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... KENNETH E. WISCHMEYER, A.I.A., of St. Louis, Missouri, is represented by a merchant builder's house which reveals how many advanced ideas can be successfully incorporated in a home designed for sale to unknown owners -a very different problem than designing for a specific family. His objective here was to achieve "a compact, salable home within the reach of a fair percentage of home seekers who want something fresh and distinctive, but not of extreme character." Mr. Wischmeyer received degrees from Washington University and M.I.T., and has been a very active member of the American Institute of Architects.

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\section*{GERETIENIDE BREOOKS IDIXSON}

TWhis home in Kirkwood, Missouri, is designed to suit up-to-the-second families the country over (see plan, page 29), families who enjoy being together, yet resent living in the jumble of overflowing activities. Here the living room (right and below) greets you with the gracious formality most women yearn for, and the restful air every man welcomesa room that keeps its composure despite a lively brood. How? The answer lies just beyond the archway -the family room (left and above).
Such versatile rooms, included in new homes or added to older ones, assume many roles, and may be upstairs or down. In this compact house, it took clever designing to produce one so large, and so beautifully paired with the living room. The secret was letting it double as a dining room where the important family rite of dining takes place in a spacious, pleasant room open to the garden through a wall of windows. But in non-dining hours, it's the TV room, the sewing room, the guest room; it's the playroom whose tough vinyl floor takes to toys, the room where tomorrow's lessons may be prepared-or where a boy and his Dad can dream by the fire.
Though each has its own distinct

character, family room and living room were treated as two sides of the same coin by the decorating staff of Stix, Baer \& Fuller (who furnished the whole house). There's more excitement in the colors of the former, more pattern overhead and underfoot. But then, the family room was designed to welcome excitement. The living room, just as friendly, is a place for calm and for quiet, a mood achieved by scattering a few bright notes against a low-keyed background, and by combining modern furniture with traditional accessories.

Throughout the house, architect and builder co-operated with the General Electric company in the installation of heating and air conditioning, and in lighting done to exacting standards. Recessed vents permit uninterrupted groupings of furniture. Diffused general lighting comes from coves above windows, bookcase, and fireplace wall. Auxiliary lighting is skillful too-for example, the brass lamps flanking a sofa were placed on separate wood bases to raise them to correct height.

\section*{A Country Garrlen on a Sulurrban}
"It's fun to turn your lemons into lemonade," says the owner of
this garden that started as a muddy back yard, and was coaxed into loveliness as a family project.
"We take what we have and work with it until we achieve the effect we want."


1he story of this garden," Mrs. Armstrong told us, "is the story of a family who made the best of what they had-because they couldn't have what they wanted." In 1926, when they moved to Haddonfield, the only house they could rent was a brand-new Colonial with a 50 -foot-frontage (the Armstrongs bought 25 feet more later) and muddy "grounds" devoid of trees, shrubs, and grass. Seeding the lawn and putting in a few maples and a buttonwood tree was "it" for the first year. The garden, as a family project, dates from the next spring when the Armstrongs' young son and his father, visiting in the country, were given some wild dogwood trees which they dug up, brought home, and replanted where they still stand. After the birth of Sue Armstrong, her parents bought the place and built the three-car garage whose foundations later became the glittering pool below.

Over the years, Sue's sandbox gave way to the elegant barbecue, and the capacious, hospitable garden room was added. Most changes came gradually-new plantings and

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The pool, bordered with flowers, was once the foundation of a garage ripped down a few years ago, when new garages were built. At the same time, the sheltered garden room was added-a great improvement over the old front porch, it was a feature the Armstrongs had planned for a "someday" farm, and decided to wait for no longer. The 450 box plants in the formal garden survive winters uncoveredbut when it snows, the family rushes out to brush them free

\section*{Lot \(75 \times 175\)}


In the "rustic retreat," there's a plaque that reads "The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in the garden,
Than anywhere else on earth."

In the garden room, around the pool, or in the retreat at your left, you can enjoy this garden with others-or you can have blessed seclusion in the sun-dappled sylvan corner below





BEFORE: First thing you saw upon entering the room was a sow's ear of a radiator cowering under off-center windows. To mask it, we built a silk purse of a dressing table, beskirted and bedecked with ribbon-tied pigtails. Flanked by a host of drawers to encourage tidiness, it should delight any girl-large or small

\section*{FOR A LITTLE GIRL WTTH GROWH-IP IDEAS}
 You may have met Miss Clyte Willis before, for the family-album item at your left first appeared in our April, 1946, issue. At that time, we showed Clyte's nursery, decorated by her grandmother, Editor Austin of American Home (and "Toots" to Clyte and her brother Gil). Now Clyte, aged nine, is still young enough to mother her dolls, but old enough, definitely, to have very grown-up ideas about the furnishings of her own room-for instance, AND ESPEcially, a real dressing table and a four-poster bed. When the Willises found a new home in an old house, these dreamed-about objects were provided.
Clyte's new room was middle-sized, but so badly cut up that furniture arrangement presented a problem if floor area was to be left free for indoor play. But, as Mrs. Austin says, "We Practice What We Preach"-and so a long look at those awful off-center windows cum radiator inspired a solution: we hid the radiator and decorated the window by means of a Super-Dressing Table-for which there was no other suitable wall. You can see at your right how false fronts spaced out the radiator cover and unpainted chests. To reduce the wide expanse to little-girl proportions, we topped the center with white glass and the side pieces with wood, painted blue. The climax was the dotted Swiss skirt, gored rather than gathered under those pigtails, and it stands out prettily as a dance frock, thanks to a lady's stiff petticoat! For background, tiered shutters, the upper set open by day. For a frame, draperies in a pert Finnish floral, lavishly ruffled in white. The same charming print dresses Clyte's doll's bed, as well as her own four-poster. On the big bed, we even used it as the lining of the canopy, providing Clyte with a lovely "garden"-the first thing she sees when she awakens each morning.

FEATURED IN THIS ROOM: Print drapery fabric, Waverly's Glo-sheen "Finlandia"; chair cover, Waverly's "No Trump" denim; shutters, Paut 'Heinley; dressing table top, Carrara glass


Radiator was boxed in-insulated top, grille-front. Then one unpainted chest was placed at the extreme right of the double window, one at the extreme left. Space between chests and radiator was too small for additional chests, so false drawer fronts were built.
Actually, the false fronts are doors that open to give access to the radiator



\section*{HOW TO NAKE YOLR}

\section*{STICK IT}

FRAME IT


1.Deal yourself a new wall treatment, worthy of important shadow-box frames and a proud place in your living room. Like other 3-D pictures on this page, the beauty is more than skin deep, for you "paint" them with baubles and remnants. Our "canvas" was a piece of \(1 / 4^{\prime \prime}\) plywood, painted white. Upon this, outlines of the sophisticated King and Queen were first drawn, then inked in (outlines are part of our pattern). Next, we made a white fabric background from the thinnest of shantung (retired after service as a window curtain). The shantung was cut one inch larger than the plywood all around, then coated with a fabric adhesive and stretched tightly over the plywood. After it dried, the inked outline showed through clearly to guide our next steps-pasting on the embroidered faces (outlined with braid), and "painting" with velvet, silk, and beads. The Queen is Pattern 1585; the King, Pattern 1586, \(25 \%\) each.


2.Any smart Señor or Señora can fashion this handsome Mexican couple for "pocos pesos"-plus our pattern which provides all the skill that you'll need. Bordered in bright-toned fabric, and framed in inexpensive frames stained to go with the woods in your room, their gay personalities add spirit to any setting. Use the colors we
chose, or design your own variation-any clean, bright colors will be effective. Like the card couple above, they rest on plywood foundations, covered in burlap this time. Trace their outlines on the burlap, then glue their felt and fabric faces and garments in place. The wool fringe on Señora's shawl is sewn on before assembling, but the trimming on Señor's vest is applied after the vest has been donned. Add the hair, made of wool, and the hats, made from straw place mats. The bounty which Señora carries atop her head is yellow felt overlaid with chintz, but you could substitute a harvest of other vegetables or fruits. For a final touch, there's some shining trim for his sombrero, and for her, a whole slew of "jewelry" concocted of sequins and beads. Señor is Pattern 1587; Señora is Pattern 1588, 25 each.

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SEE PATTERN ORDER FORM, PAGE 104
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9.A lovely bouquet can be everlasting if it's made of dried blooms mounted on cardboard in a graceful composition, tied with a big velvet bow, and framed under glass. To begin with, assemble more flowers than you'll need, for not all of them will dry as perfectly as you'd like them to. There are many methods of drying. One is to use clean, dry sand: In the bottom of a deep cardboard box, place an inch of sand; lay several dry, perfect flowers upon it, making sure that they do not touch; add more sand to cover the flowers completely; then repeat the procedure until the box is filled. Let the box remain undisturbed for at least three weeks. A second method is to press each flower individually between white blotters, wrap the blotters in sheets of folded newspaper, then let them rest for several weeks under heavy weights (large books, for example). If stems are very heavy, trim them down before pressing. In framing, make sure that the glass does not press against the flowers. For bouquet's outline and other instructions, see Pattern 1589, 30¢.*


Coming attractions to focus all eyes upon a once-uninteresting wall. Principal "makings" are dried flowers and snippets of fabric from your sewing bag. Design your own Technicolor effects. No need to worry about the drawing-not when our patterns can guide you!


\section*{Here are 8 EXCITING PATTERNS}
for paving patios or terraces. Lay them easily in sand - or cement them in and wax them well for a really royal finish


t is always interesting to see what happens when an architect
designs a house for himself. He is free to experiment, and he 1 need not compromise with a client on matters of taste and conviction. Although Architect Van Evera Bailey had built several
beach houses for others, he and his writer wife had rather a different conception of what their own house should be. They wanted a small, economically built house where they both could work, yet one which would function well for entertaining. In brief, they wanted an efficient studio workroom as well as a house which could
accommodate a number of weekend guesis and vacation-time callers. To limit floor area to an absolute minimum, they turned to the economical square, \(30^{\prime} \times 30^{\prime}\). Instead of stretching the house out to embrace the view, they eliminated all possible interior parti-
tions and made the most of the view through depth. The contour of tions and made the most of the view through depth. The contour of
the site made possible a basement, but without this added area, the main floor is a complete house -containing living, dining, and kitchen areas, two bedrooms and bath, and unusually good storage.
The finished basement, an extra dividend in usable space, holds a The finished basement, an extra dividend in usable space, holds a
garage, storage space, place for the freezer, and a workroom. The plan appears simple, yet much study was required to utilize
every inch and still create a feeling of spaciousness. The kitcher, every inch and still create a feeling of spaciousness. The kitchen,
living and dining room are all one, separated from the owner's bedroom by a half partition. This gives the open iiving area more


Unobstructed ceiling and full-length windows make this house seem as limitless as the view beyond. Low partition provides wall space for day bed, bookshelves, phonograph, drafting board A chimneyless fireplace? Stovepipe at the back with built-in fan turns down through the floor,
runs under the house, then up through the middle, works perfectly. Quite a conversation piece!
VAN EVERA BAILEY


THIS is blueprint house \#39: Because it would be as inviting in
the woods or the hills as it is by the side of the sea, we've made it he woods or the hills as it is by the side of the sea, we've made it
possible for you to buy blueprints and a materials list from which you can duplicate this vacation house (Order Form, page 105). Such unconventional features as the chimneyless fireplace, the laminated wood floors and ceiling, and the cedar-strip walls, inspired in the Northwest, may be impractical in some other areas, so our blueprints
include alternate plans for more conventional types of construction
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Clever cherry table establishes rapport between Colonial décor and television. Spindles which support the shelf form a magazine rack, and the whole unit minimizes apparent size of the TV. \(46^{\prime \prime}\) wide, \(24^{\prime \prime}\) deep, \(27^{3} / 4^{\prime \prime}\) high. 870. Consider H. Willett. (Shown here with a Stromberg Carlson \(21^{\prime \prime}\) screen table model)

Elegant invitation to comfortable reading or writing, for the \(321 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) space between the legs permits this table on wheels to slide over an easy chair's arms. When not in use, the book rest folds down to form a flush top. The simple lines, executed in mahogany in two finishes, adapt it to any setting. \(441 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) wide, \(15^{\prime \prime}\) deep, \(261 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) high. \(\$ 99.50\). Imperial


As fables, as stools, or used both ways, the talented family above gives long, versatile service in living room or playroom, for you can buy them singly or as set, with or without foam-rubber cushions. They are wonderful space savers too, for four wedge-shaped stools ( \(121 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) high) nest right under the big round table. Wood is cherry and magnolia combined. Table, \(151 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) high, \(32^{\prime \prime}\) in diameter, \(\$ 60\); cushion, \(\$ 40\). Stools, \(\$ 16\) each; cushions, \(\$ 10\). Colony Tables Drop-leaf side table below is a fine example of
"Contemporary" design. Leaves down, it's a triangular table, very Modern in feeling. But when beautifully shaped leaves are raised, it becomes a clover-leaf with an Early American air. The warm brown finish resists water and alcohol. \(22^{\prime \prime}\) high, \(311 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) in diameter when leaves are raised. \(\$ 63\). By Statton


Beautiful answer to hospitality in small quarters. Closed, the top of this graceful mahogany table exhibits three tooled-leather panels, measures \(36^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}\), well proportioned to the average sofa and conservative of space. But when open for business, the end panels flip over to make a top \(60^{\prime \prime}\) long and fitted with black Formica. Drawers at each end pull out to support the panels. \(\$ 125\). Brandt Cabinet Works


ALL PRICES ARE APPROXIMATE

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of tables have turned their attention
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to all manner of special requirements.
Here is ample conclusive
proof,
and in use


Even without a separate dining room, you can combine the graciousness of a sit-down dinner party and the convenience of a buffet supper, for this talented table packs a whole dining room into \(62^{\prime \prime} \times 20^{\prime \prime}\) of floor space when not in use. When the table part is pulled out ( \(40^{\prime \prime} \times 76^{\prime \prime}\), fully extended by five leaves) buffet part is intact with its five drawers for silver and linens, its top and two capacious shelves free to hold all the food and china you need for a full-course dinner. Mahogany or cherry, \(301 / 2^{\prime \prime}\) high. \(\$ 275\). Extensole

\section*{Keep an Open Nind about}



Spice cannisters make
a pair of lamps

\section*{MARY EITTER}

IIe state right off the bat that we are entirely out of sympathy with the well-known decorator (who shall herein be nameless) whose fundamental approach to any problem, was "Cut off the legs and paint it white!" Nor do we give house room to those gaggling amateurs who take a chamber pot and doll it up with a ruffled lampshade and label it "cute"-the anything-for-a-laugh school. There is a fine line of taste that divides the desecration of a good antique and the inventiveness that can take a decorative but outmoded piece, examine it with a fresh eye, and put it to effective use in an interior geared to today's living. It is the latter kind of thing that has been done extremely well, we think, in the living room of the Harry Panzer home in Harrison, New York, and the den or television room which opens off it. These two rooms, planned for the Panzers by decorators Evelyn and Harold Gordon, owe much of their distinction to antique accessories used in new ways. The fundamentals of comfort were first observed in the generous use of deep-cushioned lounge chairs and a soft carpet underfoot. Among the interesting accessories in the view above are the old tole spice cannisters which once were standard equipment in general stores-now restored and wired to make a pair of big-scale lamps on


\section*{Antiques}
either side of the sofa. Take another look at the coffee table-it is a leaf from one of the huge old bellows of wood and leather which helped fan the fire in the village blacksmith's shop.

As distinguished an overmantel treatment as we've seen is in this room-see the detail picture below. Old decoys were split in half and fixed to the wall in an arrangement so simple it is almost modern. In harmony with it are an antique clock, a graduated row of brass postal weights, a pair of brass candlesticks.
At the opposite end of this room is the Panzer's diring area. The dining table is a good example of early "multipurpose" furniture-not so new as we think. Its top flipped up to save space, and make another chair, in small Colonial rooms. The Panzers were unable to find

Wool winder makes an effective lamp
a matched set of four antique chairs which they really liked. The compromise, and it is a good one, is two separate pairs of Windsors drawn up to the table-two comb-back, two bow-back. Centered on the wall behind this group is an interesting "wall piece"; an oval cut from a fine old pine board on which are mounted wooden spoons and butter molds. A copper planter is fixed to the base-certainly a less hackneyed arrangement than the usual prints. Over the doorway in the den (top picture), the two objects whose curving lines suggest a pediment are pieces of harness to which the traces are fastened.

Dining table-an early "multipurpose" piece



Decoys make a striking
overmantel grouping

OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. HARRY PANZER DECORATORS: EVELYN AND HAROLD GORDON ARCHITECT: ROBERT W. CROZIER, A.I.A.

\title{
My Strawherries and Cream Kitchen
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The remodeling was not as easy as pie-but ours is a dream kitchen now-
efficient as an office, and so pretty it's a pleasure to work in


Over the refrigerator, sliding shelves hold the huge platters and trays hostesses love for big parties-and hate having around at all other times

\section*{SANE FISMERE}

IIuring the three years we had owned it, we had done about everything possible to our Colonial house in Miami-except rebuild the kitchen. So, why not? The old kitchen was too doggone small-and poorly arranged. Its cabinets were too high, and their doors swung open to create a head-bumping hazard. The range was antiquated; the sink was chipped. But when I started to plan the kitchen of my dreams, a streamlined kitchen done up in strawberry pink and white, the matter of space had me stumped.

So I called upon Contractor Ted Anibal for help. "There's no problem that can't be solved," he said promptly-but he almost ate those words before we were finished, for it is not always easy as it sounds to "break through that wall" or "knock down that door." We borrowed space from the maid's room and from the dining room-and then had to knock down still another wall to give the space back to the dining room!

With this kind of improvisation, of course the job cost more in time and money than we had anticipated. But we feel well repaid for our efforts, for besides being pretty and gay, ours is a most workable kitchen. Opening from it, but not pictured here, is a combination mealplanning center and sewing room-there's a shelf for the sewing machine, drawers for threads, a built-in ironing board, and a honey of a closet for laundered, unironed things.


The cooking part of this kitchen makes me feel like a master chef. Twin built-in-the-wall ovens and warming ovens form a beautiful wall, topped off with cupboards for seldomused things. Below the ovens are commodious drawers for pots and pans.
"Top of stove" cooking is done at the peninsula next to the ovensfour surface units, plus a spacious griddle-divine for pancakes, hamburgers, and so on. Below the cooking top, sliding-door cabinets hold pull-out racks for utensils. At far end of this counter, "leftover" space became a small cupboard for every conceivable condiment

Base cabinets are made of white laminated plastic, lined and topped with pink. Some are cuphoards, some are drawers, and in the corner there is a three-shelf Lazy Susan. No hardware shows-and all doors open at the touch of a finger. I enjoy my electric mixer more than ever now that it is so conveniently set up (far right)-a spring release brings it to working height, but it disappears in a jiffy when not in use

Much to Contractor Ted's he-man disgust, I insisted that the rubber tile floor be pink; but when the matched-to-the-floor paper went up on the ceiling, even Ted was sold on pink as a color for kitchens! The sink is made of one piece of stainless steel which swoops right up to form the window sill. To its right is the dishwasher; to its left, the matched washer and dryer. There are ample cupboards above the various areasand thanks to their pink glass sliding doors, there are no more bumped heads


\section*{FOR YOUR}

\author{
Do you love the traditional china patterns,
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yet yearn for the fresh, contemporary table appointments you see all around?

\section*{They CAN be combined . . . color is the catalyst.}

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Here is one way to go about it
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Fashions come . . . and some of them go . . . and those who witness a fashion's birth can seldom predict its life span. Objects of fashion that weather the years, that remain joys forever "in style," belong to the category of art; those that disappear, or soon look quaint, prove to be fashions that were only fads. Even the most discriminating among us sometimes welcome the passing fashions-and why not, if we do so with discretion, since they are part of the temper of our times? But one class of things always seems to keep its status-dinnerware in a good traditional pattern is timeless as a rose. On dishes, on silver, and on napery, floral patterns always were favorites-they are classics, at home in all company. And ever since the first porcelain dinnerware was made in Europe, certain shapes and motifs have never ceased to be popular, so that many a modern-minded bride selects china designed 200 years ago. But why limit the roles traditional dinnerware can play? Of course, it performs well with its ancient costars, crystal and gleaming white damask-and should be so cast on occasion. But in this era of high color, of exciting contrast in table settings, when there is such a wealth of new things to inspire us, there's no reason why the wonderful old patterns shouldn't look better than ever in new company-and an up-to-the-second color scheme. Quite the contrary, for the very dignity of traditional china almost guarantees the success of an adventurous setting. In other words, the old favorites will back you up, invite you to have fun experimenting with splashes of color. To show what we mean, we assembled the still-life at
your right, creating combinations very modern in feeling by mixing old-favorite china with accessories of all periods, effectively "pulled together" by a palette of blues (many greens, or carefully chosen purples or reds could have been employed to equal advantage). The point of departure is Spode's everfresh "Pink Camilla," a shape and a pattern that first appeared in the early 1800 's and was itself a blend of Renaissance scrollwork, Ancient Chinese drawing, and some then-new techniques-all viewed through the eyes of skilled English designers. A midnight-blue linen cloth makes it fairly burst with excitement, shows off its imposing outlines and delicate drawing in a way that white never could. Or; a different mood, see how dainty and serene it appears against an aqua mat whose shimmering, silver-thread trim underlines the elegance of the china. With it, International's "Royal Danish" sterling flatware, a newcomer as such things go, but simple enough, bold enough, and handsome enough to have become a classic already. The same may be said for the modern stainless steel sugar and cream set which makes no apparent bow to tradition and yet, upon inspection, seems very close to the work of our best Colonial silversmiths. In glassware, we give you a wide choiceBryce's platinum-banded "Debut" for sheer elegance, Westmoreland's "American Hobnail" milk glass for drama against dark blue, or the same firm's "Della Robbia" which gathers many colors into a nosegay. You might also use a ruby glass goblet-or ruby bowls such as the one we show nested in a milk glass fruit server.


FOR DETAILS ABOUT MERCHANDISE SHOWN, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 104



The famous flavor comes from Campbell's sun-ripened tomatoes. Simply wonderful . . . wonderfully simple-any time!

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The soup all America loves most of all - \\ Campbell' Tomato Soup
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TOMATO SOUP

\section*{COCKTAIL}

IOR its own sweet sake, fruit cocktail is a "best seller." But what a pity to use it only as is, when fruit cocktail is one of the best mixers we know, a good picker-upper for all manner of foods. Try it baked inside a pork chop (the Surprise is exceptional succulence), or employ it to give fresh flavor to poultry - as a cooking ingredient rather than a garnish. Blend it into a slaw, or serve it as Apple Mosaic, refreshing by itself, or as a "go with." Our two desserts will inspire variations of other pies and puddings, and we think you'll also relish fruit cocktail baked into your pet muffins, or used as the "business part" of an upside-down cake.



For details about table appointments, see


With dozens and dozens of meals to serve a month, of course it takes art to bring smiles to their faces each time! No gal can fuss for hours over workaday dinners-not with cleaning and laundering and mothering to do, and a part to play in her community too. So Plain-Jane cooking is in order. It's an art to keep it interesting, but we think that these Plain-Jane recipes are small masterpieces of their kind. For example, plain "franks" and plain potatoes don't get much of a hand-but arrange the franks in a ring filled with a superb bread and potato stuffing, and you have Frankfort Royale-and raves from your critics. Plain lamb stew-the "white" kind-gets the long-face treatment at our house; but not Hungarian Lamb Stew whose heart-warming flavor puts you in the mood for an old-fashioned waltz. Do your vegetables need variation? Then try good old celery in a new way-a few minutes in a deep-fat fryer make it a delicacy. In art, and in cooking, little flourishes count-a bit of cheese mixed in the biscuits; a quick garnish for Pineapple Cream Pie (little nests, spoon-made in the meringue before baking, then filled with pineapple before serving). Mix-in-the-Pan Cake is a real quickie, and its deep chocolate does well under our Fluffy Frosting-an uncooked, one-egg-white wonder. We've published the frosting before, but a work of art always takes on new meaning. So Good Cooking, Mrs. Michelangelo!

HUNGARIAN LAMB STEW

\section*{FRENCH-FRIED CELERY}

CHEDDAR MUFFINS

FRANKFORT ROYALE

\section*{PINEAPPLE CREAM PIE}

MIX-IN-THE-PAN CAKE


JEANNIE WILLIS

\section*{Plain Cooking Is an Art}

\section*{Gay way to "do over" a perennial favorite}

\section*{it's a triumph made with}
tree-ripened peaches

If fruit given every hour it needs on the tree to bring you finest flavor, texture and color in the can

Just how important do we think treeripening is to you? Read on-

We maintain the world's largest staff of peach patrolmen-experts who visit every orchard every single day in harvest time. All just to be sure that peaches for Del Monte take their own sweet time to
achieve the natural ripeness that means tender texture, mellow flavor and glowing color for your table-every time you buy them.

And after all, don't you think that's the great big reason Del Monte is the world's favorite brand of peaches?

\section*{MOLDED PEACH AND COTTAGE CHEESE SALAD}

1 No. \(21 / 2\) can DEL MONTE
Sliced Peaches
2 tablesp. unflavored gelatine
\(1 / 2\) cup cold water
4 cups cottage cheese
1 cup cream or milk
1 cup sugar
\(1 / 4\) cup lemon juice
2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
\(1 / 2\) teaspoon salt
Salad greens
Cranberry sauce

Drain Del Monte Peach Slices. Soften gelatine in the cold water and dissolve over hot water. Spread 2 teaspoons of the dissolved gelatine in the bottom of a loaf pan ( \(9 \times 5 \times 3\) inches). Arrange drained peach slices on bottom. Combine next 6 ingredients; stir in rest of the gelatine. Pour mixture into mold over peaches. Chill overnight or at least 6 hours. At serving time, dip mold in hot water and quickly invert on serving dish. Surround with salad greens. Spoon cranberry sauce around mold and garnish with remaining Del Monte Sliced Peaches. Serves 8 to 10. (For smaller number of servings, you can cut recipe in half and chill in individual molds.)

Packed two ways . . . halves and slices



CHOPPED RIPE OLIVES enter this salad bowl into the gourmet classification. Break head of lettuce into salad bowl.

BRIEF AND BREEZY FEBRUARY with its special days is an ideal time to gather together good friends, and entertain them cozily as the fire crackles away and conversation flows.

A CHERRY PIE TOPPED by PASTRY HATCHETS is a perfect dessert for Washington's birthday or thereabouts. Simple to make are the hatchets- \(1 f\) you don't happen to have a hatchet cookie cutter, just cut a cardboard pattern and place it on the pastry, cutting around the pattern with a sharp, pointed knife. Two teaspoons of grated orange rind added to your cherry ple filling give a tantalizing flavor to this perennial favorite.

A WORTHY FLAVOR MATE FOR THE PIE is a blue and cream cheese mixture-the type that also makes such a good spread. Soften and cream together an 8-0z. package cream cheese and a small wedge of blue cheese. Add a little milk or cream to make the desired consistency. It's a triumph for sure, and so good.

WHILE WE'RE IN THE DESSERT DEPARTMENT, be sure to try the new MARBLE CAKE MIX

Did you ever try PEELED PERSIMMON or GRAPES in a tossed green salad? Use as many different greens as you can muster, and don't forget that a bit of raw spinach is very good. Very party-and the family deserves it, too. Two bowls of dressing-blue cheese and herb-will satisfy both the cheese addicts and the herb fanciers.

GARNISH STEAMING HOT TOMATO SOUP with popcorn, crisp bacon pleces, sliced ripe olives, or browned frankfurter slices. They add to the soup's natural glamor, and make it star at any meal on a cold, wintry day.

WHEN SERVING BUFFET STYLE, I like to keep gravy hot in my chafing dish. When gravy is a bit on the scarce side, try sautéing onions and mushrooms together in chafing dish and add canned beef gravy. A quick and mighty fine gravy. If you don't have a chafing dish, use a skillet.

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New easy thrifty way to "cream" your coffee!


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(Take a Can of Fruit Cocktail, pictured in color on page 54)
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\section*{American Home Recipes}

\author{
(Family Food, pictured in color on page 56)
}

- Wash lima beans; cover with cold water; soak overnight. Or boil water and pour on beans; soak for 4 or 5 hours; drain. Cut meat into \(11 / 2\)-inch pieces. Sprinkle with salt and paprika. Brown meat in fat, turning to brown all sides. Add beans, parsley, tomatoes, onions, and water, Cover; cook slowly for 2 hours. Blend flour with small Turn piping hot into tureen; serve at once.
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\section*{LOUISE PIEICE BELL.}

This kitchen remodeling in the home of Actor Don Taylor of the films, TV, and Broadway was a good Technicolor produc-tion-but no extravaganza at all, for like the owners of many old homes, the Taylors wanted to salvage as much of the old as they could without defeating their purpose. The worst feature of the kitchen in the 40 -year-old home they had bought was the wall dividing the cooking area from a so-called "porch." But since the "porch" was actually a part of the house, there was no great trick to tearing down the partition and building a charming and ample snack bar in its place. The ancient range and refrigerator were discarded, and their replacements conveniently lined up near the sink. But the old sink and cabinets flanking it were sound enough to be retained with the addition of doors to close in the ugly yawn under the sink. Because cabinets were plentiful in the
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Kitchen Life
(Begins on page 72)

kitchen and pantry, they were repaired and moved about a bit, but not replaced. The Technicolor part did make a difference to the once all-white kitchen. Clay tile in a soft shade of yellow endowed the walls with permanent good looks. The ceiling, "convention-hall" high, was lowered visually by a soffit all around the room, its side tiled in blue and its under part used for concealed lighting and exhausts. These, together with a new floor spatter-dashed in blue and yellow, and a sprinkling of accessories in red, give it a lively air kitchens didn't have 40 years ago


Clay tile walls of soft yellow never lose their cheerful composure. High ceiling was lowered by a soffit-like border that houses concealed lighting and exhausts over the range
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\section*{House Everybody Wants}

\author{
(Begins on page 29)
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1he kitchen, done in shades of those new hit colors, turquoise and pink, was planned by General Electric for maximum efficiency within the realistic proportions of a small kitchen (see plan, page 29). Only careful calculating made it possible to include, along with good storage and work space, a washer and drier and a dining area set out of the bustle and in front of large windows. Like all good kitchens, air-conditioned or not, it has a powerful fan in a hood over the range, and, of course, the illumination, both overhead and under-counter, is of the best.

In the compact triangle shown above, range and refrigerator are only an arm's length apart, and Lazy-Susan cabinets make full use of the corner. Just a step away, on the opposite wall (below) is the sink with garbage disposer and dishwasher, and ample cabinets for dishes. A wall jog, provided by clever placing of the bathrooms, is just large enough to embrace the laundry equipment while leaving floor space free for the dining area. Counter tops and trim are pink, while vinyl flooring, clay tile, and wallpaper are all in shades of turquoise, a color even used on the chairs to keep them from looming too large.

For details about equipment and furnishings, see "Where Credit is Due," page 104


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\section*{Towel Caddies}

2. Ringer in copper (above)
3. Big chromium loop (right)

- Until a few years ago, towels in the kitchen and towels in the bath always hung upon (what else?) a towel rod-space-consuming and seldom attractive. Then towel "rings" appeared, lovely, costly at first, but very thrifty of space. Soon rings in gay colors appeared even in dime stores. Then came the variations, some very imposing, and all geared to encourage you to express your own taste even in a matter so prosaic. You'll find surprises galore in holders designed just for towels; or you can improvise-for example, why not hook towels to the underpinnings of a mailbox and use the interior to stow sundries.

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4. King of beasts, bold in brass

6. Stow-it mailbox with hooks

5. Twin loops, gay in Lucite

7. Trio of wrought-iron triangles

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10. Add spice to bath or kitchen

The dainty number above, with its charming shelf and its bonus of towel rod, has great possibilities in kitchen or bath. Lined up below are the famous monkeys that hear, see, and speak no evil, but are most willing to caddy for towels, potholders, etc.

11. "No evil" monkey hooks See "Where Credit is Due," page 104


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\section*{Anne's Notebook}
(Begins on page 60)
A GOOD TIME OF YEAR IT IS TO HAVE ROAST PORK, and we're assured of a goodly supply. A flavor trick of mine is to sprinkle rosemary sparingly over the roast before putting it into the oven. Season as usual. Don't forget about stuffed pork chops-most males love 'em!
grated cooked beets and horseRADISH add a zesty flavor and color to apple sauce. Serve with the roast pork. Very good, you'll agree.

CRUSHED PRETZELS USED FOR breading chops, fish, or in a meat loaf are really a plus in flavor and texture. Pretzel curlicues are good dipped in melted sharp cheese and dotted with celery or caraway seed.
brussel sprouts and celery are complimentary flavor mates and offer a pleasant change.
a new packaging for tea bags assures you fresh tea-a boon to those of us who enjoy flavorful tea, and want it pronto! The package containing the bags is wrapped in aluminum foil to protect the flavor of the tea while it stands unopened on the grocer's shelf-or your own.
a stack of hot pancakes with a dab of deviled ham between and on top gives a new twist to an old favorite. Served with maple syrup or brown sugar, it's a pleasing Sunday morning breakfast thought.
be venturesome the next time you serve scrambled eggs and prepare them this way: Pour contents of a can condensed celery or mushroom soup in a bowl and stir; add eight eggs, slightly beaten, and a dash of black pepper. Mix thoroughly. Heat one tablespoon butter or margarine in skillet and pour in egg mixture. Cook over low heat until done. Your family will feel indulged.
skillet-salted walnuts are a treat for everyone, and take so little time. Heat one tablespoon butter in a skillet and add one cup walnut halves. Stir constantly over low heat until nut meats are heated through. Drain on absorbent paper and sprinkle with salt. The nut meats become crisp as they cool.
here's a flavor combination with taste appeal a-plenty and really quick and easy to do. Just heat canned cling peaches in their syrup and top with a spoonful of sour cream.

CANNED PEARS are a favorite of ours and a little magic touch or two makes a conversation piece of a simple dessert. Place the pears on a baking sheet. Top with meringue sprinkled with coconut. Bake until delicately brown and serve hot.
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\section*{A "Country" Garden \\ (Begins on page 32)}
new social areas where, in comfortable chairs, cozily grouped, you can enjoy the garden in various moods. They all love every flower and shrub, but each member of the family has his own specialties. Mrs. Armstrong's is roses. Mr. Armstrong's is prizewinning dahlias. Sue's is azaleas, some very special, many of them originating with "gift" potted plants.
In addition, they all collect bibelots for the garden. In the garden room you can find an ox yoke, a Burlington jug, and other objects discovered when Sue's parents visited her camp in New England. There's an eagle plaque from Valley Forge, and a copper caldron bought in Lynchburg, Virginia, where Sue went to college. There's a Virginia earthenware jug and a little castiron boy made in the South to cut plugs of chewing tobacco. There's shadow as well as sunlight in this garden, for the
rmstrong's son gave his life in World War II In a way this Armstrong's son gave his life in World War II. In a way, this garden is his family's memorial to him-a garden they all built together, and in which they feel as if they were together once more.


It has the look of an old Southern smokehouseand it began as a sandbox! When Sue (now grown up) was a baby, a good sturdy canopy sheltered her sandbox until shade trees could take over. Now the same canopy protects the barbecue-incinerator Mr. Armstrong constructed with 1001 bricks. Wroughtiron doors on incinerator were found in a junk yard in Lancaster, Pa.; may be valuable antiques


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1nless you live smack in the middle of your own fifty acres. your behavior affects the lives of those living near you, and whether or not you are a good neighbor depends upon how you handle this human relationship which is both casual and intimate. Coming from a city apartment to a home in the suburbs, it has taken me a year or so to appreciate what a neighbor can be: A good neighbor is neither a relative nor an old friend. He is both more and less. You'll find that a sound relationship with the folks next door depends less upon basic congeniality than upon etiquette.
We and the Wilsons next door both keep our walks swept, our lawns reasonably neat, our radios and TV's low. Neither of us indulges in nightly wild parties. In fact, they are just the sort of family we had always hoped to find as neighbors. Their Alice and Johnny are about the same ages as our own two children. Mr. Wilson is a busy young lawyer who knows more about home repairs than most handymen, and Mrs. Wilson has the sense of hospitality of her native Virginia. In no time at all, we were swapping ladders and recipes.

None of us would have believed that after six months we would get on each others' nerves! During that crisis in our relationship, we sat in our back yard when they sat out front; we toyed with the idea of a fence for privacy; we considered it a piece of luck if they took their children to the beach. I am nearly certain that they felt the same way. We never had an open quarrel. For that reason, the reconciliation was not too painful. But it took a long time. Little by little all eight of us learned that being neighbors takes a set of good manners all its own.
You might sum it all up in one rule: don't do too little, and don't do too much. If you offer help to a neighbor, don't prostrate yourself. I would accept from one of my neighbors an offer to pick up a loaf of bread when she shops, or a lift into town, much more readily and happily than the loan of a precious tablecloth, or an offer, let's say, to take complete charge of my children while my husband and I jaunt off for the weekend.
After all, when a neighbor accepts a favor, she is under obligation to you. Yes, she will think so whether you do or not. Everyone appreciates a small thoughtfulness, but no one wants to accept a favor he cannot, or is not willing to, repay. So curb your generosity a bit-give your neighbor a few flowers at a time instead of stripping your garden.
When you become a neighbor, you will be one for many, many years. Neighborliness may ripen into friendship, but that ripening cannot be hurried. It is vintage stuff. Remember that especially when you are the neighbor who pays a call. Most of your neighbors are glad to have you visit them. If they should not happen to be in the mood, however, they have enough polite veneer to conceal the fact that they have been unpleasantly
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interrupted. Usually, though a woman may be in the middle of housework, she is honestly glad to stop and chat for a bit. But when it becomes an almost daily occurrence, the visitor is overstaying her welcome. After a few months, whenever Mrs. Wilson rang my bell, I was afraid my face betrayed my thought: "Here she is again!" I want my neighbor to be the raisins in my bread, not the dough of it. So if you want me, or your own neighbors, to be glad to see you, don't call too often, don't stay too long. Let things take their own course. Be sure that some of the suggestions for visiting, or for baking, sewing or darning together, come from your neighbor.

I make it a general rule to stay only briefly if a neighbor has visitors from off the block. My neighbor can see me any day; her sister from the next town, her aunt from upstate, are pleasures she can have only once in so often. I chat for a few minutes, then take my leave, by the simple device of declining her invitation to sit down, however cordial it sounds.

I also make it a rule not to stay for a real visit when her husband is home, unless I have something to discuss in which his interest is vital. Given two women and a man, you generally do not have a romantic triangle: you have two women discussing recipes, home permanents and patterns, plus one thoroughly bored male. He shifts from TV to newspaper to thermostat, restlessly sitting it out. Unless I happen to have my husband with me, and the two men are hitting it off, I state my business and say "good-by."

Although Mr. Wilson and my husband are very congenial, we don't rely entirely upon unexpected visits. Sometimes we extend a definite invitation to the Wilsons to spend an evening with us. As we sit quietly together over a few drinks, without interruptions of kids or chores, we really become friends.

It takes a long time to find out whether a group of neighbors can form a permanent pattern of friendship. Don't try to force the pattern. It will be best all round if you select one that will fit you as comfortably in three years as it does today.
II
hen you are in your own home. and a neighbor calls, be casually friendly. Don't stop in the middle of baking a cake. Tell her what you are doing, ask her to come along into the kitchen while you finish-but get on with the job. If you were to call on me, and caught a glimpse of ironing being done, you would, I'm sure, feel much more flattered if I'd park you on the step-stool and finish it, than if I treated you like a v.I.P. CONTINUED ON PAGE 96


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when you bought the land. Title insurance merely protects you up to the value of the policy, in case any title flaw should arise despite the search. A survey of your lot, to fix exact boundaries, may be needed too. An average one costs about \(\$ 50\), shows what's yours and what's your neighbor's. It also helps to avoid some nasty problems-for example, if your neighbor's driveway or fence is on your property and remains there unchallenged, he gets "squatter's" rights after a certain number of years, a fact which can cause trouble if you want to sell. The cost of preparing bond and mortgage may be \(\$ 100\) or more, and the FHA charges a \(\$ 20\) fee for its work on mortgages it insures. Recording legal papers may take \(\$ 10\); notary fees, \$I per document. Your lawyer (and you should have one) will probably charge \(\$ 25\) or more, and you may have to pay a similar amount to the lender's attorney for investigating your credit and reputation.
2. leave some cash free. Your policy lender will tell you how much ready cash or its equivalent you need for the down payment and the expenses involved in the mortgaging. But, even though you may not expect to complete your dream house down to the last bibelot and bush right off the bat, don't forget to provide for the essentials.

The required initial cash investment in your home ("cash" may include the value of the lot if you own it free and clear) generally increases with the value of the house. The Housing Act of 1954 lowered the amounts of the down payments required for FHA loans; increased the percentage of the appraisal value for which a mortgage might be insured; and extended the maturity date to 30 years. Chart I shows the story for FHA loans. (If you are a veteran, you may be able to get a VA-guaranteed loan with a still lower down payment-or no cash investment at all.) Not all lenders make FHA loans, and those that do may insist upon larger down payments

CHART I
FHA MINIMUM DOWN PAYMENTS AND MAXTMUM - MORTGAGES
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
FHA \\
Value
\end{tabular} & Down Payment & Maximum Mortgage \\
\hline \$8,000 & \$400 & \$7,600 \\
\hline 9,000 & 450 & 8,550 \\
\hline 10,000 & 700 & 9.300 \\
\hline 11,000 & 950 & 10,050 \\
\hline 12,000 & 1,200 & 10,800 \\
\hline 13,000 & 1,450 & 11,550 \\
\hline 15,000 & 1,950 & 13,050 \\
\hline 17,000 & 2,450 & 14.550 \\
\hline 20,000 & 3,200 & 16,800 \\
\hline 25,000 & 5,000 & 20,000 \\
\hline 30,000 & 10,000 & 20,000 \\
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than the FHA's minimum. Some lenders will not lend you more than twice your annual income. Before going too far with your plans, shop around among various lenders in your area (see answers to Question 5). However, it is wise not to borrow more than you need just because someone is willing to lend it to you!
3. KEEP MONTHLY costs within \(\mathbf{2 5 \%}\) OF MONTHLY income. This is rule-of-thumb No. 2. It means total monthly costs-hazard insurance, water rates, heating, gas, electricity, as well as the money needed on account of the mortgage (principal reduction, interest, taxes, mortgage insurance premium).

Chart II shows the minimum amounts for FHA-insured mortgages on a 20 -year basis. Although FHA permits 30 -year mortgages, many lenders do not make them as yet, so it is wiser to base your preliminary calculations upon the 20 -year figures. The amounts in Chart II include interest at \(4^{1 / 2} \%\) per annum, plus repayment of sufficient principal each month to repay the whole loan in 20 years-and they also include \(1 / 12\) of the annual mortgage insurance premium. They do not include real estate taxes, fire, and other hazard insurance. The lender will add \(1 / 12\) of the annual cost of these expenses to the above monthly payments, and you will agree in the mortgage document to pay the sum total.
4. TAKE AS Short a loan as you CAN AFFORD. A bond and mortgage is a debt for which you put up your home as collateral. In general, the sooner it is paid off, the better, although in some cases, there are financial benefits in having a mortgage.

It is expensive to lengthen the term of repayment. For example, if you borrow \(\$ 10,000\) at \(5 \%\), you pay out a total of \(\$ 1,323.20\) in interest if you repay the loan in 5 years. But if you take 25 years to repay it, you pay a total of \(\$ 7,538\) in interest-a difference of \(\$ 6,214.80\) in interest charges-more than \(3 / 5\) of the principal! Of course, the monthly payments Chart II
MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR FHAINSURED 20-YEAR MORTGAGES AT \(4 \frac{1}{2} \%\)

Monthly Payment
Mortgage \(\quad \begin{gathered}\text { 20-Year Term* }\end{gathered}\)
\(\$ 7,200\)
8,000
8,800
9,600
10,400
12,000
13,600
15,200
\(\$ 48.44\)
53.82
59.20
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of \(\$ 188.72\) for a 5 -year mortgage of \(\$ 10,000\) (see Chart III) would be more than the average young family could afford, and the \(\$ 58.46\) required for a 25-year loan would be much easier to meet if you follow the advice given in Answer 3. But a point someplace between the two extremes is probably the most satisfactory. Chart III shows the figures, and it also shows what a big difference the small matter of \(1 / 2 \%\) in interest per annum can make over a long period. If you can anticipate future rises in income, be sure to get the type of mortgage that allows you to repay the loan faster than the specified time-without penalty.

\section*{CHART III}

INTEREST COSTS FOR A \(\$ 10,000\) MORTGAGE
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Loan Term & Total Interest & Monthly Payments* \\
\hline & at \(5 \%\) & \\
\hline 25 years & \$7,538.00 & \$58.46 \\
\hline 20 years & 5,840.00 & 66.00 \\
\hline 15 years & 4,234.40 & 79.08 \\
\hline 10 years & 2,728.40 & 106.07 \\
\hline 5 years & 1,323.20 & 188.72 \\
\hline & at \(5 \mathrm{~T} / 2 \%\) & \\
\hline 25 years & 8,423.00 & 61.41 \\
\hline 20 years & 6,509.60 & 68.79 \\
\hline 15 years & 4,707.80 & 81.71 \\
\hline 10 years & 3,023.60 & 108.53 \\
\hline 5 years & 1,461:20 & 191.02 \\
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\end{tabular} * Includes amortization.
5. SHOP FOR YOUR MORTGAGE. It pays to shop around for mortgage money just as it pays to shop for anything else. Some lenders make more generous loans, or at lower rates, or for longer periods. Don't hesitate to ask about terms and costs. A lender is selling his money, and welcomes the borrower who is a good risk, whose property is good security.

If possible, start with an institution with which you have already had pleasant dealings-a bank account, an insurance transaction, a previous loan. You may find, however, that the lending institution restricts its activities to certain neighborhoods and that the home you plan to acquire is out of their area. In that case, the lender you know will CONTINUED ON PAGE 94

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6. basic mortgages-and variations. There are, today, three main types of mortgage: conventional, FHA-insured, and VA-guaranteed. Terms of a conventional mortgage are matters to be settled between you (the mortgagor) and the lender (the mortgagee). Most lenders on conventional mortgages insist that you make a down payment (called "initial equity") of at least one-third the house value. This may include the value of your lot if you are building. With FHA-insured loans, smaller down payments are permitted since the Federal Housing Administration insures the lender against loss in case of default by the borrower. (The FHA does not lend the mortgage money, it merely insures the loan on approved properties for a nominal
sum.) Presently, the ceiling on FHA mortgages is \(\$ 20,000\) and down payment requirements range from \(5 \%\) of the value of a low-cost house to \(20 \%\) of the cost of a \(\$ 25,000\) one. The interest rate is \(4^{1 / 2} \%\) (plus a \(1 / 2 \%\) premium for mortgage insurance).
In the case of \(V A\)-guaranteed loans, the Veterans Administration protects the lender against loss. The required down payment is even lower than for FHA-insured loans, and the interest rate is now \(4^{1 / 2} \%\).
Virtually every mortgage is selfamortizing nowadays-which means that principal and interest are paid off by regular monthly payments throughout the mortgage term. Under some such mortgages, the monthly payment remains the same throughout the term; with others it declines -the monthly principal payment remaining fixed, but the interest decreasing as the balance of the principal becomes less.
New mortgage features: One FHA feature now common even in uninsured mortgages, is the practice of including in monthly payments amounts earmarked for insurance

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premiums and taxes, including any special assessments. Other relatively new mortgage features now common are clauses permitting the loan to be repaid, without penalty, at a faster rate than specified; provisions that allow deferment of monthly payments for a limited time under certain conditions; and "package" provisions for acquiring items of household equipment out of the house loan.
Open-end mortgages: No one should buy a home without considering the advantages of this type of mortgage which has come into widespread use in the past few years. Under its provisions, when the loan has been reduced, the homeowner may re-borrow additional sums to repair, modernize, or make additions to the house. The "open-end" is particularly beneficial for families who can't afford all the space or modern facilities they want in a home at the time they buy, for it is cheaper than borrowing money for modernizing on a short-term basis. With an open-end mortgage, payments on the modernizing advance are spread over the remainder of the mortgage term and usually do not add a burdensome
amount to the regular payment.
7. protect your investment. Because your hazard insurance premiums must be considered as part of your monthly carrying charges, you should start early in the game to consider what insurance you will carry.
The lender will insist that you carry enough hazard insurance to protect his loan. You will certainly want enough to protect your investment (your equity) as well. If the house would cost \(\$\) ro,000 to replace, be sure that you are covered for the full amount. "Extended coverage," which protects against wind, hail, explosion, riot, aircraft accidents, and smoke damage without fire, costs little more than simple fire insurance.
You can guarantee ownership of your home to your heirs: several insurance companies have a mortgage plan which ties life insurance in with the loan so that, should you die while the mortgage is in effect, your beneficiary receives the home free and clear, plus all the principal you have paid up to time of death. Term life insurance, independent of the mortgage, can accomplish the same thing.
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Are you about to go out? Are you expecting company? Then tell your neighbor. She won't mind-there will be plenty of other chances to visit you peacefully. When those chances come, enjoy them. A neighbor can be a delight if you behave naturally from the start. Take, for instance, the matter of refreshments. If you have a pot of coffee on the stove, offer her some. Unless you always have time to be formal, offer her cookies right from the jar. You will see her often, so that if you start out too elaborately, you may not enjoy it indefinitely, and she, poor woman, will have to reciprocate with equal fuss.

Whatever it is, do only what you can do without strain. If you are in the habit of wearing a housedress all morning, keep it on when she drops in before noon; if your living room isn't tidied up for the day, don't apologize or run around plumping up pillows and concealing dirty ashtrays. What's good enough for you is good enough for any drop-in caller.

If you have time for a short visit, but would like to get something done later, don't protest when she makes her first move to leave. She will understand perfectly if you say: "I'd like to sit here and talk all day, but I've promised Butch to mend his cowboy suit before lunch." Don't forget she is a housewife, too, and probably has a "Butch" of her own.

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If one of your neighborhood children ever really steps out of linesmashes a window or crayons the wall-do, if you can, deal directly with him, not with his parents. I imagine that if there were any statistics available on the subject, we would find that more neighborhood quarrels have started over the behavior of children than over any serious adult program. Don't tattle to his folks unless you are at your wit's end; and even then, try to get the child's point of view. Don't forget that he is a neighbor, too.
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\section*{By the Sea}
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than 600 square feet, adequate liv ing space, indeed! Only the guest room, bath, and short connecting hall are partitioned. Where soundproofing was not a consideration, plywood was used to eliminate space-consuming stud walls, and the necessity of double wall covering.
Orientation of living areas is most important, for summer breezes in this region are consistently from the north, and protection is needed for outside comfort. Hence the outdoor living area, with wooden deck and sand terrace, is located in the lee of the house, conveniently near the kitchen.

The most spectacular ocean view is to the southwest, so that corner of the house is devoted to large living room windows. To further dramatize the view, the roof is raised at this corner, and the flooring, laid on the diagonal, points towards the sea.
In this lumber country, the natural choice of material is wood: reasons of economy dictate the grade. Except for trim, all woods are used "in the rough." For example, the floor is laminated hemlock in a cull grade\(2 \times 4\) 's in short lengths are used, the slash grain, when turned on edge, becoming the more desirable vertical grain. No joists or subflooring are needed. The roof is of rough-sawn fir, also laminated. This provides insulation and structural strength, and eliminates ceiling beams. Placing ceiling \(2 \times 4\) 's on the diagonal permits cantilevering out beyond the south and west walls to protect the windows without the clutter of outside supports.

\section*{0} the exterior, the \(12^{\prime \prime}\) wide cedar siding is common grade. This same lumber, in scrap lengths ripped down to one-inch-wide pieces, is used on the interior walls where, protected from the elements, the wood's naturally variegated colors give an effect like tweed fabric. Another method of achieving a "tweedy" look, and one which requires less labor, is to apply inch-wide cedar strips about \(1 / 8^{\prime \prime}\) thick, over a cheap grade of plywood.

With wall space at a premium, Mr. Bailey designed a chimneyless fireplace set in the view corner. Low enough so that guests can look over it, and splayed out so it can be seen from all sides, it gives the general effect of a beach bonfire. The metal firebox has a double back, is connected below the floor to a horizontal pipe leading to a fan (which creates the draft) and to a chimney in the center of the house. More economical to build than a conventional masonry fireplace, it is also a very efficient heating unit and a marvelous conversation piece, although it has its drawbacks during power failuresfor you can't use it unless the fan is in operation.


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1feasy" hearts, light gardening can be a diverting hobby, and sometimes a veritable godsend for an aching mind. I know it works, after having been given three months live more than ten years ago.
Rule one is-don't grow vegetables. They tend to induce a do-or-die-feeling; a determination to raise perfect crops at any cost. Remember, when cultivating the soil one is not fighting a battle, but, rather, co-operating with Nature.
Second-take it easy, literally. Use a mat, pad, or low, light chair so you can sit while digging, planting, cultivating. It may look lazy to observers, but what of that? It's your heart, your life to do with as you please; also your garden.
Third-in digging, don't use spade or spading fork, or try any deep or "double" digging, as professional gardeners call it. (Even a hardy heart can be harmed by to strenuous digging.) Instead, use light trowel; short, pointed stick; or old kitchen knife. Bulbs are good things to start with-gladiolus, etc. in spring; crocus, scilla, etc. in fall Just loosen the soil, make a hole two to several inches deep, put in a bulb (growing end up), rest a bit, and plant another. Simple, isn't it?
Fourth-stop as soon as you feel the least tired, even if you've planted only two bulbs. Maybe you'll do more tomorrow; maybe not. The point is, you have had the fresh air and sunshine; you have planted something with your own hands. Even if those two bulbs are all you plant, you will have the reward of two flowers where there were none before.
Or get a packet of seeds of your favorite flower, and rake (perhaps "scratch" is a better word for it) the ground with your sharp stick or other tool. Scatter the seed thinly and evenly, and smooth and tamp the soil gently with the heel of your hand. (Don't wear gloves; dirt's good for you, and you can wash up later.) As shoots appear, don't pull a weed until you're sure it is a weed. Even then, you might grow some wonderful weeds! That's all there is to it and, as I say, it works. I know it does.


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The use of plant bands made of wood veneer, paper, compressed peat moss, etc., may be an old story to you, but did you ever think of making your own during these quiet (in the garden) winter months? Save tin cans that would otherwise go out with the rubbish; collect your favorite can-opener, scissor-bill tin snips, an ice pick or prick punch, and some black asphaltum paint. Cut off top and/or bottom of each can and trim any jagged edges with the snips. Cut

can lengthwise close to side seam, turning it into a springy cylinder. Make some of the bottoms \(I^{\prime \prime}\) or \(\mathrm{I}^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}}\) high to form "cups," and punch a few drainage holes in them. Then paint cans and cups with the asphaltum. Until you need them, you can nest the different sizes together for compact storage.
To use, set a can in a cup a size smaller, so there will be a generous overlap after the cylinder expands and sets itself firmly. Fill with soil and plant in the usual way. Later, when ready to set out the seedling or rooted cutting, squeeze can gently until cup drops off; hold it just above prepared hole; spread can slightly, and the plant will slip gently into place with minimum disturbance of the root ball. Firm soil around and over it; water; gather up cans and cups for another dayand there you are.-R. w. PRATT


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That cry, for years to come, will be a signal for some youthful member of the family to turn the hose on-not Grandpa himself-but the handsome white pine tree that is permanently his in our "family grove." In a way, the whole planting that adds so much to our property is his, for it resulted from a suggestion he made when our second son was married. "Why not plant a tree for the kids?" he said. "Wonderful!" cried bride and groom. Then, "I want a white birch," requested Alice, and a white birch was duly planted.
Since then, as our other children have married and had children, similar plantings have marked the important occasions until, after only fourteen years, the grove is already both a thing of beauty and charm and a living, vital family record. Not that our property needed more trees to shelter and screen it, but the fourteen that we have added mean more to us than all the mostly bigger and older ones that were here before.

In addition to Jack and Alice's birch, there are, for our other children, a blue spruce, a silver maple, and a dust-green, pungent juniper. And for our grandchildren there are, so far, white pines, a balsam fir, another silver maple, a tamarack, a hawthorn, a flowering-quince, and a mountain-ash. That last was planted near our south window for our very first grandchild, a girl, whose baby soul was even then winging its way to heaven. She is gone, but the tree lives on, and a little of her with it. And then there are a black ash, planted for me, and "Grandpa," my husband's white pine that I mentioned before.
The almost even distribution of evergreen and deciduous kinds adds interest to the collection and provides year-round beauty. So, in telling about, and thus sharing, our experience, and urging other families to establish their groves, we suggest that they follow the same general scheme and program that we did.

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Plant two- or three-year bushes early spring or late fall in holes 10 in. deep; fill with \(50-50\) mixture of soil and peat moss or sawdust; the fine roots need a light, porous medium. In fall planting, heap it up around the stems so frost action won't heave them. The best fertilizer is ammonium sulphate applied, not at planting time, but about July 15 and August I (the first year) \(11 / 2\) ounces ( 3 tablespoons) to a plant. Increase the amount gradually to a minimum of 8 oz . a year, applied the first of April, June, and August. Maintain a 6 -in. mulch of straw, sawdust, shavings, etc.; in dry weather, soak the soil well every ten days. Proper pruning is essential to good yields and growth of wood. Figure on one main stem for each year of a plant's growth (up to 8 or 9) and cut off short twigs. As to varieties, Rubel, Pemberton, Jersey, and Atlantic are excellent, but newer ones like Coville, Berkeley, Earliblue, and Herbert may gradually replace them. Don't pick fruit before it is fully ripe, which, with most varieties, is three to five days after the color comes. To outwit birds, cover the plants. I drape tobacco netting over crosspieces nailed to posts set between the plants; in yds. wide, it costs 40 cents a pound ( I 2 yards).

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The music here comprises the four Symphonies, the Variations on \(a\) Theme by Haydn, the Overtures, Tragic and Academic Festival, plus Hungarian Dances Nos. 1, 3, 10, and 17. (No. 17, I believe, was orchestrated by Anton Dvorak.)

Considerable value in this set: quantity as well as quality. The quantity is all to the good for Brahms lovers. The quality likewise, especially the symphonies in the sensitive hands of Bruno Walter, a Brahmsian of long and honorable standing. He favors the poetic, the human side of the music, whereas other conductors rather stress epic bigness, sometimes over-reaching themselves.

The Toscanini version of the Brahms-Haydn Variations is for me, at least, the definitive performance. Mr . Walter, however, informs the work with much delicacy and charm.

VERDI: Requiem, performed by Arturo Toscanini and the NBC Symphony, with soloists Herva Nelli, Fedora Barbieri, Giuseppe di Stefano, and Cesare Siepi, with the Robert Shaw Chorale.
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prokofieff: Alexander Nevsky, Cantata, Op. 78, performed by the Vienna State Opera Orchestra and Chorus with mezzo-soprano soloist Anna Maria Iriarte, Mario Rossi, conducting.
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Derived from a score to a Soviet motion picture, this Cantata finds Prokofieff in a vein more descriptive than ordinarily. Its subject, a heroic one, presents the composer with many dramatic opportunities, which he utilizes to the fullest. It's pretty rousing stuff, and everywhere the CONTINUED ON PAGE IO3


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