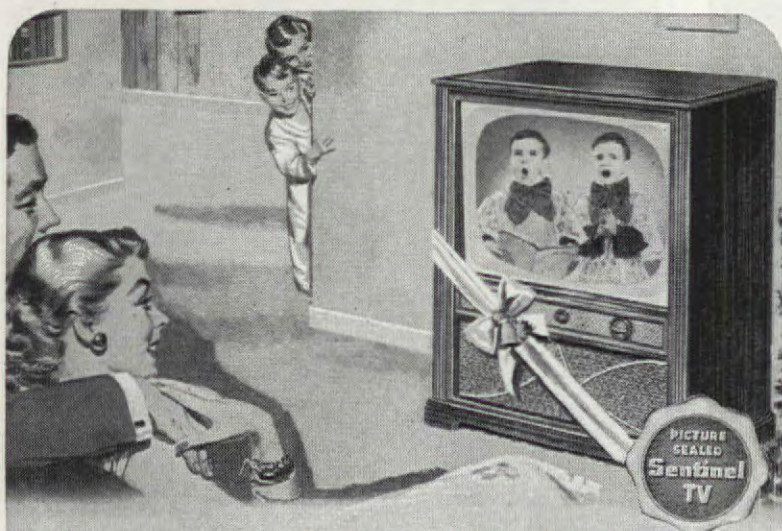
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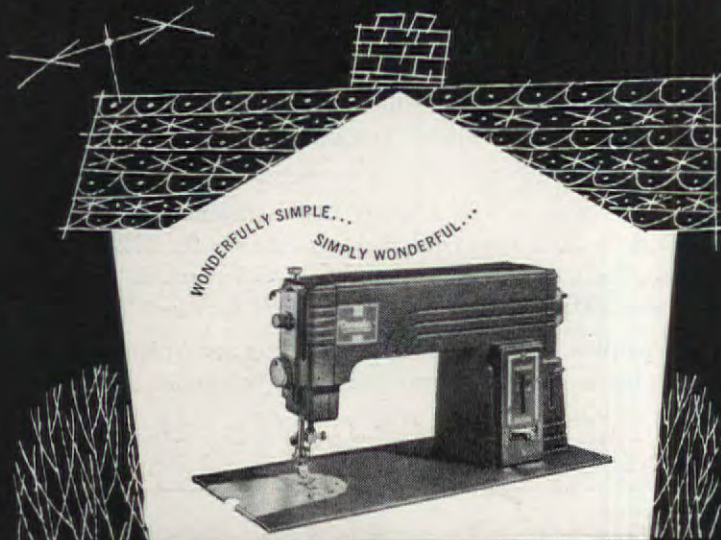
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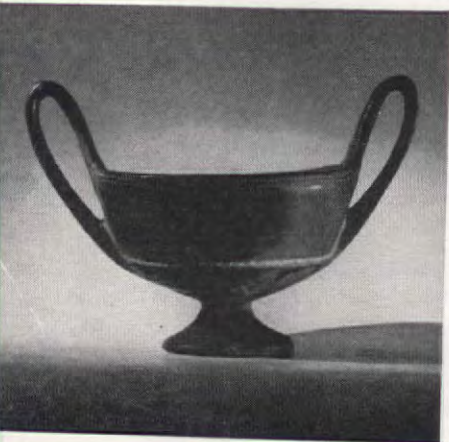
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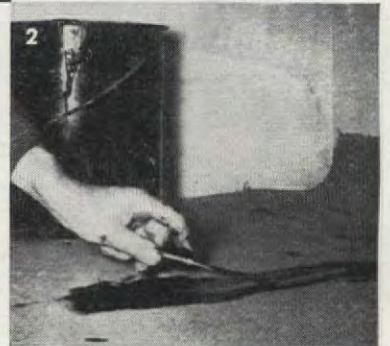
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Data: Robert Scharff



1. Earthen floors in basements and crawl spaces often encourage excessive water vapor which pervades the house to stain ceilings, mildew wallpaper, and commit other evils. First, level ground, fill holes, tamp. Coat walls with white cement paint

2. Make a permanent, vapor-sealed floor by applying a layer of asphalt crawl-space covering or 55-lb. roll roofing over entire ground area. Run material about 2-in. up walls, lap it 2-in. at the seams, and seal the latter well with roofing cement



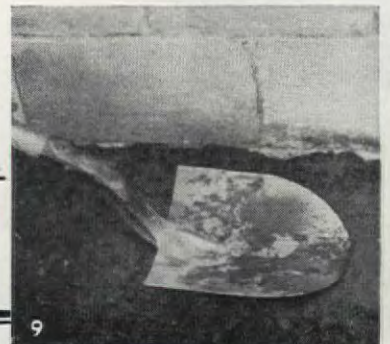
5. Hot water pipes for heating and water system should be insulated too, to prevent excessive heat loss and condensation. Wrap cooled pipes with asbestos air-cell insulation and metal bands

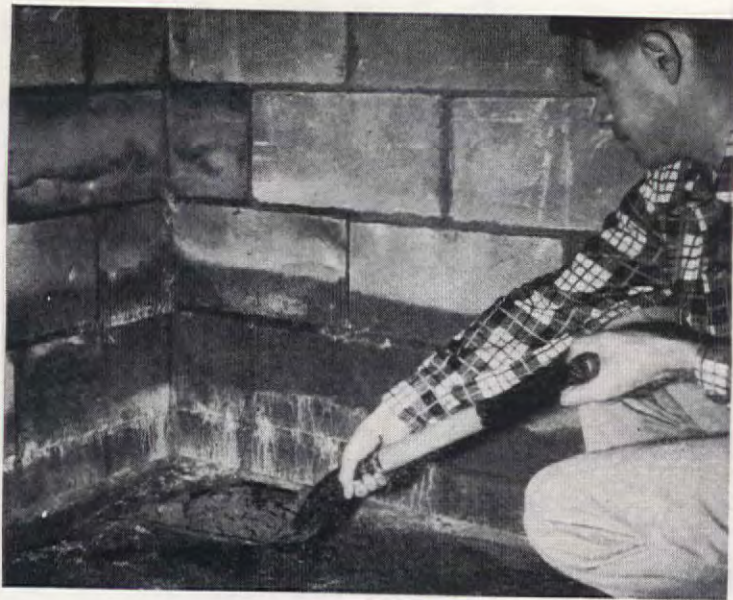


6. Spray or coat sills, joists, and sub-flooring with a wood preservative to prevent decay, rot, and insect damage—any woodwork already affected by decay should be replaced



9. Grade level should slope away from the foundation wall. If yours doesn't, add soil to bring up the level, then sod or plant grass seed to hold the embankment in place and prevent excessive absorption





3. Install batts or blankets of insulating material (vapor barrier up) between joists to keep damp from rest of house. Support with strips of wire mesh cut 4 in. wider than space between joists, secured to them with wood cleats

4. Cold-water pipes should be insulated to prevent condensation and the possibility of freezing in very cold weather. Use felt insulating material, or, if there is no danger of pipes freezing, wrap-on insulating tape



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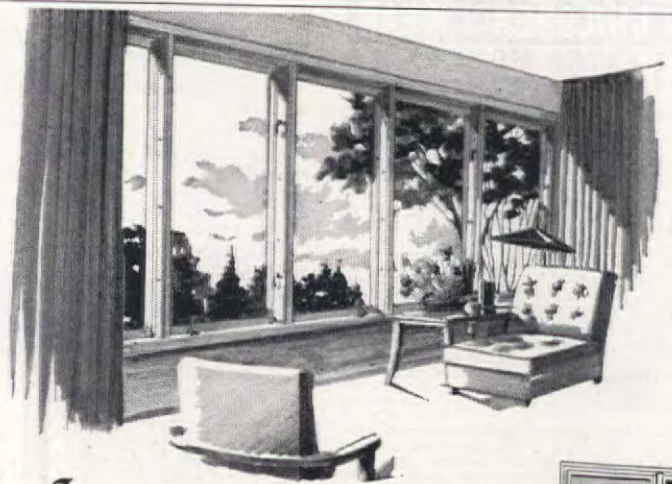
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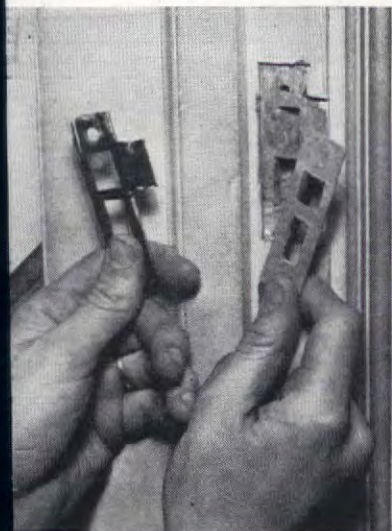
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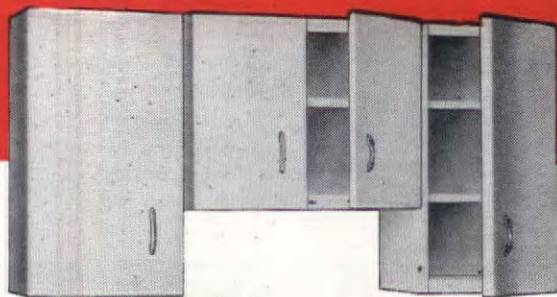
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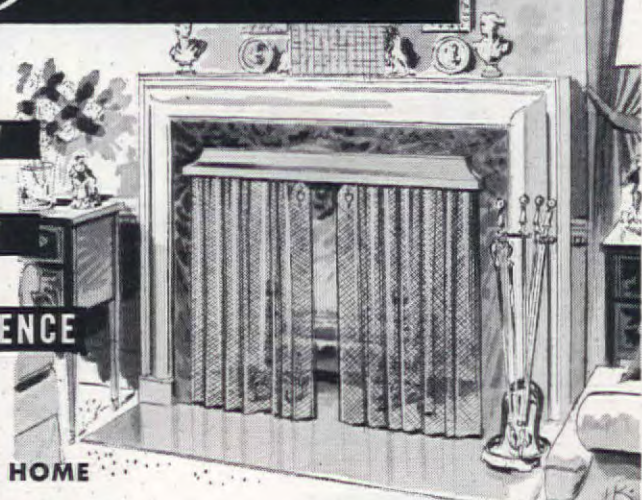
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Mistletoe Symbolism



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Decorating homes and churches with evergreens is an almost universal Yuletide ceremony, and none of the greens used is richer in symbolism than the mistletoe. Mistletoe or *mistletoe*, a pretty name given this "heal-all" of the Celts by the Saxons, means the shoot or tine of a tree. According to an old Celtic tradition, mistletoe was a tree until it furnished wood for the cross to which Christ was nailed. Thereafter it was condemned to exist as a parasite.

One interesting Scandinavian myth has it that mistletoe wood was fashioned into the bow that killed Balder, the Sun God. When Balder was born, his mother, Frigga, evoked a promise from all the plants and animals to do no harm to Balder, but she forgot the insignificant mistletoe. When Balder entered any combat of the gods, he remained untouched until, by devious means, Loki, his enemy, learned the secret from Frigga. Loki made an arrow from mistletoe, took it to the assembly of the gods, and placed it in the hands of blind Hoder, who with it shot Balder dead. All things in heaven and earth joined in mourning the death of Balder, and he was brought back to life by the strength of his mother's love. The pearly berries of the plant symbolized her tears, and mistletoe became an emblem of the love which is stronger than death. From that time mistletoe was held sacred and grew neither on, nor under, the earth but always suspended between earth and heaven.

Oak trees were sacred to the ancient druids, so mistletoe growing on an oak received special veneration. It supposedly worked miracles of healing, protected from witchcraft, and promoted fertility in field and barnyard. Historians have hinted that wily priests went so far as to transfer this miracle-working plant from apple trees, where it grew in profusion, to the less abundantly endowed but sacred oak trees.

The magical powers of mistletoe inspired gaiety then as now. Unfortunately, its curative powers seem to have departed, for present-day sci-

entists find in it no medicinal qualities. At any rate, in druidical times, the cutting of the mistletoe was a grand ceremony. A great procession was formed and proceeded to the chosen oak, a pair of white bulls was tied to the base of the tree, while white-robed priests cut the mistletoe from the bough with a golden sickle used for no other purpose. When it fell onto a white mantle held by lesser priests, the bulls were sacrificed. The mistletoe was then divided into bits and distributed on the first day of the New Year. The recipients hung sprays over their doors as a sign of amity. Anyone passing under it could be assured of welcome and shelter from the cold.

The custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe is the only remaining suggestion of the happy benefits it conferred on those into whose hands it fell. Tales of its magic spread so widely that Christian authorities probably recognized it as the source of unwholesome superstition, for mistletoe is usually absent from present day church decorations though other evergreens abound. There may have been a time when mistletoe and kissing were both a part of the Christmas church service, but because of the romantic revelry they suggested, both were abandoned.

Though mistletoe disappeared from religious ceremonies, the kissing custom was preserved in the servants' halls, and soon spread to the upper regions of the house. With each kiss the young man plucked a berry of the mistletoe hanging over his head. The young ladies passed by in this jolly ceremony were doomed to spinsterhood for the year to come.

In our day, kissing under the mistletoe, symbolizing love as strong than death, is all that's left of the many magical powers once attributed to it. It is not certain how old the custom is, and we don't know if it was ever practiced among peoples other than those of the Anglo-Saxon race but it shows no signs of dying out.

When You Go South

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if you can be that systematic) so you can quickly select what you need when the time comes. A light spray of clear lacquer or artist's fixative will preserve texture and prevent deterioration or disintegration, as in the case of cattails or milkweed pods. You may prefer to retain Nature's soft shades of cream, grays, browns, etc., or you may decide to spray some of the material with silver, gold, bronze, or metallic colors to match the decorative scheme of your home.

"Then you can use the material in various ways—simply arranging the branches, etc., in bowls or jars, or making more permanent decorations. For the latter, first decide what you are going to make and lay out the necessary plant materials in an orderly 'assembly line,' with the first-needed things in front. Next, choose a piece of old plank, driftwood, etc., for a base and drive nails of various sizes up through it from the bottom on which you then glue felt to protect any furniture it may rest on. Press lumps of modeling clay in irregular forms down over the protruding nails which will hold them in place, and into the clay thrust the stems of your bouquet material; later, you can paint it brown to simulate earth. (Foam rubber or florist's white wreath-base material can be used instead of clay.)

"It is helpful to know something of the habits and habitat of the plants you use, so as to make the result look more natural. In the arrangement above, for example, a piece of weathered desert sage root lies in the foreground; stems with buttonlike knobs are those of date from which the fruits have been removed;



there are several open milkweed pods from which the silky seeds have flown, and the odd, inflated stems are of a species of Eriogonum (*E. inflatum*) common along desert country roads. The finely branched spray at the left is from another species of Eriogonum found in the uplands; it looks like a mass of fine green or reddish brown lace and is much used here in the Southwest for mantel and table decoration. Indeed, all through the West Coast region, these dried plant relics are being used more and more to add beauty and interest in homes. At Christmas time, seed pods and cones sprayed with silver or gold paint are lovely tied into the bows on gift packages. There also shows in the picture one thorny stick of ocotillo or 'desert-candle' which, in spring, is a striking desert feature, its waxy red blooms giving an impression of flaming tips. At the base of the arrangement are bolls of cotton, a cultivated crop typical of the Southwest. One attractive subject *not* included in this arrangement is desert-holly, almost white and with tiny red berries at Christmas time. As with several none-too-common things, there is a law against picking it."



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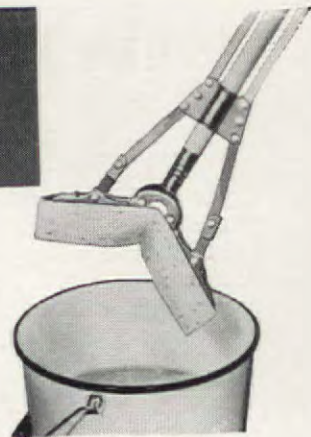
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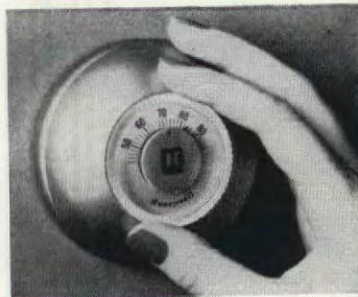
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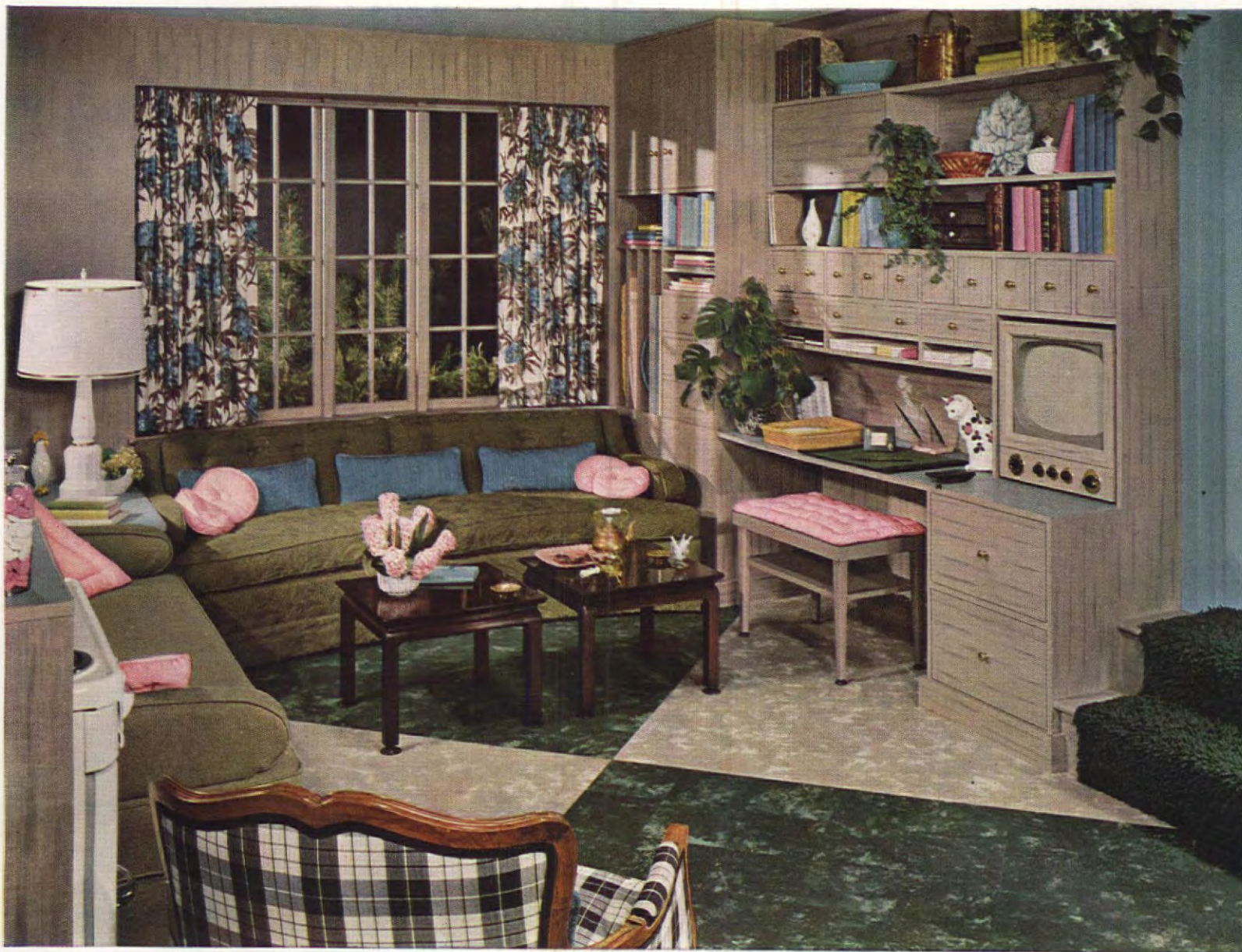


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