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Those of our readers who have collected the bird and flower prints featured in past issues of American HOME will be happy to see this month on pages 61 65 a number of decorative ways the prints can be used. Matted and framed (as on the cover), we also show you how they can be adapted through patterns to make such decorative accessories as lamps, tiles, plates or needlepoint. For details on the portfolio of eight prints, turn to page 61. Photo by F. M. Demarest.

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## COMING IN DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS decorations, to dress up the house for holiday festivities, will be a big part of December's issue-decorations for windows, doors, man-tels-plus how-to ideas for ribbons and wrappings.

GOOD FOOD and holiday hospitality you'll find in colorful abundance: Christmas breakfast, teen-age tree decorating party, festive tricks with cake mix, chocolate dipping, elegant gourmet food.

WE VISIT the Bill Lanyons, who have shown great ingenuity in decorating their first home with refurbished antiques and American HOME patterns.

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## READERS' EXCHANGE

## HAPPY IN LESS THAN SIXTEEN ROOMS

I was very interested in your story, "How to be Happy in Sixteen Rooms" because I think it is the dream of everyone who has ever tried to live with two active children in small city apartments. After reading the article, I was surprised that Joan Hanlon mentioned none of the arguments "against" such a house which my husband and I found far outweighed the others when we started house hunting two years ago.
What about taxes? We found that most of these old houses were in areas that had become practically "downtown" and had been zoned as commercial property, resulting in higher taxes.

What about the neighborhood? If we were lucky enough to discover a house in its original state-that is, not converted into numerous small apartments-it was usually next door to a small factory or across the street from a tavern and surrounded by busy city streets.
What about adequate wiring and plumbing? When we added on the cost of re-wiring and new plumbing, the price was outrageous.
What about schools? Surely this is important when there are children in the family. Schools often are old and overcrowded.
What about financing? We didn't find many firms willing to lend money on these older houses, and those that would asked for higher rates of interest or shorter terms on the loan, increasing the monthly payments above our budget.

And all those stairs? With small children, stairs can prove to be a problem.

We did find a few houses of this type that had been well kept and modernized through the years and still fitted our buying budget. However, we found we would be living in neighborhoods with people whose finances far outreached our own.

So we bought a modern, three-bedroom, brick ranch house in a small town between Fort Worth and Dallas. For $\$ \mathbf{1 2 , 9 5 0}$ the house has $1300 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{ft}$. of living space, excluding the double garage, and a beautiful wooded lot. There is a modern school only one block down our quiet street; taxes are low, and in fact, practically non-existent; the neighborhood is congenial and there's plenty of fresh air and a large backyard for the children.

Perhaps in Rhode Island these older houses are easier to find. There are many of them in the smaller towns in Texas, but in this Fort Worth-Dallas area we feel that ours was the better investment. We may be short on space, but we are long on facilities for comfortable, wholesome, modern living.
-MRS. DON WORSHAM

## 1. MINUTE WOMEN OF '57

In housecleaning my attic recently I came across a file of your magazines. Reading the June 1942 issue I found such articles as "Minute Men ' 76 " and "Minute Women of ' 42 ." These still seem applicable today on the political front.
Recently President Eisenhower made the statement that we must now "wage peace." This is certainly challenging, as in order to "wage" one must actively participate in an effort. I wish we could organize women into "Minute Women of ' 57 " to wage peace!
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1. In a sneak attack, or where there is insufficient warning for evacuation, any refuge or shelter is better than none.
2. If you live far enough outside a target area to be relatively safe from blast and fire, there still may be radioactive fallout from the bomb cloud. Any home, no matter how remote from a probable target for enemy bombers, may be in the path of radioactive fallout.
3. Home shelters are also good safety insurance against tornadoes and other types of natural disasters.

How to build and equip a shelter is clearly given in a booklet
 called "Home Protection Exercises (MP-2-1) which may be obtained from your State or City Office of Civil Defense.


## HOME NURSING

At least one adult member of each family should enroll in the American Red Cross First Aid Training Course. A simple household first-aid kit for your home shelter is described in a clear, concise chart available at your local Civil Defense headquarters.

Natural disasters, such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes,
to say nothing of nuclear weapons, are no respecters
of time or place. They can strike with a sudden fierceness. While you have the precious gift of time, it's prudent to make plans for your family's welfare and start your own home defense action program.

## PROGRAM NOW!

## FOR AN ADEQUATELY STOCKED EMERGENCY SHELF YOU SHOULD HAVE <br> (Amounts given are for 1 person for 7 days) <br> Milk: 1 pkg. powdered nonfat dry; 2 cans evaporated. <br> Juices: tomato, orange, grapefruit. Fruits: 1 can peaches, pears; 1 lb . dried prunes or apricots. <br> Vegetables: 2 cans tomatoes, peas; 1 can corn and green beans. <br> Soups: assorted (4 cans). <br> Meats and meat substitutes: 1 can beef stew; 1 can salmon or tuna; 1 can spaghetti and meat balls, baked beans; 1 small jar cheese and peanut butter. Cereals: ready-to-eat ( 7 indiv. pkgs.). Crackers-cookies: 1 box. <br> Beverages: instant coffee or tea, instant cocoa, 1 jar or pkg. each. Soft drinks: 12 bottles. <br> Bottled water. <br> Note: Check supplies once a month and rotate regularly. Change bottled water every 6 weeks. <br> Other essential supplies: salt, sugar, matches, fuel, cooking utensils, can opener, tableware and utensils, paper supplies, old newspapers, portable radio, flashlight, candles and holders, first-aid kit, blankets, pail, garbage container, games for the children. <br> 



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## How we retired in 15 years with ${ }^{5} 300$ a month

"We'd never be out here in California today, financially independent and happy, if it hadn't been for what happened back in Scarsdale the night of February 10, 1942. How do I remember the date? It was my fortieth birthday and Nell had gotten tickets for 'Lady in the Dark' to celebrate. While she was dressing that night, I sat in the living room, idly leafing through a magazine.
"I suppose any man feels kind of serious when he hits forty. Someday we, Nell and I, wanted really to enjoy life. Move out where it was summer all year, in southern California. Grow flowers and soak up the sun. Have time for living. But how could we? I was already forty. We hadn't saved much, and I realized that half of my working years had gone. I had a good job and a fair salary. But we found it hard to bank anything. We seemed to spend money as fast as we made it. So I began to wonder: Must I always live on a treadmill, like so many others?
"As I turned the pages, an ad caught my eye and I started to read it. Oddly, the ad seemed meant for me. There was, it said, a way for a man to retire on an income-without a big bank account. It was called the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan. With it, I could arrange to get a guaranteed income of $\$ 300$ a month, beginning when I reached fifty-five. And it wasn't
just an income for myself alone. The Plan actually provided for an income as long as either Nell or I lived.
"Just as I finished, Nell came rushing downstairs, in a hurry as usual. But I stopped long enough to tear out the coupon at the bottom of the ad. I stuck it in an envelope and dropped it in the mail on our way to the theatre.
"Well, a while back, my fiftyfifth birthday arrived-and was that a celebration! I was all set to retire. And it wasn't long before my first Phoenix Mutual check for $\$ 300$ came in. So we sold the Scarsdale house and headed for California.
"We're in a beautiful spot here, just right for us. And every month, right on the dot, the postman hands us another check. Security? Why, we have more than lots of rich people. Our income is guaranteed for life!"

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Iou can't help but find inspiration for Christmas decorations in this baker's dozen of patterns. Hailing from all over the country-Texas, Washington to Iowa-some of the most unusual ideas include a pattern for a series of three stained glass windows depicting the complete Christmas story, an amusing garage door series of Santa and his reindeer, and, something new in a greeting sign, a clear plastic panel illustrated with the Three Kings. Of course, you'll find the familiar angels and Santa (two different ones) in addition to an unusual lyre to set off Christmas greens and some old Pennsylvania Dutch motifs. And don't overlook the funny man in the high hat for your picture window or the aluminum lawn ornaments mounted on their backdrop of chicken wire. Lighted at night, they are even more effective.

1709-25 $\epsilon$ Reminiscent of old English Christmas greeting cards is this beautiful lyre decoration. Transfer makes it easy to do.


1708-35¢ Carol-singing angels to trace on pale blue paper. Paint robes white, wings gold. Star panels flank entrance.




1716-60¢ Three Kings is one of the most dramatic and favorite items of all Christmas motifs. And well they might be when they're as handsome as this-silhouetted and lighted. Another version is for a picture window.


## 1 Dozen Patterns (comimanc)

1719-30¢ A symbolic Madonna, tall and slender in her white robe would be easy to paint on a dark blue roller shade you can use from year to year. Gold halo and star are accents for the dark blue background.


1717-35¢ Funny little high-hatted man in sleigh to decorate your window is cut out of colored foil papers to shine and sparkle. Scattered stars are ready-made styrofoam cut-outs you can buy at the dime store.


1718-75c Last year our beautiful pair of stained glass panels were so popular that when we learned of a reader who had designed a third panel of Three Kings (so it would be large enough for a picture window), we hastened to purchase it for you to copy. Madonna and Child panel, Pattern \#1649, and the Shepherd panel, Pattern \#1650, are $75 ¢$ each.

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(please turn the page.)


JACK HORNER CAKE
1 cup cut-up, pitted, uncooked prunes
1 cup boiling water 2 cups sifted GOLD MEDAL Flour

A new Gold Medal "Flower" by Betty Crocker
$11 / 2$ cups sugar
1 tsp . salt $\cdot 11 / 4 \mathrm{tsp}$. soda
1 tsp. each, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves

1/2 cup cooking (salad) oil, such as Wesson 3 eggs ( $1 / 2$ to $2 / 3$ cup) 1 cup chopped nuts

Pour boiling water over prunes, let stand 2 hr . Heat oven to $350^{\circ}$ (mod.). Sift dry ingredients together. Add prune mixture and rest of ingredients. Blend thoroughly ( 1 min .). Beat 2 minutes at medium mixer speed, or 300 strokes by hand. Pour into greased and floured jelly roll
pan, $151 / 2 \times 10^{1 / 2} \times 1^{\prime \prime}$. Bake about 35 min . Cool. Cut in half crosswise, cut one half into 2 rectangles, $101 / 2 \times 33 / 4$ ". Fill and decorate center of top layer with lemon filling. Edge with whipped cream. Makes 8 slices. Frost rest of cake with butter icing. Sprinkle with nuts; cut into 24 bars.


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it came upon a midnight clear and the wonder of it is the very heart of Christmas. This group of the Holy Family by Sister Berta Hummel is worthy to be the center of your Christmas every year. Three separate figures. Hand-tinted, $\$ 20.50$, or white, $\$$ ro.95. Madonna of the Adoration, $61 / 2^{\prime \prime}$; St. Joseph $71 / 2^{\prime \prime}$. Hildegarde Studios, Dept. AH, 597 Farmington Ave., Hartford 5, Conn.

tea formation is a happy circle of friends making happy talk over a relaxing cup. A lovely tea cup and saucer of Royal Albert English bone china in pure white banded in gold, with a poinsettia design in red and green would make a happy gift to commemorate Christmas 1957 for a collector or anyone who loves fine china-or tea. $\$ 2.95$. Susan Smith, Carpentersville 13 , Illinois.


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## With Their Dog in Mind

IIeet the Duchess, a boxer, and her owners, Mr. Franklin R. Amthor and his wife, Gertrude Amthor. This couple and their dog happen to be our chief characters in a remodeling story involving a kitchen in a home more than 50 years old. How Duchess fits into the picture we'll hear more about later on. But first, let us introduce the Amthors, whom we first met on a visit there to photograph.
We found an active, lively couple, both proud of the job they had accomplished, and giving evidence that do-it-yourselfers can be of any age. Having married recently in their middle years, after each had reared fine children of their own by previous marriages, both were nearing retirement age, though Mrs. Amthor is still at work in the advertising field and Mr. Amthor, a retired Army colonel, was soon
 planning to retire from business as well.

And here's where our story begins. Because moving to a different location might prove essential within five years or so, when both retired, it seemed advisable to make the old house as livable as possible now, with minimum outlay. Considering these conditions, and the fact that the mortgage on the old house had been reduced to less than half of its appraisal value, the couple decided to remodel the kitchen, which was in far worse condition than the rest of the house.



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And so, following the advice of the Great Planner, the couple built their house with big storage walls in the carport; and they were convenient, easy to reach, with no need to climb upstairs or downstairs to get to them. There was room for almost everything, and the couple was pleased. They were pleased, that is, until one day when the car was in the carport, and one of them made the mistake of trying to get at the storage area! Then they discovered that with the car inside, they couldn't take things out or put things in, So from then on the big, convenient storage walls were empty except for mice, chipmunks and a broken butterfly table.
Moral: "Having storage is fine, but be sure you can reach it, not just some time, but all the time."


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Manchu Yellow, a new, warm color shown in a smart, square bath with corner seats.


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But for those subscribers who did not remove the prints from their magazines, as well as for our new subscribers since we started this series, we are happy to announce that we can now make available to them a beautiful portfolio of all the 8 prints of the birds and flowers published in The American HOME. This portfolio of fine prints is one that you will be proud to keep for yourself, or that will make exquisite gifts for your friends. This simple but handsome portfolio comes to you packed in a carton to insure protection en route, and will be sent, postpaid, anywhere in the
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## BIRD PRINTS

## MAKE A BEAUTIFUL



## APPEARANCE EVERYWHERE!

Beautiful as they are in their own handsome portfolio, to be enjoyed close range over and over again by family and friends, we've an idea that perhaps you might like to have a set of these lovely bird prints on permanent display. This artful collection of birds and blossoms, as painted by Arthur Singer, can provide truly important and decorative accessories when they are adapted through patterns as shown on these pages.

The prints themselves can be most handsome when suitably matted, framed and attractively hung. The color of the mat and the type of frame used for your prints depends on the color of the background, the furnishings with which you use them, and of course, on the prints themselves. Mats in white or neutral shades are always good; frames in wood tones or in a color that harmonizes with a room's furnishings are almost invariably "safe," in good taste. The frames which we have used here, with one exception, are readymade and easily available, priced under $\$ 2.95$ each.

For a custom job of matting and framing, a professional framer will charge about $\$ 7$ for each, depending on the type of framing you choose. For another choice, there's nothing wrong in removing sullen faces from frames now stored in attics and replacing these with your own bright and colorful bird prints.

Bird prints prove their versatility in any setting; shown matted, framed and hung in a room (left) designed with masculine comforts and appeal, they assume the woodsy character and pipe-smoking pleasures with ease. The tile insets in the coffee table repeat the bird-print motif in a smaller scale setting.

Two beautiful examples of hand-painted bird print patterns are these white lamp bases and china plates you can do if you're skilled in painting. Or, perhaps you'd like to reproduce a bird print in needlepoint on a letter case similar to the one the lady holds.


A simple window is enhanced with a cornice made of white tiles painted in a bird and flower design taken from one of the prints. Tiles are fastened to face of cornice with plain picture moulding. Scalloped shelf below the window holds plants in wicker covers.

To prettify a young lady's boudoir, bird prints are framed in lacy metal frames which have been sprayed in four pastel colors. Use velvet ribbon, looped at the top, to run down wall behind prints. Picture nails go right through ribbon into wall to achieve effect.

Below are two unusual ways to use bird prints. As framed pictures, backed up and suspended in brass rods, they become a room divider or, in another version, they turn into door panel: stylish in any room!

## FRAME, HANG

 AND DECORATE WITH YOUR BIRD PRINTS


## HOW TO MAT THE BIRD PRINTS

Materials? Art paper, mat knife, metal edged rule, cardboard backing, glass, tacks, masking tape, wire. Cut paper to frame size. Center print on paper, allow $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ more at bottom than top. Mark inside corners of mat so they cover edges of print; mark inside of mat with ruler. Tape print at top; frame.


The same bird print framed in a most dramatic way. Expensive? No. This is done in the American HOME way, guaranteed to save money. Frame is cheap painted wood, elegant mat is homemade!


You need black art paper, mat knife, cardboard or an oval platter for pattern, cardboard backing, glass, tacks, masking tape, wire. Use oval platter or cutout cardboard pattern to mark paper. Cut with mat knife carefully. Tape print at top of mat; then frame!



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0ur blueprint house this month is a threelevel house that has found wide acceptance because of its simple unaffected exterior and an interior room arrangement that provides generous space for a wide range of family and individual activities. There are 2177 sq . ft. of living area included in seven rooms and $21 / 2$ baths, plus a two-car garage and a large storage area.

The living-dining room is large and bright with many windows and a sliding glass door that opens to the backyard terrace. And what luxury! A house with two fireplaces-one in the living room, the other in the den. Also on the first floor is a full-size kitchen with an efficient U-shaped work center and space for informal dining and three big, fully closeted bedrooms and two full baths, all removed from the living area for peace and quiet.

Five steps down from the entry hall on the lower level is a game room, made to order for informal entertaining and your youngster's after-school play kours.

Two-story wing of split-level is placed toward low end of property so floor of game room and garage meet level of surrounding land.

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- Both Mr. and Mrs. Sands were bent on having a light wall-to-wall carpet. Not only did they like the luxurious look of it, but since there were just the two of them-why not? And for the same reason, why not the chairs in pale pink damask and the dining chair seats in brilliant pink textured satin? Like Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Sands chose this floral print because she liked the elegant look and hang of its cotton satin fabric with its rich cocoa background and soft pinks, white and beige tones. Not only did the print have the pale colors she wanted to emphasize strongly in her carpeting, upholstery fabrics and wallpaper, but it was the kind of pattern that would look well in either a traditional or modern setting, an important fact, for Mrs. Sands liked the idea of mixing both styles in fabrics and accessories with her modern furniture. To give distinction to the dining area, one wall was papered with a striped wallpaper found in the cocoa and white tones of the printed drapery fabric. Other walls, painted a rich dark cocoa, made a smart background for the white fireplace and woodwork.

Last month, two young matrons
. . . this month

Close-up of the richly colored cotton satin that Mrs. Sands and Mrs. Brown fell in love with and used as the basis for their quite different needs.

## hopped same fabric, achieved startlingly different results

## NNOTHER STORY of two young suburbanites

- In working out her decorating problem, Mrs. Brown found that in many ways her taste was identical to that of her friend's, Mrs. Sands. They both liked the same kind of furniture and had the same general color scheme in mind when they went shopping together-and they both fell in love with the same fabric. But Mrs. Brown had a different kind of family to take into account-two active, growing children. She needed furniture, upholstery and a floor covering that could take wear and tear and not look the worse for it! A sturdy carpet in a dark color was the answer-a wise choice in cocoa because it blended with the color of the walls and the draperies. Pink damask was fine for Mrs. Sands (how Mrs. Brown envied her), but with two children, something more hardy and practical was in order. A lucky shopping trip resulted in a find-a brilliant pink plastic for the seats of the dining chairs, and a handsome beige and pink plastic for the living room chairs. No need to worry about spilled ice cream or shoe marks on these! A quick touchup with a wet sponge will keep it as spotless as the day it was bought. To Mrs. Brown this makes today's living pure joy-like the plastic tablecloth and dinnerware she finds so charming to the eye, but also so sensible for everyday use.



Above, Mrs. Sands has just purchased the floral print both women decided on and, with the help of a salesman, is trying to decide on the fabrics for the dining- and living-room chairs. Note that though both women had a general color scheme in mind, the floral print they selected became the basis for working out their room schemes. Even though each handled her decorative problems in completely different ways to suit her needs, neither had to compromise on style or taste in her furnishings.

Mrs. Sands achieved the elegance she wanted $\square$ with traditional materials Here we see a closeup of the rich, textured pink satin that Mrs. Sands selected to upholster the seats of the dining-room chairs. These patterned fabrics, in addition to an over-size brass lamp and other accessories, add a traditional touch to this modern living room. The pink teapot and the white china dinner plate with its fragile flower design of pink and gold define a luxurious mood set by furnishings Mrs. Sands chose-like the splendid light carpet and the fine textured materials.

## Mrs. Brown delighted in the practicality of modern plastics



Mrs. Brown, though she found her taste quite similar to Mrs. Sands', had to aim for more practicality in some of her choices of fabrics and floor covering. Here we show the handsome cocoa carpet she selected, and the well-designed plastic-eoated fabrics. They are brilliant pink for the dining-chair seats and a beige and pink pattern for the living-room chairs. Both of these plastic-coated fabrics show how they can take the accidents that happen when two little Indians are afoot in a house. We subjected the patterned plastic to an ice-cream test, quickly sponging the material clean - and without a bit of harm done to the fabric!

IIn the old days, practicality often meant a sacrifice of style and quality in furnishings all over the house. Beautiful light colors, delicate fabrics and fragile table wares were all accident prone and not for rambunctious families. Their homes had to be furnished with tougher stuff; colorless usually, and designed with a heavy hand and a stern eye for "how will it stand up?" Today, and three cheers for the "plastic age," it's a snap to dress a house as pretty as you like and still be practical. Plastic coated fabrics now come in colors as light and bright as you like, and in textures that defy knowing whether they're silk or satin. Table wares are right in the front row of this style show. Melamine plastic dinner ware has shed its thick, ugly duckling look and emerged from kitchen use only with a new freshness and translucency that will do any dining table proud. Its colors are delicate and striking. Stainless steel flatware is available in handsome design and patterns to compliment either china or plastic tableware. The table below is set with plastic cloth and table ware and stainless steel flatware resulting in a table that is pink, pretty and very practical.


# Easy as child's play to DESIGN YOUR OWN FLOORS 

11hy let the kids have all the fun with their coloring books? And it is fun, might as well admit it. Who can resist giving Junior a little more help than he bargains for when he naively presents us with his coloring book titled something like "Polly and Peter Spend a Day at the Zoo," and badgers us with "What color is a duck's nose, Daddy?" Next time you're handed the coloring book, give it back, but keep the crayons and do some constructive coloring right here on the following pages. We show standard-sized floor tiles in room settings and give you an extension of the flooring to try out your own designs. These tiles and feature strips come in a rainbow range of colors, so you can let your imagination run wild. Don't take our word that the designs we did are best; you can do as well, and you may come up with a new one you can use as a floor design in your home.


Here's the idea! Take crayons or pencil, fill in the checker-board outline


## TAKE PENCIL OR CRAYONS...TRY YOUR

SIMPLE ABSTRACT DESIGN, using standard size tile squares in three color tones breaks up generous floor area in this kitchen. Design to left is up to you.


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OUR FLOOR uses two colors of standard size tile with cross plaid of darker feature strip in a pattern that's easy to do. Feature strips come in many colors, 1, 2 and 3 inches wide; 24 inches long.


TAKE TWO TONES of cork flooring in this $3 \times 12$-inch rectangle and the floor designs are endless. Herringbone patterns, stripes, alternating rectangles are among the many possibilities. Try a few in space at right.


## DESIGNS NEXT TO OURS



FOUR 9-INCH TILE squares separated by contrasting feature strips. The entire floor design is laid on the diagonal. Your colors will make the design snap up.



In this day of remodeling the exteriors of old houses with picture windows, extravagant additions or just plain camouflage, it's pleasant to see a house which has been improved without the benefit-or disadvantage, of any of these. Not only does it take courage to turn backwards-to return a house to a former shape and state-in the manner of a restoration, but it takes a healthy respect for age, an abundance of good taste, imagination and know-how. Knowing how is nothing more than knowing when to add on and when to take off for the sake of beauty and overall appearance, what to change for the sake of functionalism. These are decisions to be made in consideration of the physical limitations of the house itself and of primary concern are the personal feelings of the family who is to occupy it. Done with a trained eye and experienced hand, the results can be as successful as this little house in Rumson, New Jersey.

In the course of trying to find a place to buy in 1941, Rod and Judy Getty found this house in a half-remodeled and abandoned state. Its appearance was "neither fish nor fowl," and its direction uncertain, a fact that rather discouraged all previous prospective buyers who had preceded the Gettys. No one before had been inspired to give it a fighting chance, perhaps because they hadn't looked beneath its drabness. To Rod and Judy, it presented a challenge which many had missed. Their decision to buy and restore this house to its 100 -year-old personality with present day efficiency would indicate that a backward glance can indeed be
a very rewarding direction in many cases of home improvement
Its exterior could have been brought up-to-date in various modern ways, but instead they chose to take a charming recession into time, with the result dependent on handsome proportions, subtle colors and simple styling. No drastic measures here, but guiding the house to a more natural line in remodeling was the formula. Hand-split cedar shakes now replace white clapboard siding for a more "period" look. The long, wide porch covering so much of the facade of the house had been removed at some point before the Gettys became the owners, and in its place, a simple vestibule was built. Shutters on the "before" version of the house seemed to crowd the windows, giving the front of the house a crowded, pinched look. Once removed, the proportions of the house show to better advantage, and give the windows themselves more prominence. The neat, low-lying shrubbery and foundation planting is particularly good for a small house, since it exposes much of the house but still gives it a good grip on the ground.
At the right of the house, a garage was built in a style to harmonize with the architecture of the house itself, but separated by a flagstone walk which connects the front with a terrace in back. The gate, connecting house to garage, visually holds the two units together and gives the terrace more privacy.
Inside the house, the changes were gradual but important. All was accomplished over a period of years between the time when the house was bought and the present. Continued on page iliz

# red, hot $n$ rave dishesTomato Supp Specials! 

TOMATO BARBECUED CHICKEN Thaw 2 packages Swanson Frozen Chicken Parts. Dust with $1 / 4$ cup seasoned flour; brown in 2 tbsp. shortening. Place chicken in 2 -qt. casserole. To drippings in pan, add $1 / 2$ cup chopped celery, $1 / 2$ cup chopped onion and $1 / 2$ clove minced garlic. Blend in 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup, 1 tbsp. each brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar, and 1 tsp. prepared mustard. Pour over chicken; cover; bake in $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. oven for about 1 hour. 4 to 6 servings.

baked creole pork chops. Juicy brown pork chops, tomato-blazed, the way our Louisiana French cousins love them. Brown 6 pork chops $3 / 4$ inch thick on both sides in ovenproof pan or skillet. Place an onion slice and green pepper ring on each chop. Pour 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup over chops. Cover; bake in $350^{\circ}$ oven about 45 min . 6 servings.

CHILI MEAT BALLS. Combine 1 lb. ground beef with $1 / 3$ cup fine dry bread crumbs, 2 tbsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1 slightly beaten egg, with $1 / 4$ cup Campbell's Tomato Soup. Shape into 1 -inch balls; brown in 2 tbsp. shortening. Mix remaining soup, 1 tsp. chili powder, $1 / 4$ cup water; pour over meat. Cover; bake in $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. oven about 30 $\min .4$ to 5 servings.

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THREE OTHER HEAVENLY ANGELS -FROM BETTY CROCKERI


## TAKE A POUND



LIMA AND SOUR CREAM CASSEROLE (above) is a wonderfully satisfying dish-all from a pound of lima beans, with a topping of a few slices of Canadian bacon. And if you've been of the opinion that it's always necessary to soak beans overnight-let me tell you about an accepted "quick method." Bring the beans to a quick boil for two minutes. Let stand for an hour, and then cook as if soaked overnight.

KIDNEY BEAN SALAD (right) I've labeled for the men! For men, bless 'em, have pretty definite ideas about what they like in the way of "good vittles." Unfortunate the wife who suggests a salad as a meal possibility, as it rarely scores in popularity with the male contingent unless it's a good rib-sticking dish. And that's exactly what we have here, whether made with kidney beans, limas or black-eyed peas.


# DRIED BEANS 

GREEN SPLIT PEA SOUP is as hearty a dish as a hungry man could wish for. Big bowls of this savory rich brew make a wonderful supper when served with dark bread and a salad. (Though we suggest it in the recipe, they seldom need soaking; but read your label.) Although this recipe suggests cooking with a ham bone or ham shank and using diced ham, some other variations of the basic recipe can be quite interesting, such as adding cut-up frankfurters, Canadian bacon or ground beef.

STUFFED ONIONS, we found while developing the recipes for this article, are simply delicious stuffed with sausage and yellow split-pea filling. For extra special savoriness, add a bit of onion pulp to the mixture, too! Excellent alternates are green split peas or lentils-all of which proves that such foods as onions and beans needn't be thought of as common fare. Served with nothing more than a simple cut of cold roast or fowl, you have concocted an easy yet highly/distinguished meal.


WHITE BEAN CHILI (below) tastes exactly like what we all refer to as "Mexican Chili," except it's attractive in a very different way. Instead of a spicy brown and red, this has a richly varied salt-and-pepper color. (Incidentally, if you forget to precook the beans, we won't raise our eyebrows to the pressure cooker method of cooking them; we only hope you're fortunate enough to own one. All of the directions you need are in the instruction book that came with the cooker when you bought it.)


NAVY BEANS AU GRATIN (below) is a dish to tempt the most reluctant appetites. Properly seasoned with cheddar cheese, mustard, a sprinkling of spices, and a topping of tomato wedges, it's a satisfying dish. Like the others on these pages, it's full of flavor and wholesome food value. Again, even though we've printed the "soak overnight method" for dry beans, do try the new shortcuts that have been worked out. You'll find no-soak, quick-soak, and pressure-cooked beans are just as satisfactory.


IIithout boasting, I believe I can truthfully say that New York has the best as well as the greatest variety of restaurants of any city in the world, and I DO include San Francisco! Name any kind of food, and you can eat it in New York, prepared by expert chefs of that country. Now it has also been stated that in this city of more than 7 million, there is one restaurant for every 35 persons in it. Be that as it may-
 to a lot of New Yorkers, it is also an outstanding restaurant in this city of great restaurateurs. It has been successful since the day he opened his doors, and while affection for Dick and his friendly staff, headed by the gentle, efficient Renée, probably accounts for a great deal of the loyalty we have for Rattazzi's, to spoiled, sophisticated New Yorkers there must be superb food as well.

From a menu of many famous specialties, including Manicotti, Mignonette of Beef Renati and Scampi Grille, I have selected two representative of the very good food Dick serves. I think you will like them and will find them surprisingly usable at home during this season. Here, of course, the turkey is cooked specially for these dishes, just as I personally always roast a turkey or boil a fat hen just to make my turkey and chicken pies. After reading these Rattazzi recipes, you will observe how very well they can solve the problem of too much turkey and make continued on page 96


Emince of Turkey Tetrazzini

It obviously takes something pretty special to make a New York restaurant out-standing-and Dick Rattazzi's is not only pretty special

## Good |ictuals



## from Good Friends

There are tricks to every trade-here the lowly potato ricer used for the glamorous effect on preceding page!


## Mrs. Rumpler's

 apple tort

Photograph by Davis

## $13 / 4$ c. flour

 1/4 lb. butter 2 tsp. baking powder bake $350^{\circ}$ for 1 hour.I c. sugar 8-10 large apples 2 eggs

- Melt butter; add sugar gradually, beat well. Add eggs, mix thoroughly. Add flour combined with baking powder and beat well. Spread on bottom of a spring form pan. Pare apples and cut in eights and stand them on end. (It will look like a flower of apples.) Sprinkle with cinnamon and

Part 2
I c. sugar
2 eggs
I/4 lb. butter
ggs. Pour ove for 15 min . turning oven low. $325^{\circ}$


- Strain juice from one large can of pitted Bing cherries. Heat juice and pout over I package of lemon Jello. Stir until completely dissolved. When mixture is lukewarm, add $1 / 2$ cup sherry and $1 / 2$ cup heavy cream. Insert $1 / 2$ almond, pecan or filbert in each cherry and add to gelatin mixture. Blend well. Pour into oiled one-quart mold, which you have previously decorated with almond-filled cherries; or you can place decorations on top of mold just before serving. Let set; serve with whipped cream for dessert or whipped cream and mayonnaise as a salad course.

A Good Victuals variation:

- Place blanched almonds in mold as shown in picture; pour over them a little clear gelatin mixture, just to cover, and let harden. This mold contains the same ingredients as the above mold, but instead of using plain cream use whipped cream and fold into gelatin mixture when the latter begins to thicken. Fold only long enough to get a marbleized effect. Then pour into the almond-decorated mold. Serve with whipped cream for dessert, or whipped cream and mayonnaise for salad.

Mortar and pestle-the easy way to mash small amount of garlic. Add a little salt with garlic clove to bind.
how to glaze a mold:
Oil the mold. Resting it in a bowl of ice, spoon the gelatin into the mold while turning it slowly. Continue until mold is entirely lined with a thin layer of aspic. Then proceed with any desired decorating.

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You're probably wondering why your American HOME Magazine editors haven't jumped on the band wagon, waved the red banner, and taken a stand, for or against the currently discussed anticholesterol or low fat diet fad. The word fad we use most advisedly. Frankly, along with most of the medical experts, we don't pretend to know the answer. In the last 12 months we've attended every symposium involving human nutrition that we could possibly cover. Our conclusion, as good reporters to you, our readers, is still pretty much unresolved.

If you've been following the reports, perhaps you can see why we still ask ourselves the question, "How can we advise our readers on low fat diets?"

Every report points up more than anything else the strong need for more research on what happens to food in the human body. It may take years to discover if cholesterol deposits are the main cause of hardening of the arteries. To quote Dr. Frederick J. Stare, Chairman of the Department of Nutrition at Harvard: "Food shouldn't shoulder all blame-perhaps little when consumed in balance and to maintain desirable weight."

## INSTANT MASHED POTATOES

have for long been regarded as a must among the items on our "quick meal" pantry shelf, but we have just found some exciting new uses for
 this product we have never thought about before. Perhaps you haven't either, and unless you have a kibitzer in the kitchen, it can become your secret to cherish. Try using them as a handy coating for fried foods, as a thickener for gravies, sauces and soups, and as an ingredient in any recipe that calls for mashed potatoes. Isn't this exciting news?

Thanksgiving means remembrance, of course. And most of our remembrances stem back to our childhood memories of tables laden with a big fat bird stuffed with at least two kinds of dressing, plus three or four vegetables, relishes, cranberry sauces, and pies galore-mince, pumpkin and perhaps another variety or two. And these memories also cannot erase the picture of the hustle of preparation the day before. And on Thanksgiving day after the dinner, the fathers seated sleepily at the table-pretending to talk, as the women rose from the ruined board to cluster 'round a steaming sink, a little weary, (to put it mildly) but gratified by the rites they had so properly and earnestly celebrated.

This was Thanksgiving. But as wonderful as it was to some people, there are just as many others who don't really prefer turkey and all those leftovers one is bound to have from a bountiful dinner. They would much rather start off with a hearty appetizer, such as lobster tails with curry dip, served in the living room with some nice cold beverage such as soup. on the rocks, at least an hour before the main course. Perfect for the dinner that is to follow. orange glazed ham with cranberry stuffing (how could anything be any more appropriate on this feast day?), sweet potato and onion casserole and, for dessert, a simply delicious eggnog pie.


Here's a bountiful meal to satisfy everyone: people who are just polite about turkey; those who love leftovers (we hope the ham is big enough);

sweet potato and onion casserole
(pictured in color on page 85 )


## - orange glazed ham cranberry stuffing

Preparation time: 30 min . Baking time: 1-11/2 hrs.
Half ready-to-eat ham, shank end (about 8\#)
Stuffing:
4 c. coarse bread crumbs
$3 / 4$ tsp. cloves
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I tbs. grated orange rind
2/3 c. sugar
I c. water

4 c. ( I lb.) fresh or frozen whole cranberries $2 / 3 \mathrm{c}$. melted butter or margarine

I tbs. grated orange rind $1 / 2$ tsp. cloves Glaze: $3 / 4$ c. orange juice

- Bone ham. Remove rind. Score and cut pocket in ham for dressing. Toast crumbs in oven before combining with cloves and grated orange rind. Bring sugar and water to a boil in frying pan; add cranberries, cover and simmer io minutes or until skins burst; add to crumbs with melted butter.
Stuff ham with filling; skewer ends together. Place on rack in shallow pan. Combine ingredients for glaze and pour over ham. Bake in oven ( $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.) basting occasionally, about $1-\mathrm{I}^{1 / 2}$ hours or until ham is well glazed. Bake remaining stuffing and pieces of ham in well-buttered casserole or 4-6 individual molds with ham for last half hour.
Serves 6-8 1450 cal . per serving Source of Vitamins A,B,C
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## - sweet potato and

onion casserole
Preparation time: 30 min , Baking time: 30 min.

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2 lb . sweet potatoes, cooked and sliced (or 2 \#2 cans)
I c. cooked small white onions (or 18 -oz. can)
I tbs. cornstarch
$1 / 4$ c. brown sugar, firmly packed

- Arrange sliced sweet potatoes and white onions in shallow baking dish. Combine cornstarch, brown sugar, melted butter and apricot nectar. Pour over vegetables. Bake in hot oven $\left(375^{\circ}\right.$ F.) 30 minutes. Top with apricot halves, if desired, sprinkle with chopped nuts and continue baking 5 minutes longer.

2 tbs. melted butter or margarine
I c. apricot nectar
$1 / 4$ c. chopped walnuts
6-8 apricot halves (optional)

> Ham as you like it, served sweet and hot-with cranberry stuffing and the trimmings

## - egg nog pie

2 c. ground walnuts
6 tbs. sugar
3 tbs. melted butter or margarine
I pkg. vanilla pudding and pie filling
I tbs. gelatin
I/8 tsp. salt

- Combine ground nuts, sugar and melted butter; press evenly in 9 -inch pie pan. Bake in hot oven ( $375^{\circ}$ F.) 10-15 minutes. Cool.

Combine pudding mix, gelatin, salt and nutmeg in saucepan. Mix egg yolks and milk together; add to pudding mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Remove from heat; add sherry. Beat egg whites until foamy, add sugar gradually beating until stiff. Fold hot pudding carefully into meringue. Chill until slightly thickened; fold in whipped cream. Pour into cold pie shell. Chill until firm. Garnish with additional whipped cream and shaved chocolate.

6-8
340 cal . per serving
Source of Vitamins $A, B$

## You Should Know

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concerned, there is a new dessert topping mix that's a delight to the calorie-conscious and perfect for the budget-minded. Most of all, it's a marvel to the hostess who has to prepare festive desserts in a hurry. Then there is a new slice-and-serve ham in your stores in a convenient new form. The bone and most of the fat have been removed, leaving just enough fat for flavor. The hams are shaped into rolls 5 inches in diameter, then cut into convenient family size pieces ranging in weight from $11 / 2$ to 3 pounds.

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Into each, put some nuts, 1 tbsp. above mixture, and bake-andserve biscuit. Bake $8-10$ minutes at $425^{\circ}$. Turn out at once.
4. Create your own Sauce. Heat Ocean Spray Whole Cranberry Sauce and serve as is. Or add a splash of wine . . . some chopped nuts . . . cinnamon . . . or a seeded, chopped orange.
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Cranberries with the valuable juice cou


Use an ice cube tray to make fudge. Butter the tray and the divider. Pour in fudge before inserting the divider. You'll find the pieces will be uniform and ready to serve.

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## Take a Pound of Dried Beans

(pictured in color on page 78)


Take a Pound of Dried Beans
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## RAISIN SUGAR COOKIES

| $1 / 2$ cup butter or soft margarine | 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind |
| :--- | :--- |
| $3 / 4$ cup sugar | $11 / 2$ cups sifted flour |
| 1 egg | $1 / 4$ feaspoon baking powder |
| 1 tablespoon milk | $1 / 4$ feaspoon salt |
| 1 feaspoon lemon juice | 2 cups DEL MONTE Seedless Raisins |

Mix together thoroughly butter or margarine, sugar, eggs, milk, lemon juice and rind. Sift together and stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Add raisins. Chill dough. With floured hands, roll the dough into walnut-sized balls. Flatten balls with bottom of glass greased with butter or margarine and then dipped in sugar. Bake at $425^{\circ}-5$ to 7 minutes. Makes 3 dozen $2^{1 / 2 \prime \prime}$ cookies.


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## Good Victuals

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sophisticated entrees out of leftovers! It requires great unselfishness to divulge the name of one's favorite restaurant for, meaning no offense, turistas can spoil the best of restaurants, and you do know what I mean. But here is the name, two excellent recipes from same, and you can put the martyr's crown on this bowed head before we go on to other things.

Remember the delightful tour of Providence, R.I., Kitchens \& Gardens in last April issue? In that issue we showed Mrs. Alexander Rumpler serving her famous Apple Torte on her attractive garden-side porch. Well, here's the recipe for that delicious torte, just in time for the holiday brunches and Kaffeeklatches ahead. Our thanks, Mrs. Rumpler.

And for the holidays, two quite elegant looking, very easily prepared desserts. The Bar-le-Duc, for instance -who'd ever dream preserves out of a store-bqught jar, some cream cheese and a potato ricer could account for so beautiful a dessert. Of course, if you are so lucky you can make your own red currant jelly, so much the better. But you know, of course, Bar-le-Duc is not to be confused with ordinary commercial clear currant jelly, and while the store-bought variety of Bar-le-Duc is rather expensive, it is also good and "goes far." THE END


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## EIDITH RAMSAY

1nless you have tried to install a refrigerator, cabinets, range. sink and storage in a $5 \times 7^{\prime}$ kitchen, you can scarcely believe that it could be done. But it has been done, and here are the pictures to prove it.
A challenge, certainly, if one wants a real working kitchen and one that contains more than the bare necessities. One ingenious solution was putting the walls to work and hanging pots and pans on pegboard, thus releasing cabinet space for food and other storage. But perhaps the single greatest space-saver was replacing the standard refrigerator with a wall refrigerator. Wall space between counter top and refrigerator became a space for special "cabinettes" storing small items, thus more storage, more counter work space. And let's not discount color and lighting, either, for their vital importance in making this kitchen look larger.
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BEFORE


AFTER


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Much-needed counter top was gained when drop-in sink and maple counter replaced "before" sink. Walls and back splash near range and sink are laminated plastic-decorative, easy to clean. THE END


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1he bride's mother may find it hard to believe, but tucked into this small dining area are two pieces of furniture which contain all the necessary ingredients for setting a table for a lovely dinner party.

Our wise young bride has found the answer to her storage problem in Craddock's "Translation" group. The graceful drop-leaf dining table, only $40^{\prime \prime}$ by $27^{\prime \prime}$. with the leaves down, takes up very little space when placed against a wall. But you should see it set for a dinner of from 8 to 10 people! Another nice feature is that it doesn't have a center seam like the ordinary extendable table. Instead, additional leaves are inserted at the division where the leaf drops. Oh yes, another surprise for mother! Housed in this same innocentlooking table is a wonderful silver chest for daughter's new flatware.

Near the table is a handsome corner cabinet with tambour sliding doors. Its small scale and unobstrusive size is most deceiving! This elegantlooking cabinet contains enough storage space for a set of dishes, additional serving pieces and some stemware. As an added convenience the shelves rotate, affording complete accessibility. Slim-lined dining chairs with removable seat pads complete a group whose design and warm burnished cherry finish lends itself equally well to modern or traditional settings.


Pictured above is the dining table opened up, exposing the commodious storage space for silverware. The silver chest is felt lined. Additional table leaves are inserted in this opening between the drop leaves, leaving a smooth center section when table is closed.

# "BUT MOTHER, ENTERTAINING IS SO EASY. 

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1his is a kitchen for a gregarious cook-one that likes to have her family near at hand, but out of the way-while she's at work in the kitchen. Really a combination kitchenfamily room owned by Dr. and Mrs. K. C. Braymēn of Portland, Oregon, it's especially designed so that Mrs. Braymèn, who's both mother, grandmother and chief cook and bottle washer, can prepare and serve meals swiftly either on the kitchen bar or on the maple dining table in the sunny bay without missing a bit of family fun. She loves the materials in this kitchen, too. The split-brick waxed floor makes an ideal play space for the grandchildren when they come to visit, keeps them in sight but out of harm's way. The barbecue wall over the built-in oven and range top is multicolored used brick; woodwork and cabinets are varnished cedar, easily cleaned with a damp sponge. All the more time to spend with the family!

## PLANNED FOR COOKING, DINING AND FAMILY FUN



When the need arises, post-meal clean-up duties can operate fast and efficiently. Here's how it works: used dishes are taken from the breakfast bar, rinsed in the sink and placed in the dishwasher. Once clean, they're stored in a cupboard next to the breakfast bar ready for the next meal. The bar functions as a service for buffet dinners when the Braymēns entertain a large group of guests.

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Moldinǵs

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To blind-nail a molding the old craftsman's way: carefully gouge up a sliver of the surface of the molding. The smaller the breadth of the gouge, the better, but make it wide enough so that the nail head can be buried beneath it. Use finishing nails for this.


Next, drive the finishing nail into the wood behind the wood sliver. Use a nail-set to sink it beneath the surface of the molding and below the bottom of the sliver so that the sliver can fit back into place easily over the nail.

Use a regular wood-working glue worked in behind the sliver and applied with the head of a nail. Then, using masking tape, hold sliver in place until glue dries.


After the glue has set and dried, remove masking tape and sand with a fine grain sandpaper until splinter is invisible. This kind of blind nailing is especially good where the final job is to be clear-finished and where puttied nail holes would show through the clear finish. Keep glue clean or it will leave a dark line around the splinter outline.

See "Where Credit Is Due," page 139


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## HOW TO KEEP WARM

## AT MINIMUM COST



Before you begin full-scale operation of your heating plant this fall, take a few hours to make a thorough check of the system and of your house. It will be time well spent, with a rich payoff in winter comfort and lower fuel bills. In general, there are two types of heating systems. In the so-called "wet" system, steam or hot water is circulated through pipes to radiators or convectors located in individual rooms. In "dry" systems, air is circulated either by gravity flow or by blowers. There are a number of fuels used to heat the water or the air, any of which will prove adequate if the heating system is properly adjusted and operated. While it is usually best to have a heating contractor clean and adjust the mechanical parts of your heating plant there are many things you can do to help your house hold the heat your furnace produces. All houses will lose heat, but houses that are weatherproofed lose a lot less. The best heating system will produce only mediocre results if it is installed in a poorly built house. Heating engineers estimate that weatherstripping, storm windows and doors, and good insulation can reduce heating costs by one-third to one-half-a sizeable figure in very cold areas. Also, the amount of cold air leaking into the house around windows and doors will be reduced, permitting the maintenance of higher humidities (with added comfort) inside the house without frosting window surfaces. Cold air leakage can be cut down further by caulking window frames, door casings, and basement sills. Both wall insulation and storm doors make outside walls less susceptible to heat loss; also reduced is the velocity and volume of cold air moving over the wall surfaces, which in turn reduces the amount of airborne dust which always deposits on cold walls. Other structural items that help hold down heat loss are front entry doors that open into a vestibule rather than into the living room, tight siding and sheathing construction with tightly fitting building paper between the siding and sheathing and also between sub floor and finished floor.

Besides the old stand-bys of insulating walls, floors, ceilings and roof; caulking and weatherstripping, there are other ways you can economize. 1. Close the vents in foundation walls three-quarters of the way at the start of the heating season to keep cold air from circulating under floors, drawing heat out of them. Cover ground in crawl space with asphalt or plastic vapor barrier. 2. Close the damper in your fireplace when it's not in use. This will prevent warm air from escaping out your chimney. PLEASE TURN THE PAGE


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3. Keep closet and cabinet doors closed. There's little point in heating these areas. 4. All windows and doors should be tightly closed. Windows should be locked, further tightening their closure. 5. Insulate piping and ductwork in hot water and warm air heating systems where they pass through unheated areas. 6. Learn to use your thermostat correctly. Find out from your heating contractor if it is located in the right place to get a true reading of your heating demands. A poorly placed thermostat can be a major contributor to erratic operation of an
 otherwise good heating system. It should be located on an interior partition where room air can reach it freely, never behind an open door or piece of furniture. Nor should it be located in a room with an unusually large glass area on the east, south or west side. Sunlight flooding in through large glass areas will raise the room temperature and "satisfy" the thermostat even when the rest of the house is uncomfortably cool. Keep it away from heat-producing appliances and lamps, off walls that contain heating pipes and away from the radiant heat of a fireplace.


These are some of the points to watch for. The early correction of faults and the adjustment of operating elements will result in a more efficient, longer-lasting heating system. During a recent inspection of coal-fired furnaces, it was found that one in twelve needed a new firepot, one in five needed new grates, two in five needed new smoke pots, and one in fourteen needed to be replaced entirely as unsafe or unworkable. Much of the deterioration discovered could have been prevented with periodic inspection and adjustment or repair.

THE END

## INSULATION INFORMATION



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The Gettys took advantage of their roof top over dining room to build this large comfortable room for their son Alexander. Builtin desk and bookshelves line one wall of the pine-paneled room.
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The roof area over the dining room at the back of the house was utilized to provide a bedroom for Alexander Getty, the oldest son, while Billy, the younger boy, held his fort in the bedroom the boys had formerly shared.

In this corner " $L$ " at the back of the house, the Gettys have placed a wide and comfortable terrace area of flagstone, built in two stages. The first area proved to be much too small, and finding so much pleasure in the privacy of this sheltered spot, the Gettys added half again as much as their first terrace project. Accessible from the main part of the house, it's also near the kitchen. Shade there is provided by a canvas awning and a towering and "motorized" horse chestnut tree, the motor in the tree being the result of a friendly but noisy swarm of bees which made its home there one summer! Looking at this distinguished little house, with its modern additions of bathrooms, kitchen and boy's room, plus the development of the outdoor living area, one is convinced that Rod and Judy Getty not only knew how to turn backwards gracefully in the improvement of their home, but also knew when to stop. THE END

Expanded outdoor living area in rear of the Rodman Gettys' home is simple addition of flagstone terrace under the shade of horse chestnut tree. Minimum border of grass cuts down lawn care. Plants in pots are brought inside during the colder winter months.


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।t's pint size and four flights up, but it's home and a modern "Seventh Heaven" to Loretta and Walter Kamnitzer after a day's work. A small apartment, they have a mere 336 square feet of floor space, including a tiny bath (see picture of Walter shaving in it), kitchenette and two very small closets. Obviously, living in one room requires shipshape order. As you might guess from the photographs, everything here has been designed to do just that-be comfortable-yet function like clockwork.

Every stick of furniture
 and every accessory is a necessary item-necessary because it's both useful as well as handsome. Some of the furniture does double dutylike the studio beds, which make excellent seating pieces by day and comfortable beds at night. A permanent card

table triples for dining, desk work and games. The spacious coffee table and big book shelves, built by Walter, help satisfy a need "one-roomers" never have enough of-storage space. The shelves not only have lots of room for books and extra accessories, but design-wise help balance the brick fireplace. The three campaign chests were the Kamnitzer's only costly purchase-made possible because of extensive budgeting on other furnishings, and well worth the money for the distinction they add. Practically speaking, the chests hold bed and table linen and personal belongings.

There's forward-looking planning in this decorating, too, for everything here can continue its service long after it's outgrown Walter and Loretta's first little one-room home, four flights up.

THE END
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## It's small in size and four flights up, but a happy first home for this young couple

The shelves that Walter built on the fireplace wall are filled with favorite books, plants and bibelots. Lined up beneath the shelves are a group of old English legal prints (part of a collection), put in simple black frames and hung high enough to allow unhampered use of the record player and chairs underneath. Unlined red corduroy draperies against white walls and grey and black tweed couch covers make up color scheme. Grey textured rug, brick fireplace, wood finishes add warmth.

Walter enjoys grilling hamburgers at the fireplace whether it's for a party or just for themselves. Because of small space and a limited budget their entertaining has to be very informal, but it's always fun! Here the fireplace becomes greatly appreciated, for a cozy fire on a cool night livens a party or makes for pleasant leisure hours at home. The floor-to-ceiling light pole is the adjustable type, easily installed, and a real space-saver for a short, crowded wall like this. Favorite drinking mugs are on mantel.


Here the coffee and card table are pushed back as Loretta removes the tailored daytime couch covers to ready the beds for sleeping.

Standing room only in kitchenette. Loretta can reach stove, sink and refrigerator from this small table.




# THEY ADDED A HOUSE TO ONE ROOM 

SUSAN JONES MEIDLOCK

For Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clotfelter, what started out as a weekend one-room place in the country near Marietta, Ga., has gradually developed into a full-fledged year 'round house.
Originally their one-room structure was a do-it-yourself project, completed in their spare time and weekends with the help of friends. Once built and lived in, however, the couple decided that a day at a time wasn't enough in this delightful location, so they knocked down a side wall, added a lean-to kitchen and a small bath.

For eight years, satisfied with weekends and vacations in the country, the Clotfelters enjoyed roughing it with kerosene lamps, water pumped from a well and candlelight as a necessity-not for atmosphere! But even this didn't give the Clotfelters enough time in the country. It seemed only natural, as a next step, to make this into a permanent home.

Since the original one room was still in perfect condition, there was no reason why it shouldn't become the living room of the planned expansion. Who was to do the new construction? Not Mr. Clotfelter. Building one room had been fun, but now a contractor was needed.

As the house stands now, the final version incorporates a large entry foyer opening off the old living room, a screened-in porch, and a new dining room, breakfast room and two large bedrooms, as well as a kitchen, bath, utility room and pump house. But somehow, even now, with everything complete, the owners still have a soft spot in their hearts for that living room that used to be the one room in the house.

The original cottage, which the Clotfelters built themselves, is now the living room (right). The Early American furnishings give it a warm country air. Mr. Clotfelter installed the random-width oak plank floor with walnut pegs and built the fireplace and chimney.

The kitchen (far left) is a two-level affair, dividing the cooking and eating areas. The side of the red-topped counter facing the dining area has built-in cupboards for china and linen used on the Lazy Susan. Steps at the end of cabinet lead to upper level kitchen area.

Regular outside boards for horizontal wainscoting used in the dining room (left) add an original note to this charming, typically Southern room. House is named "Twin Branches" because it stands at the junction of two little creeks that nearly surround building site. Every room has a view of one of the creeks.



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T. o facilitate further ease of upkeep, rugless floors are cork tile throughout, needing only occasional vacuuming and waxing. Children and pets are no problem here! The combination of cork tile floors with the acoustic tile ceiling produces a quiet house, essential for a family with a brood of younger children.

Also requiring little care are the interior walls, finished with a sturdy plywood. Walls forming the room partitions have builtin storage, supplying ample closet space.

Actually, with no rugs to fuss over, no wallpaper, paint or plaster to worry about, and-thanks to the built-ins, not much furniture to dust-this is the answer to a homemaker's prayer-practically work-less housekeeping. What more can a woman ask? THE END


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Don't let leaves accumulate too long on your lawn-they smother grass-and don't burn them! Use them for mulching shrubs, which reduces soil freezing, and make a compost heap with any left over. Spread plant food or compost activator on the heap and
wet it wet it thoroughly with a hose.



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## Plant Protection <br> (Continued)

they're in an unusually windy spotfor instance, facing the full blast of hard northwest winds-or if they're on the south side of a building or steep slope where they get reflected sunlight and heat.

The kinds most often injured are the broad-leaved evergreens-rhododendrons, mountain laurels, many of the azaleas, andromedas, hollies, box-woods-though arbovitaes and other needle-leaf evergreens also are sometimes injured or even killed. All shrubs are especially susceptible to injury for a year or two after transplanting.

To protect a shrub from both wind and sun, drive four stakes into the ground at the base, long enough to be a foot or so higher than the shrub after they're driven. Then fasten burlap, canvas, old draperies or what-have-you to the stakes with wire or heavy string.
If only one or two sides of a shrub need protecting, the screen can be attached to two or three stakes instead of four.
When there's no groundcover planting under shrubs, you can reduce the depth of frost penetration (and thus keep moisture available to the roots) by mulching with $6^{\prime \prime}$ or more of leaves, held down with sticks.
To protect shallow-rooted perennials from the heaving action of freezing and thawing in exposed locations, cover them with a good layer of loose, non-packing material like salt hay, straw, excelsior or evergreen branches. Weight it down with sticks, laths or something similar.
Dwarf azaleas, boxwoods, Japanese hollies, heathers and the like can be covered up in the same way.
Although stakes have to be driven before the ground freezes, the protective material should not be applied until cold weather sets in-late October in the coldest spots, mid-November to mid-December in most areas.
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Use a yardstick and a heavy dark black pencil to carefully mark off design on the back of rug.


For polka dot design, use a curved upholstery needle and heavy black yarn for "knots".
by threading curved upholstery needle with a double strand of heavy black yarn. Insert the needle in back of rug, through marked design, and pull to the front so that both ends of double strands are on the front of rug. These are used for knotting. Cut ends so they are all 5 inches long. You now have two double ends on the front (see top photograph on page 124). Next cut 8 strands of colored yarn and 2 strands of black yarn, each 5 inches long. To save time, wrap yarn around a piece of cardboard 5 inches long, then cut all at once, as you would tassels or pompons. Lay the strands between the black yarn "knotting" strands already inserted in the rug in the first step. Tie the cluster of blue and black strands with the "knotting" strands; knot firmly. Trim ends so tufts are slightly higher than the surface of rug. please turn the page


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2. Sew rug binding to woven ends on rug front. Use large darning needle and heavy carpet thread; overcast stitch close together.
3. Turn binding over to wrong side of rug as shown; then sew to back of rug the same way you've sewed binding on front of rug.


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It's all well and good to say that something simply must be done to stop the leaks. But when you get right down to the facts of the matter, it's a difficult and sometimes expensive undertaking. You should face up to this truth if your basement is causing trouble. Don't count on a quick, sure, cheap cure. You may be lucky and solve the problem easily. But there's just as good a chance that you will have to do one thing after another before you attain success.
This is not said to scare you from trying. If your basement is a wet one, you almost have to do something about it. But you must accept the facts, and the biggest fact of all is that water can be an insidious foe which hates to admit defeat.
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1. cracks around edges of the basement floor are a very
common cause of trouble. To solve this leakage problem, chip out cracks with a cold chisel, going as deep as you can if the mortar is soft. Blow out the loose crumbs with the vacuum cleaner. Then fill the crack with hot waterproofing pitch or with a waterproofing bituminous compound.
2. cracks in foundation walls are treated according to their size. If the cracks are small, scratch them open with a nail or sharp chisel and wet with water. Brush in two coats of grout made from equal parts of cement and very fine sand.
If the cracks are large, chip them out about a half-inch deep (or as deep as you can go if the mortar is soft). Blow out the crumbs and wet the cracks with water. Make a stiff mortar of one part cement and two parts sand and cram it into the opening. Make certain that you keep this damp for several days.
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3. porous basement walls. If water seeps through the wall you have a pretty good chance of stopping it with a reliable waterproofing paint such as cement paint or one of the newer materials with silicones.

The wall must be thoroughly cleaned to lgegin with. No kind of waterproofing can work if it's applied over an old film of paint or the like. Remove oil paint with a hot solution of caustic soda ( $\mathrm{I}^{1 / 2}$ pounds of soda to one gallon of water); water paints such as calcimine or whitewash with a solution of muriatic acid (one part acid to five parts water). Be sure to get the paint from the interstices of the mortar, so scrub hard. Then rinse with clean water. In some instances when a wall has received many coats of oil paint, sandblasting is the only way to get it clean.

Most cement waterproofing paints must be applied to a damp surface. Use the garden hose with a fine spray to dampen the entire wall surface. Now mix the waterproofing paint in accordance with the manufacturer's directions and scrub it into the wall with a scrubbing brush. This is very important for no kind of waterproofing will do any good if just lightly brushed over the surface. It must be scrubbed into the pores of the masonry. After the first coat has had a chance to set so that it does not run-a matter of a few hours-spray it down again with a fine spray to slow down the drying and promote proper curing. Additional sprayings may be required if the water in the paint evaporates too quickly. After the first coat has had a day to set, spray it down and apply the second in the same manner.

It's a good idea to try out a cement waterproofing paint on a small area to see what sort of results it produces. If they are good, then go
ahead and do the entire wall.
4. basement walls which drip during a heavy rain, so that the floor becomes wet, may be treated from inside or out. The inside cure is not so effective or long-lasting as the outside; but it is so much easier to do that it probably should be resorted to in most instances.

After removing paint from a wall, it is necessary to roughen the surface deeply. If the wall is poured concrete, pit it at 2 - to 3 -inch intervals with a mason's hammer or drill. The pits should be at least $1 / 4$-inch deep. If the wall is made of concrete blocks, stone or bricks, dig out all the mortar joints to $1 / 2$-inch depth. Dig out the crack at the base of the wall also.

Spray the wall with water and brush on a cream-like grout of cement

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Let the first mortar coat set and spray with water. Then immediately apply a second $3 / 8$-inch coat of mortar and trowel it smooth. Keep the wall wet down for a week in order to permit proper curing.

The outside method of waterproofing, and the most effective, requires that a trench be dug along the wall to the footings. Drain tile are laid in this trench to carry off ground water and the wall is then coated with a waterproof cement plaster followed by two coats of bituminous waterproofing compound.

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Full of good ideas and by no means too frivolous to intimidate the Mr. in a Mr. and Mrs. bedroom, a room whose sumptuous comfort is obvious. The king-size looking bed is really two twin beds side by side but decorated as one. The headboard, upholstered in the same fabric as the spread, but unquilted, is designed for leaning; the light above for reading. Modified ruffles on the spread, bolster cover and bench complement tailored window treatment.


For a flower garden atmosphere, this bedroom in a slightly frivolous provincial manner, has two patterns of red and green flower-strewn wallpapers and coach house lanterns flanking bed. Simple bedspread of red quilted chintz covers two beds and bolsters; pale green chintz forms underskirt.

If you're fortunate enough to own an antique bedspread like this woven one of blue and white, it makes a perfect over-spread in a bedroom done with a country look. Crisply ruffled pillow covers and dust ruffle to the floor are the important fresh touches on this well-dressed pine bed. The diminutive wall shelf above the bed might well conceal an efficient reading light if you wish.


## BED



Spiral-design double headboard is framed in a classic treatment of cornice board and draperies which match windows in this bedroom with its feeling for formality. Striped fabric instead of wallpaper on the walls is also used to cover cornices and act as side draperies. Beds swing apart on headboard for easier bedmaking and as a help in housecleaning chores. Tailored spreads have textured stripe design.


Modern bedroom, furnished with a wide headboard which serves two beds, gives close-at-hand reading matter, radio and storage space for both occupants. Headboard also has good leaning for reading or watching TV. Night tables hold large lamps at good height for maximum light. Blues and greens are the happy, restful colors here in easily washable throw spreads and comfort-making throw cushions. Lined draw draperies shut out light, street noises, help make this a restful, quiet room.


Piece-quilt in Early American design gives this bed a distinction that is in perfect company with the handsome bed and halfcanopy. White muslin ruffle and drop behind head of the bed is authentic period touch.

Half-canopy mahogany bed in the Roger Madden house has batiste bonnet and draperies to match café curtains and dressing table skirt. Quilted spread, pillow sham and dust ruffle is same blue and yellow cotton print as the draperies. Blue cotton carpeting is pretty background for a fresh color scheme that makes this room a cheerful modern day bedroom with the charm of traditional-a perfect girl's room.


## Take Good Care of Your Garden Tools!

Iver stop to think how much your enjoyment of gardening depends on your garden tools? Well, just imagine gardening without them! So how about a little special consideration for them-in action, that is, and not only in pleasant thoughts?

All garden tools last longer-and do a better job-if you give them a complete going over at least once a year. And the logical time to do it is this month, at the end of the leaf-raking and garden-cleanup season.

Clean and oil your tools thoroughly before retiring them for the winter. Sharpen those with cutting edges. Check the adjustments of those with moving parts. Sandpaper nicked wooden handles and repair or replace broken ones. And store all your tools in the driest part of your basement or garage.


The first order of tool-care business is cleaning those implements that work the soil: forks, spades, shovels, hoes, cultivators, and such. Use steel-wool-and-soap cleansing pads to remove all dirt and rust, wash with clean water, dry completely, and then wipe thoroughly with heavy oil.

## A LONG WINTER'S AHEAD




A can of medium-heavy motor oil-sold at gas stations-is your best investment for all-round tool care. Soak a cloth with it and apply it liberally to all tools after cleaning them and before storing them for the winter. But remember: oily rags are fire hazards-dispose of them safely and promptly.


Some people discard rakes and hoes with broken handles. But don't! It's simple to replace a handle, and much cheaper. If it's unusable, have your hardware dealer order new one; if broken only at ferrule, remove stub (cut bolt with file if necessary) and reshape end of handle with wood rasp to fit ferrule.

Oil the springs, pivot bolts, and other moving parts of all garden tools and gadgets. Use light lubricating oil on small equipment, including electric trimmers; heavier motor oil on tools like lopping shears, wheelbarrows. If old oil is gummy, remove it first with gasolinebut don't smoke while you're doing it!



It's easy to take pruners apart and sharpen them on an oul stone Sharpen blade of an anvil-type pruner on both sides, as a knife; blades of a scissor-type shear only on beveled side; stone other side flat, gently, to remove wire edge or burr.


Hoes work best if kept sharp. So sharpen them at least once a year; those you use most sharpen oftener, especially if your soil is stony. Use a medium-coarse file at about an $80^{\circ}$ angle with hoe handle away from you. Don't make a knife edge.

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This abandoned conservatory at the back of a 40 -year-old brick house was a remodeling "dare" that owner Jack Zehrt of St. Louis, Mo. just couldn't resist. Capitalizing on its spaciousness, he turned the old greenhouse into a warm and colorful music living-room



## 40 Years Old

Jack Zehrt's finished music living-room is a far cry from the old conservatory and a great example of the wonderful results that can be obtained from a well-planned remodeling executed with taste. Terra cotta tones of the room's furnishings were selected to biend with the color of the brick wall.

1uring its heyday the greenhouse was an attractive asset to the building when rare tropical plants bloomed in its windows. But abandoned and littered with broken glass, old flower boxes, and rusted radiators, it was a haunting eyesore. First step on its road to recovery was to remove the damaged glass roof with its heavy copper beams. In its place was installed a standard rafter-supported roof with a rough ceiling of $1 \times 6^{\prime \prime}$ pine sheathing finished with 12 -inch square acoustical tile. The partition across the porch is actually two $2 \times 4^{\prime \prime}$ framed walls spaced $30^{\prime \prime}$ apart to provide a compact music wall for a built-in TV, hi-fi speakers and components and record storage. The partition is also finished with acoustical tile. The cabinet doors are faced with diamond-patterned wire mesh finished in gold.


## and Abandoned

Conservatory Becomes Music-Living Room



Opposite end of room clearly shows the rough state of the old greenhouse before new flooring, ceiling tile and furnishings were added. Cork tile was applied over the concrete floor to cut down reverberation from the brick wall and glass windows. Fifty feet of matchstick draperies hide old casement windows, yet admit plenty of light. Black mortar joints between bricks accentuate their rough texture. To increase their usefulness, radiators are masked with wooden cover that serves as table.

## Write An Ad? I Dunno

More and more we're convinced that many of the best ads are written by amateurs. No polished phrases. No superlatives . . . just straight-from-the-heart personal experience. Example: The following from Mrs. Bartholomew Matthews, Van Nuys, California:
"I proved I can paper a room. After saving . . . saving dimes to make the very necessary sum to have the dining room papered (and being jolted from that point by three different "emergencies" some months apart) I heard about Imperial's "E-Z-DU"*.
There was that pale coral-pink ceiling dangling over all; dirty gray-green walls crying to be covered; a combination adding "but nothing" to happy living in a house recently purchased. Until I could afford to have the room papered -what to do?
"E-Z-DU"? The room could look no worse, certainly. So I took a big breath; bought the rolls of "E-Z-DU"; shoved the furniture elsewhere; got out my ironing board, the stepladder, scissors ... and went to work. Comments ranged from "Why don't you use pinking shears for a fancier effect?" to "Wouldn't it be prettier if you put it on horizontally?" and "Don't bother her, she's wrecking the joint."
I wasn't-but that was no time to stop. It wasn't too difficult, even with makeshift equipment. Now the room is complete, and $I$ did it, alone. The comments now are:
"Don't you tell me you did this by yourself" and "Oh, it's lovely; you did get a decorator, after all" and "Will you help me do mine?'
My egoistic tragedy is that no one believes my inexperienced hands and available home equipment accomplished the beautiful result with-of course-Imperial's "E-Z-DU" I proved I can paper a room beautifully. But write an ad? I dunno.'
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## Their Dog in Mind

(Begins on page 56)
After a preliminary but thorough survey, it was obvious that another paint job would be a waste of money. Not only were walls and ceiling in bad condition, due to age and previous poor construction, but there were also the bugaboos of exposed, unsightly steam and water pipes and an electric light meter and switch box. Adjacent walls weren't square at the angles; the ceiling had waves like an ocean; doors and windows were slightly askew.

In any case it was better to discover these defects in advance, rather than later; otherwise reconstruction difficulties would certainly multiply.

In planning the remodeling, one main objective was kept clearly in mind-to achieve a kitchen that would be a pleasure to work in where both members of the family could operate simultaneously at different jobs.

As Mr. Amthor says, "If only we had seen the September ' 56 issue of The American HOME, how much simpler the job of measuring and planning would have been! The article by Edith Ramsay, 'Before You Plan That Kitchen,' tells very clearly the things we had to find out the hard way. The accent on work centers is particularly important."

Mrs. Amthor began by drawing a rough sketch of her kitchen and what she wanted it to include:

1. Work centers for baking, broiling, cleanup, and-here's where Duchess came in-a combination general utility and dog food mixing unit as a special center for Duchess.
2. Maximum counter space.
3. Fitting as much of old equipment as possible into the new plan.

After making several scaled drawings of the floor plan and the location of cabinets, equipment and work centers, actual work was begun. As the Amthors later found, the importance of detailed advance planning can hardly be over-emphasized.
Walls were covered with wall tile board and ceilings were covered with special panels and cove moldings; by making wooden frames and covering them with tile, all exposed pipes, and the unsightly meter and switch box were handsomely camouflaged; new work centers were gained; an unnecessary door was covered with punch board, shellacked and painted with white enamel; and a shelf was added. And nearly all the old equipment was used in the new plan.

Wasn't it a lot of work? Of course. "But," say the Amthors, "planning gave us a realistic view of our Гream Kitchen, and as each step brought us closer to seeing our dream take shape, we discovered the real convenience of our remodeled kitchen, long before it was finished. We're happy with the results-and so is Duchess!

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## TO OUR READERS

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0n a quiet tree-shaded street, about two minutes from the heart of everything, stood a little bungalow with a big back yard. The owner had friends who told her of their difficulties in finding an apartment where they could cultivate a patch of garden. So when the city changed the zoning in that area to permit residential income units, the owner promptly decided to give her friends a break and perhaps herself as well, by making her back yard produce an income.
These two charming apartments, though they are more like little houses tucked in the garden, provide wonderfully comfortable and secluded living for a career girl on one side and a young professional man on the other.

Craig Ellwood, the designer, did a miraculous job of planning at low cost these live-alone-and-like-it apartments.

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Glass east wall of second unit opens on patio. Gray walls accent warm yellow brick of fireplace. Exposed beamed ceilings in both apartments add spaciousness to the small living rooms. Bookease at right angles to the fireplace hides "hall" to closet and bath. Dining counter separates the living room from the kitchen.
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