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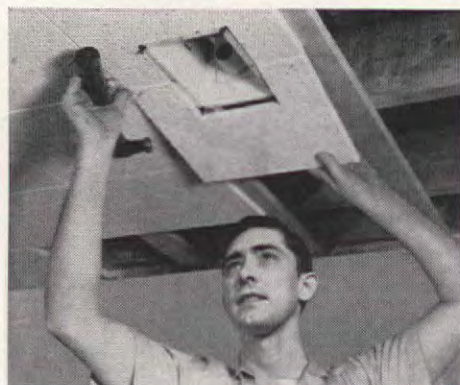
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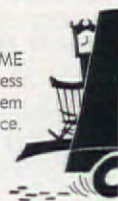
Ever see a dynamo shaped like a stringbean? That's our Super-Houseman (Robert W.), the most many-sided guy around THE AMERICAN HOME. You'll see him listed as Merchandise Editor. And that he is. But that isn't the half of it, for he can double in brass for almost anyone on our staff. The Iowa Traveler, we call him, and he has certainly covered plenty of territory since he left his home state. One day will find him in the office, making doodles that are apt to end up as patterns—that wondrous Chow Wagon on our cover, for example. Twenty-four hours later, he's likely to be 1,500 miles away, supervising photography. He's an artist, a decorator, a carpenter, an inventive fellow who can coax four pieces of slick furniture from one sheet of plywood. He is also a man of taste, and one who can turn a mean phrase.

But ask Bob what he is, and he'll tell you he's primarily a fall guy with a terrible yen for the hundreds of new products that cross his desk. Once he fell for a small paint roller—and built several stories around it. Furniture, knock-down and unfinished, did well in our pages after Bob became fascinated by its good design and low price tags. A vacuum cleaner with an elastic snozzle, a TV with a zebra-striped slipcover, a screwdriver that turns corners—he fell in love with them all. So did our readers, because every item he comes up with fills a real need.

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Since children under 14 account for one-third of the victims of fire, frequent fire drills are in order. But why not make games of them? You'll find junior fire fighters eager to take over assigned roles and come up with suggestions of their own.

ABANDON SHIP is a good game to start with. First, "case" your house for every possible emergency. Along with your young helpers, study every room in the house, and figure out ways to leave it swiftly without using the stairs. A one-level house is the easiest type in this respect, but a porch roof, a shed, or a tree near a second-floor window can be utilized, too. If there are babies or old folks in the family, plans must include helping them. After you determine an exit for each member, get them together for a trial run. Everybody pretends to be asleep. When you call the alarm, each person goes to his window, opens it, and stands by. Time the drill until it takes only seconds to act out. A knotted rope can make a good fire escape. One method is to use a stout beam, 4 x 4 or more, with a manila rope of 1/2" diameter tied securely around it. Beam should overlap window casing enough so that it cannot fall out. Rope should reach the ground, with knots every 12 inches. As a last resort in a real emergency, sheets, tied together by a square knot and then to the bed frame, have saved many a life.

MASKED RIDER is a game to master to prepare for one of the greatest horrors of a fire: awaking in a smoke-filled room. For this drill, have all players simulate slumber in their rooms. When the "alarm" is sounded, each person grabs the handiest piece of cloth, and ties it over the lower part of his face. A handkerchief, pajama top, or pillow case will do. Wet it if possible. With the "mask" over nose and mouth, but *not* over the eyes, each player should slide from his bed and slither to his escape window, breathing in as little as possible.



GO SEEK: This is a ladder drill. With a different member of the family "it" each time, trapped in his room, the others come to his rescue. "It" practices climbing out and down, "rescue" crew becomes adept at handling the ladder.

BUG IN A RUG trick wraps up the family safety and guards against severe burns from clothing which has caught fire. Such flames are often smothered if the victim rolls himself up in a rug or a blanket and is *completely covered by it from head to toe*. (In a real fire, if no rug is handy, rolling on the floor may extinguish such flames.) See who can get to the hall rug and wrap himself up in it most quickly.

HELP! HELP! When it comes to major fire fighting, call the Fire Department—after making sure that every one in the family is out of the house. Each member of the family should know how and where to turn in the alarm, whether by box or by neighbor's telephone. *Never* turn in an alarm unless there is an actual fire.

CLOSED DOOR POLICY: Opening the nearest door to escape may be the most dangerous thing to do in case of a real fire. The room you are in may be safe while smoke and flames lurk on the other side of that closed door. If a door feels hot to your palm, or if you see smoke creeping through the cracks, *don't* open it! Make a game of the palm test until it becomes automatic. Let each member of the family take turns with a closed door. When he puts his palm up, you call out "cold" or "hot." If the door is safely cold, the contestant may open it cautiously, with one hip against the door and his head averted.

WATER BOY: Fires start small, and, if quickly extinguished, needless loss can be prevented. If a fire is discovered while young, call the Fire Department, and then start fighting. If it grows, "Abandon Ship!" For the fire-fighting game, turn the whole family into a fire brigade. Make sure that all who can possibly operate your fire extinguishers know how to do so. Also see to it that they are all so familiar with every source of water and every hose connection that they won't "forget" them in a real emergency. Those who are old enough should be completely familiar with the main shut-offs of oil, gas, and electricity. Teach your junior brigade to handle hose and buckets, how to focus them on the base of flames. **NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES,** use water on electrical fires, on grease, oil, gasoline, or flammable liquids.

TOO MANY COOKS end up by braising themselves because they don't know how to handle a fire that starts at the range. **NEVER PUT WATER** on such a fire—it only makes matters worse. If possible, turn off the heat, and smother the blaze with handfuls of salt, bicarbonate of soda (**DON'T** use flour) or with a rug, a pot lid, or anything that will cut off the oxygen supply upon which fire feeds. If fire starts inside the oven, turn off the heat, keep oven door shut, and put a pot-holder or towel over the oven vent to smother the fire.

TWENTY QUESTIONS, or forty, or sixty, may be necessary to seek out all the fire hazards in your house in order to eliminate them. Offer a prize to the member of the family who can find the greatest number of legitimate hazards from attic to basement. Your habit of smoking in bed is fair game—and so are obstacles to easy exit, even if they aren't fire hazards in themselves. Let's hope that the fire-drill games will remain games forever—but be sure that everyone learns his part well, for some day you may all be playing for life.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 93

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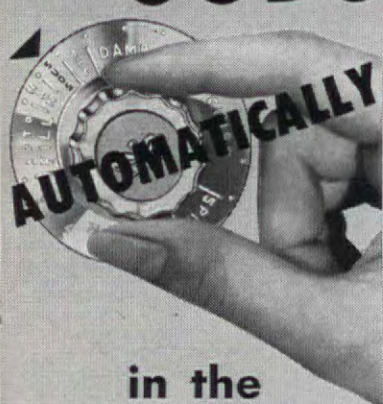
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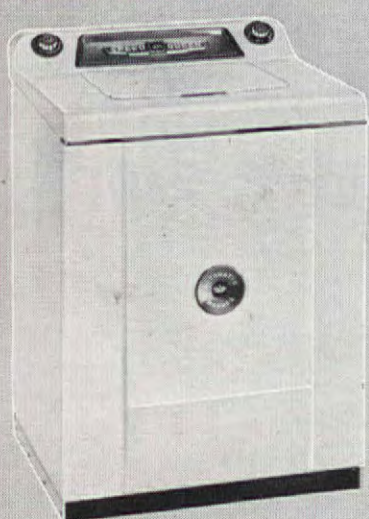
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THE CREEP AND WE

bird-squatters. We cursed her basement, center of the country's mildew industry. At first, we tried to improve and beautify THE CREEP, but it got us down. Asparagus and mums did not die—they simply faded away, leaving the hard-pan to the hard-pan. Grass seed proved to be strictly for the birds. Chiggers and crabgrass took over. Nor did THE CREEP, herself, respond more favorably. A warm-

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the dream of our own home, far away from Heat Waves Annie to Zelda. We could see her plain as next month's rent—a gorgeous gal resting on a hillside.

She would have a vista, of course, and there would be a lake coolly ruffled at the edges. Our rose garden (for what is home without a rose?) would be of the oh-and ah-provoking type. Our flower beds would come in Christmas cookie shapes and frostings. And, naturally, the soil would be almost 100% loam.

Inside, large rooms would be dedicated to hospitable living. Yes, Elaine, our Dream Boat, would have everything! And so we dreamed! That is, until the sweltering night when we first began to question: "Is this drip necessary? Are we roasting ears—or men?" Operation Improvement began forthwith. First, we stripped

THE CREEP of all Unnecessaria. The vista came inside, with downstairs walls painted a soft green. The lake became two air conditioners. With the landlady's

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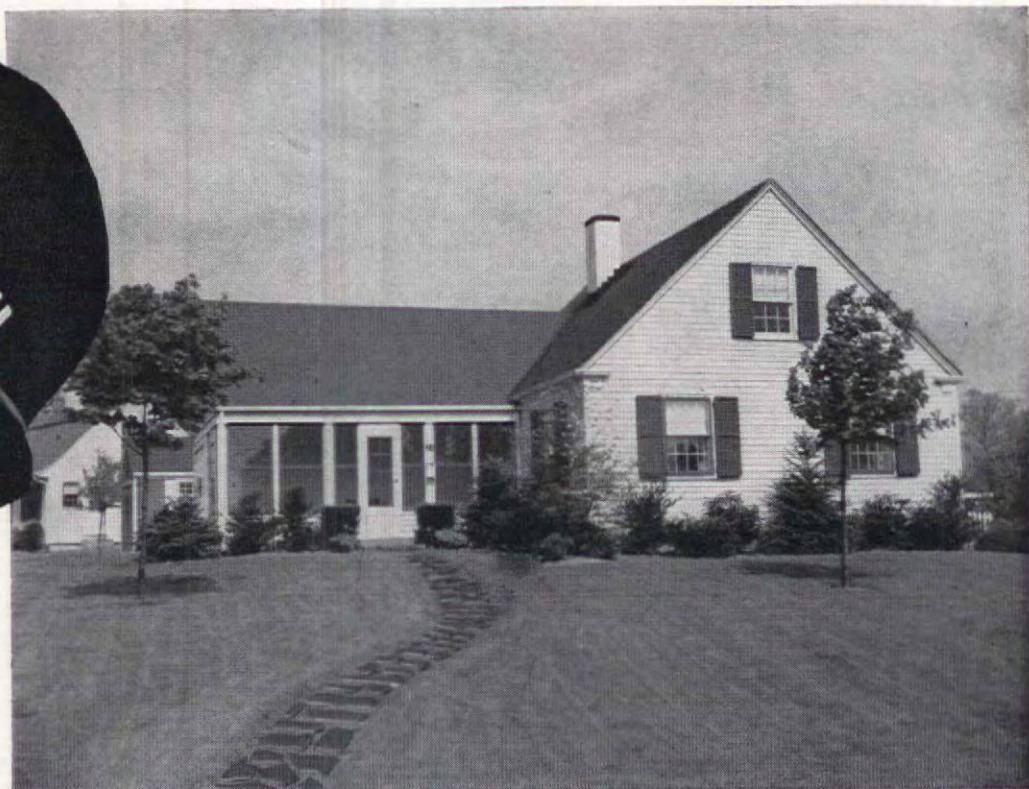
express ourselves. We spiced up the façade with two bold green-blue doors. We planted shrubbery and pink dogwood in front. Out in back, a healthy clump of white birches and a soft maple will some day give bountiful shade, and near them, a white bench and green metal chair, stage props both, give the illusion of outdoor relaxation. Then came an unexpected legacy, and a chance to buy

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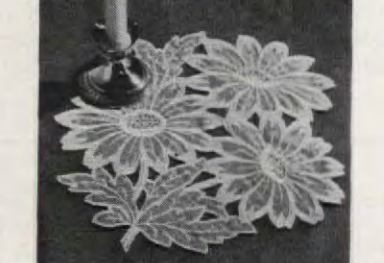
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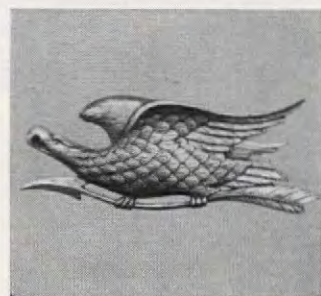
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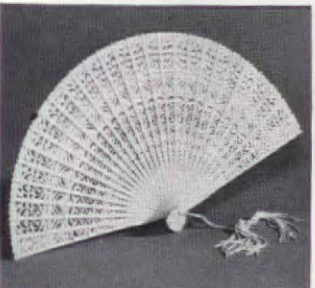
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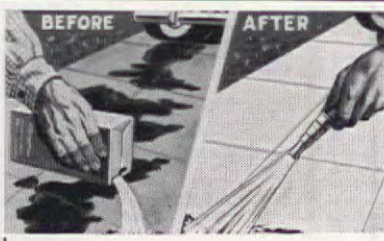
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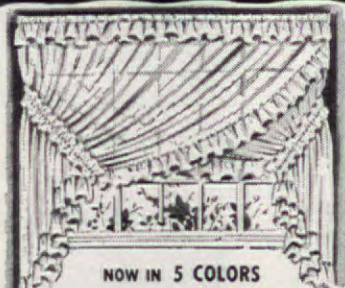


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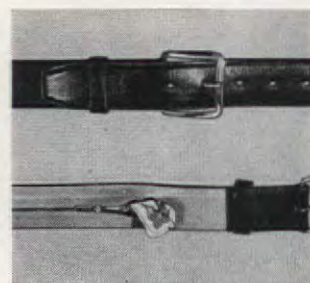
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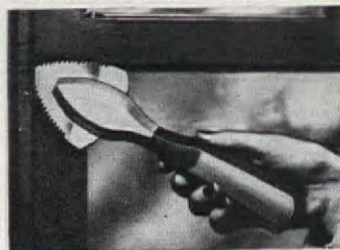
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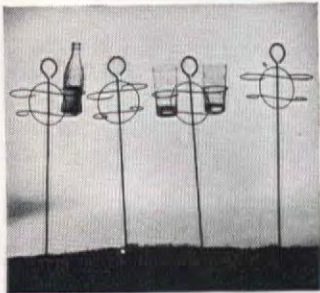
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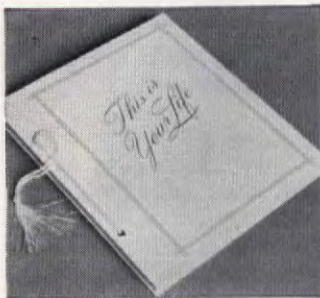
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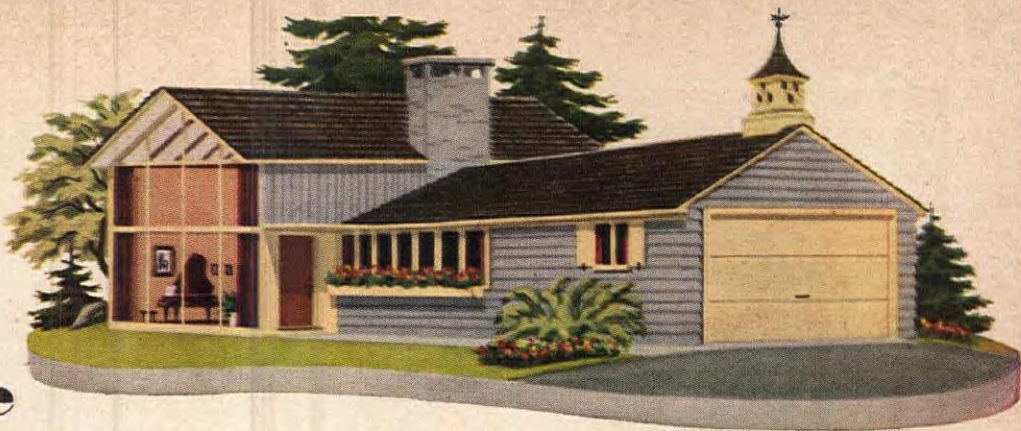
Designer Edward Wormley has packed into the confines
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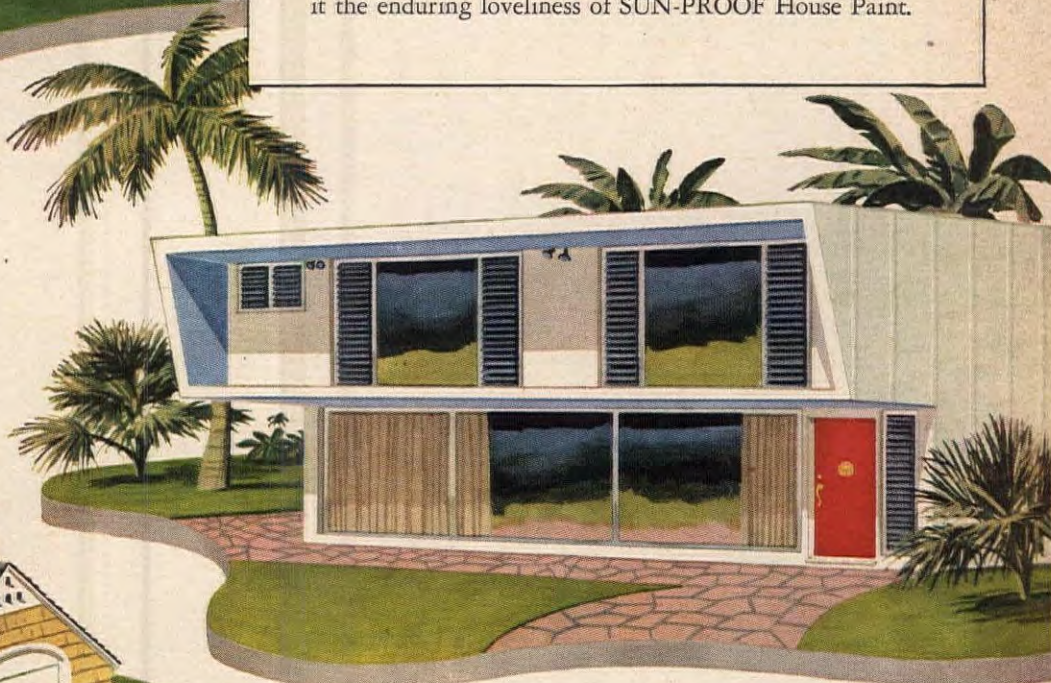


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Part Isn't There

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When it comes to dining, throw proper light on the subject—not brilliant illumination which is never conducive to relaxation at mealtimes. Here electric candlepower has been added to a 19th century French chandelier, and individual shaded "candles" are provided for each diner—adequate light, properly controlled



of a bus a whole houseful of rooms and ideas by the fascinating device of building special furniture and backgrounds in a miniature scale—slightly more than half regular size. You can walk through Lilliputian land as well as an adventure in good decorating.

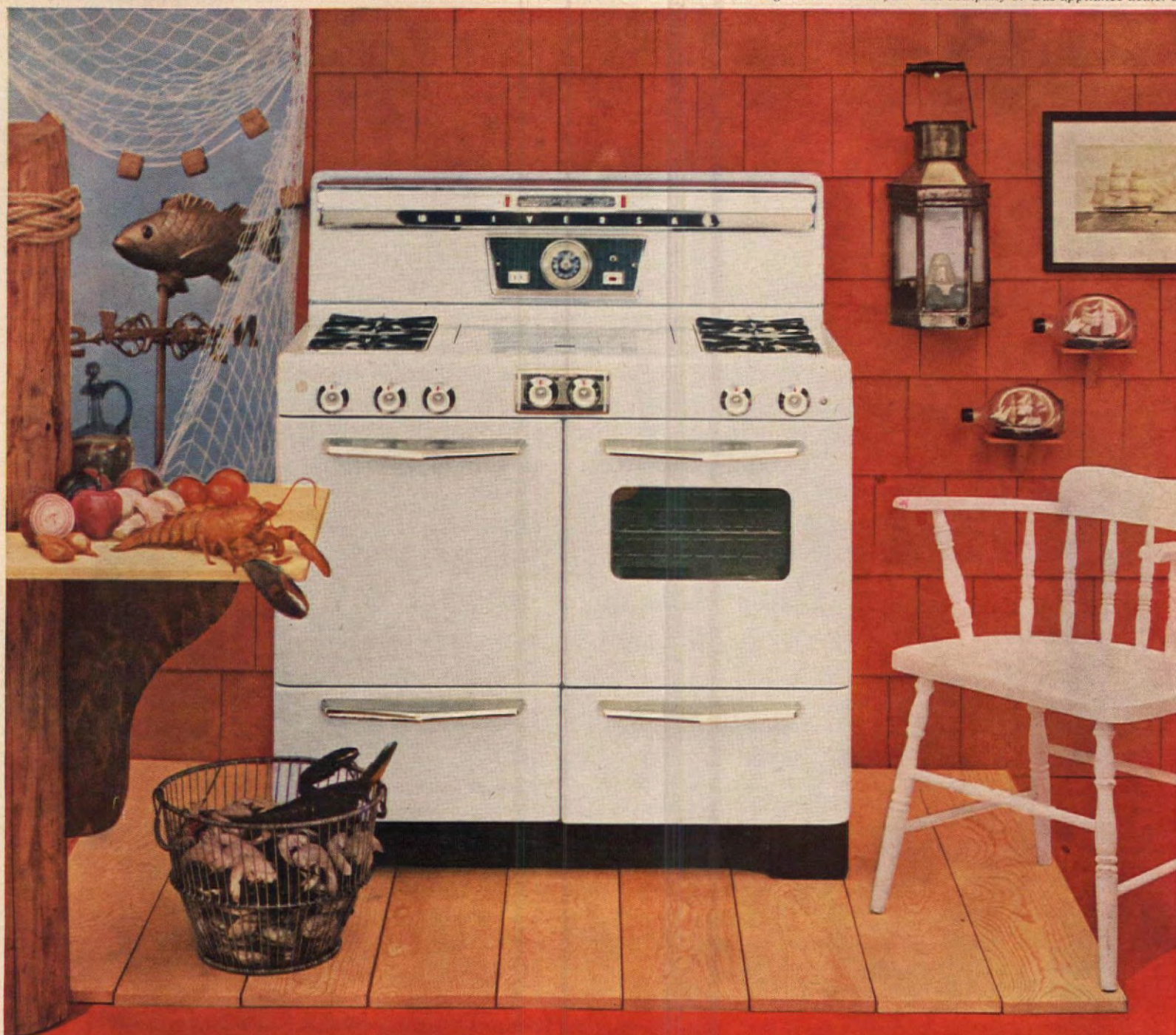
In the photograph above, for instance, what appears to be a round dining table with five place settings and chairs is actually a pie-shaped table top set between mirror panels which are installed at a 72° angle. When softly lighted by means of a dial which allows you to select any degree of brightness or dimness, the mirrors seem to disappear and the round table seems real. You could interpret it in terms of a dressing table set into a mirrored corner of your bedroom or bathroom.

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Notice, through the looking glass, how two spotlights in the ceiling frame a painting above the sideboard. They could point up your prized vase or potted plant, as well. There's more to lighting up a house than meets the eye, whether for beauty and drama, for safety and comfort, or for reading and relaxing.

ALL OF THIS, AND MUCH MORE, can be seen in the Luxtrol Bus, which the Superior Electric Company is sending across the country. Starting off in New England early this summer, it is scheduled to end its first tour in Illinois about Christmas time. Later tours are planned to cover principal cities throughout the land.

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"I said it—"

A PAINFUL EVENING?

Rally round, girls. Mrs. Fisk didn't like our party. She told us (see April '55) that our food was cold, we made too much racket in the kitchen, and our canned vegetable dish was flatter than a week-old pie meringue. I'm sure she needs to know about our "kitchen pixies," and the way they turn a "wonderful evening" into a horrible nightmare. I have my own brand of pixies, and I'm sure her friends have theirs. They *all* spell trouble. One distracting little fellow slips into my refrigerator to apply extra tough glue to the paper milk bottle tops. Meanwhile, another one prepares the cabinet containing my pots and pans. I can imagine his laughter above the clatter of tin ware as it crashes about me when I open the door. Over the spice cabinet they hide the box I want behind the box I never use. And when I fill the flour canister, a little gnome bedevils me till I'm white from head to foot.

"Planned effort," she says. Oh, sure, I can plan—on them spattering spaghetti sauce over a wide area, on them sidetracking spaghetti strings onto the floor between pot and strainer, on them jumping into my cake to leave a big cavity just before I take it from the oven. Wonderful plans for a wonderful evening!

We're sorry, Mrs. Fisk, that you had a miserable time—but we are glad you liked the coffee. You should have seen the mess it made when it boiled over on the stove. —JOAN ARMSTRONG

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This is how *we* do it when we get together to enjoy a simple but delicious meal, and each other. If something is forgotten, the hostess or guest who discovers the omission unobtrusively gets it. Often, one of the guests contributes part of the meal. Our little get-togethers are heart-warming occasions for all of us, and criticism is not served on any of our menus.

I wonder what "Beth" and "Jane's" reactions will be if they read "Was It a Wonderful Evening?" Painful, to say the least! I'm astounded that anyone could dine "dozens of times" at a friend's house, then hold that friend up for ridicule. I, personally, prefer a stale cracker and weak tea served with warm friendship to a full course meal served by a critical, calculating hostess, or consumed by an ungrateful guest. "I said it, and I'm glad."

—PERSIS W. HERSONE

A SLIP OF A GIRL SUCCEEDS!

The girl in front is I, some years ago. Now, 72 years young, I weigh 80 lbs., stand 4' 7". Last spring I decided to raise sweet potatoes, though neighbors said it would be wasted time—for they are hard to start and our soil isn't sandy. However, I took great



pains to set them out, and it was a beautiful sight. Weather was ideal! Spring was HERE! But next morning, of all things, there was a frost! My plants were black! After a few minutes of bewailing my luck, I got a sudden impulse to cut off the frozen tops—believing that, somehow, they would sprout again.

Lo and behold, they did survive!

When the sun was scorching, I covered each plant with a leaf, until they were stronger. Consequently, I had a bumper crop, and neighbors who said, "It can't be done" were astonished.

—ANNA P. PHILLIPS

and I'm glad!"

TABLE WE'RE HONORED TO MENTION

The tear sheets you sent regarding correct table settings were excellent reference material and were used to good advantage. The contest entered by the General Motors Girl's Club was sponsored by the J. L. Hudson Company in Detroit, and through your kind help and gracious cooperation, we won honorable mention. We thought you might like to see a photo of our table.



—CATHERINE E. RADFORD

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Had to let you know how excited we are about the announcement in the April issue that, with the May issue, you will print something on the costs of running and building a backyard pool. Our main hope is that it will be a really thorough coverage of the subject, for whether we do or don't build will more or less depend on that issue!

—JEANNE L. HOGE

Hope we helped you out. Hope you'll ask us for a swim!—ED.

WE DO HAVE THAT!

My husband is also guilty of saying, "Why don't we ever have that?" and last night I figured it out. We do have THAT—and THIS—and THESE—and THOSE, but he doesn't recognize them. The morning we had THAT, I had a headache, wore an old faded wrapper, and my face looked like a mummified biscuit. The day we had THIS I had painted furniture all morning and the house reeked of sickening odors. The night we had THESE, Rex rushed home and gulped his food to hurry to a board meeting. And the time we had THOSE, I had shopped all day, and ruined a beautiful, satisfying meal by serving it on a drab tablecloth—no candles—no linen napkins—no stimulating conversation.

Our trouble is that we've grown complacent about food. Reckon we'd better perk up and take notice, huh?

—MRS. GEORGIE M. GRAY

AUTHOR 'FESSES UP

Since "The Vital Ingredient" was my first attempt at writing, your acceptance was a greater thrill than I can express. As I understand—you're supposed to frame the first check received. However, I bought a new pencil, and framed the letter!

I'll let you in on a little secret. I've been giving you a bum steer. I'm not really a man; actually I'm the wife of a realtor and the mother of four "measle-ly" children.

—MAX (MAXINE) ALLEN

ACTIVE POCKETS

In your March 1954 issue you showed a custom-built, split-level home in Syosset, N. Y. which immediately became our dream home. The lovely color picture adorns the cover of our accordion file, and the remaining pictures, story, and floor plan are in the first pocket. This file is our *active scrapbook*, with each pocket allocated to household items of interest. As our ideas change, and methods are modernized, we houseclean—replacing the old with the new. No pasting problem, and room a-plenty for booklets and such.

—SHIRLEY COLEMAN



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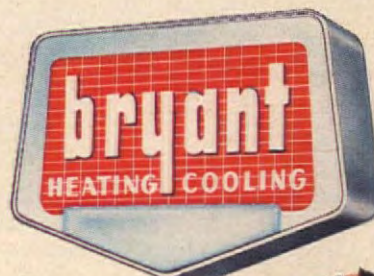


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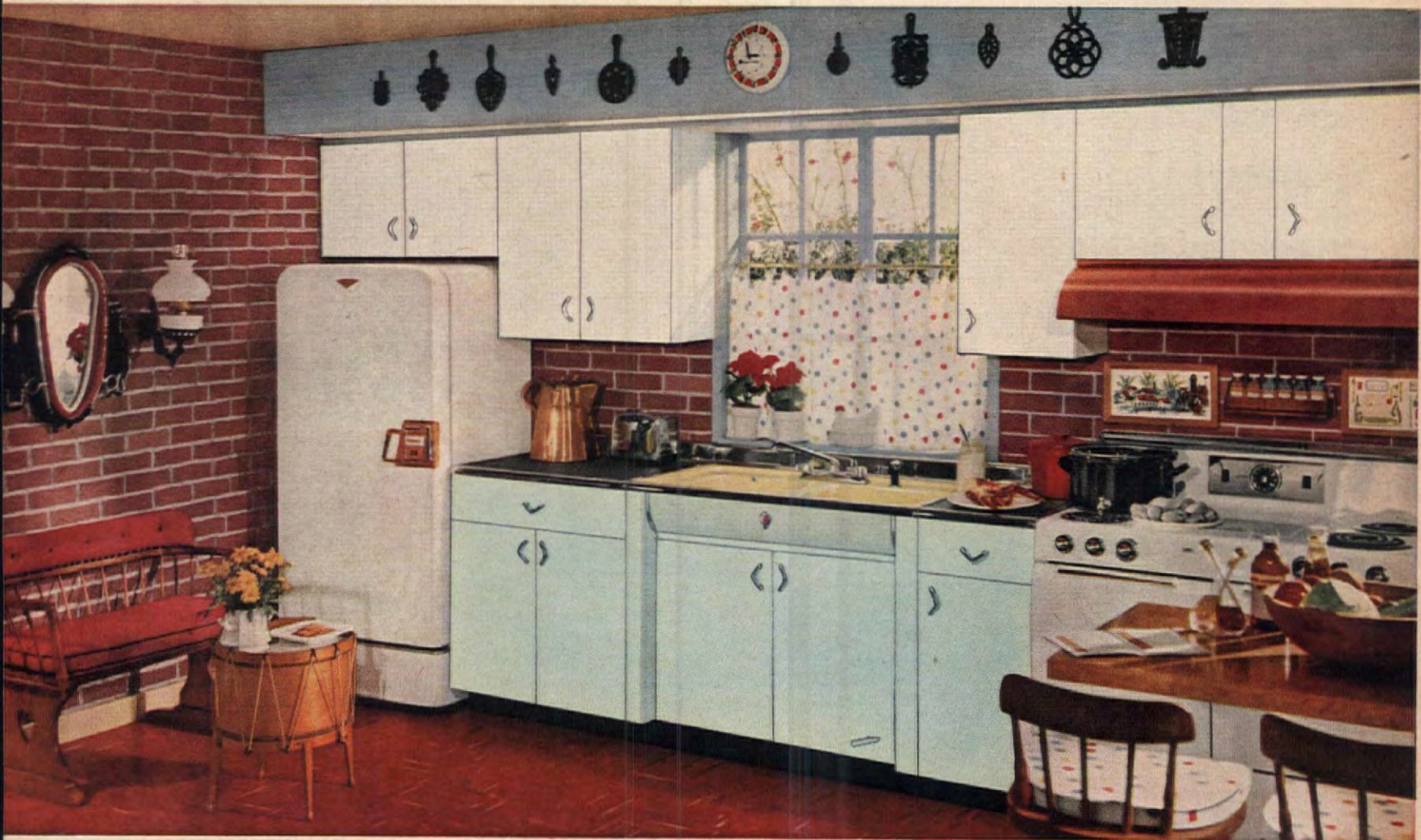
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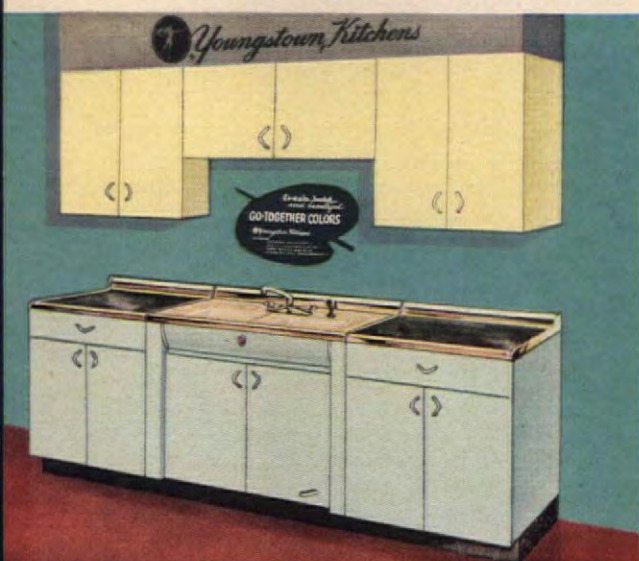


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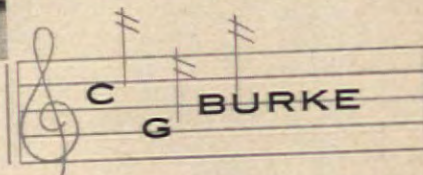
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"The 30 versions of Beethoven's *Third* in my archives give me no more pleasure than the best of them, but they do give me a basis more trustworthy than memory on which to make comparisons," writes our record reviewer. Thousands of discs, and no less than 30 loud speakers, are housed in the Burke home in the Berkshires. A noted authority on records and record-reproducing equipment, Mr. Burke has contributed to many periodicals and has been associated with *High Fidelity Magazine* since its founding.



Furtwängler

SCHUBERT: *Symphony No. 9 in C*, by Wilhelm Furtwängler and the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra.
DECCA 9746

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BEETHOVEN: *Fidelio*, by Wilhelm Furtwängler and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra with the National Opera Chorus, Vienna, and Sena Jurinae, soprano; Martha Mödl, soprano; Wolfgang Windgassen, tenor; Alfred Poell, baritone; Otto Edelmann, bass; Gottlob Frick, bass.

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BEETHOVEN: *Symphony No. 5 in C Minor*, by Wilhelm Furtwängler and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

RCA VICTOR LHMV 9

BEETHOVEN: *Symphony No. 4 in B Flat*, by Wilhelm Furtwängler and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
RCA VICTOR LHMV 1059

A TALENT RARELY CAPTURED

People who heard the late Wilhelm Furtwängler conduct in concert heard a strong and nurtured talent rarely captured in the Furtwängler records. That is a pity, for his death has evoked the issuance of a number of memorial discs. Of these, the best show his ability at least in part, and the worst provide justification for the opinion widely held that his interpretations were in great measure slow to tedium, pretentious, and anarchical. Let's start with the best.

The extreme deliberation of pace is not injurious to Schubert's wonderful last Symphony, except in part of its scherzo. Indeed, the ceaseless lyricism and emphatic rhythms of this irresistible music seem to gain by the longer breath and more imposing punctuation allowed by the measured tread. This has been, since its original appearance in a three-sided version coupled with the Haydn *Symphony No. 88*, as a whole, the most desirable performance on records, in spite of a reproduction without the vivid brightness we expect from the best modern discs.

The Haydn Symphony mentioned, one that has never encountered animosity, receives another Furtwängler interpretation of the first order, both delicate and robust, sparkling in a refinement of good temper and maltreated nowhere. Unluckily, in its new edition it is attached to a painfully slow and joylessly contrived manipulation of Schumann's Fourth Symphony tortured to the actual embarrassment of the hearer. The Schubert and Haydn

symphonies are therefore to be preferred in their original album, Decca DX-119.

THE VIENNESE FIDELIO

Furtwängler's part in the Viennese version of *Fidelio* is creditable and in places warmly eloquent, especially in the heartfelt blend of orchestral tone. Not that the album contains *Fidelio* as it should be, any more than the recent Toscanini version (Victor LM 6052) did. In both cases the spoken dialogue has been cut out ruthlessly, to the ruination of dramatic continuity, and in this intensity of romantic melodrama the damage is not reparable. Otherwise, one of these wounded versions is worth the other, both being, by and large, well sung and reasonably well recorded. They are not similar at all, but are complementary, the passionate fervor of the Italian making Act II memorably superior, and the subtler mien of the German being more telling in Act I. Ten minutes of dialogue judiciously chosen would have made either well worth having. A dull performance of Beethoven's First Symphony occupies the sixth side in the Furtwängler album.

in Retrospect

NOBLE IN A STOLID WAY

The conductor's performances of the Fifth used to be celebrated for the massive rectitude of their unhurried progress, and the new record, endowed with substantial qualities of reproduction, makes the first three movements noble (after initial surprise) in a stolid way; but the creeping advance of the triumphant finale is unprecedented and a little painful in some suggestion of burlesque. The appended fine performance of the *Fidelio* Overture has been excerpted from the recording of the opera.

The Beethoven Fourth is a sad experience for the late conductor's admirers. The tempos of this laughing music are distorted without provocation and without illumination. A lesser conductor would not have dared, and would not have erred.

THE NEW COMPLETE WATER MUSIC

Most records are neither outstandingly good nor bad. They are "adequate," and they give pleasure, but are always in danger of supersession. Among the better recent ones of this adequate sort is a new complete version of Handel's *Water Music*, by the Boyd Neel Orchestra on London LL 1128, bold and clear in its sound, the best in this respect of four editions; and very lively in performance, exhilarating in the quick movements, hurried and ungracious in the slow ones. Richard Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben*, on Camden CAL-194, in a performance by a great orchestra imperfectly disguised as "Warwick Symphony," originally recorded in the late 1930's, has been resuscitated with startling skill, and, although a paucity of conviction in the conducting can vex a little, the disc is a rare bargain. Bizet's *Symphony* and an orchestration of the Schumann *Carnaval*, on another Camden (193), both without finesse in performance and dull in sound, demonstrate that a low price is not necessarily an advantage. The great Russian violinist, David Oistrakh, unchecked by the National Saxon Orchestra led by Franz Konwitschny, disfigures Mozart's *Fifth Violin Concerto* by abandoning a classic projection in favor of irregular tempos and a swollen line (Decca DL 9766).



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All Wisdom Is Not New



The Concise Encyclopedia of Antiques Compiled by *The Connoisseur*, edited by L. G. G. Ramsay. Hawthorn, \$8.95

"All wisdom is not new wisdom, and the past should be studied if the future is to be successfully encountered." Sir Winston Churchill's words quoted at the opening of this volume are especially apt, for unlike most books about antiques, this one belongs not in the specialist's library, but up on the shelf with your dictionary and brief world histories. If you're interested in man and his works from the late Middle Ages through about 1830, it won't just collect dust between occasional reference checks, for its hundreds of photographs and drawings, and the lively, brief texts and definitions in each section will invite fascinating and frequent browsing.

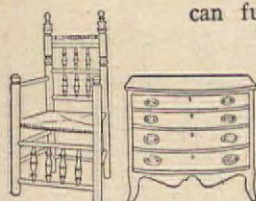
Compiled by the venerable British antiques publication, *The Connoisseur*, it comprises sections on 23 different topics, each one prepared by an expert. Though written for the amateur in a manner which presup-

poses no previous knowledge, the text never "talks down," and, since the scope is so broad and the facts so up-to-date, it will doubtless become a standard reference for experts.

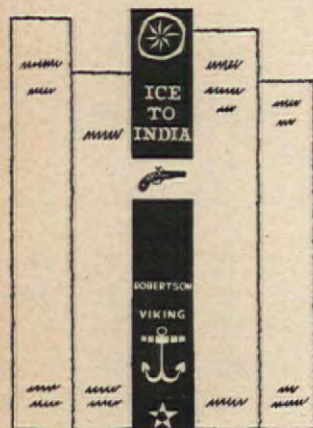
In addition to the subjects you'd expect (English and American furniture; European and Oriental pottery and porcelains; silver; glass; pewter; Oriental carpets; etc.) there are excellent brief histories of European painting; English drawings, prints, and water colors; one chapter on book collecting; and others on clocks, watches, arms and armor, and jewelry.

Although its fine chapter on American furniture puts into a nutshell more interesting facts than you're likely to find in many a large tome, the book may hold disappointments for some collectors of Americana. It will whet their appetites for beautiful things in general, but, partly because the orientation is principally British, and partly because such things are later in date than the scope of this book, there is nothing about American glass, pottery, hooked rugs, paintings, etc.

—D.B.



A Cargo of Ice



Ice to India by Keith Robertson. Viking Press, \$2.50

A seafaring yarn the whole family can enjoy—and a really capital gift for your favorite teenager—is this story set in the early 1800's and dealing with a cargo that seems odd today—ice, taken half way around the world from Philadelphia to India. It covers a little-known aspect of our merchant shipping, and it's fictionalized history easy to take, for

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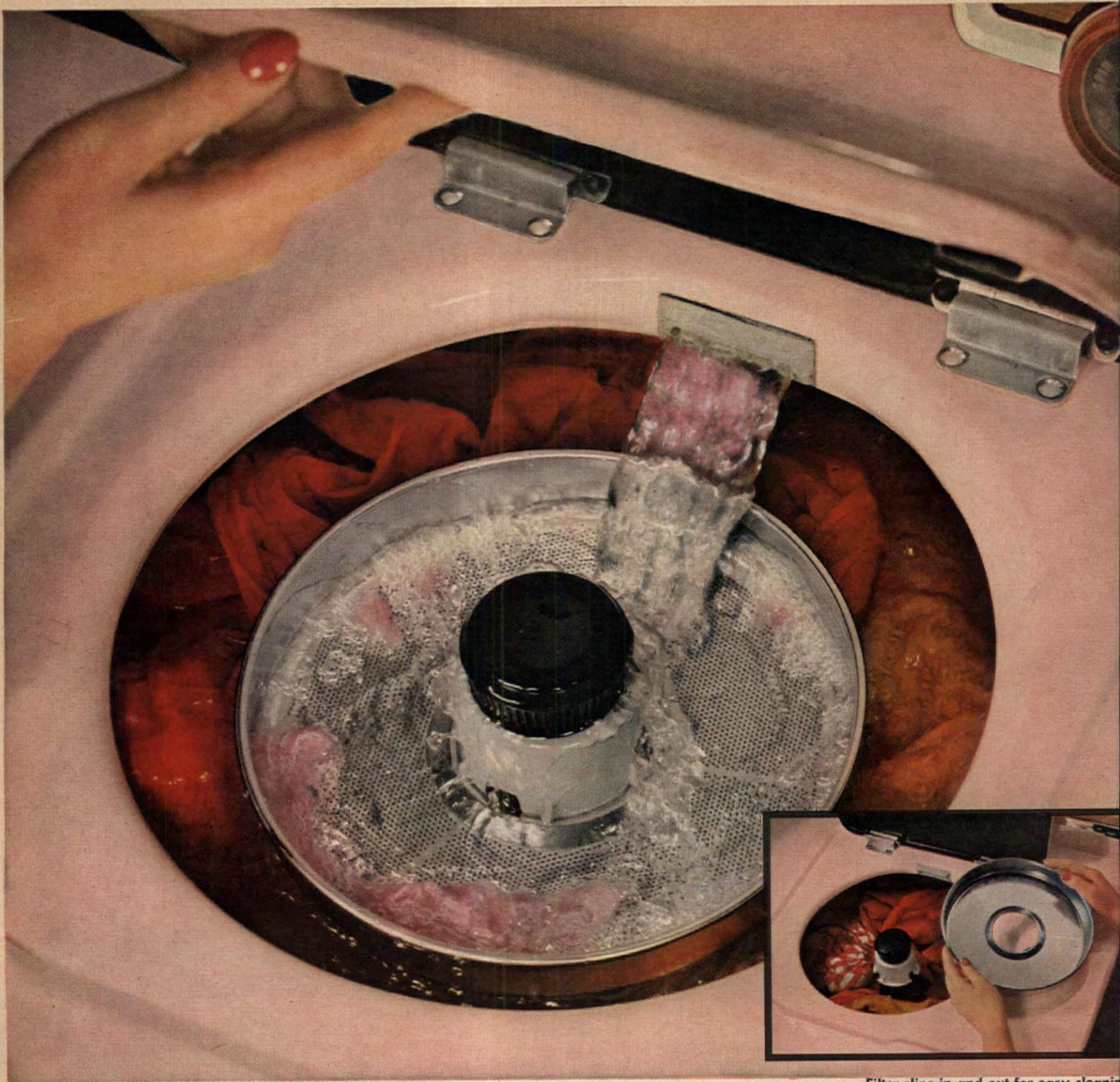
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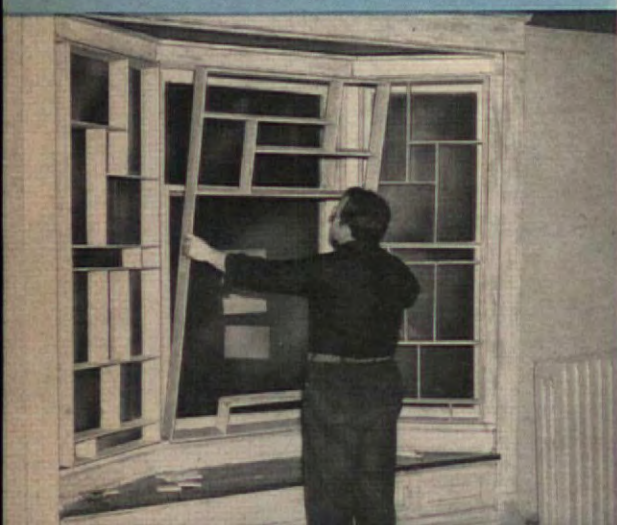
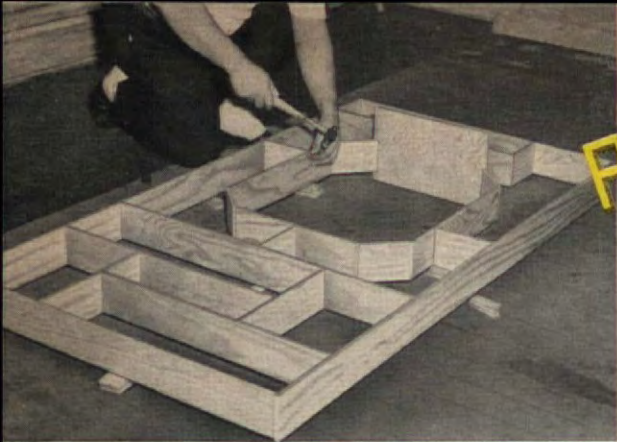
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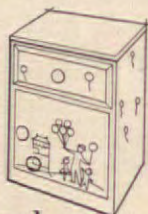
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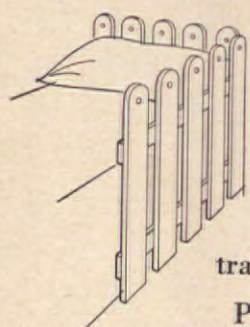
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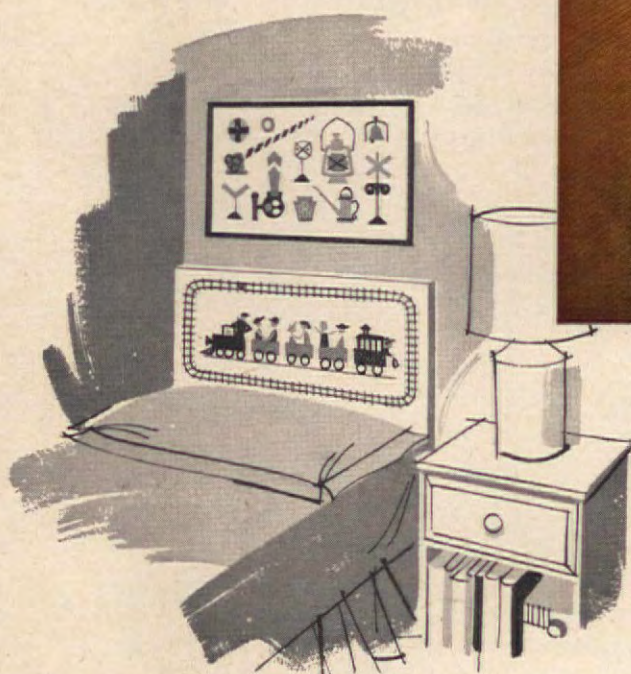
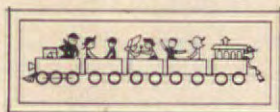
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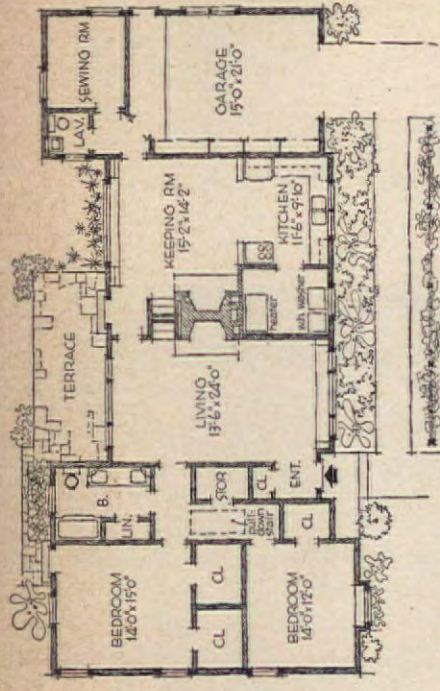
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Of course it's all done for the little darling's sake. Sure! But we miss our bet if decking his furniture with our Balloon Vendor and Moppet Express fails to provide fun aplenty for parents, and to return, with interest, memories of your own first country fair—the thrill of choosing the biggest—and the prettiest—balloon; the glee of whizzing around the grounds in the tiny train that inspired our Express.

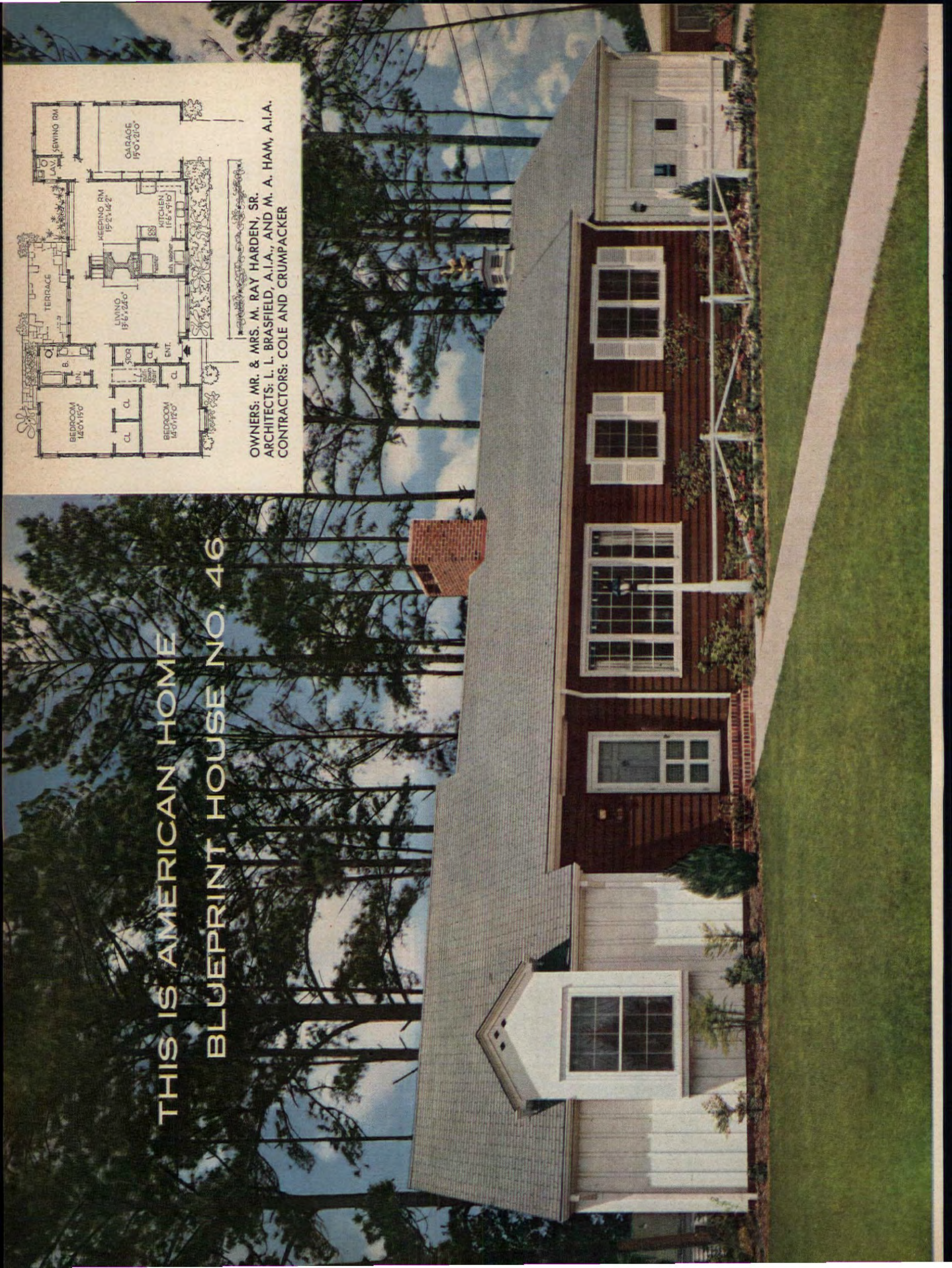
Now to more practical matters. For tykes newly graduated from the crib, add our safely rounded Picket Fence to a boxspring and mattress on legs. For older tots, provide a simple headboard of plywood or fiberboard, embellished with our pattern. The night-table-chest meets a demand for such a piece, equipped with a deep drawer and covered cupboard. The lamp, painted for fun, was made from a chicken feeder (we show how on page 90).

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THIS IS AMERICAN HOME
BLUEPRINT HOUSE NO. 46



OWNERS: MR. & MRS. M. RAY HARDEN, SR.
ARCHITECTS: L. L. BRASFIELD, A.I.A., AND M. A. HAM, A.I.A.
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Wish it were you, saying that...and standing in the door of this proud little home,

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"Thank you for the name of that wallpaper," wrote Mrs. Ray Harden, Sr., of Durham, North Carolina. "It's already in place, as you can see by the enclosed pictures. I thought the other views of our new home might interest you, too, for though the plan and design are original, it grew out of my scrapbook of ideas from AMERICAN HOME. Perhaps you will recognize some of them." We did. And so enthusiastic we were about the way they were used, that the Harden home, 30 years in the dream stage, is now our Blueprint House No. 46—yours to duplicate immediately (along with the house, we've even blueprinted the wealth of built-ins).* But before we tell you the Hardens' heart-warming story, here is data for your own scrapbook if you long for big and beautifully detailed rooms in a house of moderate size (about 1800 square feet of living space). With its well-proportioned, deep-pitched roof and wood siding, the façade can hold its head equally high whether you give it a Traditional treatment, or dress it in Contemporary materials and colors. Examine the plan, lest the proportionately large size of the closets deceive you into thinking that the rooms are small. Fact is, the closets really are enormous

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To get the blueprints... see order form, page 93



LIVING ROOM is just for living—in expansive comfort. The rug, hand braided by the Hardens, plays up to the mellow pine walls, the good small-scale design on wallpaper and fabric. The Early American atmosphere is combined with modern-minded ideas, for while windows on the street side have small panes to conform with the traditional façade, the whole back wall is a modern "picture" window





KEEPING ROOM has all advantages of a living kitchen—and none of the disadvantages, for it can be completely shut off from the kitchen by folding louvered doors (over which is inscribed, in old-fashioned letters, “Give us this day our daily bread”). Three charming built-in cupboards harbor china, silver, linens

“Little White Fence”

(Begins on page 34)

(a cool 5' x 7' in the master bedroom) and the rooms are in keeping. The living room is a whopper, and it doesn't double for dining, since meals are served in the take-it-easy room illustrated above. Note the compact kitchen and utility room; the little suite behind the garage; the fact that every room has cross or through ventilation; the centrally located door to the terrace; the tiny private terrace off the master bedroom; the garage wall of cupboards for garden tools and woodworking gear Mr. Harden puts to good use.

“It will be like having a dream come true, to see our home in *THE AMERICAN HOME*—our favorite magazine,” Mrs. Harden

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PRETTY SMART? Handsome pine hood hides vent for cooking odors, is high enough for safety. Our blueprints include details of this and other built-ins

HIDDEN COSTS in Building or Buying

"Seven room ranch-type, large plot, near schools, buses, shopping center. Oil heat. Garage and breezeway. Sacrifice, \$16,500." How many young couples reading such ads every Sunday begin to dream of nests of their own—especially if they have spent most of their early married life crammed in with in-laws, or maybe paying \$80 to \$100-plus per month for a so-so small apartment in an even more so-so brick and concrete neighborhood? Actually, in most cases, they probably could afford to own such a home, for, after the down payment, their annual expenditures would amount to little more than rent of a moderate-sized apartment. When they discover that they are able to finance a mortgage on their dream home for about \$76 a month, they become really serious.

LUCIEN R. GREIF

And that's when they can run into trouble, for owning a home entails some hidden costs. There's more to it than paying off the mortgage. Let's take a "typical" couple who would eye that \$16,500 house, and see what would happen to them. Let's assume that the husband earns, say, \$6,240 a year; that they have about \$6,000 in savings and bonds.

First, the *down payment*. Naturally, the larger it is, the smaller the monthly installments and the easier it is to get a good mortgage. On the other hand, it is never wise to deplete your bank account completely.

Assuming that our couple wish to retain \$1,000 in liquid assets, they could then plunk down \$5,000 on the house, and get a mortgage of \$11,500. Since that is quite a sum, the bank will want to be pretty certain that the husband is a good credit risk. Understandably, banks are more willing to grant longer term mortgages if the purchaser's equity or down payment is larger. An officer of one savings bank tells me that his own bank usually hesitates to lend more than 60% of the purchase price—assuming that their appraiser finds the property to be worth that purchase price. Most banks require at least 10% to 20% in down payment. VA mortgages demand smaller down payment, but you still have to find a bank to grant it. All right. Let's assume that a bank will issue a 20-year, 5% mortgage in the amount of \$11,500 for that seven room ranch-type. To repay this principal plus interest (interest plus amortization), the home owner will have to pay the bank \$75.90 each month.

That's the sum most people have in mind when they think of paying for a home. But that's only the beginning.

Next, *taxes*. Now that you're a property owner, your county will expect you to help to pay local expenses, of which perhaps the heaviest burden is the cost of schooling. Incidentally, before moving into a community, check the school situation to determine if you are apt to have to pay increased school taxes soon. It is difficult to predict what taxes will amount to, but for a \$16,500 house and property, taxes will vary somewhere between about \$200 and \$400 a year. Let's say, roughly, \$300.

Water, also, costs money—about \$3 a month, on the average. *Heat*, too, has to be paid for. Averaged out over a year's operation, figure on at least \$15 per month. Unlike apartment dwellers, home owners have a *garbage disposal* problem—about \$2 to \$3 per month.

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How to Get along with YOUR BUILDER

Without doubt, your builder is the most important link in the chain between your dreams drawn out on paper and your dream house completed. It is his job to take your ideas, and the planning of your architect or designer, and transform them into the real thing. How well he does this will depend, to some extent, upon how well you and he get along. Remember that you have to contribute to the amicable relationship too, and that, since your builder is a local businessman whose continued prosperity depends upon the good will of satisfied customers like yourself, a good, reliable builder wants to please you, not to gyp you.

Because he is so important to you, it is vital that you select a good builder for, as in every profession, there are good ones, average ones, and poor ones. Take plenty of time, and do plenty of checking before you make your final choice.

There are two ways to view your builder. One is to think of him as a shifty, dishonest, and incompetent wood-butcher who drives a high-priced car, never seems to know what's going on, and acts as if he were doing *you* the biggest favor of your life by taking your money. The other way to enter into this relationship is to think of your builder as he really is (in most cases)—a combination of designer, mechanic, and businessman who runs a pretty complicated and successful business, and who is a respected member of the community.

There is no great trick in getting along with builders—they belong to the human race, too. But because building a house may be something new in *your* life (it's an old story with him)—here are a few ground rules to follow for a happy association and good results:

1. Assume that your builder is both honest and capable. (The time to check into his credit, his workmanship, and his reliability is before you sign an agreement—that is a job for you or your architect to undertake.) Once you have made a selection, consider the builder both honest and good until he proves to be otherwise. (He probably won't.)

HUBBARD H. COBB

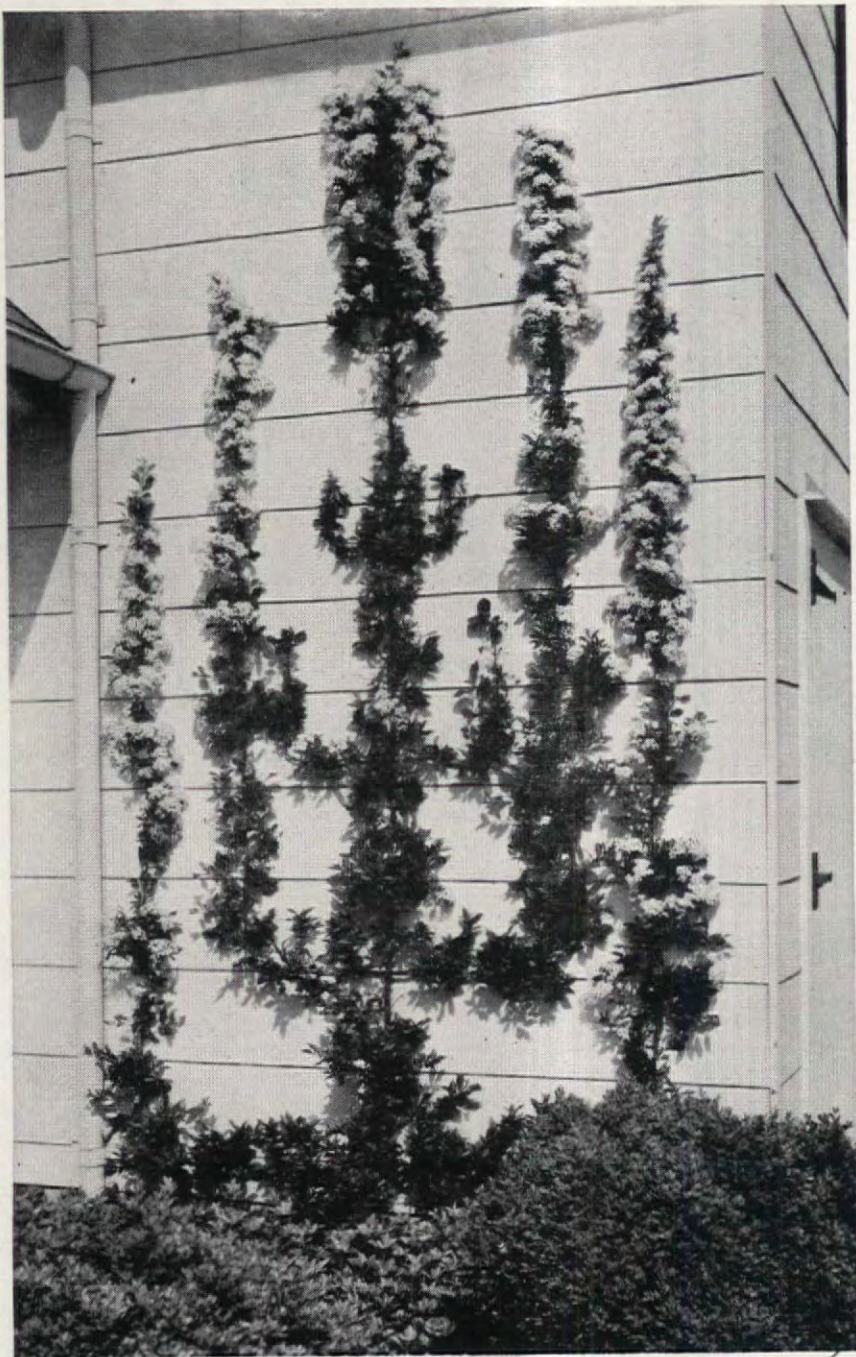
2. Get everything ironed out and *on paper* before the work begins. Many fights between builder and client arise because some item was left vague, or because there was an oral agreement rather than a written one. There are many small points that a set of house plans don't cover, but small matters can become big headaches. Be sure both parties are in full understanding *before* work starts.

3. Don't try to be a part-time foreman and give orders to your builder's men on the job. The builder may be working for *you*, but as far as his men go, *he* is boss and they aren't authorized to take verbal orders from you. If you don't like something, go to the builder, or if you have an architect, let him hash things out with the builder.

4. Few things in this world are as expensive as being a Monday-morning architect. Avoid making any changes in plans after the work has started—but if you must make changes, iron out the extra cost with the builder in writing before such changes are made.

5. Don't hang around the job during working hours. There are few things that can slow down a crew as fast as a group of people in city clothes getting in the way and

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Espaliers—which are plants pruned and trained to geometrical shapes on fences or trellises or against walls—besides being interesting hobbies, add interest to a building and often help overcome poor architectural features or proportions. Having always admired them, I was encouraged by an article in *AMERICAN HOME* to try my amateur hand. These pictures show three years' results with pot-grown firethorns (*Pyracantha coccinea lalandi*) planted on the northeast side of our 75-year-old house. Some apple trees started on the southwest side from 2-year-old "whips" are responding equally well, but have not yet blossomed. Firethorns are especially gratifying for this purpose because of their rapid growth, easy culture, abundant, attractive white flowers and orange-red berries, and handsome foliage (which is evergreen here in Maryland).

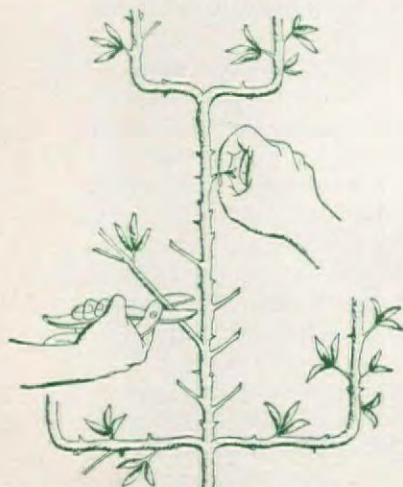
We set the plants out in April with a ground-cover of pachysandra around them. (The heavy work was done by General Phelps, but I have done all the subsequent training, etc. and with pleasure—after the first year's weeding operations before the ground-cover had developed.) The weeding and one application of lime has been all the attention given the good loamy soil. To secure the growth to the walls, I use patented ("Wayward") vine hooks which are pliable wire loops set in plastic discs

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**G. M. DAETZ TELLS HOW TO GROW
YOUR OWN — PAGE 86**



To support young growth in place, a handy aid is a wire loop set in a disc to be cemented to the wall. As stem gets big enough to be choked, it is released and tied to the loop



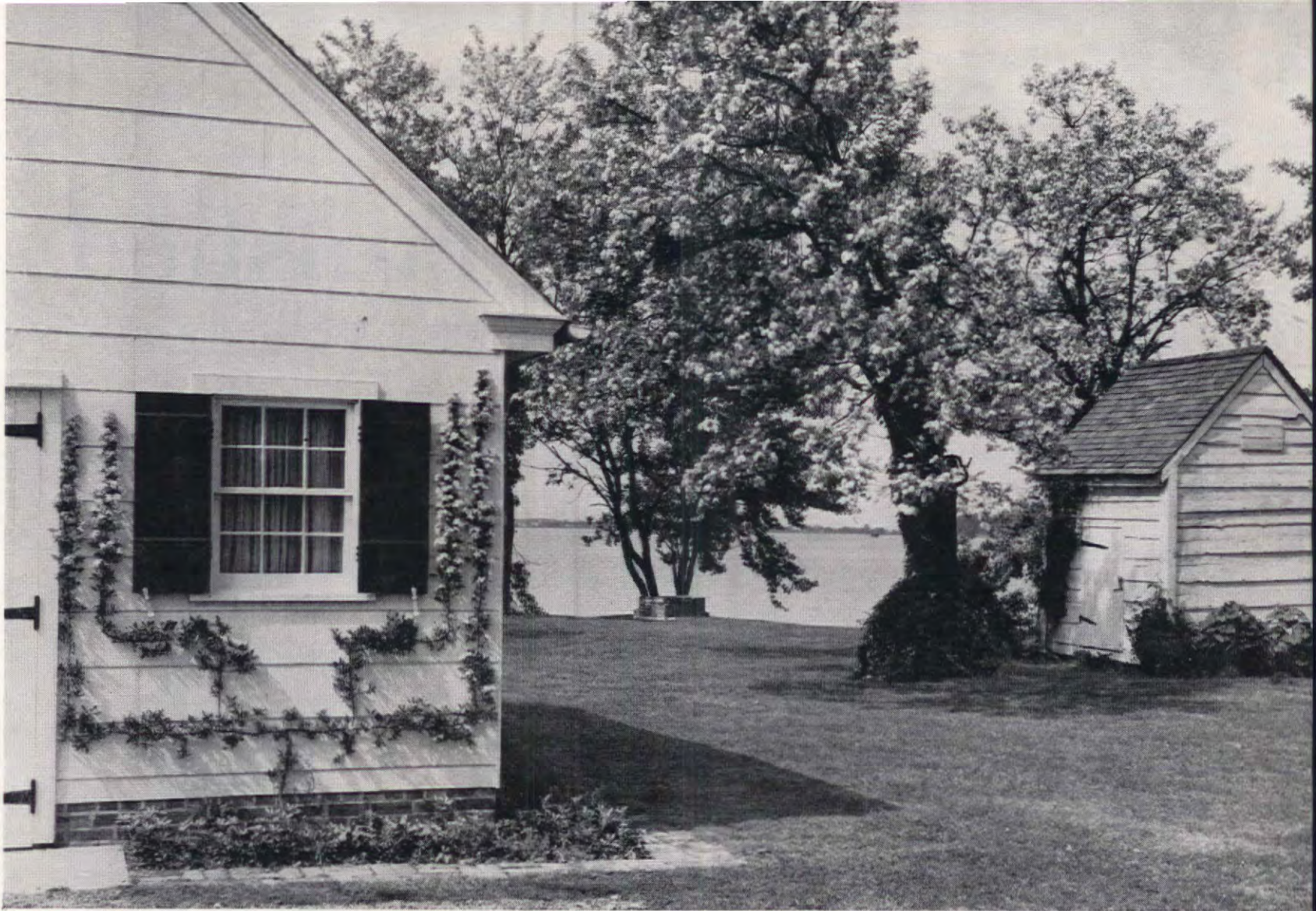
Pruning is a vital phase of espaliering. New growth not needed for branches in the chosen pattern is cut back to 2" from parent stem, or pinched out while in bud stage



If a terminal shoot is accidentally broken, cut it off and train shoot from first bud below the break to replace it. Later, cut stub on a slant just above shoot as shown by dotted line

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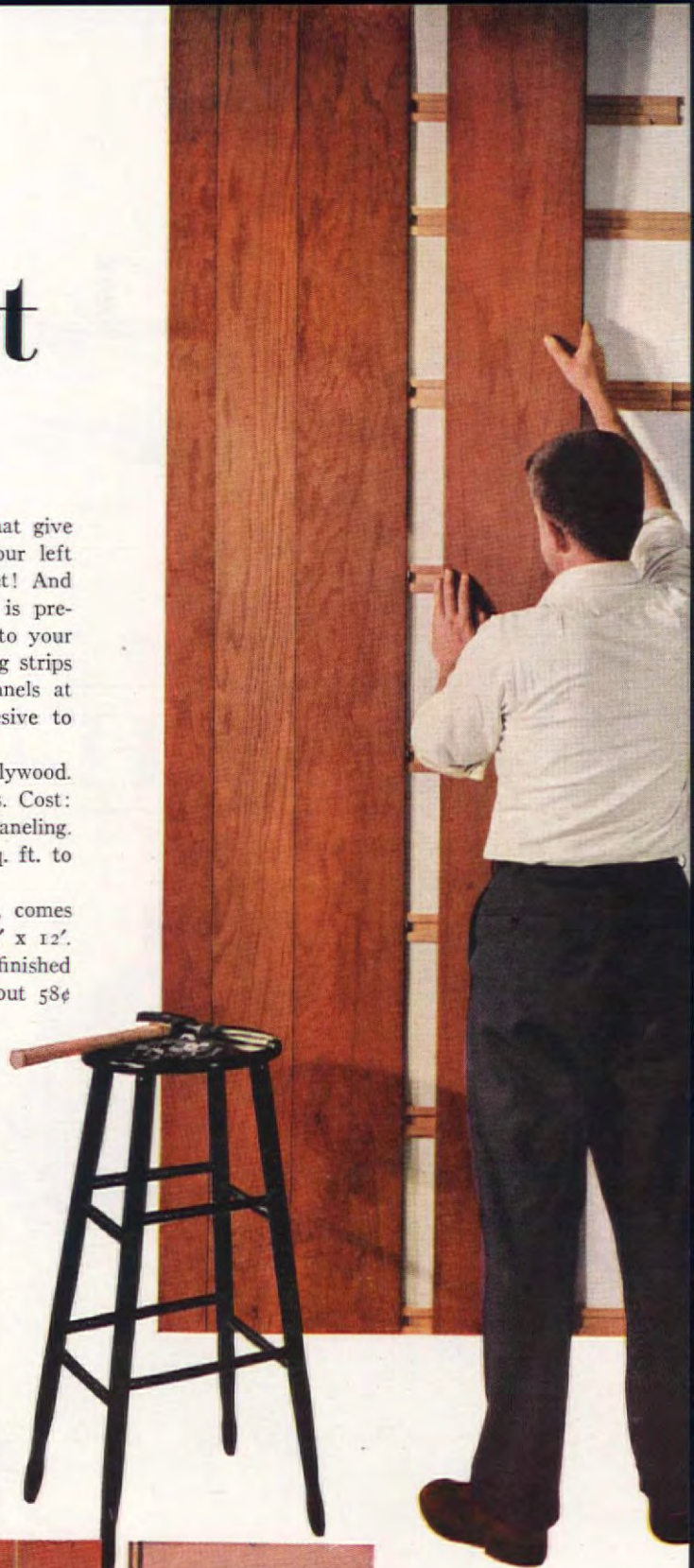
NEED TO PAINT, STAIN, OR SEAL THEM

Here's a simple story about some simply wonderful interior wall materials that give maximum results for a minimum of do-it-yourself. That photograph at your left isn't a gag—you really can panel an old wall without removing the carpet! And once it is up, you're through. No staining, sealing, or waxing. Each material is prefinished at the factory, comes in a variety of colors, and effects, and attaches to your walls without fuss (right over old walls, if you wish). Some are nailed to furring strips with colored (and almost invisible) brads; others require special clips or channels at joints; and almost any of them can be attached with pressure-sensitive adhesive to furring strips or directly to the wall. So now, let's get down to cases.

Finished wall and detail at left shows U. S. Plywood's Weldwood Prefinished Plywood. It comes in several different woods, in 4' x 8' sheets, with or without V-grooves. Cost: about 46¢ to 78¢ per sq. ft. At right is Georgia Pacific Plywood's Savannah Oak Paneling. Random-width planks, 8' long, are packaged with clips and furring strips, 96 sq. ft. to a carton. Cost: about 55¢ per sq. ft.

Pictured below: 1. Armstrong Cork's Monowall, a plastic-finished hardboard, comes in tile patterns and plain sheets in a variety of colors. Comes in sizes up to 4' x 12'. Cost: about 35¢ to 45¢ per sq. ft. 2. Jasper Wood Products' Gramwood, a prefinished parquet plywood, comes in six different woods, and in 4' x 8' panels. Cost: about 58¢ per sq. ft. 3. Gypsum board, made by U.S. Gypsum (Wood Grain Sheetrock), and by National Gypsum (Grainboard), comes in several wood finishes in sizes up to 4' x 10'. Cost: about 11¢ per sq. ft. 4. Wallplank, a predecorated insulating board by Johns-Manville, comes in four colors, in 10", 12", and 16" widths, and in lengths up to 12'. Cost: about 12¢ per sq. ft. 5. Craftwall by Roddis Plywood is another prefinished plywood, comes V-grooved, or V-grooved and pegged, in nine woods. Sizes up to 4' x 8'. Cost: about 59¢ to 75¢ per sq. ft. 6. Marsh Wall Products' Marlite, a plastic-finished hardboard, comes in sheets, planks, and tiles with marble, wood, or solid-color finishes. Cost: about 39¢ to 74¢ per sq. ft. 7. Dulaney Plywood's Finewood, a prefinished V-grooved plywood, comes in eight different woods, and in 4' x 8' panels. Cost: about 60¢ per sq. ft. 8. Finish Plank, another predecorated insulating board, by Celotex Corporation; comes in four colors; in 8", 12" and 16" widths; and in lengths up to 12'. Cost: about 12¢ per sq. ft. 9. Striated Upson Board, a compressed wood fiber panel, comes in 4' x 8' sheets with a cream finish. Cost: about 18¢ to 20¢ per sq. ft.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 93



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ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN



So HIGH for the SMALL FRY

Whether it gives a moppet a place in his own family circle, or is a wonderful feature at Grandma's, nothing can make "company manners" seem more painless and natural than a wee chair in the living room. Treasured by both adults and youngsters, tot-sized miniatures shown here are so beautifully executed in small scale that you feel you are viewing them through the wrong end of a telescope. At the left, Peter the Pug enjoys Puccini in a 19th century upholstered chair. Below, Suzanne tries out an early American rocker; next to her is an 18th century mahogany side chair. Johnny stands between a delicate French antique side chair and a sturdy miniature with a rush seat. The imposing Victorian arm chair at the right is black lacquered, gold trimmed. These are chairs of the past, time worn and lovingly handed down from one generation to the next, but when it comes to catering to chit-sized clientele, furniture makers of today are equally skilled—as witness the new reproductions of French Provincial settee and chair at the top of this page.

All children's chairs courtesy W & J Sloane



*Miniature chairs
for little Lords and Ladies
... that's just about the size of it*



Built-ins are New...?

Colonial Williamsburg could have yielded the models for either of these excellent "built-ins," but their use in an up-to-date traditional home assures an amenity we moderns prize—and tend to regard as our own twentieth century concept—excellent "organized" storage. Actually, handsome storage pieces that are part of the walls are an ancient idea indeed, and no self-respecting medieval home was without its built-in cupboards—and built-in beds, too. They continued on up through the centuries, were very frequently used in colonial homes; and the Victorians, too, did handsomely by built-ins. Never disappearing completely, the idea of built-in storage lay dormant for some years, to be newly revived several decades ago with the advent of the "functional" concept in architecture. It's true that the things that we store, the length of time for which we store them, and the accessibility we require, all differ from those of our ancestors—so old "built-ins" may need adapting to modern requirements. But if you want good built-ins to accompany authentic traditional furnishings of almost any period, you'll have no trouble in finding antiques or ancient models to guide you.

The multi-drawer unit in the living-kitchen above came from an old apothecary shop rather than from a home, and its new function in life is to double as a storage piece and room divider between kitchen and dining room (the louvered screen above it can fold back to connect the two areas when desired). In the same home, the cupboard next to the living-room fireplace (this one is a "cooking" fireplace, too) could have been patterned after many Colonial prototypes, though its smart use as a bar is a modern adaptation. The work counter has a sink for ice, the drawers could offer up all of a bartender's accessories, and there's space aplenty for other storage below.



OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. HAROLD RUBEN
ARCHITECT: GERALD R. COLCORD, A.I.A.

1. So—the little woman says to me: You like to eat—I like to cook, but how can a gal really care if she works in a beat-up kitchen like this?" Off to the lumberyard I go to purchase enough laminated plastic (of her choice!); special adhesive; stainless steel cove, cap, and edge mouldings; soldering flux; and caulking for the job.

2. First, I shut off the water, disconnected all pipes, and put a solid support under the sink. Then I removed the clips holding the sink in place, and lifted it out. To show you better, I took off the cabinet front (then she had me "restyle" it!)



5. I wiped the surfaces absolutely clean, and spread adhesive on the wood and the back of the plastic, per instructions on the container. I let both dry about 30 minutes.

6. These two dry adhesive surfaces really grab hold of each other, so I put wrapping paper between wood and plastic until I had the plastic exactly in position, then slid out the paper and rolled the top. Next I put on the back covers.



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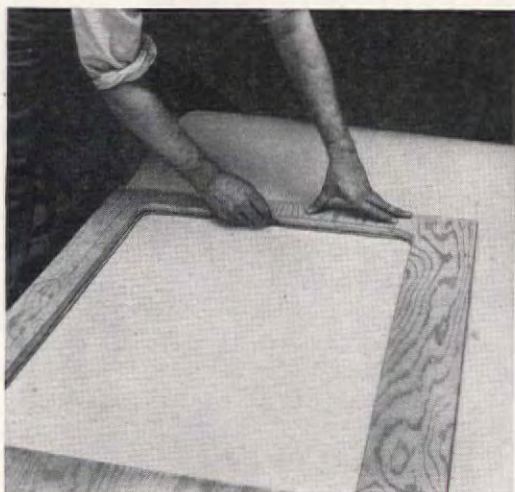
How to Be a Hero to

*What kitchen wouldn't gleam, what wife wouldn't beam,
at such a slick laminated plastic counter as this?*

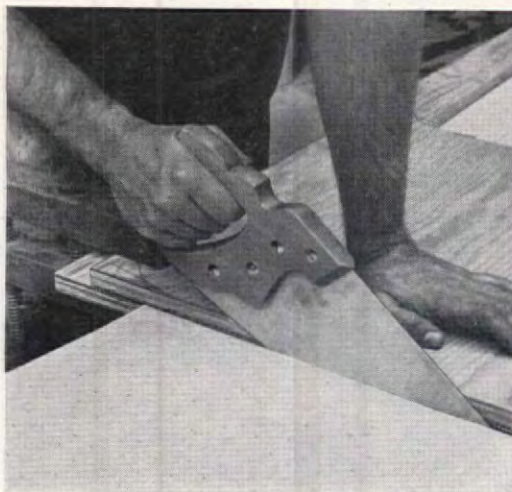
*The price is moderate, and the reward . . . ! Oh well,
go ahead. Give it a try—and see for yourself. . .*



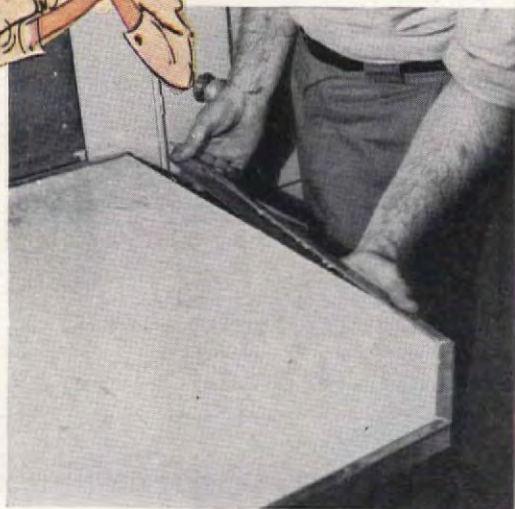
3. Next I took the old covering and adhesive off the top, removed the whole top, and used it as a template to mark the plastic laminate. (If you can't remove the top, place the plastic on it, and mark from underneath with a china-marking pencil).



4. Then I cut the plastic, face up, with a fine-tooth hand saw, cutting on the down stroke only, to avoid chipping. Curves for the sink were drilled first, then cut, then filed. (On table saw, cut plastic face up; with portable electric saw, face down.)



7. I miter-cut edge moldings to fit, put some caulking compound under the top edge, and forced the molding over the edge of the counter.



8. The back-splash went on in the same way except that the top and edge cap moldings were fitted to the plastic before spreading the adhesive. After drying, I positioned the back-splash over waxed paper, then pulled the paper and rolled the plastic.

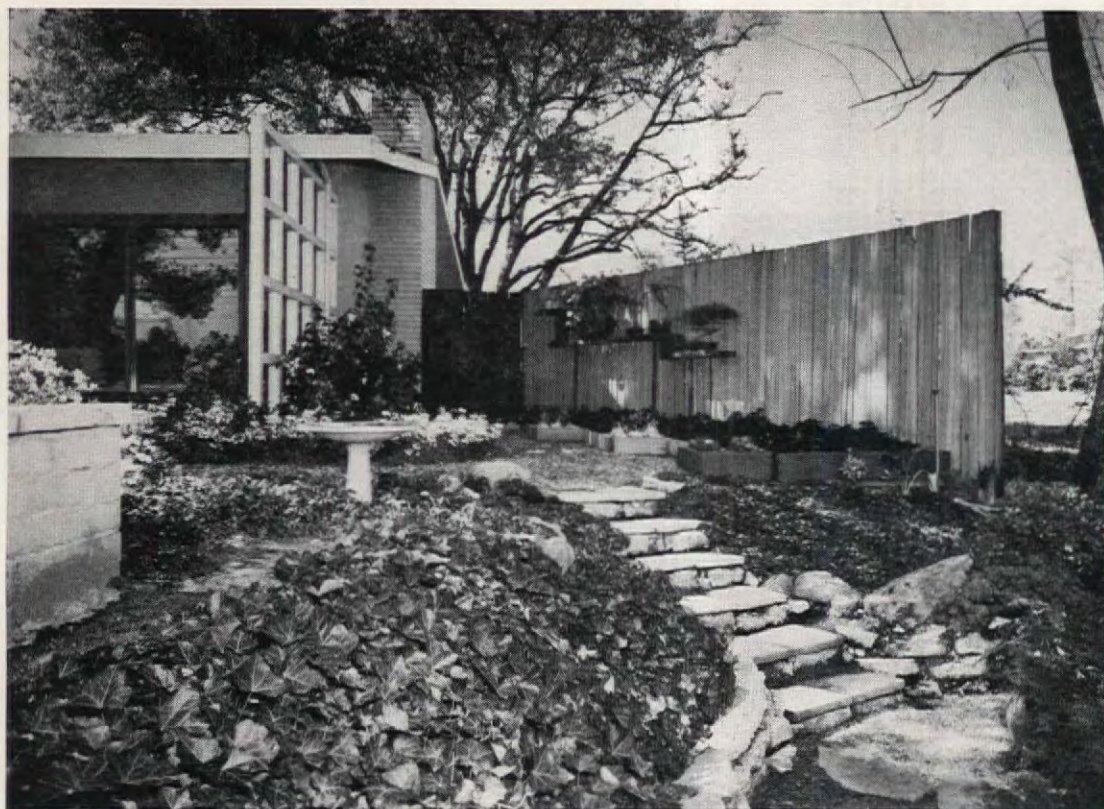


9. Back went the sink, pipes, and the water. A little soldering of the joints and I was finished. Was it worth it? What a changed kitchen—what a changed woman!



Your Wife





For want of a screen or a windbreak, are you deprived of additional pleasure your outdoors could afford? A windbreak strategically placed can, of course, add months to your sit-outdoors season. But aside from improving the climate, outdoor screens can enrich your domain. Are there any unsightly things about the place to which familiarity has blinded you—ill-concealed trash cans, clotheslines, or a neighboring view you don't relish? Then why not let a handsome screen improve your outlook?

The two screens pictured at your left do different jobs very well. The eggcrate affair, mostly psychological, establishes privacy for the terrace. But the grapestake screen, gently curved, is another matter entirely, for it could protect the whole area from strong winds and an unwelcome view. Guy Brink was the designer. At your right, a handsome solution of long division by R. M. Schindler—plywood panels secured to 2 x 4's between 4 x 4 posts.

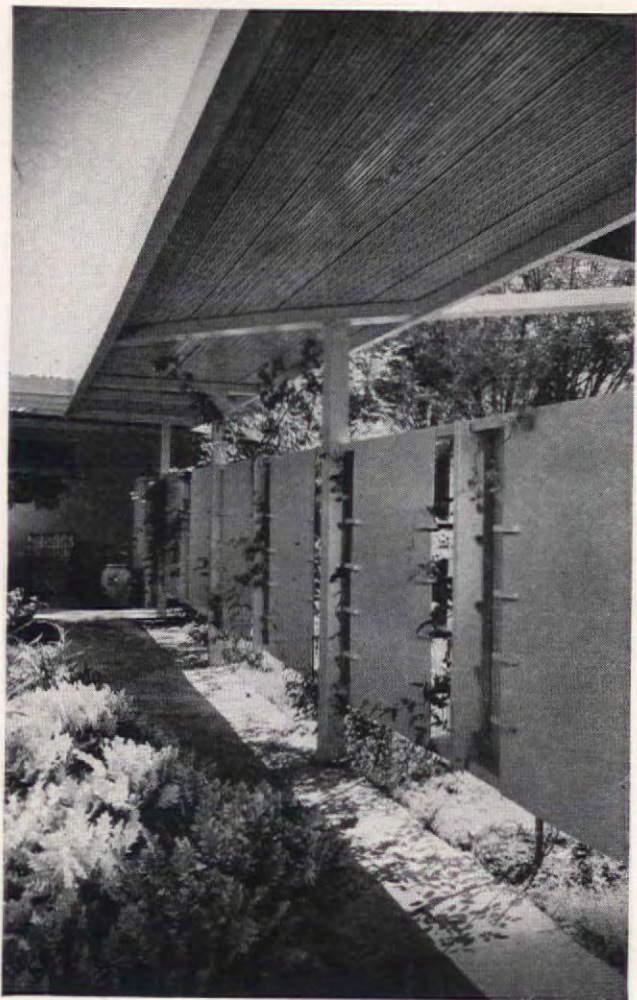
Windbreaks and Screens

LENGTHEN YOUR OUTDOOR



Divide a terrace to multiply its usefulness. Screen can serve as windbreak to make one section usable for a much longer season; create a private terrace off a bedroom; form a suntrap; give the youngsters a terrace of their own. Corrugated plastic was a good choice of material for this one by Architect Boyd Georgi, for it transmits light but little heat, and comes in a variety of colors. For a screen that ventilates, use louvers of wood or translucent plastic, fixed or movable





SEASON



No reason why a screen can't be rich in design, with three-dimensional effects that change with the hours and the shifting rays of the sun. This one, designed by Architect Garret Eckbo, combines grapestakes and redwood planks in a giant checkerboard. Alternating panels would also look well, or combinations of solid panels and louvers

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF Trees



E. L. D. SEYMOUR

How irresponsible, unscrupulous "tree quacks" can injure trees and fleece their owners was told by John M. Haller in an article in the November, 1954, *AMERICAN HOME*. It brought, in addition to favorable comments, the suggestion, "Why not a positive article, telling, not what to avoid, but what to do for the good of the trees we enjoy?" . . . So here, compiled from various sources, are things you can do, or have done for you by qualified professionals—landscape architects, nurserymen, and arborists (tree experts).—EDITOR.

1. IF YOU ARE BUILDING—find out how many of the trees on the property you can save, and are worth saving. Have their landscape value appraised in relation to the proposed location and orientation of house, garage, drive, walks, terrace, etc. Some may be so handsome and valuable as to influence the placing of those elements. Remember, a tree that a bulldozer can demolish in minutes may have taken years to add many dollars to the value of the land.

Insist that trees to be saved are clearly marked and protected against injury during clearing and building operations. If some grading is unavoidable, have it done with a minimum of filling-in or removal of soil around trees; or have provision made, by means of tile drains, air vents, loose gravel fill, etc., to prevent exposure or suffocation of, or other damage to, their roots.

2. IF THE SITE IS BARE—visualize (or get expert advice about) trees which, as they grow, will: improve the setting and aspect of your house; give shelter, privacy, and seasonal beauty of flowers, fruit, and foliage; provide objects of interest; places for youngsters to climb; something for future generations to admire, be proud of, and thank you for. Decide on the best kinds, and where they should go. Then plant (or have planted) enough of those kinds to serve as many of the above purposes as possible. If you cannot afford large trees (to give immediate effects), small ones are inexpensive and easy to obtain and plant. So set out more than you will probably need or have room for; later on, you can remove the surplus trees and plant them elsewhere, give them to someone else, or turn them into firewood and thus enjoy them over again.

3. WHEN AND WHEREVER YOU PLANT—make sure there is good drainage *under* the roots; a good, big hole *for* the roots; good, humus-rich soil *around* the roots, and adequate support (in the form of stakes or guys) to keep the tree erect and steady until the roots are well anchored. Water (from heaven or supplied by you) and proper food are just as necessary to the welfare and strong, healthy growth of a tree as to that of a pet dog, cat, or any other living member of your household.

4. WHAT ESTABLISHED TREES NEED—whether they are present when you build or buy, or are the result of your foresight and planting—includes: normal attention and the promotion of growth and vigor; protection against ordinary, to-be-expected dangers or risks; protection against, or repair of, injury caused by extraordinary circumstances that cannot be forecast or guarded against. Let's discuss these problems of tree maintenance.

NORMAL ATTENTION—a powerful preventive of many troubles—includes pruning, spraying, and feeding. *Pruning* young and small

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It's a Barbecue Grill...



It's an Ice Chest...

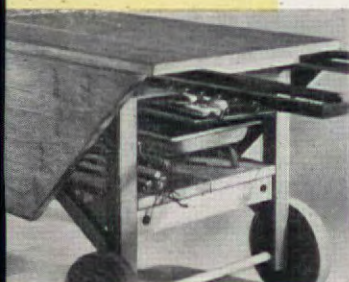


OUR TRIPLE-DIP, DO-IT-YOURSELF

Chow Wagon

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Ever been to a western roundup at mealtime? Then you'll know that the great-granddaddy of our chow wagon is the food kitchen on wheels that comes lumbering in just in time to keep hungry hired hands from chewing the nearest cactus. Like its ancestor, this city-slicker version (our "cover boy" this month) is a mighty independent critter. Made of redwood, with an aluminum handle, it totes its own barbecue at one end, an ice chest at the other. It's always ready to put a brand on a steak, and to feed a gang at the drop of a 10-gallon hat. Leaves down, it's a buffet; but hoist those leaves and it becomes a table, five feet in diameter, that seats seven wranglers in elbow-swinging comfort. Nut and bolt construction makes it easy to take apart for stowing. Our pattern makes it easy to build. Well, what are you waiting for, pardner?



It's an Outdoor Table...



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AND BUILD IT.....

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ARRANGEMENT BY BETTY B. MERRIAM



Glads ARE EVERYBODY'S FAVORITE

Whether you grow the miniatures or the tall fellows, the old favorites or the handsome new varieties—or whether you just buy your glads by the armful to bring their joyous color into your home, they will welcome the mid-summer triumphantly. Plunge them into tall vases to “arrange” themselves, or take some care in using them to advantage in arrangements which really capitalize upon their bountiful blooms and the graceful curves of their spires. They reward your efforts amply. The widespread arrangement we show here would do for a low bowl as well, but we like the extra dimension you get from raising glads into the air in this handsome, and inexpensive, white footed container.



To support this broad-based arrangement, use a large pin holder and a big hunk of well soaked Oasis foam. Insert white glads in the center, their tips all pointing in the same direction



Don't be afraid to cut. You'll have to cut some spikes in half, some in thirds. Keep the red spikes low in the arrangement, and after you've placed them, begin to build out from the white center



For great distinction, carry a white line down from the center, and finish with a flourish of airy and fragrant tuberose. An accent of begonia foliage completes the design

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 93

Why Didn't This Room "Come Off"?

BARBARA LENOX



The Wassons loved both their new modern home and the period furniture they already owned. But, as you see here, room and furniture could not hit it off. The difficulty was a matter of scale and proportion, not basic incompatibility between modern and traditional. Here, the small sofa was "lost"; the wing chair, though large, lacked sufficient bulk in its relationship to the massive fireplace, and its slender legs raised it too high from this floor. Tables and lamps were "good"—but not suited to this spacious room which cried out for strong, low lines, and for high, over-scale lamps. Human beings felt dwarfed and uncomfortable



OWNERS: MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WASSON

The furniture was the problem here. Designed for a smaller room, old furnishings were "lost" in this big living room. King-sized rooms need proportionately large furniture and accessories. In "After" pictures below, study the harmonious relationships in scale and in character between the backgrounds, the furniture, and the ornaments



Refurnished with large pieces, the room's real beauty is revealed, and humans feel welcome. The jumbo sofa asserts itself pleasantly; big armchairs pay their respects to the fireplace; large lamps, sculpture, and painting form an agreeable "midway level" between floor and ceiling. The floor, barren before, has come into its own now that its expanse is punctuated by low-slung upholstered pieces and sturdy tables. Although the new furniture is sufficiently bold to complement these backgrounds of wood and stone, the fabrics, accessories, and fine works of art contribute the elegance the owners admired in their old possessions

DECORATOR: FRANCES MOORE, A.I.D.
ARCHITECT: WILLIAM STEPHENSON

Place and Show

GERTRUDE BRASSARD

Looking for the coolest spot, the coolest dress, the tallest, coolest drink? Then look, too, for things psychologically cool—cool colors, and the wonderfully, crisply frosted effect of glass plates. Ever see a table look so cool, yet radiate such a warm welcome? Well, it takes a warm heart and good judgment to meet the seasons with grace. Glass dinnerware, for example, so perfect now, will supplement china beautifully later. Fascinating examples shown here seem to capture the zest of the sea—they are “Horizon” Antigua turquoise by Eldridge of California (prices run to about \$3 for the 10” plate). By the same manufacturer are goblets of pottery, if you please (\$1.50 each). Silver is always a cool customer—the “Bright Future” silverplate by Holmes & Edwards (six-piece setting, \$9.50); the sterling hollowware, all by International—“Flair” pitcher (\$120), salt and pepper (\$20), and pipkin (\$40), and “Prelude” sugar bowl (\$17.50). Spread the board with Matouk’s “Colorflax” (\$25 for a 64” x 90” cloth and eight napkins) and garnish it with Ronson’s “Decor” lighter (\$12.50), cigarette cups by Imperial Glass (50¢), all paying court to a cloudburst of crystal—the eight-branch wrought-iron girandole by Village Vendors (\$29.50).

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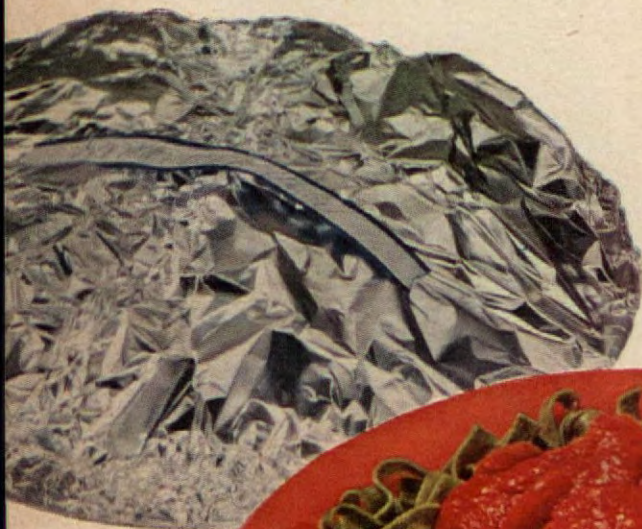
Try it, and you'll see why!



Good Eating— *and the Cookin's Easy!*

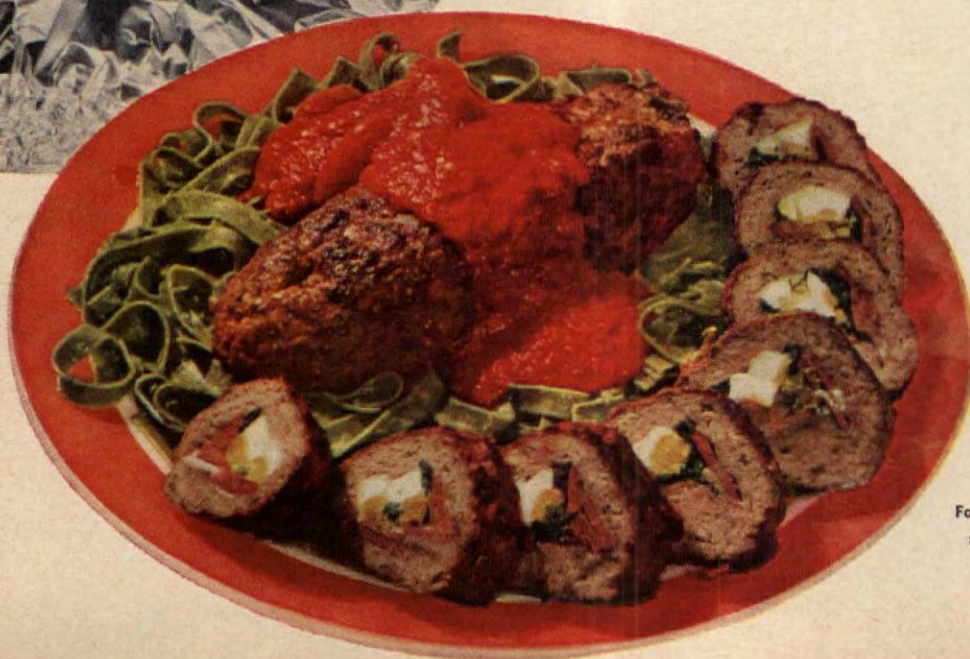
Family Food

And we mean easy! As the summer gets hotter and hotter, here are two cooks who get lazier and lazier. But we still win family applause with this fare. Give it a try



Frozen dinners, homemade, are the answer—prepare them in quantity on cool mornings, then take it easy when dinnertime comes. Our ITALIAN MEAT ROLL dinner is a perfect example—cook, then freeze it, noodles and all, on a heat-resistant platter, sealed in foil. Before serving, heat the complete package—no pots, no pans, no extra platter. The roll, a chopped-meat version of the Italian Bragiola, is well worth making even if you don't freeze it

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The most glamorous soft drinks ever are served at Hicks, in New York—and one of their truly spectacular treats, **ROBIN ROSE GLOW**, is now yours to present in triumph at home—and “triumph” is just what we mean. For this is a soft drink you serve aflame! Our flame trick is turned by floating atop each drink a bit of cake and a lump of sugar, both soaked in flavoring extract—touch with a match, and watch the excitement. Even without the fire dance, this is a most impressive “soda”—a specialty of master ice-cream soda inventor, Lou Jennings

SHRIMPS DE LUXE: The name is no exaggeration, as you will agree the very first time you open one of these foil bundles and whiff the wondrous aroma. Then dip your fork in and taste the toothsome shrimp—they will surely win you! When you play the take-it-easy hostess, make up the recipe ahead of time, then refrigerate, uncooked. Cook just before serving by popping the shrimp, foil and all, into the oven (or place them over barbecue coals). Then sit back and wait till it's time to take the bows



Our **HAWAIIAN MYSTERY PACKAGE** is a real mid-summer marvel, for it turns bits and pieces of meat into last-minute meals fit for the fanciest guests. Each foil-wrapped packet is an individual serving. Make up in quantity to store, completely cooked, in your freezer. When serving time comes, reheat, and bring forth with as much pride as if you had just spent hours over the range. The meats we combined were beef and veal—but you could use any combination you prefer—ham and chicken, for example, or lamb, or pork



FOR MORE GOOD EATING

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"5 easy ways to vary Chiffon

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STRAWBERRY CREAM CAKE

Split cake into 3 layers; put together with Strawberry Cream. (Mash 1 pt. strawberries. Add 2 tbsp. sugar. Mix in 1 tsp. gelatin softened in 1 tbsp. water and dissolved over hot water. Chill. When partially set, fold in 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped and sweetened.) Cover top and sides with sweetened whipped cream. Refrigerate.

2

TINY JELLY ROLLS

Cut loaf cake into 1/4" slices. Spread with tart red jelly. Roll up. Dust with confectioners' sugar and fasten with toothpick if need be. Your friends will praise your cleverness, and you'll praise Gold Medal's dependability!

3

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4

ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

Cake with ice cream is always a treat and this one's specially easy. Cut loaf cake into 1/2" slices. Serve sandwich-style with brick ice cream. Top with fruit or chocolate sauce.

5

MARY JANES

Spread butterscotch or chocolate sauce over cake strip. Wrap around ice cream ball, butterscotch inside. (You'll be glad Chiffon Cake made with Gold Medal is so easy to handle — to slice, bend and shape.) Top with additional sauce.

*Use basic Chiffon Cake recipe with Gold Medal sacks, in Betty Crocker Picture Cook Book or write Betty Crocker, General Mills, Minneapolis, Minn.



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Good Eating—



and



SANDWICH SPREADS
bearing your own special touch can be whipped up in big batches in a trice. Stored in your refrigerator, they are ready, willing, and able to perform without fuss when you want interesting sandwiches for luncheon, canapés for a crowd, or an appetizing tray of “spread ‘em yourself” snacks. Our recipes tell how to make them from packages of cheese, cans of meats, and dozens of other good things on your pantry shelf

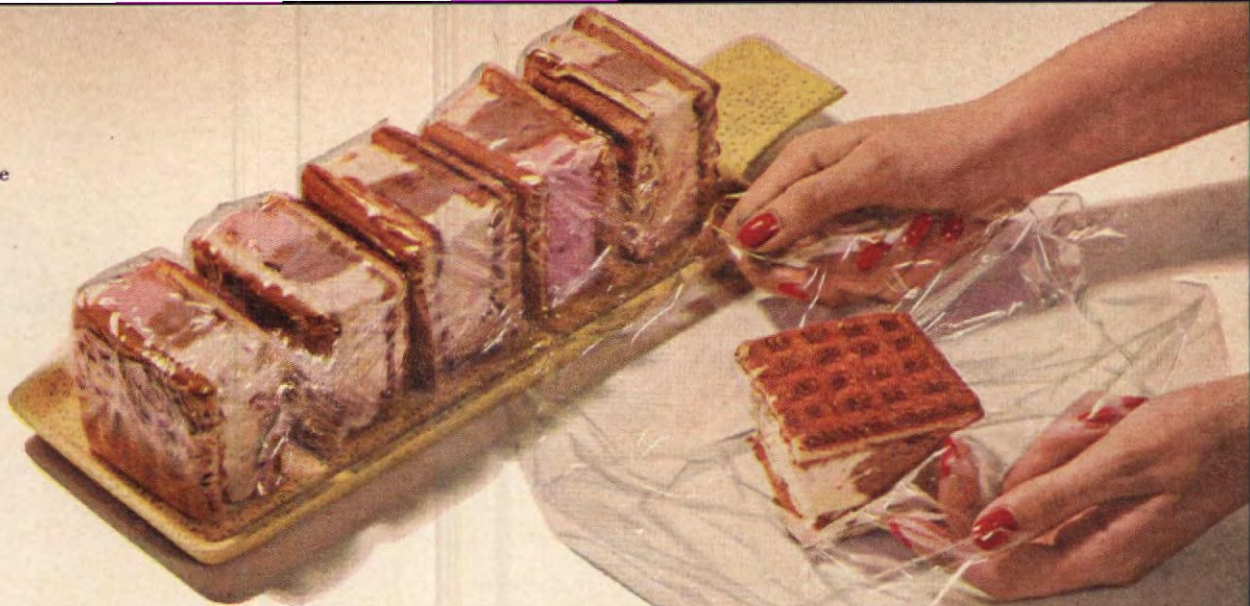
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CURRIED TUNA CASSEROLE is a recipe you'll bless the next time unexpected dinner guests arrive, for it is easily assembled from staple supplies found in any well stocked kitchen. But don't save it just for emergencies—it's excellent family fare too. It's a fine dish to make “on the double,” one part to relish immediately, the other to freeze

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ICE CREAM SANDWICHES are just the dessert to have ready in the freezer for those who "like anything—just so it's ice cream!" It requires a batch of waffles, a brick of ice cream, and very little of your time to stock your freezer with individually wrapped desserts that need no plates, no spoons. Another fine freezer dessert, a variation on the Italian dish, is our quick and easy COFFEE TORTONI (see page 68)



the Cookin's Easy!

"Take a Can" *a package, a jar—and learn the art*



of taking it easy. Keep your pantry well stocked, cook in advance "for the freezer," and you can be a guest at your own dinner table

JUNE TOWNE and ANNE BARNARD

CHOP CHOP makes the point that outdoor cooking needn't be restricted to broiling and roasting. It can bubble away in a skillet on the grill, or be cooked to perfection in an electric fry pan or chafing dish on the terrace. Since outdoor cooking is Poppa's province, let him supervise this one. Made with green cabbage, it's a summertime version of winter's pork and kraut, and the males will love it



In other lands, pancakes come in many guises, so let's promote them to the main course as HAMCAKES. Streamline their making by using an easy mix, and make them thin to roll easily. The filling comes from canned soup, canned ham, canned peas (or leftovers). This amiable combination will suit most appetites, but Hamcakes lend themselves to a variety of fillings

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FOR MORE GOOD EATING

A JELL-O SALAD



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MAKES THE MEAL

Sequin Salad

1 package Lime Jell-O
1 cup hot water • 1 cup cold water
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon salt • Dash of pepper
2 to 3 teaspoons grated onion
1 1/4 cups very small pieces raw cauliflower
1/4 cup diced pimento

Dissolve Jell-O in *hot* water. Add cold water. Chill until slightly thickened. Meanwhile, mix vinegar, salt and pepper together in a small bowl; add onion, cauliflower and pimento. Let stand to blend. When Jell-O is slightly thickened, fold in seasoned vegetables. Pour into individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp greens. Serve with mayonnaise or French dressing, if desired. Makes 4 or 5 servings.



Heard about the dinner plates you serve the main
course on, then proceed to eat for dessert? These
GOOD VICTUALS are not quite *that* work-saving—but almost!

Good Victuals— *and the Cookin's Easy!*

JEAN AUSTIN

No fooling, a Philadelphia engineer, Dr. Elliott R. Danzig, says he may have the answer to dishwashing—eat them! Made from a gelatine substance, plates are used for serving, then eaten—for dessert. Well, well! I've heard all my life the expression "easy as pie," but it seems that that, too, practically dates one as old-fashioned. Several of the big food companies evidently thought pie was *not* easy—and now there are all kinds of new ways to make pie as easy as pie. You can buy pie mixes in a package; mix your pie crust in your mixer; make pie crust right in the pie pan with no bowls, no rolling pin; and there's the pie-crust mix you buy in sticks, also done with no bowls, no rolling pins.

Now comes the Ultimate. No dishwashing at all—you just crunch up the "dishes" for dessert! Gives one an inferiority complex, afraid to call *anything* easy after this. All the same, until Dr. Danzig produces his edible dinner plates, I shall insist that here is easy cooking—and the Victuals good. . . . Two absolutely new cold soups I offer you, both made with a frozen soup as the base, a few minutes the preparation time. Both deceptively, delicately pretty in appearance, each sustaining enough to be a complete luncheon in itself, if you wish it so. A little weary of the eternal vichyssoise or jellied madrilène? Here's your cup of soup!

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THEY FREEZE WITH EASE



A tip for convenient blanching before freezing: use your electric fry pan and basket to scald and cool vegetables, particularly ones delicate to handle such as broccoli, asparagus. When cool, drain well, package and label.

A tip for convenient storage: package hamburger, sausage, frozen salads and the like in servings for one or two. Wrap in foil, slip in stockinette, tie knot, and continue process in "sausage-link" fashion. Snip off what you need when you need it.



The freezer is a goodie chest! Make oodles and oodles of cupcakes, frost them in wonderful colors and flavors. Before packaging, freeze until frosting is hard. Package individually in transparent plastic film which seals itself.

Use foil freezer package as a cooking utensil. Blanch, cool, and top one or two ears of corn with butter. Wrap in aluminum foil and freeze. To cook, first thaw, then pop package into boiling water or oven. Or take packages from freezer and roast over hot coals when you picnic.



1 Like lots of whipped cream? Then freeze it! Drop individual servings on baking sheet. Freeze. When little peaks are solid, drop into polyethylene bags and seal. Use as needed.

2 Always short of ice for parties? Then let your freezer double as an ice plant. Pack cubes into large polyethylene bags and store in your freezer. Work quickly so that cubes won't stick.

3 Make your own frozen suckers. The kids love 'em. Prepare pitcher of powdered ready-mix beverage. Pour into small paper cups. Insert wooden skewer through lid of cup. Cover. Freeze on flat surface.



When you want a jar from the rear of the refrigerator, you *don't* have to reach like this. Instead . . .



You simply turn the shelf, and that hidden jar rides to the front. You pick it up without overturning any foods.



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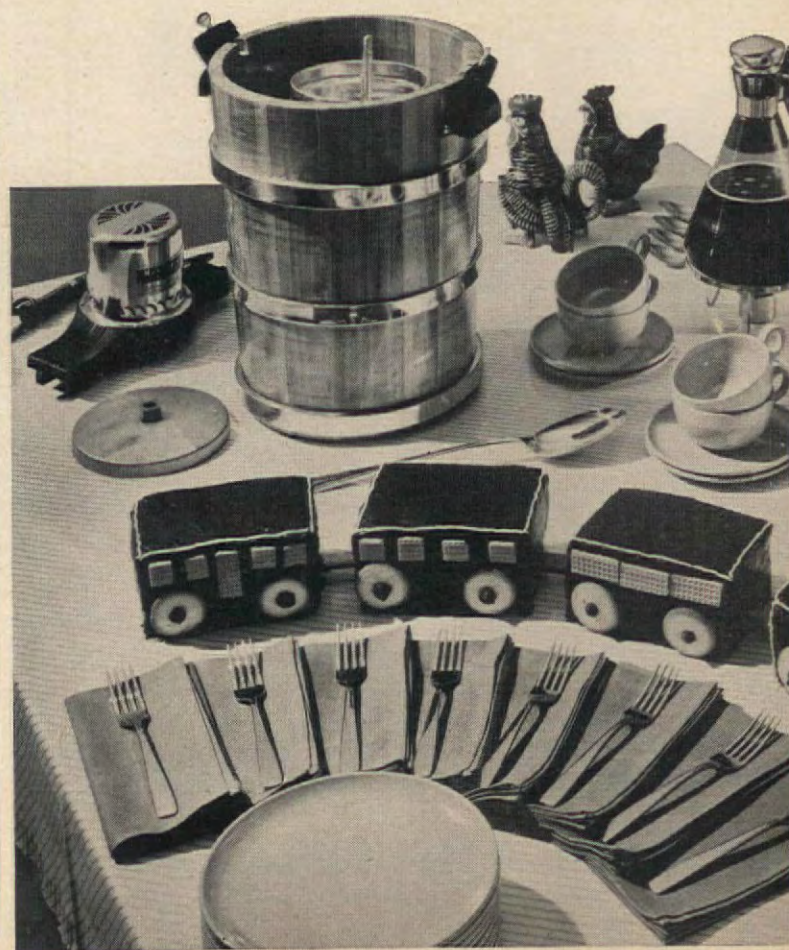
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Serve up Dessert...

Feel hospitable—but *not* way to entertain a large crowd. Keep the food

"JUST" DOUGHNUTS become something special when you provide lap trays and lots of good hot coffee. Fold-up trays hold paper cups and plates securely, which means no juggling for guests—and no dishwashing for you. Polka dot containers hold and serve hot or cold beverages in style. Pile up the doughnuts, stack up the trays, pour out the coffee—and let the fun take care of itself. Little red lanterns with batteries light up the after-dark festivities

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and Conversation

ambitious? The dessert party is a perfect
simple but serve it with a flourish!



ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN



PERFECT SEND-OFF: Lots of homemade ice cream and cake at the "going away" party can make a lasting impression when your table has such good attendants as these. Copper-banded electric ice cream freezer makes 6 quarts. Twin coffee carafes hold 16 cups

CHOCOLATE TRAIN is edible: Use two packages of prepared cake mix. Bake in two 9" x 13" pans. Cut each cake in quarters. To make engine and each car, layer two quarters. Frost with chocolate. Use sugar wafers for the windows; vanilla cookies for the wheels. To outline the engine and cars, use white or colored frosting, applied through a pastry tube. Cow catcher and smoke stack are cup cakes

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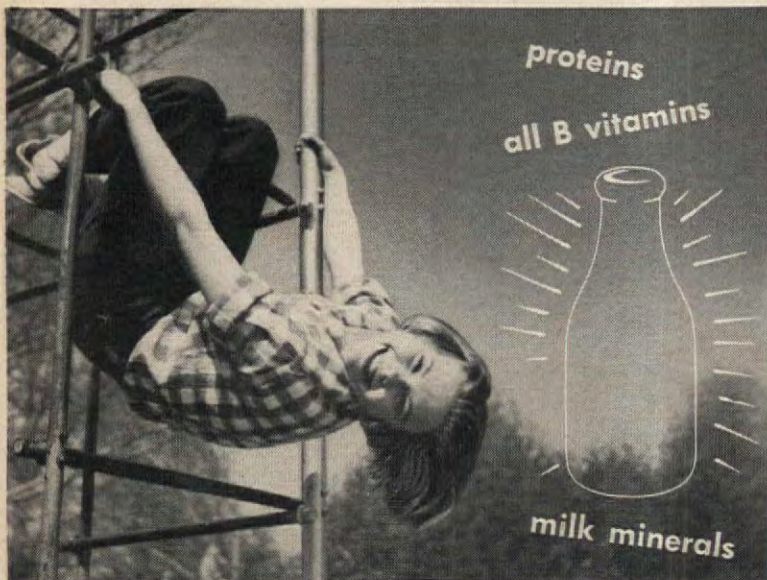
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American Home Recipes

(Take a Can, pictured in color on page 58)
(Family Food, pictured in color on page 54)

• robin rose glow

Orange or raspberry sherbet
1 (6 oz.) bottle carbonated water
2 tbs. lemon juice
Vanilla ice cream
4 tbs. crushed strawberries in simple syrup

Preparation time: 5 min.

Pineapple in simple syrup
Raspberries in simple syrup
Crème de menthe flavoring
Chocolate syrup
Whipped cream

• In mixer, blend sherbet, carbonated water, and lemon juice until thick and creamy. Drop a scoop of vanilla ice cream into iced tea glasses. For dramatic effect, spoon down the side of each glass one or all of the fruit syrups. Layer: sherbet mixture, crème de menthe syrup, more sherbet mixture, chocolate syrup. Top with whipped cream and fresh strawberries. Serve flaming by floating a lump of extract-soaked sugar on cube of cake. Light sugar with match.

Serves 3

255 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, C

Credit: Hicks & Co.

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• chop chop

4 pork chops
½ tsp. sugar
1½ cups water, hot
1 large onion, sliced
½ cup sliced celery

Preparation time: 15 to 20 min.
Cooking time: 45 min.

½ lb. whole green beans
2 cups sliced cabbage
1 tbs. cornstarch
2 tbs. cold water
3 tbs. soy sauce

• Sprinkle sugar over bottom of skillet. As soon as sugar has browned, place chops in pan and brown on both sides. Add onions and hot water, cover and simmer for 30 min. Add celery and beans, cook 5 min. Then add cabbage, cook 5 min. more. Thicken with cornstarch, water, and soy sauce mixture. Serve with additional soy sauce.

Serves 4

350 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B, C

Submitted by Doris E. Stebbins

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• curried tuna casserole

2 cups elbow macaroni
1 can cream of celery soup
2 cans flaked tuna fish
Salt and pepper

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

1 tsp. curry powder
2 tbs. minced onion
½ cup sliced ripe olives
2 tbs. chopped parsley
½ cup buttered bread crumbs

• Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain. Combine soup, tuna fish, seasonings, olives, and parsley, mix together with macaroni in 2 qt. casserole. Top with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 375°F. for about 30 min.

Serves 6

275 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B

Submitted by Mrs. G. Bredow

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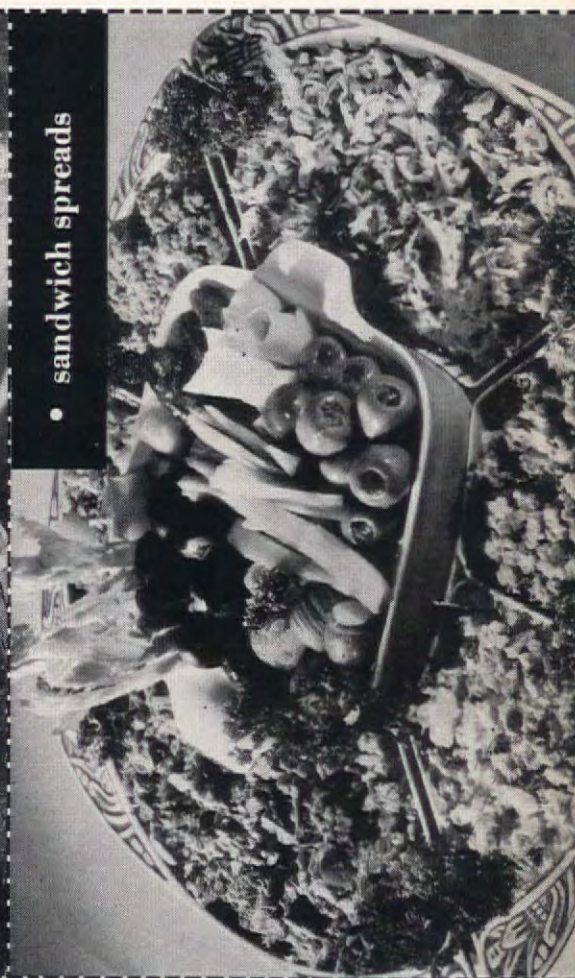
• hamcakes



• coffee tortoni • ice cream sandwich



• sandwich spreads



American Home Recipes

(Take a Can, pictured in color on page 58)
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Preparation time: 5-10 min. per recipe

- Combine: 1 can (6½ oz.) crab meat, drained
1 can (4 oz.) chopped mushrooms
2 tbs. capers, 1 tsp. lemon juice
¼ tsp. onion salt
Salt and pepper to taste
Dash dry mustard and tabasco
3 tbs. mayonnaise

Makes:
2 cups

- Combine: 2 (5 oz.) cans boned chicken
½ cup walnut meats, chopped
1 tbs. capers, lemon juice
2 tbs. mayonnaise
1 to 2 tbs. chicken broth
1½ cups ⅓ cup diced pineapple

Makes:
1½ cups

All recipes tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• sandwich spreads

- Combine: 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 small onion, minced
¼ cup stuffed olives, chopped
2 tbs. butter, dash tabasco
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
2 tbs. chili sauce
1 tbs. mayonnaise

Makes:
1 cup

- Combine: 2 cups tongue, chopped
¼ cup olives, chopped
2 tbs. olive juice
1 scant tsp. caraway seeds
2 tbs. horseradish, mustard
½ tsp. tabasco
¼ cup mayonnaise

Makes:
2 cups

• coffee tortoni
• ice cream sandwich

ICE CREAM SANDWICH

- 2 cups waffle mix
- 3 bananas, mashed
- Prepare waffles as directed on package, adding bananas and nutmeg to batter. Bake and cool. Then sandwich ice cream slices between waffles. Wrap in transparent food wrap.

Serves 8

325 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, C

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Freezing time: Approx. 1 hr.

COFFEE TORTONI

- 1 egg white
- 1 tbs. instant coffee, dry
- 2 tbs. sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Whip egg white and coffee, gradually adding the 2 tbs. sugar. Whip cream with ¼ cup sugar, and extracts. Fold half of the nuts and coconut into cream and egg-white mixture. Pour into paper cups. Top with remaining almonds and coconut. Freeze.

Servings: 8

154 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamin A

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• robin rose glow

• hamcakes

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time including pancakes: 30 min.

- Left-over or canned ham, diced
- 1 pkg. frozen peas, cooked or left-over
- peas
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup pancake mix

- Heat soup, add ham and peas. Mix a thin pancake batter as directed on package, and bake into thin cakes. Spoon mixture in center of each pancake. Roll. Place pancakes in heat resistant dish and cover with remaining sauce.
- Note: Dish may be made in advance, covered tightly with foil, and frozen. Reheat, covered, direct from freezer.

Serves 6

395 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• chop chop



American Home Recipes

(Family Food, pictured in color on page 54)
(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 61)

• veal tonné

RECIPE SUBMITTED BY GIANNA RUTGERS

(Serves 6-8)

• Tie with string 4 lbs. veal (boned from the leg and rolled, by your butcher). In a heavy saucepan cover veal with cold water, add:

- ½ glass white wine
- 1 scraped carrot, left whole
- 1 piece celery, leaves and all
- Small bunch parsley (about 10 sprigs)
- 1 tsp. salt

Boil gently for 1½ hrs. or until very tender. Cool in own juice, then refrigerate meat.

Make a sauce as follows: To ½ pt. mayonnaise add:

- One 7 oz. can tuna fish, well drained and put through strainer
- 4 oz. capers, chopped very fine
- ½ tube anchovy paste
- 1-2 tbs. white wine

Sauce should be like a soft custard, but not runny. Add more wine if necessary—but sauce will get softer after standing in room (or outdoor summer!) temperature.

Cut away string and slice well chilled veal as thinly as possible. Gianna Rutgers slices all of it, then completely covers it with the sauce and lets it rest. Personally, I prefer serving it as I have shown, the extra sauce served separately. Garnish with parsley (for color) and tiny artichoke hearts, ripe olives, and pickled mushrooms. Add anything else your taste buds dictate, but it's a beautiful summer or buffet meal just the way it had its picture taken.

• soup verté

- Heat very slowly:

- 1 can frozen cream of potato soup
- (toss liquids over frozen soup, but do not try to chop it)
- 1 can milk

- 1 scant tsp. curry powder
- (less, if to be eaten hot)

Strain, but do not puree potatoes or stir while soup is passing through strainer. Discard potatoes. Put back in pot and, over low heat, add 1 can frozen green pea soup and 1 can milk.

When thoroughly melted, blend lightly. Cool and refrigerate. Serve ice cold (preferably on chipped ice) with chopped chives. Serves 4 amply as a luncheon soup (it's rich!) or 6 as a first course.

RECIPE ORIGINATED BY JEAN AUSTIN

• pink fancy

- Heat very slowly:

- 1 can frozen cream of shrimp soup
- (spoon liquid over frozen soup—do not break up with spoon)
- 1½ cans milk

- 1 small tomato, chopped finely

When thoroughly heated and blended, over fire, add ½ cup (1 small tin) crab flakes, boned and shredded. Reheat thoroughly.

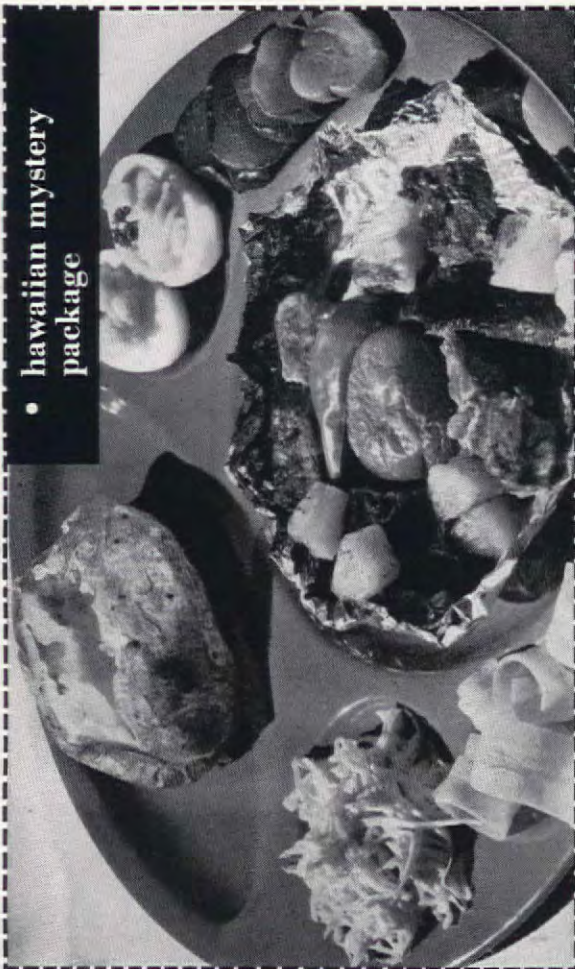
Just before serving, add, off flame, 2 tsp. good sherry.

Serve very hot or very, very cold, preferably on chipped ice. Poured in an earthenware tureen, it will get very cold in your refrigerator, stay cold longer for serving. Serves 4 as luncheon dish, 6 as a first course.

If luncheon soup, serve with a tiny blob of whipped cream, sprinkled lightly with paprika.

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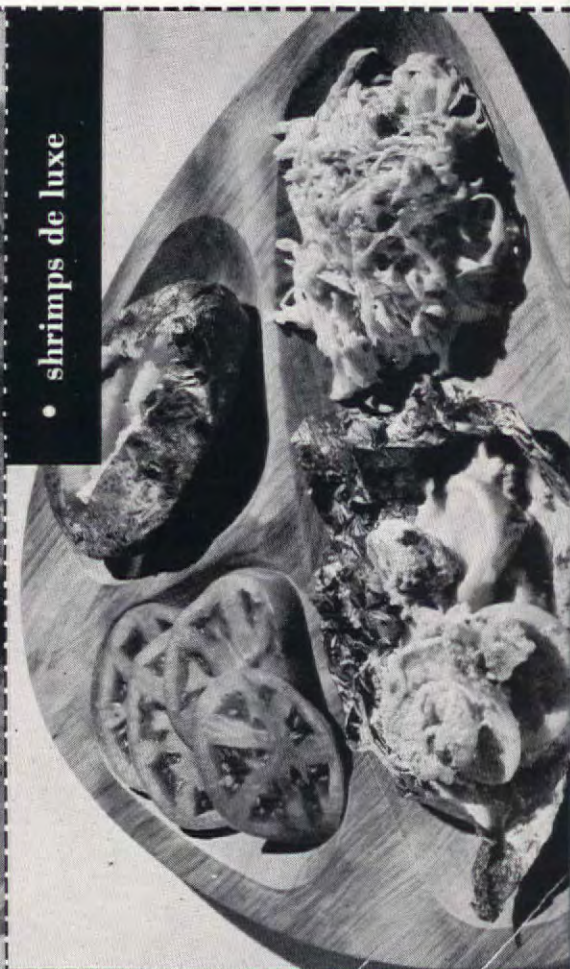
• hawaiian mystery package



• italian meat roll



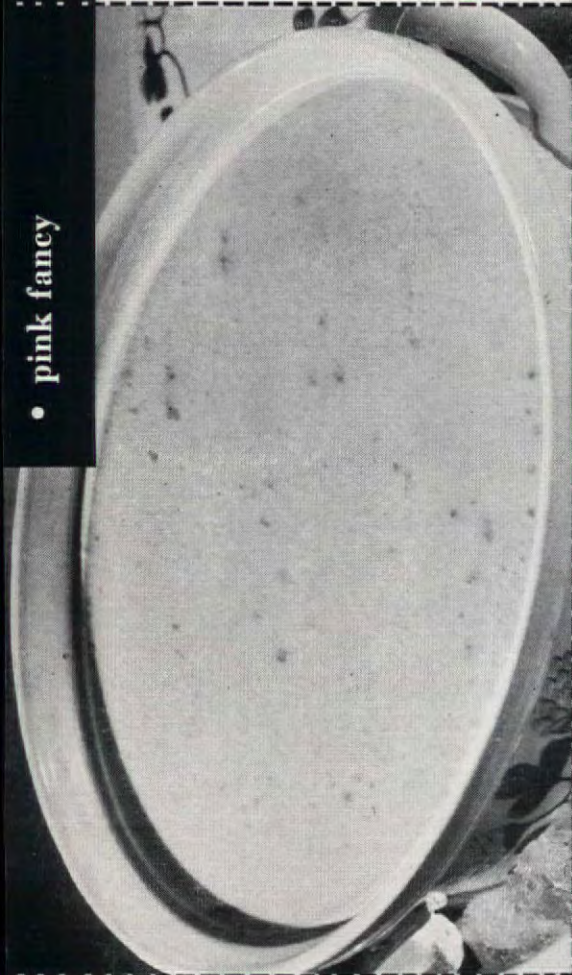
• shrimps de luxe



American Home Recipes

(Family Food, pictured in color on page 54)
(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 61)

• pink fancy



• shrimps de luxe

- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese
- 1 1/4 oz. roquefort cheese
- 1 pimiento, chopped

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 30 min.

- 1 1/2 lbs. fresh shrimp, cleaned
- 12 slices lemon
- Aluminum foil

• Make a paste of the cheeses and pimiento. Divide and spread on 6 12" squares of foil. Place the raw shrimp on the paste, top with the lemon slices. Seal the foil in a pouch-like fashion. Bake for 30 min. in a 400°F. oven. Make in advance, refrigerate.

Serves 6

228 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamin A

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• soup verté



• italian meat roll

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. ground pork
- 2 tbs. grated Romano cheese
- 2 tbs. dry bread crumbs
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 egg
- 2 tbs. diced Romano cheese

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 1 hr. 30 min.

- 2 sprigs fresh parsley
- 4 slices salami, diced
- 2 eggs, hard cooked, diced
- 1 sliced onion, 4 stalks celery
- 3 carrots, 1 green pepper
- 1 tsp. sweet basil
- 3 (8 oz.) cans Spanish-style tomato sauce

• Combine first six ingredients. Add salt and pepper to taste. Divide mixture, spread each half on a sheet of wax paper. Line up lengthwise rows of diced cheese, eggs, parsley, salami. With the aid of the paper, roll up mixture. Chill, then brown rolls in fat. Add vegetables, sauce, and seasoning. Simmer 1 1/2 hours. Serve with green noodles or spaghetti. Note: Complete meal can be frozen.

Serves 6

700 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B, C

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

• veal tonné



• hawaiian mystery package

- 3 or 4 2-inch cubes of beef and veal
- 6 chunks pineapple, drained
- 1/4 green pepper

Preparation time: 5 min.
Cooking time: 2 hrs.

- 1 small ripe tomato
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Dash ginger

• For each individual serving, place meat, pineapple, green pepper, and tomato in 14-inch square of aluminum foil. Sprinkle on salt and pepper and ginger. Seal in a pouch-like fashion, then bake 2 hours in 350°F. oven. Variations: Use combinations of pork, lamb, or chicken. Make packages in advance and freeze.

Serves 1

485 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A, B, C

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Submitted by Allison Smith

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Kitchen at Canary Cottage Sings a Hobby Tune

EDITH RAMSAY



A smart trick in a small house—kitchen and dining room borrow light and space from each other, because, though each is an entity, they are separated only by the attractive pine china cupboards. Pretty details enhance the pleasure of working here—the valance-topped brick wall over the range, the shelves for objects both pretty and useful



What a hobby this gal makes of handiwork in a pretty nook off the kitchen that doubles for eating and provides plenty of elbow room for big projects! Here she made all the rugs for her home, all the draperies, lamp shades, and bedspreads. She even reupholstered her furniture (springs and all) and made frames for her collection of Currier and Ives prints

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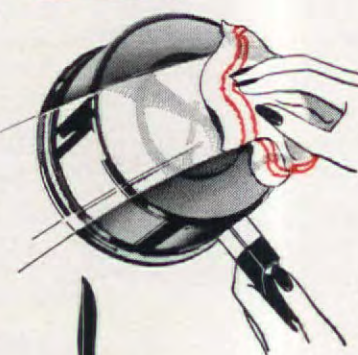
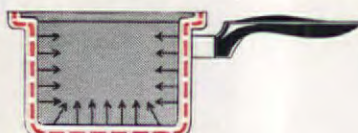
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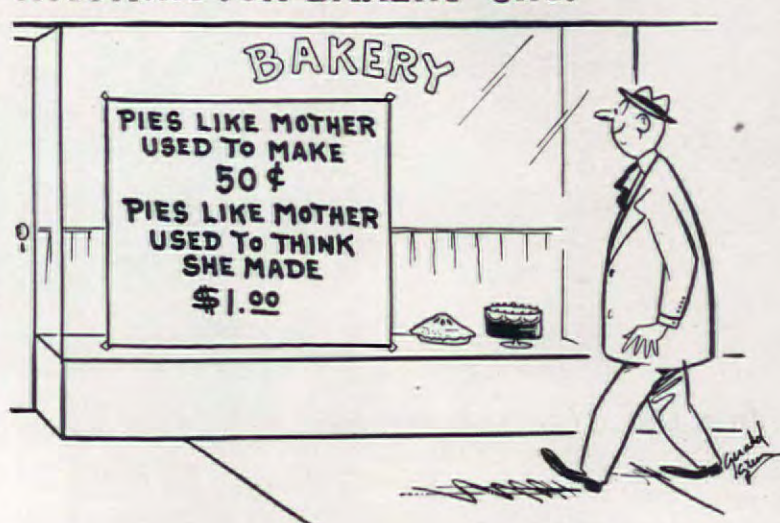
Vary—Very Simple

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HELEN HOUSTON BOILEAU

- Instead of meringue, top your next lemon pie with a layer of marshmallow sauce and a sprinkling of crushed mints.
- When saucing creamed tuna or salmon, use Roquefort cheese instead of butter.
- Next time you have mashed potatoes, whip in pimiento cream cheese, and top with minced chives.
- To corned beef hash, add a finely chopped tart apple.
- Top chocolate ice cream with coconut sautéed in butter.
- Put a bowl of grated cheese on the table, Italian fashion, and let everyone help himself. Sprinkle the cheese into soup, over creamed foods, salads, or bread.
- Add excitement to a salad luncheon or supper with thinly rolled cheese pastry wrapped around nutmeats and baked.
- For "main-course" scrambled eggs, add to 4 eggs, ½ cup buttermilk, 1 baby-food can of liver and bacon. Serve with broiled tomatoes.
- Give sweet potatoes a "plus." To 4 puréed and seasoned cooked sweet potatoes, add 1 mashed avocado, a bit of nutmeg, and ⅓ cup cut up orange sections. Serve with fried chicken.
- Make a potato "nest" for creamed meats, poultry, or vegetables. Soak shredded raw potatoes in ice water, drain, dry, then press between two nested strainers. Fry in deep-fat.
- Serve rarebit over thinly rolled biscuits instead of toast, and prepare the biscuits with tomato juice instead of milk.
- Add chunks of drained pineapple to creamed chicken, and serve over fried sweet potato cakes.
- Make glamorous "toast" for Sunday breakfast—butter the bread slices, and bake them in a waffle iron instead of toasting.
- Pour hot creamed seafood mixtures into halves of pitted, ripe avocado, unpeeled.
- Instead of toasted bread, use slices of fried eggplant as a base for your favorite creamed poultry.
- Serve creamed "what-have-you?" in unsweetened meringue shells made by shaping a mixture of stiffly beaten egg whites, salt, and grated cheese into "cups." Bake them on a greased baking sheet.

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 61)

Calling for a bit more preparation time, but equally easy on the cook come serving time, a rolled veal platter, the veal simmered in fragrant wine and herbs, served cold with a delicious tuna fish sauce (this combination of veal and tuna is a great Italian favorite, by the way) and garni of artichoke hearts, pickled mushrooms, and ripe olives.

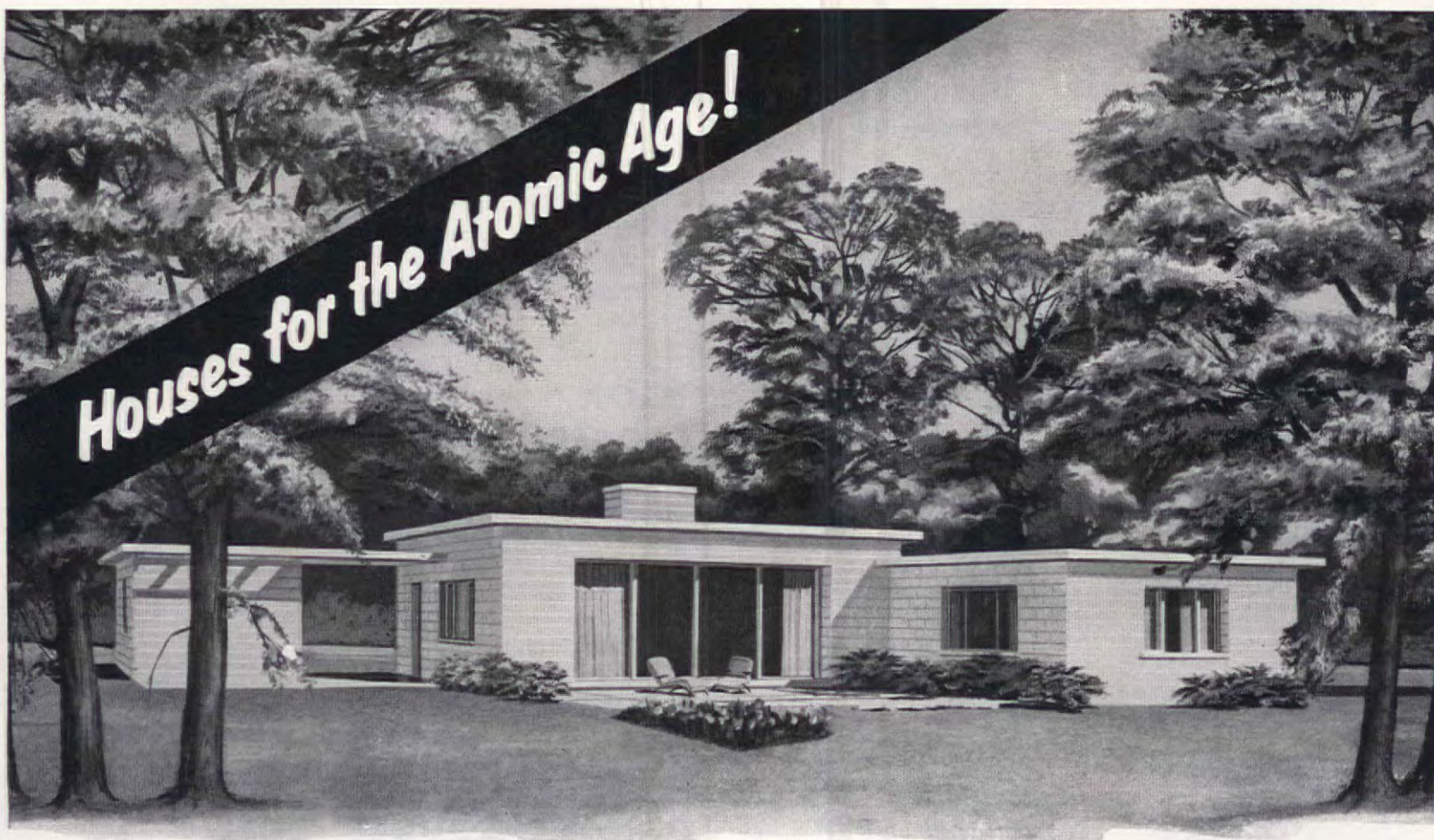
The author of this recipe suggests a delightful menu built around it. First, a clear hot consommé, a basket

of crackers—simple ones, for the Veal Tonné does not want its subtle taste tampered with. Then your Veal Tonné, and with it, a bowl of carrot curls, celery, white and red radishes, some cooked green, frenched string beans—all nestled on a bed of ice. And if you insist on dessert, some beautiful fresh fruit of the season. All, you see, ready and on the table when your guests arrive, with only the hot consommé to be poured a minute before they sit to feast.

WHEEL OF TREASURES



Own an old spinning wheel without the "works"? Then note the clever use to which this one was put. Mrs. Ralph Tiffany, of Harford, Pennsylvania, hung hers on a living-room wall. Then, from hooks on the spokes, she suspended a collection of antique cups and pitchers



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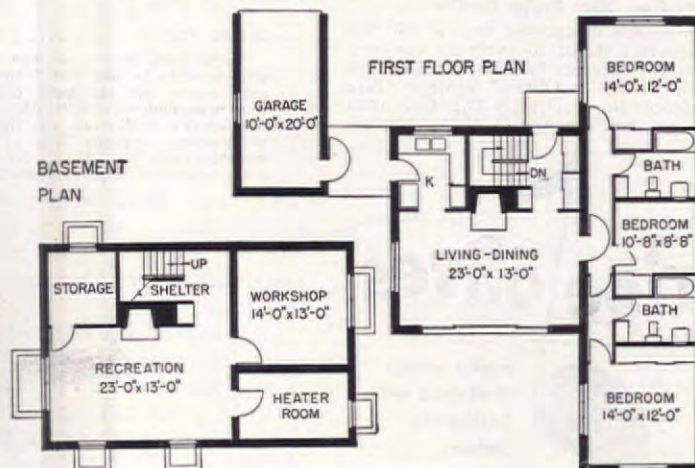
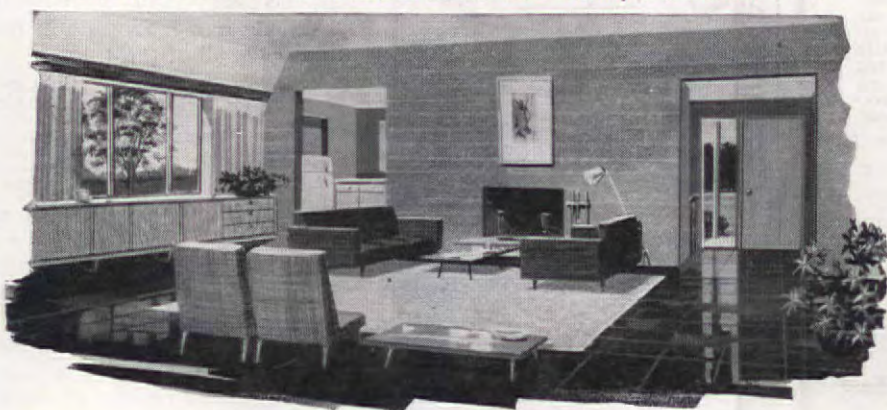
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Garden Salad Bowl



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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 lb. fresh asparagus | 2 tbsps. wine vinegar |
| 1 cup ripe olives | 1 tsp. salt |
| 2 green onions | 1/4 tsp. dry mustard |
| 4 radishes | Freshly ground black pepper |
| 1 carrot | 2 hard-cooked eggs |
| 1 qt. broken salad greens | 1 large tomato |
| 1/2 cup olive oil | Whole ripe olives for garnish |

Cook asparagus until tender. Drain, cool. Cut olives into large wedges. Combine olives with thinly-sliced onions, radishes, coarsely-grated carrots, and salad greens. Blend oil, vinegar, seasoning; pour half over lettuce mixture. Toss lightly. Top with asparagus spears, egg and tomato wedges. Drizzle with remaining dressing. Garnish with whole ripe olives. Serves 5 to 6.

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Hidden Costs

(Begins on page 37)

Aside from the fact that you'd be foolish not to take out adequate fire insurance, you'll have to do so if you want to get a mortgage. The bank insists upon a minimum amount, but since in most instances this minimum wouldn't pay for the cost of rebuilding, it's wise to insure the house for at least what you paid for it.

How much does fire insurance cost? That depends. But let's make some more assumptions—for a typical frame house in the suburbs, a three-year fire policy will cost approximately 35 cents per \$100. Rates for extended coverage, which protects against damage due to hail, wind-storm, crashing aircraft, etc., are about the same. Both are usually paid for in one lump sum. However, to get a better picture of monthly "overhead," let us break up these costs into installments of \$3.20 per month for our \$16,500 house.

You should really take out another form of insurance as well—liability insurance. It's not mandatory, but wise. It covers you against any sort of injury or damage caused to another person or his property while on your premises. Liability insurance protects you against expensive lawsuits, and, for once, the insurance premiums are low, about \$1 per month for average coverage.

Consider another expense which must be charged up to owning a house: *commutation*. In most instances, buying a house means moving to the "country," and your cost of transportation may be double or more. Let's assume that it comes to an additional \$20 per month.

Let's see what this adds up to:

	Per Month
Interest and amortization	\$75.90
Taxes	25.00
Water	3.00
	\$103.90*
Heat	\$15.00
Garbage disposal	2.00
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Liability insurance	1.00
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SUB-TOTAL (your "rent")	\$125.10
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Can you afford to pay the sub-total ("rent") of \$125.10 every month? That's not much more than one week's salary? Then you can buy the house.

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Hidden Costs

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Equally important—and when you ask for a mortgage the bank will insist upon it, is a *survey*. This legally defines the boundary lines of the property being sold, and comes to about \$60 for an average lot.

In connection with the survey, there is another type of insurance you will need: *title insurance*. Despite the survey, boundaries sometimes are disputed, and settling the matter can be costly. If this happens, the title insurance company would settle the claim. Again, you might call this "peace of mind insurance." It doesn't involve an annual premium—you pay for it in a lump sum. There are two basic types of title insurance. The first is *mortgage title insurance* which protects the interests of the lender, and upon which your bank will insist (you, naturally, must bear the cost). The second type, which protects your interests as owner, is *fee title insurance* which guarantees that you have a sufficient deed. It is best to take out both types at the same time since taking out both policies simultaneously entitles you to more favorable "combination" premium rates. All told, on a \$16,500 house, both policies together should cost about \$140.

The bank will have a lawyer draw up the mortgage. And you will pay their lawyer a fee of \$25 to \$35. In addition, you will also foot the bill for the appraisal fee, the mortgage recording fee, a credit reference, a mortgage tax to your state, etc., all of which is generally lumped under the heading, "cost of obtaining mortgage." This item will probably entail about \$200.

Then there's the charge for filing deed (\$4 to \$5), possibly some advance payments of taxes and water bills necessary, and other smaller incidentals. Say \$100 worth of them. Let's add all of these up:

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Cost of obtaining mortgage	200.00
Incidentals	100.00

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You have now bought, and paid for, a house. Remember, it's an empty house, and often it will have no heavy appliances other than a range. In some builders' developments houses other appliances are included. But whether you're buying an old

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8 do-it-yourself ideas for week-end carpenters



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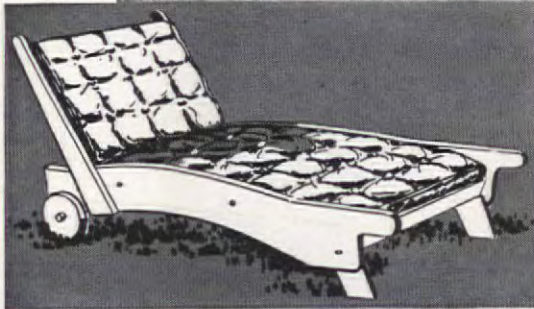
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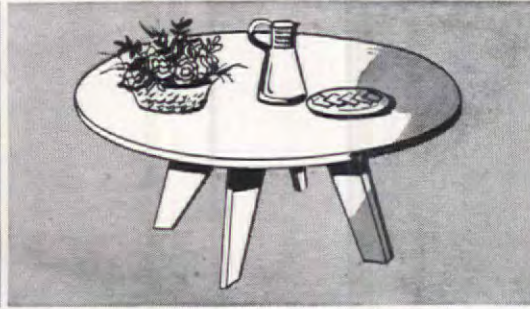
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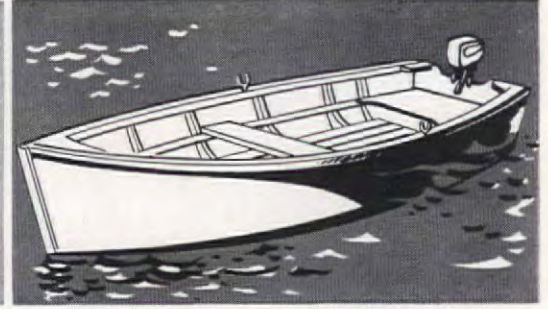
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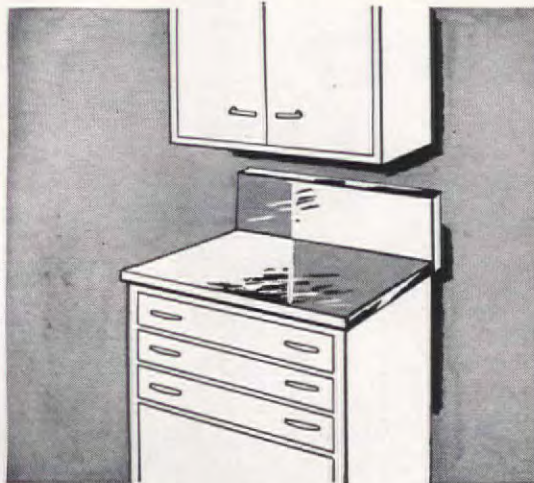
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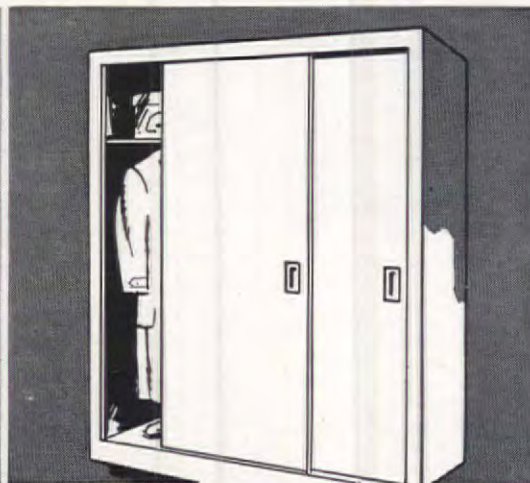
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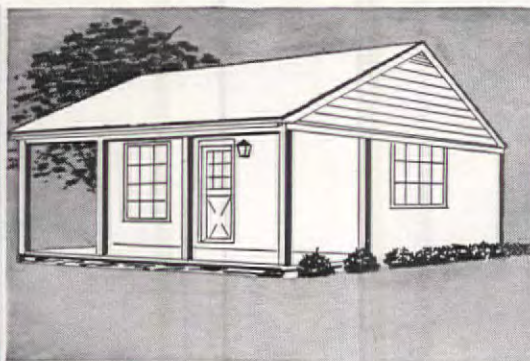
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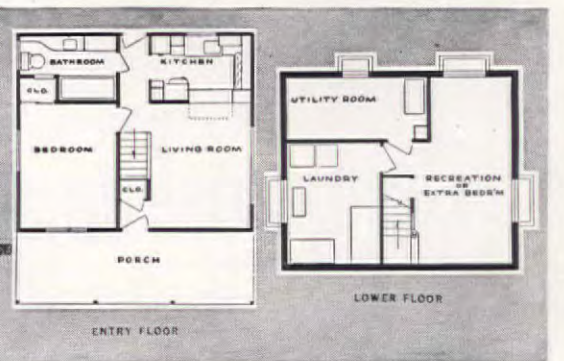
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Hidden Costs

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house or brand new one, find out what equipment comes with it. You may have to add about \$500 worth if you want all the "work savers." To simplify our discussion, let's assume that you have furniture enough for the time being.

How about screens and storm windows? Does the house have them? If it doesn't, figure on about \$5 or \$6 each for the least expensive type of screen, and \$10 for the cheapest storm windows. The combination windows, good ones, which eliminate changing from storm sash to screen, may run to \$25 or \$30 per window.

Then there's the matter of tools and workshop equipment. You'll want them for making repairs if the house isn't new, and for any furniture or built-ins, or improvements you make. Even if you don't get elaborate about it, they can tote up to quite a sum—but you needn't make the investment all at once.

Your garden, too, will cost money. If your house already has a good lawn and some plantings, you'll still have to figure on about \$100 for miscellaneous equipment, fertilizer, insecticide, etc.—even without a power mower or an investment in plant material.

It has not been our intention to discourage you from embarking upon the wonderful adventure of owning your own home, but rather to call your attention to some of the costs many people overlook. If you can cope with them, no hidden headaches will appear with the hidden costs. If you find them too high for your pocketbook, don't despair—just cast around for a while longer until you find a more moderately priced home which will not be a burden, but a pleasure to own.

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Care of Trees

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trees is a fine job for owners to do at almost any time, but especially during the winter (dormant) season. It is done to develop and maintain a strong, symmetrical framework and graceful branch structure in keeping with the type of tree and its purpose, and to remove dead, injured, or unwanted parts. But pruning large trees, which involves high climbing, removal of heavy limbs, etc., is a job for trained, physically conditioned, well-equipped workers only. Having an expert, reliable firm or individual do it will save time, money, and worry.

Spraying becomes more difficult and more demanding of special equipment as a tree grows beyond the limits of a handyman's care. For all practical garden purposes, you can do what is necessary with a good portable pressure-tank, or trombone-type, sprayer (or its equivalent in dusting equipment) and a supply of proven insecticides and fungicides. The advice of a local nurseryman, garden center, tree firm, or other authority can be invaluable. Again, big trees should be treated by professionals.

Feeding a tree, like feeding yourself, takes various forms. Manures and other organic plant foods, and chemical fertilizer mixtures, can be applied on top of the ground. Or fertilizers can be put in holes punched down to tree-root level with a crowbar. Some of the modern, highly soluble materials, when sprayed on trees, are absorbed through the leaves. And in some places you can now have the feeding of your lawn, trees, etc., done on a seasonal contract basis—through a hose from a power-pump tank truck parked on street or drive.

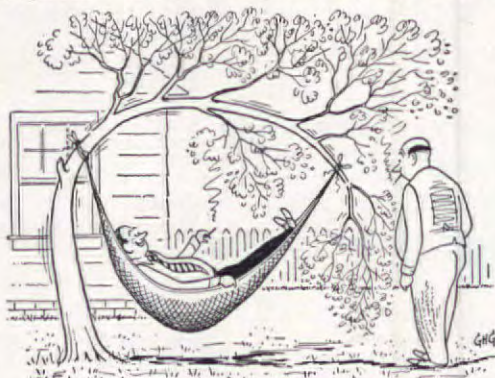
Remember that trees are living, feeding things and that, in proportion to what they take from the soil in order to grow and produce crops of leaves and fruit, you must put food materials into the soil—invest them, as it were, in order to avoid "horticultural bankruptcy."

NORMAL PROTECTION. Just as you face the hazards of traffic, wet feet, bumps, and bruises, so you must expect your trees to encounter such things as drought, winter injury (caused more often by the drying effect of wind or the "scalding" effect of winter sun than by cold), breakage under the weight of heavy snowfall, damage caused by careless youngsters, indifferent oldsters, and badly handled lawnmowers, and, occasionally, lightning. Also trees develop infirmities of age—crotch-splitting, rotted cavities (usually the result of poor pruning, just as dental cavities follow tooth neglect), auto-

strangulation by "girdling roots," which (like malformed feet) should have been controlled in their youth.

Most of these threats call simply for common-sense treatment or timely precautions. During a severe drought, give water generously. To lessen winter injury, screen newly planted trees, keep a thick mulch spread around them or apply one after the ground freezes in the fall, and wrap burlap or kraft paper strips around the trunks of specimens in exposed places. Remove heavy snow from branches of evergreens by gentle brushing, not lusty banging. Watch that mower, or, if necessary, put a barrier around the tree. Have lightning rods installed (of course by a professional) on especially large and valuable trees.

EMERGENCY CARE. We're learning more about hurricanes, but what they may do remains unpredictable, so—Boy Scout-like—"be prepared." to remove broken limbs, smooth up



I only had one tree to hang it on.

wounds, and cover them with tree paint. Get rid (in advance, if possible) of old, fragile trees, especially those near buildings. Unbraced limb crotches are dangerous; but to strengthen one use long bolts with big nuts and washers, or eyebolts joined by chain or wire cable, not metal straps fastened around the weak trunk.

Also unpredictable—but preventable—are bonfires started under tree branches. Don't allow one on your place. Watch out for the use of salt or other chlorides to melt ice on drive or walk; or the use of strong weed-killers in such places. They can seep into the soil and destroy tree roots far beyond the treated area.

If old age or accident necessitates the removal of a tree, first cut off the upper half or third. Next dig around it and cut all accessible radiating roots and attach a strong cable to the trunk some ten feet up. Some hefty pulling with tractor, jeep, or man-power and the extra leverage will tear the stump out far more easily than it could be dug and chopped out. But, again, remember that the "topping" of a big tree, especially in a crowded neighborhood, is strictly a job for a professional.

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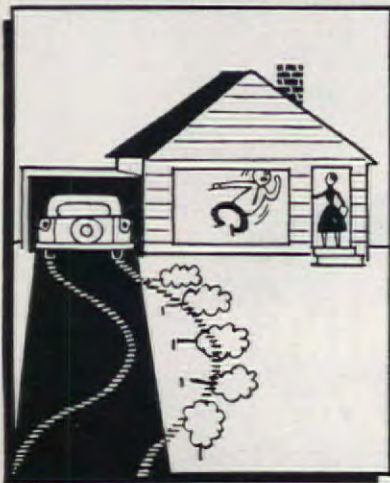
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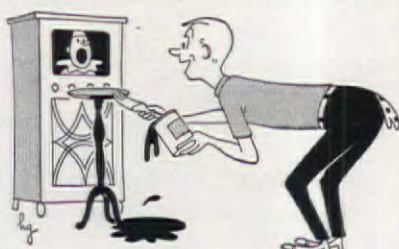
Furtwängler (Begins on page 26)

VIRILE, SOPHISTICATED

Climbing now, we hear the young pianist Friedrich Gulda, with the collaboration of the London Symphony Orchestra under Anthony Collins, confirm again (London LL 1158) his startling ability, in virile and withal sophisticated playing of Mozart's *Concerto No. 14, KV 449* and Richard Strauss' *Burleske*. Both piano and orchestra have been registered with splendor and verisimilitude, the former more imposingly than on any other London record I can recall. A salient record, with both works first choice in this edition.

Music whose appeal comes with the third or fourth hearing, presented with an authority of interpretation and sound beyond cavil in Westminster album WAL 218 (two records with miniature scores) is that of Handel's *Ten Flute Sonatas*, played by John Wummer with consummate address while the bass is realized by Fernando Valenti, harpsichord, and Aldo Parisot, cello. This displaces previous versions of isolated sonatas.

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RECORDED IN THE FIELD

Finally, since records emit other sounds than music, and since summer is here, recommendations of the following disparate discs can do no harm and do provide both pleasure and instruction: *American Bird Songs, Volume I* (Cornell University) planned, edited, and recorded in the field by Arthur A. Allen and Peter Paul Kellogg, clearly identifying the songs and calls of some sixty common American birds. Pierre de Marivaux' elaborately subtle comedy *Les Fausses Confidences* has received a recorded performance of fastidious style on London International TW-91042-3 (two discs) in the kind of exquisite spoken French much closer to the argot of taxi-drivers locking headlights in the Rue de Rivoli.



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Your Builder (Begins on page 37)

asking a lot of questions. Visit the job as often as you please after working hours, but try to limit other visits to those made at the request of the builder.

6. By the way, like everyone else, a builder enjoys hearing a kind word now and then, so when you find something about the job you like especially—don't be afraid to tell him so. 7. Be sure that you keep up your end of all agreements—this primarily means making the various payments to the builder when they fall due, per the contract.

8. Be sensible about the progress on the job. Remember, the builder doesn't get all his money until the job is finished, nor can he move his crew onto another job. Delays are costly to him. On the other hand, if the weather is bad, the progress will be slower than in fair weather, especially in the early stages before the house is closed in.

9. Be reasonable about other unavoidable delays. A great many parts go into a house, and not all of them are made by the builder. Most builders do keep on hand a certain inventory of supplies to meet their demands, but labor difficulties, temporary shortages of certain items, and damage in shipping can cause a delay beyond the control of your builder and his crew.

10. Try, as far as possible, to keep your dealings with the builder on a business basis. When you want to discuss something with him, call his office—and if necessary, make an appointment with him at his office or at your home. Don't catch him on the job and tie him up with prolonged discussion—he hasn't allowed the time for it—and don't drive him crazy by constant calls to his home.

11. After you move in, be patient about details that need adjusting. Remember that it takes time to break in a new house, just as it does to break in a new car. Don't hound your builder at all hours of the day and night because a door sticks a little or a hairline crack appears in the plaster. These are not signs of poor workmanship—they usually mean that the house is settling. As soon as the house is "broken in," a reliable builder will be around to fix these minor matters.

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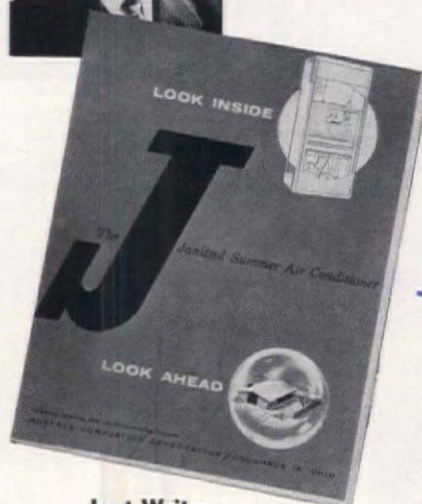
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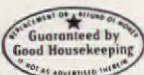
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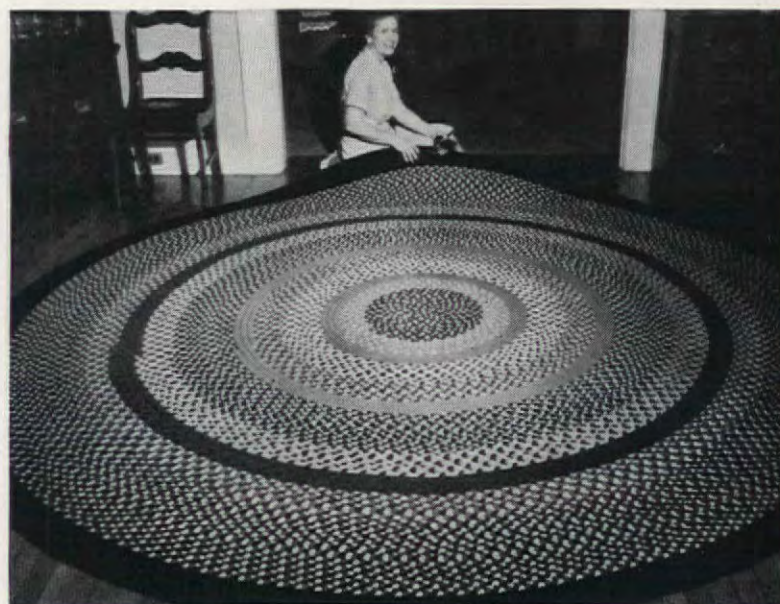
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SITTING IT OUT: The Hardens were still in Mississippi while their new home was abuilding in Durham. They lived with the project at long distance by braiding all the rugs they would need

"Ours Is the One with

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told us. But of course the real dream come true is their home. They first planned upon building in Durham half a dozen years or so ago, after their son had married and moved to a home of his own. But while plans were still in the talking stage, Mr. Harden, a textile engineer, was asked to go down to Mississippi to modernize a cotton mill his company had just acquired. It would take about five years—and was too challenging an undertaking to refuse. So the Hardens hied themselves southward, and began planning in earnest for the home they would move into when the time came to return to North Carolina.

We're mighty proud of the thoroughgoing way they went about it. First came Mrs. Harden's scrapbook—every plan, every exterior, every built-in, every decorating idea she liked, all available for easy reference when she wanted them. "Most of them were clipped from THE AMERICAN HOME," she reports.

"Next, we bought a home-building kit, and tried many arrangements of rooms before we settled for this one. I drew all of the floor plans except the garage wing, and I also designed the exterior—roof, windows, and all. At this stage, my husband insisted that I had worked long and hard enough, so I turned over all of my plans and my scrapbook of ideas to Mr. L. L. Brasfield, an architect who practices in Meridian, Mississippi. The real engineering was his. He was very kind and understanding, and, bless him! he made my plans workable."

Then followed the unusual project of building a home by long distance, for it went up in Durham while the Hardens were still in Mississippi. A Durham architect, Mr. M. A. Ham, made some slight modifications to suit the site, and he supervised the construction.

Mrs. Harden will tell you, in no uncertain terms: "I don't like the word 'housewife.' I prefer to be called a 'homemaker' because that is what I have been trying to do for the past 30 years." And what a home she has made, from the architectural concept down to the last pretty ruffle!

"Early American has always appealed to us," she relates, "but our decision to have an Early American interior in our new home was made when we became interested in hand-braided rugs—inspired by you-know-what magazine! We had collected some antique furniture and bric-a-brac that we knew would be 'at

home' in our new house, and while we were in Mississippi, we braided all of the rugs." Here "we" is no editorial plural, for after Mr. Harden saw the beauties his wife turned out solo, he joined right in and made some of his own.

A handy man, Mr. Harden. A very handy man to have around the house, quite apart from his "sideline" of rug braiding! With the woodworking equipment he stows in those fine garage cupboards, he has turned out some impressive furniture, Early American in flavor, including an exact miniature replica of a chest in the master bedroom—lined in velvet, it serves as a jewel box, perched atop the chest which inspired it.

Three or four American centuries mix casually and happily in this home—the very Early American Keeping Room with its very modern raised hearth, its big windows toward the garden; the friendly living room with its Early American architectural details, Victorian furniture, braided rugs, engaging small-scale prints all beautifully compatible because they were chosen with an eye to color, proportion, and character rather than exact period. To them, harmony is much more important than "authenticity."

When we took the picture on page 34, the Hardens' garden was still in its first year. "I am indeed sorry that your readers can't see it as it looks now," Mrs. Harden wrote a few months ago. "We have a perfectly beautiful lawn—after much, much, much hard work—and with the spring bulbs and flowers in full bloom, it is indeed our picture of a dream come true!"

the Little White Fence"

More pictures on pages 34, 35, and 36



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GUEST ROOM: Blue and white, garnished with African violets. The Windsor bench at the foot of the bed has a welcoming air—and makes a perfect place for a delicate bedspread to rest overnight

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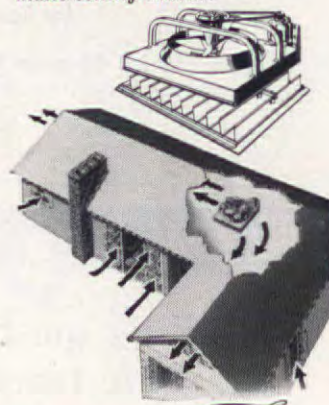


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Firethorn Espalier

(Begins on page 38)

to be cemented wherever wanted. When a stem becomes large enough to grow into or be choked by a loop, I release it and tie it to the hook with soft cord or cloth. Now that my plants have almost reached the limit of the planned design, with many branches woody and self-supporting, I have pruned loose some of the hooks and am using them elsewhere.

All growth not needed to form new branches is pinched off in the bud stage or cut back to 2" from the parent stem after blossom buds appear and show where to prune. The flowers last for a full two weeks and are soon followed by berries which show color by mid-August, then supplement beautifully the geraniums in the ivy-covered window boxes. They remain bright and cheerful until the next flowering season and, except in prolonged periods of snow-covered ground, are rarely bothered by birds—perhaps because of the protective proximity of the house. After the berries set, I spray the plants four times, twice with summer-strength miscible oil solution, twice with nicotine sulphate (Black-leaf 40).

GROW YOUR OWN FIRETHORNS

G. M. DAETZ

If you're a "do-it-yourselfer," you can beautify your landscape setting with quality trees and shrubs (firethorn, for example) with no cash outlay. All that's needed is know-how, a shallow "cutting box" of clean, sharp sand in a warm, sunny spot, and regular attention to watering. One of the best things about firethorn is that it's easy to start from cuttings. Just find a good-natured gardener or grower who will give you a branch or two of stout, last summer's growth (which he may be planning to remove later anyway!). Make the cuttings 6" or so long (Fig. 1), each with at least two "nodes" (thickened stem portions from which buds develop). Do this in late winter or early spring before much new leaf growth has appeared, thrust them (right end up) about half their length into the box of damp sand, and pack it firmly around them. Water regularly to keep it moist, and shade the box lightly to prevent excessive evaporation. In a few weeks, the lower ends of the cuttings will show thickened growth (callus) from which, later, roots will start (Fig. 2), and the top node will show signs of bud or leaf growth.

By summer, cuttings should be well rooted and can be planted a few inches apart in a sheltered spot outdoors. Keep them watered, and by fall or next spring some may be big enough plants to move to their permanent sites. By the second or third year, there



may be a few flowers. By then, pruning will be necessary, either to bush shape or, if wanted for espaliering, to one or a pair of main branches. With me, here in the Pacific Northwest, the berries hang on to the plants for months, finally to be eaten by the hungry birds of late winter or early spring. But by then they will have given a lot of colorful pleasure—which will start all over again with the blossoming of a new crop of flowers.

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As the spring weather warms up, loosen mulch or winter cover to help the emerging shoots of tightly wrapped-together leaves from which, later, spikes will rise



By late May (in the North) the leaf rosette will look like this. Weed around it carefully so as not to harm the roots. After the flowers fade, stalk and leaves will die down—until next year



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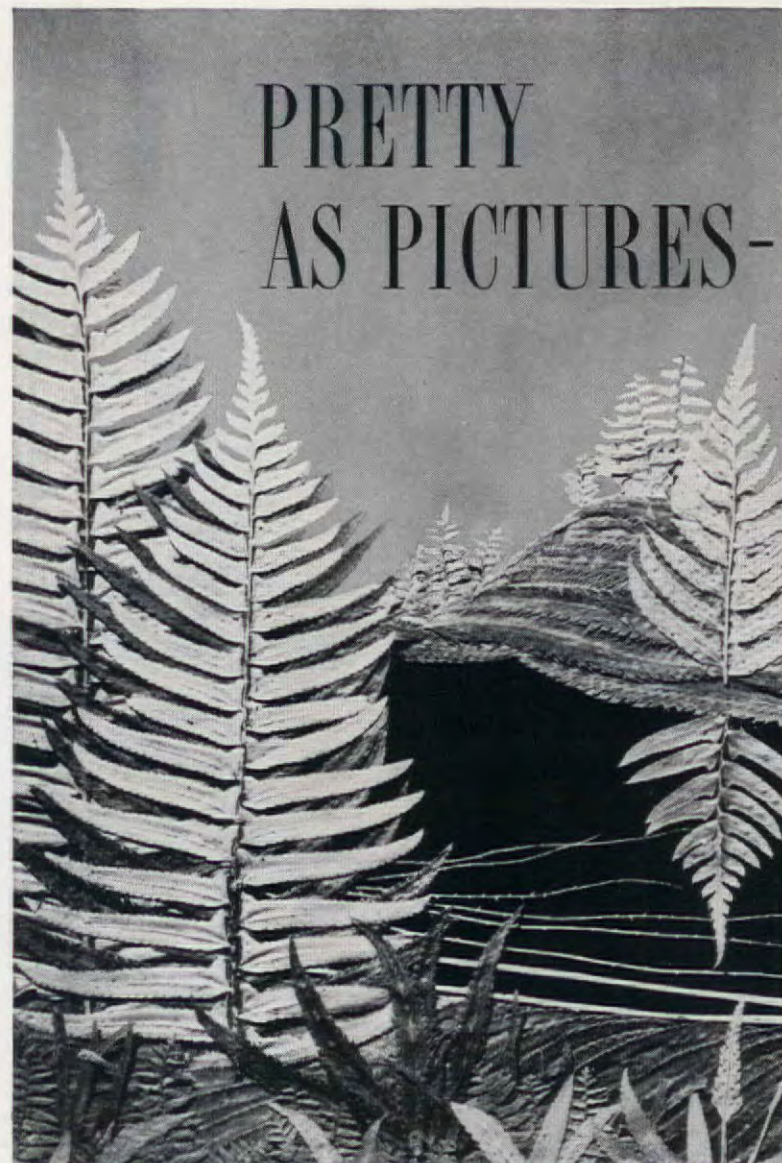
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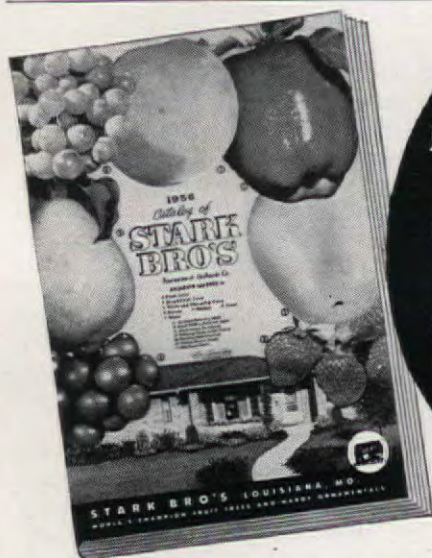


**PRETTY
AS PICTURES—**

We hope you're enjoying the wonderful feeling of having time on your hands—time to relax, time to read, time, perhaps, to start a new hobby. Here's one that we think many of you will enjoy, for it's an outdoor hobby, an indoor hobby, a creative hobby all in one—and a hobby that has permanent, highly decorative results. Your first fern pictures may not be as successful as those in the small collection we illustrate, for these, after all, were the top prize winners in the Pressed Ferns Class of the Garden Club of America's International Flower Show in New York a couple of years ago. But they certainly give you something to aim for, and reveal the great variety you can achieve in using this fascinating medium.

The extraordinarily skillful landscape above has all of the flavor of an antediluvian glade, and it was top prize winner, the work of Mrs. Charles J. Young of Princeton, New Jersey. Notice the wonderful way that stripped stems are used to suggest ripples at the edge of a lake; don't miss the reflection of trees rising on the bank—the reflections seem reduced in size and slightly distorted, as real reflections in water often are; mark the realistic foreground, and the perspective—the way that clumps of trees grow smaller as they recede in the distance.

The wondrous bird silhouetted at the top of the page resembles nothing so much as the phoenix you'll find in ancient embroideries. In the original, which won second prize for Mrs. Elizabeth Reynolds of Millbrook, New Jersey, it was surrounded by fronds arranged in graceful scrollwork that resembles crewel embroidery. Equally imaginative is the still-life at your right, the third-prize winner, by Mrs. Charles B. Abbot, of Broadmoor, Colorado. Ferns were, of course, a "natural" for the "flower arrangement," but



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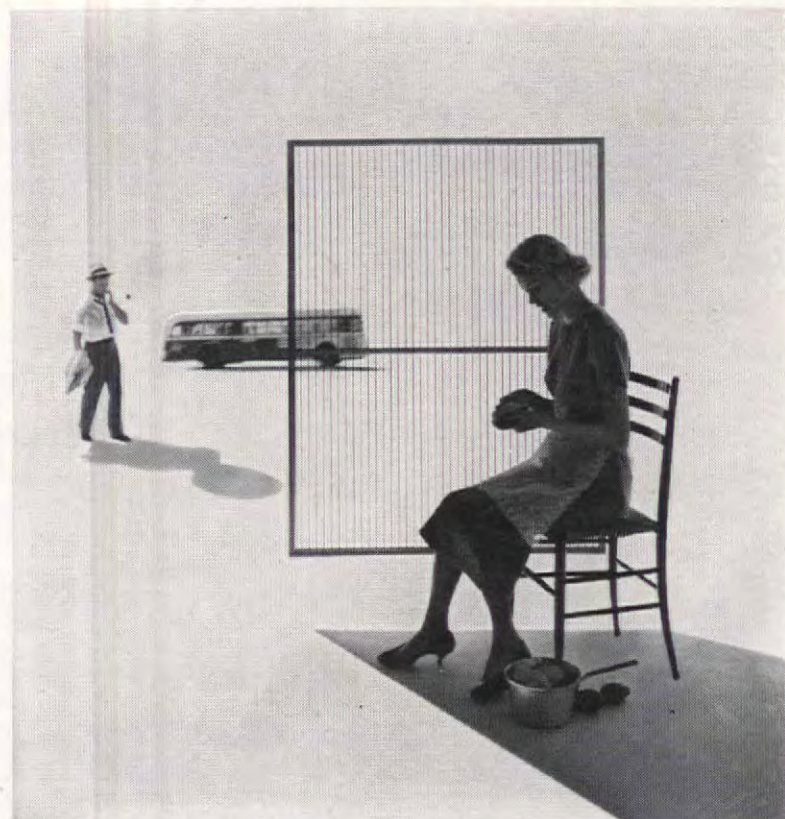
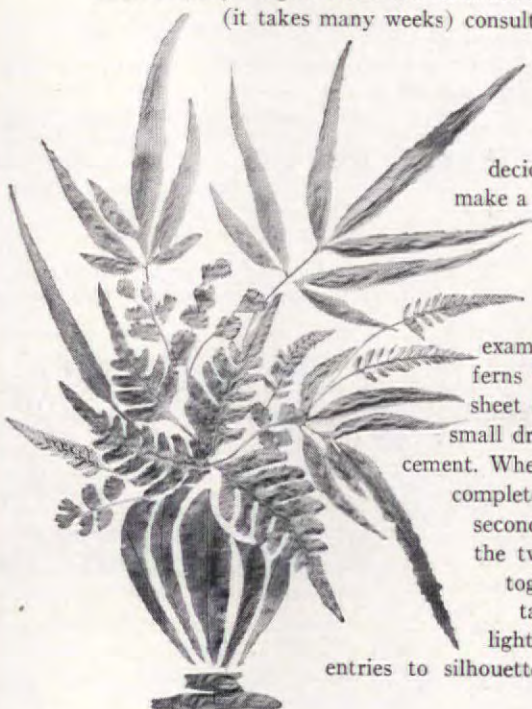
"Painting" with pressed ferns is a fascinating hobby, and your summertime walks through the woods can provide the materials. These examples won prizes at the Garden Club's International Flower Show

see how adroitly she cut and manipulated other ferns to suggest the curves of a majestic carved vase.

Want to try your hand at it? Then keep your eyes open for ferns and grasses now in season—or go to a greenhouse that might stock a variety. Press your collection between sheets of paper, under a heavy weight. When the ferns are absolutely flat and dry (it takes many weeks) consult them for inspiration.

Their varied shapes may well suggest pictures or patterns to you. When you've decided upon your design, make a preliminary sketch on paper, and adapt your ferns to it.

In the competition that produced the examples we illustrate, the ferns were mounted upon a sheet of Lucite with a very small drop of clear household cement. When each "picture" was complete, it was topped by a second sheet of Lucite, and the two sheets were bound together with cellophane tape. In the exhibition, lights were set behind the entries to silhouette their compositions.



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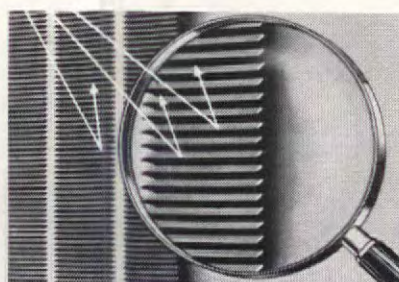
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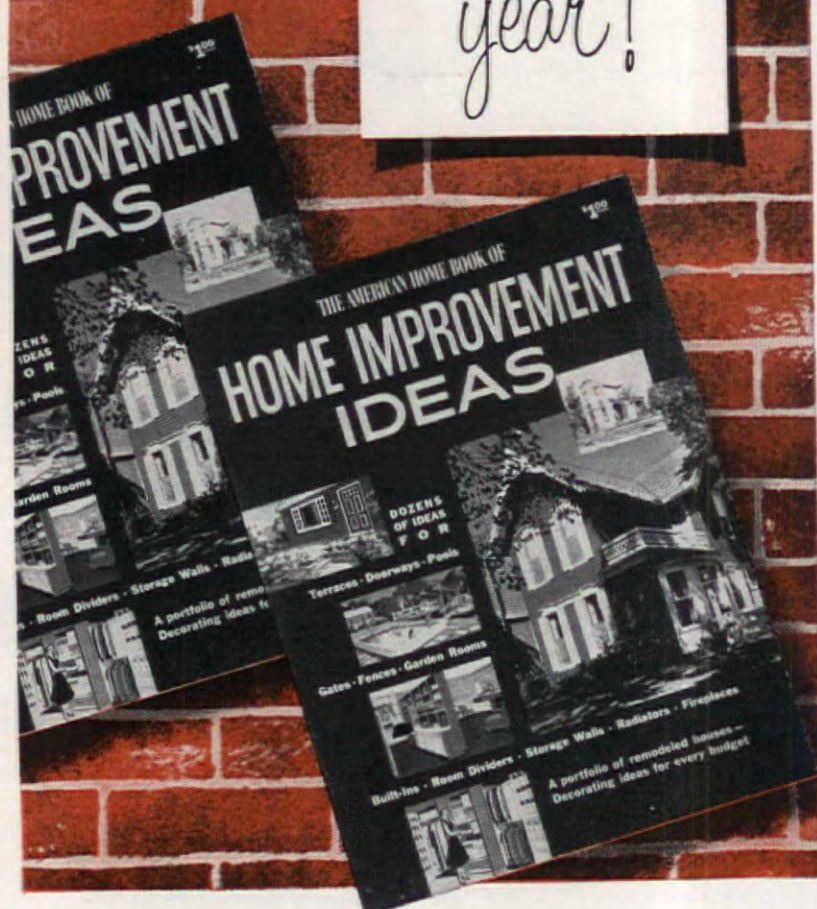
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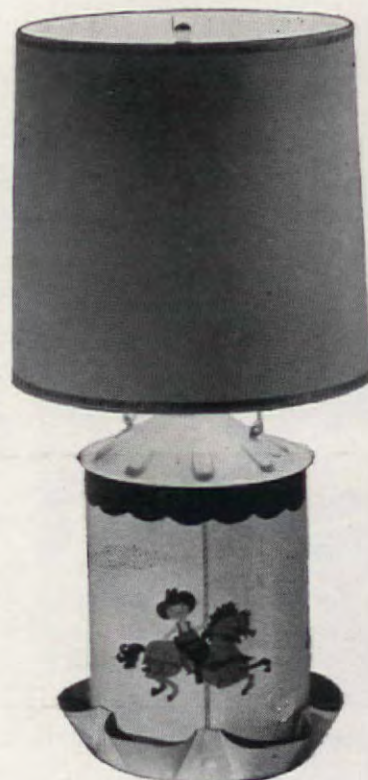
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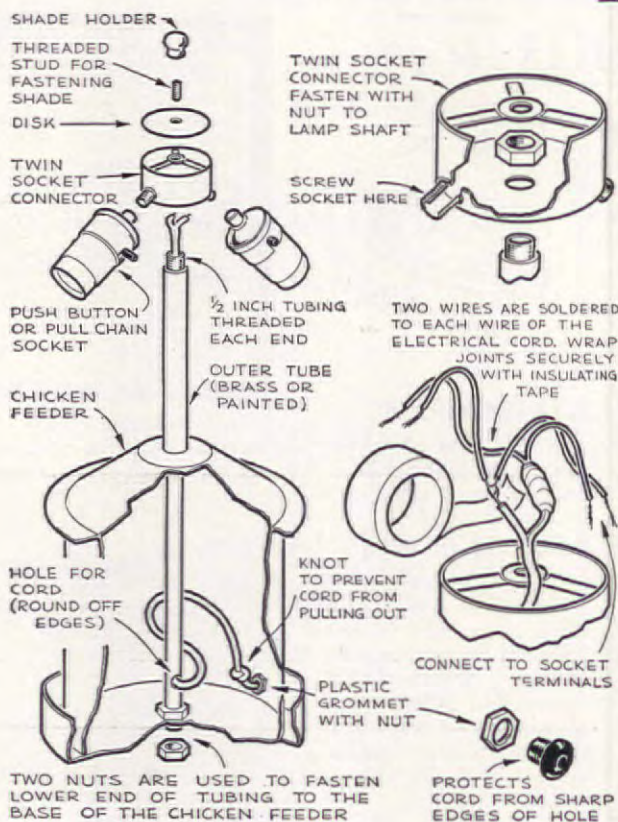
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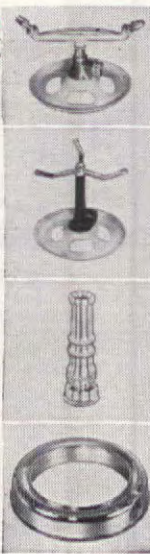
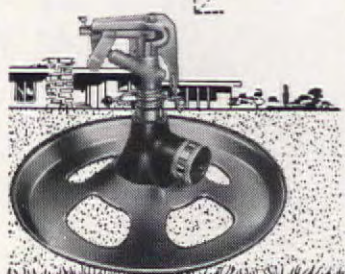
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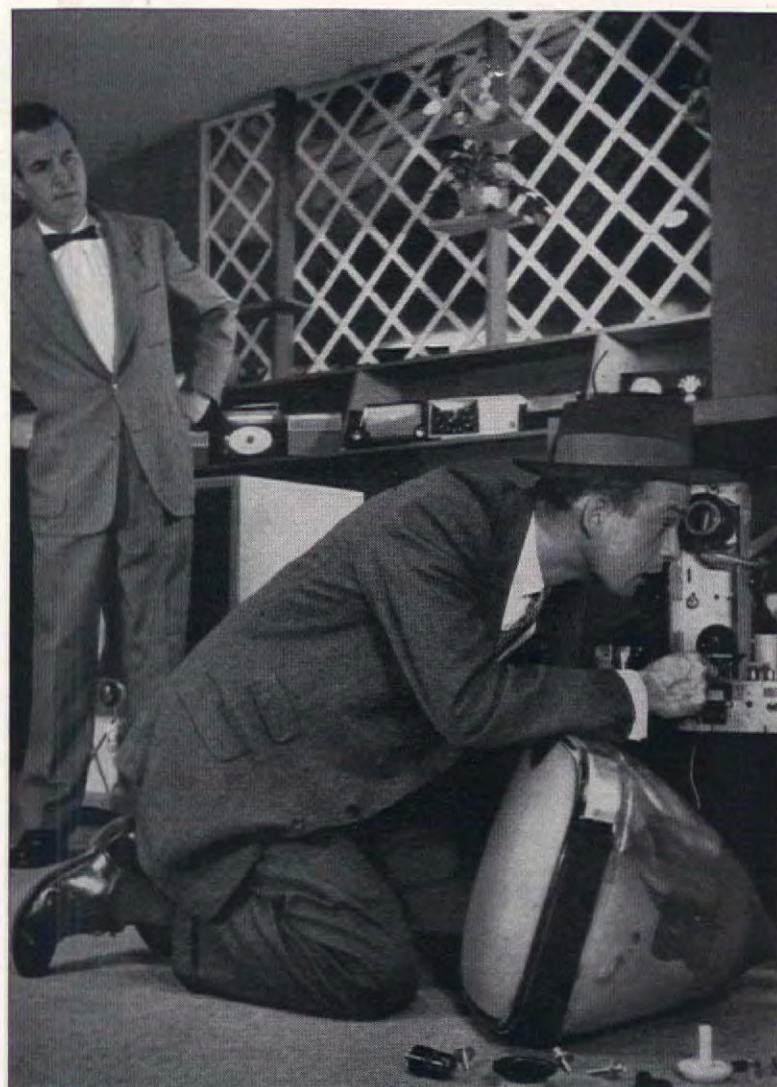
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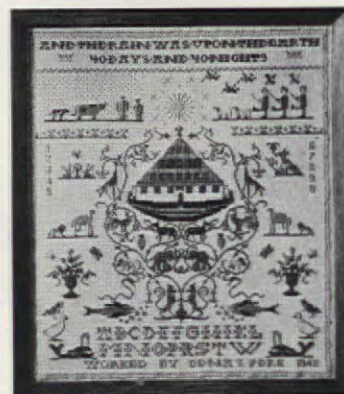


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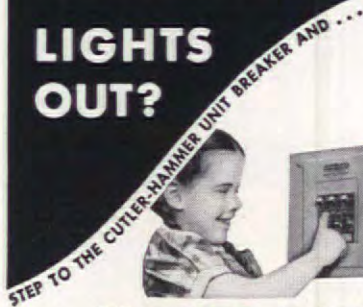
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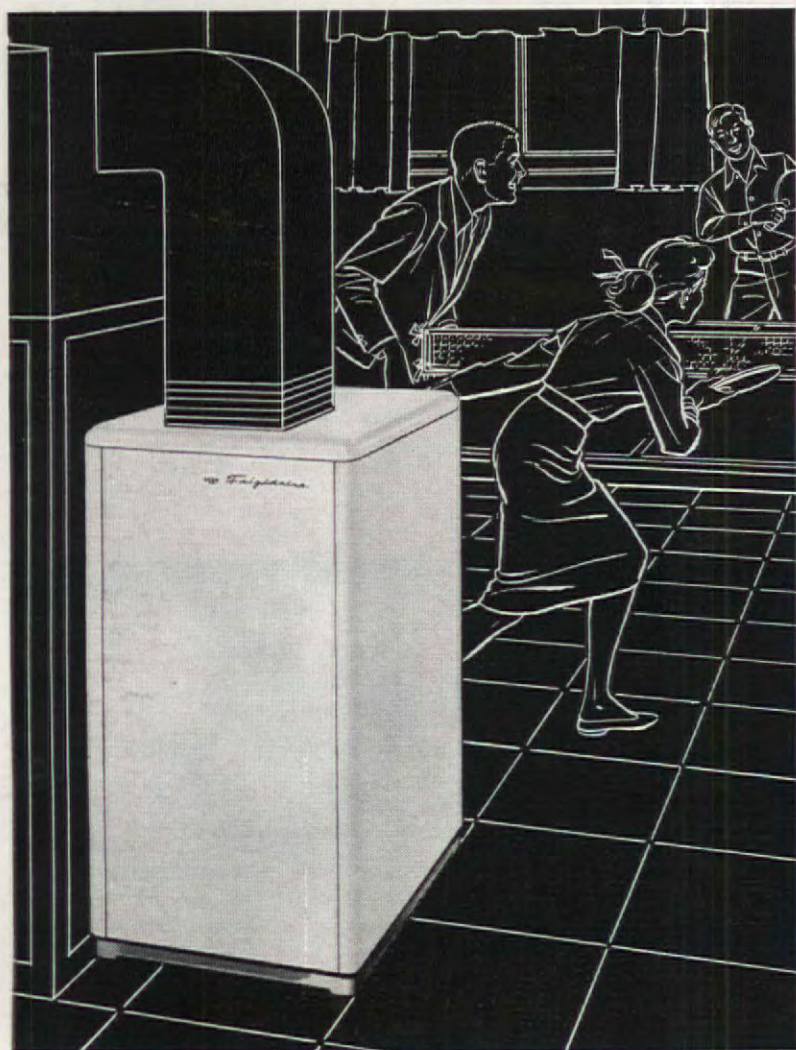
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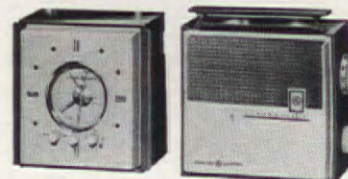


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