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# "Ten years from now a home without central air conditioning will be obsolefe and hard to sell" 

says John Doscher, Executive Director, Operation Home Improvement

## A new look at air conditioning and how it can help protect the investment in your home

If you try to sell your house a few years from now, one of the first questions people will ask is-"Does it have air conditioning?"

Within ten years, Mr. Doscher feels, a home without central cooling will be as old-fashioned as a home with outside plumbing.


The sales figures show how fast the trend is going. Last year, for example, homeowners bought 4 times more Crane Sunnyland air conditioning systems than just 2 years ago.

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## RALPPH H. HUNTER

0nce upon a warm evening every June, the country comes to the city. The country appears in the form of a good old-fashioned Strawberry Festival. The city? It's New York! Set amid towering apartment houses and office buildings on lower Fifth Avenue is the First Presbyterian Church-one of the few in New York City that still boast lawns. And inside its fences, while buses roll by and pedestrians stop in amazement, church members get busy. They set up tables, hang Japanese lanterns, get a barbershop quartet in tune. Even the kids help.

And when the stage is set, the women bring on the food-about 150 quarts of ice cream, more than 80 quarts of strawberries and loads of home-baked cakes. It all disappears in mighty short order, for 600 paying customers are fed in three shifts.
Result? The clock has been turned back. Children have glimpsed the pleasures of their parents' childhood days. The church's charities are richer, and so, church members feel, are those who join in the fun of the party. Yes, every June is Festival time.

A strawberry festival's a family party for sure. Children get as much of a "bang" out of the party as Mom and Dad do, even kids too young to recall other strawberry festivals.

The star of the festival, of course, is the strawberry. Pour heaps of big, red, juicy ones over mounds of ice cream. Add luscious homemade cake-huge slabs of it-pour big cups of coffee or milk . . . it's fare bound to please all comers.


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## TIP FROM ABROAD

With interest I read in your Feb. issue the article "Safety for a Tike with a Trike." This reminds me of the way wherein my brother in Holland, who is a bicycle manufacturer, solved this problem.
The handlebars on all the new children's bicycles are in two colors, green on the right and red on the left. When the kids are used to it, they, at the same time, keep an eye open for any red lights by crossings, etc. because they know now that red means danger! It might be that you could pass on this tip to a bicycle manufacturer in your country.
-Mrs. D. deVries-Juncker of Ireland

## SOLUTION'S ALL WETI

Your solution for leaking faucets (Feb. issue) sounds simple enough but I fear that you have omitted the most important step. Had you thought about first turning off the water? After my do-it-yourself venture, I found I had encountered two additional plumbing problems-how to stop "Old Faithful" from gushing to the ceiling and then, how to clean up the mess!

Friend husband has ordered an embargo on all future do-it-yourself adventures but I hope to appease him with some of the delicious food pictured in your magazine.
-Mary E. Reeves

## IN PRAISE OF PRINTS

My appreciation to you for the bird and flower prints in the lovely American HOME magazine.

I am a Pennsylvania farm woman, a lover of nature's wonders, both birds and flowers.

Upon the arrival of picture \#1, I purchased four identical natural wood frames, hoping there would be at least that many pictures in the series.

There were that many, and more. I am sending my personal thanks. They are beautiful.
-Mrs. Harry L. Phillips
I would like to tell you how beautiful the bird pictures are. I just looked at them, decided to frame them and am hanging them along the side of the stairs. Thank you so much for sending them to us.
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LIGHTWEIGHT TABLE PAD has aluminum foil heat barrier to protect table tops. Available in several sizes, $52^{\prime \prime} \times 70^{\prime \prime}$ is $\$ 3.98$. Kingson Corporation, Andover, Mass.

HOSE CADDY holds garden hose in fixed position for watering lawn or flower beds. Rustproof, it's 69 e . Automatic Methods, Inc., 602 W. Grand, Elizabeth, N. J.


SMOOTH OPERATOR, this new electric lawn mower, with a cutting adjustment (from $1 / 2$ to 3 inches) done with a flick of the wrist. Has a quiet motor, light for mowing at night-time. About \$169. O. M. Scott \& Sons, Marysville, Ohio.


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# HOT TAMALES, ANYONE? 

Dear American HOME:
For weeks now, I have been trying to locate a recipe of the right consistency for the cornmeal mixture for hot tamales. Ours has been either too soft, or turns out to be almost like a rubbery texture.

No doubt, you have such a recipe on hand, and would be kind enough to share same with me. New Orleans is a city of many wonderful and exotic recipes, many of which I have been able to procure and enjoy preparing, but when it came to a recipe for hot tamales, the persons having a thorough knowledge of preparing these wouldn't disclose their secret. I finally resorted to a public library and found a delicious meat mixture for the filling, but this particular recipe was so old and ancient that the cornmeal recipe was one that you had to grate from the fresh corn, etc. At first, I tried the regular cornmeal, and much to my chagrin, learned that a special grind had to be purchased for the outside mixture. This we purchased, but again, were unsuccessful in the amount that was used.

I do hope that yours is not "a family recipe" that must be guarded, as I am most anxious to learn how to make these delicious tamales, as we know them here, for parties and our home freezer.

Looking forward to your reply, I remain
Very truly yours,
Mrs. A. R. N.

- Do you have a favorite tamale recipe? One that would answer our reader's problem? When Mrs. A.R.N. of New Orleans wrote, we decided to take the bull by the horns, so to speak, and went to work on the problem. The recipe below is our modern (buy the ingredients at the corner grocery store) answer to "how does one make tamales today in the U.S.A.?" We think these are as good as any we have ever had in Mexico. Won't you try them and let us know how they compare with vour favorites?
$3^{1 / 2}$ cups yellow corn meal
${ }^{1} / 2$ cups soft shortening
$1 / 2$ cup flour
$21 / 2$ cups beef stock
I tsp. salt I lb. dry corn husks or parchment
- Cut off ends of corn husks and cover with cold water while preparing cornmeal. Combine meal, flour, salt, shortening and half of stock. Beat hard. Add remaining stock slowly, beating until mixture becomes light and fluffy (about 5 minutes at high speed of electric mixer). Dry corn husks on inside and spread with about $1 / 4$ cup cornmeal mixture. Add about 1 tbsp. meat filling and roll lengthwise. If necessary cover with extra husks. Tie ends with string. Stack tamales in steamer and steam about 45 min . or until done. Serve with tomato sauce. Yields 24 tamales.
meat filling
I lb. ground cooked beef
I garlic clove, mashed
2-3 tbs. chili powder
2 tsp. salt
${ }^{1}$ tsp. black pepper
$I^{1 / 2}$ cups broth
- Combine all ingredients and mix well.

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And, of course, it automatically dries your clothes. Soft, fluffy, almost wrinkle-free-so much easier to iron! So see your RCA WHIRLPOOL dealer about this remarkable washer-dryer-in white or Matchmaker Colors, pink or yellow or green. (He'll give you a generous trade-in now for your old washer!)


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1669-50c. Here's a pattern for one of the best-looking wooden lamps that has come our way. A young art editor on our staff admired an old weathervane we had picked up, and he adapted it to make this smart lamp base. Rooster is set on a wood box, has shade covered in rough linen. Pattern includes full-size transfer.

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## V.E <br> EDITH RAMMSAY



IIeet our cover girl and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. Vinton Potter. Dot and Vin are indeed Very Interesting People, and one reason is their hobby. Ever since Vin got his first wood-working tools some ten years ago, he has been making carvings of the birds that he and Dot so faithfully watch from their windows. Friends all over the country send him wood for carving (above, he shows the models to a friend, Mike Crawley).

Dot is an amateur painter, and she turns her hand to painting the carvings. The Potters are working out in wood all the species they have noted. And are they delighted with Tulsa birds! Oklahoma is a sort of crossroads for birds migrating in this country. Dot has put feeders and baths in the garden; over seconds of coffee, she makes notes of the newcomers. To her delight, she has counted over 40 varieties in one year.

Dot and Vin returned to their "adopted" state of Oklahoma a couple of years ago . . . after several years "back East" where PLEASE TURN THE PAGE




Sunday brunchers at the Potters' have a treat in store, for Vin has transplanted to the heart of Oklahoma the heart of his early Rhode Island breakfasts-the jonnycake (so named for the journeys the cakes were carried on). Vin, a bona fide chef, uses Rhode Island windmill-ground meal.

New England is truly here, and nostalgic it is for Dot and Vin. Some family pieces, some picked up during their meanderings in Maine and through all of New England. Their favorite piece is a shopkeeper's desk that belonged to Vin's father. They rescued it from a seed house, restored it.

Vin worked for gas utilities and the American Gas Association. Dot is a Connecticut Yankee and Vin a Rhode Islander by birth (hence his fondness for jonnycakes). So they naturally looked for and found a home in Tulsa that suits their fondly-collected New England heirlooms. Their home, in the middle of a beautiful pecan grove, is kept cool the year 'round by an experimental gas air-conditioner. It's a well-planned comfortable house. It even has what we now call a "family-room"-many New Englanders still call it a "keeping room"-off the kitchen.

Dot is an experienced knitter-fine for that first grandchild, a boy just a few months old. And Vin not only is adept at baking jonnycakes on a griddle, he's also the outdoor cook of the family. He loves to cook steaks for family and friends on the beautiful, secluded terrace at the back of the house. There everyone can enjoy the charming garden nestled in the pecan grove. PLEASE TURN THE PAGE



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## BUILD SAFETY

 INTO YOUR HOMETHOMAS C. DESMONH

Iach year 30,000 Americans are killed at home and $4,300,000$ are seriously injured, costing us a staggering 750 million dollars. Even the menace of the highways, the automobile, runs a poor second to the home in the combined total of deaths and injuries. But while we are exerting tremendous effort and spending vast sums to curb the rampages of motor vehicles, little is being done to trap the marauder in the home. In fact, his fearful activities are accepted quite complacently by most of us, and we are even providing for him a place to work under the same roof that shelters us.
No one escapes his stealth and his watchful eye: the curlyheaded youngster who leans too far out of a low, open window; the housewife who slips on her highly-polished kitchen floor; the four-year-old who, left unattended for a moment while being bathed, turns on the hot water and scalds himself; the oldster who trips at the head of the stairs and falls headlong to the floor below.
Heart disease is America's number one killer, but only among those over the age of 25 . Before that age it is second to accidents, which among children of one to 14 years cause almost as many fatalities as the next six causes of death combined. And accidents are more numerous in the home than anywhere else.
At the other end of the life span, 300,000 oldsters each year suffer crippling injury from accidents, principally around the home, Falls account for three out of four of such mishaps. The unfortunate result of falls in the age bracket of 65 and over may be shock, heartstrain, and broken bones that fail to heal and lead to permanent disability or death.

|iscouraged? Don't be. If you can afford to build, you can have your "dream home" and make it safe too. Architect D. Kenneth Sargent, experienced home designer of Syracuse, New York, informs me: "Most of the suggested safety features for use in home safety are available in the open market. However, they must be required and designed into the home."
The "Home of Safety" built in Bay Village, Cleveland, Ohio, for instance, has no stairs, inside or out. (Eleven per cent of home accidents are caused by falls on stairs.) The front door of this house is reached by a gradual-rise ramp. All rooms are on the same level. There is no basement.
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## Build Saifety Into Your Home

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The house is equipped throughout with fabric-covered folding doors to eliminate bumping into edges of open swinging doors.

Overhead kitchen cabinet doors are sliding, instead of swinging, for the same reason. The kitchen range is placed away from the window so curtains cannot blow over surface heating units. Cabinets and work counters are on each side of the range to prevent accidental falls against or onto the range.
The entire house is light-conditioned. Switches are placed at entrances and exits to all rooms. Switch plates have built-in neon-glow lamps for easy location in the dark. Safety covers on outlet boxes have turn-plates to prevent children from inserting hairpins and other metallic objects. Outlets are at least every $12^{\prime}$ apart throughout the house so lamps or appliances with standard $6^{\prime}$ cords can be placed anywhere.
In the bathroom, light fixtures, handles and cover plates of switches are of insulating material. The bathtub has a non-slip bottom. Vertical and angled grab bars are provided so that towels cannot be hung on them, impeding emergency use. Towel racks and grab bars are of unbreakable metal. Other bathroom safety features include non-scald water-mixing valves, built-in soap dishes, a wall slot for used razor blades, non-slip flooring, and a locked section in the medicine cabinet for the storage of poisons. $T$ The site you choose for building is important, too. If you can, build in a residential area away from the heavy flow of traffic, but within a block or two of public transportation. Don't make Junior cross a main thoroughfare (or don't do it yourself, for that matter) just to buy a loaf of bread or a pound of sugar. The odds are against you if you tempt the killers of the highway too often.
Build on a level plot to do away with sloping walks. The less you have to climb stone slabs and wood steps, the safer you'll be.
Remember your heart, too. Sure, you want room to move around outside. But enough space can mean enjoyment, while too much space can lead to drudgery and over-exertion.

The same is true of the rooms in your house. You don't want to build them so small that they'll give you claustrophobia. But don't forget either that you'll have floors to sweep, woodwork to polish, and walls and ceilings to paint and clean. The more wall and floor surface, the more cleaning. The higher the ceiling, the more reaching and the greater the risk of accidents.
The best way to avoid obstructions is not to bow, bob and weave when you meet them, but to eliminate them completely. Provide plenty of wall space in your rooms so that you can arrange the furniture without obstructing traffic. Make passageways between rooms short and straight.

Rlecess radiators into the wall. Keep floors level, with no raised projections whatsoever. Use sliding or folding doors between rooms (only where doors are necessary), on closets, and on wall cabinets. Projections of all kinds are dangerous, be they from the floor, from the wall or from the ceiling.
The modern building trend is often to one-floor construction. However, where stairs are necessary use short, straight flights, with at least one landing. Always provide hand rails along stairways, or even above a single step.
If you have an attic or cellar stairway, paint it a light color. All stairways should be well lighted, with switches at both top and bottom. Make sure that ceilings over stairways are never less than $6^{\prime} 8^{\prime \prime}$ above every tread.

Windows in older homes had two serious disadvantages. First of all they were generally too low, increasing the possibility of people (especially children) falling through. Secondly, they presented a serious probem of cleaning, because they had to be reached from both sides, with much bending and reaching involved.

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## New idea! VINYL in a floor wax

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## HARRIET ARNOLD

IIhen I questioned R. B. Rock, Jr. Princeton, New Jersey, about th play yard for their little daughte he described it as "just the same old stu I grew up with in North Carolina.

It's a big yard, about $20^{\prime} \times 40^{\prime}$, there's plenty of space for four or fiv children to play there. There's room fo them to play with toys, as well as th permanent or "built-in" equipment, an they don't feel hemmed in.

The play yard enclosure is made o snowfencing left in its natural rus stain. There's a little white gate at on end.

Snowfencing is easy to put up, an the posts don't do much damage to th lawn when they are removed later on
There's reassurance for a busy mother too, because it's not easy for childre: to climb out over the fence.

The "old North Carolina style" play equipment is inexpensive and easy to build. There's a sandbox, a jumping board, a set of steps, and an overheac ladder. The ladder (left) is an old one supported by four iron pipes securec upright in the ground.

All of these pieces are painted a spar kling white. With the rust, they look at tractive against the green of the grass

They're an easy assembly project for a home handyman, and you can be sure that the kids will love 'em!

## PLAY YARD - Old Style



Jumping board is a $15^{\prime}$ plank, $12^{\prime \prime}$ across. It is supported at each end by a sort of low horse, and responds wonderfully to jumping from any area.


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## 30 GREEKS



Rport from Rutgers," a bulletin of the State University of New Jersey, reports a new do-it-yourself twist. From May to December was time enough for 30 Greekletter fraternity members to convert an ordi-
 nary, i1-room Victorian home into an 18 -room Colonial mansion.
Self-admitted "rank amateurs," they did a professional job. The young men (three had "worked for pay" briefly as carpenters and electricians) figure that they saved about $\$ 15,000$ by doing their own remodeling work.
In addition to handsome Colonial architecture, here's what Alpha Sigma Phi's industry has provided: A $20^{\prime}$ by $20^{\prime}$ dining room, a big living room, a 20 -bed dormitory, a king-sized kitchen, 10 study rooms (some with sleeping accommodations), a library, den, party room, house mother's room, and five baths.
The residents set out, essentially, to double the width and capacity of the building. Paint blended the addition with the centuryold "original." The only professional help contracted by the fraternity consisted of an architect, a mason, who set up the foundation, and two carpenters, who installed clapboards


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## LESSON FOR THE <br> TAXPAYER



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IITant your neighbors to take more of an interest in school activities? Then you might consider the novel idea used by the elementary school in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. It was a two-day experiment that you, as part of the PTA or another group, might want to suggest. The principal moved the second grade out of the school and into a classroom set up in an automobile dealer's showroom. Passersby watched the class through the big windows, heard proceedings over a loudspeaker. Now they know where their school tax dollars go. The children were undisturbed-they quickly forgot they were "on display." The project got good publicity, too. Is it worth trying in your town?


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## Build Saiety Into Your Home

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You can have just as much light and equal or better ventilation by installing in your new home windowsat least $30^{\prime \prime}$ above the floor-that can be opened and washed entirely from the inside.
It is a little difficult to understand why builders of yesteryear so often placed essential home features near the floor or overhead instead of within easy reach, at arm or waist level. Your toaster lead, for example, probably originates somewhere near the baseboard, follows the floor for a few feet, and then loops up to connect with the appliance. The same may be true of your electric iron, your bedroom lamp and coffee-maker.

IIouldn't it be easier to plug a lead in three or four feet above the floor? And wouldn't it be safer to connect two points with a short lead instead of letting the wire loop on the floor to ensnare the feet of the unwary?

Excessive stooping, climbing and reaching are unnecessary, and have no place in modern home construction. Arrange shelves and storage space so you can reach what you need from the floor level, without scrambling on insecure pieces of furniture.

And for your kitchen, manufacturers have now put on the market a wall-mounted oven at waist level, with a separate cooking surface somewhere else in the same room. The object, again, is to reduce exertion, bending and reaching, to make your work easier and safer.
Most architects advocate the use of non-slip materials for covering the floor and the bottoms of tubs and showers because the danger of slipping and falling is greater in the bathroom than anywhere else in the home.
A bathtub should have a built-in seat for foot-bathing, rinsing and showering. It should also be lower than the old-type bathtub, and certanly not raised off the floor on legs.
If you prefer a shower, that's all right, too, but a shower stall, like a bathtub, should have a seat within easy reach of the water faucets. Faucets, in the tub or in the shower, should always be easy to reach, not at the end of a tub or directly under a shower stream.
You probably want a mirror in your medicine cabinet. That's fine, but put it on a sliding door instead of a swinging door if you can. Avoid the use of glass shelves inside the cabinet. Provide a separate locked compartment in your medicine cabinet for poisons and dangerous drugs.
And very important: Have plenty of light above your medicine chest. It isn't easy to read in poor light at any time, but it's even harder when you wake up with a headache or toothache at $3 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Insurance companies know how many claims they
have paid on the lives of customers who mistook sleeping pills, sulfa pills or iodine for aspirin, vitamins or nerve tonics.
Your bathroom should have a small light burning all night, and it's a good idea to have night lights in bedrooms and at the tops and bottoms of stairways. You can buy low-wattage lights that will plug directly into any electrical outlet without a lead or socket. These bulbs cost only a few cents each. The cost of burning them all night is almost negligible, but the safety they give you isn't. The important thing is that you provide plenty of electrical outlets, particularly at strategic points throughout your house.

There is an old saying, "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle." So it is with the safety-proofing of homes. It is not a drastic change in design, but the combination of simple, inexpensive little things which makes the difference between the ordinary home and the safe home.

Safety can be accomplished through common sense. It means more than the protection of life and limb. It should even be considered in terms of dollars and cents, for a safe home is a more desirable, more valuable home. And many safety features cost the same as building the unsafe way.

If you decide to sell in the future, you will find that good planning means money and easier sale. All prospective buyers, but particularly those with children or those with aged relatives in the household, will consider the safety and convenience of the location of your home. They will notice and appreciate the safety features in your home and pay you more for them. The desirability of safe design is so simple and obvious when it is seen, but so often overlooked whenever homes are being constructed!

The housing needs of the aged are great, and more and more, the aged are becoming good potential customers for homes. More and more aged are retiring. They are living longer. They have more money. More and more of them are living in or looking for their own homes. You will have a much better chance to sell at a better price if you build a home now suited to the needs of the aged.

But suppose you decide to stay where you are. Your chances, too, of living longer are improving each year. During the last half century, your life expectancy has increased by 20 years, and it will keep right on going up.

The home you are building today will still be occupied 50 years from now. You might still be the occupants then, so build for the present and build for the future.

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How to make your room air conditioner put its

1[o matter how much joy you get from that mechanical miracle, the room air conditioner, you probably don't think of it as an asset in your decorating. And most air conditioners are installed in living rooms .. the very room that establishes the decorative mood of a home. To function properly, the unit must be exposed. Also, the window must remain a light source. Yet in "breathing" out, the exhaust section pulls smoke and dust from the room-even the sheerest fabric hung in front of it catches dirt. The trick then, is to devise draperies that hide the air conditioner when not in use and minimize its obtrusion when it's in operation or the window is exposed. In the four ways shown, draperies are movable. All are of washable fabrics, quite impervious to sun. Each treatment is groomed to fit the room.

To house their air conditioner, control light from the windows, and conceal the heat convector when not in use, one couple hit on this plan. Two pair of draw curtains hang from the ceiling to the top of the air conditioner. At that point, they attached a $9^{\prime \prime}$-deep wooden shelf, using brackets at either end and in center. Two more pairs of draw curtains hang to floor. Single panel installed on window apron just below air conditioner covers convector -makes unit of whole treatment. Fabric is a semi-opaque fiber glass bouclé over-printed in a delicate design.


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The straight line is not always the shortest to a dramatic effect. Nor must materials be the most costly. Here, the cornice is of felt with a double row of stitching around the shaped edge. The draperies are fashioned of cotton dress plaid; curtains are inexpensive, fadeproof casement cloth. Curve also helps cut depth of whole treatment.


Typical result when air conditioner is installed in single window at one side of room. Clever handling makes it focal point of the room.


## GROOMED TOO!

est face forward


Here's how to make canopy for air conditioner, shown above. Canopy begins as an open wood frame (above right) with plywood cut to fit each end. Make the valance separately and tack it on after fabric is stretched on frame. Install curtain rods inside of the frame, then you're ready to hang the entire unit.

## We bought our summer house in an icy-cold north wind on April Fool's Day. Because the temperature indoors was colder than it was outside, we closed the deal within half

 an hour. We paid a deposit while shivering in a wind that had blown off the porch railing that very morning.As soon as we gained legal title on May first, we returned for a good look at our purchase. The look wasn't encouraging.
An old-fashioned porch sagged around the front and sides. From attic to dining room, the walls and ceilings were painted a railroad-station-yellow ochre with chocolate trim. A bizarre fireplace in one corner was a bloody red. The wiring was incredibly antiquated, with cords dangling from a ceiling outlet to floor lamps in a way that seemed to assure our being tripped-or beheaded-if we crossed the room in the dark. Brittle paper drapes covered window shades in all possible faded hues. An old coal stove, a black iron sink and an electric plate looked up bleakly to an open-raftered kitchen. And the bathtub, on a slant, had once been cut for size and then cemented together into an incredibly grotesque shape.
On the positive side were the 100 -year-old elm not far from the big, narrow house, a back porch the width of the house and open to the sky, an apparently solid foundation, a living room $15 \times 20$ feet, with double French doors
 opening into the side porch-and above all, the view: long, greening land sloping to a whitecapped sea that spread out below us into the distance on either side.

Our first hours in the house were spent wandering back and forth with feelings alternating between despair and hope. The quantity of work ahead was discouraging, but the land, the sea air and the view of the bay had a buoying effect. We chose our bedrooms that day, deciding that we could do nothing further until we had spoken to electricians, plumbers and painters.

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## Summer House

(Continued)

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Next, a carpenter repaired the porch and removed three steps in the kitchen to make room for the refrigerator. We bought a new gas stove and negotiated for bottled gas, in the meantime being warmed by an old coal stove that burned quite nicely after a few days of smoky debate with a chimney that had been enjoying retirement.

When we discovered that none of the painters could handle our work until late July, we went ahead ourselves by investing in several gallons of paint, plus a handyman. And then another sort of disorder set in: For two weeks all of the rooms -and all of us-were paint-splattered, paint-conscious, and rapidly becoming paint-unconscious. There was a drop cloth in every room, variously covering our wicker chairs and rockers, tables, desks, an antique commode that was to serve as a desk, a wardrobe case, bureaus and sawed-down bedheads. During the evenings we had to scoop out a free area among drop cloths so that we might have a few inches to relax in.

By the Fourth of July, our handyman had left and we were able to set aside our paint brushes for a look around. We liked what, at last, we saw: The fireplace bricks and the shelf above had been given several coats of off-white-semi-gloss enamel. Set in a frame of aqua matched-board walls, the fireplace was now extremely attractive. All of the ceilings were painted white, and the living room and the hall right up to the attic were painted a soft shade of aqua. CONTINUED ON PAGE 126


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The Koehlers' large kitchen includes a paneled dining area with a yellow wall telephone.

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In planning for this occasion, Mother will love getting out the family heirlooms and checking on tradition and etiquette; but, if we know our modern bride, her ingenuity will match Mother's, and together they'll find ways to keep the budget from blowing its top-and Dad's too! On the following pages you'll see many ideas which we hope will help in preparing for the big event.

## Omall home wedding

Prie-dieu with fireplace as background provides charming setting. The former may be rented for about $\$ 7.50$ or constructed by father-with mother making white satin kneeling and arm cushions. Plant materials used: roses, Easter lilies, stephanotis, gladiolus, Eucharis lilies, bouvardia, boxwood; $\$ 35-\$ 50$ depending on whereand when.


Whether they're do-it-yourself or designed by a top florist, wedding decorations should have one common denominator-good taste. Prices are affected by season and locale-the final result can be very expensive, but with planning, the cost can be curtailed and the effect beautiful.

## THE DECORATIONS

Tall Chancel Arrangements. These are constructed of iron pipe wedged in cement block. Attached to top is a roasting pan with candle crossboard. Pan filled with plastic foam holds lilies, gladiolus, carnations, and Japanese yew. Magnolia is wrapped onto pole with wire, spiral fashion. Total cost: $\$ 12$ - $\$ 15$ each.

The Altar. Altar decorations may be kept restrained-cloths are decorative in themselves. Cross must always be highest point. Flowers: gladiolus, lilies, "mums," tuberoses: $\$ 25$. Garden flowers would lessen this.


Aisle Arrangements. Screw wood disks atop 6' poles, top with pie pans. Nail wood block in pan, add plastic foam to hold blooms. Boxwood on pole, satin bow. Is $\$ 6-\$ 7.50$ with candles.

Window Decoration. Luxurious-looking arrangement began with painted coffee can on block wired to candelabra. Roses, tuberoses, stock, eucalyptus, magnolia; $\$ 15-\$ 17.50$ each.
by the family

A formal church wedding
with distinguished and breathtaking decorations
that may be arranged wholly or in part


IThe moment all have been waiting for, when the bride comes down the aisle on her father's arm, is the culmination of weeks of preparation. It's the moment when mother has a lump in her throat, well disguised by an endearing smile. All the fuss and feathers will be well worth the effort, for this a beautiful and memorable occasion, reflecting parental love and affection with the visible blessing that will be today and forever.


ALL DECORATIONS BY BETTY B. MERRIAM See "Where Credit is Due," pages 127-129


Bride and Groom pledge their troth in double "Bride's Cup" which surmounts wedding cake (long skirt of coupe de mariage forms larger cup for groom). Of many traditions built around the coupe de mariage, one decrees that whosoever finishes the cup first will be ruler of household!

Fully aware that serving gourmet food to the bridal party is love's labour lost insofar as appreciation of the food itself goes, nonetheless this first shared meal as man and wife is a very important part of the Golden web memory will weave of this day of days, and no minutest detail may be short of perfection itself.

## THE DECORATIONS

- You can duplicate this elegant centerpiece of calla lilies and white stock by starting with an oval silver vegetable dish elevated slightly by placing it on its inverted cover. Determine the desired height by placing tallest calla in position first, then the length by inserting the stock at each end. Fill in with callas in a rhythmic line graduating the height. Face them with some uniformity to avoid a helterskelter effect. Fill in with more stock and a few camellia leaves and buds. Hint: before using callas, insert a florist stick in stem, leaving about an inch projecting, and wire to stem. Cost to make: $\$ \mathrm{r}_{2}-\$ \mathrm{I}_{5}$. Sword decoration at top of page: Small rose buds, narrow satin ribbon. Cost: $\$ 3$.


For details about table appointments, see "Where Credit is Due," pages 127-129

## Tedding Reception at the home

 or the bridal party and immediate families

## THE FOOD Good lictuals

Turkey in Champagne Sauce on toast Asparagus Tip Vinaigrette Hot Rolls and Fresh Butter

- Champagne to toast the bride and groom, of course. And then, but one beautifully simple course, suitably light and delicate for the occasion . . . with the rolls and butter an eminently sensible stabilizer . . . and fie on the etiquette book that would dare say me nay!


## AND NOW,

, the cake
flanked on the left by pyramids of trim little boxes, their fragrant contents tied round by ribbon to insure safe arrival for romantic dreams . . . The Great Cake itself so waxen white it is moonlight and roses . . . so festive and so gala it is . . . so toweringly beautiful that even the high-keyed, irrepressible gaiety becomes hushed to a low murmur of admiration as the groom lends proud assistance to his bride


# Informal Wedding Reception in the bride's home 

Bouvardia, stephanotis and roses, lily-of-valley candle in alabaster bowl. Cost? Make for about $\$ 12$. Much less with garden flowers.

## THE OCCASION:

with buffet for a small group


## THE DECORATIONS

- The maid-of-honor's bouquet of pink roses, iris, and sweetheart roses serves doubly; after its use in the wedding procession, it is put on the buffet table as an effective decoration. Such a bouquet costs $\$ 7.50-\$ 15$, depending on where, when. Individual, centerpieces: roses, stephanotis in glass dishes sprayed white; $\$ 3$. Alabaster birds, $\$ 5$ a pair.

Flower-girl's basket is really a pocketbook. Tin lining holds water-soaked plastic foam to keep roses, daisies, blue lace-flower and pink bouvardia. Roses wired to hat. Set, \$6.


0ver the years, it has been as traditional in many families for the bride to prepare the food for her wedding reception as for her to make her own wedding gown. Our bride did all of this-and decorated and arranged the enclosed patio of her parents' home for the reception for 25. Small tables, each seating four, were arranged for the guests, but little else was needed because the outside view has turned the setting into a woodland garden. The bride's culinary artistry-as satisfying to the taste as the wedding gown is to the eye-was completed two days in advance of the momentous occasion.



When an American HOME reader saw this vacation house in our magazine (far left) in May 1953, it started a chain reaction. He dreamed of a house just like it; then he bought the plans and adapted them to his needs. He bought and cleared the land near the Atlantic; now he has house seen in two views above.

Compare original house and adaptation in views below (original in two views on left). Window wall
in adaptation is somewhat more expensive. Living rooms differ mostly in decorating, furnishing details.
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NEW HOUSE OWNER-DESIGNER: ROBERT H. MASON

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JAMES W. BRETT

Ihinking of building a vacation house? Then check our Blueprint House No. 56. It belongs to Robert Mason of Falmouth, Mass., who's a versatile fellow. In our May, 1953 issue he saw a house he liked and bought the plans from us. Then he changed the plans to fit his particular needs, built most of the house himself, and while doing the job, took the pictures for this story.

While Mr. Mason's adaptation is more expensive than our original house, the extra money was wisely spent to make room for a larger family and weekend guests. For outdoor living he added the sundeck off the living room and the terrace off the lower level. This lower level, almost doubling living space, was added at relatively little cost since the foundation walls were in the original design.

Notice how well the house is adapted to its site. A wall of windows in the living and kitchen area overlooks the sea and admits breezes aplenty and lots of light. To the right of the entrance, sleeping quarters and bath are concentrated. Bath and kitchen plumbing are backed up to the same partition to cut the cost of labor and materials.

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You see the greatest amount of difference between original house (left) and adaptation (below) on side that faces the water. New version has sundeck on upper level, terrace on lower level.

Floor plan of upper level shows how Mr. Mason divided space to suit his family's needs. Entry separates the living area from the sleeping area; kitchen and bath are "back to back" to keep building costs to minimum.

Lower level's floor plan shows how a complete apartment was made for son's family: living room, bedroom and a bath. And there's also that fully-equipped workshop Mr. Mason uses in furniture-building projects.



## The Moos family took a critical look

 at their seldom-used porch and decided to give it a new life
## ELIZABETH C. CLEMIONS

The Daniel Moos family were in the market for a new home, and they had their eyes on this ro-yearold house. Yes, it seemed fine for a family with four children. There was a children's wing, master bedroom wing, fireplace in the living room and another on the terrace, and plenty of living space both inside and out. Besides, they liked the simple, uncluttered architectural lines of this house on Lake Minnetonka. And yet, as good as the house was, Catherine and Daniel Moos felt that a few personal touches would make it even better. They decided to buy and remodel.
Main object of the remodeling was to create an informal family area in the huge and somewhat formal open-plan living room. The best spot for the family area was the adjoining screen porch. Such a porch is


This end of the open-plan living room started out its career as a screened porch that was used during only a few months a year. But now it's a year-round family area.

## They All Love to Cook!

Two fireplaces home already


The house already had two fireplaces: one for outdoor barbecues, another in the living room
useful only a few months a year in Minnesota, so the Moos family decided to enclose it for year'round family living.

Probably the most important requirement for this new area was to provide a place where they could enjoy the hobby of the whole family: cooking! The perfect answer is their modern brick fireplace wall, including not only a conventional fireplace but also a copper-hooded raised compartment for their electric rotisserie. Around this focal point is a comfortable grouping of chairs, stools, and a sofa, for reading, relaxing, conversation or TV. And between the fireplace wall and the kitchen is a round table and chairs-fine for informal meals, and handy for games.

Besides creating this excellent family area, the Moos family also did some other remodeling. The living room gained a library area that was formerly the front entrance-way. This area is at what you'd call the center of the open-plan living room, and faces the fireplace that already existed.

Then there's the new front entry. It used to be a small room thought of as the "den," but seldom used. Now, as the entry, it is one of the home's most useful areas. It's well adapted to Minnesota living, for it has lots of room for storing the boots and heavy clothing of guests and family.

One other change considerably altered the looks of the house both inside and out. The Moos family switched to light-colored walls inside, and a lighter exterior than the original barn-red.

As a result of the remodeling, a good ro-yearold house has become an excellent "brand-new" home, tailored to the needs of this active family of six-a family of six who all love to cook!

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5(1pring always seems to bound in with a look of newness that's a fresh and bright tonic to our winter-weary spirits. And wouldn't it be just dandy if our homes could be renewed just as magicallv as the world outside?

Certainly we all know that it takes more than wishful dreaming. It takes some down-to-earth thinking and a bit of work to lift a tired, dull room out of its lethargy.
We aiso know it's seldom possible-and not always advisableto completely "do over" a room or a house. But we can do small, specific things to create excitement and a fresh look. It may be nothing more than redecorating windows or dramatizing doors like the ones shown here, yet it can brighten a whole room.

Yes, these are good, inexpensive ideas to get you going on revitalizing your home. We hope-and believe-these ideas will inspire you to try still more adventures in decorating.

## Black and White Setting, Stylish and Cool

Here the windows are simply hung in a linen fabric in the Eyelet pattern designed by Dorothy Liebes for the Quaker Lace Company. Ivy plants on the outside cover the lower part of windows enough so the young couple can dine in privacy. They can see out but cannot be seen from the street. Unlined off-white curtains, ivy, and black and white tile floor add a cool look to this New York apartment.


## FRESH LOOK WITHOUT

## Bouquet to Paste on Door

Flowers bloom on this door "tra-la." Motif is die-cut to press out of original sheet. Press adhesive back on smooth surface. No seissors or paste needed. A sheet has several designs.




## MAJOR RE-DO



Decorate a Door with Wallpaper


Here is an excellent, easy decorating idea. Wallpaper in stripes is cut on diagonal to make this doorway in a dining room a decorative architectural feature. The dado is another way for you to use wallpaper one roll wide around the room. It ties in beautifully with the decorated flush door.

## It's Done With Tape

Simple door, simple treatment, with a dramatic result, Adhesive-backed tape in white and brown intersects itself in design that takes minutes to apply. Easily removed if you want a change.


See "Where Credit is Due," pages 127-129

## Warm Color Brightens Otherwise Cold Room

Here is an excellent way of adding interest to a room where pattern in draperies and slipcover is not desired. The room very definitely needed "pepping up," and-with the cool green in walls and carpet-a rich red fabric does the trick. The white trimming is done on a sewing machine, a stitch combining the "zig-zag and key" that anyone can do at home. This decorative touch ties in well with the antique white of furniture, the white mats of pictures, lamps and smaller accessories . . . flowers, too. please turn the page

# HOW TO PROPAGATE 

JOHN J. SIMPKINS

Pachysandra is one of the most attractive and useful of all the low-growing groundcovers. It grows in dense shade, where you can't grow grass, and on steep slopes, where you can't cut grass. And once established, the only care it needs is annual feeding and occasional watering during droughts.

But if you decide to plant a good-size area, setting the plants $4^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ apart as recommended, you may find it costs more than you're prepared to spend. So give up the idea? Definitely no!

Be smart. Buy as many plants as the budget allows. Then, when they begin growing, take cuttings from them and propagate as many new plants as you need. It's easy, and it won't take too long. These step-by-step pictures show you how.


Pachysandra cuttings root easily-even in a vase of water indoors. But to root a lot, build a sunken rooting bed like this in a lightly-shaded spot outdoors. This one's $2^{\prime}$ by $3^{\prime}, 5^{\prime \prime}$ deep, holds 300 to 400 cuttings.


A good rooting medium for pachysandra is a mixture of soil, peatmoss, and sand, in about equal proportions. Mix them together thoroughly, filling the rooting bed to the top, and soak the medium well for a day or two before you insert the cuttings.


In six to eight weeks, cuttings will be well-rooted and ready for planting in their permanent location. Plant $4^{\prime \prime}$ to $6^{\prime \prime}$ apart and keep well watered. Peatmoss or the new plastic film mulch will eliminate weeding while pachysandra is "filling in."


With sharp flower shears or knife, take cuttings, about $3^{\prime \prime}$ long, from tips of stems. Remove lower leaves from cuttings and insert in rooting bed, about $1^{1} 2^{\prime \prime}$ deep and $1^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to $2^{\prime \prime}$ apart. Keep rooting bed always moist.


In two years you'll have plants like this-completely covering the ground.

Original house (above) had advantages of a beautiful site, plenty of full-grown trees. Now (right) it is bigger, has a terrace, too.


## The Virags Knew How

They knew it would take time-and plenty of work-to remodel this old house. But perseverance paid off!


In 1952, the side and back of the house looked as it does at left. With some hired help, Mr. Virag added wing (with bay window) for living room, with bedroom above it. The new section is approximately $16 \times 24$ '; took Mr. Virag's spare time for two years. "Rain, rain, rain" irritatingly delayed terrace work.

## 1952

When Mr. and Mrs. Virag moved into their home five years ago, the original small parlor looked as it does at right .. dark and dreary. Big fireplace, which should have been focal point of the room, was a grim sight. And see that ceiling!
Not only did the Virags make a big new living room, but they transformed this parlor into a bright beauty, shown below.


Where terrace is (left), old kitchen stood. Old kitchen, moved to the back, has become laundry and freezer room. Present kitchen was the big pantry of the original house. This remodeling maneuver gained more space-the utility room-and lets the terrace adjoin the living room: modern indooroutdoor living bonus for any home.


The Virags removed roof from the big old porch (above, left) as soon as they moved into the house. Later, they had time to add Colonial porch designed by architect.

Take one old house in countrified Greenfield Hill, add five years of loving remodeling care, and you have a big, beautiful and comfortable home that hasn't cost you a fortune. That's what Mr. and Mrs. William F. Virag of Fairfield, Connecticut, have proved with the house you see here.

They hired carpenters, electricians, and painters to do preliminary work, then William and Martha Virag and their teenage daughter moved in. And Mr. Virag proceeded to add a wing-a big new living room topped by a bedroom-while his wife set to work on color schemes and scouting antique shops and auctions for fine old pieces they could refinish.

Their three acres held-in addition to the housea barn, a wagon shed, and an orchard. The barn, rebuilt, is used "for everything." The wagon shed, minus doors, is a carport with an attractive weathered-wood finish. And the orchard thrives.

Yes, it took work and time. But the Virags knew how to work-and wait. And now they have a beautiful home: more than worth it, as you can see.

MORE PICTURES ON PAGE IOO


## GIVE HER A

## PANTRY SHOWER

$T$The custom of giving the bride-to-be a shower shortly before she starts her married life is a charming


## Soup makes just plain wonderful

 SOUPER
## BURGERS



## Take a Package

IIoes your husband ever call you up and cheerfully announce he's bringing the boss home for dinner in an hour? Do relatives show up unexpectedly for dinner? Then you're on the look-out for quick, easy recipes. You want to prepare speedy dishes that will fool the boss and your family into thinking a great chef has been in your kitchen all afternoon. Each of these six dishes of sophisticated fare started ith a package of frozen corn kernels, frozen corn on the cob, or the new frozen cream-style corn.
If it's a main dish you need, you'll find you can prepare CORN-STUFFED PORK CHOPS by a speedy method. CORN-STUFFED PUDDING is another main dish. Made with oysters, it has a delicate and unfathomable taste even a gourmet cannot ignore. CORN PUFF-UPS make a tasty, delightful-to-look-at hot bread. CORN FONDUE DIP, served with cubes of French bread, makes delicious hors d'oeuvres. OVEN-ROASTED CORN ON THE COB, in its edible lettuce-leaf husk, is an elegant vegetable. And the intrigue of a CORN PIE for dessert will certainly give proof of your diversified culinary talents.

## CORN PIE

## of FROZEN CORN



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## ITALIAN FOOD <br> WITH A <br> PROFESSIONAL TOUCI <br> VIRGINIA SCHIROEIDEIR

- Italian foods practically make themselves-and prettily toowhen you use some of these kitchen helpers that can be found in the housewares section of almost any department store. Noodlemakers, ravioli trays, and Italian waffle-irons are three that will give that fancy, professional touch-and with less effort than it takes to make the foods plain. You'll enjoy the admiration your
handiwork will get from those who eat these homemade delicacies

- The noodle-maker rolls the dough paper-thin and then cuts it into strips (fine or coarse, depending upon the setting). After the dough is rolled thin, dry it slightly and put it through the cutting blades. The noodles separate into long strips. A short drying in the oven and they are ready. Make them in advance-they'll keep!

- Homemade ravioli-could anything be better? With this little tray you put them together in a flash. Place one layer of noodle dough or pasta over a filled sheet of dough. A final rolling with little rolling pin cuts them apart and gives them a fancy edge. All that remains to do is boil them, cover them with your favorite sauce.

- Italian waffes they're called, but they're really cookies. Short cookie dough is placed on molds and pressed flat. Then cookies are baked over low heat on top of the range. They come out crisp and delicate, with diamond-shaped pattern on one side and fancy design on other. Serve plain or make into ice-cream sandwiches.


## Let's try Green Beans Vinaigrette

These are the canned green beans that live up to your proudest recipes


To make this famous dish at its very best, you need cooked green beans of firm yet tender texture and rich yet delicate flavor. With never a string, of course.

So what better time to discover you can buy canned green beans like that? Yes, canned-perfectly cooked Whole or Cut, and ready for the sauce. And just compare Del Montb Blue Lake Green Beans for texture and flavor with any you've ever had the bother of cooking yourself!

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## GREEN BEANS VINAIGRETTE

1 can (1 lb.) DEL MONTE Brand Green BeansWhole or Cut
tablesp. oil
1 tablesp. chopped


Spam Surprise ... Melty, luscioss! Just grind together SPAM, American cheese. Stir in canned mushroom soup to moisten. Bake in a foil-wrapped bun; or run under the broiler for an open-face sandwich that's truly sensational!


Spam Submarine ... Lots of good things jo tender rosy SPAM in America's favorite "fun" sandwich! Y like it, you put it in! Just be sure there's plenty of SPAM, t famous Hormel blend of juicy pork and tender ham.

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Savory pan juices, give it home-made flavor
MaryKitchen ROASt beef

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(Take a Package of Frozen Corn,
pictured in color on page 78)



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and roll in corn flakes. Fry until golden brown in deep Wesson Oil heated to $375^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Fine way to use leftover potatoes.
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## FINE ART OF SALAD

## ARRANGING



MIXED GREEN SALAD
Sliced tomatoes, onions, radishes, cucumber; assorted greens.

## VERA RJORCK

Springtime . . . gay flowers throughout the house . . . and to perk up your table, a crisp and appetizing salad. Salad arranging, just like the proper placement of flowers, is an art-with color, texture, and choice of container playing equally important roles. Just for a change, leave your regular salad bowl on the shelf and experiment with some of those other bowls and platters you've been neglecting. Select any one of them, just as long as it's large enough.

To show off your salad to best advantage, remember two things: serve your dressing separately, and don't crowd. With so many delicious and decorative salad greens availabie, and with such a palette of colorful ingredients to select for both taste- and eyeappeal, let the colors, shapes, and textures suggest the arrangement. One tip: just as in planning flower arrangements, grouping of ingredients is usually more effective than helter-skelter scattering. Here are a few suggestions. more pictures on page 89


HAM SALAD
Rolled ham, sliced Boston brown bread, chickory, whole radishes, wedges of honeydew melon.

## 5 new ways to have fun ${ }^{*}$ with fruit cocktail!

Feel like having fun? Fun with foods you like? Fun with folks you love? Then ring a rainbow 'round your mealsa rainbow of fruit cocktail!
Couldn't be easier, for all five fruits are ready to use, right from the can. Couldn't be better, either, 'specially these quick new ways. Try one this very day-just for fun!
canned fruit cocktail from California
Cling Peach Advisory Board - California Canning Pear Growers


## salad fun!

Combine drained fruit cocktail, chopped walnuts and marshmallow bits. Spoon onto crisp lettuce. (And for a heavenly dressing, simply blend mayonnaise with a little fruit cocktail syrup.)


* main-dish fun!

Drain one $\# 21 / 2$ can fruit cocktail. Set aside fruit while you boil syrup until thick. Add $1 / 4$ cup brown sugar, $11 / 2$ tablespoons vinegar, fruit cocktail. Heat and pour steaming hot on ham.


## * dessert fun!

Freeze unopened fruit cocktail overnight in freezer compartment. Slide fruit out and cut in frosty circles (or scoop out with spoon). Top with whipped cream - and you've fixed a party dazzler!


## first-course fun!

Speedy way to dress up any dinner! All you do is pile chilled fruit cocktail high in fruit cups, and drizzle a spoonful of undiluted frozen orange juice concentrate on top. Good! Easy!


* breakfast fun!

Wide-awake idea for sleepyheads! Next time you serve up waffles or pancakes at your house, try topping them with colorful fruit cocktail. Then pour on maple syrup, same as always.

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Salad Arranging
(Continued)


FRUIT SALAD
Banana and orange slices, apple and pear wedges, green and red grapes, strawberries, watercress.


## SHRIMP SALAD

Romaine lettuce; black olives; sliced cucumber, eggs, lemon; shrimp; tomatoes.


ENDIVE SALAD
Endive, shoestring beets, sliced avocado, grapefruit sections dipped in paprika.

## Kitchen <br> Bouquet



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## MERICAN HOME RECIPES



Flouring chicken is a very neat operation if you shake the piece with the flour and seasonings in either a paper or plastic bag You'll also find that this coats the chicken more evenly than rolling it in the flour.


AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

## Tamily food

(Pictured in color on page 65)

Even bread that is still hot from the oven can be sliced straight and easily if it's held correctly. Rest the bread on the top crust so that one bottom corner is uppermost. Slice through with a sawing motion, preferably using a serrated knife. Slice currant bread this way, too, but use a straight-bladed knife.


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Griddle . . . about $\$ 17.00$; glass lid . . . about $\$ 3.00$; Control Master Plug . . about $\$ 7.00$;
${ }_{11}$ " Fry Pan . . . about $\$_{13.00}$; metal lid . . . about $\$ 3.00$; Pressure Cooker . . about $\$ 20.00$;
Dutch Oven . . . about \$18.00.
( $9^{\prime \prime}$ Fry Pan and 3 -quart Sauce Pan are also available.) Back Row, Left to Right: (Want to turn back, and take another look at our bride's table of gifts?)
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Certainly any bride who loves to sew her own clothes will cherish this. We'd wager to say her husband will be proud of her, too. kitchenaid mixer . . . about $\$ 70.00$
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(Continued)<br>kitchenaid coffee mill . . . about $\$ 22.00$<br>Love the smell of freshly-ground coffee? Then you'll love this coffee mill . . . and does the coffee taste elegant!<br>osterizer (Two-speed blendor) . . . about $\$ 45.00$<br>Perfect for soups, milkshakes, salad dressings, purees, and many foods. Ever try it for a hurried breakfast?<br>general electric steam iron . . . about $\$$ i6.00<br>This is a "must" for every gal . . . because ironing with steam makes the chore almost a breeze.<br>admiral portable t.v. . . . about $\$ 120.00$<br>You can really "tote" this around to keep family and friends entertained in style!<br>eniversal automatic percolator (in bride's hand) . . . about $\$ 27.00$<br>And we'd even say every home can use two coffeemakers! Agree?

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## The Virağs Knew How To Wait!

(Begins on page 74)



Interesting scenic wallpaper beautifies the Virags' bathroom. They recessed the mirror over the sink, added cornice to hide the light. Cabinet door at right is papered; only knob shows when closed.


Entry hall by dining room was useless space until shelves, shutter doors were added, with a counter. Martha Virag keeps her flowerarranging supplies there, plans to add a sink someday. Dining-room rug was made by a woman who wanted to thank Virags for a favor.


Hall window makes the dining room much brighter. Table started as three pine boards nailed together, set on horses for Thanksgiving dinner many years back! Chairs belonged to Martha Virag's mother, have been refinished. Lamp, earthenware, cut-glass add country air.

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## COMPACT

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Iike many young American couples, we were cramped into a small two-room apartment we were to call home for awhile. The kitchen seemed impossible. It was a pullman kitchen with old cabinets, an old sink, range, china closet and refriger-ator-all in the living room. So we decided to steal space from the living room; and for $\$ 250$ plus our own labor, we got a marvelous new kitchen.
Here's what we did: we set aside a $6^{\prime} \times 6^{\prime}$ area and measured for new appliances. We bought a freezer and built a broom closet and kept the refrigerator and china closet. The landlord provided a new range and sink. A $6^{\prime} \times 6^{\prime}$ bookcase became a room dividerits back, a kitchen wall. We made another kitchen wall from a bookcase on the china closet to hold glassware, large casserole dishes and platters. Perforated hardboard on back of bookcases held pots and pans. On one wall, the freezer provided countertop space and the refrigerator and broom closet helped balance the height of the tall bookcase wall.

Finishing touches? We covered the old glass-paneled cabinets with painted hardboard panels, built a $4^{\prime \prime}$ shelf under them for gadgets and spices, added decorative lighting, and covered the wall with adhesive-backed paper. Did our new kitchen take much time? No; we did all the work on weekends-and enjoyed it!


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## HOUSE

## THEY WANTED ${ }^{\bullet}$ ) WORKSHOPS

IITe've all seen "his" and "hers" on towels and bathmats, but "his" and "hers" workshops are not so common. The idea makes sense, however, for Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Babnick of Tucson, Arizona. They both like to do-it-themselves, but their hobbies are entirely different from each other.

Dr. Babnick's shop (above left) is outfitted with all the tools-and storage space-necessary to do a complete woodworking job. He makes all kinds of furniture and storage units for the house and does repair jobs in his workshop, too. As a matter of fact, he built the workshop wing of the house himself!
Mrs. Babnick is very interested in ceramics. Her workshop (above right) has a kiln, and shelves loaded down with glazes, sprays, paints and molds. Besides ceiling light, there's one above work counter for use on dark days.
The door that opens from Mrs. Babnick's workshop into the garden is a Dutch door (cen-

ter picture); a rack attached to the lower half holds reference publications for her hobby.

When the Babnicks built their home, they planned for the later addition of their workshops. Originally, there was only the front carport (left, in plan), but concrete extended back to accommodate the planned addition.

The workshop-carport wing is at right angles to the house, roofed to match. The front carport leads to the kitchen-and has wide double doors leading to Dr. Babnick's workshop. Directly behind the handyman's hideout is Mrs. Babnick's little studio, with another carport accessible from an alley behind the studio. This carport has a storage spot at one end.

A decorative reflection of Mrs. Babnick's ancestry is the Norwegian motto on her studio wall. It's also a reflection of the Babnicks' enthusiasm for "do-it-yourself" as satisfying enough to be worth two workshops, for translated, the motto says, "Busy hands make happy hearts."

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However, there is much to be said for flower watching. In our case, this sport provides us with endless ideas for Imperial wallpaper collections. For example, our E-Z-DU portfolio offers a garden full of beauty for the browser in flowers. Roses, violets, daisies, lilacs are present in magnificent profusion. We even added flowers in colors and shapes that nature has yet to come up with. In fact, we have captured everything but the fragrance. Mr. Burpee had better look to his laurels!

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## Lace Appliqué

(Continued) wrapping paper like this: If you want finished picture to be $12 \times 17^{\prime \prime}$, draw $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ squares horizontally and vertically. Fill in design in each $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square exactly as it appears in the design shown on page 106. Your design doesn't have to be exactly like this, because your lace flowers may be shaped differently-but this gives an outline of your finished design.



Here's what lace-tree picture will look like after framing. An enhancing accessory, it is unique as well as easy to make.
When you have complete design enlarged, trace onto fabric. Use a white or yellow carbon so it will show clearly on the dark background.
Or place brown paper over background and prick right through paper with a very sharp white or yellow pencil. Follow lines carefully and keep pencil marks close together. Spread fabric over heavy card-board-or fiberboard. Glue edges over and onto back of mounting board with fabric glue. Stretch fabric carefully to keep design straight. Allow glue to set. Cut out lace flowers very carefully and set aside. Cut a piece of selvage from heavy white fishnet and apply glue to one side of it with a toothpick. Place along right side of tree trunk (see photograph). Press gently and carefully with fingers to hold in place; then use a few straight pins to hold in place until dry. Cut a piece of white fishnet and apply with glue to form tree trunk and branches. Now apply lace flowers and leaves to form tree. Tweezers will be most helpful, and pins will anchor flowers while glue dries. Glue on sequins and beads where indicated.

If you can't buy plain white crepepaper butterflies, cut from a sheet of crepe paper, or hunt for lace butterflies. Brush a thin coat of rubber cement over wings, and, while cement is wet, sprinkle on gold or silver sparkle. Glue on sequins as indicated. Glue butterflies in place.

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## Handyman How-To's

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Strain paint quickly by this method. Use scroll saw or tin snips to cut center from lid of old can. Use this "donut" to hold cheesecloth in place.

## Harlequin Accent



When you want to decorate a room attractively, yet keep the walls plain, consider decorating the ceiling. That's just what Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Klausmeyer of Cincinnati, Ohio, did in this child's bedroom. They chose an attractive harlequin-patterned drapery, then made the ceiling match it. Gay for summer home, too.
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HOUSE NO. 1-COMPACT PLAN


- This floor plan contains precisely same number of square feet as does the medium-spread and far-spread plan. But compact plan gives you the impression house is smaller. And it has little real separation of main areas: service, living and sleeping.
 though it has same number of square feet as house with compact plan, this house gives you greater feeling of space, inside and out. In this plan there's increased separation between service, living, and sleeping areas, and design looks more interesting from more angles.


## How to Make a

# Small House Appear Bigger 

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The real size of a house is measured in square feet-the length of the house multiplied by the width. But the size of a house is also measured in how big it looks to the eye, and the eye, as we all know, can be fooled in a lot of ways.

A house that is absolutely square will seem smaller than a house that is oblong, even though the two contain the same number of square feet. We have all been fooled by going into what appears to be a small, square-shaped house and finding out how much actual space it has inside. And a house that's an irregular shape will appear to be larger than one that's oblong even though each contains the exact same number of square feet.
The square-shaped house is the least expensive to build, the oblong-shaped house comes next, and finally the irregular-shaped
house. Why, then, would anybody consider building anything but a square- or oblong-shaped house?

When we plan a house, we divide it into its three basic partsliving, sleeping and service-and you'll find that it's difficult to keep these three parts separate in a square-shaped house. Another reason for an irregular shape is that this plan often has more interest to the eye. The house (to those who view it from the outside or live in it) seems larger, with more separation between the basic parts.
By spreading out the house, we also can often take better advantage of the view from the lot. We can expose more of the house to the outdoors, and we even get outdoor privacy by letting the house partially encircle a terrace or patio.

HOUSE NO. 2-COMPACT PLAN

 a feeling of spacionsness, and you notice that there's a greater separation between the three primary areas: service, living, and sleeping. But though this house has same number of square feet as compact plan (left) you'd need to have bigger lot to make this look right.


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# Criley House 

(Continued)

The Theodore Crileys

## build around a patio to get both

 privacy and living comfort- In designing his own house, Theodore Criley had to overcome two unfavorable factors: a lot shaped like a piece of pie, and a climate that's excessively hot in the summer. His answer is a nearly $V$-shaped house of reverse board-and-batten redwood looking north to a magnificent view across citrus groves to the mountains. Kitchen and living-dining area are along the west side, entry hall and screened-in patio in the middle, and two bedrooms along the east. Since summer heat is excessive, there can be few openings to the west, yet from that direction comes the prevailing breeze. High windows, and a partial partition in the kitchen, let the breeze blow through to the bedrooms thereby help to solve this dilemma.


Twilight view from the back garden (at top) shows you the angled V-shape of house. Living-dining wing at right, screened patio in center, two-bedroom wing at left. Front has few windows; garden side nearly all glass. Interior view shows large living-dining area that has a pale yellow ceiling, pewter gray walls, fireplace of pumice block. High windows take advantage of prevailing west breeze. Fixed windows face north and east, and magnificent view.

MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 114

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View across living area shows fixed glass, with ventilating panels (screened) below. A large panel slides open to the screened porch. A happy combination of modern pieces with old French Provincial furniture and grass matting gives the room an individual character.
View from motor court shows vine-covered grill that separates carport from entry path. Note how roof of carport, painted a soft yellow, forms wide overhang to shelter access to entry door. Behind the redwood fence is a small, nicely private patio.

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## Criley House

(Begins on page 110)



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Top and bottom are plywood circles you cut from $3^{\prime} \times 6^{\prime}$ panel. Make each circle $29^{\prime \prime}$ across. Mark with strip of wood that has brad in end, pencil hole $141 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ away.


Cut circles by hand with compass saw, or on a band or scroll saw, depending on your shop equipment. After you cut circles, cut rim that will fit under and support the half of the top lid that can be raised and lowered.


Select circle with fewest flaws for the top of table; then cut top exactly in half, trying to place cut so you get a half that has no flaws. Using bottom circle as guide, screw rim to least perfect half of the top.


Iou can build this drum table in a weekend's spare time, or less, if you have power tools in your workshop. You can still do the job with hand tools, though of course it takes longer. All materials are standard items stocked by hardware stores and lumberyards. Note particularly that the batten to which you nail ends of $16^{\prime \prime}$-wide hardboard strip is near open side of top: you can easily hold batten in place while nailing. Use wood plastic in this joint and sand smooth before painting.

## DRUM COFFEE

# Make Yourself a 



Cut apron and legs from $1^{\prime \prime}$ birch stock, cut top from $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ plywood. Checkerboard is made of $21 / 8^{\prime \prime}$-sq. hardwood veneers (in hobby kit). Lay squares in straight lines, as in drawings.


Use glue and flathead screws to fasten plywood top to legs and apron. Now table is shaping up. Then you glue on your wood veneer squares in alternating light and dark wood

colors. In the checkerboard kit you get veneer borders you use to frame board. Extra veneer strips available for covering table top. Weight top until glue dries. Wood molding finishes top.



Now bend $16^{\prime \prime}$-wide untempered hardboard strip around top, bottom. Tie in place. Use $1^{\prime \prime}$ nails $2^{\prime \prime}$ apart to fasten bottom flush, top $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ below edge.

Rims are double layer of $13 / 8{ }^{\prime \prime}$-wide hardboard strips. Stagger strips so the joints of two layers don't coincide. Trim is bronze or brass weather strip.

Use cut-down piano hinge to join the two halves of lid. Cups and what have you may be stored inside. Clothesline trims bottom of top rim, top of bottom rim, and runs saw-tooth fashion.

## TABLE



See "Where Credit is Due," pages 127-129


LOCATION OF LEGS

Table legs are $29^{\prime \prime}$ high, to make table $293 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ to top. Apron is $191 / 2$ "x $5^{\prime \prime}$ (at deepest point). Legs should be planed at top to fit in corner blocks. Staining can be dark or light fruitwood; stain the veneer top carefully so you don't loosen glue.
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1. Put on a pair of gloves and work from the outside. Gently pull out the shattered glass. If pane is only cracked, remove the putty first and take out entire pane. To replace very large panes or one in second-floor window, take out sash frame, place on flat surface.

I$t$ can happen any number of ways. This time of year a misguided missile called a baseball is apt to be the cause. Or maybe you just happen to slam a window or glass door too hard. You could even whack a window during housecleaning. Actually it's not too important what sort of accident smashed or cracked a window pane. What is important is what you do about fixing it, for a broken window pane is not only inconvenient and bad looking, it's also downright dangerous!
Fix it yourself? Fine-nothing very complicated about it. But just like most jobs, a few little hints can make the doing easier and the results longer lasting.
2. Chip out old putty with chisel or putty knife. Get it all out so the new putty will stick. Keep chisel low as you push it along so you don't gouge frame. Remove glazier's points as you go.

3. This step is often left out by those who think it's just extra work. A coat of linseed oil on all the surfaces that get putty will prevent wood from absorbing oil and drying putty. Thinned lead-and-oil paint can substitute for linseed. please turn page

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6. Roll putty into strips the size of a pencil. Lay these strips all around the outside edge of glass, over the glazier's points. This putty should be put on in a small enough quantity so it will not be visible to you from inside the house. Use putty knife (or can-opener) to smooth at correct angle.
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## They All Love to Cook!

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Here's the view over the dining table and toward library area. Doors in wood paneling lead into splendid linen storage space; storage for large silver pieces and dishes is on other shelves.


Library corner of remodeled living room was formerly the entry. Bookeases are not only functional, but attractive, too; notice wood ends on each shelf. Standard fixtures support the shelves.


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Walls were covered with random-width knotty pine on a framework of $2 \times 3$ studding. Old partitions were knocked out and new walls were built to divide the furnace room, laundry, and lavatory.
Ceiling was dropped to hide pipes and added wiring, then covered with acoustical tile supported by furring strips. Really low pipes were boxed in with plywood to simulate beams.
Steel posts supporting the floor above were boxed in with knotty pine to simulate solid wood posts.
Floor of amber-colored asphalt tile was laid in groups of four to make $18^{\prime \prime}$ squares, and set off by red asphalt-tile feature strips.
Stairs were covered with the same asphalt tile and the risers painted with red enamel.
Balustrade: On one side, turned newel post and balusters. On the other side, a trellis of white pine.
Bar, topped with red laminated plastic, has a knotty pine front, and over it, scalloped wooden ceiling trim hides fluorescent lights.

Doors of flush birch have panel design made of $21 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ astragal molding. Trim is $2^{1 / 2^{\prime \prime}}$ reeded casing. Television set is recessed into pine-paneled false wall that was installed to hide water, gas meters. General lighting is supplied by seven recessed 20 watt, double-tube fluorescents and one recessed spot which lights foot of stairs. Four fluorescents over bar, and individual lights under it, provide additional illumination. Six base outlets allow free placement of standing lamps and other electrical equipment.



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## Summer Home

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For the dining room walls we used pink, broken by built-in dish cabinets and a pair of brass pots in wall brackets for hanging philodendron. On the floor we have a linoleum rug in walnut brown to reflect the tone of the hand-made cane-seated chairs. Dish cabinets, window trim and floor edges are an off-white.

New yellow-gold shades and white ruffled curtains are in all of the windows except the living room, which has garnet draw-drapes, lined. From an attic at our old home we brought an American Oriental rug in shades of navy blue and soft gold and garnet. In the different color scheme, the rug and drapes look newly-purchased. A round walnut spool table is at the right wall nearest the fireplace, and above it are three wild geese in brass -a Christmas gift from England. An old spool-chest painted off-white matches the background of my grandmother's china tea set, which it holds. Three wicker chairs, also coated an off-white, have cushions of a gold cotton damask.

The hall, leading in from the porch and out from the living room under a curved arch, holds a handmade settee of yellow birch, a marble-top telephone table and a graceful hatrack of walnut. The bedroom and upstairs floors are covered with a white-backgrounded linoleum spattered in pastels to match the walls, while the bathroom and kitchen floors have black-and-white tile. A seanymph green on the bathroom walls and gray-and-pink decor in the kitchen complete our color scheme for the interior of the house.

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By late July, the exterior painting had also been completed: all white, with black blinds and aqua porch roofs. We waited until the following summer to make the finishing touches -screening the long side porch and then putting in white flower boxes (planted to ivy and geraniums) on the banister corners.
In its original condition, our summer house may have appeared like an April Fool joke we were determined to play on ourselves, but we have come a long way from that freezing April day when we first looked it over. It is no joke now!
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## POOL PLANNING

Somewhere, between the expensive pool of a movie star and no pool at all, is a pool that fits the needs of you and your family, and if you plan carefully, you can find it and buy it.
PERMITS-Before you get your hopes too high, make sure you're allowed to build a pool on your land. Check with your local Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Zoning departments.
DEED RESTRICTIONS-Sticking to the restrictions of your deed is your re-sponsibility-not that of municipal departments or your pool contractors. Such questions as set-backs from property lines, permissible buildings and easements for sewers and power lines come under this heading. Check your property deed carefully.
POOL SIZE-Aside from the cost, the size of your pool depends on how much land you have and the number of people who'll use the pool. Take, for example, a $20 \times 40^{\prime}$ pool with 3 -foot walks around it and a 12 -foot springboard that extends 9 feet back of the deep end, and a walking space of 2 feet behind the springboard. This pool would require an overall area of $26 \times 54^{\prime}$ minimum. Make further allowances for planting areas. And the pool itself should not be closer than 5 feet to walls, fences or buildings.

To size your pool in relation to the number of people who will use it, allow 36 square feet of water for each swimmer, and 100 square feet for every diver. The average-depth $20 \times 40^{\prime}$ pool with diving board in use will accommodate 14 people at the same time. The minimum practical width for a pool is 15 feet, and if you want springboard and wading area, plan on a pool at least 35 feet long. POOL SHAPE-For easiest swimming and lowest cost per square foot, the rectangular pool is usually your best bet. LOCATION-Place your pool where it can be seen from the most-lived-in rooms in your house, and where it will get the most sun. Don't put it too close to trees where leaves and insects will drop in. Also consider privacy from neighbors and protection from winds. If possible, place deep end so you won't have to dive into low afternoon sun.
SITE CONDITIONS-While your site may be good, your contractor should check carefully for these problems:
r. Filled ground more than 3 feet deep. A pool should rest on solid soil.
2. Rock formations that would require removal by special equipment.
3. Underground water that would require pumping or a special pool structure.
4. Underground obstructions, such as sewer lines, please turn the page

## Swimming Pool

(Continued)

electrical conduits, gas lines, and septic tanks.
It is wise to avoid hillside sites, for retaining walls can be very expensive.

Provide access for excavating equipment and transit-mix trucks as these jobs done by hand are extra-costly. FREEZING CLIMATES-In parts of the country where you get sustained freezing temperatures, it is often wise to leave water in the pool through the winter to counteract pressure of freezing ground around pool. Logs tied around edge of pool water help prevent ice from forming. All exposed filter piping should be drained, too, to prevent freezing.
FILTER-While the initial cost of a filter is fairly high, it will pay for itself over the years in lower water and chemical costs and with swimming water that is clean, pure and beautiful. Without it, it is necessary to drain and clean your pool repeatedly. With a filter, you drain and refill the pool only once a year. POOL TRIM AND WALKS-Materials, for safety, must be non-slip-like brick, flagstone, or brushed concrete. Concrete is the least expensive, and makes a good deck area.
THE CONTRACT-The contract you sign to have your pool built should specify in detail everything you are spending your money on. With the exception of unforeseen site problems, your builder should give you a firm contract price, without any "extras." GOING AHEAD-When you have reached a decision about the type, size and location of your pool, select a contractor carefully. Pick a man who is sound financially and has had some years of good reputation in his work; your worries will be few. And when the warm weather arrives (and your friends, too), have a splashing good time and, "LAST ONE IN'S A ROTTEN EGG!" THE END

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Chart: Courtesy of Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration

## HOW TO USE THE TABLE

Item 1: Under Quantity, write the total square feet of window area for the unshaded exposure ( $a, b, c$, or d) that gets the most sunlight ("largest load"). For windows shaded by inside shades or inside venetian blinds, use the factor for Inside Shades. For windows shaded by outside awnings or by both outside awnings and inside shades (or venetian blinds), use the factor for Outside Awnings. Now multiply "Quantity" by "Factor" to get "Cooling Units." Only one number should be entered in the Cooling Units column for Item 1 ,
Note: For each item, I-8, the Quantity multiplied by the proper Factor, gives the Cooling Units for that item.
Item 2: Write the total square feet of window area of all windows not included in Item 1 .
Item 3: On line 3 a or 3 b , write the length of the wall that has the largest sun load in Item 1 . The total length of all walls and partitions not included in line 3 a or 3 b should be written on line 3 c . (An uninsulated frame wall, or a masonry wall 8 inches thick or less, is considered Light Construction. An insulated frame wall, or a masonry wall 12 inches thick or more, is considered Heavy Construction.) Item 4: Write the total square feet of roof or ceiling area of room on line $4 \mathrm{a}, 4 \mathrm{~b}, 4 \mathrm{c}$, or 4 d . (Use one only.)
Item 5: Write the total square feet of floor area. Omit this item if floor is on a slab or over an unheated basement.
Item 6: Write the number of people who normally occupy the space to be air-conditioned.
Item 7: Write the total number of watts for lights and electrical equipment that will be in use when the room air conditioner is turned on, and the sun is shining.
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The two bedrooms and bath are located on one side of the front hall. Both bedrooms boast storage walls and open onto small flagstone terrace which is separate from the larger patio outside the living-dining area.


It's a real thrill to find a house that is an eye-catcher, and then discover that it is owned and decorated by the designer-builder. Though the Beadle home definitely falls into the small-house category, it was planned to appear much larger than it measures. To achieve a spacious effect, livability, and interest, some walls were angled, some extend only three-fourths of the way to the ceiling, many are combinations of material: plaster, glass, brick, wood. A fireplace isolates the kitchen from living area. Louvers and greenery separate dining and living areas-and there's storage space tucked in at every available spot.
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Lower well-point with the attached pipe lengths into the hole. Then fill in hole around pipe to keep it from bending under impact of the weighted driver. Screw the drive cap as tight as you can onto top of pipe. Slip shaft of weighted driver through hole in top of cap. Now drive wellpoint into soil by dropping lead-weighted driver into



When you've driven several lengths of pipe into water table and top of the pipe is level with connecting pipe on pump. remove the driver and the cap. Next you screw on hand purrp and work pump till water flows freely and sediment clears out of the well-point. Now you can unscrew hand pump, then start connecting well shaft to motor-driven pump.

Use a sand-mix, packaged cement to make a slab for pump. While slab is still wet, insert bolts to fit holes in base of pump. A form for concrete base is easy to make with $6^{\prime \prime}$. wide wood scraps held in place with small stakes. Use a T-fitting to connect well to pump. Connect motor to electric outlet.

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Junipers are sold balled and burlapped or in containers, and no special planting technique is called for. Set them the same depth as they grew in the nursery, firm the soil well, and water thoroughly after planting. Don't ever let them dry out during their first year in your garden.

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## CHECK ON YOUR SOIL



- Plants depend as much on the soil as on anything else, and not all plants or all soils are alike. So don't take them for granted. If your lawn, garden plants, or shrubs don't seem to grow as well as they should-even though you've done everything the neighborhood experts recommend-by all means check on your soil.
Your agricultural agent at the county seat will test your soil, if you send him a sample in a clean glass jar, and he'll tell you what to do about it. But if you're a do-it-yourself gardener, or if your agricultural agent is overworked and understaffed, you may prefer to do your own soil testing.

If so, you'll find easy-to-use, reasonably-priced soil testing kits at your garden supply dealer's. And a soil sampler, like the one above, will do a faster and better job than a trowel.

## GARDEN WITH TIN CANS

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I prepare cans as shown here. Then I fill them with soil or other growing medium and use them for whatever project I have in mind. My favorite rooting and growing medium is made from equal quantities of peatmoss, sand, and good garden soil.
Most hardy shrubs root best from cuttings of $4^{\prime \prime}$ to $8^{\prime \prime}$ taken from new growth during summer. Sub-tropical shrub cuttings can be longer. With a sharp knife or razor blade cut the stem $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ below a node (leaf-joint), remove lower leaves, and insert cutting one-third its length in the rooting medium.
Herbaceous perennials, like mums, phlox, and delphiniums, usually are rooted from cuttings of $3^{\prime \prime}$ to $4^{\prime \prime}$ taken in the spring when growth is about $6^{\prime \prime}$ high. Handle them the same as shrub cuttings.
Keep all cuttings in the shade and protected from wind for four to six weeks. Water them often enough to keep the rooting medium moist but not soggy. Plant them out when well rooted.

Try sowing a few seeds in small cans. Thin out the seedlings when $1^{1} / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to $2^{\prime \prime}$ high by snipping off all but the one that's the largest in each can. Plant these out in your garden when they are $6^{\prime \prime}$ or $8^{\prime \prime}$ high.

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The garden bench takes two $7^{\prime} 2 \times 4 \mathrm{~s}$, five $6^{\prime} 2 \times 4 \mathrm{~s}$, two $2^{\prime} 2 \times 4 \mathrm{~s}$, two $I^{\prime} 2 \times 4 \mathrm{~s}$, a $4 \times 6^{\prime}$ fiberboard panel, and two poured-concrete footings.
The bottom sketch shows a simple but distinctive-looking hori-zontal-slat screen that can be left "as is" or used as a trellis for roses or ornamental vines. It requires two $77^{\prime} 4 \times 4$ s, eleven $6^{\prime}$ ix6s, and creosote for the belowgrade part of the posts. Alternate slats are on opposite sides of posts.


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