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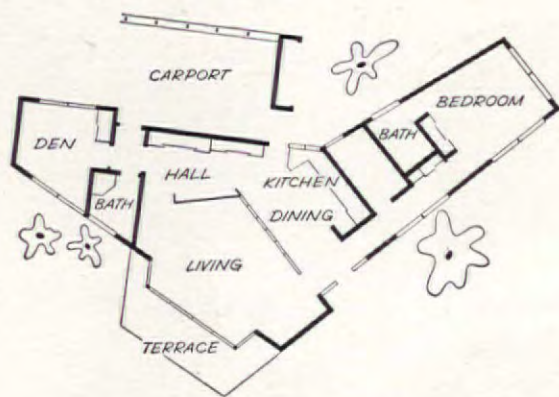
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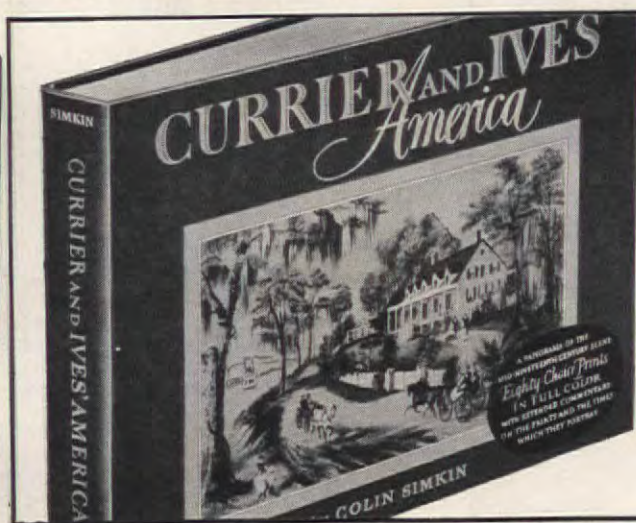
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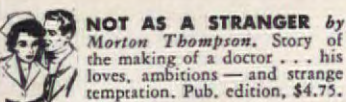
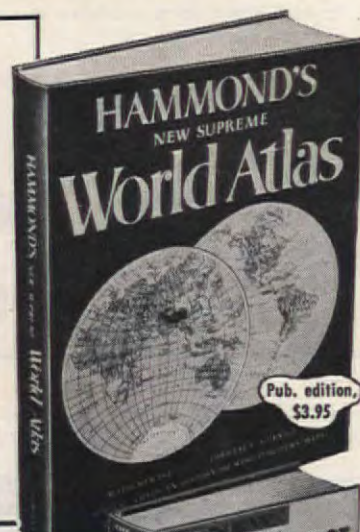
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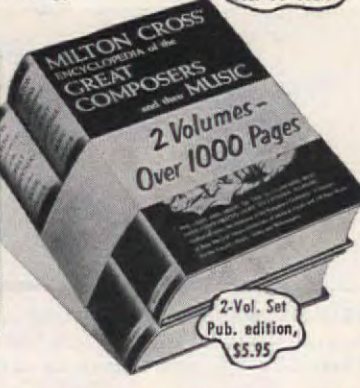
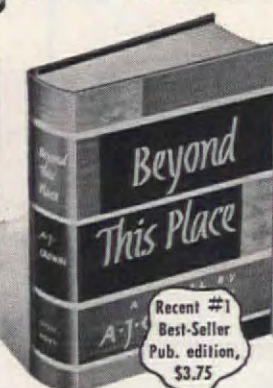
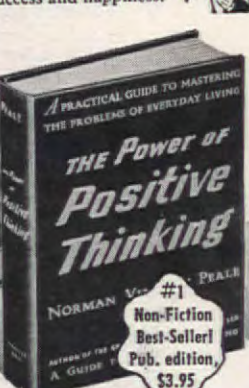


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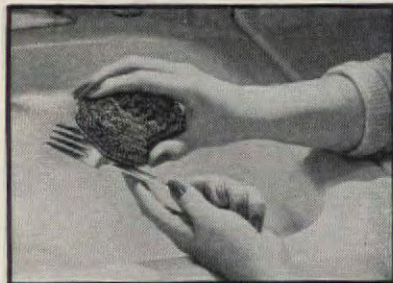
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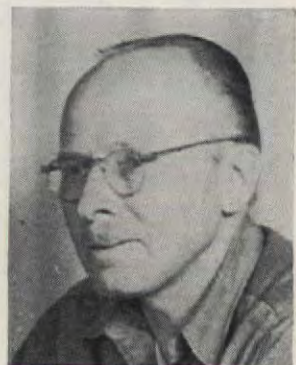
. . . JOHN C. WISTER, Harvard '09, studied landscape architecture and, since 1919 has practiced it. One of America's top horticulturists; prolific writer, lecturer, authority especially on peonies, iris, daffodils, and lilacs (see page 42). Secretary, Penn. Hort. Soc'y 1919-'52; the Amer. Rose Soc'y '20-'23; president, Amer. Iris Soc'y for 15 years; director Tyler Arboretum since '46, and Scott Hort. Foundation at Swarthmore College.



. . . MARION ROSS, stylist with the educational department of the Singer Sewing Machine Company has made a long professional study of techniques of sewing synthetic fabrics at home (see page 54). Trained as a teacher, Miss Ross first joined the Singer staff as a sewing teacher, soon became a supervisor, and then a stylist. She has lectured before thousands of women in almost every state of the Union, and in Canada.



. . . PAUL COREY, on page 52, tells how to grow trees in miniature—he is a partner in Cavedale Craftsmen, who make things and write about them. With strong do-it-yourself leanings, he has built himself three homes (with gardens) and one swimming pool and written such books as *Buy an Acre*, *Build a Home*, *Home-made Homes*. His poet-critic wife is also an ardent gardener, and their daughter shares his interest in horses.



. . . MARILYN AND DAVID SKYLAR of Shaker Heights, Ohio, brought their good young ideas to a middle-aged house, and used their own elbow grease to accomplish the transformation when young Claudia was 16 months old and Dean not yet born. (See page 56.) After two years as a student of mechanical engineering, Mr. Skylar put in several years in the Air Force. In 1946 he went back to school—to the University of Missouri where he met Marilyn. While he went on to get his degree in journalism, she was graduated and went off to take a job on the *Cleveland Press*. The romance was kept alive via the U.S. post office. In 1949, Mr. Skylar joined the Griswold-Eshleman advertising agency in Cleveland, and is now assistant director of public relations.



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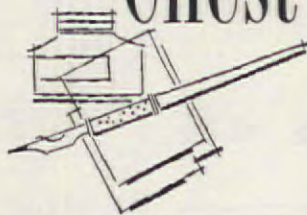
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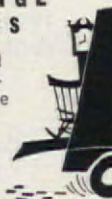
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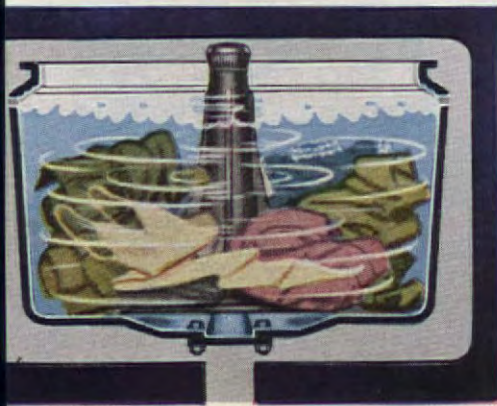
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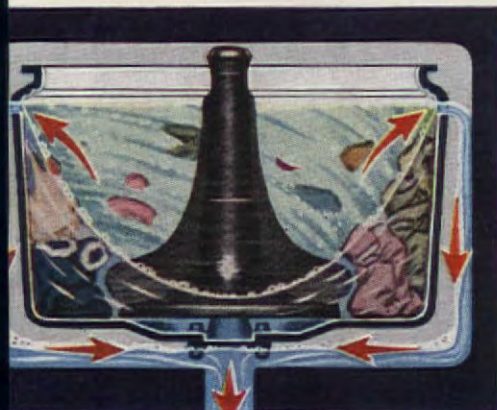
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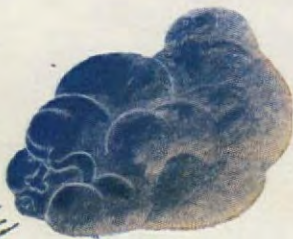
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Of Loaves and Fishes

(Begins on page 12)



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There is another society, anything but mythical, which furthers the cause of two other prime musicians—Bruckner and Mahler, and it is owing to its tireless efforts in their behalf that their



ROBERT BAGAR

creations get as much circulation today as they do, though scarcely—according to some views—enough. In other words, this society is devoted to saving the works of Bruckner and Mahler from a musical limbo, and we must remember that these two men have had stalwart defenders, especially so Mahler, with such champions as William Mengelberg, Bruno Walter, Otto Klemperer, Richard Strauss, and Arnold Schönberg, among others.


Thus, Mahler and Bruckner, banded together posthumously by a common adversity, neglect, have only during the past decade or so come to be regarded as masters of their art—masters, albeit, not without flaws.

Mahler, a man of high intellectual attainments, attempted in most of his work, a Faustian task, namely, the probing of imponderables—life, death, the universe. He composed symphonies of huge dimensions, which contain page after page of noble music, loftiness of thought, warmth of melody, and as many pages which exhibit a tiring repetitiousness, as well as melody that borders on the cheaply sentimental. He was a tortured man, and his music so pictures him, perhaps. And if he was, as some have advanced, a victim of a pathologic melancholia, that may have been the source, nevertheless, of much passionate, inspiring music. In any case, all agree that Mahler, as a craftsman, as an architect of musical sound had in his time few peers.

Anton Bruckner, on the other hand, was scarcely bothered by intellectual matters. He had no curious questions to ask of life through his music. He was an ordinary man, quite humble, deeply religious, and a devotee of Wagner to the death. The wonder is, therefore, that his nine symphonies—works of a remarkable complication (in the good sense), reflective, expressive in a powerful manner—give no clue to the peasant simplicity of their creator.

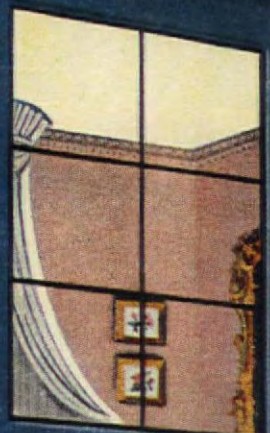
Now both Bruckner and Mahler appear together, as they often do, in an album containing two works, one by each composer. These are the Fourth Symphony of Bruckner and the *Kindertotenlieder* (Songs on the Death of Children) of Mahler. The orchestra is the Hague Philharmonic, conducted by Willem Van Otterloo, with Herman Schley, baritone, to sing the text of Friedrich Rückert in the Mahler piece. (Epic—two 12-inch LP disks, \$11.90.)

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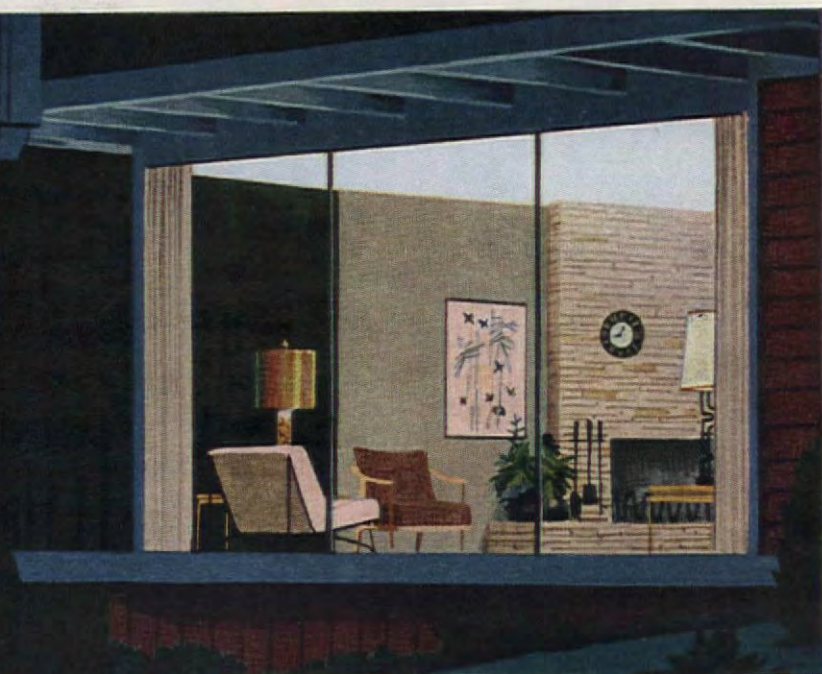
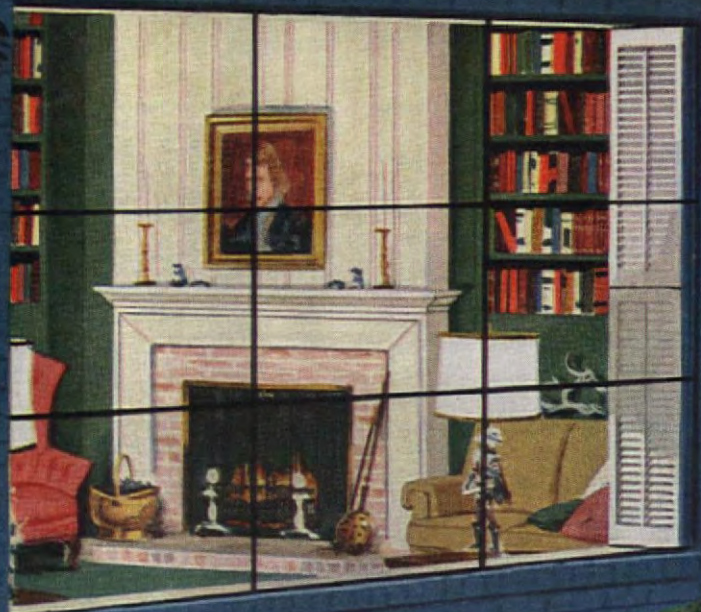
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Music

(Begins on page 16)

Both compositions display a special feeling in the performing, a feeling that the Italians describe as *con amore* (with love). Moreover, insofar as I can tell, there is authenticity, the true understanding here of each man's expression, his idiom, so to speak—the idiom of Bruckner, incidentally, not being so flagrantly Wagnerian as some may think. Baritone Herman Schley delivers his assignment in the Mahler with considerable dignity, depth, and emotion. The songs that constitute the *Kindertotenlieder* are set to five of Rückert's poems from the larger work, and made an astute selection for his musical treatment of them, which is symphonic, and without interruption.

Giacomo Puccini's last opera *Turandot* is considered by many to be his greatest. Your reporter likes to think so, too, though he does have, occasionally, a change of heart. Anyway, *Turandot*, rather neglected by the disk companies for a time, now suddenly looms as the opera to record. And we have, on the heels of a *Turandot* renaissance, so to speak, still another recording of the opera to compete with the more romantic and refined version by Cetra.

In the present performance, there are artists with whose names—or voices and art, for that matter—we have not previously been acquainted. Suffice it to say that the recording generally measures up to Puccinian standards and that in some parts, particularly those in which the *Turandot*, Gertrude Grob-Prandl, sings, the results are most agreeable. One more thing, the tenor, Antonio Spruzzola Zola, who does a fairly decent job all around, doesn't begin to come to Jussi Bjoerling's affecting Victor recording of the third act aria *Nessun Dorma* (None May Sleep). The other principals involved are Renata Ferrari Ongaro, a likable Liù; Norman Scott, as Timur; Marcello Rossi, Angelo Mercuriali and Mariano Caruso, as Ping, Pang, and Pong, respectively. (Remington, three LP disks, plus Italian and English librettos, \$9.97.)

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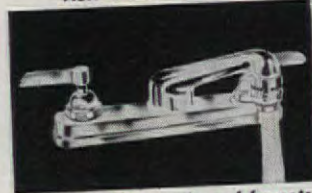


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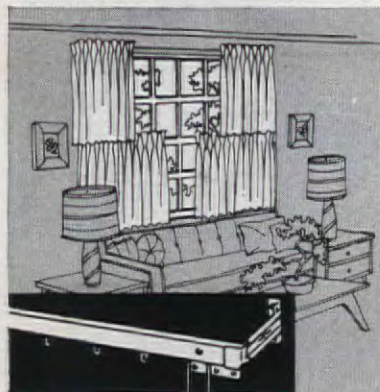
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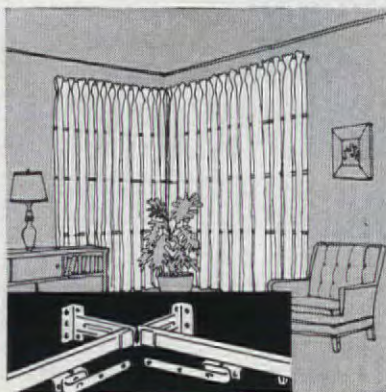


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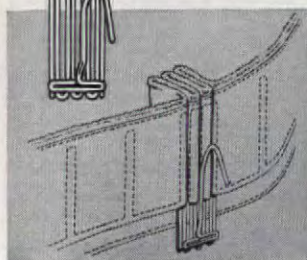
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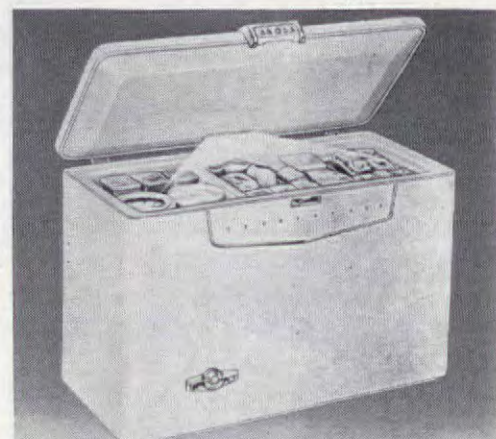
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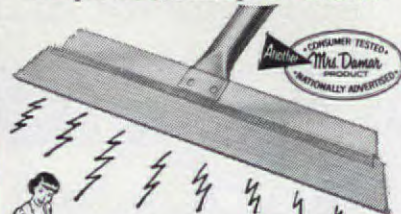
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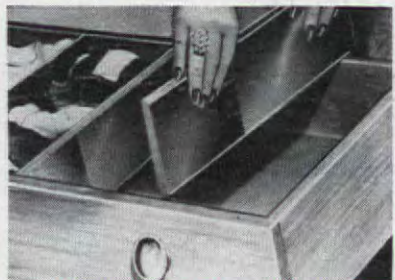
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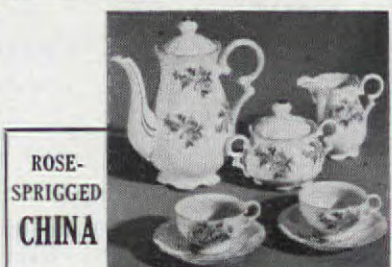
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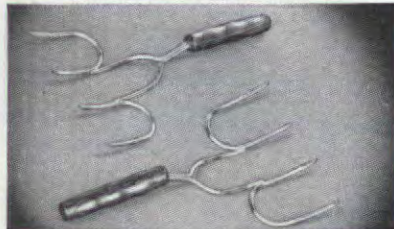
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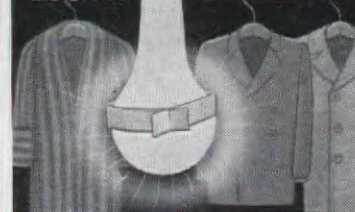
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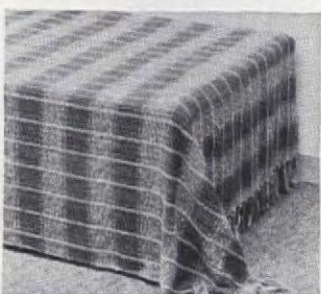
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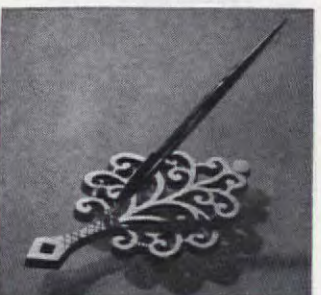
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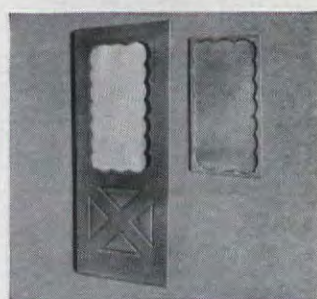
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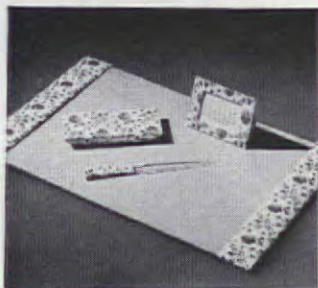
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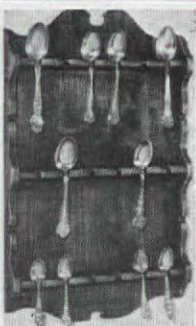
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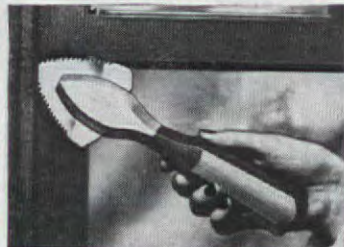
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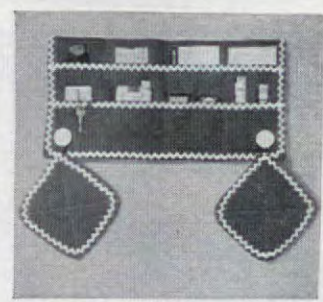
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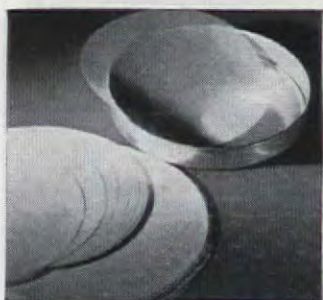
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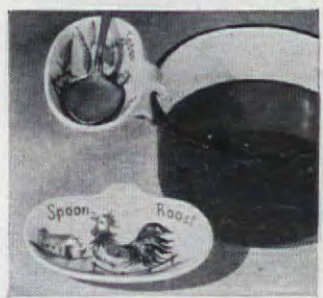
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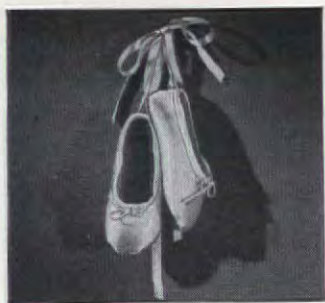
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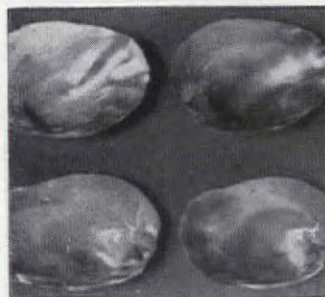


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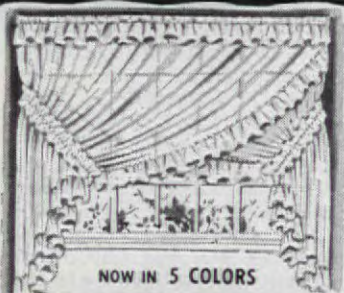
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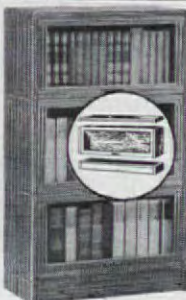


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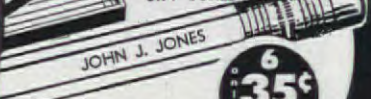
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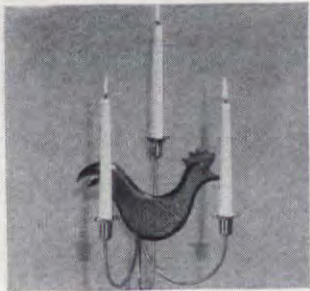
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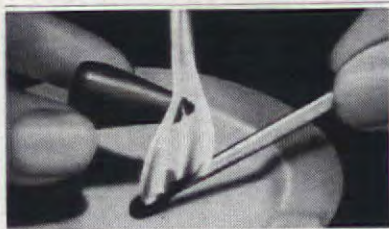
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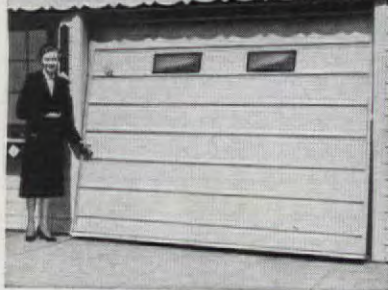
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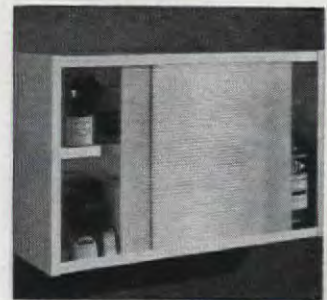
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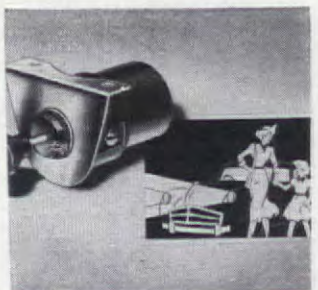
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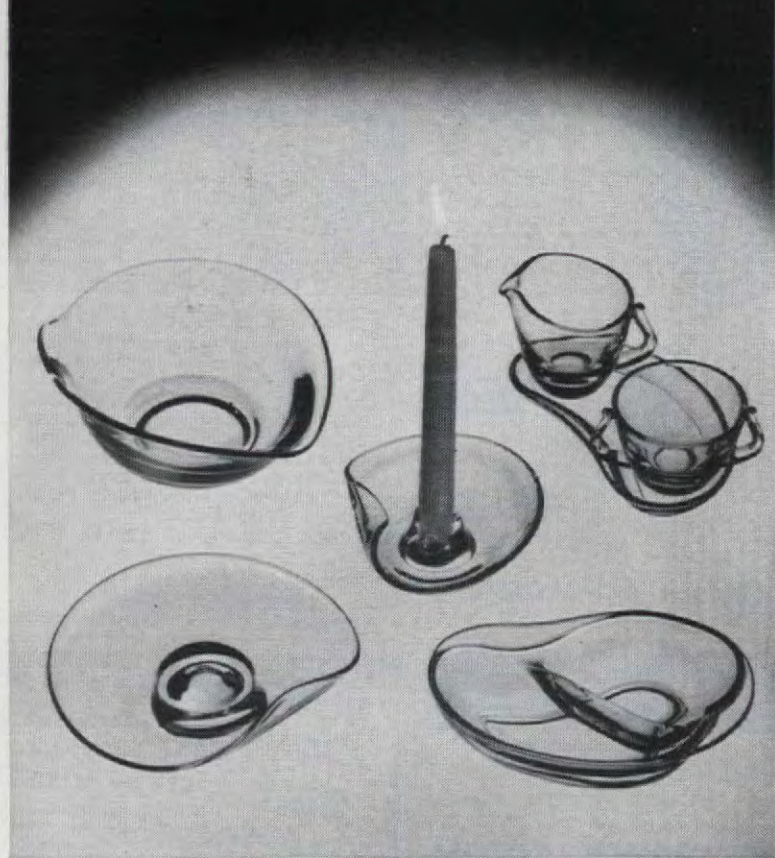
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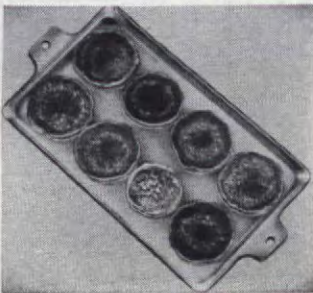
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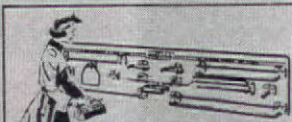
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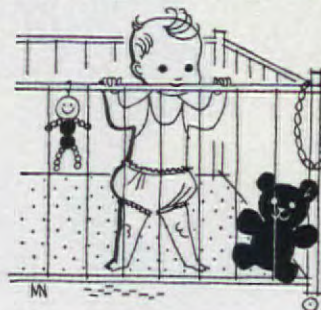
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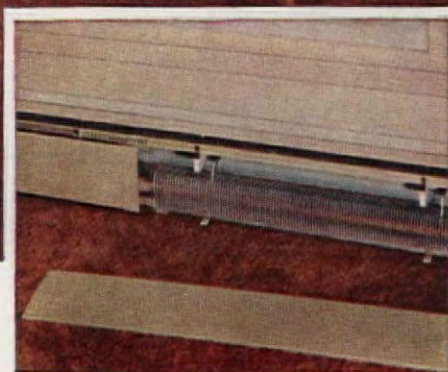
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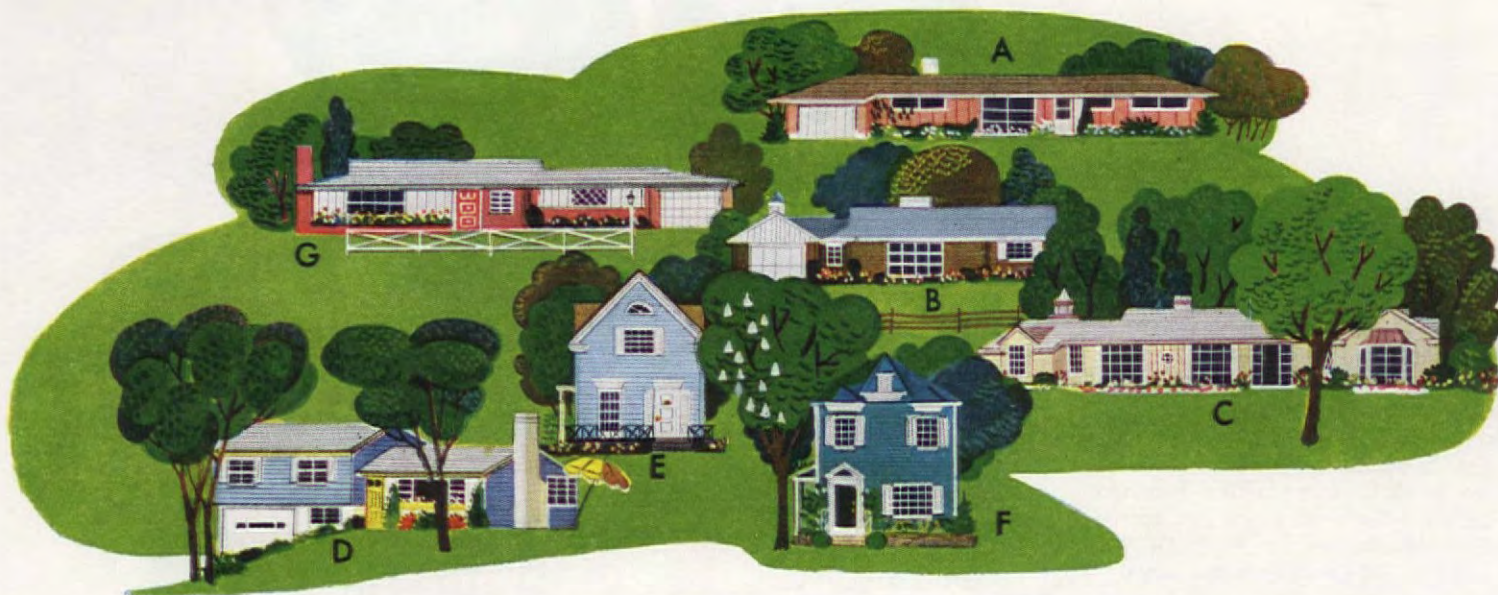
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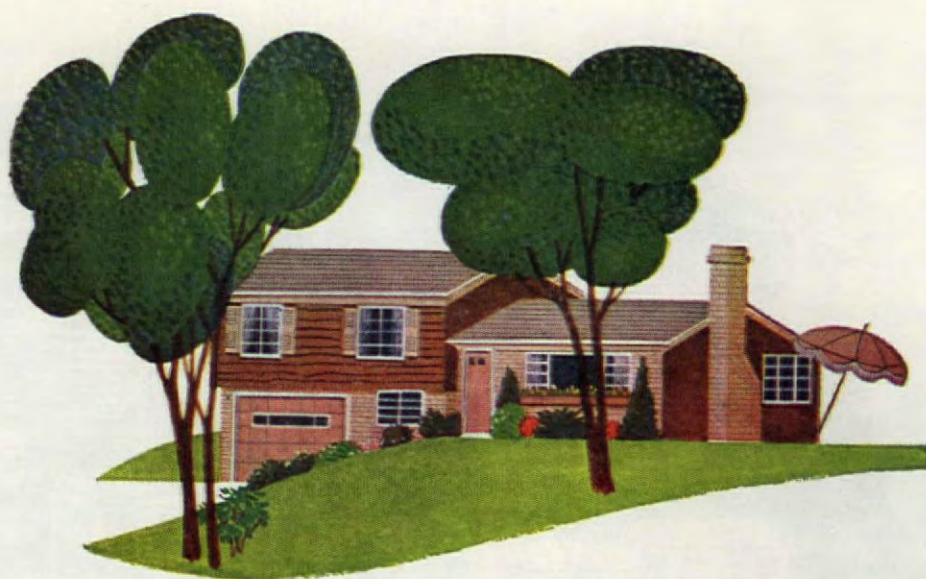
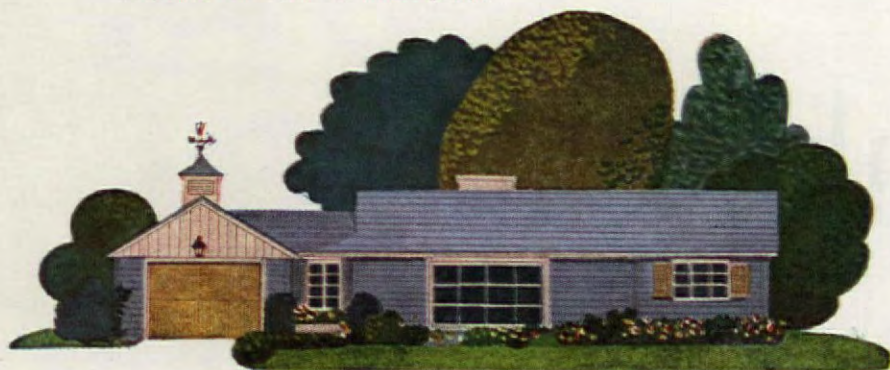
effect, look at this same house at the right, painted another way—this, a fairly conservative scheme that would look well in any neighborhood. Here, the body of the house is painted No. 128-Tan, garage

door and window trim are No. 255-Colonial Red, exposed beams, door, and pillar are white. Dark brown roof blends well and has a good feeling of weight to hold the house down. These stock colors are "Dutch Boy" paints made by the National Lead Co. Many manufacturers have color cards with a variety of co-ordinated color schemes by expert stylists.



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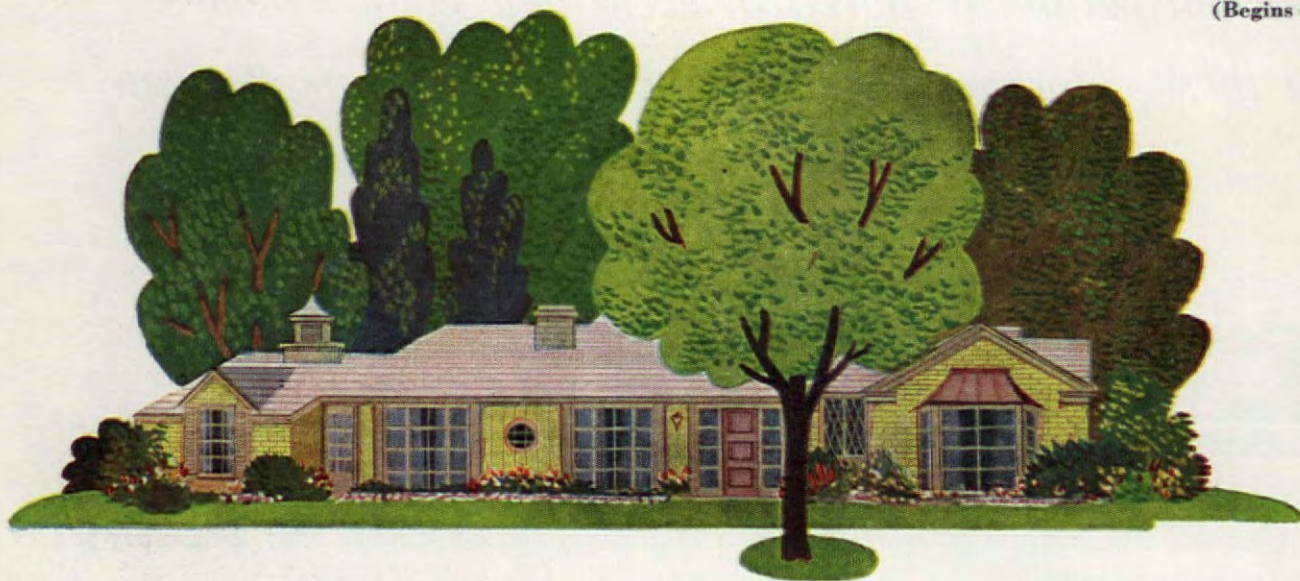
B Even though this is a relatively new house (we published it first in our April, 1953, issue), it is probably due for a good coat of paint about now. To help you picture how your own house might look in a brave new color scheme, we've redone this one a different way. Look at it first (B) on the preceding page and compare the new version, below. Exterior walls are painted No. 366W Copenhagen Blue, trim and gable are No. 170E Ivory Tint, garage door and shutters are No. 325W Old Bamboo. All Colorizer house paints.



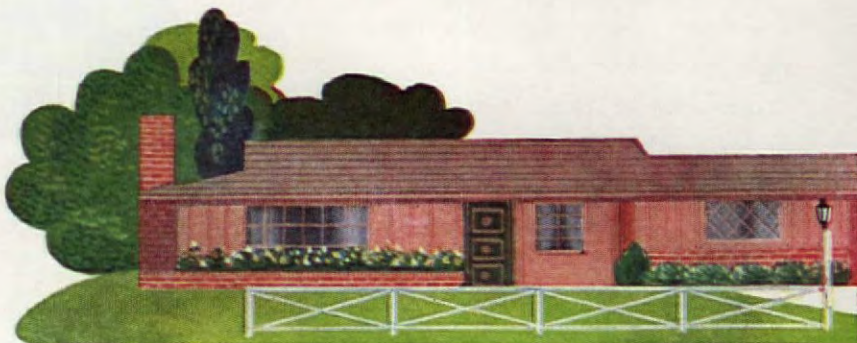
D Here's an excellent example of the popular split-level house, nestled into the side of a hill. The two major surfacing materials (most builders use too many) are brick and cedar shakes. As we originally published it (see drawing, page 37), the brick was painted white and the shakes stained spruce green. Here it is in a new guise: shingles are finished with Redwood Stain, the brick painted in Cream cement and stucco paint. The front door, a smart color called No. 327 Sunset Red. All from the Pratt and Lambert line.

Don't Be Inhibited!

(Begins on page 37)



C This big beauty, when we first featured it in our September, 1953, issue, was an all-white house—white roof, white siding, white concrete masonry, white trim. To prove how well it would look with a pastel color scheme, we've painted most of the outside walls with a lovely shade of cement and stucco paint called Delray Yellow. Trim color is a very subtle contrast of No. 845 Devon Cream. The front door is a sharp accent—Mexicali Rose. These paint colors are by DuPont.



E More and more younger families are buying older houses and remodeling them. Here, particularly, is where paint can work magic; an imaginative color scheme makes people exclaim, "What *interesting* people must live there!" Smart and sophisticated is this scheme: walls, No. 677 Warm Sandy; window trim, white; No. 681 Garrison Brown is the shutter color. Front door and railing are shiny black (No. 661). All Kyanize house paints.



F Below, another old house (49 years, it was, when published in our May, 1953, issue) brought to life again by remodeling and paint. Originally dark green with white trim, we've done it over in a subtle blending of three shades of green—similar, yet newer looking. Walls are 1-92 Everglade Green; trim, 1-93 Bud Green; front door and pediment lining, 1-341 Copper Verde, a hard-to-find blackish green. Pittsburgh Paints.



G Left, a distinguished house with lots of style, even in its original color scheme of white board and batten with red brick. But see how the new scheme with walls painted No. 56 Bermuda Pink gives the house more unity—the pink blends into the rosy-toned brick. Front door is painted a deep Essex Green with applied moldings picked out in a color called No. 39 Copper Red. All Benjamin Moore colors.

Good News if You're Painting Your Own

ROBERT SCHARFF

Some 58.1 per cent of our readers plan to tackle the job themselves the next time they paint the exteriors of their homes—and the percentage gets bigger every day. The savings in cash are substantial, and though we're not going to tell you that it is a cinch, we are happy to report that you can now buy a whole raft of painting accessories designed to make the job easier for the amateur. We show some here and more on pages 114 and 116. We show them to you because we advocate painting in late summer or autumn when woodwork has dried thoroughly, and when spells of dry weather ensure work uninterrupted by showers.

As you saw in the preceding article, there's good news in colors. You'll now find it easy to get, at neighborhood stores, any shade,

standard or a bit off-beat—without tricky blending or the risk that the second batch won't match. You can also get, at any store, different types of paint in identical tones—for example, your masonry, siding, and trim, though they all require different types of paint, can match perfectly. (For these, see "News for Your Home," page 34.)

TO MAKE PREPARATION EASIER, there is a new instant-lighting blowtorch (Bernz-O-Matic—Illustration 2) which softens up large accumulations of old paint and burns "canned" gas in a disposable tank. There's also an electrically operated flat-iron type

of paint softener. Rough spots can be quickly smoothed with the sanding attachment on an electric drill, and scale can be removed from metal with a wire-brush wheel on an electric drill. For caulking, you can now have an inexpensive caulking gun with disposable cartridge. There's a new putty knife, V-shaped for easy spreading (page 116), and there's even a disposable dropcloth to keep paint from your shrubs, plants, and walks (page 116).

TO MAKE MIXING EASIER, there's a plastic pouring spout for paint containers (Por-Mix, Illustration 1) which keeps paint in its place. We show it pouring paint into a disposable cardboard bucket (price: about 20 cents) ideal for mixing, or to use on the job with a metal holder you can get for it—no more cleaning of paint buckets! For thorough mixing, a paint-mixer attachment can be used with any standard electric-drill chuck.

TO APPLY THE PAINT with professional results, there are a variety of new brushes and rollers designed for exterior painting, and plush pads made especially for painting sash. And for safety, there are extension poles for rollers and brushes, and stepladders that convert into extension ladders (page 116). **FOR CLEANING UP:** What with disposable buckets and dropcloths, cleaning up is no problem. And don't miss a product called Quicke (Illustration 3) which cleans the painter himself—a waterless hand cream which doesn't irritate the skin.



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Here is a house that was made to order for one family, but it has so much that is desirable for so many families that we've made it AMERICAN HOME Blueprint Home No. 33. You can buy complete blueprints and specifications and build it right on your own property.

It's a king-sized house for real family living, as a study of the plan will show. The big living room opening off the entrance hall runs a full 26'2" from front to back of the house, not including the area compassed by the big bow window. The master bedroom is oversize—15' x 19'—and has its own bath and two enormous closets. The second bedroom, a generous 14' x 17'6" also has its private bath and two good closets. The study is so arranged that it could easily serve as a third bedroom with wood-burning fireplace. Note the additional bedroom in the opposite side of the house, well separated from the others: it can be put to use as guest bedroom, home office, or den, or as a maid's or nurse's room.

Who wouldn't love entertaining in that gracious dining room with its lovely bay window? In the kitchen, there's a beautiful brick cooking wall with built-in range and oven, and next to it a separate laundry room with plenty of space for a home freezer.

The enclosed living space, not including the garage, measures 2650 square feet. The over-all length is a masterful 98'1", and the exterior is a combination of hand-split shakes and random-patterned stone with slate roof. Like more details? Send for our blueprint and see for yourself!

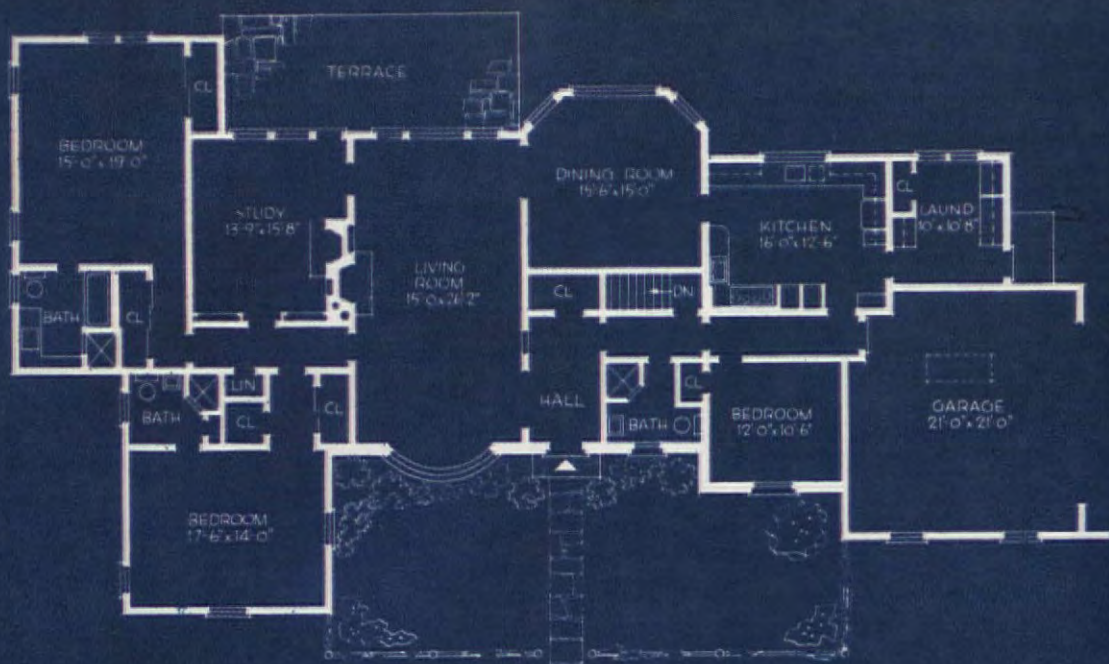
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Lilacs



The word "lilac" conjures up in most minds pictures of three types of plants. One includes sturdy old bushes of the common lilac (*Syringa vulgaris*), laden with fragrant flowers, found around old farm houses, guarding brier-filled cellar holes, gracing small town-yards or larger suburban or rural gardens. The second is the late-flowering old, but less well-known, white variety, *alba*, of the common lilac, bearing small spires of bloom high up on tall, narrow plants. Then there is the more graceful, smaller-leaved Persian lilac (*S. persica*), with enormous heads or trusses of purplish-lilac flowers.

Don't let the use of the lilac's botanical name—*Syringa*—confuse you, for it is still often, but wrongly, applied to the mock-orange shrub, with white, sweet-smelling blossoms, whose proper scientific name is *Philadelphus*. The so-called California-lilac that grows wild in Pacific Coast mountains is actually neither lilac nor *Syringa*, but *Ceanothus*; it is not recommended east of the Rockies or for any cold climates.

Lilacs are now available from general nurseries and specialists in a wide range of colors, in both single- and double-flowering forms, covering a blooming season of about three weeks. Most numerous and offering the greatest color range are the so-called French varieties of the common lilac. There is also an earlier group (by a week or ten days) with flowers tending to be paler; and a later group with, for the most part, pinkish flowers and

SOME LILACS RECOMMENDED FOR

EARLY SPECIES, VARIETIES, AND HYBRIDS

All Singles, blooming 1 to 2 weeks earlier than the Common Lilacs at right. *Syringa oblata dilatata*, lavender-pink is earliest of all

VIOLET: Lauvois. PINKISH: Necker (3); Lamartine, best known; Catinat, pale; Buffon; Esther Staley, new, free bloomer, fine spikes. MEDIUM PURPLE: Montesquieu (10); Pocahontas, medium height, deeper color.

LATE SPECIES, VARIETIES, AND HYBRIDS

All Singles, blooming 1 to 2 weeks later than the Common Lilacs. Scent rather unpleasant

VIOLET: Lutece; Jessica; Kim. LILAC: *S. josikaea*; Isabella. PINKISH: *S. reflexa*; Romeo; *S. swegiflexa*; Floreal; Miranda*; Nerissa; Praireal. RED-DISH PURPLE: *S. wolfei*. PURPLE: Royalty; Rutilant.

DWARF — USUALLY 5 to 8 FEET

Lucie Baltet, pink, single; Siebold, white, double; Vesuve, purple, single; Virginite, pinkish, double; *S. laciniata*, lilac, single.

TALLEST — USUALLY 10 to 15 FEET

Lamartine, pinkish, single, Early Hybrid; Necker (3), pinkish, single, Early Hybrid; Mme. A. Buchner, pinkish, double; Montaigne, pinkish, double; Marechal Foch, pinkish, single; President Lincoln, blue, single.

TREE LILAC: *S. amurensis japonica*, white, to 30 feet.

*PICTURED, NOT IN LIST: (4) *S. chinensis*, hybrid, midseason,

of varieties available, descended from

25 wild species, the selection of kinds

for your garden is not easy . . . Here is wise

advice from a famous authority

JOHN C. WISTER

an odor rather unpleasant to most people. Last to bloom is the white tree lilac which often attains a height of 30 or more feet and a basal trunk diameter of a foot or more.

Needing cold winters for a long rest period, lilacs grow well in the cooler parts of this country and into the coldest parts of Canada. They are not plants for Southern California or the Deep South, but are at their best in the Prairie States where soils are deep, rich, and definitely not acid. Lilacs bloom in tulip time, and charming combinations of the two can be made, except that orange tulips do not go well with pink, reddish, or lilac-toned lilacs. For a particularly gay spring picture, mix in some lavender-blue Phlox divaricata and bleeding-hearts, or some of the Intermediate bearded irises. Lilacs are so charming in bloom against a house wall (light kinds against dark walls and the other way around) that they should be used more to give relief from the heavier, darker masses of yew and other evergreens which surround all too many homes. Arching over a picket fence or flanking a gateway, they are delightful. And even though a plant blooms for only a week or so, it is then a lovely, fragrant highlight of the garden year. Many people prefer (or think they prefer) doubles to singles, but the latter offer the greater color range. The pinkest is the rather dwarf, utterly charming Lucie Baltet; bluest is the tall, rangy President Lincoln. Finest of the deep purples are the old reliable Ludwig Spaeth and the

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GARDENS (Numbers in parenthesis refer to those pictured*)

COMMON (or FRENCH) LILACS

Called early (E) or late (L) only for comparison with each other; none is as early as the Earlies, or as late as the Late kinds at left

WHITE: *Single*—Vestale (E); Mont Blanc (L); Mme. Florent Stepman (buds creamy); Marie Finon; Marie Legraye, old, rather creamy; Henry Clay (6); Candeur, new, very large flowers. *Double*—Ellen Willmott; Jeanne d'Arc; Alice Harding.

VIOLET: *Single*—De Miribel; Cavour. *Double*—Marechal Lannes; Violetta; Henri Robert. **LILAC:** *Single*—Jacques Callot; Christophe Colomb. *Double*—Victor Lemoine; Leon Gambetta; President Fallieres; Henri Martin (11).

BLUE and BLuish: *Single*—President Lincoln (E), tall, bluest; Decaisne (1) (E), buds pink; Maurice Barres; Firmament (9). *Double*—Olivier de Serres, buds pink; President Grevy; Duc de Massa; Rene Jarry Desloges.

PINK and PINKISH: *Single*—Lucie Baltet; Macrostachya (2), very pale; Charm, new. *Double*—Katherine Havemeyer; Mme. A. Buchner; Montaigne; Belle de Nancy.

REDDISH PURPLE: *Single*—Congo; Capitaine Baltet, very consistent bloomer; Mme. F. Morel, large flowers, open dark, suckers freely; Marechal Foch, tall, rather leggy; Reaumur; Marceau; Priscilla (5), new; Glory, very large but sparse bloom. *Double*—Paul Thirion, buds very red; Mrs. Edward Harding, reddest double; Paul Deschanel.

DEEP PURPLE: *Single*—Ludwig Spaeth; Monge, redder, short clusters; Mrs. W. E. Marshall (8); Volcan; Toussaint l'Ouverture; Sarah Sands; Night, new, very late, very dark. *Double*—Adelaide Dunbar; Paul Hariot; Charles Joly, not quite so deep.

(7) a prestoniae hybrid, probably Miranda



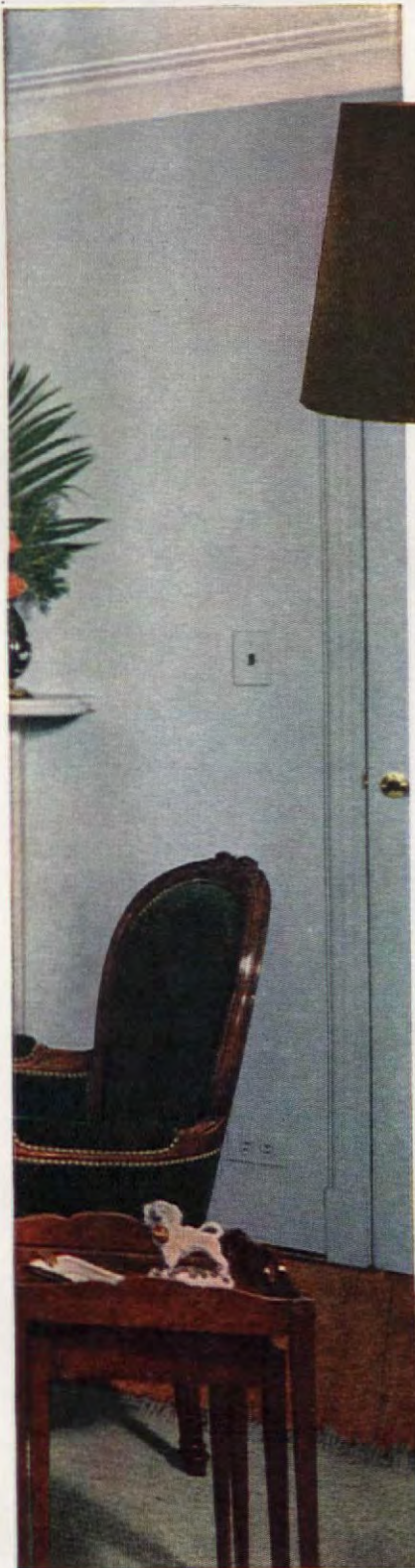


Memories Live in This Lovely

Nearly everything in this home is a loved memento
of a person, a time, an event in a family's history.

Their combination—a tribute to one person's taste





Inspiration for this home furnished in memories: "Mama's Great-Grandmama" whose lovely, intelligent face, portrayed in oils and framed in rosewood, pervades the living room



Here is a home that represents in its own way a triumph of taste over sentiment—or, more accurately, a harmonious blending of the two. Such a combination rarely results in a perfect marriage from a decorative point of view. Who of us has not seen houses crammed with knickknacks, odds and ends of furniture, and bibelots collected from all over the earth—all of it of great sentimental attachment; little of it with real beauty and value? To make something of such objects requires, in the first place, taste in the acquisition of these things; it requires discipline in the choice of what to use and what not to use; and it requires wit and charm to turn into a graceful supplement to a room something whose primary value is the personal affection you bear it.

The owners of this house have done that. After 35 years of marriage, they decided to sell a quite large house and to build this somewhat smaller one in a wooded corner of their old estate. (For the exterior, and its own nosegay of memories, see page 120.) They disposed of most of their formal furnishings and kept only their very favorite and informal pieces—those that held some sentiment of an anniversary, an ancestor, a holiday, or a pleasant event in their busy lives or in the lives of their daughter, her husband, and their family of three little girls.

Come, visit them with us. As you stand on the tiny entrance porch, do not allow your admiration for the front door's starchy white organdy and Irish crochet curtains with their great perky organdy bows carry you too far—or you might stumble over the shell door stop which holds many perfectly entrancing memories of Wales and the summers spent on the picturesque rock-bound coast of Cardigan Bay.

Old decanters, delicate wine glasses, silver trays, and liqueur sets brought from France, England, and Italy seem to feel quite at home in the elegance of the bejeweled and sequined bar off the entry hall.

As you walk into the sunny living room with its misty gray-green walls, exquisite stark white hand-embroidered curtains, and tiny old louvered shutters, you are greeted by the gracious smile of "Mama's Great-Grandmama." Her lovely oil portrait in the rosewood frame over the mantel quite dominates the room which is furnished in the rosewood of that gracious lady's gracious era.

Through doors which have louvered shutters and old hand-painted white china door knobs, you can see the soft gray and white dining room. You'll

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Home



The formal dining room. China from all over Europe is kept in those square corner cabinets. Beyond, a tiny gem of a garden with ironwork from France





Pink bedroom (our cover room) has "Grandma's spinning wheel," and smart window treatment which would surprise Grandma—and please her very well



"Mama's first violin," beyond repair, holds flowers Mama loved. At left, Victorian touches, built-in cornice, shows that modern bathrooms can be as pretty as dressing rooms in Grandma's house

Memories Live in This Lovely Home

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notice the square corner cupboards with their large brass door pulls, the chandelier from Venice, and the ivy-splashed cornice framing the view of a charming little formal garden beyond.

Climb the gray-carpeted stairs, and pause at the wall niches in which stand quaint old Staffordshire lambs holding flower arrangements of field daisies and meadow rue.

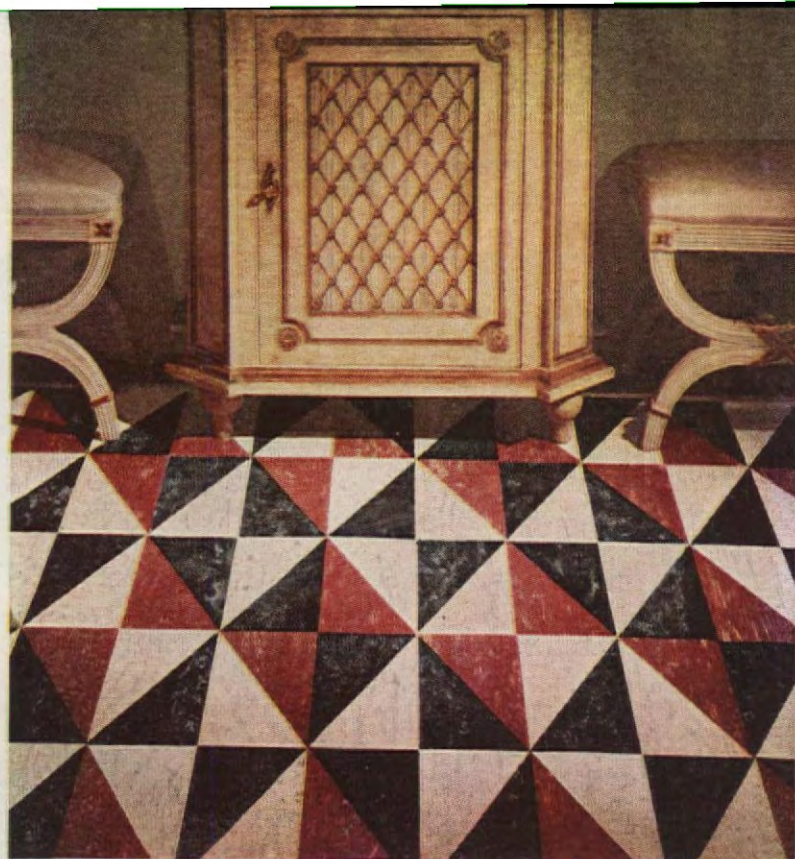
The L-shaped plan of the house permits two spacious bedrooms, each with three exposures, and one smaller corner bedroom, all connected by bathrooms which have been perked up with pretty dressing-room touches.

The very feminine shell-pink bedroom (shown on our cover) harbors "Mama's mantel" and "Grandma's spinning wheel." On one wall hangs "Mama's first violin." It just could not be relegated to the scrap pile even though it had reached the "beyond repair" stage, so it now presents a gay flower arrangement, a fitting tribute to the staunch little strings that for so long screeched—and then suddenly broke into song under "Mama's" patient little hands.

FOR THE EXTERIOR OF THIS HOUSE, SEE PAGE 120

From a garden filled with mementos, you enter the house through this front door whose pristine curtains—organdy edged with Irish crochet and tied with saucy, party-dress bows—reflect the decorative theme of this home: an adroit combination of equal parts of nostalgia and inspiration, blended together with uncommonly good judgment and taste





Right out of a Venetian palace came the inspiration for the beautiful harlequin floor at left. The power of its design would furnish a room, but because of that very power, it is best confined to a small area such as an entry hall. By Harry Heidenreich, from a design by Doris Dessauer

At right: This versatile new tile offers endless design possibilities. Each tile comes factory-scored and is easily broken into fifths. Use the whole tiles, or in combination with strips, or use the strips alone as in the herringbone pattern at far right. In four wood colors. It is Parquetry, a Matico asphalt tile



JAMES M. WILEY

Slick Ways to Dress Up Your

Handsome design for a dining room floor—or any formal room. The body of the floor is square terra-cotta colored tiles. At intersections of these tiles occur smaller white tiles set on the diagonal. Each of the larger tiles has one corner cut off so the white tile can be set in. Courtesy Jacques Bodart



Before laying designs as intricate as these, you should first do a scaled drawing of the room and lay out the design on paper. Plot the design to fit the area; then if you follow the pattern you won't "run out" at one end with only a fraction of the repeat. The floor below could be either tiles or strips cut from yard goods. Designed by William Pahlmann, A.I.D.



Another variation of a herringbone design. In this case, the designer kept to red for one side of the V, alternating black and white strips on the other side.

The result is a smart chainlike pattern. Designed by William Pahlmann, A.I.D.



Don't be a "square" when you put down

new resilient floorings! A little planning,

a little more effort, will reward you

with striking floors such as these

Floors

A simple but effective floor made up of alternating bands of three different colors. Stripes can be any width you desire—but keep them in scale with the room. Stripes running crosswise make a narrow hall seem much wider. You might also try a mirrored wall, right to the floor, for a further illusion of space. Malcolm MacGregor, designer

Most of us are familiar with floors laid off in big checkerboard squares of black and white, but see how pretty this one looks in pink and white. You can combine any two colors in this way, but remember that white, used for half the squares, gives it freshness and points up the other color. Designed by Guy Roop, A.I.D.





How to Lay Resilient Tile

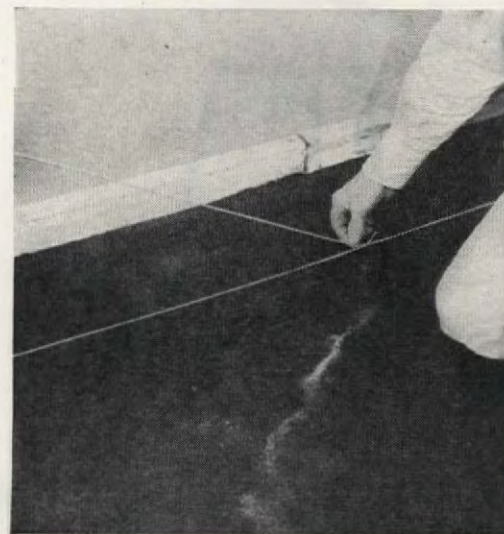
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Covering battered old flooring with resilient floor tile is one of the more popular, and rewarding, of do-it-yourself projects. First step is to prepare floor with underlayment and felt paper (we gave full directions last month). Next, plan your pattern—and for that you'll find plenty of inspiration on page 48. Make an accurately measured floor plan to work from, and draw your projected design to scale upon it. Borders are tricky, so plan your design to avoid having narrow strips of tile bordering the walls. Border sections should be at least half a tile in width, because narrow strips may cause trouble, but you needn't be so fussy with borders of alcoves and jogs. Next, lay out chalk lines, and check plan by laying a row of tightly butted tiles across the room in both directions—but don't cement. If borders are too narrow, shift the whole row, and lay out new chalk lines. Because of the problems that border areas present, we prefer laying chalk lines border-width away from two adjacent walls, although some people recommend starting chalk lines from center of room.

Materials needed for the job are tile, suitable adhesive (consult your dealer about this), notched spreader, linoleum knife, chalk lines, scribe, small hand roller, and a blowtorch which is used to soften all tiles except rubber, cork, and leather.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 133

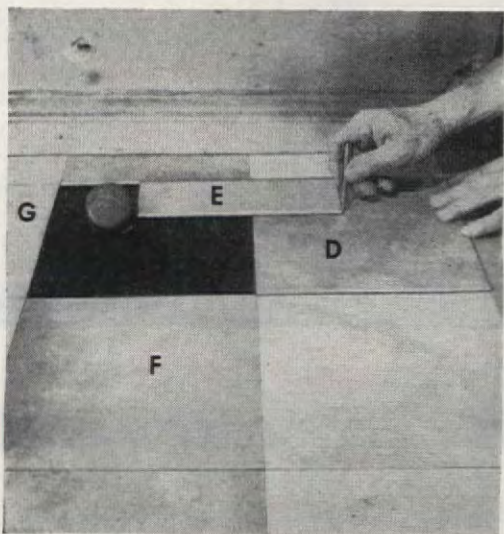
1. You know from your plan how wide each border will be. Lay out chalk line parallel to longest wall, border width from the wall. Snap line. Nail one end of line to floor. Raise other end and attach it to wall (later, after adhesive is spread, you'll resnap line on floor)



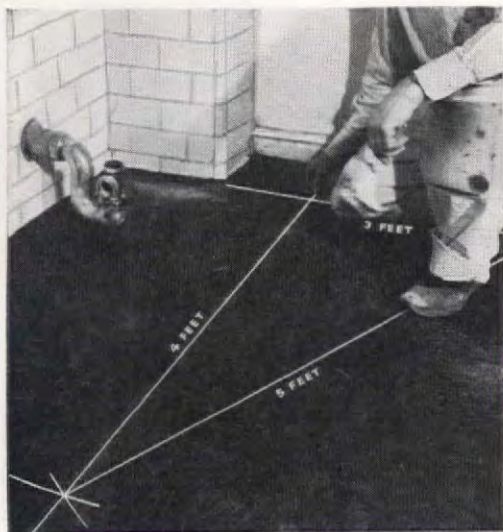
5. Leave border for later. Start laying tiles where the two chalk lines intersect. Lay tiles along each chalk line. Press tiles firmly down into place, but do not slide them, as this will force adhesive up between joints



9. To fit tiles around pipes, align tile to be cut (D) on installed tiles. Mark, using full length strip of tile (E). Move tile (D) and repeat in front (F) and at G. Measure pipe's thickness for front-to-back size of hole



2. Lay second line at right angle to first. To do this, mark 3 ft. along first chalk line; from mark, swing arc on 5-ft. string; from other end, swing second arc on 4-ft. string. The chalk line through crossing of arcs on 4-ft. side of triangle makes right angle to the first line



3. Nail second chalk line to floor beyond arcs, and attach one end to wall. Sweep floor clean. Spread adhesive as sparingly as possible with the notched spreader. Cover about one quarter of your floor, but leave uncovered the intersection point of the chalk lines



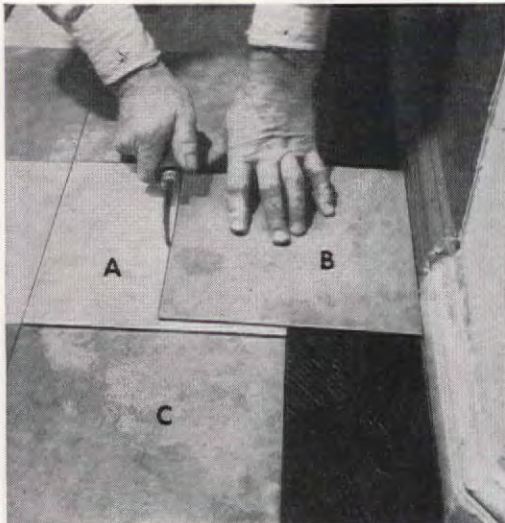
4. Resnap chalk lines on adhesive between nailed ends and intersection point. Note thinness of adhesive, here correctly applied. Most common error is to use too much adhesive—which works up between the tiles later, and makes a mess of floor. Allow adhesive to set



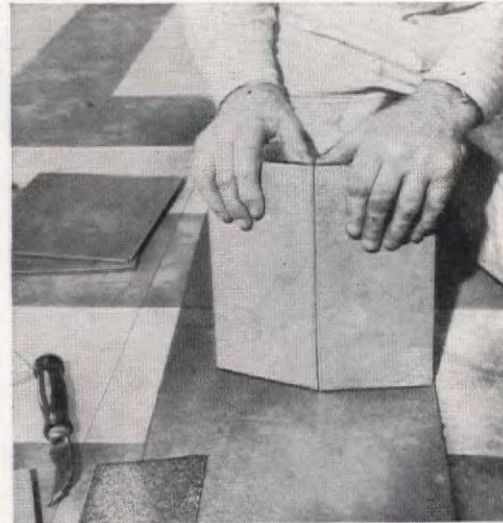
6. Lay tiles tightly butted against each other, forming a progressively larger triangle. When adhesived area is tiled, spread adhesive on adjacent area. Continue laying rows of tiles, tightly butted against those first installed



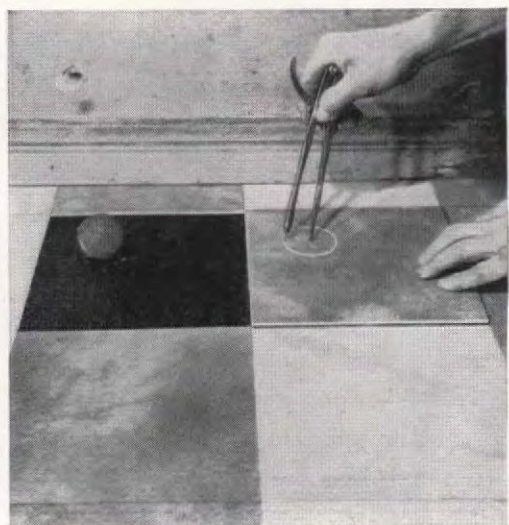
7. To fit borders, use one tile (B) for all marking. Lay a tile of border color (A) on last row (C) of installed tiles. Align edges. Place marking tile (B) on top of A. Push B flush against wall. Scribe A along edge of B



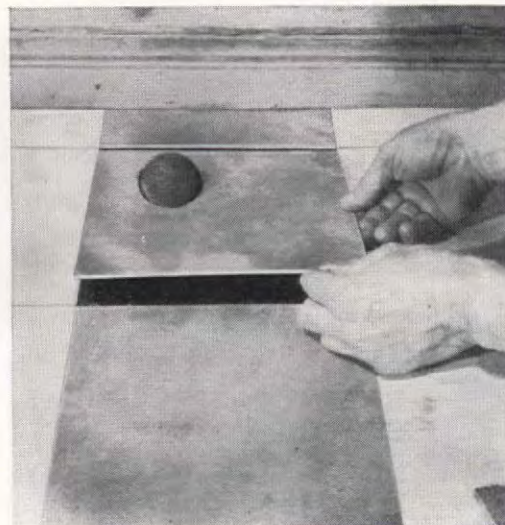
8. Since marking tile may pick up adhesive, keep it off the finished floor. Scribe marked tiles deeply with a linoleum knife. Snap tiles in two along scribed line. Sand edges smooth. Fit tiles into place



10. Connect points by swinging arcs between them. To cut out hole, heat back of tile with blowtorch. Be careful not to burn tile. When it has softened, use a sharp linoleum knife to cut along marked lines easily and accurately



11. Reheat edges of hole and bend them up. Use same procedure if tile must be slit to get around radiator pipe. Place tile in position, and while it is still warm and pliable, press it down flat with small roller or face of hammer



12. When using blowtorch to heat tiles for irregular cuts, keep it in constant motion—or you may discolor tile. Final step: remove surplus adhesive from floor with steel wool and water—before it gets tracked around the room



How to Grow "Dwarf Trees"

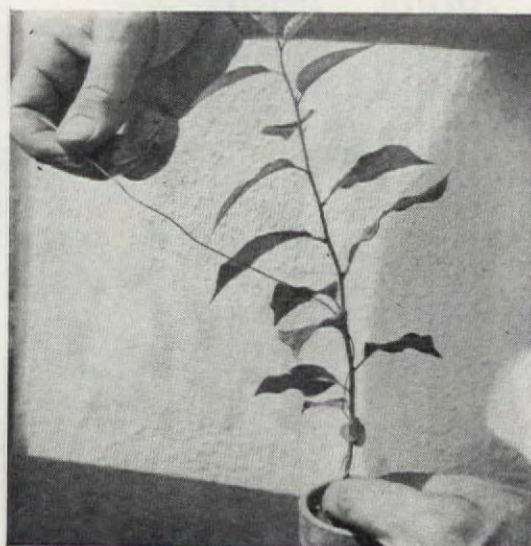
1. To grow a miniature tree, or *bonsai*, from seed, first cover drainage hole of a small flower pot with a good-sized pebble to ensure perfect drainage, yet prevent leaching out of soil. Use your own materials or those supplied, with instructions, in "kits"



5. Ten-month-old osage-orange seedling (left) and two eight-month-old cypress seedlings of good size and form to be trained into miniature trees by means shown in the next two illustrations



6. Tree dwarfing involves (a) bending plant and holding it to a desired shape by coiling copper wire around it, (b) repeatedly cutting or pinching back to restrict and control its growth, (c) giving adequate water, light, and nutriment



7. First root-pruning, done when one-year-old seedling is at dormant stage, consists of cutting the tap root; the second, a year later, cuts back side roots; the third, shown here, thins out some smaller roots to make root system small, dense



PAUL COREY

The ancient art of growing miniature trees, now enjoying a renaissance of popularity, is peculiarly adaptable to our modern American homes. For it can be practiced in very limited space, indoors and out; and it offers a salutary contrast to, or antidote for, the contemporary craze for speed and quick results. Nature grows her own *bonsai* trees, as the Japanese call them, by submitting them to the rigors of high, cold, bleak locations, limited moisture and root-run, and the incessant pruning action of strong winds. Such a tree, brought by easy stages to lower levels and gradually root-pruned to fit a suitable container, may provide, in a relatively short time, a gnarled, bent specimen—the result of years of growth. By starting with a seed and following century-old procedures, you can in time achieve a similar result and enjoy generous rewards for the years of careful attention and horticultural artistry required. To this end, you can study under Japanese masters of *bonsai*; you can read the excellent writings available, such as the *Handbook on Dwarfed Potted Trees* issued by the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Botanic Gardens as *Plants and Gardens*, Vol. 9, No. 3—or you can use a commercial kit or outfit of seeds, soil, fertilizer, directions, etc. and launch your own experiments along the lines illustrated on these pages, and with many kinds of trees, both evergreen and deciduous.

2. Fill pot to within half an inch of top with good garden or potting soil made loose and friable with sharp sand or vermiculite. Stand pot in dish of water containing a little disinfectant such as Clorox until soil is soaked, then let it dry off



3. Make three holes equidistant and about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, place a seed in each, cover with soil, and firm gently. Certain kinds of hard seeds should be soaked for several hours or stratified (exposed to cold) for some time to facilitate germination



4. When seedlings appear, remove all but the strongest to other pots. Water often enough to prevent soil and/or plant from drying out. Once a month give a few spoonfuls of liquid plant food (see maker's directions)



8. While root mass is small, plant tree in hole dug in chunk of tufa or other porous rock which absorbs and holds moisture better than a clay pot and forms appropriate, effective base for arrangement in a shallow container



Here are two typical *bonsai* arrangements of moderately dwarfed trees grown from seed. (Many specimens are kept much smaller and trained to more distorted, even grotesque, forms.) Right, a seven-year-old Chinese elm growing in a rock, as already described. Below, a five-year-old Japanese maple, one-year-old larch, a small maple, and a carefully chosen "boulder," all combined to create a landscape in miniature. Containers must always have holes for drainage



How to Sew Synthetics

Scared to tackle orlon and nylon because you've heard they're "difficult"? They'll never pucker up if you follow these simple, sure directions. Here's the low-down on how to handle them

If you've given up trying to fashion your own orlon curtains because they pucker in the sewing, if you're missing out on nylon-blend slipcovers of your own making because you've heard that the fabric is tricky to sew, or if you're not taking advantage of many of the other synthetics which wear so well and launder so beautifully, we have some good news for you: new sewing techniques and new threads make them as easy to handle and to stitch as any fabric you've ever used. But because they behave very differently from natural fibers—silk, cotton, and wool—they do need the special treatment we at the Singer Sewing Machine Company recommend below. And just because the rules are really easy, don't think you can skip them.

Synthetic fabrics—the newer dacron, orlon, dynel, vicara, and acrilan, as well as the familiar nylon, rayon, acetate, and viscose, are now in abundant supply in a wide range of designs and textures for home furnishings as well as for home dressmaking. Sometimes the fabric is made wholly of synthetic fibers, and sometimes these new ones are blended with natural fibers to create special effects—in either case, it is advisable to follow our sewing suggestions for the best results. To help you to understand these fibers, here is a quick run-down on each:

NYLON is known as the tough fiber. Built to take wear and tear, it combines strength with light weight and can be woven to look like silk or wool. It washes easily, dries quickly, and needs little ironing. It is used pure or in blends.

DACRON feels crisp to the touch but can be softer in a blend, depending upon the amount of fiber used. It drapes well when tailored, washes and dry cleans well (many spots can be washed off with water). It dries quickly and needs little ironing. Outstanding in crease

retention, it is wrinkle-resistant and long-wearing.

ORLON is wool-like in appearance, but can look like the fiber with which it is blended. It launders and dry cleans well, has low moisture absorption, and therefore resists spots and

wrinkles. Lightweight, it is also warm without being heavy.

DYNEL has a soft and pleasant touch, is strong and durable and almost shrink- and stretchproof. It can be spun to resemble any natural fabric. It holds creases or pleats well, washes and dry cleans easily, and stain-removing is no problem with this fabric. It gives warmth without bulk.

VICARA is known as a blend fiber or the "fiber which improves the blend." It has a cashmere softness, is absorbent, resilient, impervious to acids, shrink-resistant, and is lower in price than almost any other man-made fiber.

ACRILAN, the latest of the man-made fibers, has excellent dyeing qualities which make it highly desirable. It is lightweight, has a soft touch and—very important—it is porous and will throw off moisture, making it ideal for use during the warm weather.

All of these fibers can be, and frequently are, blended with natural fibers. There are very definite reasons for this from the manufacturers' viewpoint. For example, nylon is blended with natural fibers to give added strength; dacron will add wrinkle resistance; orlon is blended with wool to add washability, strength, and crease-retention with less weight, while the wool gives absorption plus a soft, fine texture to the blend for warmth without weight.

The success of the finished product in any case depends upon the percentage of each fiber used, the construction, and, most important, upon the kind of finishing treatments used.

HANDLING AND CUTTING

In order to handle the fabric correctly, find out when purchasing synthetic yardage, whether it is a pure synthetic or a blend. If it is a blend, inquire about the fiber content. If there is a greater percentage of synthetic content, follow the sewing directions for synthetics. If there is a greater

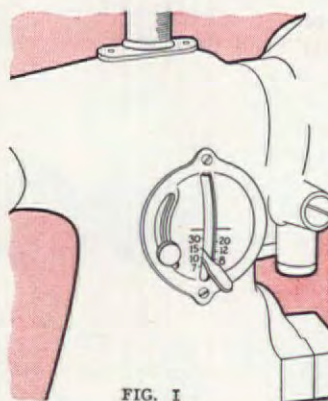


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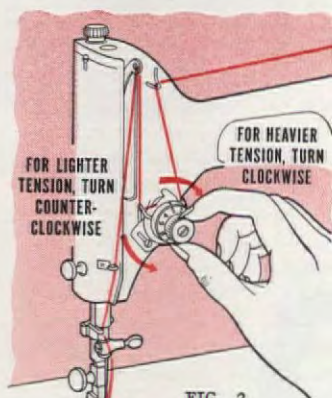


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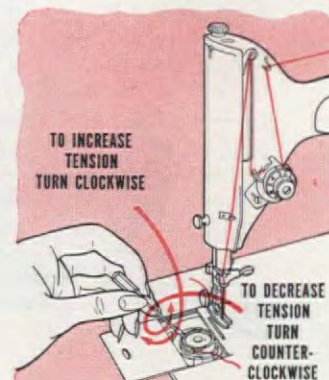


FIG. 3

percentage of natural fiber, treat the material as you would a natural fabric.

After selecting fabric suitable for your particular project, the rules for handling and stitching are simple—but **MUST** be followed.

Before cutting, straighten the end of the fabric. For soft-finish drapable fabrics, do this by drawing a thread across the width. For hard, permanent-finished fabrics, do this by drawing a straight line across the width with a yardstick. Or take a tip from the home carpenter in your family and make use of a straight edge (rule). Line the straight edge along the selvage and cut straight across fabric regardless of where the grain line of the fabric may be.

For cutting, use very sharp shears.

For pinning, be sure to use very sharp pins. Special pins made for sewing with silk are ideal for this purpose.

Seams: Most seams for slipcovers and bedspreads should be bound to prevent fraying. If you're making draperies or curtains of a firmly textured synthetic, however, pinked seams are adequate. For sheer and lightweight synthetic fabrics, a narrow French seam is best.

Ripping is not advisable when working with synthetics, since markings will show. Therefore before stitching, check seam lines to avoid errors. If ripping is necessary, carefully cut threads every few inches to prevent distorting the yarns when they are being pressed.

Pleating: If your sewing project calls for pleating, it is well to remember that "permanent pleating," though frequently encountered in manufactured items, is not as feasible for washable synthetics sewn at home. The reason for this is that the ability to press in pleats that hold through repeated

washings depends upon the percentage of thermoplastic fiber in the blend, the direction in which the fiber is used, and the degree of heat at which the fiber was set or finished—all important information which is not available to the home seamstress when she selects her fabric. However, if you know that the amount of fiber is approximately 50 per cent and was used in the crosswise grain, then vertical pleats usually will withstand washing. But if, in the finishing processes, the fabric has been set at a higher temperature than can be used at home without

injury to the fabric, so-called "permanent pleats" cannot be obtained. In some sections of the country, it is possible to have "permanent pleating" done commercially before the item you are making is stitched.

NEEDLE AND THREAD SELECTION

Before starting to stitch, select needle and thread of the correct size for the synthetic you are using. In general, you use a size 14 needle on heavier weaves and a size 11 or 9 on very fine and sheer ones (see chart on page 133). Mercerized thread is suitable for all synthetics, though nylon and dacron threads have now been developed for use with synthetics. Because of the strength in these threads, they are especially good to use, when stitching seams that will have to withstand a great deal of strain. They are also advantageous for visible stitching, since they make a finer stitch.

MACHINE STITCHING

In general, when using your sewing machine on synthetics, you will need an *easier tension*, both top and bobbin, and should run your machine at a *slower* speed than for natural fibers



FIG. 4

(Figures 2 and 3). Use a *shorter stitch* on finely woven synthetics—from 16 to 20. For spongy types, use about the same length of stitch as on woolsens of similar texture and weight—from 12 to 16 (Figure 1).

On most fabrics, synthetics or natural, crosswise and bias stitching may look perfect, while lengthwise stitching on the same fabric may be slightly drawn or puckered. For this reason, stitch-testing and adjustment should be made on the *lengthwise* grain. If the lengthwise grain shows perfect stitching, the cross grain and bias will automatically be good.

To test for the proper stitch, use a double thickness of the fabric with which you are working. If stitch is not suitable, adjust top tension down to a looser setting. If this does not produce satisfactory results, loosen the tension screw on the bobbin case until the stitch is in balance, or so that the stitch locks in the center of the seam—not on the top or bottom of it (Figures 2, 3, and 5).

You may also have to make some adjustment in pressure on the presser bar. To accommodate lightweight fabrics that are hard-finished or tightly woven, tighten the pressure screw at top of presser bar (Figure 4) so that it holds the fabric in place

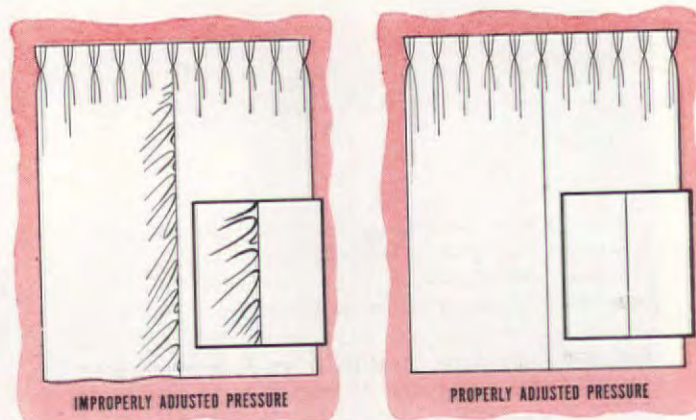


FIG. 6

as it passes through the feed of the sewing machine.

To accommodate fabrics of heavy or spongy texture, loosen pressure screw so that fabric passes through the feed and under the presser foot with ease. If pressure is too heavy on these textures, a drawn look may appear on one side as in Figure 6. Since the feed will take the underside of a heavy fabric through faster than the presser foot will take the topside, adjustment of top pressure will enable the topside to come through at an equal rate of speed.

PRESSING

Pressing as you sew is just as important with the newer synthetics as it is with fabrics made of natural fibers. Every section should be pressed after stitching *before* the item is assembled. This is important since the contour of a slipcover, a sleeve, or any other fitted item is formed in large part by proper pressing. Each section must be shaped as the assembling progresses.

Pressing with steam is almost a necessity for good results on most synthetics. A steam iron is most convenient, but a dry iron with press cloth and pressing sponge may also be used. Orlon and



FIG. 7

dynel require very little heat, and should be pressed with heat indicator on iron set lower than the "synthetic" or "rayon" setting (Figure 7).

Whether or not the finished item of a fabric marked "Requires Little Or No Pressing" ever needs pressing again, it

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BEFORE: Living room was cut up by doors and windows, so paper was steamed off, walls and woodwork were painted white, and two small windows were covered by expanse of drapery. Result: Calm in place of clutter



BEFORE: Mantel added to visual confusion. Now it's white. "Fishmobile," of stained glass and chicken wire, and brass planter box were both weekend projects—made with borrowed tools



WE

DAVID SKYLAR

Sofa had to be comfortable, contemporary, copious, and durable enough to withstand acrobatics of progeny. Five-piece sectional, curved around the one corner free of doorways, provides 14 feet of seating space. New vinyl-cork tile flooring was installed in all downstairs living areas (with some professional help), and area rugs point up furniture groupings



DIDN'T TOUCH THE OUTSIDE!

Our house has two personalities. Outside, it's straight Shaker Heights Georgian, circa 1925—pleasant, but not the house Marilyn and I had planned upon. The second personality greets you inside the front door—and that one, we feel, reflects our own tastes. We had wanted to build a contemporary house, but when the project bogged down, we decided to remake an old one. Finally we found this place which offered ample space for ourselves, our daughter Claudia (then 16 months old), our son Dean (three months away, at the time), and for several more youngsters we anticipated.

It's the first house I've ever lived in—and I think it's wonderful. Economically, the deal worked out well too. The house was appraised by the bank at \$21,500. Since \$23,000 would have been a fair price at that time, we were delighted to have our \$19,000 offer accepted. Into "remaking" it, went a total of \$4,238, plus 310 hours of my labor—but that includes kitchen equipment, flooring, decorat-

ing, draperies, and \$1,000 worth of new furniture. And so we have it, complete, all for the value of the unimproved building alone.

During my two-week vacation, we moved in, and the Great Face Lifting began—on the inside, where we'd be living. The biggest project I had ever attempted up till then was building a model airplane—but now I've taken to wearing old clothes around the place, and acting as though I'd been a handy homeowner all my life. We tried to avoid the common pitfall of the do-it-yourself clan by scheduling our projects instead of trying to tackle them all simultaneously, and the fact that Marilyn was "expecting" kept that schedule close.

The entire house was covered with layers of wallpaper, the newest 15 years old. Because Claudia was always underfoot, we decided against using a steamer. Instead, I borrowed a pressure-type garden sprinkler, sprayed down a room at a time. Half an hour after spray-

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New wallpaper, new floor, and new lighting fixture provided good background for contemporary dining room furniture which, though not new, was refurbished by buffing wheel on an electric drill

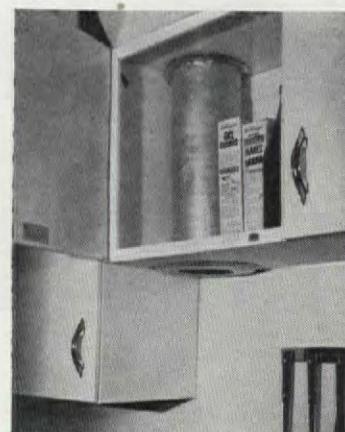
We Didn't Touch the Outside

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ing, the paper yielded as easily as banana skin. As our project proceeded, our confidence grew—and so did our list of advisors. A local paint manufacturer told us about a wall primer used by hospitals. It is quick-drying, odorless, and only a bit more expensive than ordinary interior primers. After filling in all cracks and nail holes, I primed walls and woodwork downstairs in one day—and Marilyn slept in comfort that night in an odor-free house.

But before we finished the other rooms, we made the kitchen Top Project. When you're raising a flock, you have Pablum—and pandemonium. And when pandemonium breaks, it breaks in the kitchen, so the kitchen better be as good as you can make it. Ours was originally 9' x 18', with a seven-foot square breakfast room branching from it. Paper and linoleum were aged, and the large, musty-looking cupboards testified that there were no supermarkets in 1925!

First step was to construct a cardboard scale model of kitchen and adjoining rooms—we borrowed small models of sinks and cabinets from an appliance dealer. After many "build 'em up . . . rip 'em down" sessions, we decided to make one large L-shaped sweep of kitchen



Standard kitchen cabinet at left is receiving end of laundry chute from second floor. One at right, over range, exhausts cooking odors: small motor and deep-pitch rubber blade are mounted in section of galvanized stove pipe running through cabinet, then under soffit to outside wall

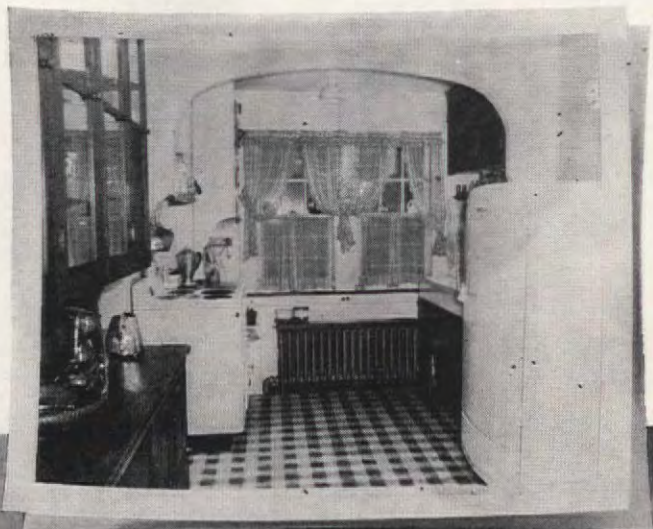
and breakfast room, and to line up new appliances and cabinets along two walls. Where old cupboards had stood, we would have a linoleum-topped plywood snack bar, complete with soda-fountain stools. All that blocked our plan were a wall and an archway which succumbed to sledge-hammer and crowbar. We provided adequate water lines and

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BEFORE: Kitchen showed its age more than any room in the house. Wall and archway at right were removed by sledge hammer and crowbar wielded by owner. Old breakfast room became new laundry. Additional water lines were brought in, and the room was rewired to provide adequate 220-volt outlets for electrical appliances. To avoid confusion, new appliances were installed one at a time

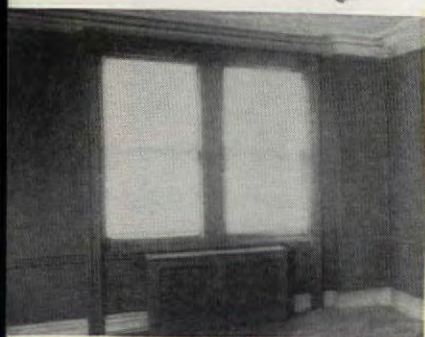


BEFORE: Dark cabinets were inconvenient, and never looked clean. Out they came. In their place, a new snack bar. New appliances and cabinets were installed in an easy L plan. Windows extend below sink top, so sill was removed and vertical-panel draperies on fixed rods solved the visual problem—bottom one rides the sink top



Good Hardware to

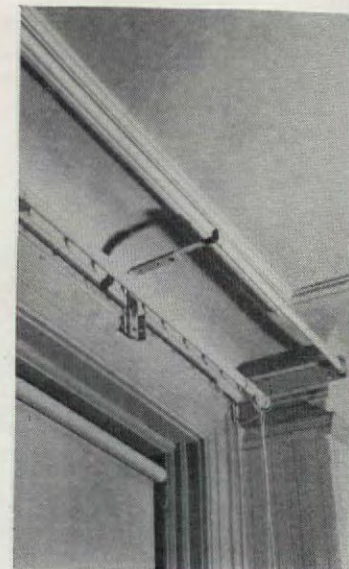
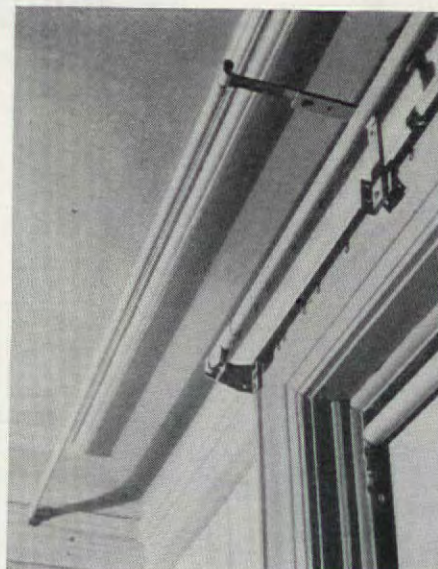
PROBLEM



Because room is narrow, problem was to widen it visually by making a unit of this architectural jumble. Two windows are off center. Radiator, wall jog at right, and profusion of moldings on walls and ceiling complicated matters.

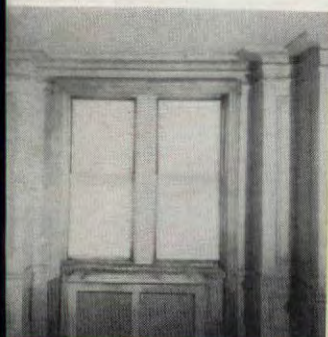
SOLUTION

Wall is masked by draperies hung just under topmost molding; window frames are hidden by curtains. Traverse rod, mounted on end of window frame, is supported by 1½-inch bracket that keeps curtains close to window. Drapery at left is brought to end of wall thanks to clever inside bracket. Drapery at right is extended into room by ingenious use of 9-inch extender plate fastened to inside of wall jog. Drapery rods get added support from heavy-duty angle brackets braced against molded frames by pieces of an extender plate



ALL HARDWARE BY KIRSCH

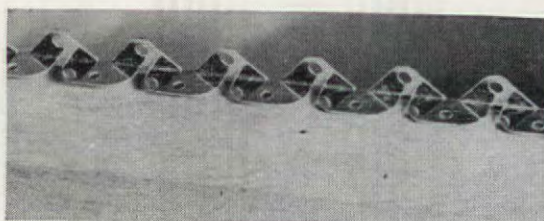
PROBLEM



Only window in a large room is this double one, almost hidden in a corner. Problem of giving it prominence was compounded by radiator, three wall jogs of uneven depth, and a maze of moldings lavished on walls and on ceiling.

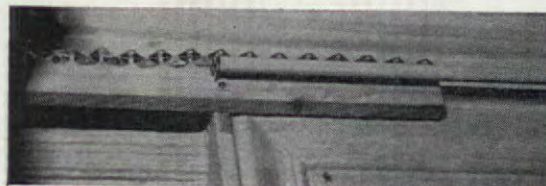
SOLUTION

Hardware and ingenuity "remodeled" this corner—draperies cover jogs, turn corner to widen window area. To support drapery hardware, strips of 2" x 1" hardwood were cut to fit sides of each jog. On left side, final strip turns drapery around corner of the room. Strips extend far enough onto window frames to permit draperies to hang flush with sides of the radiator.



Eyelet rodding for draperies did the trick here, because it is flexible enough to turn sharp corners. It is attached in continuous strips to tops of wood pieces shown above, and is held in place by screws at 6-inch intervals. Pin hooks inserted into eyelets support heavy drapery.

For sheer curtains, oval rodding was cut exact width of window (including frame) and attached on face of wood strips by close-fitting brackets—adequate support and clearance for curtains.



To attach wood strips to plaster wall firmly enough to bear weight of drapery, 3" x ⅛" toggle bolts were used. Picture at right shows bolt being inserted through pre-drilled hole, and how it expands as it is screwed into wall.

For more details about merchandise, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 133

the Rescue

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

RESULT: A continuous flow of gentle folds makes big drama on a narrow wall; jog is minimized by protruding draperies; room appears wider, ceiling height is turned to advantage. Well-balanced asymmetrical arrangement of draperies and tie-backs makes capital of off-center window placement (tie-backs come with shanks of various lengths). To avoid lopsided look when curtains are open, drapery panels are brought out same distance over each window.

Problems might have been solved by expensive architectural alterations or by costly custom-made valances—but the biggest drama about this budget job (draperies are old ones, remade) is the fact that the posers were licked with the aid of clever drapery hardware you can buy at any well-stocked department store, and in amazing variety. Some are cut-to-measure—at the store. Much of it has more than one trick up its sleeve (for example, curtain traverse shown here can double as ceiling track). We were able to hang right-hand drapery panel out beyond the wall jog by using an extender plate, a device designed to make windows appear higher or wider—it performs an entirely different job here. Inside bracket which permitted us to bring left-hand drapery panel smack to end of wall is another useful item.



RESULT: Instead of being "swallowed up" by jogs and moldings, window, substantially "widened" by draping of walls, becomes an important decorative focal point. Radiator, which had protruded so noticeably before, now is integrated into the treatment. Here again, hardware came to the rescue, particularly the eyelet rodding which can carry heavy weights and turn corners easily without cutting and fitting. (For less complicated problems of turning, you can buy ready-made rods for bay, corner, or curved windows.)

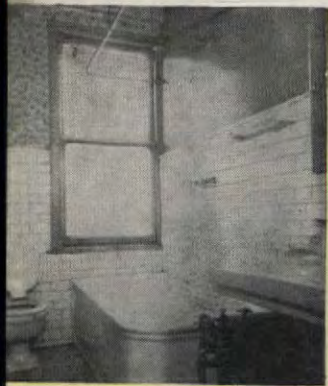
But don't overlook fabric's important part. To streamline the window and still let in light, organdy was used for glass curtains which make the point that you needn't have the crisscross variety in order to enjoy the crispness and easy laundering benefits of permanent-finish organdy—a fabric inexpensive enough to employ with lavish hand. For this sophisticated treatment, we tucked the organdy from top to bottom. Graduating the tucks was a refinement the eye enjoys—the tuck at the bottom is ten inches deep; the top-most one, only two inches. As in the case of the treatment above, the draperies were remade from old ones—sill-length draperies which lent themselves to piecing because of the fabric's all-over pattern and heavy texture.



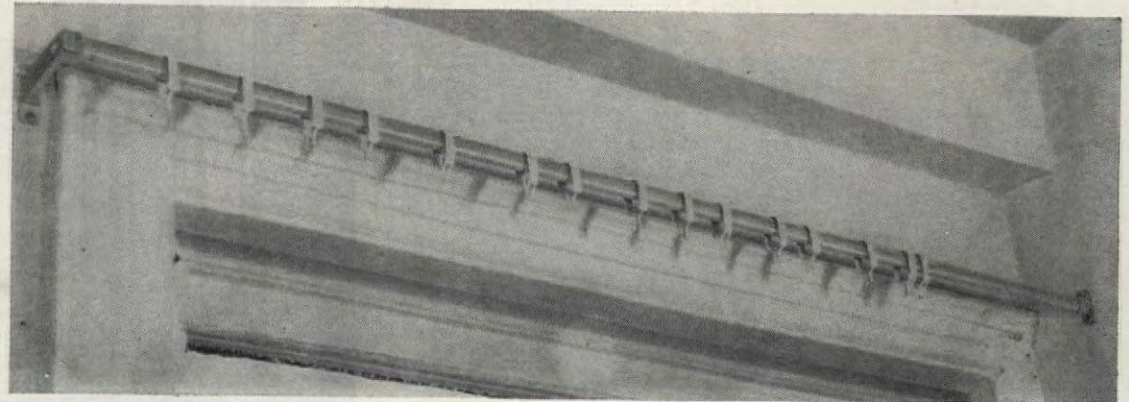
FOR MORE WINDOW TREATMENTS, TURN THE PAGE

New Ways to Lick the

PROBLEM



Evidently the product of a careless remodeling, bathroom window is oversize, and part of its frame is imbedded in wall. Both facts were hard to camouflage, successfully.



SOLUTION

Window frame is disregarded entirely, and two tiers of curtains are hung on oval rods installed in wall area. At right, rods are attached by oval inside bracket which permits curtains to come clear to the corner. At left, rods are supported by drop-in brackets; top bracket protrudes $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches; bottom bracket protrudes $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches and lines rod up with lower window sash.

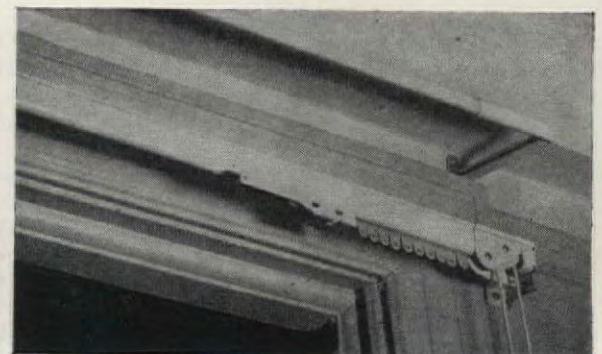
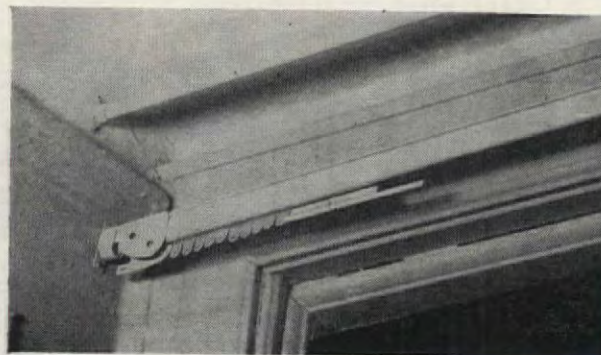
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PROBLEM



Window, in corner of room and above radiator, needed more height and width. Occupants did not wish to go to the expense of removing moldings, had to "drape" around them.

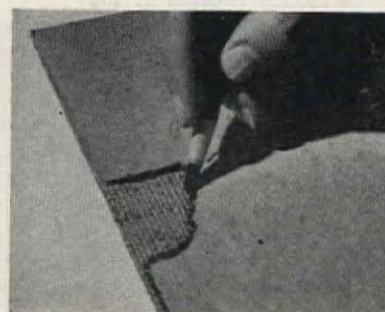


SOLUTION

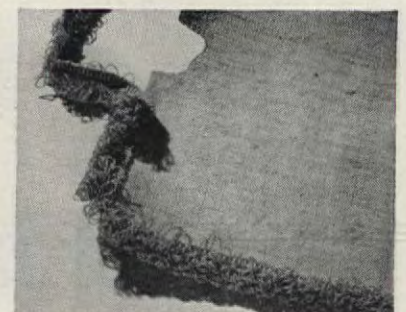
Drapery covers both windows clear to the corner. Both the traverse rod for the draperies and the oval rod for the valance are fastened to the wall at left by oval inside brackets. Standard traverse bracket holds traverse to window frame at right. Right side of drapery rod slips into an oval reversible elbow which adds strength. Elbow is mounted on wall by oval rod bracket.



To fit valance to molding, make template of area. Hold supported cardboard up to molding area. Scribe curves with compass. Repeat procedure to make pattern for other end of valance.



Cut patterns from cardboard. Outline pattern on each end of valance material. Material should be exact length of rodding, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ inch taken up by rod. Cut, and check fit.



Fabric we used is Permette, a plastic-coated, burlap-like material which won't fray or ravel, so it is possible to sew fringe on it around the perimeter of the valance.



Pleating's a cinch with pocketed tape and special hooks developed by drapery hardware manufacturers.

Problem

(Begins on page 60)

RESULT: Blotting out window frame made the window seem wider; using two tiers of curtains cut its apparent height. Installing hardware on plaster walls may be tricky—but it's a lot easier than making architectural changes. Because this bath is used only by children, we lowered shower curtain rod to line up with lower window curtain. (Don't worry! We tested the spray before taking such a step.)

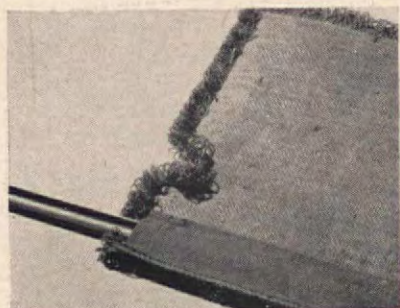
The café curtains were made from a shower curtain, cut into four sections, their scalloped tops simply cut out with pinking shears. Brass café curtain clips, dipped in paint to match the curtain rods, hold them in place. There's good news in hardware for shower curtains, too—the plastic Snap-Kwik rings we used conceal unsightly metal grommets in shower curtain heading. Shower curtains were shortened, and weights were tucked into their hems.

Cotton carpeting, fresh as spring grass, is laid in sections, easy to launder (for the how-to, see page 129)—even after six months, the occupants' mother has not regretted the use of wall-to-wall carpet here. Coated wall covering is final touch which makes this a completely splashable, washable bathroom, exceptionally pretty despite the fact that its glamor treatment was a relatively simple one.



RESULT: From wall at left to end of new radiator cover at right, an expanse of handsome print. Three factors contribute to its success. The first is hardware (traverse here has nylon mechanism for added strength). The second is Permette, a material developed as a stiffening agent for valances and such. But along with its other sterling qualities (easy to handle, washes without going limp), it has such an interesting color and texture that we made the valance of it—just as it comes from the bolt—and fitted it around moldings in the manner illustrated below. Permette sewn to draperies where they meet at the center also permitted us to indulge, at low cost, in that fabulous cut-out border, so conversation-making we give the know-how on page 93.

Finally, there is the beautiful fabric itself. Not a new pattern, it is a Glosheen selected and sponsored by AMERICAN HOME more than five years ago from a group submitted by Waverly Fabrics. It is still a nation-wide best seller.



Pocket for the drapery rod is two-inch carpet binding, machine-stitched to fabric. We allowed the valance to extend above the rod far enough to meet the ceiling break.



Draperies are graced by some wizardry—cut-out inner edges which look fabulously expensive and difficult to achieve—and aren't (see page 93).

• baked candy-apples

Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 35 min.

1 jar "red hots" (cinnamon dots)
½ cup sugar

1 cup water
6-8 baking apples

• Combine "red hots," sugar, and water. Cook slowly until "red hots" are melted. Partially pare apples. Place pared section in syrup and simmer slowly for about 20 minutes, or until apples begin to soften. Lift out and put right side up in greased baking dish. Boil syrup until thick (about 5 minutes). Spoon some syrup over apples; bake in moderate oven 350° F. for about 15 minutes. Keep basting until all syrup is used. Adjust cooking time to type of apple used.

Serves 6 to 8

187-169 cal. per serving

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• apricot pork roast

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 3 hrs.

6 lb. loin pork roast
#2½ can whole apricots

2 tbs. cornstarch
Salt and pepper

• Roast meat in moderate oven, 350°F., for 2 hours. Spoon off excess fat. Pour apricot juice over roast, bake 1 hour more. Remove roast to warm platter. Make gravy with cornstarch and strained juice and drippings (add water if necessary to make 2 cups). Garnish with apricots.

Serves 10 to 12

697-583 cal. per serving

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JEANNIE WILLIS

A Baked Apple can be a thing of beauty *and* a marvelous dessert! But, seeing the limp clumps all too frequently served in lieu of a real Baked Apple inspired us to go to work on them. We found most recipes were pathetically inadequate, in fact we found that there was a truly professional secret which we've managed to ferret out for you. It is that you poach them on top of the stove first, and then bake. We've carried it a step further and poached them in a red cinnamony syrup, but you can do it equally well with simple syrup. Or you can stuff your apples after poaching and before baking. Whichever, put Baked Apples *back* on your list of desserts-not-to-be-despised and take advantage of all their fine qualities—good buys, good nutrition, and good eating.

Roast Pork is one of those things you like—or very positively do *not* like. However, our Apricot Pork Roast actually won a positive "I like this" from a non-pork eater. So perhaps those of you who like it, but whose families do not, can have the very same success. The trick to this is that you roast it in apricot juice, which cuts the fatty taste and makes a lip-licking gravy with a pleasant tart flavor.

We've not room for the recipe for candied sweets, suffice to tip you off that we make them with maple syrup instead of sugar. Also let the salad, shown at left, be a mental note from you—to you—not to forget vegetable salads for a change of menu. A trick here too, for you—add some of those tiny sour onions to the other vegetables for a tart fillip.

Cheeseburger Pie is an adaptation of that great national favorite, the cheeseburger, to family-style food. Serve it up in an onion crust, and watch it disappear. It's a sure-fire way to respark the family's interest in ye olde "hamburger." With

Family Food



• cheeseburger pie

*Preparation time: 12 min.
Cooking time: 10 min.*

1 8-inch pie shell
2 tsp. grated onion
4 tbs. butter or margarine

2 lbs. chopped beef
Salt and pepper
6 slices cheese

• To favorite pie crust recipe, add 2 tsp. grated onion (be sure to try our Mixer Pie Crust recipe, page 74). Roll out and bake. Melt butter in skillet; brown meat; add salt and pepper. Put into pie shell. Top with cheese slices. Broil until cheese is melted. Serve at once.

Serves 6

668 cal. per serving

Source of vitamins A, B

Originated in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS



For details about merchandise shown, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 133

• chocolate pie

*Preparation time: 20 min.
Chilling time: 2 hrs.*

8-inch baked pie shell
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

1 square (1 oz.) unsweetened chocolate
1 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
Whipped cream

• Cream butter and sugar in electric mixer or sturdy hand beater. Melt chocolate; when cooled, stir into creamed mixture. Add vanilla and 1 egg. Beat for 5 minutes at medium speed. Add second egg and beat again for 5 minutes. Turn into baked pie shell. Chill for 2 hours. Before serving pie, decorate with whipped cream.

Serves 6

437 cal. per serving

Source of vitamin B

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Recipe submitted by Lois K. Ittelson



very little work you have a very economical party meal, and one which can be prepared in advance, then stashed away 'til party time. When about ready to serve, add cheese slices and heat thoroughly in a moderate oven.

While on the subject of pies—here's a Chocolate Pie Filling you'll really care for. Start with our Mixer Pie Crust (page 74), fill with this uncooked filling, top with whipped cream, and you can't go wrong. A guaranteed success with all sweet-toothers!

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CRAB MEAT BISQUE



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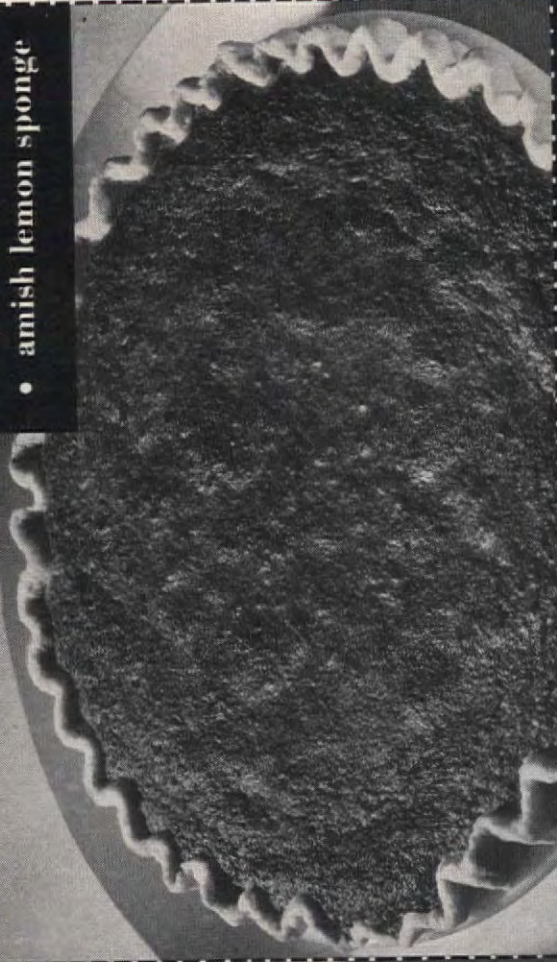
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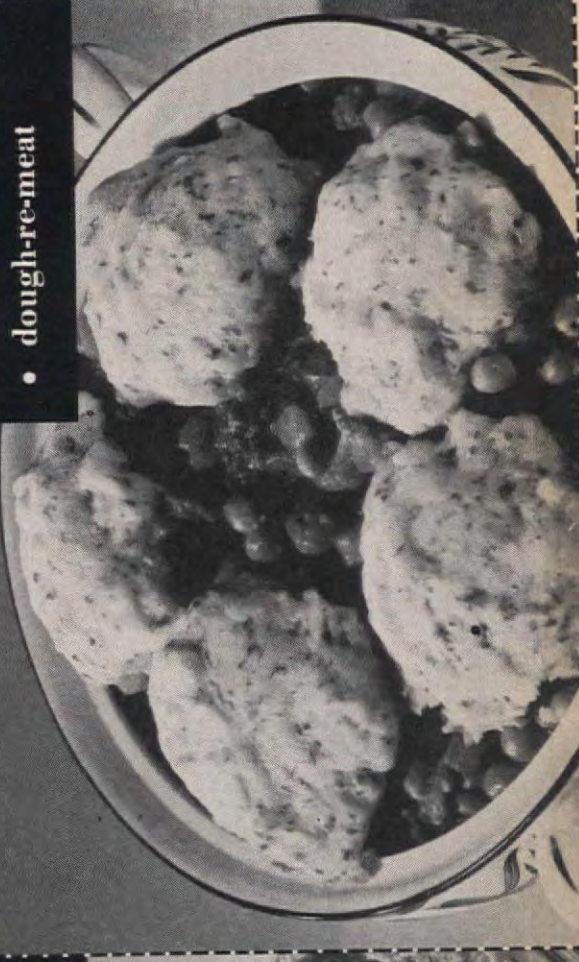
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• snug harbor salad

Preparation time: 15 min.

- 6½-oz. can crab meat
- 5 tomatoes
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tbs. minced parsley

- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup diced celery
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- Lettuce

• Scoop out tomatoes, turn upside down to drain. Blend crab meat with tomato pulp which was removed from tomatoes, and remaining ingredients except lettuce. Fill tomatoes with mixture. Serve on lettuce or other salad greens.

Serves 5

227 cal. per serving

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• lady baltimore cake

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

- 2½ cups sifted cake flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tsp. double-acting baking powder

- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup milk
- 1½ tsp. vanilla

• Beat 4 egg whites with sturdy egg beater, or at high speed of electric mixer, until foamy; then add ½ cup sugar gradually, beating until meringue holds up in soft peaks. Measure sifted flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt into sifter. Sift onto shortening in mixing bowl. Add ¾ cup milk, mix until flour is dampened. Then beat 300 strokes by hand or 2 min. at low speed on electric beater. Add flavoring, remaining milk, and egg white mixture. Beat 150 strokes by hand or 1 minute on mixer. Turn batter into two round 9-in. layer pans (1½ in. deep) which have been greased and floured. Bake in moderate oven, 350°F., about 25 min. or until done. Cool. Frosting: Use Seven Minute Frosting. Divide frosting, reserving half for top and sides of cake. To other half, add ½ cup seedless raisins, ½ cup currants, ½ cup chopped nuts, 4 figs chopped, small piece citron chopped. Spread filling between layers; frost top and sides with reserved frosting.

Serves 14

347 cal. per serving

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• chesapeake cakes

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 5 min.

- 6½-oz. can crab meat
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 cup bread cubes
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp. dry mustard

- 1 tbs. chopped parsley
- ¼ tsp. salt
- Dash pepper
- 3 tbs. butter or margarine

• Combine above ingredients except butter. Divide mixture into 4 portions, shape in flat cakes. Brown in butter or margarine, turning to brown both sides. Serve with tartar sauce.

Serves 4

186 cal. per serving

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• dough-re-meat

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 45 min.

- ½ lb. chopped beef
- 1 cup sliced onions
- 3 tbs. beef fat or other shortening

- 4 tbs. flour
- 1¼ tsp. salt
- Dash pepper

• Brown chopped beef and onions in fat. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper. Add water and bouillon; cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Cover; simmer 20 minutes. Add peas and carrots, cook 5 minutes longer. Drop dumplings from teaspoon on simmering stew; cover very tightly and cook over low heat, without removing cover, for 8 to 10 minutes, according to size of dumplings. For Feather Dumplings: Measure 1 cup sifted cake flour, add 1¼ tsp. double-acting baking powder, and ½ tsp. salt, and sift again. Add ½ cup milk and 2 tsp. melted fat; then stir quickly and lightly until a soft dough is formed. For Variations: Add 1½ tsp. finely chopped parsley or chives to dry ingredients. Or sift ½ tsp. curry powder or chili powder with dry ingredients.

Serves 4

468 cal. per serving

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• amish lemon sponge

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

- 2½ cups sifted cake flour
- 1 tsp. salt

- ¾ cup shortening
- ⅓ cup cold water (about)

• Measure sifted flour, add salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening, using pastry blender or two knives. Sprinkle with water, mixing lightly with fork. Press into ball. Roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured board or roll between wax paper. Makes enough pastry for nine-inch two-crust pie or two shells.

Filling for one nine-inch unbaked pie shell:

- 2 tbs. butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs, separated

- Lemon juice and rind of 1 lemon
- 1½ cups hot milk

• Cream butter, add sugar and egg yolks, beat until light and fluffy. Stir in flour, salt, lemon juice, rind, and hot milk. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in hot oven, 400°F., about 40 minutes.

Serves 6

371 cal. per serving

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• chicken crêpes

Preparation time: 30 min.
Baking time: 20 min.

- 1 cup cake flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tbs. melted butter

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 cups chopped celery
- ½ tsp. salt
- Dash pepper

- 12-oz. can chicken
- 10½-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- ½ cup water
- 2 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese

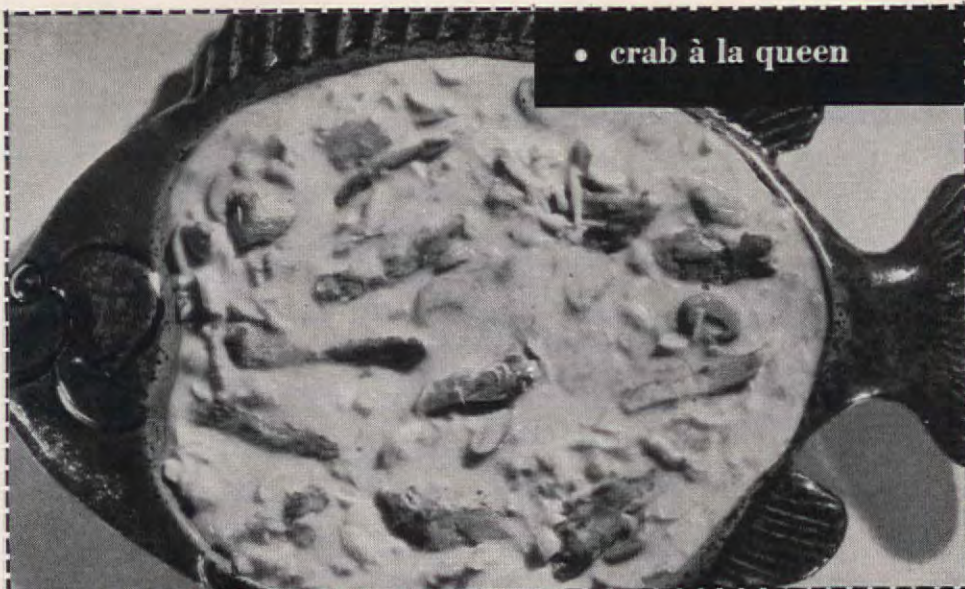
• Beat eggs, add salt and flour; stir in milk. Fry pancakes in small amount butter, using about 3 tbs. batter for each pancake, turning to brown other side. Fry onion, green pepper, and celery in butter, add salt, pepper, and chicken. Arrange about 3 tbs. filling on each pancake; roll. Place in baking dish. Stir water into soup, pour over rolled pancakes; top with grated cheese. Bake in hot oven, 400°F., for about 20 minutes.

Note: Pancakes can be made day before, filled and refrigerated, ready to bake. Crab meat, turkey, tuna, or leftover ground meat may be used instead of chicken.

Serves 6 (makes 12 pancakes) 369 cal. per serving Source of vitamins A, B, C

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• crab à la queen



• crab meat bisque



• ballottine du canard



• mixer pie crust



Anne's Notebook

ANNE BARNARD

THIS SHRIMP SNACK is relished with zest by our guests, and it's the brew the shrimp are cooked in that does it. For 2 lbs. of shrimp—fresh or frozen—combine the contents of 2 bottles or cans of cola, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. celery seed, 2 tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper, $1\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. dry mustard, and $\frac{1}{3}$ cup white vinegar. Bring to boil and cook 15 minutes. Chill and serve very cold—with or without jackets. Potato chips and pretzels are good partners for this conversation piece.

THESE PARTY BISCUITS RATE TOP BILLING for breakfast, luncheon, dinner, or that coffee break. You'll need biscuit mix and a can of condensed mushroom soup. (Don't be scared by the idea of soup in biscuits.) Stir soup ($1\frac{1}{4}$ cups) and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup melted shortening into 3 cups packaged biscuit mix until well blended. Roll dough on lightly floured board until $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. thick; cut with biscuit cutter. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until browned in hot oven (450°F.)

FOR A HANDSOME DESSERT MOLD, this recipe really does it. First drain the fruit cocktail (# $2\frac{1}{2}$ can or $3\frac{1}{2}$ cups). Bring to boiling point 1 cup fruit juice...adding water if necessary...and pour

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over contents of 1 pkg. lemon gelatin, stirring until dissolved. Cool. Add 1 tbs. lemon juice and chill until slightly thickened. Blend in fruit cocktail and 1 cup cream, whipped. Turn into mold and place in refrigerator until firm. Serves eight and is a luscious ending to any dinner.

THIS FRUITED PUDDIN' PIE is an answer to a prayer on those occasions when we have to whip up a delectable dessert in a grand rush. Drain contents #303 can fruit cocktail and turn into 9-in. baked pie shell or graham cracker crust. Add cooled, cooked or instant vanilla pudding (1 pkg.). A crown of slightly sweetened whipped cream dotted with chopped maraschino cherries gives



that final festive touch.

A CURRY POT ROAST CAME MY WAY not so long ago and was a pleasing surprise. The secret is to sprinkle the pot roast with a mixture of curry powder and sugar before you season it with salt and pepper...about 1 tbs. curry powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. sugar. Cook as usual. A new version of an old favorite.

NEXT TIME YOU HAVE MUSHROOMS ON YOUR MIND, try this. Place several tablespoons of your favorite French or herb French dressing in a skillet and add contents of 1 can drained mushrooms. Cook gently until mushrooms are brown and have absorbed flavor of dressing.

FIT FOR KINGS AND QUEENS IS THIS GRAPE AND WALNUT GRAVY. Cook $\frac{1}{2}$ cup seeded sweet grapes in 1 tbs. butter or margarine...slowly until tender but not soft. Stir in contents 1 can (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups) beef gravy and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts. Heat. Makes 2 cups of gravy and

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• crab à la queen

*Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 10 min.*

6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can crab meat	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can condensed cream of celery soup	1 tbs. lemon juice
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can sliced mushrooms, drained	4 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese
	Toast

• Combine cream of celery soup, mushrooms, and milk. Let come to a boil, stirring constantly. Add crab meat and lemon juice. Serve on toast or place in individual baking dishes with Parmesan cheese over top. Bake in hot oven, 400°F., for about 10 min.

Serves 4

163 cal. per serving

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• crab meat bisque

*Preparation time: 5 min.
Cooking time: 10 min.*

6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can crab meat	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can condensed consommé
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can condensed tomato soup	1 can water
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. can condensed green pea soup	1 tbs. lemon juice

• Combine soups in saucepan, add water and crab meat. Heat, but don't boil. Add lemon juice. Reserve some pieces of the claw crab meat as a garnish.

Serves 6

119 cal. per serving

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• ballotine du canard

• Remove breast meat from three ducks. Place in loaf pan and pour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cognac over the meat. Let stand for several hours or overnight to marinate.

On one half of each marinated duck breast, arrange thin slices of ham, veal, goose liver, and truffles. Place the other side of breast on top. Sew together with heavy sewing thread.

Simmer the stuffed duck breasts in the marinade, adding 1 cup chicken consommé and 1 cup beef consommé. Cook for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Chill the duck. Strain the consommé (about 2 cups) and add 1 tbs. dissolved gelatin. Let cool.

When the stuffed breasts are chilled, decorate with truffle design (at right), then spoon gelatin liquid over duck several times to glaze. Pour remainder in a shallow pan and let set. Cut in squares and make a bed on serving platter before arranging the ballotine on it.



• mixer pie crust

*Preparation time: 5 min.
Baking time: 12-15 min.*

1 cup sifted flour	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
$\frac{1}{3}$ cup shortening	2 tbs. cold water

Sift flour and salt into mixing bowl. Add shortening and water. Turn speed control to medium, mix for 30 seconds ($\frac{1}{2}$ minute). Roll dough to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thickness on lightly floured board or between waxed paper. Bake in a 450° oven for 12-15 min. Double ingredients for two-crust pie, but use same method and time.

Makes 1 pie shell

117 cal. per serving

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1/2 cup sugar
2 tsp. salt
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1 egg
1/4 cup soft shortening



Dissolve yeast in water: add sugar, salt and just 1/2 the flour. Beat thoroughly 2 minutes. Add egg and shortening. Beat in remaining flour gradually by hand. Mix with hands until smooth. Place in bowl and grease top.



Cover with damp cloth: place in refrigerator. Punch down occasionally, 2 hrs. before baking, cut off amount needed. Roll dough 1/2" thick into oblong 12" wide. Spread with soft butter. Fold over in half: cut in 1/2" strips.



Shape into knots, twists and figure 8's: place on greased baking sheet. Brush with melted butter. Let rise until light (1 1/2 to 2 hrs.). Bake in moderately hot oven (400°) 12 to 15 min. Makes 4 dozen medium rolls.

Good Victuals

JEAN AUSTIN

"The love of praise, howe'er concealed by art,

Reigns more or less, and glows, in every heart"



Hero worshipper Boswell, whose biography of Johnson was faithful if not discriminating, none the less furnishes me with a most discerning statement for a point I should most emphatically like to make this month. "This was a good dinner enough, to be sure, but it was not a dinner to ASK a man to." Now surely this grumbling can hardly be the spleen of a gourmet, for one does not associate either Dr. Johnson or Boswell with epicurean food. Was it not, perhaps, the same feeling so many of us have after a dinner party, when there has been a plentitude of food, the talk and company good enough—but for all that, leaves one feeling that "it was not a dinner to ASK a man to?" Is it not more intelligent, more discriminating, and certainly more sophisticated to learn to do a few things very well and make them specialties of the house? None of us, these days, do so much entertaining but that a small yet distinguished repertoire could not be repeated again and again. So many mediocre things, that take exactly as much time and cost as much in the aggregate if not individually, as a very elegant but small menu, are served as "company" food, particularly at buffets where the menus are almost identical in every house. Understand, please, that I am not campaigning for hours of toil and a hostess too fatigued, or worried, to enjoy her own party. Far from it—for entertaining entails gracious hospitality that

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1. With a sharp knife, remove the breast of each duck. Work close to the breast bone to get all the meat. Pull off outside skin with care. Marinate breast meat in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cognac for several hours or overnight



2. On one half of each marinated duck breast, arrange thin slices of ham, veal, goose liver, and truffles. Place the other side of breast on top. Sew together with heavy sewing thread.



3. When the stuffed breasts are cooked and chilled, decorate with design made of truffles. To make the small rounds, use a pencil from which the eraser top has been removed. Cut out the rest of the design with a small sharp knife.



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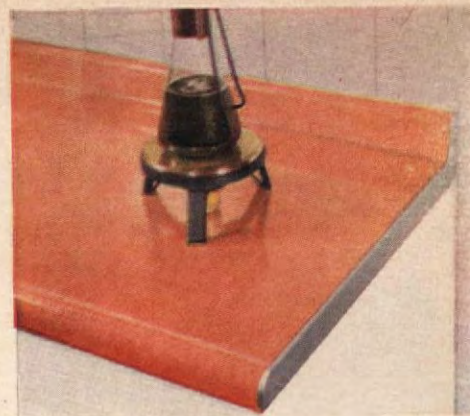
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2. After the five-minute cooking, cool quickly. Remove cover. Add two pounds sugar and twelve maraschino cherries cut in small pieces. Cook until thick and fruit is clear, stirring occasionally. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup blanched almond slivers. Cool again

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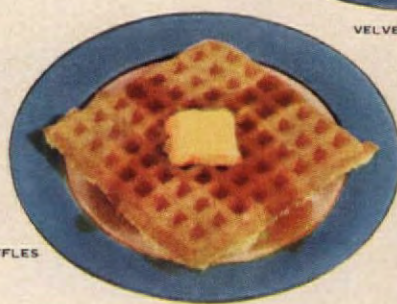
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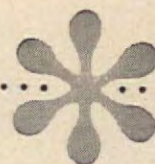
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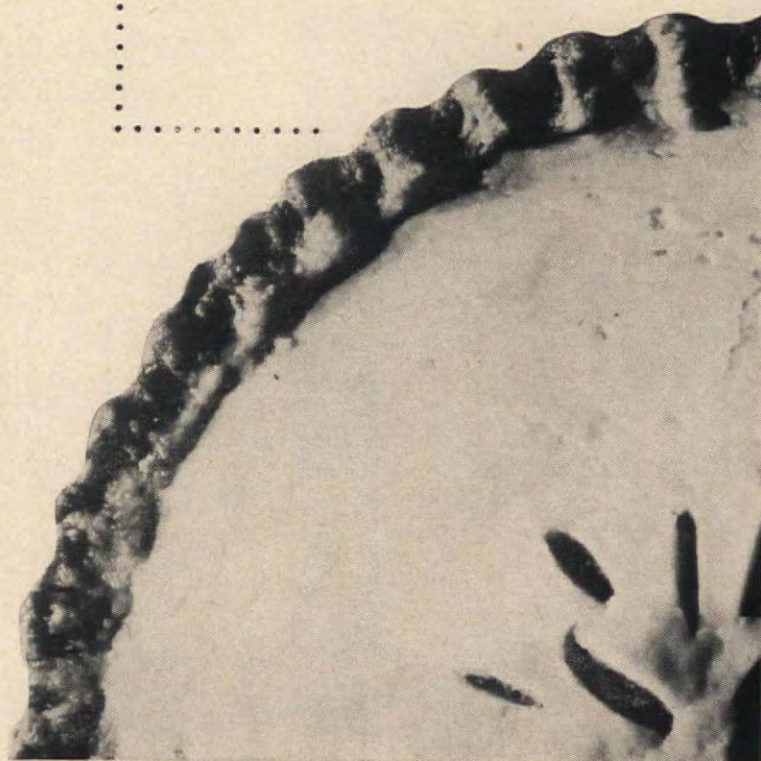


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We've all heard the warnings—handle gently, use a light touch, baby it, hold your breath—and naturally we've come to think of pie crust as the most fragile Princess of Pastries. It's all a fairy tale, for here is a wonderful recipe, from Mrs. Ittelson of Dayton, Ohio. It's a never-fail method which not only cuts crust-making time to nothing flat, but also will make you discard all those preconceived notions, all those ancient beliefs that pie crust, to be light and good, must be a "spoiled darling." Just sift the flour, beat all ingredients together in your electric mixer for 30 seconds, roll out, and bake. Easy as pie? Much easier! It's just as delicious and flaky as a much more pampered pie crust. Use the recipe on page 74, and feel free to use any liquid you prefer for flavoring. (for example, orange juice or lemon juice). On page 72, we've used it with grated onion for a meat-pie crust. So do try it, vary it—and let us know if you don't feel just as enthusiastic about this "find of the month"—and the year!—as we do.



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Disposers and Incinerators



Nowadays any homeowner who copes with the mess and the bother, and the unsanitary, unappetizing nuisance of accumulated garbage, is either a new variety of masochist or decades behind the times and not hep to the modern method of dealing with trash and garbage: garbage disposers and automatic indoor incinerators. And when it comes to disposing of garbage or the cubic yards of trash a family assembles almost daily, any householder willing to be at the mercy of weekly trash collecting, or to struggle, rain or shine, with the pest-infested, dog-ridden, unsafe, inefficiency of the old-fashioned outdoor garbage bin—should know better. The advent of the disposer and automatic indoor incinerator is especially welcome in view of the fact that communities in increasing numbers are eliminating garbage and trash collection.

A garbage disposer installed in your sink grinds up food wastes and whisks them away—on the spot. A modern, automatic incinerator, installed in your basement or kitchen (yes, kitchen) makes trash no problem at all—you just put the refuse in, and it disappears, quite literally, into thin air. Since incinerators burn wet and dry garbage as well as trash there is, of course, some duplication in function between these two types of ultra-convenient modern conveniences. But each one is a specialist with talents of its own, and blessed is the home that is equipped with both.



DISPOSERS

Any woman who has ever enjoyed the luxury of flushing food wastes, bones and all, down the sink drain, is never quite willing to be without a garbage disposer again. If she moves into a neighborhood where old-hat building ordinances won't permit garbage disposers to empty into city sewer lines, the chances are you'll find her joining up in local politics to try to get the regulations changed—as they have been in hundreds of communities.

An electric disposer can be installed in any cast-iron, formed metal, or enameled sink having an opening of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches. Most sinks less than 20 years old are of this type, but special flanges or adapters make it possible to install disposers in other types of sinks. Of course, the ultimate in this respect is a brand-new "electric sink"—sink, dishwasher, and disposer, all designed to go together.

Here are some of the reasons why the garbage disposer rates so highly:

- It saves unending trips with dripping waste between sink and garbage pail—18 miles a year in a typical household!
- It eliminates garbage at point of origin, without sorting.
- It promptly shreds food waste into small particles and then swishes them down the drain before the waste has a chance to spoil or to attract vermin.

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Disposers and Incinerators

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- It even disposes of such things as small bones, fruit pits, vegetable and fruit parings, corn cobs and husks, egg shells, and all.
- It simplifies and speeds up meal preparation by disposing, instantly, of the food waste that piles up while preparation goes on.
- It completely eliminates the nasty scrubbing and relining of garbage pails—a disposer cleans itself.



But a disposer won't chew up old bottle caps, glass, or crockery, large pieces of paper, or rubbish in general. It wasn't designed to grind up tin cans, rubber, yards of string, or pieces of cloth. Some manufacturers also recommend that you avoid feeding it clam shells, nut shells, and the like.

DISPOSER TYPES

Disposers come in two general types. One is the capacity type—you put food waste into the grinding compartment, lock the drain into place, turn on your cold water, start the motor—and away she goes! Capacities of home models generally range from two to four-and-a-half pints, although heavy-duty commercial models with larger capacity are available, and can be installed in home kitchens. The other type, the continuous-type disposer, is fed while the water is running and the motor is in operation. You just keep on feeding it. All have very ample safety devices. Some models have motors which automatically reverse their grinding direction to lessen possibility of jamming. Most have overload controls.

CARE OF DISPOSERS

As far as care goes, a disposer makes few demands. It should be operated by *cold* water rather than hot (cold water solidifies grease which the disposer then grinds up).

Disposers require no regular attention, and they are self-cleaning since shredded waste scours them continually, and constant water action washes them.

Disposers are friendly to both septic tanks and plumbing lines.

The bacteria which make all septic tanks work are remarkably unprejudiced—

all they ask is to feed on organic matter, and food waste is that. When garbage disposers first came out,

there was some doubt on this score, but tests over the years have proved that if

the tank is large enough, it will welcome a disposer. (Leading manufacturers of septic tanks and

disposers can furnish reliable information on this subject.)

As far as the plumbing lines are concerned, a disposer's constant scouring and flushing action keeps them free of the greasy particles that normally adhere to drain pipes. Drain-cleaning chemicals are *not* needed.



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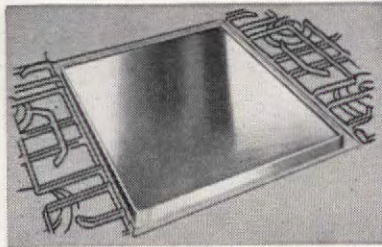


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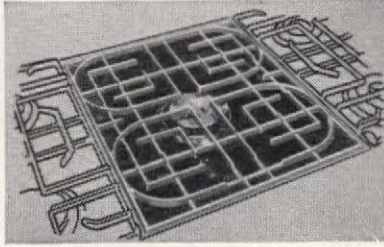
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BEFORE: Old-fashioned cabinets were inconvenient to use, there was little usable counter space, and there was no storage space under the sink.

AFTER: Shipshape line-up with peninsula putting floor space to work



They Weren't Stymied by Structure

Data: Jessie Walker



BEFORE: It wasn't a horror, exactly—but see how space was squandered in the face of inadequate counters and storage.

AFTER: Peninsula and new equipment, now arranged in a compact plan, make working in this kitchen a pleasure



Of course, we love to show you spectacular remodelings—old wrecks of kitchens transformed into the newest and sleekest of cooking quarters, but less spectacular undertakings, such as this, have more meaning for many more families. The kitchen in the home of John and Kathryn Smith of Kenilworth, Illinois, was typical of those built into millions of homes a quarter of a century ago. They weren't small, they weren't cramped, and the plaster is not yet hanging in clumps from the walls. But how inconvenient! How wasting of steps! In this case, the range was nested in an alcove, a whole big room away from the refrigerator and sink. The room was spacious enough (larger, really, than most modern kitchens), but the wall space was so cut up by

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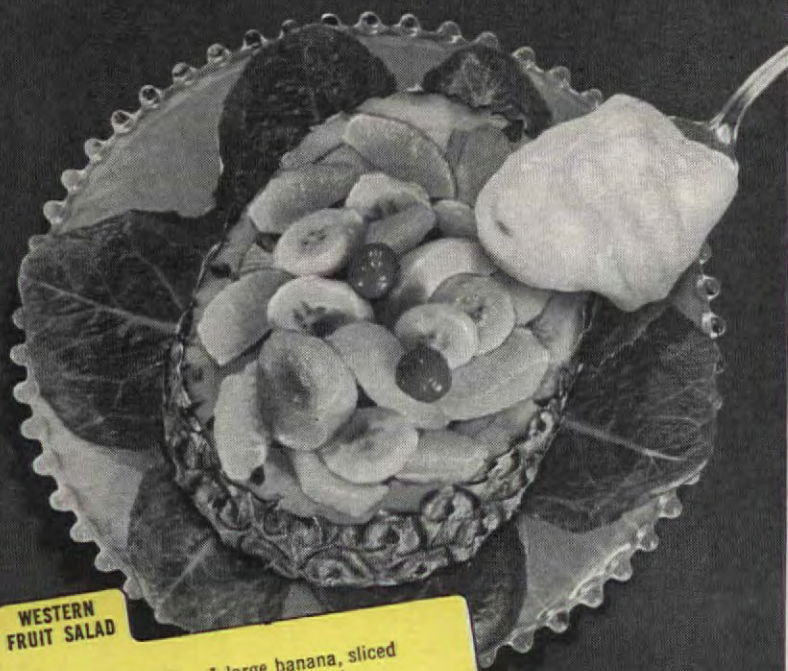
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What good cooks look for when they buy mayonnaise



WESTERN FRUIT SALAD

2 small pineapples, 1 large banana, sliced
4 oranges, peeled and sectioned
1 small can fruit for salad
Romaine salad greens Lemon mayonnaise

Cut pineapples in half and remove fruit by running sharp knife a half inch from edge. Cut out hard center and dice remainder. Combine one cup of the diced pineapple with the orange sections, banana slices and can of fruit. Arrange romaine; place pineapple bowls on salad plates. Fill with the fruit mixture. Add generous amounts of the mayonnaise. Serves four.

They choose a brand made with lemon juice— for three very good reasons.

You know what a wonder lemon juice is at perking up the flavor of soups and salads, meat and fish dishes. Gives so many everyday foods that Sunday dinner allure! And because lemon juice works its flavor magic in mayonnaise too, you'll find it a basic part of the best brands your grocer carries.

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More and more food processors are finding that lemon juice works the same flavor magic for baby foods, canned fruit, fruit cocktail, and tomato aspic.

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The best mayonnaise is made with

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Not Stymied by Structure

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doors and windows that cabinet space was woefully inadequate. And the center of the floor was wasted area, not earning its keep.

When they first moved in, Kathryn had placed a table in peninsula position to cut down the sum of steps she would take when working, but this table was too low to function easily as a work area, and was never used for eating as the Smiths had a breakfast room adjacent to the kitchen. The range was too far from the sink, and the window above it was so complicated with muntins that the light was limited.

After consulting with a kitchen designer about the most economical and practical way to improve their old kitchen, the Smiths found that the remedy for creating a kitchen to their liking involved only the movable things—range, refrigerator, sink—plus the installation of some built-ins, all tied up prettily with pattern and color. The five doors, two windows, and alcove are still there—structural changes weren't necessary.

A new stationary peninsula with storage space for pots and pans and kitchen silverware was built in the area where the table had been (it provides just the additional work area needed to make meal preparation here comfortable). A continuous counter top with a new double bowl sink was built against the wall which had housed the old-fashioned sink and two cupboards. The range, a new one, was relocated in a more convenient spot flush to the working counters, leaving the alcove space free for a home freezer. A dishwasher was tucked neatly under the counter top to the right of the sink. The refrigerator is just a step from the marvelous new peninsula. The cabinets are now birch, with a natural finish, which Kathryn will happily tell you never shows one smudgy finger mark.

The window was changed for a new one with a generous clear glass center section—now it throws light throughout the attractive kitchen, with its bright yellow vinyl counter tops, its fresh green and gray figured wallpaper, and gray rubber tile floor.

BEFORE: Range in an alcove seemed miles away from work counters. **AFTER:** Now that the range is more conveniently located, alcove is ideal spot for a freezer. Peninsula not only offers more and better counter space than table, but it also provides excellent storage space below





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Good Victuals

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food alone can never compensate for. But if, let's say, you worked out not more than four menus, on each of them one very special dish, the rest extremely simple—is not this approach to entertaining a far more worldly view to take?

This month, my contribution to this program, is a cold entree for buffet or supper—beautiful to behold, beautiful to eat, and so rich it is, a little goes a long way; a thing you can do way in advance of your party with nothing more than a little thin soup to precede it; to toss a mixed green salad with water cress predominating; and perhaps, some fine old port and walnuts as the perfect ending. It is simple but it will also be a memorable meal. It is one of my standbys and through repetition, even the entree is easy to do. What with the pictures showing you just how it goes, I sincerely feel that you too, will soon enough feel that it is not remotely as difficult as the entree in my picture would lead you to believe. And as surely, you will not quarrel with my contention that it is far more distinguished than an equally expensive joint and its attendant fixings. I do most sincerely hope you find it a real contribution to the Good Victuals you serve, and I guarantee the praise you'll get will give your heart a glow.

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Such nice letters I did get on Good Victuals in Spain and Portugal. Among them, Mrs. Beatrice A. Kreppel of New York City, a Spanish and Portuguese translator during World War II, writes she has many Portuguese friends and will use Good Victual recipes as new surprises for them. . . . Mrs. Samuel S. Jones of Orlando, Florida wrote: "I have enjoyed your account of collecting recipes on your travels, and in reading of the Spanish and Portuguese dishes especially. There was more than a little nostalgia in picturing you in those quaint spots obtaining your material, for at the age of 16 I spent a winter in Spain and was introduced to the delicious Spanish food that cannot be surpassed. That was some 25 years ago when my likes and dislikes also were more than a little definite. I mention this because of one luscious dish we were served frequently at our hotel in Valencia. With our faltering Spanish, and their lack of any English whatever, the dining room staff was unable to convey just what it was. I ordered it whenever possible, knowing it was the most delectable seafood I had ever eaten. You can imagine my shock and dismay in learning it was tiny octopus! By then, I had become

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| 1 egg | ¾ cup ripe olives |
| ½ cup fine dry bread crumbs | 1 (10½-ounce) can tomato soup |
| 2 tbsps. milk | 1 tbsps. vinegar |
| 1 tsp. salt | 1 tsp. prepared mustard |
| 1 pound ground lean beef | 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 tbsps. shortening | |

Beat egg lightly and combine with crumbs, milk and salt. Add beef and mix well. Shape into balls and brown in hot shortening. While meat browns, cut olives into large pieces. Put browned meat balls into baking dish. Heat undiluted soup with vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce and olives. Pour over meat balls and cover. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes. Makes 4 generous servings.

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so fond of the little tendrils that, all ideas to the contrary, I found I still loved the wonderful food. I had learned my first lesson in being prejudiced about a food because of its name, and I hope you will try it at least. I understand it is served in New York. Please do!"

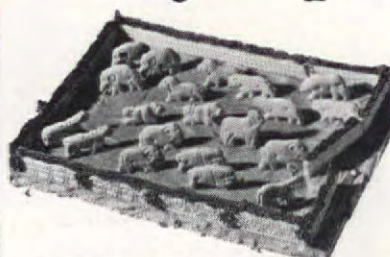
And from Mrs. J. A. Borba of Chino, California: "I just received my June copy of AMERICAN HOME and was so pleased with your article 'Good Victuals from Portugal.' My husband and I are both of Portuguese extraction, although our families migrated to America some 30 years ago from the Azore Islands, possessions of Portugal. We know so little about Portuguese victuals we're always so happy to know more about it. Thank you so much for the very nice article and for the recipes which I am adding to my collection."

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Over my desk, a delightful little book from the Rodale press—*Old English Coffeehouses*. Discovered in original 17th-century pamphlet form in the Rare Documents Division of the Yale Library, it reprints "The Women's Petition against Coffee," dated 1674 and representing to "Public Consideration the Grand INCONVENIENCES accruing to their SEX from the Excessive Use of that Drying, Enfeebling Liquor." Also, in full, the men's rebuttal "VINDICATING Their Own Performances, and the Vertues of their Liquor, from the Undeserved Aspersions lately Cast upon them, in their (the women's petition) Scandalous Pamphlet." No mincing of words in this age of pamphlets, and the contemporary illustrations in color are delightful. I can think of no more sophisticated gift for \$1.25.

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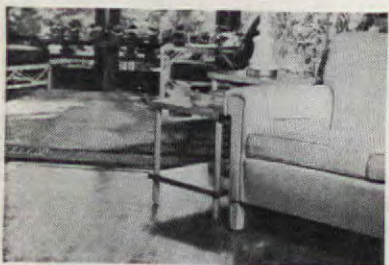
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Anne's Notebook

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I WAS A DOUBTING THOMAS ABOUT MEAT TENDERIZERS until I was caught raving about a particularly tender and juicy steak at a friend's home. It was a chuck steak that had been treated with a tenderizer. So convinced I am now that the tenderizer has a permanent spot on my pantry shelf.

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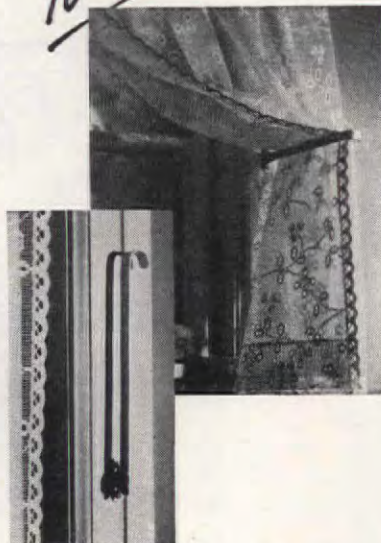
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For cut-out drapery border (page 63), first cut around outlines of motif, allowing about 1/4-inch beyond motif for stitching and final trimming. Cut strips of Permette about 6 inches wide, and long enough to reach from bottom of hem up to (but not including) heading. Fold strips of solid-colored material (cut 12 1/2 inches wide) around Permette, and stitch on one side. Stitch cut-out drapery fabric to fabric-covered Permette. Repeat this stitching to prevent raveling. Finally, cut out whole assembly, Permette and all, close to stitching. Voilà!

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Idea!

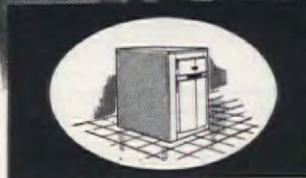


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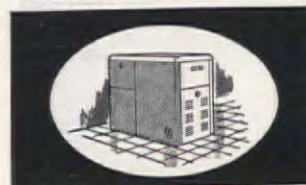
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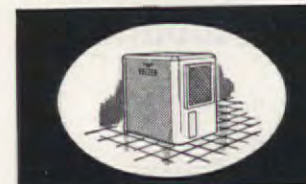
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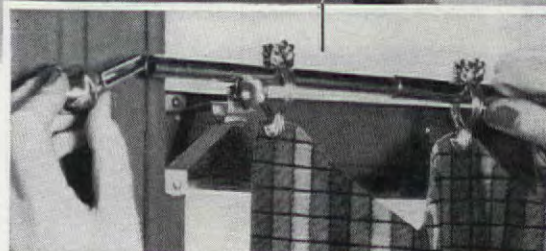
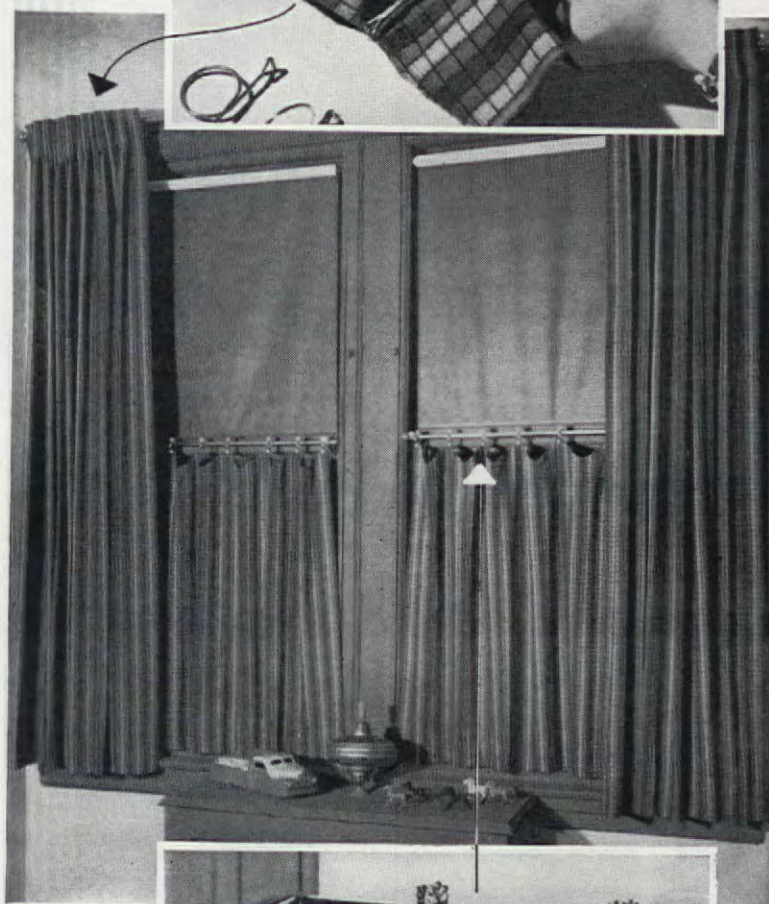
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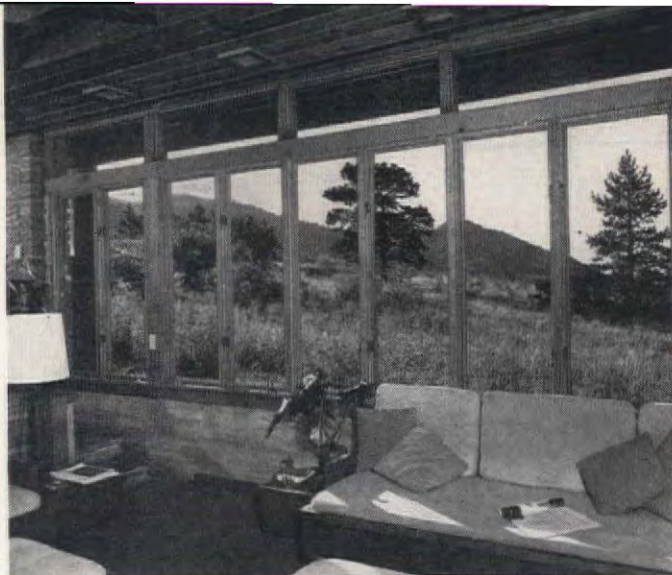
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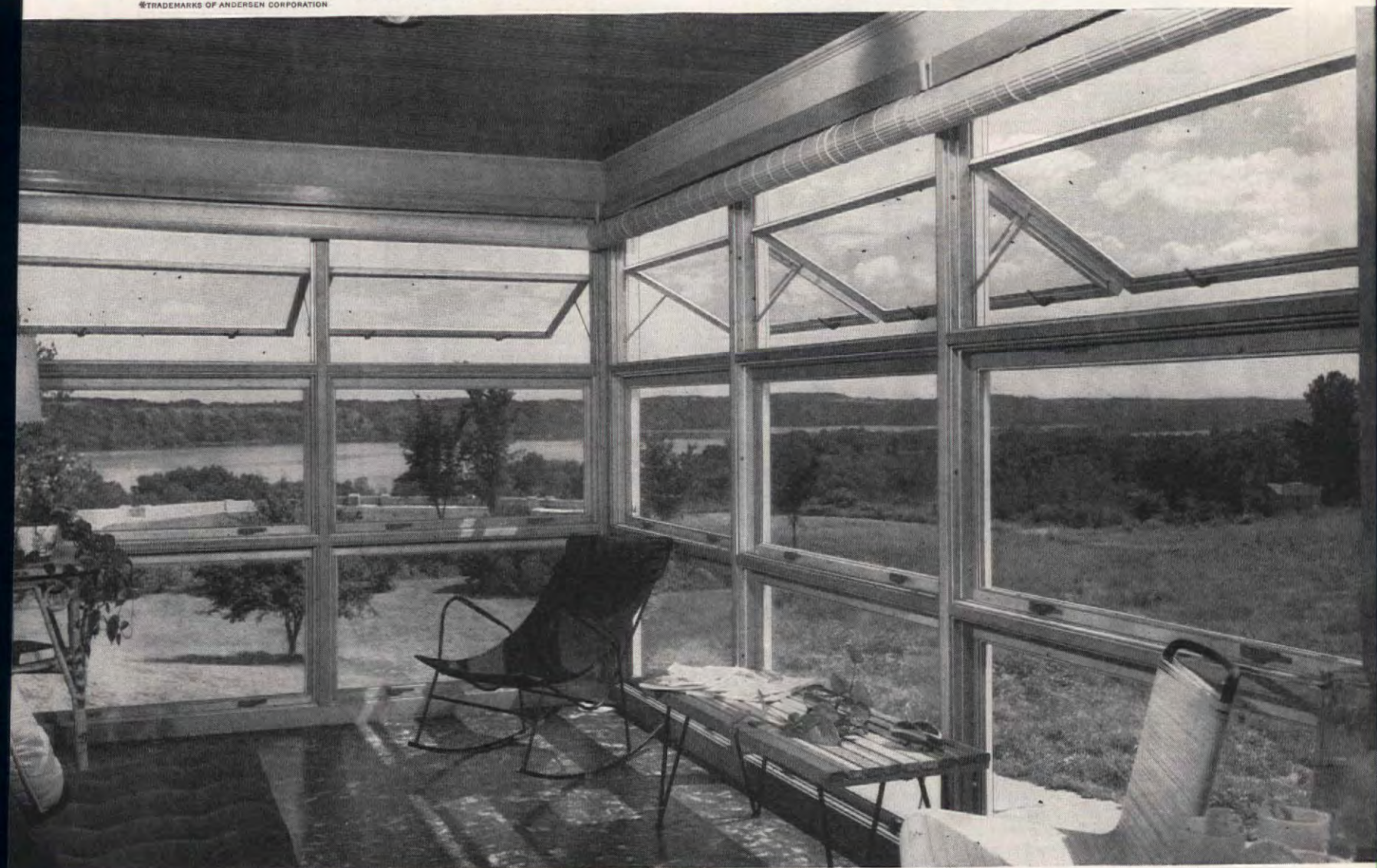
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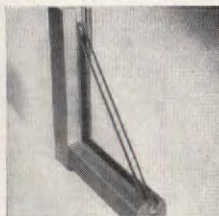
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Take the Long View

LURA OSBORNE GAINES

Are you planning a house, choosing a building site? You'll save a lot of headaches if you take the long view. Is this home to be permanent? Do you want satisfaction, convenience, and comfort in the so-called "twilight years" of life? Then give those years consideration. Back in '37, had we taken the long view, I wouldn't be writing this article. Now the twilight years draw near—and we must be content to live with young middle-age planning.

Mistake number one: Our original cabin was built on the strength of a "view" (look out for that view bugbear) for our site is on a knoll some distance from the highway. The various outbuildings, water system, etc., developed naturally around the cabin site, and for a long term of years, during summer vacations, things were quite satisfactory.

But four years ago, when my husband retired, we faced the need for a permanent dwelling. Then we discovered the fly in the porridge: that long trek up hill several times a day, laborious paths to clear in winter, a year-round driveway problem. We could not scrap our original site, for too much money and labor were involved.

Mistake number two: Our picnic ground and outdoor fireplace. Again the error was in choice of site. We let a pine grove and view from the road run away with us. Nestled in the trees, near a moss-covered rock, our grounds are inviting—and in the early years we enjoyed the barbecue. Our children were home to do the toting. Up hill, down hill . . . everything from matches to lemonade poses a toting problem—and with each passing year our regrets grow louder. Now three or four outdoor meals each summer (when children and grandchildren are home to tote) are the limit. Oh, why didn't we build the fireplace adjoining our house?

Mistake number three: The results of limitation. My husband had some knowledge of building and had taught mechanical drawing, so he drew up the plans for my O.K. Together we worked things out. Should our living room, our bedroom, be just a few feet longer—or wider? The question of cost arose—and Mr. Dollar won out. We failed to take the long view—and we're sorry.

On paper, our 12'x20' living room seemed very adequate. With the addition of a dining alcove or sizeable breakfast nook, it might have passed muster—but the first dinner party showed our mistake. It was crowded. In the bedroom, our error in judgment was not so glaring, yet a few added feet would have given us a room to be proud of. It isn't bad, it isn't good—it's tolerable.

Like most people who plan a home, we studied the magazines. And quite in accord with the modern trend, our kitchen boasts a counter, a neat little deal jutting out from one side to divide the cooking and eating areas. It looks lovely, convenient, on paper. But our room is too narrow (nine feet) for a jutting counter. Such counters have their points—in a good wide kitchen, but ours limits the breakfast nook—four people and we're crowded! Had we built this precious asset along the wall, our kitchen wouldn't look "cut-up," would be quite acceptable.

Yes, in planning our home we missed the boat on many counts. If we were to build again, our main floor would boast a second bedroom, be it ever so small. Ours, in the basement, a combination den and bedroom, is used to advantage. But, oh the times we've berated ourselves for the lack of a more accessible bedroom!

I should feel disloyal if I should unearth all the errors, but none of the highlights of this home we love so dearly. For in some matters we did use foresight. Our house is small, yet folk say in amazement, "How spacious! Why I never dreamed. . . ." "It's our decorative scheme," we reply, for we stuck to one color throughout the house. Our choice was yellow—with pine groves on every side, and a dearth of sunshine in winter, yellow is a happy shade indeed.

Our house sits at an angle, much to everyone's wonderment. And the result—more light and an all-round view we love. For poised as we are, a bit askew, mountain, lake, and pine trees creep in on all sides. We made many an error, but in this matter at least, we did take the long view.

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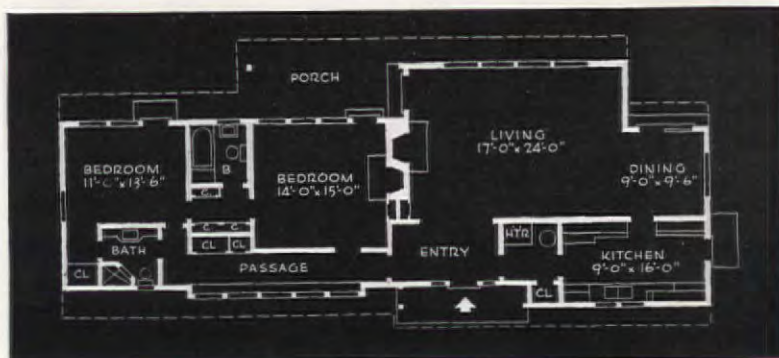


Small House with a Good Point of View

ETHEL McCALL HEAD

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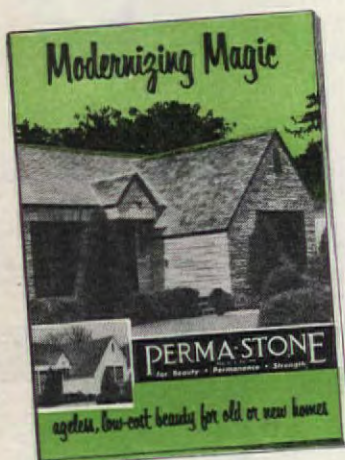
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Good Point of View

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each with its own wall of windows, and its own door to the porch which runs the length of the house. The circulation couldn't be better, for the entry leads to kitchen and utility room on the right, to the bedroom passage on the left, while the large living room opens up directly ahead (separated from the front door, when the Baskervilles so desire, by a wall of curtains on a track). No pioneer building a ranch house in bygone days ever had such airy, pleasant rooms opened to sun, light, and outdoor living!

While the junior Baskervilles might have preferred seeing some new furniture in a house so contemporary in its planning, the Baskerville Seniors, who occupy it, were much too fond of their old things to part with them—and the design of the house was eminently friendly to such an arrangement. Nothing could be sleeker and newer in feeling than the whitewashed brick fireplace in the living room above—yet old furnishings take very well to it. The same bold brickwork fashions the fireplace wall in the master bedroom shown below—but here an old marble mantel, a family heirloom, adds an amusing quaint note to the modern treatment, and a family portrait, wide oak-plank floors, white rugs, and open bookshelves make this a bedroom which doubles equally well as a pleasant little sitting room. The entire east

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Good Point of View

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wall is opened to the view; and French doors lead directly to the roofed rear porch.

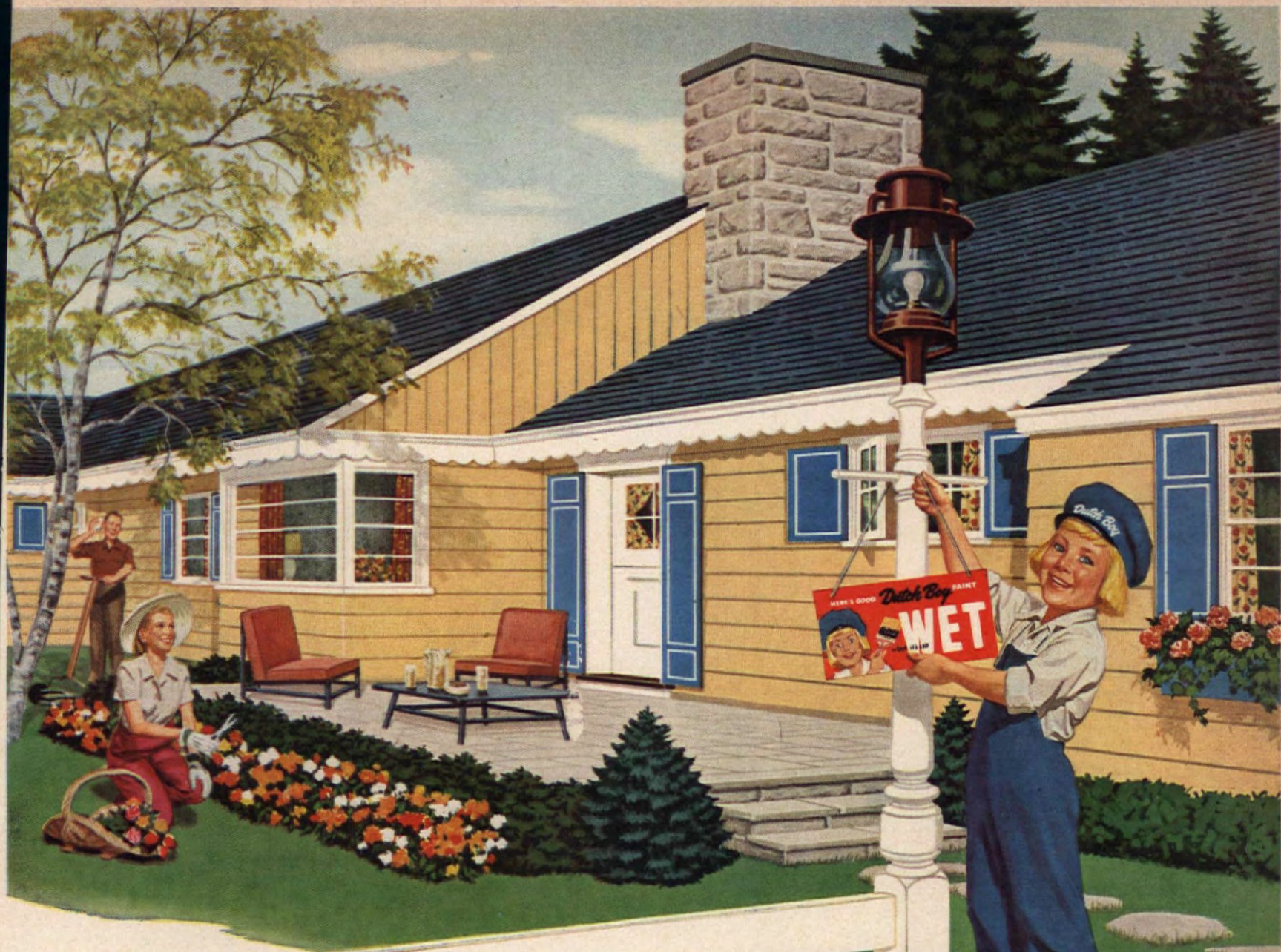
Because one of the children of the family is a talented artist, the wide, well-lighted bedroom hall serves as a gallery for handsome watercolors, and the hallway does another good job, too—under the windows are open shelves for potted plants and below them, storage space for oversize books and portfolios.

The view of the living room, above, is the one you get from the entry hall—pale gray walls and ceiling are a restful color choice to set off a magnificent view across a wooded ravine to the view of mountains and city beyond, and a dusty pink carpet sets off the old walnut furniture. Green, white, and pink cretonne draperies pick up all the colors of the room in a fine bouquet, while white airplane cloth makes the curtains.

A ranch house it is, but one with a contemporary point of view which fits to perfection its owners, native Californians who admired old California redwood ranch houses, but wanted one "opened up." Set back from the road, with a curved drive to the front, it seems to belong under the giant live oak trees and looks as if it had been nestled forever on its lovely site.

Next to the laundry tub is the "second guest room"—a large cupboard which houses a folding bed, double size—bed can be moved to any part of the house so visiting grandchildren can always be bedded down. The laundry tub does double duty, too—as a flower sink with open shelves above





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There are two broad classifications of woods which are useful to the handyman: hardwood and softwood. Hardwoods are cut from broadleaved trees such as oaks, maples, and birches, which lose their leaves in fall. Softwoods, are from evergreens or cone-bearing trees, like pines, firs, and hemlocks. These terms are botanical classifications and you will find several instances where a "softwood" is harder than a "hardwood" and vice versa.

In general, hardwoods are more durable but are more difficult to work with than most softwood. Their beautiful grains make them applicable for furniture, wall paneling, expensive cabinet work, and other places where wood effects are desired. Softwood is usually cheaper and has a much wider application in both house construction and general home jobs.

When you buy lumber from your local lumber yard, you will find it graded according to quality, into two main divisions: Select lumber and Common lumber. Grade B and Better (also called No. 1 & 2 clear) is the highest quality board, almost free of blemishes and is used where a natural finish is desired. C Select and D Select have a few small blemishes or defects but have a good appearance and are suitable for painting. Select lumber, because of its price, should be used only in places where

HOW TO Buy Lumber

it can be seen. Common lumber contains numerous blemishes and defects which make finishing difficult, but it is suitable for general utility and construction purposes. In this grade, strength and dryness are placed ahead of appearance. Common lumber is classified by grades ranging from No. 1 Common to No. 5 Common, depending on the number and size of defects and blemishes.

The price varies with the grade of lumber—the higher the price, the better the grade. Since the price range between the lower select grades and the upper common grades is frequently as much as 30 to 60 per cent, it is obviously important not to buy a better grade than is required. Any tendency to buy the best the market offers for all uses is wasteful of both money and lumber, for in most cases the lower and cheaper grades will render satisfactory service.

The type of wood used, naturally, makes a difference in the price—the most plentiful woods in your particular area usually being the most reasonable in cost.

One confusing point to many novices is lumber sizes—why, for instance, a 2 x 4 never measures that? The "rough" lumber is full size when it is cut at the sawmill, but it gets smaller as it dries out. The planing or dressing operation removes still more stock in smoothing the rough surfaces. These steps reduce the 2 x 4 to an "actual" size of 1 5/8 by 3 5/8 inches, but it is still sold by its nominal or rough-sawn dimensions.

The amount of wood removed by the dressing operation varies with the width and thickness of the board. The actual size of one-inch lumber is 25/32 inch. From two inches to six inches, the actual dimension is 3/8 inch less than the expressed dimension; that is, a 2 x 6 is really 1 5/8 inches thick and 5 5/8 inches wide. Boards eight inches wide and up, drop a full half inch.

Dressed lumber is designated as surfaced on one side (S1S), two sides (S2S), one edge (S1E), two edges (S2E) or a combination of sides and edges (S1S1E), or (S1S2E). A piece dressed or surfaced on two sides will, of course, remain its nominal size across the unsurfaced sides, so that a 2 x 2 S2S will measure actually 1 5/8 by 2 inches. The lumber you will be using normally, will be dressed four sides (S4S).

Most lumber is sold by a unit measurement called a board foot. A board foot (BF) is the equivalent of an amount of lumber 1 inch thick by 12 inches wide by 12 inches long.

Small pieces, trim, siding, 2 x 4, and other standard lumber will be quoted at a price per running or lineal foot.

As previously stated, freshly cut lumber contains a good deal of moisture but disappears as the wood dries. When the moisture content of board gets to around 12 per cent or so, the lumber is considered seasoned or ready to use.



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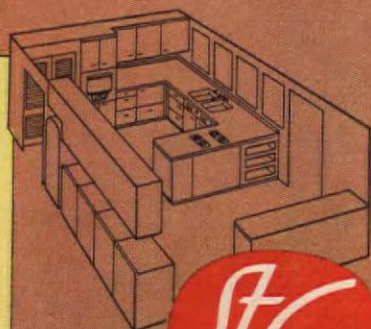
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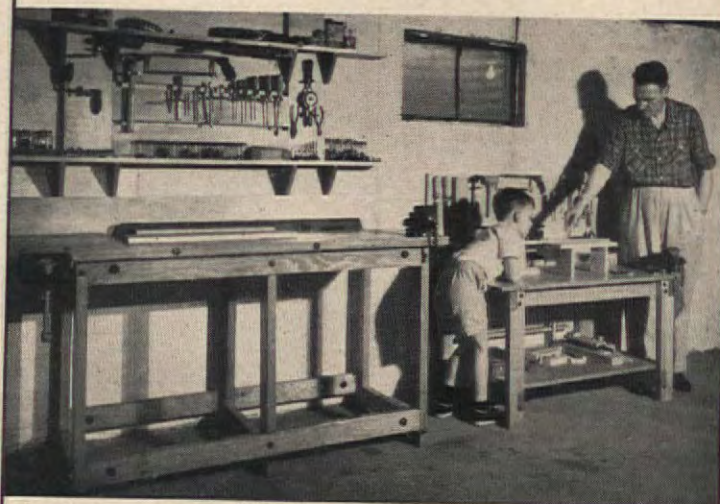
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Season's Bouquet (Begins on page 104)



First, place three tall stalks of delphinium at different levels in center of vase. Next, add cluster of cleome at left, stripping off most of foliage. Add asters, shading from white through pink and purple. Keep dark shades in lower portion of arrangement

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 133

Use petunias at periphery of arrangement for variety of form. Add zinnias at focal point, then arrange eupatorium and ageratum for airy contrast. Three sprays of Dusty Miller, with soft gray color, tie in with silver of the container which is placed on a block base for visual stability



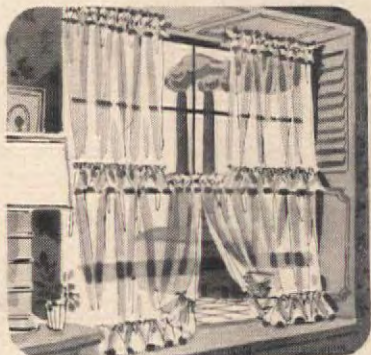
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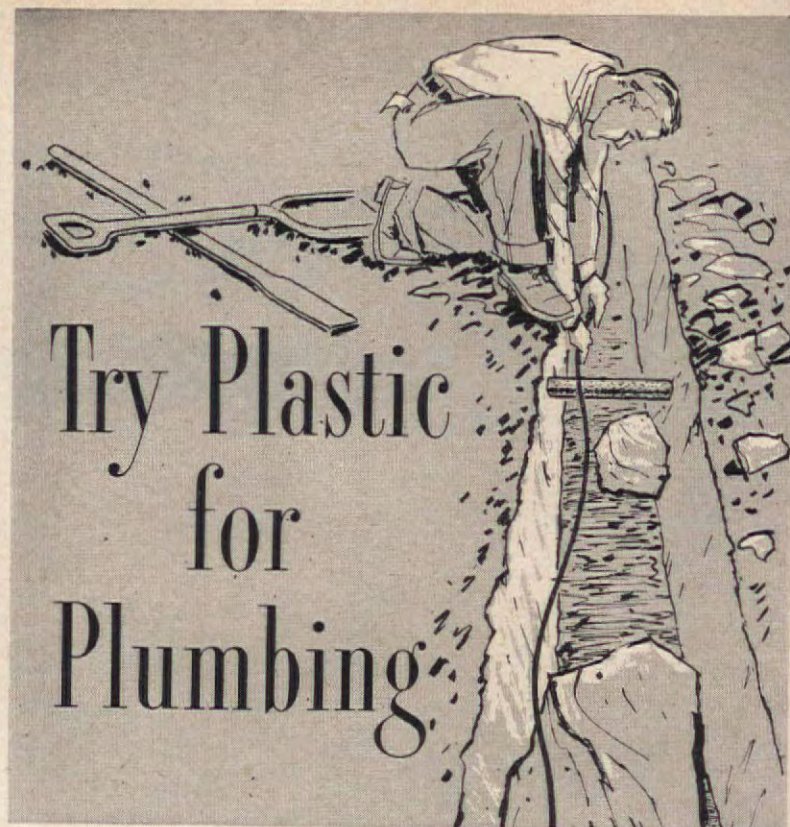
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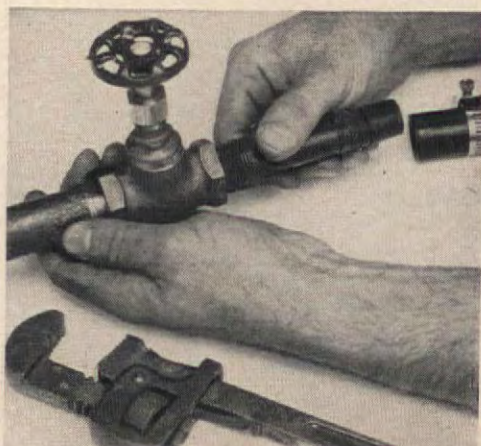
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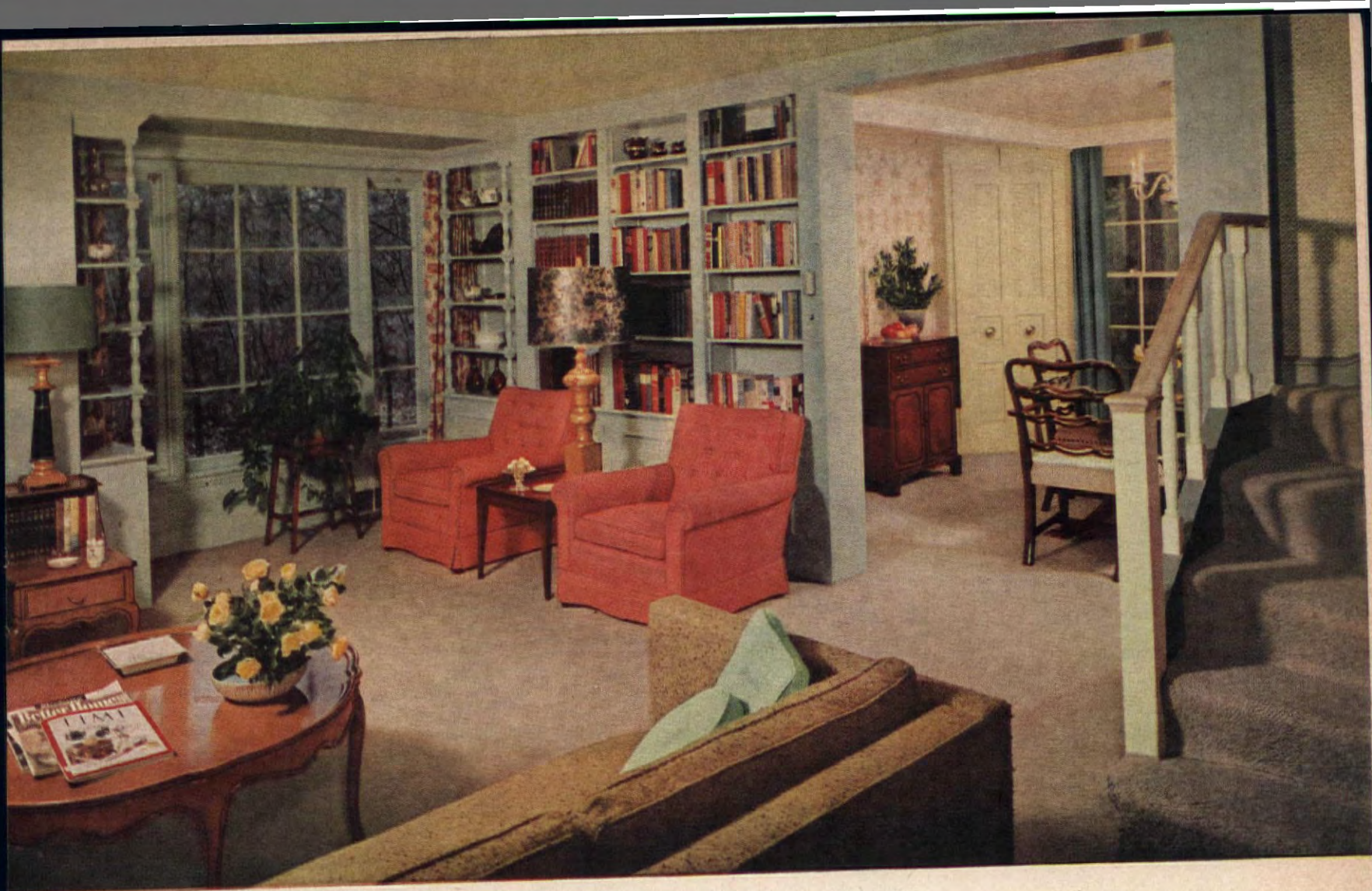
Plastic pipe is easy to cut. The flexible pipe can be cut with an ordinary knife, and the semirigid pipe, which comes in shorter lengths, is easy to cut with an ordinary hacksaw. Be sure to keep cuts square



Threaded and unthreaded ells, tees, and couplings of hard plastic are available in standard sizes for use with the two types of pipe. Plastic-to-plastic threaded joints should be coated with gasket cement. Plastic-to-metallic threaded joints should be tightened by hand or carefully with a wrench



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Can you tell the 5 things **wrong** with this room?

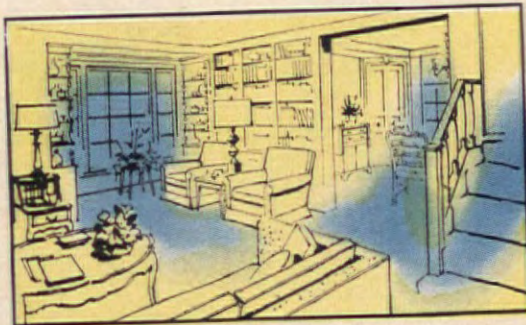
No, you can't tell just by looking at the picture, for the room displays excellent taste! You'd have to enter it. Then you'd know:

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- (4) It's either muggy or dry as a bone.
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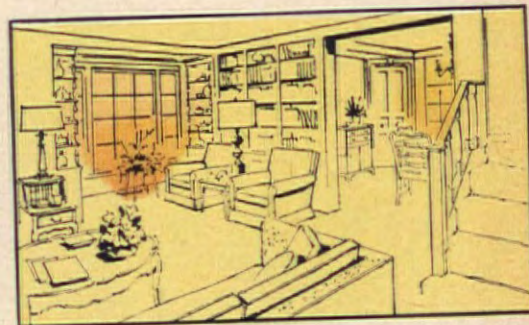
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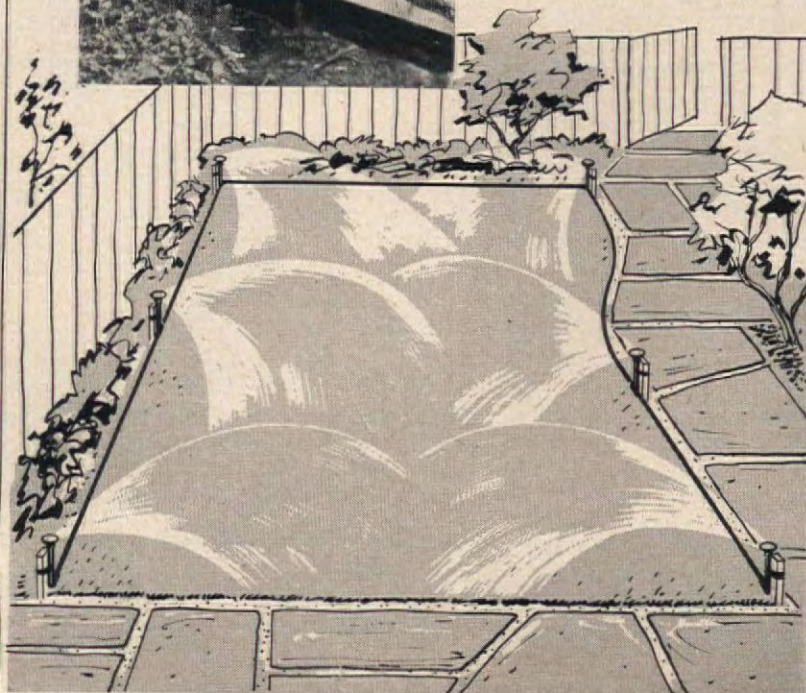
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Yard Beautification— 4-H Club Style

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Last winter, Joan Downs of Riverhead, N. Y., was "just a freshman" at Potsdam (N. Y.) Teachers College. But in 1952, while a high-school senior, she completed an eight-year program of 4-H Club projects that not only brought her national recognition, but also markedly improved the surroundings of her home, benefited her community, and made a lot of people justly proud of her. If you're not familiar with 4-H Club work, it is one of the three

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Until recently, the ugly and obtrusive garage and implement shed were not even screened from the house by the equally scrubby weed growth. Today, paint, trees, shrubs, flowers, lawns, and planning make the

same view a vista—as Joan here explains to John Berney, Suffolk County 4-H Club Agent, and to an inquiring—admiring—reporter





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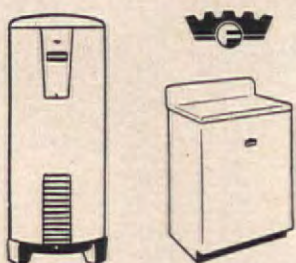
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Skylar Remodeling

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220-volt circuits, and I put in a good foundation of quarter-inch hard felt under the new linoleum—all to prepare for modern equipment.

Ripping the kitchen apart took about a week—redecorating it required twice that. While the new plaster dried, I had a plumber install the sink and dishwasher unit—the only professional installations in the kitchen. For the rest of the equipment, we planned staggered deliveries to avoid confusion. Each unit went into its spot as it arrived—our washer and dryer were at work the evening of the day we received them.

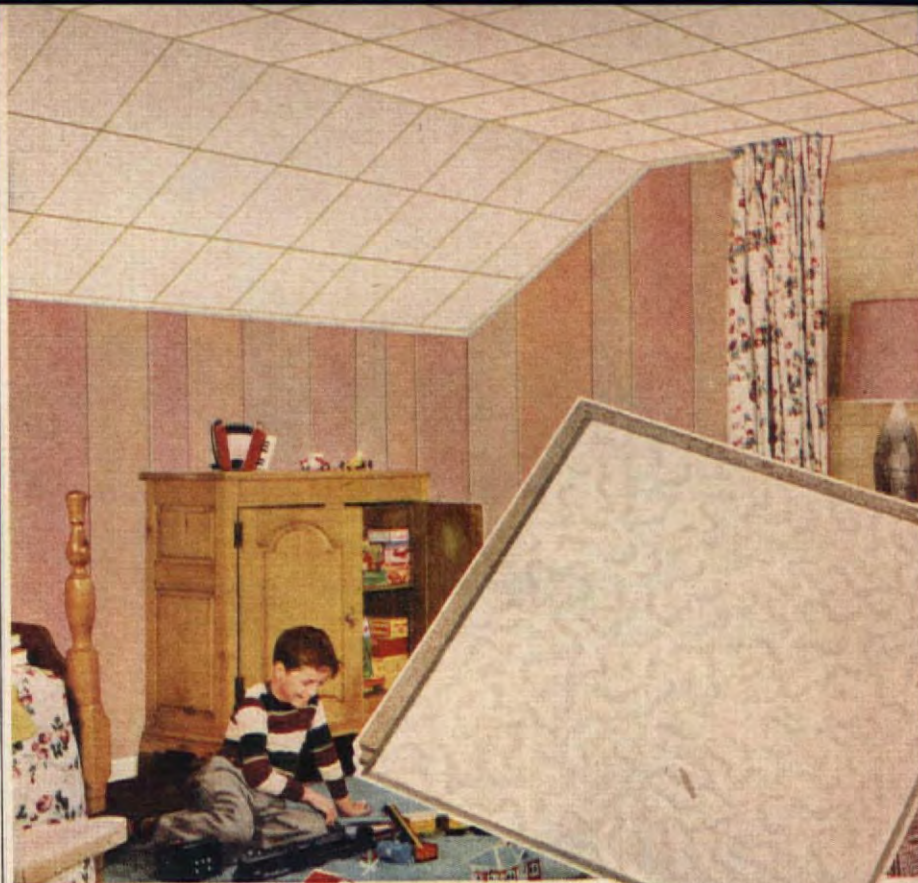
The next project was finding some suitable flooring—easy to clean, good looking, and able to endure a beating. Vinyl cork tile seemed to fill our bill, and I learned that I could lay it quickly with "proper advice," and the correct tools. To obtain both, we hired an experienced floor man for one day. He arrived 8:30 on a Saturday morning, and by 8:35 we were both on our knees putting down tile. We stayed that way for seven hours. Then our professional departed, leaving his equipment behind. We had dinner—and went back to work. Some sleep. Then more work. Exactly 36 hours after we had started, we had more than 650 square feet of elegant flooring—all ready for contemporary furnishings. It really looked wonderful, and when Claudia initiated it, its sound-deadening qualities became apparent. Luxury!

When it came to decorating and furnishing, Marilyn took over—she has the decorating sense in the family, and she had started her plans the day we bought the house.

The white walls she specified in the living room and den have a double advantage—you can build a lovely color scheme around them, and you can roll on a little paint any time it is needed—without worrying about an exact match. The morning of a recent party, we noticed Claudia's finger marks all over the fireplace wall. Out came the white paint and roller, and the whole wall was repainted in 45 minutes!

For papering the dining room, however, I did call in a professional—I was afraid of an amateur's job on the handsome, and somewhat intricately patterned paper Marilyn had selected. But I set up a dado, and painted the lower part of the wall and the ceiling myself. That hanging wall cabinet in the dining room was another satisfactory project. We bought it unpainted, then couldn't find a stain to match our furniture. A wood-grained paper did the trick.

Gradually, the downstairs took shape, and assumed our own stamp. And when it was complete, the upstairs became the target of our remodeling zeal.



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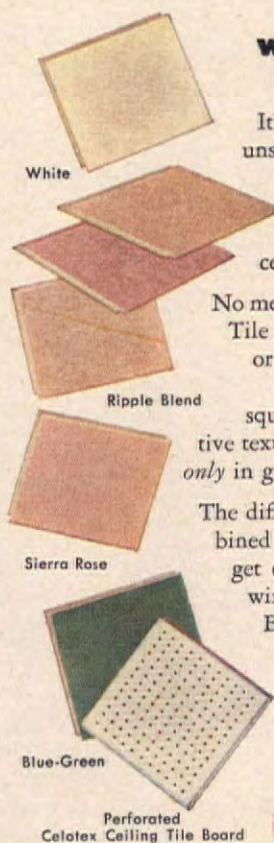
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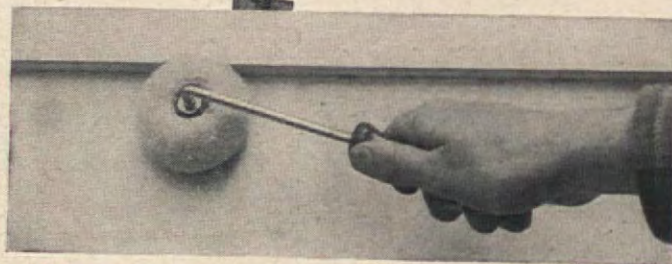
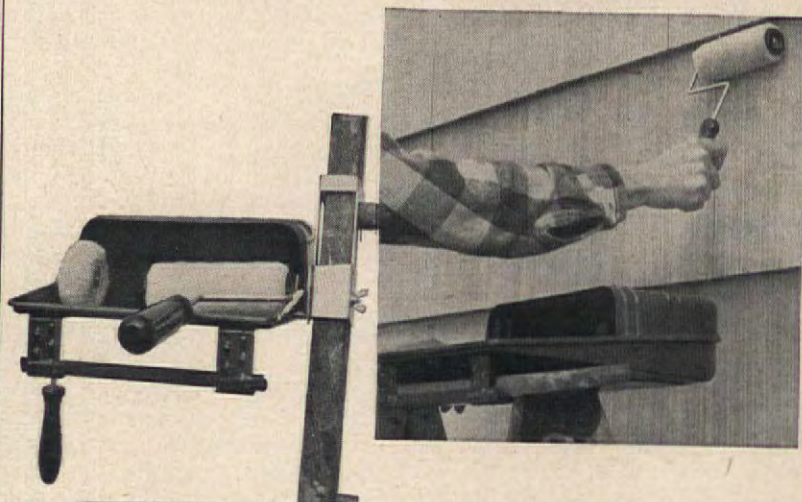
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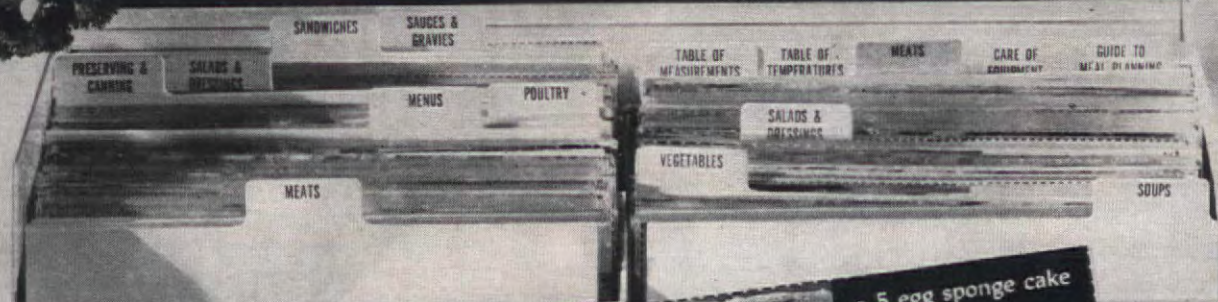
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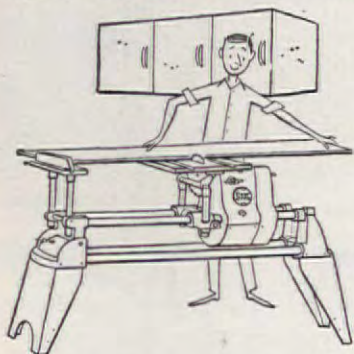
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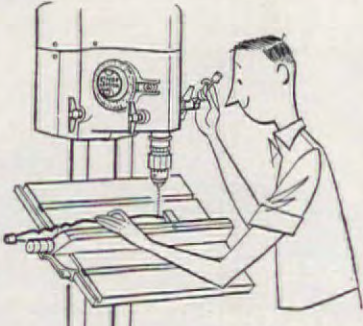
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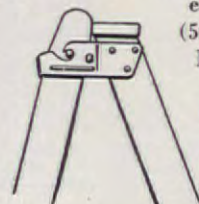
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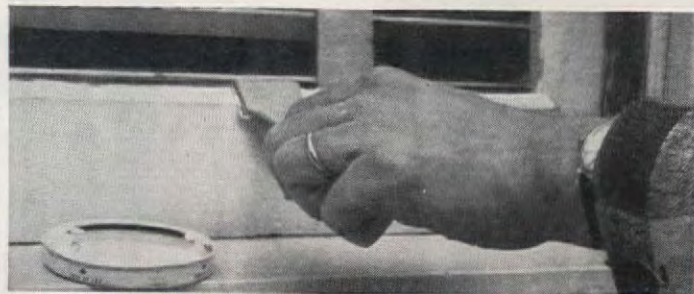
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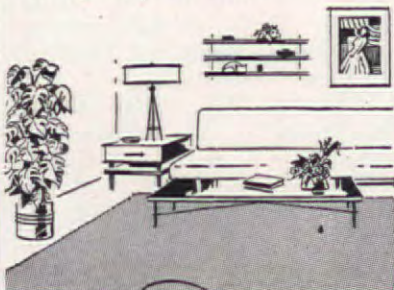
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When our mothers did their furnishing, Chenille weave was the most expensive—then Wilton, Velvet, and Axminster, in that order. But because of the newer processes, this caste system has changed. Each weave now comes in different grades, and a good Axminster can be better than a poor Wilton. There's the new tufting process, too, that used to be confined to bathroom or scatter rugs, but now it is used for standard carpets as well.

A term to remember is broadloom—it isn't a separate type of weave, but is just carpet that is woven on a broad loom. All carpets used to be woven 27 inches wide, and it wasn't until the invention of the broadloom (about 60 years ago) that carpets

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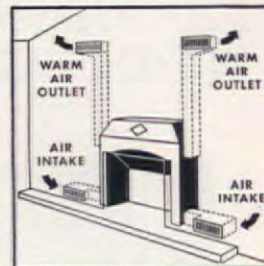
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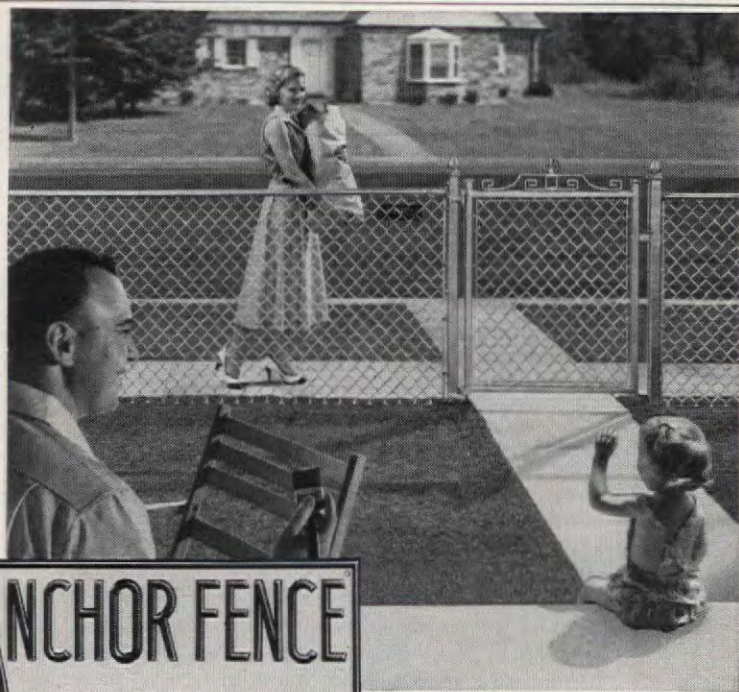
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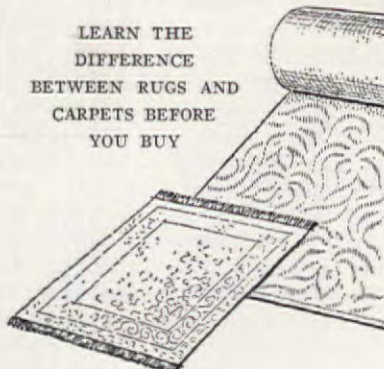
could be woven in widths of 9, 12, 15, and 18 feet. So the term "broadloom" indicates any carpeting woven on a loom that's nine feet, or wider.

You and Joe don't have to strike uranium to afford certain handmade rugs, if that's your choice. Some of these come reasonably priced in small sizes—the modern hooked rugs are an example. Consider, too, the fiber rugs made from specially processed paper, flax, or cotton cord, once used only in summer, but now, what with varieties of designs and colors, are seen the year around.

Now for a check list of characteristics to go by, when examining floor-coverings—all are equally important. First: High, closely woven pile is an indication of good quality. The more content per square inch of wool, synthetic, or cotton, the better the article. Second: Look for tightness of twist of the yarn, and the number of strands twisted together to make it. Third: Take note of the springiness of the pile, which keeps carpets from matting when walked on.

Before you go into the "carpet or rug" question, let's get a clear definition of each. A rug is a specified size (say, 9' x 12') while carpet is cut

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from a roll and usually (though not always) installed wall-to-wall. Of course, carpet can be cut any size, bound, and then used as a rug. When this method is used, the term "room-size" rug is sometimes applied. Today we often hear of the accent rug, too, which is any small rug that adds a decorative note to the room. It can be round, square, oblong, or oval, patterned or plain and, sometimes, is placed right over wall-to-wall carpeting. An area rug is larger, often almost room-size, and can do very nearly an architectural job. For example, a free-form rug in the living area of a large living-dining room would do the job of separating the areas. The main advantage of rugs is that they are easily moved and can be turned around to minimize wear in certain spots. But caution—avoid the postage stamp look that occurs when too much floor shows. In the case of a room-size rug, remember that the margin of floor should never be more than twelve inches.

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Wall-to-wall carpeting is, for most people, the height of luxury, and if circumstances permit, I don't think you would regret choosing it. But if you don't plan to stay very long in this particular apartment, it might be rather impractical. If you do select this type of floor covering though, and find yourself on the move, you can always have it cut into pieces for use in other rooms.

Cushions or pads to put under your carpet are available in hair, jute, or sponge rubber with waffle-like designs. All rugs and carpets are better off with these—they keep the rug from slipping, and act as a shock absorber for the abrasion between the floor and the covering every time a step is taken. The addition of padding literally puts years of life on the floor covering.

While this yarn is spinning, let's take up the case of plain versus pattern. And here, your taste is your guide. If you intend to put much pattern on the furniture or in draperies, it's most likely you will want a plain rug or carpet. And don't underestimate the plain carpets, because the variety of textures they come in can add interest. Whenever possible, it's wise to start your color scheme from the floor up. Pick a color for your floor that will allow some scope in the scheme you can use with it—you'll want to use this carpet for a long time. Also bear in mind that lighter colors are remarkably dirt resistant and sometimes don't show as much soil as the darker ones. And you shouldn't forget that small rooms painted the same color as the carpet will appear more spacious, and that a direct contrast of wall and floor will cut the size of a large room.

As to cost, rugs and carpets are in the you-get-what-you-pay-for class. Rely on the name and reputation of the manufacturer and the store when you make your purchase. Beware of very low sale prices and special offers, because you may be getting second quality. Don't be afraid to ask your salesman questions!

Guess that winds up Lesson II—I hope you and Joe will now be able to find something for your aching feet to come home to! Been scouting around for wallpaper, and maybe before long, I'll have some more cues for you.

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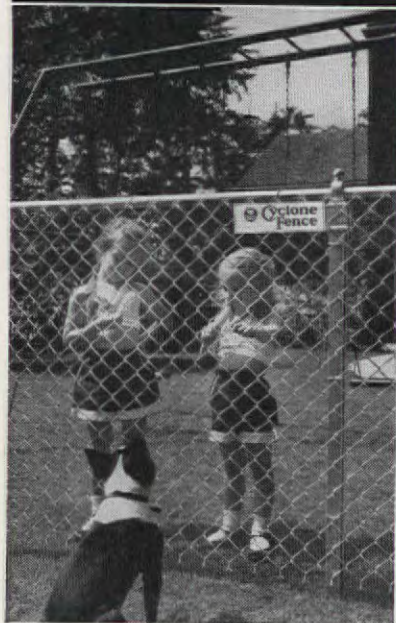
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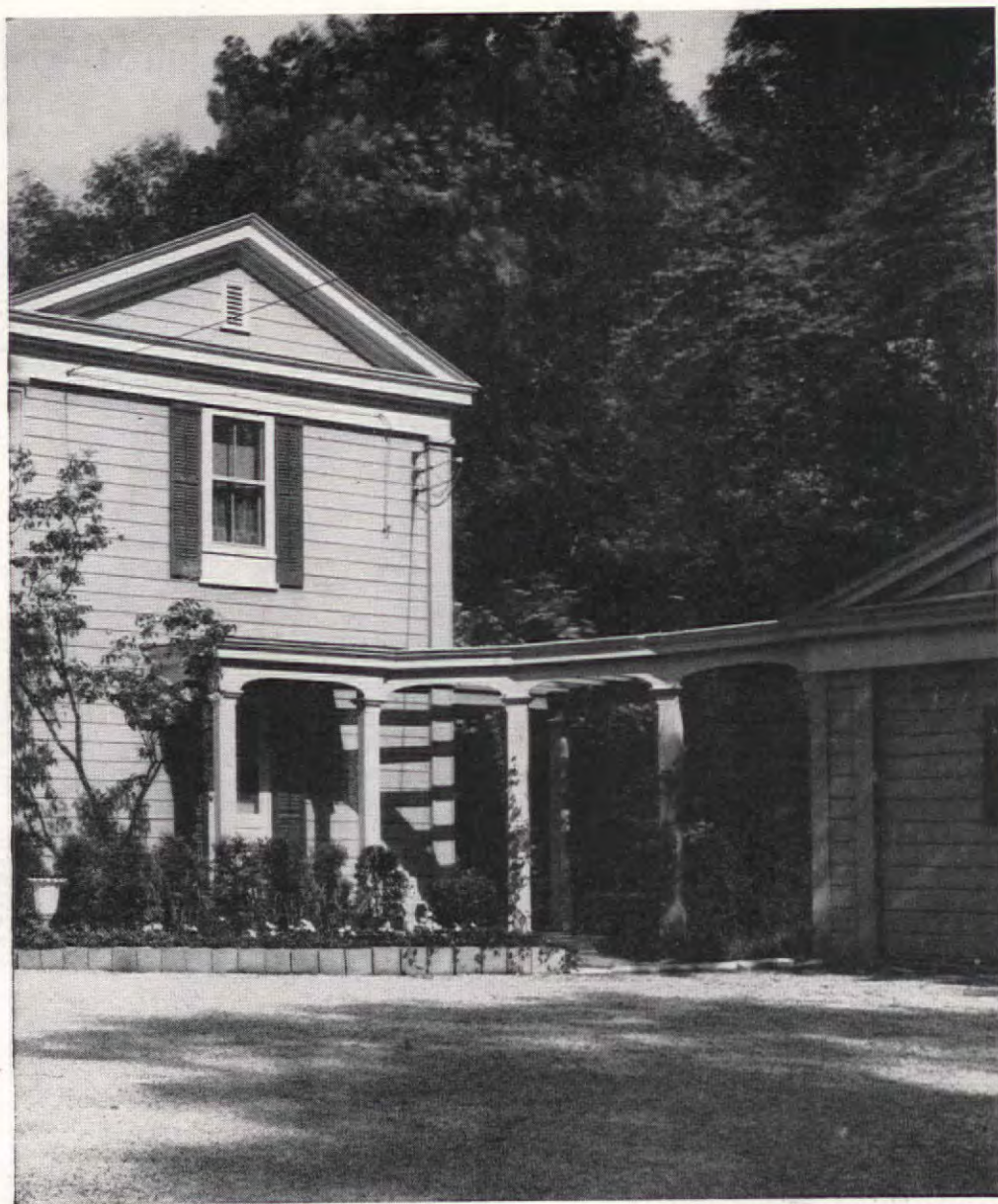
By the front door, ivy winds through lacy ironwork—a section of balcony rescued from the French Colonial Prefect's home in New Orleans

Memories flourish inside of this house, and memories grow in the garden, too. As you drive through the lovely old iron entrance gates, you see, tucked in a clipped viburnum hedge, a swooping bronze eagle—it used to stand guard over the shining silver trophies in "Papa's den."

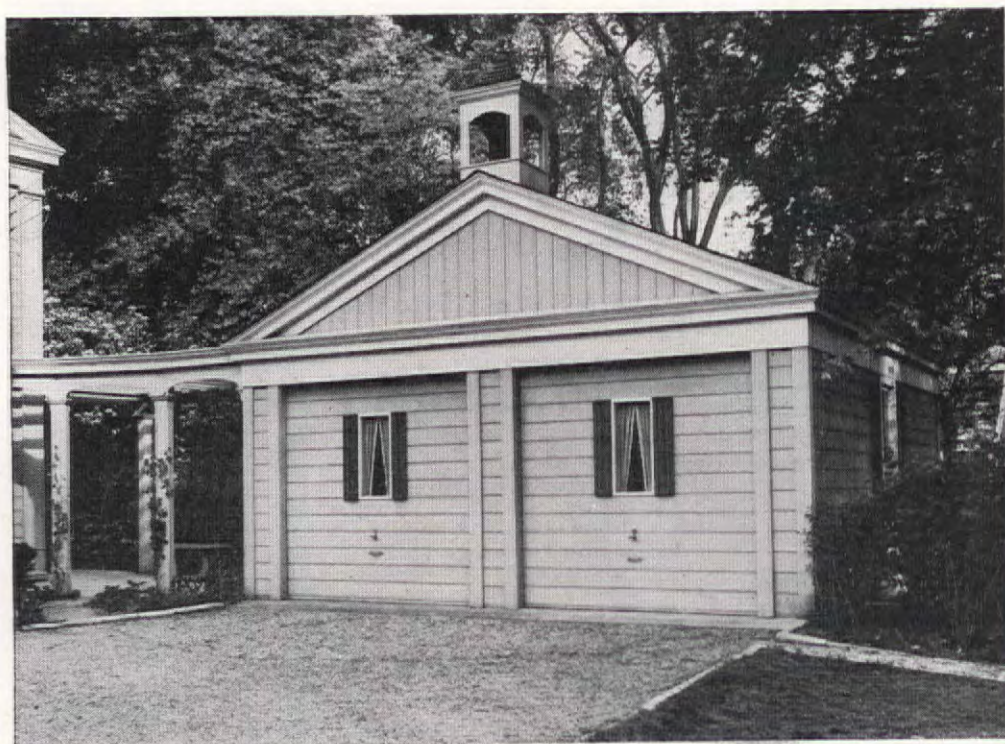
Walking toward the house, along the gravel path bordered with white pansies and myrtle, William Shakespeare (in bronze, of course) gazes pensively from the rich green yew hedge—the owner does not need to tell you that this image of the great bard used to stand under the palms and rubber plants in "Mama's conservatory."

Crossing the tiny entrance porch, your gaze lingers on the English ivy creeping shyly through lacy iron—a piece of the historic balcony rescued from the French Colonial Prefect's New Orleans home, as it was sliding helplessly into the river.

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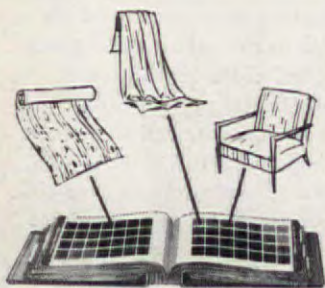
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Eight years of clothing projects, in which she made 38 garments (including a suit and an evening gown), took part in 13 style revues, and made a net cash profit of \$90.

Six years of craft work, including shell jewelry, glass-, wood-, and fabric-painting, wood-working, and aluminum-tray etching, and involving many local and county exhibits.

Five years of food projects, which included the realistic problem of doing the cooking at home in addition to work on a baby-feeding program.

Four years of home grounds improvement which she valued at \$450. In her own words (I wish there were space for all of them): "A home beautification project is one that . . . includes the whole family in planning and carrying out the work. We learn to work and play together while creating a more beautiful out of doors. . . . My father and mother helped me in this project, and the first thing we did was to have a planning talk and decide what we wanted to accomplish and how we could best use the materials on hand." Briefly summarized, Joan: made a brick patio in an angle of the house; made a lawn beside and in front of the house; landscaped a concrete well-head near the back door where, for years, spray materials had been mixed, with inevitable mess and clutter; painted the house trim, shutters, etc.; painted garage and implement shed and planted some 75 kinds of shrubs and flowers to render them less conspicuous; built a flagstone walk, a barbecue, and a game area; established privet and mixed shrub hedges, and found time to paint her grandmother's cottage to augment her funds in preparation for college.

Two years of leadership training, during which she helped her mother as assistant leader of one junior 4-H Club, organized a second and then, when no adult leader could be found for it, led it herself.

One year each of vegetable gardening (which netted her \$55 besides food and experience) and home improvement, which included redecorating and rearranging of her own room.

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4-H Club Style

served as reporter, secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and president of her local club, and as county secretary for two terms; attended 94 out of 102 local meetings; seven county, one district, and two state meetings; gave a radio talk, and wrote 17 4-H Club news stories. Nor did this interfere with her school work, for she was in the upper fourth (40th or better) of her class throughout her high-school years; and, among other activities, she was on the school band and octette (which went on TV), the school newspaper and year book, was member of a national honor society and president of her junior and senior classes, and played on the basketball, baseball, and volleyball teams.

All that and more is set down in her eight-page 4-H report, three annual project reports, 1000-word story of her home-grounds improvement work, plans showing yearly accomplishments, and a snapshot scrapbook.

When, in 1952, as a candidate for national honors, Joan submitted her impressive record, endorsed by local, county, and state extension leaders, she had already collected 12 blue ribbons from county and state shows, and county and state championships in 1950 and 1951, for which she had been awarded trips to the International Flower Show in New York. Then, as 1952 state champion for home grounds improvement work, she won a gold medal, a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago (given her by the New York State Nurserymen's Association), and a 17-jewel wrist watch provided by Mrs. C. R. Walgreen of Chicago. For all-round merit she won the \$1200 N. Y. PTA Jenkins memorial scholarship. (And this year she was State alternate delegate to the National 4-H Club Camp at Washington.)

Despite all these honors, Joan remains a jolly, natural, wholesome, charming young lady. She was a delightful, self-possessed hostess (and model) when we visited her home to get pictures. She is deeply interested in her home, her family, her handsome cat, her purebred collie, Lassie, her community, and, especially, "her" junior club. I don't see how, as a teacher, she is going to do a better job than she has already done—by both precept and example, but I bet she will be a good one.

This story is, obviously, an enthusiastic tribute to a fine, unusually able girl and her exceptional record. But don't forget that, in 1952, she was but one—albeit an outstanding one—of more than two million members of some 86,197 4-H Clubs. Remember that when you ponder the problems and potentials of modern American youth, and of the future of our country and of the world.

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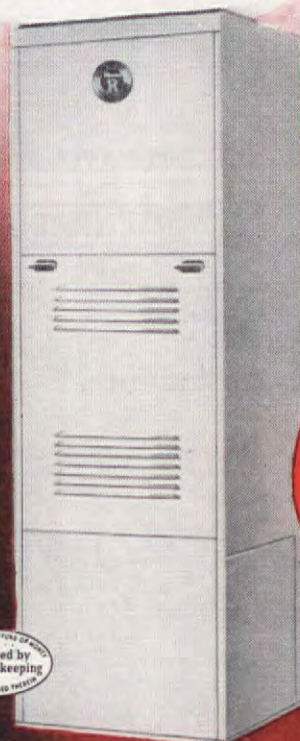
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Lilacs

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Earliest of all the early-blooming kinds, S. oblata dilatata (a natural variety) can hold its own with any of the man-made varieties. Making a bush as wide as high, with a wealth of light lilac, fragrant bloom, it is one lilac with attractive foliage in fall when the leaves of most are apt to be disfigured by a harmless but annoying white coat of mildew. A lovely species is S. laciniata (still called a variety of S. persica), with dainty cut leaves and many clusters of pale lilac flowers strung along slender arching branches. Of medium height (about eight feet), it is a delightful shrub, but not reliably hardy north of Boston or Chicago. The shrubs usually grown and sold as Persian lilacs are in reality hybrids, (S. chinensis and its variety Saugeana). About as high as the common lilac and free-flowering, they are splendid for an untrimmed hedge.

Because it takes years for a fine new variety to become widely known and grown, the average nursery is apt to carry but a few ordinary varieties. You may have to shop around, perhaps send away, for the best; but why bother with anything else? And what makes some varieties better than others? Clearer colors, better-shaped bloom spikes, and, above all, plant vigor and plenty of flowers year after year. When buying, be content with a small plant, from two to four feet high. Fall is the best planting season, except in the most northern states and Canada, where early spring is better.

As lilacs enjoy a really good soil prepare a good, big hole (at Swarthmore we make them about four feet across and three feet deep) and work in manure (dried or partly rotted) or plenty of leaf mold or other humus. For a hole that size, you can add a quart of bone meal or superphosphate and, if you know your soil is acid, a quart of pulverized limestone. If you want to use a complete fertilizer, mix a pint very thoroughly with the soil.

Set the plant a few inches deeper than it grew in the nursery row, for many lilacs are grafted and it is better for them to develop their own roots above the graft. Lilacs are sturdy and will withstand fairly dry weather when well established, but do not allow them to dry out the first year. They often take four to eight years to come into their own and produce the finest flowers; the first blooms are usually disappointing—dull and washed out in color and only partially developed. So be

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Lilacs

(Begins on page 42)

patient. If you see new growth coming from below ground level with leaves unlike those of the plant, it is probably from the privet or ash understock on which the variety was grafted, and should be cut off at once. If, however, you know your plant is "own root" (not grafted), or had the understock cut off after it made its own root system, leave these shoots to make a vigorous, many stemmed bush. Plenty of sun—for at least half the day—is a must. With less, lilacs may grow, but will give little bloom. They must have good drainage. They thrive on a liberal annual feeding of manure, with perhaps some wood ashes and bone meal, too, or a moderate application of a complete fertilizer. A thin sprinkling of the latter, scratched in lightly, can safely be applied in spring and fall. Too much may burn the roots.

We prune a lilac to maintain a shapely bush with bloom low enough to be enjoyed. Some people allow only one stem, or two or three, to grow. My ideal plant has six to ten strong stems; of these, two or more of the oldest can be cut to the ground each year as soon as the flowering period is over. Do not cut the plant back to an even height.

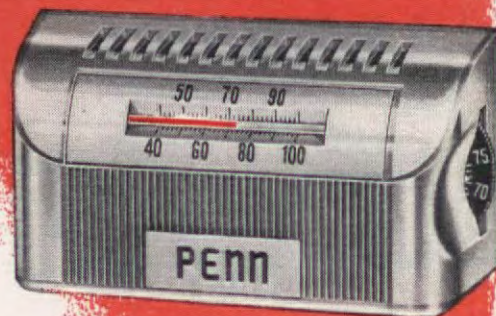
As noted, mildew may be unsightly, but is usually harmless. If necessary, dust weekly with sulphur from when it first appears. Scale insects may do damage, especially if they encrust a whole stem before they are noticed. So examine plants occasionally for tiny hard bodies and scrape them off gently with a knife, taking care not to break the bark; then go over the branches with a vegetable brush dipped in soap suds with a little nicotine sulphate added. Or prevent by spraying plants while dormant in early spring with lime-sulphur solution (one part to eight of water), or a miscible oil (one part to 12 to 15 of water). This is rarely necessary oftener than every third year. If borers attack lilac trunks, cut out infested parts or even the whole trunk to ground level. Big black and yellow hornets may in late summer and fall strip off bits of bark, and even girdle and kill a branch. A bush near the house can often be defended by vigorous use of a fly-swatter. Or spray the stems with a strong solution of DX, whaleoil soap, or Bordeaux mixture with arsenate of lead added.

NOTE: *Lilacs for America*, the 1953 revision of a 1941 survey conducted under Dr. Wister's direction, by the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboretums, which lists all available lilacs, and lilac sources, can be obtained for \$1 from the Hoyt Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.—ED.

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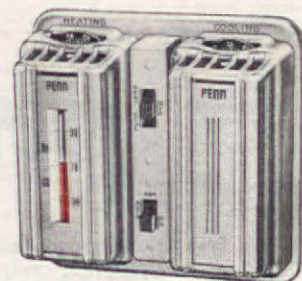
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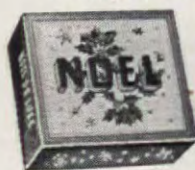
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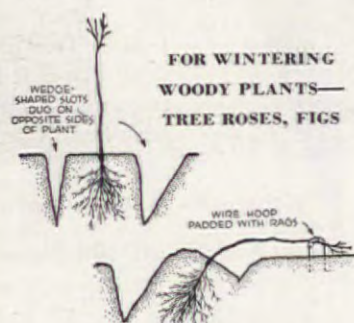
basket over each plant, heap straw or leaves over the basket after the soil has frozen, then toss enough soil or gravel on the mulch to prevent its

Plant Protection Tips

JOHN KRILL

blowing away. The basket will prevent the plant from being smothered and the mulch will prevent the soil from thawing and freezing during weather changes.

Woody plants of questionable hardiness (tree roses, figs, etc.) can be wintered in the garden without bulky, ugly wrappings of straw, building paper, etc. With a spade, dig wedge-



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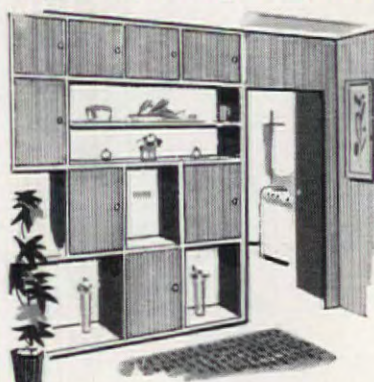
shaped slots on opposite sides of the plant about as deep as its root system. Bend the plant over toward the wider slit, loosening the soil around it if necessary. Then gradually and gently lay the plant almost flat on the ground and hold it down with big U-shaped staples made of heavy wire or thin metal rods padded with rags where they straddle the recumbent stem or stems. Cover the whole plant with soil, then with leaves, straw, and evergreen boughs as thickly as the anticipated winter temperatures make necessary or advisable.

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L. A. BARCOCK

My large family of small children has brought so many bewildered mothers to me, asking what I do to keep them playing happily together and with other children, that I believe a few simple suggestions might prove helpful to others. First, I would say that it is not what you do, but what you don't do, that is one of the most important and often overlooked values in bringing up a family. A constantly trained child is not living a natural life. "Don't do this" and "Don't do that" is an easy habit to get into, but its effect is just as devastating to a child as to an adult.

There is just one way that a child learns naturally and easily, and that is by example, for children instinctively imitate. If you hear him speaking in a bossy voice to his friends, check yourself to see whether you use the same voice in speaking to him. If you find that he teases and torments his friends, see whether that's your mode of playing with him.

If you would try just for one day to treat your child with the courtesy you give to a friend you were anxious to please, the loving response would prove the value of that approach.

Children want to please. Appreciate it when they do. One smile and word of appreciation will save you and the child a dozen irritated "don'ts." How some parents have reached the conclusion that love and kindness spoil children is beyond me to understand. Possibly this warped viewpoint comes from a misunderstood morbid mollycoddling: giving children candy when they cry, over-sympathizing over a slight hurt. This is quite different from good, wholesome affection.

A child who eats good, sensible food, plays outdoors, or can play happily in the house, without fear of "don'ts," is a happy child. Say, "You can play with this toy in the living room. It will be easy to clear up." Then when the time comes to clear up, say, "Shall we put this in the other room now, and make the living room nice and neat?" A child brought up this way is learning real obedience and pleasure in having the house neat. Also a child with this type of home is not wild and destructive. If you are trying to rest and he is in a noisy mood, say, "Could you play something quiet now, so I can get a little rest?" You will find it won't be long before he will take a per-

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Your Child

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sonal interest in letting you rest; also that tactful, kindly approach will be the one he will use with his friends.

Children have simple taste. During a siege of rainy weather, if they get restless, tie a string to a cardboard box, and let them pull small toys around in it. Or they can sit at the kitchen table, each with a small piece of dough. These little homey things often mean more to a child than the expensive toy.

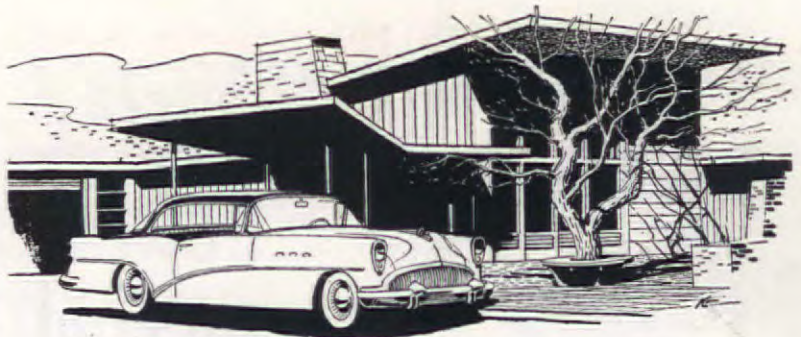
If a child is sick, don't be afraid to humor him until he is thoroughly back on his feet. He is much less apt to cry for sympathy if he gets it when he really needs it. He will then be satisfied and not want it afterward.

You save yourself much trouble if you have an interesting yard and welcome the neighbors' children. Even the pests of the neighborhood (who have been brought up by the "don't" method) behave reasonably well when they have interesting things to play with, and you will know where your children are. When they reach teen age, you will be mighty grateful, and the few minutes you have had to take now and then to settle a squabble will seem pretty small beside the problems some of the teen-agers' parents are having, whose children ran wild during early childhood years.

When it is time for your children to come in for dinner, you can yell, "Come in right away, dinner is on the table and you are as dirty as a pig!" (and you know what will happen!). Or you can think to call them five minutes early and say, "You will have time for one more ride, then run fast and see who can be the cleanest when the big hand gets up to 12." I can just see their rollicking faces, if you choose that one. They will probably not wait for the "one more ride," and when the big hand reaches 12, their hands and faces will be shining clean.

One of the greatest things you can do for them is to do things as a family—working in the garden, doing jobs around the house. A few miniature tools, and a little job to do will help to make a family bond. The younger ones may not be able to do part of the real job, but they can be given similar ones that make them feel essential to the group. And, no matter what your differences of opinion may be, don't ever, ever let the children feel it. Keep them loving and enjoying both parents equally. Never make them take sides. The hurt to a child from that is greater than parents may realize.

And know this fact: If you do not win the love and respect of your children when they are young, you will find it is too late when they reach the teen age.



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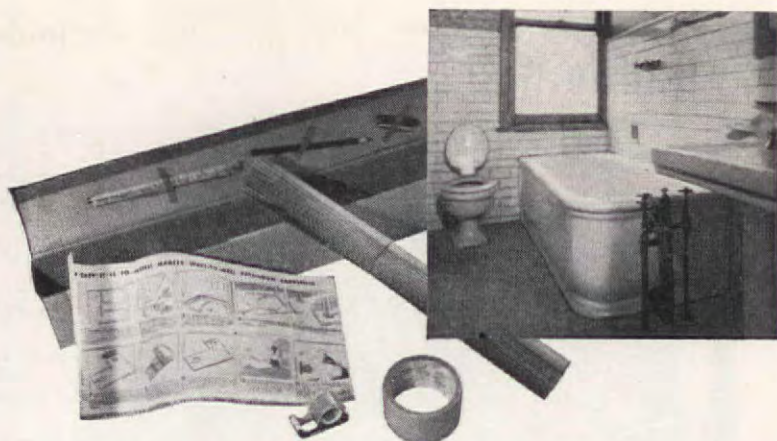
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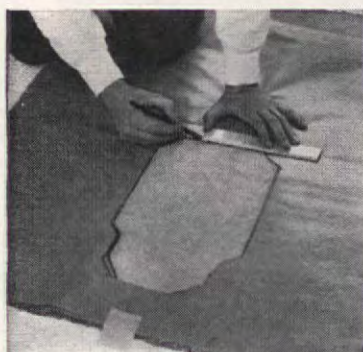


Wall-to-Wall and Washable

Bathroom carpeting you install with the aid of a kit

The bathroom carpet on page 63 is sensible as it is pretty, for it is washable, latex-backed cotton made by Martex and is sold in linen departments. You lay it in easy-to-laundry sections without binding, and install it with the aid of a kit included with your purchase (everything you'll need from scissors to masking tape). But first, you pick up a folder containing a chart to guide you in measuring your floor so you'll know just how much carpeting to buy. We got an expert to give us some additional tips on making patterns and cutting. Here they are:

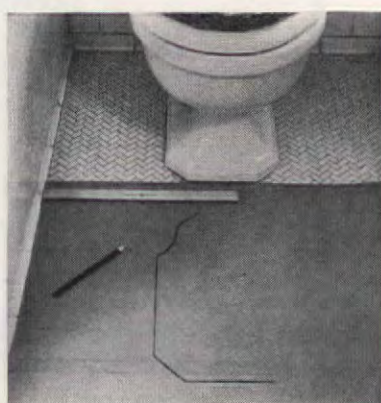
To make pattern of fixtures, place paper flush with side wall. Beginning at back, with left wall as guide, measure all projections and mark them on paper. Repeat from right



Cut out pattern and check to be sure it fits snugly around fixture or uneven wall areas involved. Turn pattern upside down, and place on back of carpet. Tape in place. With ruler as guide, carefully trace all openings onto back of carpet

Place carpet upside down on heavy board (we used a bread board). Cut out all openings with a sharp razor blade. Make slits from the back of each opening to wall line

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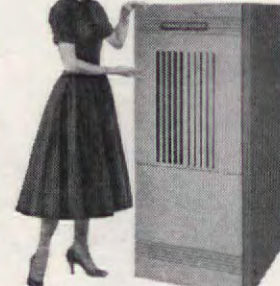
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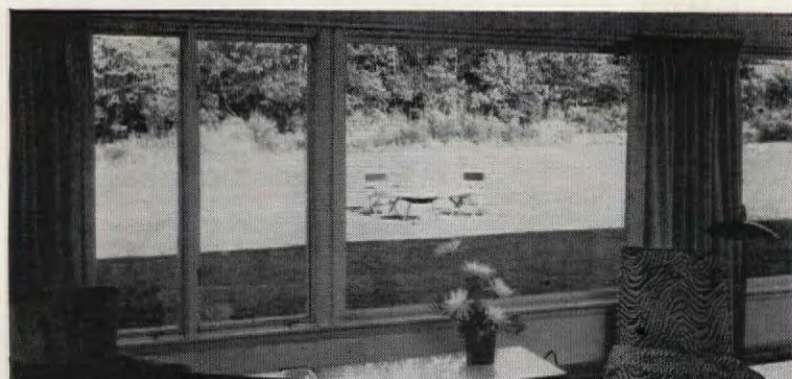
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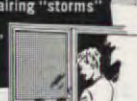
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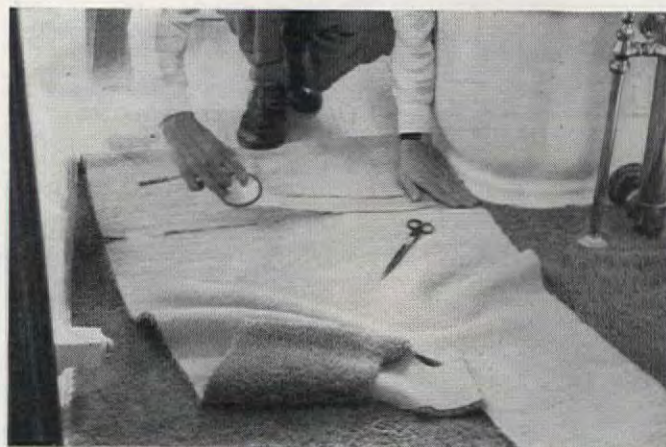
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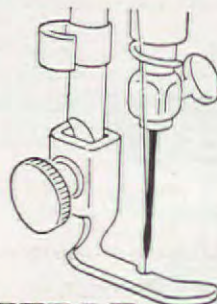
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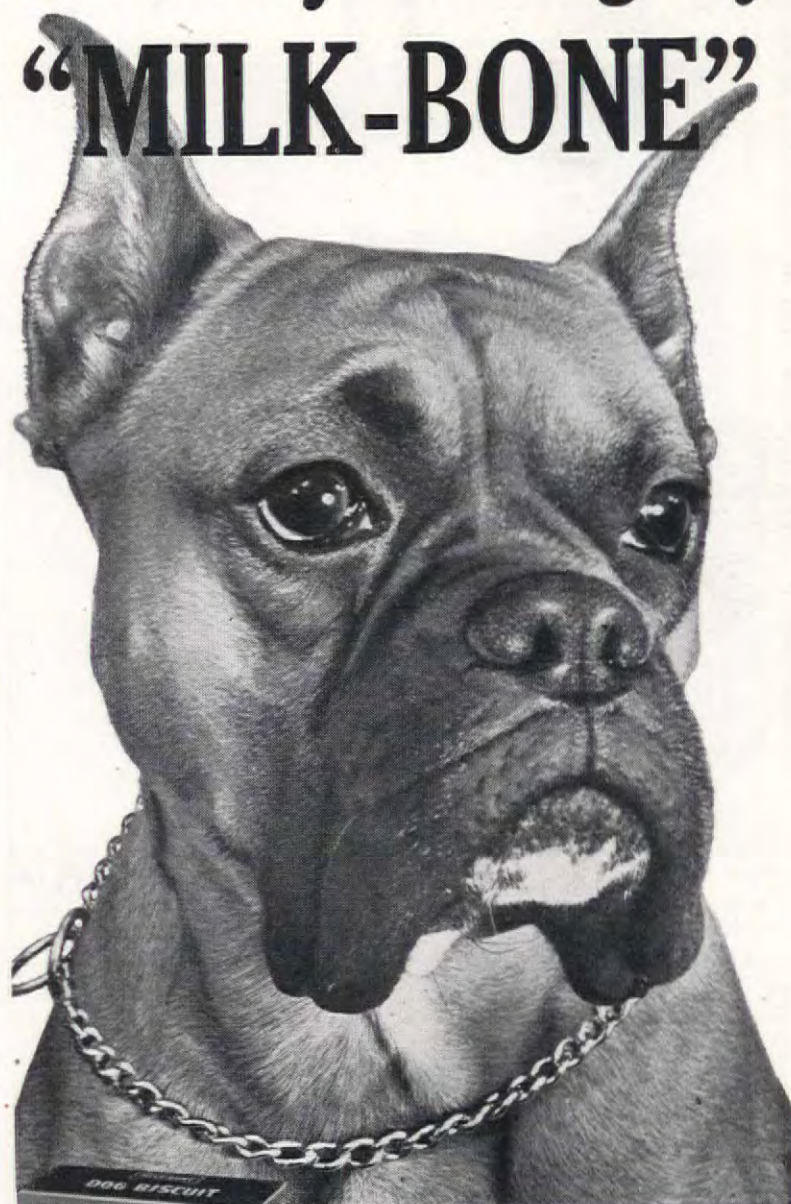
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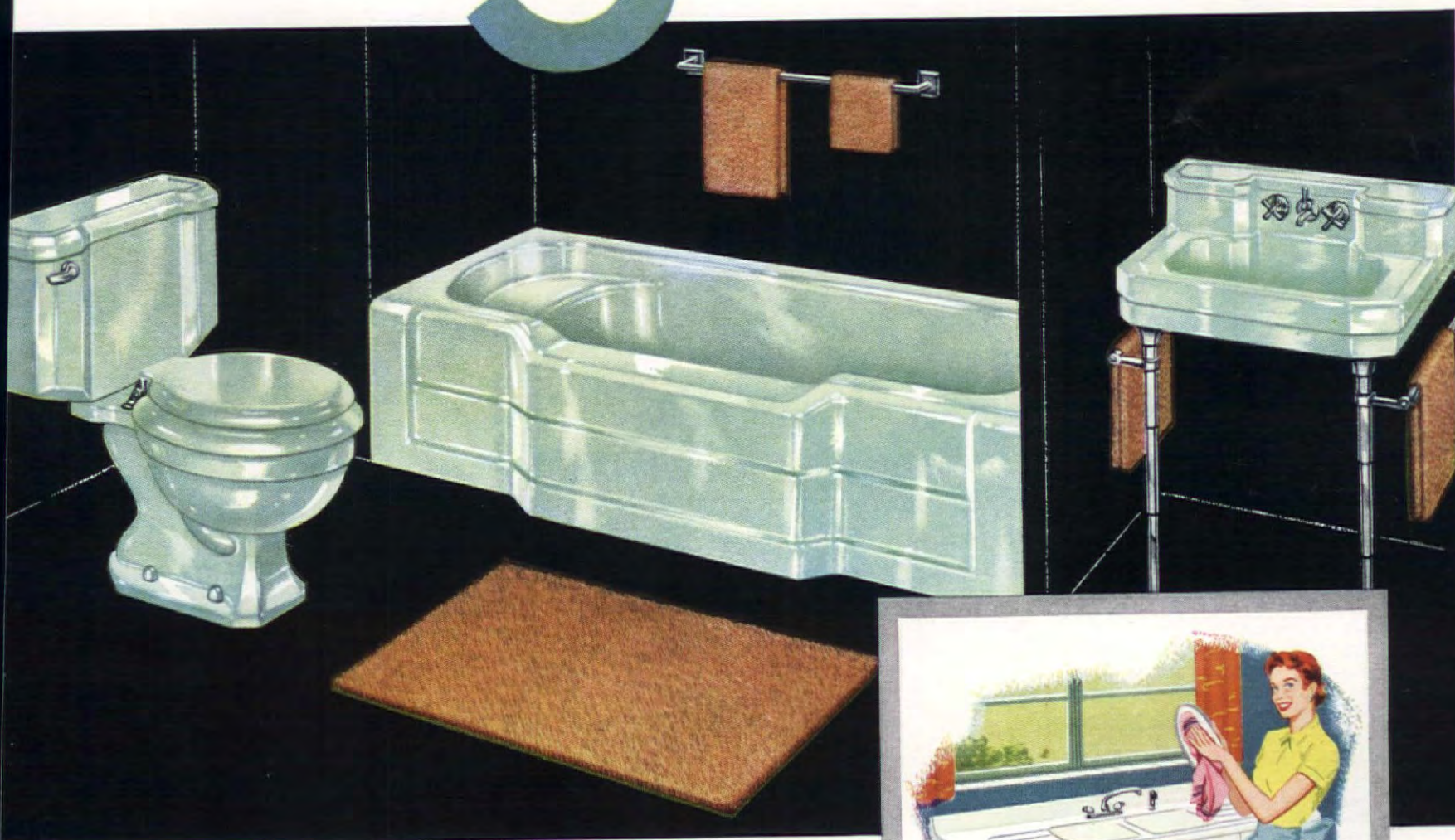


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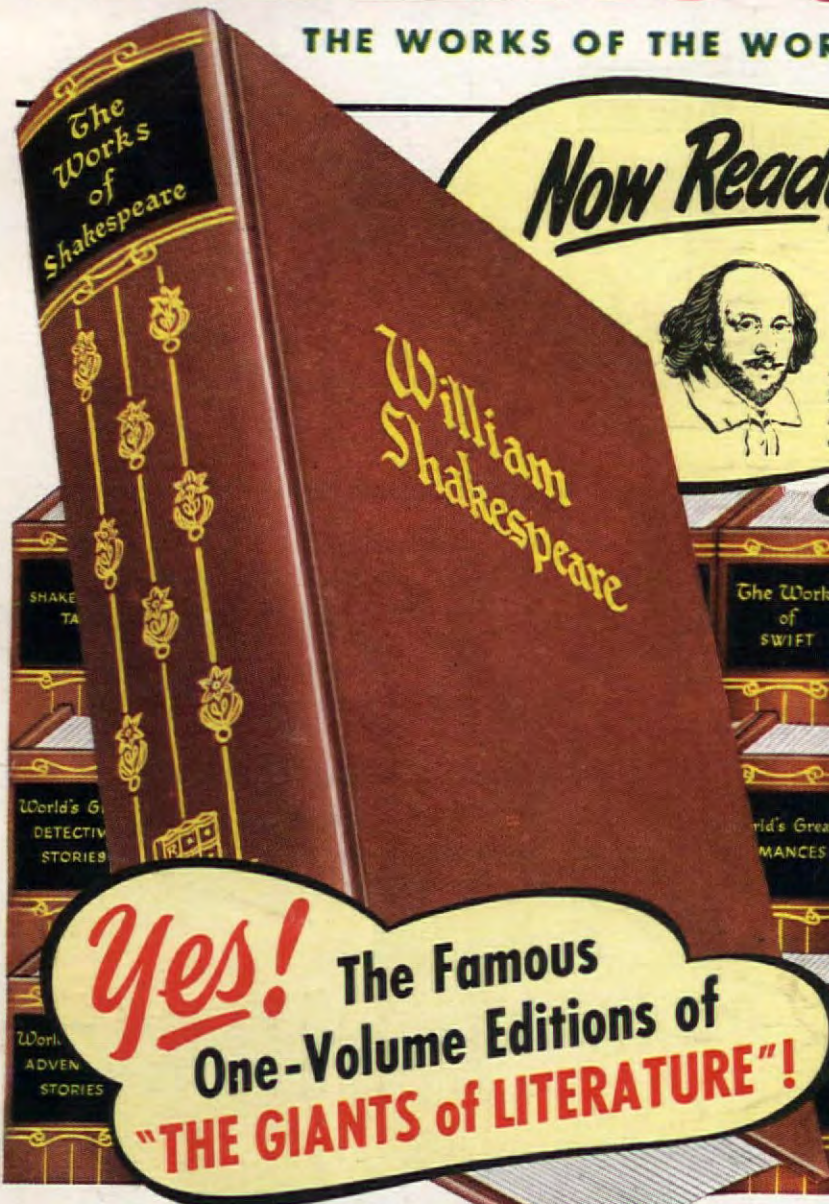
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