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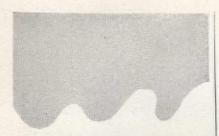
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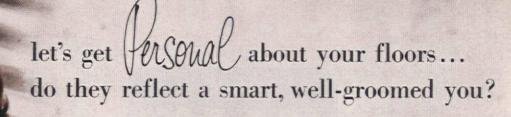
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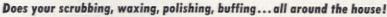
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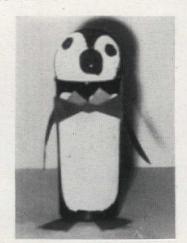


WE GO TO SCHOOL!

In a past issue I came upon a very clever idea about animals made from bottles and glasses. I am an 8th-grade teacher, always looking for things for my youngsters to make, so I showed them the pictures. I was sure you would like to see the results.

Your magazine not only has clever ideas for the home, but for the school as well.

—LOIS C. DECKOW



HE DIDN'T TELL ALL!

Mr. and Mrs. Havilah Babcock do have a marvelous garden and I have unashamedly made notes of their secrets, knowing full well that, like any good cook, he did not tell all.

His resentment of the "Oh You Lucky Dog!" attitude is unfounded and ungrateful. How many are lucky enough to have 9-to-4 jobs? How many live where you can dig washtubsize holes in the winter? By the time the good professor cleared snow and frozen earth from a hole that size in South Dakota in February, he'd have developed slogans for lots of highgrade compost.

Some of us have longer working hours; some like to do other little things in our spare time, such as building a house or a boat; some just wouldn't be able to market so much produce; others feel that 5 a.m. is when sleeping is at its prime. Still others couldn't raise so much as a cucumber regardless of the facilities and supplies available.

So, have a heart, Mr. Green Thumb Babcock. We enjoyed your article, CONTINUED ON PAGE 167

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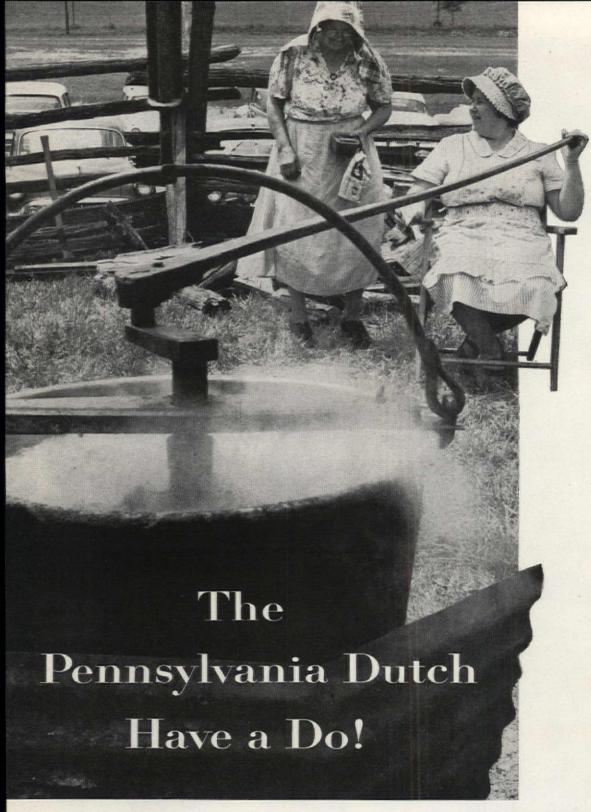
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Mrs. Andrew Jackson of Upper Bucks County offers young Bobby Mitman a piece of delicious vinegar candy, Bobby's mom has the big smile.



Ach! people won't go for that stuff!" protested the ladies of Kutztown, Pennsylvania, when they were asked to serve Pennsylvania Dutch foods at the first Folk Festival in 1950. But the ladies gave it a try anyway. They made all their favorite dishes, and found out that thousands of fair visitors did go for that stuff—Rivvel Soup, Fasnachts, Walnut Bread, Shoo-fly Pie and Funny Cake.

The three-day festival, held every Fourth of July week end, is sponsored by local churches and granges. Some citizens demonstrate the preparation of traditional dishes. Others put up booths where the ladies display cooked delicacies and generously hand out typewritten copies of recipes to all comers. Vast tents are crowded with tables, and, for under \$2 a meal, you never ate it so good!

And if you feel up to it, there's a butchery where the men slaughter their pigs and the bonneted ladies prepare the pork for the cooking vats. Or if you prefer more relaxing fare, you can watch a traditional folk comedy, hear lectures on local lore, or see demonstrations of arts and crafts. Why not stop in if you're in the area this summer? You'll come back for more!

One of 50,000 hungry outlanders at

1955 Kutztown, Pennsylvania, festival recalls:

"By the end of the evening my tummy felt

like the opening theme from 'Dragnet'—but oh!

the Pennsylvania Dutch do make it good!"

That's a traditional scene above: Ladies of the Marion Grange keep watch over apple concoction simmering in a great big copper cauldron. Five hours later—delicious apple butter! At right, festival visitor enjoys trying hard-candy cherry.



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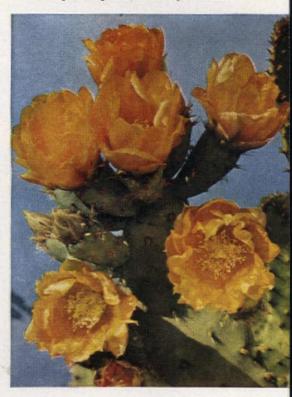
What the cowboy lingo means is that the temperature has reached roo° for the first time this year. Which in turn means that from now on tourists will tend to bypass the desert and stick to more northerly routes.

And so one of nature's most spectacular explosions of color is missed by almost everyone but the natives. For it's in late spring that the vast desert in southern Arizona bursts into bloom.

The plants of the desert start flowering in April, and, as in most places, the first color to appear is yellow. The paloverde, Arizona's state tree, heralds spring with great clusters of tiny yellow blossoms. Creamy white saguaro flowers crown huge fluted columns like gay tiaras. The bloom is Arizona's state flower.



Bright yellows, bronzes, and reds burst from countless opuntia species, such as pubescens.



CHARLES W. HERBERT

DESERT IN BLOOM

Triggered by the heat of late spring, color transforms the stern landscape of southern Arizona

an explosion of

Then, before long, everything gets into the act.

Poppies lay down a yellow carpet above little creeping plants that burst out with blue, yellow, orange, and red flowers. The tiniest hug the earth and peep up only briefly. Smaller than forget-me-nots, they're not even seen unless you really look for them.

The giant saguaro, bearing Arizona's state flower, grows in forests near Tucson. The wandlike ocotillo, not a cactus but armed with sharp spines nonetheless, ignites into flametipped splendor. The yucca, a member of the lily family, bears flowers like lighted candles. The desert compass, hedgehog, and barrel cactus group, always pointing southeast, break out with blooms of almost every color.

But all this is after the ice breaks in the Santa Cruz River, and only desert rats on horseback ride from air-conditioned homes to enjoy the spectacle! CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

Papago Indian women gathering the fruit of saguaros for making jam.



Prickly pears, many of them edible, are the fruit of the opuntia cactus and are almost as striking as the blooms.



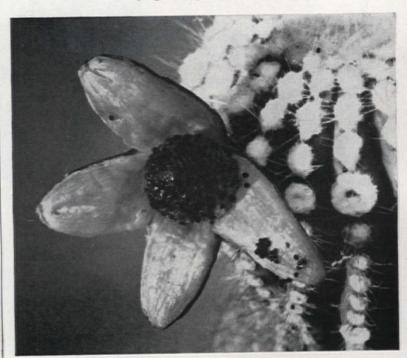
The fat little rainbow cactus, 4" to 8" high, has blooms almost as big as the plant itself.

You're never too far away...



Desert in Bloom

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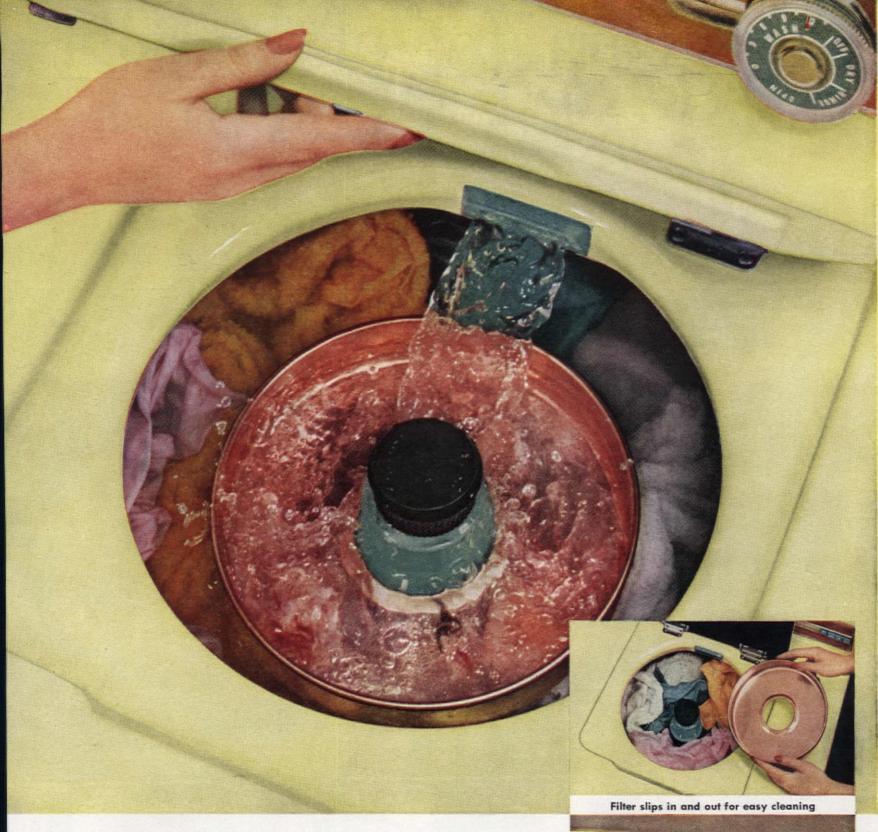


Red, flower-like fruits of saguaro cactus make a jam that's so sweet it requires no sugar. A ceremonial wine is also made from them by the Papago Indians, who use long poles to gather them (page 12) from old plants. The saguaro does not make its curious, arm-like branches till about 75 years old, when 14' to 20' high. It grows to nearly 50'.



Hedgehog cactus, one of about 60 species of echinocereus, has attractive pink flowers but it is viciously armed with sharp, close-packed spines. All the echinocereus, which include the rainbow cactus on page 13, are spiny and low growing, often developing into clumps, and have bell- or funnel-shaped flowers in red, pink, lavender, yellow. THE END

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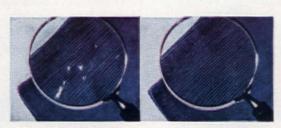


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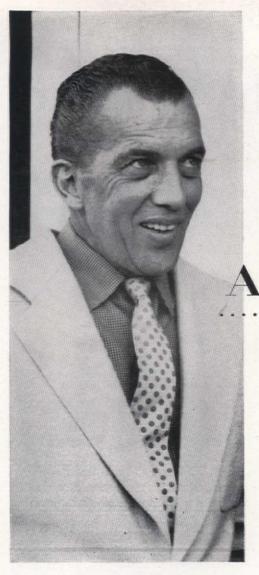
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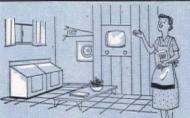
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Here's an on-the-spot report of what they told us

QUESTION: Do you feel that air conditioning has made your housework easier?

G. O., KANSAS CITY, KANS. "Definitely cuts down amount of dust, insects, etc., and besides work is easier to do under comfortable conditions. Draperies stay clean much longer, as does clothing, etc."

MR. W. B., ATLANTA, GA. "There is a very noticeable decrease in dirt and dust."

MRS. R. B., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. "Yes, the life and beauty of draperies, upholstered furniture, and rugs are lengthened considerably by the exclusion of glare and grime from opened windows."

When you want to buy something, it's usually wise to find somebody who already has one, and ask him how he likes it. With so many of you wondering about buying air conditioning, you'd undoubtedly like to get the inside story from people who already have it. That's why we asked families across the nation what they think of the air conditioning in their homes.

We asked them about the points that you, as a potential owner, want to know. How does air conditioning affect their comfort, their sleeping and eating, their health, dispositions, entertaining, and house cleaning? And we also asked them what led them to buy air conditioning. We hope that the reactions and opinions voiced in this survey will give you a better idea what it's like to live in an air-conditioned home. Here are our questions, and the typical answers we got:

· QUESTION: Do you get more and better sleep?

MRS. S. B., BOSTON, MASS. "Wonderful."

MRS. C. M., DENVER, COLO. "Yes. We go to sleep almost immediately without tossing and turning."

KANSAS CITY. "This is probably the most important consideration."

COLORADO. "Not much difference. Colorado nights are generally cool. Improves daytime sleeping and naps."

QUESTION: How has air conditioning affected your summer eating habits?

TEXAS. "Radically. We now have oven meals throughout the hot months, which was impossible before. Also, we eat at home rather than going to restaurants as we did before."

ILLINOIS. "It's a revelation to see the working members of the family come in exhausted and dripping, and then after a shower and change of clothes, sit down to a good hot meal and enjoy it."

MASSACHUSETTS. "It makes meals far more enjoyable. The only disadvantage I know of is that the system does not filter out cooking odors. It spreads them all over the house."

KANSAS. "I could write a lot regarding this question. Until we put in air conditioning I lost weight in summer because I didn't enjoy my food. Such is not true now—I've just started a diet. Much as I dislike dieting, my air conditioning is worth that, and more, too."



QUESTION: In what rooms do you feel air conditioning is most important?

KANSAS CITY. "Kitchen and bedrooms."
LONG BEACH, CALIF. "Kitchen, den, and bedrooms."
ATLANTA, GA. "All rooms."

(Most people stressed importance of air conditioning in bedrooms and kitchen.)

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QUESTION: Has air conditioning made your family relationships more harmonious?

MRS. S. B., BOSTON, MASS. "Very marked effect for the better."

MRS. C. M., DENVER, COLO. "We both are so much more relaxed."

MRS. H. K., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. "I expect my disposition is somewhat better at the end of the day, and I am sure Mr. K. can slip into a more relaxed mood upon his return from a hot day of work."

MRS. S. B., RIVERSIDE, ILL. "The members of my family look forward to coming into our air-conditioned home every evening. Each one enters with a sigh of relief and envies me because I can enjoy it all day."

QUESTION: Does your family spend more time together during the hot summer days and evenings?

MASSACHUSETTS. "Can't get them out of the house.

TV and air conditioning have almost eliminated the movies from our entertainment."

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Kansas. "Not especially—we've always been a family who work and play together regardless of season."

TEXAS. "I don't believe this has been particularly altered as we have always spent as much time together as business would permit."

QUESTION: Do you like to open windows in the summer even though you have air conditioning?

GEORGIA. "No need with circulating air."

Kansas. "Usually open them for a time in the cool of the early morning."

Kansas. "I always air my house, usually for a short time in the evening when the temperature isn't so high."

CALIFORNIA. "Very little, for air is better in house with windows closed."

COLORADO. "Not necessarily. System has intake which blends fresh air with inside air."

QUESTION: What were the most important factors that led you to buy air conditioning?

COLORADO. "Our house sits out in the open with no shade, and after two or three days of intense heat the ambient temperature of the house itself rises so high that it is quite uncomfortable."

TEXAS. "Our summers are long with very warm days. Some type of cooling is a necessity. Comfort was the first consideration. And we felt that air conditioning would increase the value and salability of our house should we ever wish to sell it."

KANSAS. "After hearing me gripe every summer for years, I'm sure my husband loved putting in this system to keep me cool—and quiet. Also, his office is air conditioned and he was

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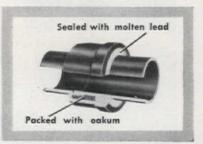
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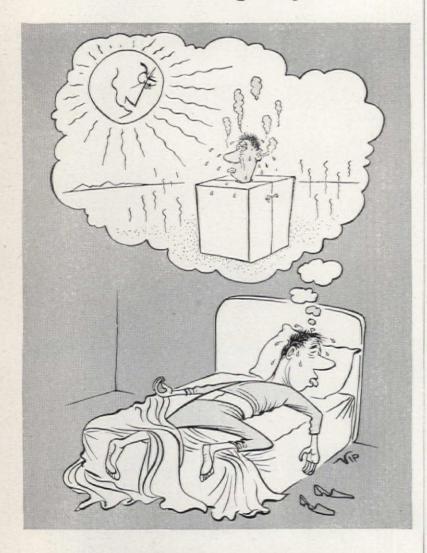
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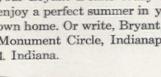
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uncomfortable nights and week ends, too. . . . I only wish that everyone who dislikes hot weather could have the privilege of owning an air-conditioning system."

GEORGIA. "Pure enjoyment."

GEORGIA, "Comfort and health,"

ILLINOIS. "The fact that mother and brother were both invalids. They were so listless and exhausted from the heat that it made their conditions even worse. They were like two different people after air conditioning, and we all likewise benefited."

CALIFORNIA. "To get comfort in the home. Why pay from \$15,000 to \$50,000 for a house and quibble over another few thousand for endurable living conditions in summer?"

• OUESTION: Do you feel that air conditioning has improved your family's health?

TEXAS. "I am sure that restful sleep has kept down the usual summer dragged-out feeling. Also it has probably warded off some colds brought on by dust storms in the summer

TEXAS. "It definitely helps hay fever in this part of the country where dust storms are so frequent.'

COLORADO, "It probably has, but I feel the benefits are intangible. The biggest help is in disposition and mentally."

Texas. "I believe that proper rest and relaxation plus better eating habits give a stamina that is definitely an asset in combating any disease.'

Illinois. "We have definitely found relief from allergies."

KANSAS. "Everyone gets more rest, and we have had less hav fever and asthma. All three older children and my wife have hay fever and asthma.'

· QUESTION: Do you find it easier to work in the kitchen with air conditioning?

Kansas. "It's easier to work any place. I have as many company dinners now in summer as I formerly did in fall and winter-all due to my air conditioning." CONTINUED ON PAGE 144





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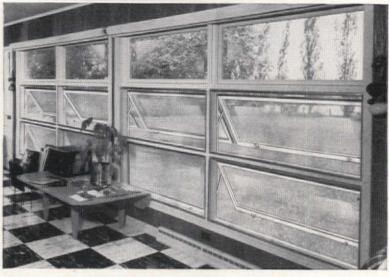
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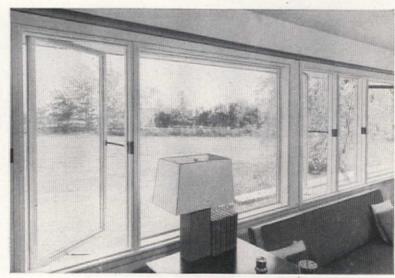
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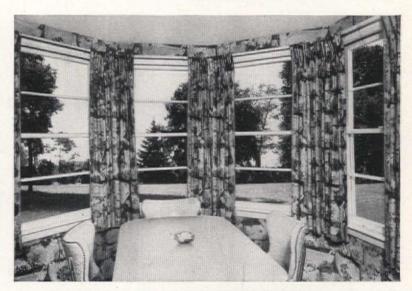
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ness, so they each bought about seven feet of the plastic and some heavy-duty thread. The top and bottom edges are prefinished, and only one side seam is needed, but the cut edges are very rough so that this seam must be either French-felled or bound. Petticoats can be made with deep-turned hems, but the girls prefer tucks of various widths that serve the double purpose of adjusting length and making the skirt stand out more. The top, made of cotton, nylon, or taffeta, has a band of elastic at the waist. How about it girls? See you at the lumber yard? —RUTH M. MALONE

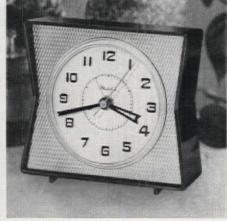
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Editors Gertrude Dixson and Virginia Thabet find the Kirven's store employees eager to learn all about the newest fabrics and their care.

TWO EDITORS PUT THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

A hotel ballroom in Columbus, Georgia, was packed to the doors one morning not long ago. Some 150 home demonstration agents had registered by 8:30 to attend Kirven's Department Store's annual Home Furnishings and Fabric Clinic. And among the speakers armed with all the latest news for them were the American Home's Home Furnishings Editor Gertrude Brooks Dixson and Associate Equipment Editor Virginia Thabet. They had quite a bit to say that will be of interest to you.

Actually, three groups heard our editors speak. For the editors got together that afternoon with a group of home economics students and teachers, and that evening with the employees of Kirven's.

HERE'S WHAT EDITOR DIXSON HAD TO SAY:

Homemakers in all sections of the country are increasingly aware of the developments in fashion for the home. People are traveling more, so they have more knowledge of life the world over. The visual presentation and written word in magazines dealing with the home help these homemakers, and merchants take more effort to stock and display merchandise that's in good taste. Because the homemaker is more

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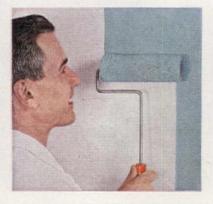
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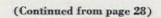




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discriminating, manufacturers must produce more desirable products. For example, you, the homemakers, are more color-conscious. But you're also concerned with the care of fabrics, particularly since fashion currently dictates light tones.

What are the present color trends? The aquas, the sunny yellows, the mauvish reds are the latest and "high" fashion colors. The deeper blues, olive greens, pinks and beiges work in as "carry over" colors, still good and usable for the next few years.

In these light colors there are nylon-face upholstery fabrics recommended for durability and ease of maintenance. There are new upholsteries of saran which are practically everything-proof—and noninflammable. There are draperyweight and casement cloths of glass fiber. These resist fading and changes in temperature, but still must be watched for abrasions. There are lacy-looking curtains made of synthetics with intricate designs printed on in flock or woven in.

And don't ignore the natural-fiber fabrics. Cotton, for instance, is not only being woven into lovely damasks in all the newest colors, but frequently it is given a protective dirt-repellent finish. Linen, one of the most dirt-repellent fibers, is being dyed in an enormous range of plain colors. Many of the most beautiful old designs on linen are being recolored to fit the light colors of today's palette.

It isn't necessary to confine your

decorating to any one type of material to assure a colorful and easyto-maintain room, but you do need to know the properties of materials and how to care for them.

HERE'S WHAT EDITOR THABET HAD TO SAY:

With many new fabrics on the market, and with the continued progress of fine laundry equipment, care is easy. Both the new manmade fibers and the new-process natural fibers are becoming easier and easier to take care of. But just knowing the fabric content is not the answer. You need to know the effects of water, detergents, soaps, and washing machines, too.

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The blending and mixing of synthetics with natural fibers—and of synthetics with other synthetics—creates a problem, too. You need to know which fiber is used in the fabric to know how to wash these durable fabrics.

And more and more of these new fabrics are washable, because the increased ability of automatic washers to launder fabrics urges the textile industry to produce more washable fabrics. And you, the homemaker, must read your instruction booklets, study labels, and learn the basic facts CONTINUED ON PAGE 170



COLORS SHOWN: ROSSO DI LEVANTO AND PAISLEY WITH BLACK KENCOVE



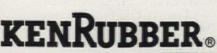
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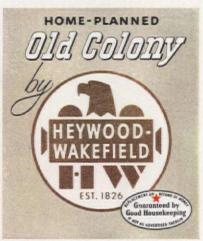


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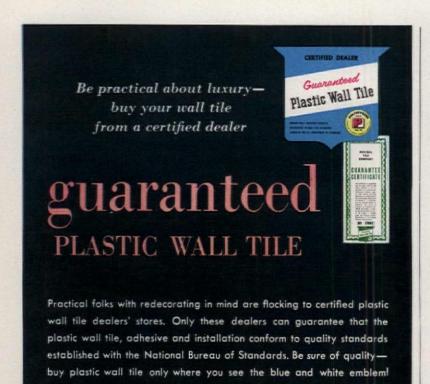
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collector an a rather good-sized that capture

The distillers of liquor fancied this bottle for displaying their product. One side shows the "Before" face, other side the "After." Frosted and clear glass in combination.

Another clear glass bottle, "George Washington," when filled with vinegar,

sold for 10 cents. Hand in frosted glass holds pistol in clear glass. An imported French wine bottle, it's one of a series of hands holding various objects.

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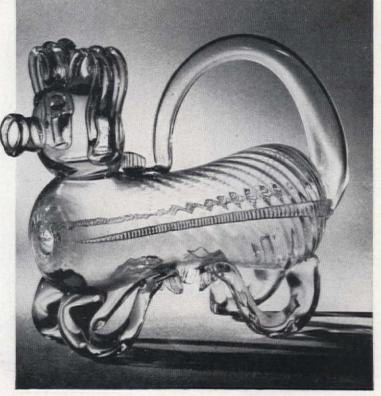
made to buy these up, but a few got away.

An outstanding appeal of these almost-lost characters is in the proven fact that no one person can have them all! Some types were made in such limited numbers, or so many of them were broken, that only one bottle of a kind can be located. Today there is a resurgence of interest in character bottles. And though many "character" perfume and liquor bottles are again

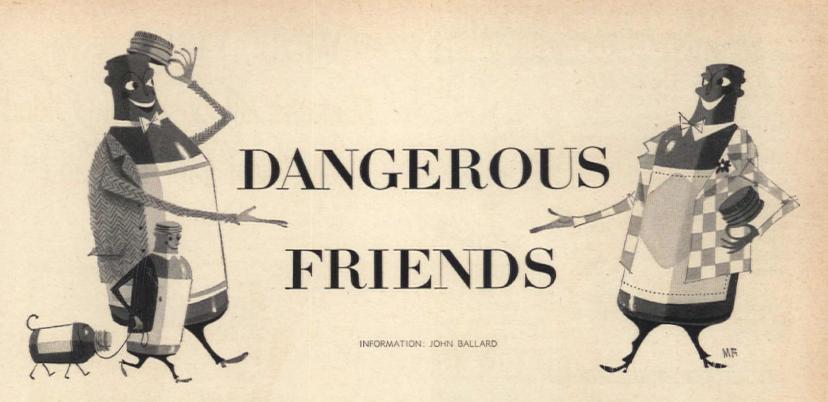
being produced, the current machinemade bottles don't appeal to collectors as do earlier hand-pressed oddities.

In spite of their scarcity, you can still pick up sufficient old time "characters" in clear and colored glass to compose a collection—and imagine your pleasure CONTINUED ON PAGE 104

Tip-up whisky bottle. Body of dog is blown in mold—legs and ears added. The hollow tail serves as a handle.







Use your garden insecticides carelessly enough and you'll kill yourself for sure. And of course you can do the same with your iodine, your razor, your stepladder, or power saw. It's just a matter of using them carelessly *enough*, and of continuing to do so until you "succeed."

Probably you've heard or read about people being killed by plant sprays, just as you've heard and read about people being killed by all sorts of other things. But chances are your reaction has been a little different.

Maybe you've wondered if the people involved weren't foolish for using "such powerful" chemicals, or maybe you've been inclined to blame the chemicals rather than the people. It's doubtful, though, that you'd think someone foolish for dressing a wound, for shaving, for putting up curtains with a ladder, or for using a power saw. If he injured or killed himself while doing so you wouldn't hold it against the thing he was using.

No let's take a consistent attitude toward everything that can injure or kill people.

The fact is that many, many things can hurt or even kill you if you use them carelessly—in ways they were not intended to be used.

The smart thing, therefore, is to make a *habit* of respecting their potentialities. For it's usually when we neglect to do so that "accidents" happen.

Many garden insecticides and fungicides are injurious when spilled on the skin, rubbed against the eyes, or inhaled into the lungs, and lethal if a sufficient quantity is swallowed. (The same is true, of course, of many household germicides and cleansers.) It's important, therefore, to keep these facts in mind when using garden sprays and dusts.

Some preparations, it's true, are considerably less dangerous than others. But it's sheer foolhardiness to handle *any* pesticide as though it were water or sand. The directions and warnings on the containers should check any inclinations like that!

For instance, the warning notice on one of the most effective garden insecticides available today says: "CAUTION. Harmful if swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. Avoid breathing spray mist or dust. Avoid getting in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after using. If spilled on skin or clothing, wash thoroughly with soap and water. Change clothing immediately and wash before re-use. Destroy containers completely when empty; do not re-use. Avoid contamination of feed or foodstuffs. Keep away from children and domestic animals." Some notices are less inclusive, but they all

indicate that the materials require careful use.

The really dangerous pesticides—which require complete skin protection and a gas mask—are not generally available to the public but are intended for professional use only. Needless to say, it wouldn't pay you to go out of your way to obtain them! And, anyway, the materials packaged for garden use and available at seed, garden supply, and hardware stores, when used as directed, are just as effective for ordinary plant pest and disease control.

ere, then, are 10 safety rules of pesticide use:

- 1. Read directions and caution notices on labels; be sure you understand them; follow them.
- 2. Handle pesticides carefully. If you spill any on your skin while measuring or mixing, wash it off thoroughly and immediately with soap and water. If you spill any on your clothing, take the garment off immediately and wash it thoroughly, by itself, before re-using it.
- Don't have your face close to the pesticide when measuring or mixing.
- 4. Don't rub your eyes, nose, or mouth, don't eat or drink anything, and don't smoke while measuring, mixing, or applying pesticide.
- 5. Don't spray or dust when the wind is strong or erratic. Always spray or dust so that the mist or dust cloud drifts away from you, not toward you. And don't spray or dust if the wind would carry the material toward other people, animals, laundry on a clothesline, open windows, and the like.
- Don't spray or dust fruits and vegetables that are nearing maturity. Always wash fruits and vegetables that have been sprayed or dusted.
- 7. After spraying or dusting, wash your hands and face well with soap and water. If there's any likelihood that some of the spray or dust got on your clothes, change them and wash them before re-using.
- 8. Store pesticides in a *safe* place—out of reach of children and pets and where they can't be knocked over or otherwise interfered with—and store with the containers properly closed.
- Don't use materials that are not intended for garden use.
 Professional materials are for professional use only.
- 10. If you should have an accident, call a doctor immediately, and tell him what you were using or show him the container.

Gardening is much easier and pleasanter with efficient insecticides and fungicides than it ever was without them. But he's a smart gardener who always bears in mind what a spray or a dust can do if misused.

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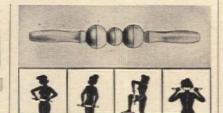


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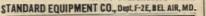
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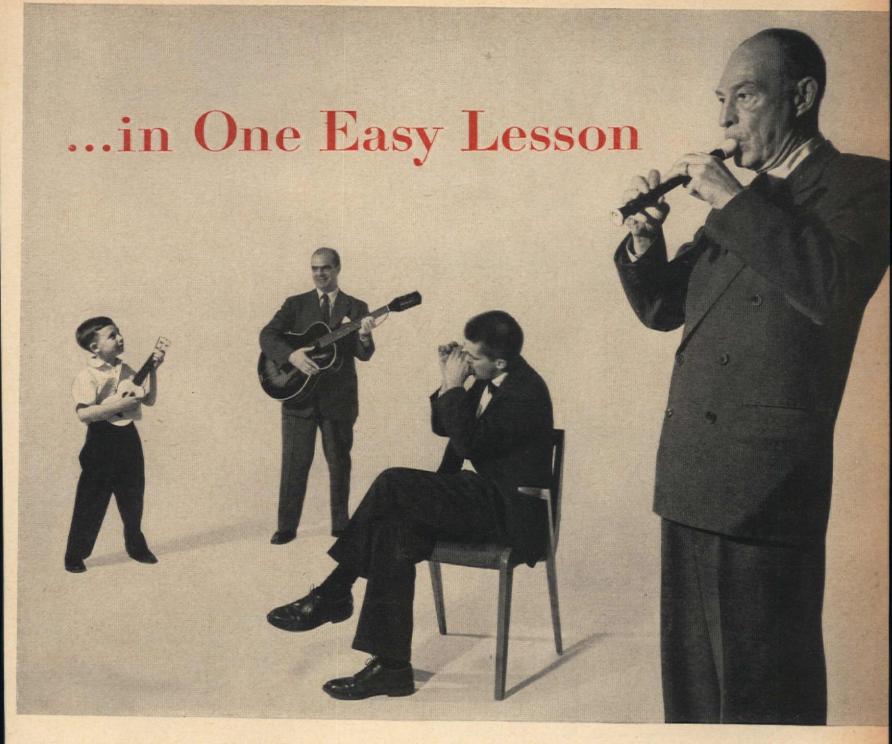
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The most familiar instruments in this category are the harmonica and guitar. Everyone must have put a harmonica to his mouth at one time or another, if only to produce a series of noisy, unrelated sounds. The point is to try to toot a tune. And this hardly requires more than the ability to inhale and exhale at the proper time.

Harmonicas fall into four main classes, each one simple to understand and easy to play. There are harmonicas with single holes, others with double holes, some that vibrate and tremble to create a "tremolo" effect, and finally those that can play a chromatic—or half-tone—scale. They vary in price from as low as \$1 for the simplest kind to \$100 or even more for those used by professionals.

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In the next five months you'll probably drive the family car through the biggest share of its mileage for the year. During this period of May through Septémber, you'll likely roll up 75 per cent of all the distance the car will cover in 1956.

That's a heap of driving, and it seems only logical that you should make sure the jalopy's ready for the grind. The truth is, though, that a good many drivers who swear by "winterizing" their cars haven't yet learned the value of "summerizing."

Actually, we've no right to expect trouble-free summer driving just because the weather is warmer. Summer does mean easier starts, but it also means long week-end trips, vacation trips, and incidental trips any time we can get outdoors. And such driving is tough on a car.

You can make your car stand up best under this constant strain by summerizing. Just what will summerizing do for your car? The very least you can expect is that it will save you time and inconvenience during extended summer trips. And it just might prevent a dangerous accident in the months ahead.

What should you do to get ready for the summer driving period? Here's a check list:

1. Tires. Regardless of their age, check them for cuts and nails, and for signs of abnormal or uneven wear. Improper wear may be due to faulty steering apparatus or poor wheel alignment. Not only will such defects wear out tires much more quickly and increase the chances of tire failure, but you'll also be suffering through rough rides all the while.

2. Brakes. Winter slush, snow, and ice may have damaged mechanisms and linings. Your hydraulic system may need fluid. It's a sign of danger if your brakes need "pumping" to function properly or have to be pressed far toward the floor.

3. Muffler and exhaust. These parts of your car are also subject to damage from winter slush. Holes that may have rusted through can permit escape of fumes that will cause you to get drowsy or sick while driving. Any damage is easy to see while your car is elevated for greasing.

4. Cooling system. This should be drained and flushed clean. Hose connections should be checked, along with the fan belt. Most CONTINUED ON PAGE 110

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For working plain and traveling fancy

(and what a buy it is now!)



You're sure beginning to see a lot more Buick Estate Wagons on the highways nd byways than ever before.

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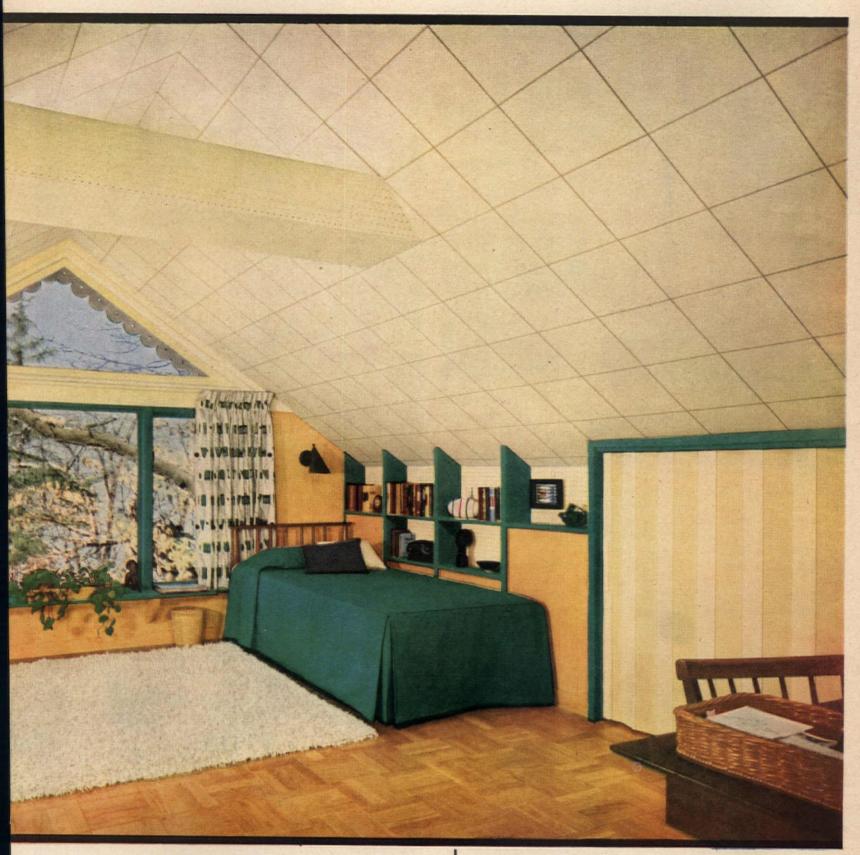
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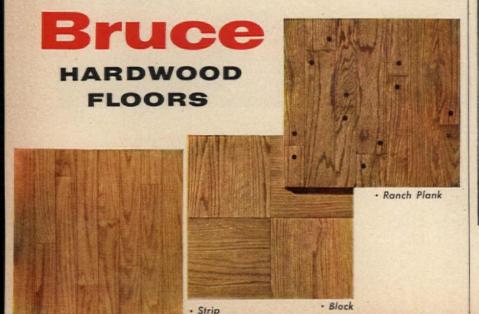
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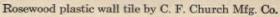
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couldn't resist letting you see our 'far-fetched' dreams come true," Letcher Johnson wrote from Florida. "My wife and I decided to build a patio and were so pleased with the results that we tackled a barbecue, swimming pool, board-on-board fence, and a brick-column fence. Since we both work, our spare time was limited to week ends. We thought your readers would like to see what can be accomplished on a budgeted income such as ours."

On visiting the Johnsons, we learned that neither of them had any previous construction experience (Chris is a secretary and Letcher a draftsman). But since their Jacksonville home is far smaller than their hospitality—and is 30 miles from the nearest beach—they longed for both an outdoor living area and a place to take a dip. We liked their projects so much that we've made two into patterns you can adapt to your own backyard.

After we'd taken our photographs and eaten the delicious barbecued steaks, Chris confided to us, over coffee, that although these were their first projects, she can hardly wait for the next — for she "just loves to work with concrete."

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Look What \$1,000 Did!



With a little money, a lot of ingenuity, and 519 man-hours of spare time, the Johnsons turned their barren lot into a beautiful outdoor living area







Reminiscent of the Deep South



ow delicate these rosy-pink camellias seem, but don't let their fragile look fool you! Experts are experimenting with these Southland beauties and believe several early-flowering varieties may be grown many places in the North with just a small amount of winter protection. You may grow camellias successfully on an enclosed, sunny porch with temperatures above freezing—around 45°F. You live in the South? Then you know you can get camellias!

The camellias you see on these pages are arranged in a handsome old bronze usibata, a Japanese container used exclusively for flowers. Although this is an original, good copies can be had at less cost. Attractive, naturalistic "rocks" to disguise the pinholder and rubbertipped orchid tubes are old-fashioned furnace clinkers. Only nowadays clinkers are sold, no less, as rarities.

Long sprays of camellia foliage are essential. Your florist can order these for you. The foliage is long-lasting, so you can use it as a semi-permanent background line. When camellias fade, put in other fresh flowers.

THE END



Attach a florists' pick near bottom of each of the plastic orchid tubes. Secure pick with florists' green tape, and wrap the tape around the tube to cover it. Fill tube with water; add rubber tip to hold bloom.





ARRANGEMENT BY BETTY B. MERRIAM

Put furnace clinkers in upper section of two-piece container. Insert tubes between clinkers. Arrange sprays of camellia foliage for a semi-permanent background line, and insert camellias in water-filled tubes. Place flowers in "S" curve, slightly turning each in a line to follow basic pattern—none "head on."

REUPHOLSTER, SLIPCOVER,

GERTRUDE BROOKS DIXSON

"I just can't bear coming home to this dreary place one more time," Helen Coleman muttered to herself.

"I've just got to make the time to *do* something about it." Glumly she walked to the kitchen to put away the groceries.

Helen was right about *making* the time, for she's a mighty busy gal. Lately she has literally been on the move. On her way to a top position with her firm, she's had to pack up everything she owns and change residence three times in that many years.

With each move something had been added or discarded until there was little resemblance to the original living room she and her family had enjoyed.

Sensibly, busy Helen decided to call in a professional decorator for advice, and between them they went to work planning a new life for her latest living room.

"I know how impermanent this looks," Helen admitted to the decorator. "We don't have a pic-



With exception of striated fabric (lower left) used to reupholster sofa, these fabrics are double-duty ones: strong enough to use as upholstery, but light-weight enough to handle well as slipcovers. Upper two are combined in upholstery of tufted-back chair to retain interest of tuftings. On inside of two host chairs, all-nylon fabric was used as upholstery over chintz, because both are slippery. Blue fabric upholsters backs of these two chairs and slipcovers the third host chair and ottoman. Yellow-and-bronze armure tailors trimly into slipcover on large chair.



ture on the wall, or even one of our lovely figurines on view. And I know how bad that is for our morale. But not one thing will I do until I decide whether it's best to recover or slipcover the upholstered pieces, or buy new ones."

Helen walked over in front of the old brown sofa, looking it up and down critically. "Sometimes," she said, "I'd like to throw out all the furniture and just start over. But, you know, we love this old sofa. And I have looked at so many others—sat on them, too—and none of them seemed exactly right."

She turned thoughtfully and walked to her right. "And that brown chair is Linda's favorite. You can tell, all right, by the way the upholstery CONTINUED ON PAGE 112







New arrangement takes better advantage of furniture that was already in the room. The desk belongs near window. Across from it, drop-leaf table is good balancer, and just as handy to the kitchen as before. The big chair is now part of conversation group. Nest of tables (with legs cut down) makes good coffee table. TV can be seen all over room; makes good group with bookcases.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 168







Lovely actress Geraldine Fitzgerald feels right at home in this setting. She took just one look at these lovely carnationand-butterfly accessories, and that was all she needed. And the same thing happened to us. We just couldn't resist this brand-new design, for it set our heads a-spinning with all kinds of ideas for using these bedroom and bath accessories.

For your first glimpse of these accessories, we devised the oh-so-feminine room where Miss Fitzgerald is so gaily at home enjoying

our feminine fantasy among the carnations.

Everything in the room—the headboard, curtains, mirror, shadow boxes, dressing-table skirt—complements the nostalgia in the carnation design. And so do the robes we had especially made for this charming setting.

But there's more than nostalgia. This popular-priced group also has a freshness and crispness, and a motif so variously handled that it could accompany even the most modern furnishings. No wonder we couldn't resist these beautiful carnations!



Harmation Fantasy



TO ORDER PATTERNS FOR CURTAINS (LEFT) AND PINK-AND-WHITE HEADBOARD, SEE PAGE 124

FOR THE BEDROOM This gay summer-weight, all-cotton blanket is scattered with small-scale, single carnations. These are exact matches for the design of the sheets and pillow cases. There is another beautiful blanket that is a blend of cotton, nylon, and rayon. Its two bold motifs are enlarged sprays of carnations just like those on the bath towels. You have a choice of color with all of these bedroom and bath pieces, for they are also available with designs done in turquoise-blue.



FOR THE SHOWER and the window right beside it! Transparent loveliness of plastic film is imprinted with still another version of this versatile carnation and butterfly design that's bright as can be. Ruffled window curtain is 54" long and 52" wide. Like the blankets, sheets, and pillow cases, these also are available in turquoise-blue.

FOR THE BATHROOM
The same spray motif is
worked in proper scale to fit on
bath and hand towels, and guest
towel and wash cloth. It makes
a handsome embellishment for

the tub mat, too. Not only do these two colors combine well, but they're keyed to today's most popular tile colors as well. All of these towels are sold individually and in sets.

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FOR LIST OF STORES WHERE MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE, SEE PAGE 169



1. To copy mirror sharing cover honors with Geraldine Fitzgerald, spray white enamel on frame, holding can 6" to 8" away. Keep spray moving to apply a thin coat at one time. Repeat this for coverage.



2. Revive old artificial flowers to decorate frame: spray flowers with textile paint thinned with turpentine. An ordinary insect sprayer is ideal for this. You can control the shading of the flowers by carefully regulating the amount of color that you apply.



3. Bunch the painted flowers close together in a cluster, slightly off center. Wire them together to hold in place. Spread fabric glue on the backs of flowers and hold them in position on frame for a minute or so until the glue sets. Use pins to hold if they're needed.

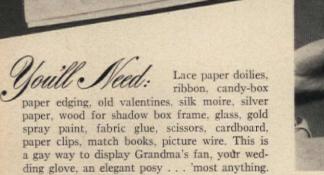
Sentimental Frame-Ups

DOROTHY BRIGHTBILL

To make a sentimental montage like those hanging on wall in our cover picture, mount a valentine, or whatever pretty thing you prefer, in a shadow box. 1. Make gilded shadow box frame about 2" or 3" deep. Cut a piece of heavy cardboard so it's slightly larger than the inside back of the shadow box. Cover the cardboard with silk moire, and use paper clips to hold the silk in place until you cut the corners and glue fabric to back of cardboard.

2. Glue floral motifs and sections of lace paper

doily or what-have-you in place, making your own design. 3. Cut silver paper "mirror," using oval section of doily for pattern. 4. Raise center panel with little "blocks" of paper matches at top, bottom, and sides. 5. Add ribbon bow, "raised" heart and lace paper edging on inside of glass at front of box. Secure back of frame. Now add wire, and your shadow box conversation piece is ready to grace your bedroom wall. Isn't it elegant? You can go all out and make several of these boxes as shown on cover.













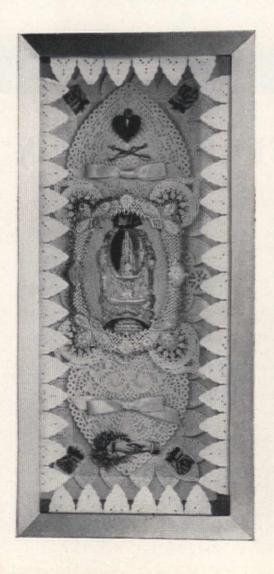
4. Keep the flowers close together and close to frame. Taper florets and leaves at ends. Spray the flowers with plastic spray. While wet, dust with some gold-colored powder. Glue sequin "dewdrops" on some of flowers.

You'll Need:

Oval or round frame, mirror to fit, white spray-on enamel, artificial flowers and leaves, gold powder, sequins, turpentine, fabric paint, plastic spray, fabric glue, insect sprayer, scissors, and wirecutters. You might salvage worn but pretty flowers from a ball gown, for sentiment's sake, and use to trim this frame.



This exquisitely-flowered frame is shown in full color on dressing table on this month's cover. So are the two delightful shadow boxes (below) that will start you planning your own memorabilia.





MARY COUGHLIN

How to have a house that will harmonize with three children and a special love of music . . . how to use space effectively, and still have some left over for beauty . . . how to get full benefit from a lovely wooded site—these were the problems that faced the Donald Hackers of Franklin, Michigan.

These requirements of the Hackers were the reasons that their architect designed this H-plan house. It's made up of two separate units (one for living and one for sleeping) connected by a glass passageway—a good subject for a story in itself.

Through skillful treatment of ceilings, lighting, and floors, every room has been made to seem much larger than it really is. The inside has literally been pushed outside, and the outside brought inside—an effect that has become a mark of contemporary architecture.

In the living unit of their home, the Hackers can enjoy life as a family, as host and hostess, or as music lovers. The handsome living room overlooks a beautiful wooded scene. Since kitchen, dining area, and garage are at the front of the living unit, food preparation, housekeeping, and errand running are made as easy as possible.

The bedroom unit, at the far side of the glass passageway, is as quiet as the upstairs of a two-story house can be. When Rulaine, II, David, 4, and Donna, I, are in bed, Don and Ruby Hacker can listen to piano, organ, and record player in the living-music area without disturbing their children's sleep. Glass walls of this side overlook a rock garden that slopes away abruptly. Space under the bedrooms is being turned into an activities room.

The glass passageway between living and bedroom units provides a glamorous and airy entrance to the house. Behind it is a screened patio for barbecues, and beyond that, a sunny terrace



that has a partial overhang.

"So often we use up all our space for necessities and neglect to leave a few square feet for beauty," says James Conn, AIA, the architect. "In their glass passageway the Hackers have a place to display their current interests. One time it's paintings. Another time (when these photographs were taken) it's plants. They can change the temperament of their house by the treatment of this space."

Another noteworthy feature of this house is the all-glass extension of the living area that contains the piano. From the inside, the room seems wide open to the outdoors. From outside, the piano actually seems to be out on the terrace!



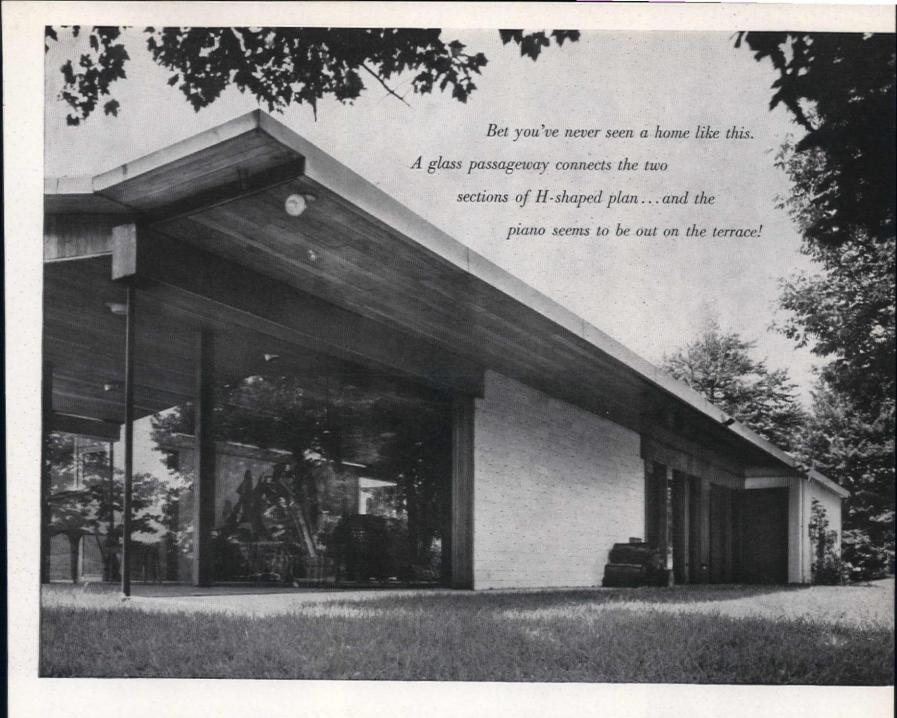
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This striking effect is due to the extension of the quarry tile floor, the ceiling, and the cove lighting—and to the fact that the quarter-inch plate glass is treated in an entirely different way from ordinary windows, even picture windows. It has actually become three walls, invisibly mitered at the corners, and at the top.

This modern use of glass is possible because these walls are not supporting walls. They bear almost no weight because the roof is held up by a flexible truss of many small members bolted together. As the architect puts it, "a structural system that minimizes the use of materials to give open spans of considerable distance."

Throughout the house, most of the window areas are fixed glass. Each bedroom has one movable sash. There are mechanical ventilators in the living area, kitchen, and all bedrooms.

For added interior beauty, the Hacker house is lined in a variety of interesting woods. Cupboard doors are flush, so that the pattern of each type is not broken by hinges or handles, and can add its particular effect to the indoor-outdoor scheme. The living area has mahogany, the bedroom, cherry, and the kitchen, prima vera. The new activities room under the bedroom unit will be paneled in the same mahogany as the living area, except that it is to be bleached for a more casual effect.



REASON FOR EVERYTHING!

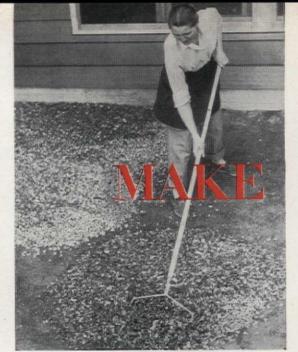




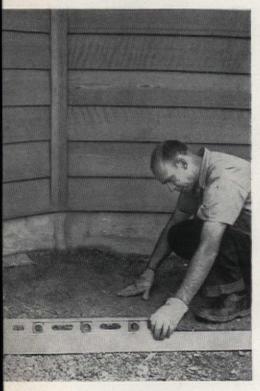
Major part of the grading had been done by the bulldozer that dug our basement. After deciding on size and shape of our terrace, we marked it with stakes, string.



We did final grading ourselves. Terrace area had to be dug deep enough for bricks to come flush with level of lawn. For water runoff, we sloped terrace from the house, dropping \(^{1}\)4" for every foot of terrace width.



With ground of terrace area excavated to the proper depth and smoothed to correct slope, we spread and packed down a 2" layer of 3/4"-diameter crushed stone; it improves drainage so water won't freeze in bricks.



We used 12' length of 1" by 3" pine and a spirit level to check surface of the crushed-stone base. This arrangement will help you to detect any flaws in slope.



Then we spread and tamped down a 1" layer of sand on top of the crushed stone base. We checked the surface of sand for \(^1\)4" drop in each foot—same as slope of ground beneath. The sand gives bricks firm support.



On the sand layer, we laid the bricks, leaving space of \(^1/_4\)" to \(^1/_2\)" between bricks. We used straight board to guide start of each row. With all bricks down, we swept sand over them, and dampened with garden hose.

ur house was finished, and inside it was homey and comfortable. Outside, though, it was muddy and ragged. Our first exterior project had to be a terrace, to serve both as a place for relaxing and getting a suntan, and as a front walk.

We decided to use concrete bricks. We particularly liked them because the exterior of our house is redwood, and the gray of the concrete bricks went well with the brown-red of the wood. Also they cost us less than clay bricks. Our construction ideas, however, apply equally well to either kind of bricks.

The necessary tools, with one exception, we already had: level, hammer and wood block (a wood mallet would have been better), a shovel, wheelbarrow, rake, string, and stakes. Only odd tool was one we made for smoothing the sand; we made it from three pieces of old wood, and you see (above) what it was like.

Dirt bed for the terrace had to be well smoothed and graded so water would flow away from house. We figured a ½-inch slope to the foot would do the job—that's 3 inches if your terrace is 12 feet wide. Slope is unnoticeable on finished terrace. Get all pockets out of grade—otherwise water may collect during winter, and when it freezes it will heave the bricks. Smooth grading is extra work, but worth it for a lasting job.

MARJORIE and GRANT HEILMAN



We made our outdoor living room this easy way, and with bricks of clay or concrete, you can do the same

YOURSELF A TERRACE



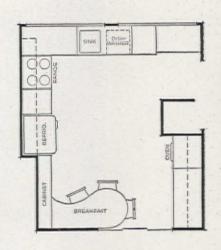


Planned for FAMILY

When everyone in a family likes to cook, there's a need for something special in their kitchen. C. Wylie Allen, of Wilmette, Illinois, his wife Mabel, and their daughter Jane all like to cook. And theirs is a kitchen with something special—a movable baking center. This unit can be rolled near any work center. It means Mrs. Allen can whip up a peach pie while her husband bakes a cheese soufflé. And even if daughter Jane—who's Mrs. Hubert Hardy Jr. now—comes visiting and makes her Chinese egg roll specialty, there's plenty of room for everyone to work.

These pictures were taken before Jane's marriage. Above, she shows her mother, seated at the breakfast table, her wedding gown. Louvered sliding doors behind Jane lead to the dining room.

Well-thought-out details make this kitchen functional as well as attractive. There's a Dutch door to let air in and keep the dog out, a fan over the range to carry out cooking odors, a planning desk with handy telephone, a tray storage unit below the built-in oven, ventilated vegetable bins, and well-planned lighting for every work center . . . truly planned for family use.



Floor plan of Allen kitchen shows work centers that movable baking unit (right) makes more efficient.



See "Where Credit Is Due," page 168

USE



- Movable baking center gets top honors
- Metal-lined wood cabinets store everything
- Free-form table seats several people
- Tile "back-splash" eases wall cleaning
- All this, plus a view of the lake!

Handy movable baking center has metal storage cabinets where Mrs. Allen keeps all of her baking supplies, and a maple top. It can be rolled into position near any work center. It's particularly useful near the range top and oven units, where it forms a triangular work center that saves many steps. Maple top is perfect for rolling dough for pie crusts or cookies.



PLANT TO COMPLEMENT



YOUR HOME

These days a foundation planting isn't supposed to partly hide your home. Just the opposite—to help show it off!

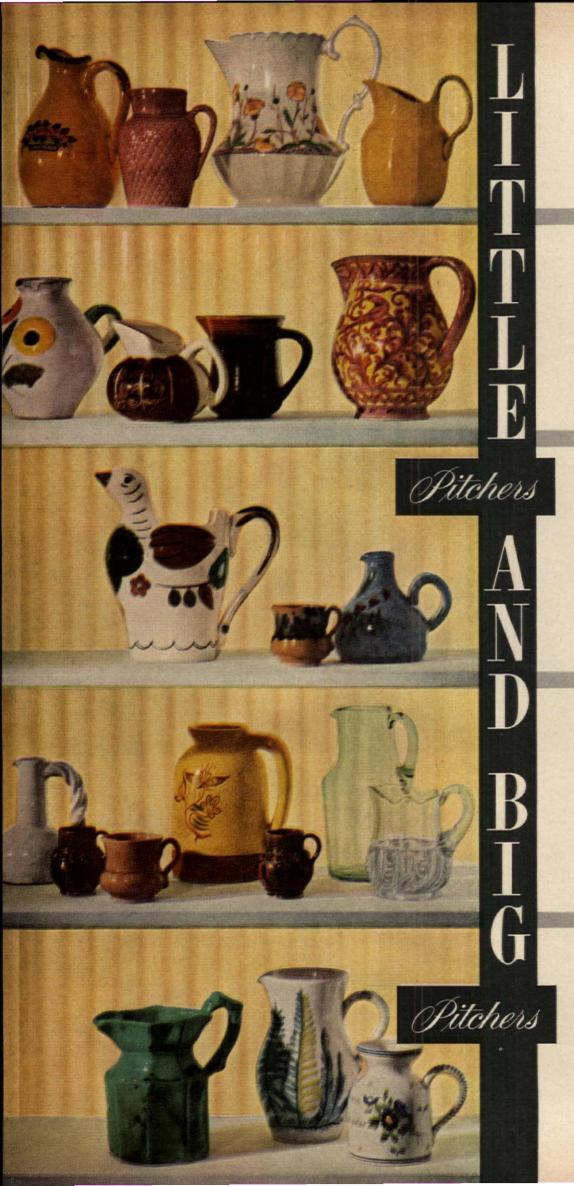


You need trees, shrubs, and perennials to get the most out of the design and color of your house, and to blend architecture and landscape into your this-is-it home

Today, with your new house built or old one remodeled, you don't think of plants to hide the sore spots. You're luckier than your parents. Still, only plants can turn a nice building and piece of land into your mind's-eye picture of a home.

Take the Raymond F. Dwyers' place in Westchester County, New York. Nothing in design to cover up. Beautiful contrast between bricks (laid sidewise instead of flat) and the pale-yellow vertical siding. Wanted: plants to accent good features and unify architecture with surrounding grounds. The big question is how to do it.

Alongside the garage were planted Burford hollies, roses, a small dogwood, a Japanese yew. A procumbent hedge of rockspray grows atop low retaining wall. Toward right (above) and from a different angle (at left) you see American holly, Japanese andromedas, roses, yews, and a dogwood, all of them unaggressive supporting-role plants, expertly chosen and placed.



JEAN AUSTIN

• Most of us cannot afford constant change on our table, bored though we are with the same old dishes, day in and day out. But here's something you can do to enliven the daily fare, have

the fun of collecting, too—Collect pitchers! The shops are full of pitchers. New pitchers, old pitchers, handsome pitchers, amusing pitchers, big pitchers, funny little pitchers with big ears, just like your own endearing little youngsters with big ears. Here, a few of the pitchers I have collected through the

years. Some old, some new, only a few of them expensive or rare but all of them for use—daily use, that is, not shelved as mere ornaments or displayed as a collection per se. • Top shelf, a little mauve one, old and rare; a yellow one I wouldn't begin to do waffles without. • The fat white one with loud

posies on it, from Stockholm; a satisfyingly big substantial one from Italy at the right. • Quizzical bird pitcher is of very recent origin, part of a dinner set; the blue with bleeding hearts, Jobs of Sweden. • Fourth row down, Mexican, Swedish, Italian, late and early Americana, and below them three of

my most favorite—the green one so old I do not remember when or where I got it. An Italian and a Frenchman, the other two. • Too bad we took the pictures before I got my very most favorite—black polka dots on white and wonderfully gauche flowers in screaming colors.

Pick your soups in pairs...

Make new soups from









Pick a clear soup

pair it with a meat soup

it's a new soup!

Here's a beef combination that's just delightful. The clear, beefy broth of Campbell's Bouillon blended with the broth and beef bites and plump noodles in Campbell's Beef Noodle Soup. Heat together 1 can of each, plus 1½ soup cans of water. In a matter of minutes, you've made a new soup from two favorites that's something special!

ck a <u>cream</u> soup

pair it with a hearty soup

it's a new soup!

Want to personalize a robust, nourishing soup like Scotch Broth? Then contrast it with the smooth richness of a cream soup and watch it put its best company taste forward. Heat one can of Campbell's Scotch Broth with one can of Cream of Mushroom Soup and 1½ soup cans vater or milk. This you'll want for a he-man appetite!





Pick Clam Chowder





pair it with Tomato Soup

it's a new soup!

When these opposites attract, what a delicious attraction it is! Choice bay clams and clam broth, chunks of potatoes and carrots—flavor-mated with the bright, rich goodness of puréed tomatoes. It's a smooth, savory, newly delicious chowder, made by adding 1 soup car of water and one of milk to 1 can Campbell's Clam Chowder and 1 can Tomato Soup. New supper surprise!

Once a day ... every day ... SOUP!









Mint Marble Ice Cream Pie _ Rich, dark cake made with Betty Crocker Chocolate Devils Food Cake Mix, served like pie, quick'n easy. Soften mint marble ice cream to spread on one layer. (Save other layer for tomorrow.)



Pretty Pink Candy Cake_Fluffy white cake baked from Betty Crocker White Cake Mix in an oblong pan, spread with any quick white frosting and cut in squares. On each square put a pretty pink peppermint candy.





Upside-Down _ Melt 1/4 cup butter in oblong pan; blend in 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Arrange apple slices; pour in Betty Crocker Honey Spice batter; bake 45 to 50 min. at 350°.





OF GENERAL MILLS

"Come on over for dessert!"

It's an easy invitation . . . and a happy way to entertain. Dessert and bridge in the afternoon. Dessert and coffee while you watch your favorite shows at night. Easier than having guests for dinner. More fun than "refreshments" when everybody's tired!

We talked with a group of homemakers the other day . . . and just about everybody said they're asking people over for dessert these days. "What dessert do you serve?" we asked. They said,

Cake 'n ice cream. Cake 'n fruit. Cake 'n coffee. Cake with quick fudge frosting. Cake, whipped cream 'n canned fruit. Or just plain cake!

Bake up a homemade beauty of a Betty Crocker cake tonight, won't you? Any flavor! Chocolate . . . big and dark and rich. Or angel . . . so high and light and fluffy. Or golden yellow. Or heavenly white. Or honey spice (good with coffee!). Made with good things like all-vegetable shortening, Softasilk Cake Flour, the world's best flavorings.

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For slimming salad meals

-make lighter dressings with Heinz Vinegar and Wesson Oil



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1-MINUTE FRENCH DRESSING

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon sugar

*1/4 cup Heinz Vinegar *3/4 cup Wesson Oil

½ teaspoon paprika Combine and shake well in covered jar. Shake well before using. Makes 1 cup.

*For a sharper dressing, use 1/3 cup Heinz Vinegar and 2/3 cup Wesson Oil.

"HELP-YOURSELF" SALAD MEAL

333 calories

For each serving use ½ medium tomato, sliced; ½ cut shrimp, such as Blue Plate or Gulf Kist brand shrimp ½ cup cooked green beans; I hard-cooked egg, sliced; 2 large leaves of lettuce (or endive, escarole or other salad greens). 6 slices cucumber; I radish, sliced. Serve with 2 tablespoons—

Ketchup-Onion French Dressing

To 1/2 cup 1-Minute French Dressing add 1/4 cup Hein. Ketchup, 1 tablespoon chopped onion and a dash of Tabasco.

FRUIT SALAD MEAL

437 calories

For each serving, use 3 slices each of apple (dipped in grape fruit juice) and cantaloupe, 3 grapefruit sections, ½ slic pineapple, 5 tablespoons cottage cheese; serve on 2 larg leaves of salad greens. Garnish with fresh mint and a maraschino cherry. Serve with 2 tablespoons of—

Mint French Dressing

To ½ cup 1-Minute French Dressing add 2 tablespoon finely chopped mint. Let stand one hour.

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Tood Jodd Victuals

JEAN AUSTIN

if not the most popular menu in my repertoire

t takes most of us a long time to learn, and perhaps the hardest lesson in our book is that nightmare called the pre-theatre dinner. Now, whether it be attempted at home, or means being pushed around in a restaurant, it is inevitably a failure. But we "learn hard." We try it buffet style; we decide on cocktails and just a snack at home with supper at some nighterie after the theatre. Or we take our guests out, at peak rush hour, and gulp our dinner in a noisy, crowded restaurant. Why, when it is so much more civilized to dress leisurely, snack privately if one wishes, and arrive at the theatre composed-with after-theatre hospitality to look forward to. One can, of course, entertain after the theatre in a restaurant or night club, but here again the lesson so hard to learn. Outside entertainment usually boils down to a choice of two types of places. A nighterie with a first-class floor show and definitely secondclass food, eaten in pitch darkness with a staggering bill when the lights do come on. Or a neon-lighted steakerie. One is hungry-but not that hungry! Well, why not start your entertaining with the theatre and end your evening at home? I give you here not only a menu I guarantee CONTINUED ON PAGE 173

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For details about table appointments, see "Where Credit Is Due," page 168

A HUNGRY FAMILY

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HAVE YOUR BASKET AND EAT IT, TOO!

VIRGINIA SCHROEDER



Glacéed flowers trim cakes in basket with braided pastry handle.

hese May baskets are as bright as springtime—and delicious, too. Try your hand at making the festive cupcakes topped with glacéed flowers, the almond petal cups, or the potato baskets. They're easy to make with the how-to directions. The handle for the basket of cupcakes is made of braided pastry. You "fasten" it to the plate with very stiff frosting. Almond pastry is filled with luscious strawberry cream filling to make our fancy petal cups. The potato basket contains creamed chicken, but any creamed mixture would be good.

HOW TO MAKE BASKETS ON PAGE 84



Strawberry almond petal cups become little baskets of sweetness.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 168

COOL 'N LOVELY PEACHES 'N CREAM

Cling Peach Lady Bavarian



brain peaches, reserving syrup. Crush 1½ ups peaches and combine with ½ cup syrup, ugar and salt. Heat. Soften gelatin in lemon tice, and dissolve in hot peach mixture. Cool ntil slightly thickened. Fold in whipped

ream. Split ladyfingers and line sides of

buttered 1-quart mold with them. Spoon peach-cream mixture into mold, and chill until firm. Unmold, and garnish with remaining peach slices, cherries and mint sprigs. Makes 5 to 6 servings of a new dessert that's a joy to serve...a pleasure to eat!

Cling

Peaches

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D-Zerta Pudding (made with skim milk)	54		
D-Zerta Gelatin (in six flavors)	12		

Have Your Basket

(Begins on page 82)



Crunchy potato baskets say "party" when filled with creamed chicken.



Make potato baskets from coarsely grated potatoes as novel holders for creamed entrées. Grate them into a bowl of water to keep them from discoloring (but dry them well before putting them into the deep fat). Then just line a kitchen sieve with the shreds and hold them in shape with a second sieve. Fry until nicely browned, then reheat in oven to crisp.

Glaceed flowers appear professional and are quickly made. Brush the fresh violet petals with egg white. Sprinkle with superfine sugar. Shake off excess sugar, then place the flowers in a warm place to dry. Once dried they will last several days.





Petal cups are named for their typical shape. Roll pastry and cut into circles with a fluted cookie cutter. Put small circle in the bottom of muffin cup. Overlap others around the side. Brush water on edges to make petals hold together.

THE END

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1 lb. hamburger 1/4 cup chopped onion 1 hottle DEL MONTE Catsun

1 can (12-oz.) DEL MONTE Brand Golden Whole Kernel Corn (Vacuum Packed)

1 teaspoon salt

In a 10-inch skillet with oven-proof or removable handle, combine first 4 ingredients with 1/2 cup of the catsup. (Be sure to use 10-inch skillet, or cornbread layer will be too thick.) Break meat apart with fork; fry till just brown. Push meat back around edge of skillet; spread undrained corn in center. Mix muffin batter as directed on package; pour evenly over meat and corn. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20 to 25 min. or till muffin layer is done. Remove from oven, let stand 5 min., and turn out upside down on warm serving plate. Heat rest of catsup and serve as a sauce. Serves 4 to 6. corn you get only when you buy DEL MONTE. It's so sweet and tender, people really sit up and take notice. Fact is, we had to develop our own exclusive seed to get corn with such high natural sugar content. Plus such thin-skinned kernels. Plus such good, honest farm flavor. This means you'll be tickled pink with Del Monte Corn. Try it?





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60-second French Dressing

1 cup Mazola Oil ½ teaspoon paprika ½ cup vinegar ½ teaspoon dry

1 tablespoon sugar mustard 1½ teaspoons salt 1 clove garlic

Measure all ingredients into jar. Cover tightly, shake well. Chill. Makes 1½ cups.

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American Home Recipes

(How to Feed a Hungry Family, pictured in color on pages 78, 79)
(Take a Quart of Ice Cream, pictured in color on pages 80, 81)

with diet dressing

ruby beet ring

Preparation time: 10 min. Baking time: 3-4 min.

alaskan pears

I #21/2 can pear halves

qt. strawberry ice cream

5 egg whites Dash of salt 3 cup sugar

Paper baking cups

frothy. Then gradually add sugar, beating until mixture forms peaks, but is not dry. Set aside. Place pear halves in paper baking cups. Quickly scoop ice cream into the pear centers. Completely cover ice cream and pear with meringue. Bake 3-4 min. • Preheat oven to 500°F. Prepare meringue by whipping egg whites and salt until Serve immediately.

Serves 8-11

270 cal. per serving

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Preparation time: 15 min. Chilling time: 2-3 hrs. ice cream bavarian

pkg. fruit-flavored gelatine qt. vanilla ice cream

2 cups favorite fruit

package, using only one-half the required ice cream and fruit. Pour into 1/5 qt. mold. Prepare gelatine as directed on the amount of water. Cool. Fold in softened · Prepare gelatine as Chill in refrigerator.

Serves 6-8

310 cal. per serving

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dutch green beans

potato-top stew

Preparation time: 10 min. Stewing time: 11/2-2 hrs.

small onion, diced

cup celery, diced bouillon cubes

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Preparation time: 10 min.

apple cloud pudding

1/2 cup grated apple 1/2 tsp. lemon juice Dash of cinnamon · Add salt to egg white and whip until frothy. Continue beating, adding sugar

14 cup superfine sugar

I egg white 14 tsp. salt

gradually, 2 tbs. at a time. Add remaining ingredients when mixture will form stiff

peaks. Serve as topping or as dessert.

Yield: 11/2 cups

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1 lb. boneless beef chuck 2 tbs. cooking oil 2 tsp. salt Dash of black pepper

Hot water to cover (about 3 cups)

r cup sliced carrots r tbs. flour (optional)

green pepper

monosodium glutamate Dash of ground rosemary tsp. mone bay leaf

POTATO TOPPING

11/2 tbs. butter or margarine 2 medium potatoes

11/2 tbs. milk

• Brown beef in oil, add seasoning, onion, celery, bouillon cubes, and water. Simmer for 1½ hrs. or until meat is almost tender, add carrots, and cook 10 min. longer. Stir in flour and green pepper. Top with thinly-sliced raw potato, brush with melted butter or margarine and milk. Bake at 350°F. for 30 min., brushing occasionally with the melted butter or margarine and milk. Serve stew without potato topping to dieter.

Serves: 4-6

515 cal, per serving 390 cal, per dieter's serving

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Serves: 4-6

berries. Serve with a topping of Apple Whip.

· Prepare tapioca pudding as directed on the package. Chill. Fold in defrosted straw-

1 10-02. pkg. frozen strawberries

1 recipe tapioca pudding

STRAWDERRY PUDDING Preparation time: 10 min. Cooking time: 12-15 min.

108 cal, per dieter's serving 215 cal, per yield

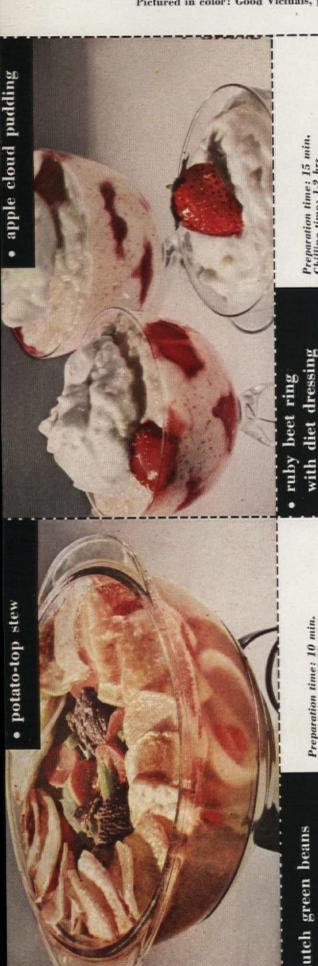
210 cal. per serving

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MERICAN HOME RECIPES

Pictured in color: Good Victuals, page 77 • How to Feed a Hungry Family, pages 78, 79 • Take a Quart of Ice Cream, pages 80, 81



dutch green beans

1 10-02. pkg. frozen green beans

r tsp. salt, dash of pepper r tsp. monosodium glutamate 1 med. onion, sliced

Preparation time: 10 min. Cooking time: 10-15 min.

1 tsp. cornstarch
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup vinegar
1/4 cup brown sugar

 Cook green beans as directed on the package, adding the onion, salt, pepper, and monosodium glutamate. Dissolve the cornstarch in the water. Add vinegar and brown sugar and bring to boil. When the beans are tender remove dieter's portion, add sauce to remaining beans, and simmer 2 min. longer.

Serves: 4

Source of Vitamins A, B, C 130 cal. per serving 25 cal. per dieter's serving

Tested in The American Home Kitchens

Preparation time: 15 min. Chilling time: 1-2 hrs.

1/2 tbs. horseradish
Dash of celery salt
1/2 tsp. salt
3/4 cup finely-chopped cabbage
3/4 cup shoestring beets
1 cup diced celery

 Soften gelatine in cold water, combine with all ingredients except vegetables. Chill.
 When partially set, fold in vegetables. Pour into r-qt. mold or 6 to 8 individual molds. Chill until firm. 1½ tbs. gelatine ¼ cup cold water 1¾ cups boiling water ¾ cup sugar ½ cup lemon juice 1 tbs. vinegar

½ pt. yogurt ½ grated cucumber Paprika, salt, pepper, to taste DIETER'S:

1/2 pt. sour cream I ths. mayonnaise

DRESSINGS FAMILY'S: • Combine ingredients for each recipe and serve with molded salad.

Serves: 6-8

120 cal. per serving of salad

580 cal. per recipe of sour cream dressing

160 cal. per recipe of dieter's dressing





• ice cream bon bons

Preparation time: 15 min. Freezing time: 2 hrs.

Dipping chocolate sauce I qt. ice cream I can (7½ oz.) peanuts, chopped fine

• Form ice cream into balls with a melon baller; roll in chopped peanuts. Freeze for about 1 hr. or until very firm. Quickly dip balls into sauce and quickly refreeze for 1 hr, longer or until firm. Serve in sherbet glasses.

DIPPING CHOCOLATE SAUCE

6 sq. unsweetened chocolate 3 cup water

11/3 cups sugar 1/4 cup butter

• Melt chocolate with water in top of double boiler. Add sugar and boil gently over direct heat for 4 min, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in butter. Keep warm over hot water while dipping. Yields about 2 cups.

Serves 4-6

745 cal. per serving

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NOTE: Work with firm ice cream at all times. Sauce served hot is excellent on ice cream, cake, and other desserts. Tested in The American Home Kitchens

tortoni fácile

Preparation time: 10 min, Freezing time: 1 hr.

14 cup toasted almonds, chopped

1/3 cup toasted coconut,

chopped very fine

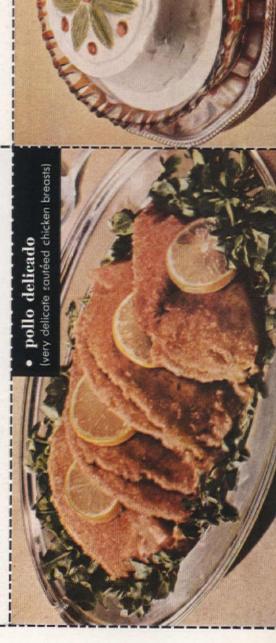
½ tsp. almond extract I qt. vanilla ice cream, softened

 Combine almonds and coconut. Reserve 2 tsp. for topping. Quickly fold remaining nuts, coconut, and almond extract into softened ice cream. Spoon into 2-oz. paper cups and sprinkle with topping. Keep in freezer until serving time. If storing for longer than 2 days, wrap in freezer paper or foil.

Serves 12-16

125 cal. per serving

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pollo delicado

Brush 4 chicken breasts lightly with honey. Marinate for 2 hours in:

fuice 2 lemons 4 tbs. sherry

Wipe dry. Flatten out to 1/2" thickness. Beat 2 eggs with:

tbs. cream I tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper 1½ tsp. onion juice

Dip chicken in this mixture. Roll in fine bread crumbs. Sauté in fresh butter until golden brown on both sides. Serve with slices of lemon.

Serves 4

RECIPE BY JEAN AUSTIN

(Makes about 3 cups)

(Serves 8)

ice cream bon bons

apricot layer loaf

Preparation time: 15 min. Freezing time: I hr. 1/4 cup chopped walnuts 1/2 pt. heavy cream, whipped qt. vanilla ice cream (2 pt.

pkgs. brick ice cream)

recipe apricot sauce

knife split each ice cream brick in half, making 4 layers. Spread apricot sauce between layers and over entire loaf. Frost loaf with whipped cream and garnish with chopped Start with very hard frozen ice cream and work quickly. With a sharp, thin-bladed walnuts. Return to freezer for at least 1 hr.

APRICOT SAUCE

r tbs. lemon juice 2 tbs. sugar ¼ tsp. salt ¼ tsp. monosodium glutamate I cup stewed apricots, puréed

2 tsp. brandy flavoring Combine all ingredients and chill before spreading on ice cream. Source of Vitamins A, B, C 305 cal. per serving

Serves 8

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almandrado

34 cup boiling water cup cold water 1 cup sugar r ths. gelatine

6 egg whites

1/2 tsp. almond extract

1/3 cup sherry wine

1/3 cup chopped almonds

(chopped fine or ground)

• Put gelatine in cold water 5 minutes. Add boiling water and stir until gelatine dissolves. Add sugar and stir. Chill the mixture until it begins to stiffen. Then beat until frothy. Beat egg whites until stiff, then add to beaten gelatine. Beat until mixture is completely blended. Then add flavoring and sherry. Pour into mold, alternating layer of mixture with chopped almonds. 2 hours in refrigerator will stiffen it.

Serve with following sauce: SHERRY CUSTARD SAUCE

(Good Victuals, pictured in color on page 77) (Take a Quart of Ice Cream, pictured in color on pages 80.

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• Put milk in double boiler and scald. Beat eggs lightly. Add sugar and salt. Pour milk slowly into egg mixture. Return to double boiler. Cook until mixture coats spoon. When cool add vanilla, whipping cream, and sherry. Serve.

½ pint whipping cream 3 tbs. sherry

1/8 tsp. salt 1/2 tsp. vanilla

4 cup sugar

6 egg yolks

r pint milk

tortoni fácile

Recipe from Frank Eraclito, co-host of the Westleigh Inn

chocolate-peanut pie

Preparation time: 15 min. Freezing time: I hr.

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> 1/2 cup peanut butter 2 tbs. butter

11/2 cups graham-cracker crumbs 1 qt. chocolate ice cream Whipped cream · Melt peanut butter and butter in double boiler. Combine with cracker crumbs; spread evenly over bottom and sides of an 8" pie pan. Press down firmly. Soften ice cream and spread in pie shell. Garnish with whipped cream. Freeze

Serves 6-8

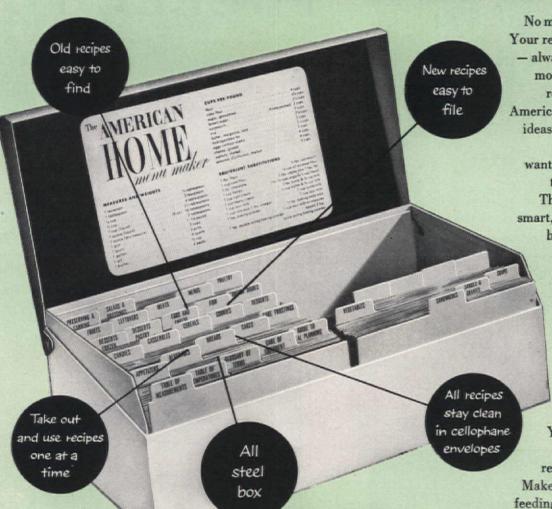
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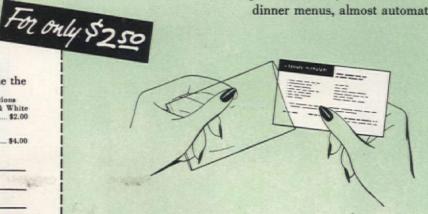
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ver turn out a lavish tea spread in 20 minutes or less? You can if you have a freezer. The trick is to prepare everything in advance and pop it into your freezer. Then, with little warning. you can serve tea - even with an edible centerpiece like these frosted grapes! The grapes, by the way, are sweet as can be. Wash and dry large red or blue grapes, and to freeze place uncovered on a flat surface in freezer. Package when frozen. Serve grapes still frozen; they'll shimmer with frost. Other fruits can be frozen, too. But first see freezer instruction booklet for method.

Your freezer's a larder for everyday living, too. You still must spend time planning and preparing meals, but the freezer lets you do the work when you have time.

Make a game out of your freezer! Experiment with foods...find new ways to make your freezer tempt your family and friends. Fun!

FIXINGS VIRGINIA THABET



You can freeze angel food, chiffon, or butter cakes. Store frosted or unfrosted cakes, but before wrapping, let the freezer harden frosting. Cake will store best in a wrapped box, Thaw cake at room temperature.



You can freeze and store baked cookies in plastic cartons or freezer containers of any kind. Thaw 15 to 20 minutes at room temperature. To store unbaked refrigerator cookies, wrap them tightly in vapor-proof freezer paper or in aluminum foil.



Cut bread with fancy cutters. Butter both sides. Make open-face or checkerboard sandwiches with cheese spread, ground meat, fish, or grated egg. Put on pan, cookie sheet, or cardboard. Place in freezer. When filling's completely frozen, seal with foil.

Frozen mints-either the colored or the chocolate kind-are a real treat to hide in a corner of your freezer. Pack in your favorite freezing containers. Put cellophane between pieces to make them easy to separate.

Nutmeats are always nice for teas and all gala occasions. And you can keep them frozen, so buy in quantity. Just wrap unsalted nutmeatswhatever kinds you like-in freezing containers. Place in your freezer until that special party or last-minute tea. It's just as simple as that.

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INFORMATION: EDWYNA PAYTON FENTON

Let's give Mom something different this Mother's Day . . . really surprise her. Make her gift a party! It'll be easy if you use what we call our do-it-ahead menu and recipes.

The whole menu's so simple you shouldn't have a moment's hesitation about inviting some of Mom's special friends. She'll be happy that you thought of it.

This is the easy menu: JELLIED CHICKEN LOAF, MUSHROOM ASPARAGUS, TANGY PEAR SHERBET, and SOUR CREAM MUFFINS. Every one of these can be prepared ahead of time.

Make a chicken loaf a day ahead so it will set. You'll find a recipe for jellied chicken loaf in your recipe file or in almost any cookbook. It'll tell you how to cook a fresh chicken and use the stock, or jell canned chicken in bouillon and gelatine.

The mushroom asparagus is a quickie. Just put cooked asparagus spears in a greased baking dish and cover them with undiluted mushroom soup, bread crumbs, and grated cheese. Bake in a hot oven until the crumbs are brown and the cheese is melted.

Instead of the usual salad, serve our tangy pear sherbet. It's a pleasant accompaniment to the chicken and asparagus. You can make it the day of Mom's party—it'll freeze in less than two hours—or the day before.

Best of all will be the sour cream muffins . . . piping hot, tender, and delicious. THE END

• sour cream muffins



Preparation time: 10 min. Baking time: 20 min.

13/4 cups sifted flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. soda
1 egg
1/4 tsp. salt
3 tbs. sugar
1/2 cups sour
cream

Sift dry ingredients together. Beat egg until foamy, add cream and mix well. Stir in dry ingredients until just mixed. Bake in greased muffin tins at 425° F. about 20 min.

Yield: 12 muffins

140 cal. per mulfin

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• tangy pear sherbet



Preparation time: 15 min. Chilling time: 1-2 hrs.

½ cup sugar
Dash of salt
34 cup light corn
syrup
Juice of 2 lemons
1 12-oz. can pear nectar
Rind of 1 lemon

Combine sugar, salt, and water in sauce pan, and boil about 5 minutes or until it forms a syrup. Remove from heat, add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into freezer tray and freeze at coldest temperature until firm, stirring once with a spoon. Turn out into bowl and whip until smooth and fluffy. Return to freezing com-

partment and freeze to desired consistentcy. NOTE: Freezer may be used.

Serves 3

230 cal. per serving

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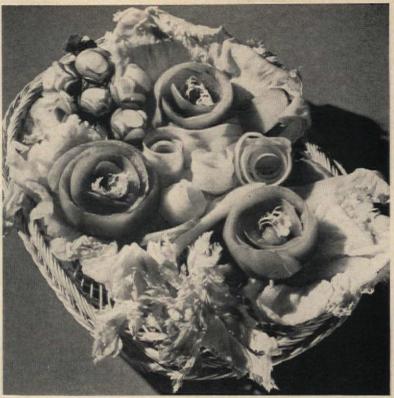
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GARNISH FOR GLAMOUR

o celebrate the first of May, gather ye rosebuds of carrots. radishes, or tomatoes! You can serve them separately as meat garnishes, or group them for a May basket of relish roses. Make it a simple basket as part of your dinner service. Or be gay—use it as a centerpiece, too. The roses are easy to make. Take a radish, for instance. Just slice off the top and cut "petals" on sides. Chill in ice water so petals stand out. It's easy as that! The other roses are simple, too.



Tomato roses: trim both ends of tomato, then cut a long spiral of the skin and pulp under it. Rewind, starting with bottom of tomato as center. Hold "rose" flat on table while you work . . . it is the easiest way. A well-placed toothpick will keep "rose" from unwinding itself.

Carrot buds and blooms come from thin strips of a straight carrot. Use a vegetable peeler to sliver off long shaving down the carrot. Twist into budlike curl and fasten with toothpick. Chill in ice water for few hours, and crisp curl will hold its shape unaided.





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NOW IT'S A JOY

Remodeling made this little kitchen look and act twice as big!

ETHEL McCALL HEAD

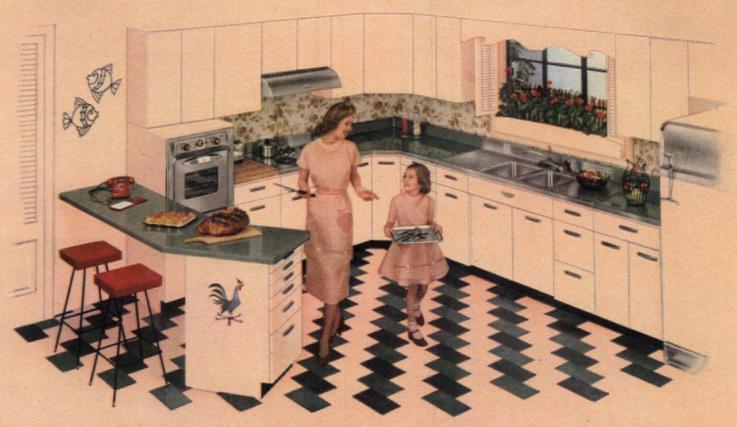


 Our small kitchen was something of a horror, but nobody was to blame. It had got off to a bad start because it was built into a wartime priority house.
 And almost any kitchen that needs remodeling will require the same kind of attack. Our kitchen was as large and well-planned as possible, but still no dream

of efficiency for a gal who likes to cook. Even after we were able to take advantage of a porch with concrete slab and roof (we enclosed this laundry porch and put a freezer under the windows) it still made my architect husband continued on page 100

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Now It's a Joy

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shudder. So later, with further careful planning, we remodeled in earnest. We transformed the kitchen into an attractive and thoroughly efficient job.

We moved the freezer to the garage and tore out the door and window separating kitchen and laundry. Our new electric range is six inches shorter than the old one, so we have a cabinet with open shelves next to it. Now our counter space extends around into the laundry area, and so do the double shelves above the range. The old laundry tub became a built-in. We added an automatic washer, too. The counter over the base cabinets is very useful on laundry days, and there are cabinets on a laundry wall for canned goods and cleaning supplies.

We covered the wall area around our range and sink with easyto-care-for laminated plastic that matches counter tops, and enclosed the unsightly water heater with a vented panel. A new double sink and food waste disposal take the place of the old sink.

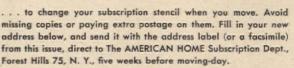
Now, our kitchen is a joy. There's a place for everything, and plenty of work space. It took planning and organization, but our kitchen is as efficient and colorful as if it had started properly in the beginning.

THE END



This double sink is a joy to work with, for counters and wall are plastic-covered, easy to clean. Counters are even self-edged. Plenty of cabinets handy, too. Blue counter tops match exterior walls that are seen through windows. Chalfant Head, A.I.A., architect.

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in finding a foot-high pink owl, or, as I did recently, a bunch of amethyst grapes beautifully "bottleized." Just haunt auctions, register with antique dealers, and let your desires be known.

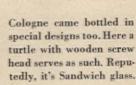
An aspiring collector can gather many of these amusing delineations in glass rather inexpensively-and what a delight they can be!

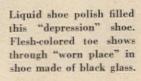
Character Bottles (Begins on page 32)

John Bull caricature, English version of holiday bottle, was sold at bars, filled with what one wanted. Neck of bottle protrudes through hat. Made of dark amber.

Another English model for liquor dispensers. Man astride barrel was inspired by traditional English town sign which hung outside of old inns. Bottle is clear glass.







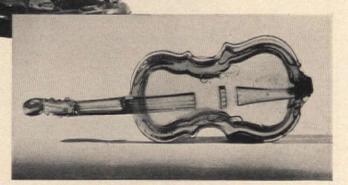


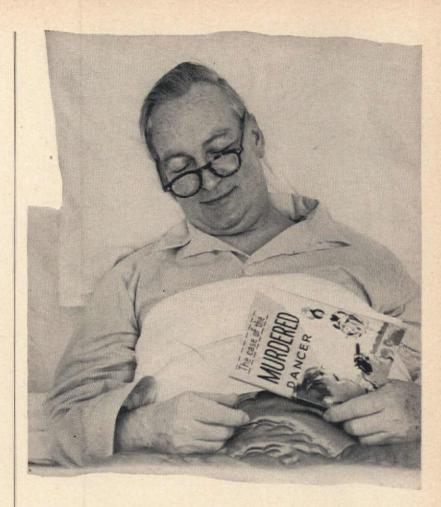
Another holiday bottle, this American one is in the shape of Santa Claus. Was used at bars and filled with the liquid of one's choosing for Christmas or New Year's giving. Clear and frosted glass.



Indian Queen. "Brown's celebrated Herb Bitters 1868" imprinted on bottle. Sold full of bitters for small sum this now is a rare piece.

A perfect reproduction of a violin, complete to frets, in light amber glass. American cork stopper at opening in bottom of violin. Was made and used as brandy bottle.



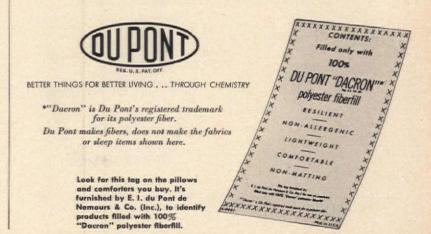


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· WHY DON'T THEY MAKE...

MRS. ETHEL M. LEGG asks the questions GERTRUDE BRASSARD answers them

· China manufacturers! Who started the "home plate special" anyway? What's happened to family-style serving? Manners are at stake. With the home plate special Mom says, "Here on your plate is your portion. It's all yours. To eat if you wish, to refuse if you wish." This can be a waste of good food!

You are so right, my dear lady. Manners are at stake . . . and how they have digressed with the home plate! When I was a child I loathed spinach and one would almost need a magnifying glass to see the portion I helped myself to-and that small portion only to save myself a lecture on why I had to eat it. But better that way than having to think of the calories and of everyone's allergies before placing the food on the home plate. For the family meal, food is put on the table to be eaten and relished.

· Why don't china manufacturers help us bring back familystyle serving? Give us serving dishes to dress up our table.

Give us a brimmed oval plate with a raised circle in the middle for pot roast; the vegetables can be piled attractively around it. Then each member of the family can select what appeals to him. How about a divided server with a place for potatoes on one side, and for gravy served with a china ladle on the other? Now I ask you, did you ever get potatoes and gravy at the same time?

I think that, along with some good manners, out went the oval plate with the raised circle in the middle for the pot roast. Its substitute is the well-and-tree platter. Some manufacturers think that the platter you refer to would not be acceptable to the

American public today. But wanna bet? A great many people would think it was something new!

There are many divided serving dishes today. No one has come up with the gravy boat on one side, to my knowledge, but they have devised something of this sort to keep the gravy hot, some dishes with the china ladles you



request. This Gourmet Gravy boat has a twin spout . . . pours both fat and lean gravy . . . mounted on wrought iron stand with candle holder.

· Won't you give us something new in salad bowls? How about a basket type? A perforated false bottom in the salad bowl would

allow the dressing to ease down into a little well. The greens would stay crisp.

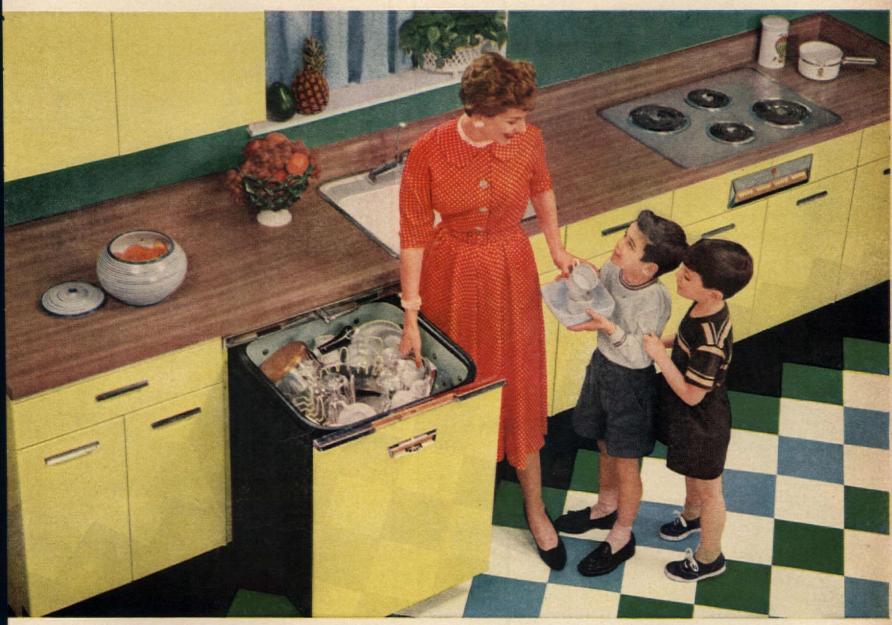
Have you seen the new round Sala-Tossa in plastic? It has a built-in cup for the correct amount of dressing, and a rubbing area for garlic. You add the salad and toss around to mix, then take



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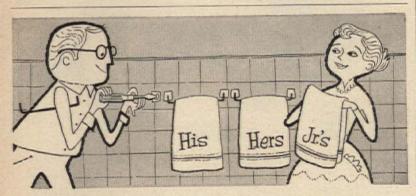
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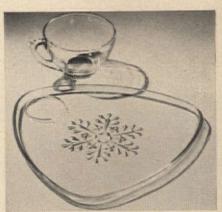
Why Don't They Make . . . (Begins on page 106)

off top of container. It is made by Verity Southall.

• Then there are bread plates. Maybe grandma did bake round loaves, but today most of our bread is square. How about a

rectangular bread plate? And why not a hot roll plate with a butter compartment at one side? Surely someone could come up with insulation material to protect the butter from the heated rolls!

There are long narrow trays, very colorful and nicely designed, that will hold a whole loaf of bread, and longer ones for French bread. They



do double duty for tidbits and hors d'oeuvres. There is doubt here as to what you mean by a "hot roll plate with a butter compartment at one side." If you mean the bread and butter plate, I haven't seen any that would meet your specifications for insulating. There are many plates with a groove at one side. These are sold as TV snack plates. This one is glass. Others are earthenware and pottery. If it's a hot roll plate, such as a bun-warmer

type that now comes in pottery, that you want, someone may devise a stand for it with a side bracket to hold the butter dish. There is a Toastee Susan with revolving brass frame butter dish, and two-section preserve dish. It has space for napkins or toast. Then there's a caddie of china trimmed with silver plate,



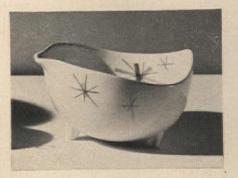
for instant tea or coffee. Cover is cork lined for insulation. I would make square plates for toast and bacon. I would make small saucers for coffee cups. After all, we use them for coasters, too, and the little saucers would take up less room.

Some manufacturers have made square plates. Quite a few of the foreign-made dinnerware sets have them in the salad or dessert size and a few of the American manufacturers have them as well. Some have been shown in the AMERICAN HOME. Within the past year, small saucers have been made for coffee cups, too.

· You could put insulated legs on the meat platter, the hot vegetable dishes. Away with messy hot pads that are never in the right place on the table after the dish has made the rounds!

Insulated handles on casseroles would prevent burnt fingers.

Some of the manufacturers are putting "legs" -although not insulated -on vegetable dishes. One good innovation is the Therma-Server that you can cook in and use to serve right at the table. A space between the two walls will hold



hot or iced water to keep food hot or cold.

I'm right with you when it comes to those "messy hot pads." There is a wealth of good-looking trivets CONTINUED ON PAGE 111

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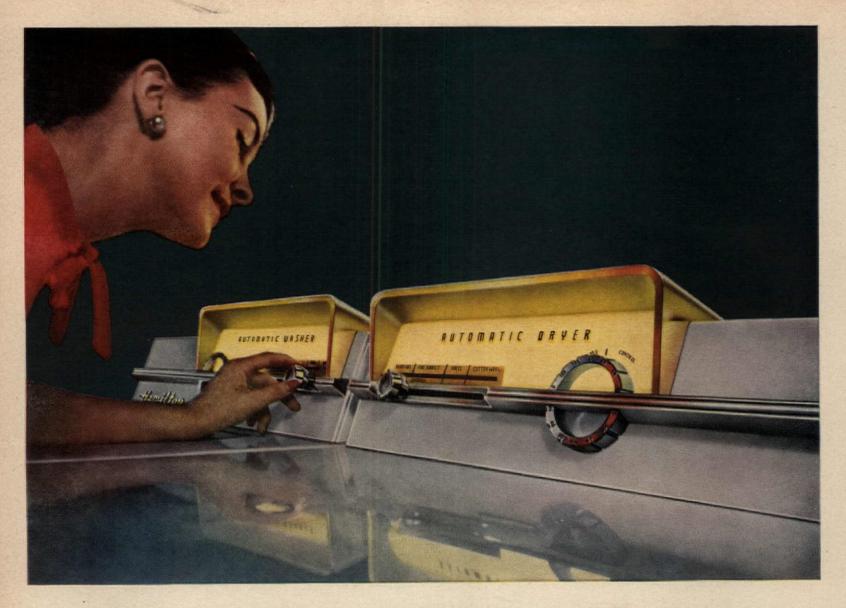
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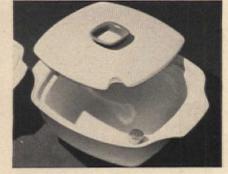
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Why Don't They Make

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to take their place, but I know of none that will follow the dish around until it is set down again on the table. Maybe we'll just have to trust to the good manners of the people at the table to see that the dish is set down on its trivet.



In the past several years every manufacturer has

been experimenting with handles to get something long enough to be away from the hot dish yet not long enough to become a storage hazard; handles that will fit the contour of the hand and fingers.

• If I were a china manufacturer, I'd make square cracker bowls with a secret compartment for that special little crisper ball that's made to keep crackers and potato chips crisp.

I guess the manufacturers may be approaching the idea. They have already devised a tube affair that fits into a beverage pitcher and into which they put cracked ice to keep the beverage cold. Now if a manufacturer ever decides to solve the cracker problem, your dream may come true!

P.S. I have just received samples of nicely finished, lightweight wooden holders for a pie plate, casserole, and utility dish that are a perfect answer for the messy hot pad. Dish can be placed inside holder and passed with it. And some pie plates come with their own metal racks. THE END

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 168

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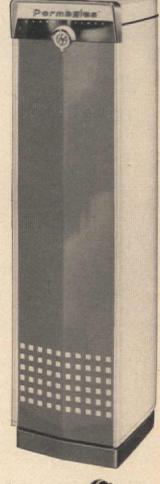
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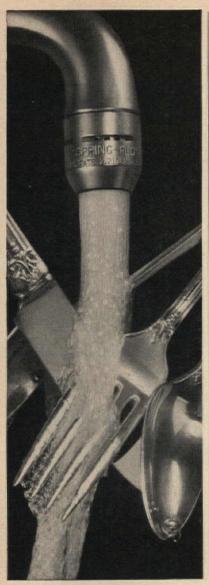
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Reupholster?

(Begins on page 58)

is worn down on the left arm from the way she sits to look at TV. And these three host chairs of ours—we like them because they're so comfortable at the dining table and make wonderful extra seating for guests."

"Before deciding whether to reupholster, slipcover, or buy new," said the decorator, "the first thing we'd better do is have an upholsterer check each piece to see if it's in good sound condition under the cover." The upholsterer found that the springs had sagged their utmost in the sofa, but he pointed out that the frame and back were in good condition. Only then did Helen and the decorator decide to redo it completely, even though the cost was almost that of a new one.

A few tricks gave the sofa a new look. The decorator had the upholsterer use the down from the three old seat cushions and add to it just enough new down to make two long, plump cushions. And the fine stripes of the new upholstery Helen selected made it look like a continuous piece of fabric: the seams are concealed where pieces are set on either side of a wide center piece. And in place of the sofa's old carved—and very badly marred—base molding, are two attractive thick welts.

delen at first had wanted to cut down the sofa back to straighten out its top curve. But the decorator, though it took some doing, finally convinced her that such a change would ruin the seating comfort she so enjoyed.

The chairs, in good condition except for their covers, were also of good design and scaled well to go together. They, too, stayed with the family. But to slipcover or reupholster?

"I know the bit about slipcovers being so practical," Helen said. "You just zip them off for cleaning or washing. Sounds fine, particularly for the chairs we use for dining. But can they be made so they'll really stay put? Seems to me that fairly light-colored fabrics would be off getting cleaned more than they'd be on the chairs—and I just don't want any more deep tones in here."

"And, of course," the decorator said, "anything with flowers and a lot of pattern romping all over wouldn't go with your oriental rug. But let's get back to the slipcover question."

The decorator went on to explain that some chairs, like the one with the curved and tufted back, don't slipcover satisfactorily — principally because good design features would be obscured. Because of the chair's tufting, a plain but two-toned upholstery fabric was selected for the inside. The same fabric, with small design applied, is effective on the plain

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surfaces of the outside of the chair, but would have been a confused jumble if it had been tufted.

"But take this brown chair that Linda finds so inviting," said the decorator. "Its simple lines make it a natural for a slipcover."

Actually, the fabric she and Helen finally chose is a lightweight upholstery fabric. Its added body keeps it more trimly in place. To make sure the slipcover would look well-tailored, all the fringe of the original covering was cut off as close as possible to the outlines of the chair.

The host chairs, which double at desk and as additional seating, were originally covered in chintz. But this time, for the inside of two of them, Helen settled on an all-nylon embossed material combining in its small pattern the colors of the other fabrics. These chairs were upholstered, not because of their design, but because the decorator showed Helen that the nylon, as a slipcover, wouldn't stay put over the original chintz—it would slip around.

The third host chair, however, wears most satisfactorily a slipcover of a more retentive texture (the fabric that also went on the backs of the two other chairs).

"There's a trick to this one, too," explained the decorator. "It's made with a deep 'tuck-in' that you push far down between the back and seat."

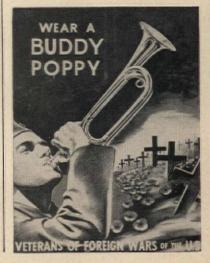
This same fabric slipcovers the ottoman which looks much less bulky because the original lines have been changed. Simply by the insertion of an extra row of welting in the center, the deep single boxing now becomes two thinner ones.

Besides reupholstering and slipcovering, the furniture needed rearranging. But with the exception of the corner whatnot and three lamps, no new furniture was bought.

Helen hopes to stay put in her present apartment. But she knows that if she's faced with another move, she won't have the problem she's had before in arranging her furniture. Each fabric was selected to eliminate any possibility of conflict between color and design.

"No matter where I go from now on," says Helen, "all this furniture will go along to welcome me home."

THE END







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way, we're just looking around.

MR. KEMP: (With tremendous patience.) Ah, but you do use a vacuum cleaner . . .

MRS. PARKER: (Interrupting.) Don't change the subject.

MR. KEMP: Please, Madam. I'm merely trying to make a point . . .

MRS. PARKER: Come, Nancy, we really must go.

MR. KEMP: But, Madam, you have a vacuum cleaner, dishwasher, washing machine . . .

MRS. PARKER: Yes, I know . . .

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MRS. PARKER: (Astounded.) What did you say?

LITTLE NANCY: I said, don't buy it! Daddy's giving you a Johnson for your birthday. I saw it in his closet.

MRS. PARKER: (Much embarrassed.) You did? Well, I'm sorry, Mr. Kemp, but . . . I guess I won't need two Johnsons.

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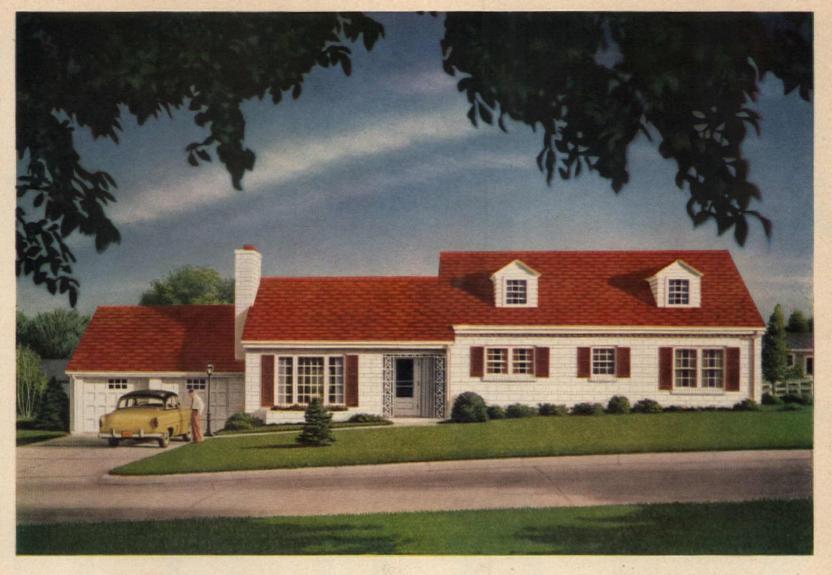


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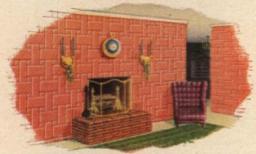
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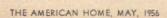
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75% of Mileage (Begins on page 46)

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6. Battery. It will have a lighter load in summer, with less use of lights and easier starting. But it is apt to need water more often, especially on long trips such as vacation driving. Terminals should be cleaned. A wornout battery, far from home, can be extremely inconvenient.

7. Safety items. All of your car's operational units have a bearing on safety, but electrical equipment-including headlight aiming, stop lights. directional lights, and instruments on the panel-all should be checked to ensure proper functioning. This holds true, also, for windshield wipers and

8. Under the hood, Better have a trained service man do this. Check spark plugs; test coil, condenser, distributor, automatic choke, and manifold heat control. Tighten cylinder head and manifolds. Adjust distributor points, timing, carburetor, valve lash, and voltage control.

Even if your car is fairly new, say with 10,000 miles or thereabouts in mileage, it's still wise to run through this kind of a spring check-up. (The records show that the average cars in use have been driven farther than that.) It's safe to say that older cars, some serving a third or fourth owner, are still roadworthy only because over the years they have been given essential care and attention.

No doubt you have read the handbook or owner's manual you found in the glove compartment of your car if you bought it new. But the handbooks may have been missing if you bought a used car. In any event, it's good to track down a copy and read it over as hot weather comes on -particularly the maintenance sec-



"Look what I found at the movies!"

tion. Most dealers have copies of manuals for recent cars on request, and many file copies on even ancient models that can be checked. These guides are carefully prepared by car makers, and are your best source for advice on your particular car.

As you think about everything that may need doing, it's important to

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consider it in terms of value received. Safe and comfortable summer driving is worth a lot. If you like to do some of your own maintenance work -something much harder than in earlier days when each owner was his own maintenance man to a great extent-be sure you are doing the job right. Many needed adjustments and inspections just cannot be done properly by the owner, unless he happens to be an auto mechanic by occupation. One general service manager of a large company, with years of background in the shop, said:

"Even if I had the time, I wouldn't attempt to give my car an inspection and tune-up. It's a job for a service man who is constantly bringing himself up to date on new equipment."

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WRONG This direct, modest portrait of a 15th-century Flemish man is a reproduction of a Memling painting. You have seen many pictures expensively framed this way, but the frame's unsuitable. The open simplicity of a portrait such as this one is too great a contrast to the richly ornamental gold-leaf frame and light-colored insert, though frame might suit oil painting.



WRONG AND

RIGHT FRAMING



RIGHT Here is a much less expensive and more suited frame that gives the picture its due. This frame copies a Flemish moulding from the time of the painting. The stained, nicely rubbed and antiqued oak, and the contrasting inlay of burl wood, are pertinent. The antique green velvet sets off the coloring. Here is true harmony, and it results in better-looking picture.

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RIGHT Early American frame (early 19th century) has mellow silver color and subtle variations caused by age. This, plus the warm gray mat with its slight greenish tint, is in perfect agreement with the picture and enhances its quality. Sweeping line of bird can be much better appreciated with this wider mat, which is in better harmony with picture colors. THE END

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(Begins on page 60)

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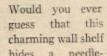


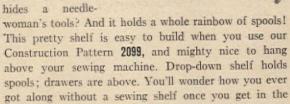


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Particular merits of a rod and reel combination are discussed by Mr. Bacheler and son, Scott. Eventually the Bachelers expect to use wallboard over studding that's exposed inside house, but they will leave ceiling beamed. Door at left leads to screened porch built on concrete slab; doors right go to deck, top deck, bedroom wing.

FROM A VERY SMALL PLAN



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before adding it. Of necessity we enlarged the whole building, for we already had two children, and needed the extra space. After getting our plans together, we went to work. When the foundations were laid, two carpenters with my assistance built the house in a little over three weeks. A friend did all the wiring with our help in one week end.

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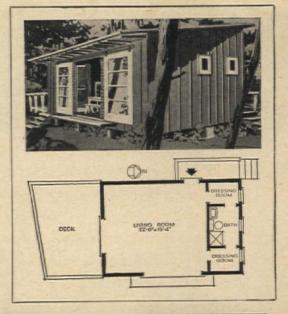
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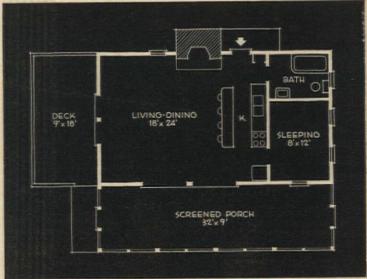
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An important addition to the large single room is the snack bar that seats six, and separates kitchen from living area. At the left is the bath, and at right the small bedroom. Under counter there's storage that makes up for lack of wall cabinets. Fireplace makes room cozy on chilly, damp days.

Here's the vacation house the Bachelers spotted in AMERICAN HOME. It sparked the idea for house that they finally built at the beach. While the cabin they saw was a minimum job, it had many of the features the Bachelers wanted. So they went to work with pencil and paper and came up with plan that you see below.





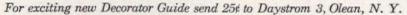
Many of the features of the "parent" cabin are evident in "offspring" that Bachelers built by expanding original American Home plan for their own needs. Later, when they needed even more room, Bachelers added a bedroom wing connected to main house through deck (see page 129). Wing includes garage, shower, dressing rooms. The END



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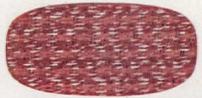


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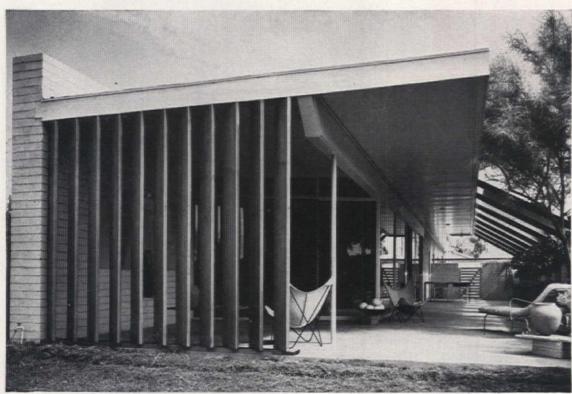
Patio or Porch?

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A roofed porch adjoining a patio can make an ideal setup for outdoor living. Shallow roof must be well oriented if it is to give shade after midday and enough protection to make it effective in rain storm.

INFORMATION: LOUISE PRICE BELL



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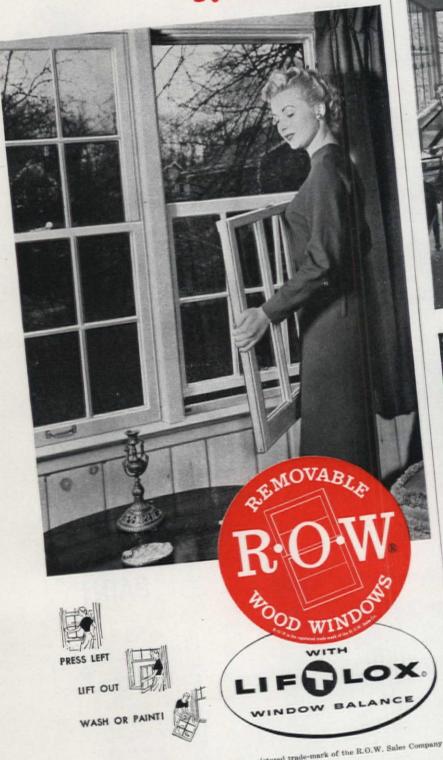
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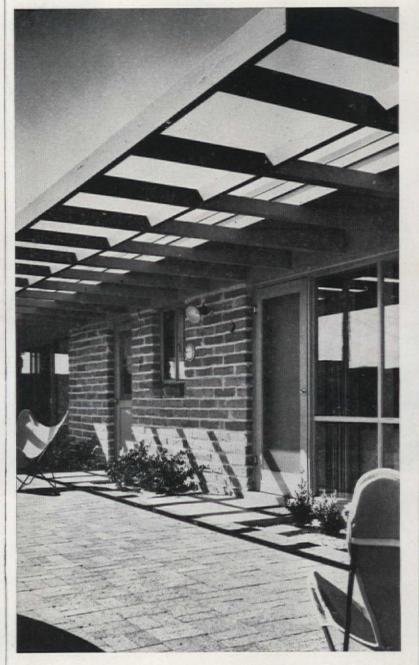


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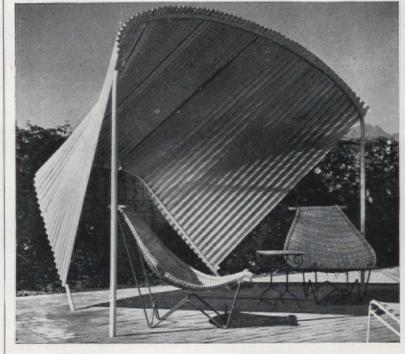
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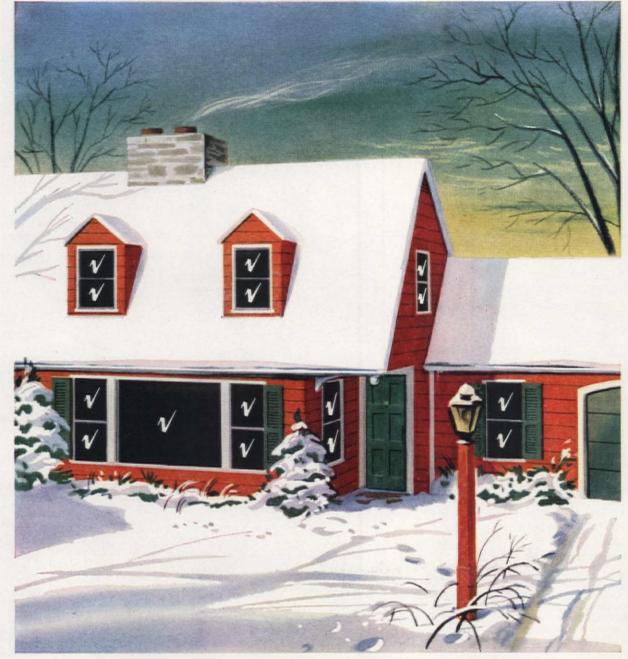


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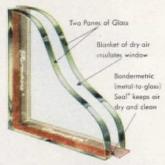
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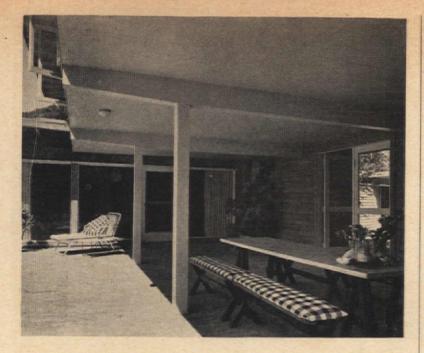
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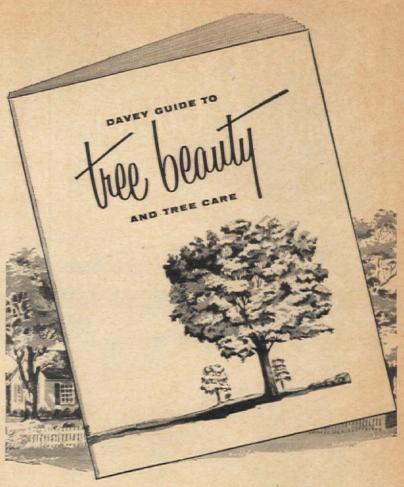


In this home, the roof overhang was extended out far enough to cover a part of the patio, providing a shelter from rain or from too much sun.



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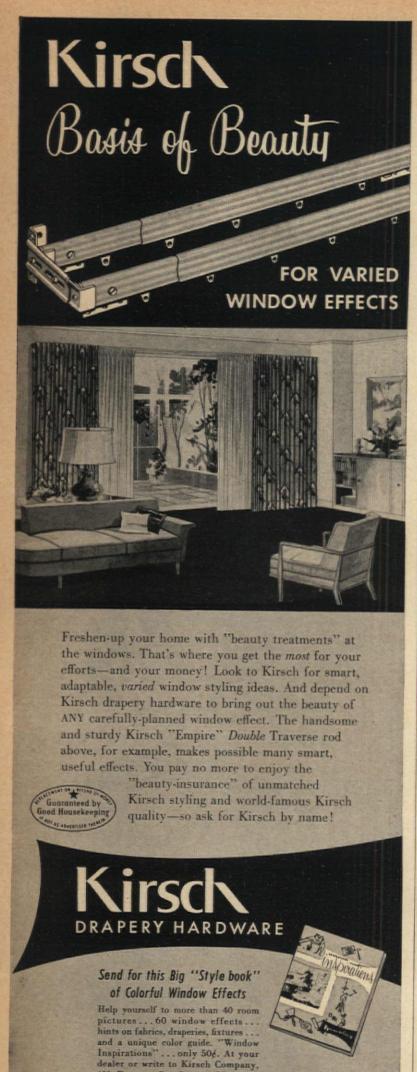
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Air Conditioning

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CALIFORNIA. "My wife would not do her housework herself without it. I figure it will pay for itself over a period of a few years, not counting the value of comfort."

ILLINOIS. "Oh my, yes. Our son goes away to school, and when he came home for the summer, I dreaded preparing his favorite dishes, cakes and pies. But with air conditioning, I enjoy it. I don't hesitate to ask people for lunch or supper now."

TEXAS. "Yes."

GEORGIA. "Yes."

Texas. "Yes. I believe I notice the difference here more than in any room of the house. Even a broiled steak and a baked potato offer no difficulties now."

MASSACHUSETTS. "Immeasurably."

COLORADO. "Yes. We have more hot meals, roasts, etc., and other things requiring the use of the oven. I think people eat better when they are comfortable."

TEXAS. "We never notice the heat, regardless of the amount of cooking."

• QUESTION: Are you bothered by the noise (if any) of the air conditioner when it is operating?

Texas. "We do not notice it at all."

Kansas. "It's a wonderful sound to
me, as I know I'll have a comfortable,
cool home."

ILLINOIS. "Yes, and I think much more could be done by both manufacturer and dealer to reduce compressor noise."

COLORADO. "No, practically no noise upstairs."

(Most families said noise, if any, did not bother them.)

• QUESTION: How do you use your air conditioner in summer?

Kansas. "We simply turn it on and let it run according to the thermostat setting."

COLORADO. "Continuous fan operation and thermostat set at 76 degrees with full automatic operation."

COLORADO. "We set it at 76 degrees and leave it there."

GEORGIA. "We keep all windows closed during the day and use air conditioning until late evening. If it has cooled off, as it usually does, we then turn off air conditioning and open the windows."

ILLINOIS. "We keep the air conditioner on during the day. If it should cool off in the evening, we turn it off and open the doors and windows. Should the evenings and nights remain hot and still, we keep the air conditioner on continuously. If the evening has



turned cool and the air conditioner was off, we close the windows in the morning and turn on the air conditioner. That way we enjoy the cool evenings and avoid the hot, sticky days."

 QUESTION: Do you find that you have more summer visitors since you got air conditioning?

Kansas. "Yes, we do have. One of our friends who had air conditioning several years before we, has a great time wondering why they aren't as popular with me as they were before my husband put in our system."

CALIFORNIA. "By all means. Neighbors who do not have it come over to enjoy ours."

COLORADO, "We had more visitors this past summer than any year I can remember."

TEXAS. "I don't believe this has changed to any degree."

COLORADO. "Yes, during the daytime particularly."

GEORGIA. "Yes, very popular house, especially bridge parties."

Kansas. "Yes, and we like this. We also find that we go out to the club and elsewhere much less ourselves."

 QUESTION: Do you find that noise from outside your house has been cut down since installing air conditioning?

C. E. H., LONG BEACH, CALIF. "By all means, as windows are closed all the time."

COLORADO. "Yes, it has reduced outside noise considerably."

COLORADO. "We live on a thru street which is heavily traveled by cars and diesel buses, so we most definitely notice the decrease in noise." THE END

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Knitted ones, like the Roley Poley "New Look Nit" cover (above), stretch to fit the furniture they're made for. The material, a nylon, rayon, and cotton mixture, is available in red, green, gold, turquoise, brown, or persimmon. And it's washable, except for the detachable fringe.

Many readymade slipcover ensembles are packaged, but you can also assemble your own from a variety of styles-a floral for your sofa, perhaps, and stripes, plains, or wovens for chairs.

The new covers are nicely detailed, with overlocked seams. They come with or without skirts. Whether you prefer two-piece or fourpiece covers, you'll find them easy to apply. CONTINUED ON PAGE 148



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Readymades

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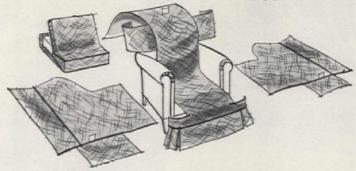


Here is a two-piece slipcover (notice diagram) that's made by Leader Mfg. Co. They make it in four chair and sofa styles. You have choice of seven different patterns in a variety of colors.





FOUR-PIECE



This four-piece slipcover consists of a central piece, two sides, and cover for cushion. The sofa and chair covers shown are from the large group turned out by Comfy Mfg. Co. Notice how well the tailored skirt suits the modern pattern, how well the ruffles suit the floral pattern.



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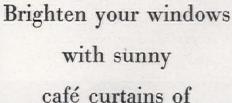
Completely weatherproof—that's this stacker by Lee L. Woodard Sons. It's a combination of wrought iron and expanded wire. Form-fitting shape means comfort, and is appealing to the eye. Chair is available in six colors, plus black and white. The price is about \$28 each.



These chairs by Troy Sunshade are comfortable and handsome, too. Frames are gold anodized aluminum; seats and backs are rattan molded to body contours. These welcome additions to terrace or porch cost about \$31 each.

Printed plastic seat pad with rubberized hair filling is the feature of this aluminum stack chair...adds comfort to springsupported seat and back. Pads are available in two patterns, can be removed easily in case of bad weather. Chair, made by Compacto, costs about \$10.95.





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A possible companion for peacock chair at top of page is Victorian tub settee with heart pattern. Also by Tropi-Cal, costs about \$60. THE END



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Morgenstunde

RACHEL RUBIN

ne of the first things that caught my eye in my mother-in-law's house was a sofa pillow embroidered with the following motto: Morgenstunde hat Gold in Munde. Translated, it means "The morning hour has gold in its mouth." As the years pile up, I have been forced to admit that there is something precious and special about Morgenstunde. To make the most of the "golden" hours, I've worked out a few little tricks, which I'll gladly share:

1. Get out of bed immediately upon awakening. Have you ever noticed that when you go back to sleep, you are much more weary the second time you wake up?

2. Shower and get dressed at once. Good for your morale and your marriage. The stock figure of a wife in curlers and sloppy bathrobe is too familiar to be funny.

3. When your family has departed, and you can sit down in peace for a second cup of coffee, relax-but not for too long. With the help of the morning paper, or two or three prolonged telephone conversations, the "breather" can devour half the morning.

4. Use the early morning for the jobs you can't stand.

5. Mornings are perfect for detailed work, such as household accounts and recalcitrant bank statements. More than once I have worked frantically into the night trying to track down a discrepancy of a few cents-and found it easily the next morning.

Like all treasures, mornings must be guarded from those who would spoil them. This doesn't mean that a housewife should be so efficient that she never has time for anybody. But once you have made it plain to people that you value your time, it is surprising how easy it becomes to be pleasant but firm about interruptions.

The nicest thing about organizing your mornings properly is that it gives you enough of a margin so that when a special morning comes along that cries out for a walk in the woods or a ride in the hills, you're THE END



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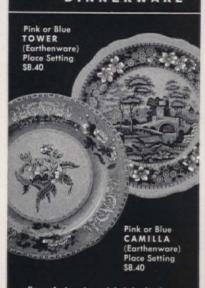
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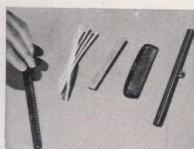
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TWO GOOD REMODELINGS









Not very inspiring was this small brown and white house that Adele and Felix started off with. It had practically no vitality or individuality. But it wasn't long before the fate of this house was planned and paint brushes set in motion. The striking transformation came about without the sawing of lumber or the driving of nails. Nothing a bit more complicated than many a round trip of brush from paint can to house. With new yellow and charcoal color scheme, the house has become important looking and smart.

BARBARA LENOX

Paint-Can Restyling

ow would you like a home with vitality inside and out? That's what Adele and Felix Bednarz wanted, but what they had was a dull, average-looking frame house. So they set to work looking for the answer . . . and found it in a paint can.

Adele and Felix know color well, and they delight in living with it. And since they both like light, bright yellow and vivid red, they have used these colors outdoors and in. With one color theme flowing pleasantly from one room to another, their house gains unity, and a spaciousness that is far beyond its actual dimensions.

Throughout the house there's an extraordinary use of ordinary color. Adele and Felix are not conformists—they like color, and they use it freely. The result is an alert, vivid background that's in step with modern living.

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Before Adele and Felix took over, living room was a drab brown. Now it shows how effectively red, yellow, and charcoal can be teamed up and accented with white. And in the dining area, beyond the left side of the fireplace, yellow is used with muted grays to continue the color scheme.
Large window to right of fireplace is left undraped to frame picturesque view of private garden. Through same window you see red trim on door.
Inside the house, this red is again used on strip of perforated hardboard panel in entrance hall. Note of extra interest in hall is ceiling painted half red, half gray.



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CABIN CRAFTS - NEEDLETUFT



RUG MILLS, DALTON, GEORGIA

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There's yellow in guest bedroom, too, only here the second color is green. Adele and Felix Bednarz like paint-can color, and also wallpaper color. How about the unusual way they've used wallpaper!



Walk from the living room to this spot on the other side of the fireplace and you get a full view of the dining area. The grays and yellow in this area make a pleasant background for the rich paintings that repeat the interesting color scheme.



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TWO GOOD REMODELINGS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 159

REMODELED IN EASY



STEPS

ook familiar? Well, maybe you haven't seen this house before, but chances are that you've seen a good many that look like the "before" version . . . middle-aged, sturdy, spacious. Trouble is, though, that the space isn't arranged as you'd like it.

But suppose you have such a house—what can you do about it? This was the problem facing the Arthur L. Bentons of Iowa City. Finally, the Bentons decided that they'd have to remodel. But instead of plunging in up to their necks, they started by just wetting their feet, and waded in gradually.

The first round of remodeling was triggered by the Bentons' grand piano—no place for it in the living room. So a former dining room became a music room-study, the ex-kitchen was turned into the new dining room, and the back porch gave way to a sleek, modern kitchen. Then a pantry was turned into a modern half-bath—a necessity to this family which then had three young children.

Gradually other internal improvements were made. Monstrous pillars that held up nothing were removed from the living room . . . built-ins were added . . . closet space was revamped . . . old-fashioned dark woodwork was relieved of some gingerbread and beautifully bleached . . . upstairs bathroom was modernized.

It wasn't until after the Bentons had lived in their home five years that the major *exterior* operation was performed. And in preparation for this big change, Mrs. Benton made sketch after sketch picturing the place with a variety of windows, doors, shutters, and types of sidings.

Actually, the reasons for these external changes were tied up with a problem inside the house—the living room was still just too small. The solution? The living room reached out and took

the front porch unto itself. Since the Bentons had added a terrace behind their house, the front porch was no longer needed, and had been doing nothing but keeping one end of the living room dark. Now, in place of the small dark living room, Mrs. Benton reports that they have "a fine large room (it's 16' by 22') with five big windows through which sun and air pour; a corner built-in



seat that can double as sleeping space for two guests; a fireplace remodeled, its mantel fashioned from about one-third of the wood used in the original mantel; cork floors; and two walls covered with burlap—a marvelous background for pictures."

At the same time, the front hall gained in size, and part of the added space was used for a huge sliding-door closet in which each child has shelves of his own.

The finishing touch to street-side changes was a smart bit of landscaping in which a wall (built of stones from the old porch corner posts) replaced the hard-to-grow, grassy bank.

In addition to all these productive remodeling steps, the Bentons made several other changes that might inspire similar remodelings in homes of the same vintage. A window on a landing halfway down the basement stairs was transformed into a door— "one of the most useful changes we made," Mrs. Benton feels. Since the door opens onto the driveway, it makes it easy to carry heavy packages into the house—and for car passengers to enter quickly on rainy days. In wet weather, boots and shoes are left at this entry. Another improvement highly valued is the 12' by 12' storage shed added to the rear of garage.

So if the house you have isn't the house you want, it can be if you remodel in easy steps.

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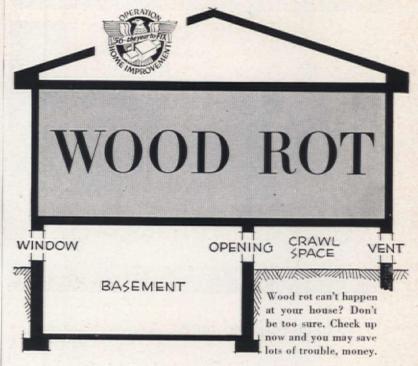
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as your house ever suffered an attack of wood rot? If so, you know the trouble and expense it causes. If not, your first experience will be one too many. It could happen at almost any time, for the microscopic fungi that do the damage are everywhere.

But as long as wood is dry, any fungi in it will be inactive. Let the wood get damp enough, though, and the fungi go to work on the substances that hold wood fibers together. Trouble and expense follow close behind. The answer? Use of wood preservatives—plus proper construction methods.

Today, thanks to the development of clean, odorless, and easily used chemicals, you can economically apply a preservative to the wood in your home. The basic ingredient in most of these modern preservatives is pentachlorophenol. Besides discouraging the growth of decay fungi, it reduces warping, swelling, and checking, and actually *improves* the paintability of wood.

Wood preservatives are most effective when they're applied under pressure at the mill. If the wood you buy hasn't been so treated, you can prolong its life by applying preservative yourself. On long pieces, use either a brush or sprayer. Short pieces—and ends of long ones—should be dipped into a can of preservative for three minutes. Whatever method you use, apply the preservative generously and let the wood soak up all it can. Make a second application a couple of days later.

When you're making repairs or additions to your house, keep these cautions in mind: 1. All cutting, surfacing, notching, and boring of wood should be done *before* you apply preservative. Otherwise, untreated surfaces will be exposed to decay. 2. Take special care to treat the ends of all boards and all joints, since these places are most likely to absorb and hold water.

But using preservatives, of course, is only part of the story on preventing wood rot. The other major consideration is design and construction of your house. A house that sheds moisture easily isn't likely to promote wood rot. Here are the features that help keep moisture out of a house: 1. Keep excess water from dripping down outside walls by making roof overhangs at least 8 inches. preferably 24 inches. 2. Install metal flashing strip under the edge of roofing and bend it down over eave edge to stop water from dripping down siding. 3. Direct water from downspouts away from foundation walls. 4. Use louvers in attic to prevent rotting of rafters and joists. 5. Use louvers in crawl space and cover soil there with asphalt roll roofing or plastic sheet to stop rot-causing moisture. 6. Slope porch floor and stair treads slightly to speed runoff of water. 7. Round off or bevel top of railings. 8. Make porch latticework no nearer than 2 inches to ground, 9. Make sure air can flow freely under porch. CONTINUED ON PAGE 164

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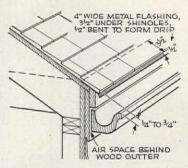
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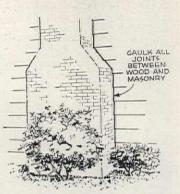
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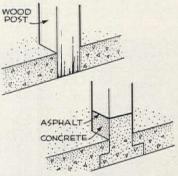
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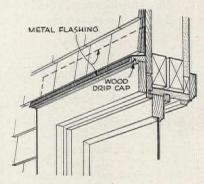
Prevent water from causing wood rot at roof edge, fascia, and gutter. Under edge of roofing, install metal flashing strip 4" wide. Let ½" protrude beyond the edge of eave, and bend this part of flashing downward to carry water into the gutters. Provide air space behind gutters—nail narrow vertical wood strips between gutter, fascia.



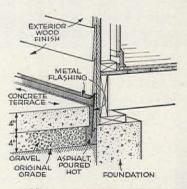
Where wood siding butts against a masonry surface, fill joints with caulking compound and check them every year. It's also good, before installation, to dip in wood preservative the edges of the siding materials that will butt against the masonry. (See page 163 for preserving how-to.)



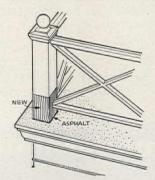
Wood posts should never be sunk into concrete, for moisture rising up into concrete will hasten wood rot. To correct this error, raise the column above the slab on a concrete pedestal. This base of concrete should penetrate the floor so the column has its own foundation separate from floor. Coat base of column with asphalt to protect.



Protect windows from wood rot by using preservative-treated sash and frames only. Make sure the putty is sound and adheres tight to the glass. To keep water from leaking down inside window frames, install metal flashing over the top of the frame and put in a wood drip cap. The underside is grooved so that water drops clear of window.



Adding a masonry terrace to your house? If so, and it will butt up against wood siding, better cover siding with metal flashing that extends above top edge and below bottom edge of slab. Fill the joint between the terrace and the house with hot asphalt. Bend the top of flashing down so that water drips away from house; cuts chances of rot.



If an old porch column or post has rotted out, cut it off 6" to, 12" above the visible decay. Insert a new piece that's been treated with preservative. You should spread layer of asphalt between bottom of the column and the porch. And to prevent water from collecting on porch, slope both the floor and treads of stairs slightly. THE END



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COMMON GARDEN VARIETY

MARILYN MeADAMS STRLEY

t took several years and a long trip to set me straight on the true meaning of "common garden variety." I used to think it meant "bad." Now I know it means "good." And I learned it in spite of myself.

I guess I started off with a highbrow attitude. I only wanted the best. That meant the uncommon, the different. I'd pore over a spring or fall catalog and if a description said "not recommended for the Gulf Coast" I'd be sure to look at the item all the more carefully.

Once I was flipping through pages of lilacs and peonies and whatnot, and when I reached the tall bearded iris page I came to a dead stop. "Queen of the Garden," it said. "Thrives everywhere except along the Gulf Coast." My Gulf Coast garden wasn't for the Queen? We'd see.

I ordered the best varieties the catalog offered. Before the rhizomes arrived I prepared the bed exactly as the cultural suggestions specified. When they arrived I planted them precisely as indicated. When they began to grow I babied them according to every rule. And how they flowered!

My glee was unbounded. I showed my friends. I displayed blooms at the garden club. I wrote about them to my gardening friend Elise in Kansas.

But the second season was different. True, the iris were still alive. but only grudgingly so. A few of them bloomed, but most barely grew. The third season was even worse.

Then in the early summer I visited Elise in Kansas. Some of her tall bearded iris were still blooming, and magnificently, but she hardly seemed to care. She was too anxious to hustle me off to see the treasure she was coddling along in the most protected spot in the garden. And what was it? One of the Louisiana iris that grows wild, or nearly so, all along the Gulf Coast! And Elise was extolling its beauties and crowing about her accomplishment.

That did it. Right then and there I figured there was something wrong with both of us.

I went home with a new outlook on gardening and a new attitude toward plants. And now I plant nothing that is not at home in our Gulf Coast climate. The garden is better for the change and I'm a better gardener. "Common garden variety" means plants that'll really grow. THE END





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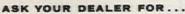
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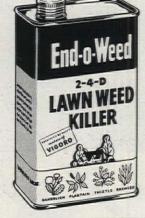
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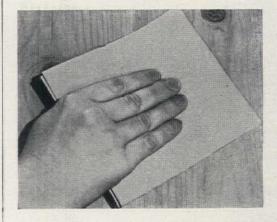
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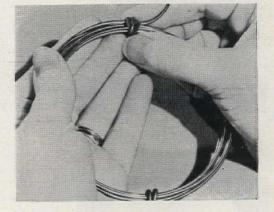
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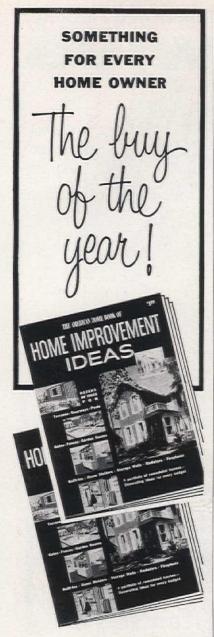
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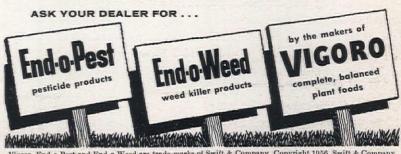
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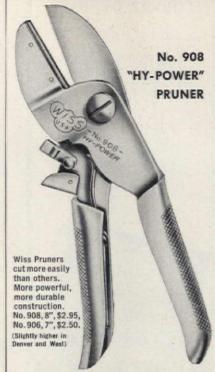
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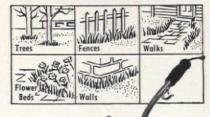
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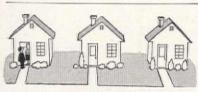
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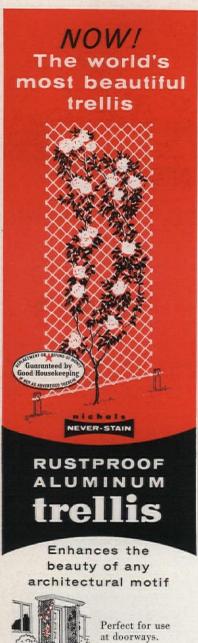


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about natural and synthetic fabrics.

There is a new nylon pile upholstery fabric that's easy to clean, durable, water-resistant, color-retaining. Its nylon fibers tend to turn away soil and resist moisture. They stay clean with frequent vacuuming. For periodic care, sponge this fabric. Make a frothy solution of mild detergent, and use only the suds. Sponge off with clear water.

There is a new upholstery fabric of 100% saran that resists stains, moths, fire, is puppy-proof. Give same care as nylon pile fabric.

There are machine-washable ravon carpets in sizes up to 4' by 6'. Larger rugs need to be cleaned with rug cleaners or professionally. Both curtairs of synthetic fibers and natural fibers, some with a silicone coating, can be machine washed and automatically dried. And fabrics combining Fortisan and rayon or Fortisan and linen have been tested and proved to have the same laundering needs. So have fabrics with metal threads . . . fabrics used for upholstery and curtain material. Metal threads should be especially treated to resist tarnishing.

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A detergent of the low-sudsing type is recommended for your automatic washer of the tumbler type. Too many suds will tend to cushion the water action and an over-use of suds can prevent proper agitation.

Water must be hot (145°F. or higher). On warm settings, hot and cold water are mixed. A long pipe run, inadequate power, or too-small water heater will hinder washing.

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It's uncertain just when the harmonica first appeared. But there's one in the Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan, with the date "1837" crudely carved on it. Most likely harmonicas came into widespread use shortly after that. Abe Lincoln played a harmonica. During one of the historic Lincoln-Douglas debates he carried one with him. When a friend asked why, Lincoln replied: "Douglas has a brass band with him in Peoria, but this will do for me." Calvin Coolidge was another president who played the harmonica. He used to toot it in the White House.

asically, the harmonica is a solo instrument. And with the exception of the chromatic harmonica, it plays only in a single key. So when two or more play at the same time, they must be in the same key for harmonious results. Yet very fine performances often emerge from harmonicas played in groups, and harmonica bands have become a real part of our musical life. There's possibly one you or your children can join right in your own community.

A note of caution. Forget the inexpensive cost and give your harmonica

the care of a cherished possession.

Don't try to set a new world's record for blowing loud. You only strain the reeds and ruin the instrument. After eating, don't play your harmonica unless you've rinsed your mouth and don't chew gum or eat candy while playing. Foreign substances damage the instrument. Above all, dry the mouthpiece after use and cover the harmonica with a clean, soft, lint-free cloth.

Not so well known as the harmonica is the recorder. And it's the recorder that is perhaps the easiest to play and the most rewarding instrument of them all.

The recorder is actually a wooden pipe with holes along its stem. You can learn to play it in minutes by blowing gently into the pipe and covering the holes with your fingers.

Although dating back in origin to ancient Egypt and Greece, the recorder began to come into its own in this country only about 15 years ago. For Dad, Mom, and the kids alike, it has a wide appeal. It lets you play any kind of music from Bach to boogie-woogie almost immediately.

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Altogether there are five kinds of recorders-the soprano, alto, tenor, bass, and sopranino. Many beginners pick the soprano as it's the cheapest to purchase; it comes for as little as \$3.75. Some novices start with the alto which has a richer tone. And others select the tenor for its deep, resonant quality.

But no matter which recorder you prefer, the price is relatively low for a musical instrument. Altos begin at \$10, tenors at \$20, and sopraninos run about \$14. The bass, the most expensive of the family, ranges from \$80 to \$100, which is really not very much when you check it against the price of other instruments.

Once you own a recorder there are simple rules for protecting it. For the best playing results, it's a good idea to warm the instrument to room temperature, and the mouthpiece end to body temperature before use. Try holding the mouthpiece end under your arm next to your body for a few minutes. When you're finished playing, blow the accumulated moisture out of the mouthpiece and dry the rest of the instrument before putting it away. Too much moisture may crack the dry wood.

n breaking in a new recorder or reusing one that's been idle awhile, go at it gently and gradually. Play it a few minutes the first day, a little longer the next, and by the fourth or fifth day you may play it as you will. This rule applies mainly to recorders made of wood. But it's a wise owner who treats his plastic recorder with the same consideration.

A final word about recorders. You may play them alone or in combination with other recorders-or even with other instruments. For the recorder can do many things easily-as more and more families are discovering for themselves every day.

These tooting instruments, both the recorder and the harmonica, are largely valuable as vehicles for carrying a melody. The strumming instruments, like the ukulele and guitar, are mainly good for accompaniment. They provide a harmonic background or a support of chords for melodies sung by the human voice or played by a melody instrument.

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kuleles may be bought for as little as \$2. A good one may cost \$6 to \$10, and the best rarely exceed \$50. Guitars, on the other hand, are a little more complicated in construction, take a little more time to learn, and are more costly. They may begin at about \$50 and run into the hundreds of dollars for the fancier ones. As a rule, they can also be used for more melody than other strumming instruments, especially in the hands of a talented performer.

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THE END

Good Victuals

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will be successful, but so unbelievably simple it is that all you'll have to do when you get home is peel off the gloves and earrings, tie on a little apron, and, by the time Papa has served his guests one hooker, the candles can be lighted and your guests seated. The chicken has been marinating, while you were enjoying the show. It is now ready to be crumbed and put into sizzling butter. The salad (a very small one of greens only) is already in the refrigerator and ready to be tossed. The dessert you made midday and has already been unmolded. The table was, of course, set with care before you dressed for the theatre. An exquisite supper and that easy? Yes, Ma'am, it is. I cannot tell you why this particular collage is so absolutely perfect -but it is. As popular with men as with women, for all its delicate air. Just enough and just exactly right. Won't you try it?

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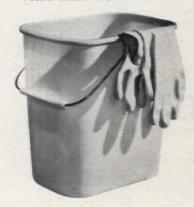
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