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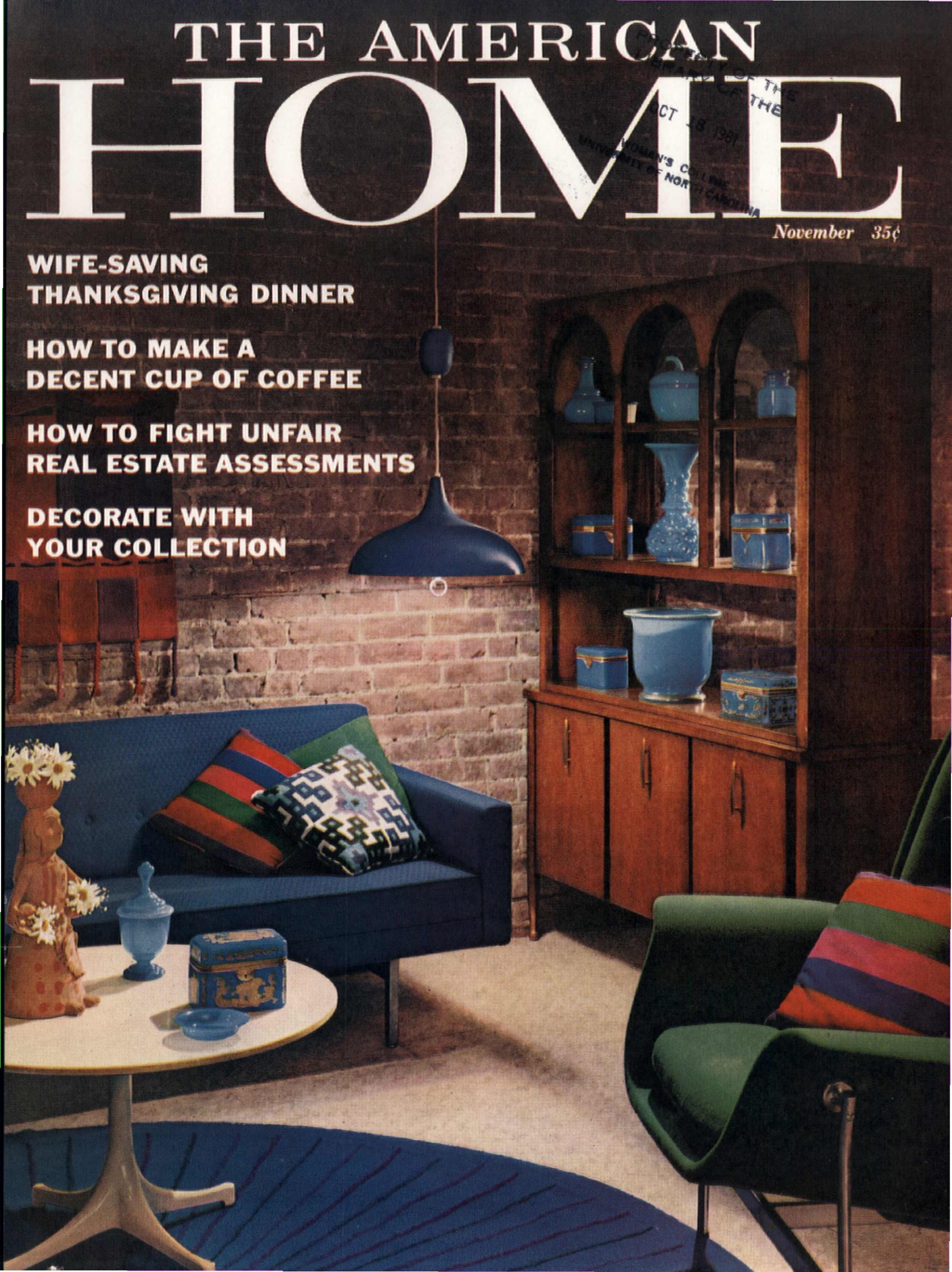

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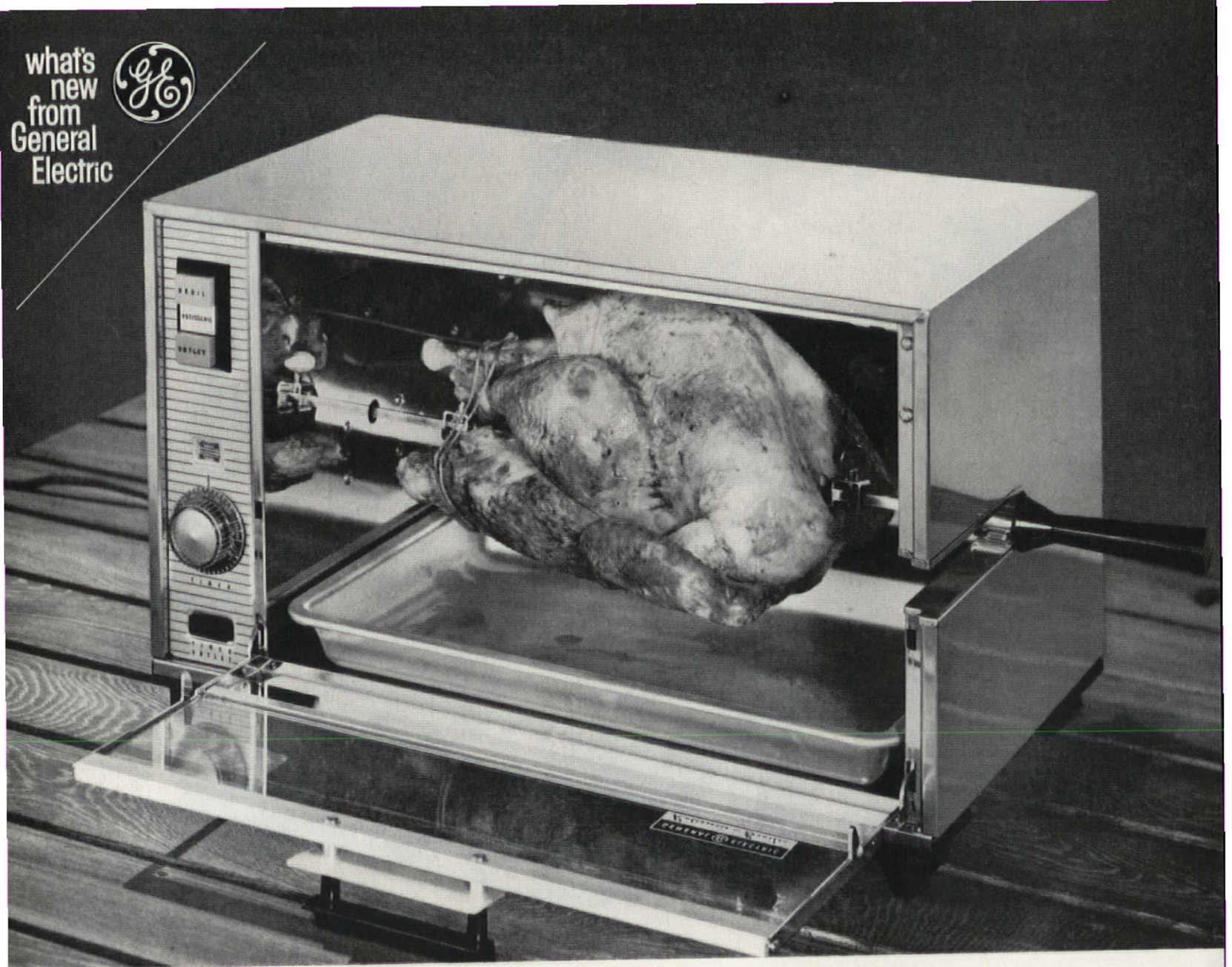

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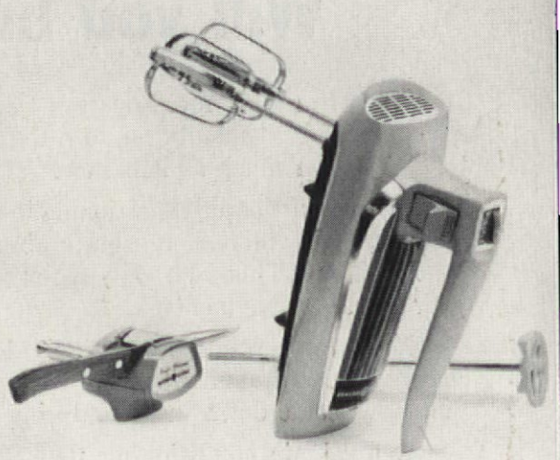

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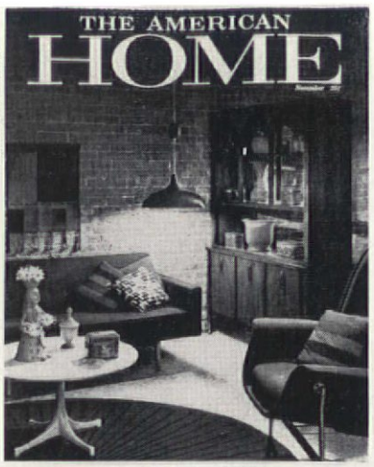

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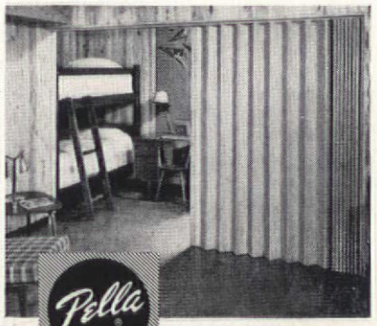

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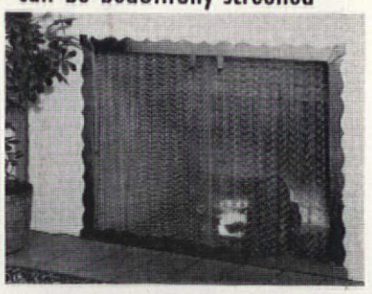

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When the frost is on the pumpkin there's a wild scramble for boots and mufflers

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It happens every year. They have been outfitted with coats, dresses, pants, shirts, and everything else they need for school. Then comes a soggy, blustery day, a mad scramble in the front hall, and everybody needs boots. I refuse to buy new ones until they have tried the accumulation in the boot box. The growth of feet is so prodigious that usually each one can use a pair that fit the one ahead of him last year. Only objection is that the girls don't want to wear arctics that were bought for the boys, and the boys won't be seen in white boots. Best buys over the years are red boots that seem entirely acceptable to all.

You've Got Me:

Bobby, who has been terribly naughty, looks up and asks innocently:
"Daddy, why do I act so bad?"

NATURE'S CONTRASTS

Outside there are sudden squalls, a wicked flurry of wintry winds, followed by eerie lights and a rainbow. Inside, you hug into a sweater, plant an amaryllis to watch grow, and fill the house with music, as insulation against that lonely feeling that hovers about in November.

One of my loves in the tree world has always been the red maple. Ever notice that this tree is still catching the sunlight and standing splendidly arrayed in color long after the others have lost their leaves?

Well, Why Not?

"Mommy, why do they call it fall? Is it because the leaves are falling?"

I REMEMBER GRANDPA

My maternal grandfather was, among other things, a landscape gardener who helped lay out the White House grounds. I often wonder when I see a picture of the White House which of the trees he planted. Until his 86th year, never a spring or fall went by that he didn't start something growing. He made every place he lived beautiful. Even now when I plant a rosebush I think of him. Isn't that a wonderful way to be remembered?

MARCHING ALONG

Some of the children are too young to know what a veteran is, but I have a special appreciation for what used to be called Armistice Day. I can remember hot, tired, dusty men from Fort George G. Meade marching past our home in Maryland, and one of them dropping out of line and slipping through the hedge to ask me for a drink of water. How he thanked me when I ran and fetched him one; how he grinned as he dashed back through the hedge and fell into step with another marching column. That personal contact has lived with me all these years, and rises to mind whenever the flag waves and the bands play to honor those who have served our country.

Pretty Big Picture:

Joan, of coloring-book age, who loves to watch sunsets, has been told about the Master Painter.

She is silent a while, then comments:

"He must have a really big box of crayons."

NO-NAME GAME

"Anybody got a case he wants solved?"

"You can't take money out of a bank till you put it in, stupid."

"Haircuts, cheap, 50 cents."

They're playing one of their favorite games. No name. They've built a village out of a package of construction paper and cellophane tape. Stevie has two enterprises—a detective agency and a service station. Kim runs the bank and the saloon. Johnny has a grocery store and a car wash. Amy is happy with her barber shop, except that there are no customers. Michele, two, is the big menace, wandering around and inadvertently crushing the buildings with a misstep. For excitement, Johnny has just "stolen" $10, and Stevie is hot on his trail. I just hope this ends peacefully.

Riding the Rails:

For his eighth birthday, Johnny requests a trip to the city, because he has never ridden on a train. At the rate things are going with the railroads, I'd better take the younger ones for a ride soon, or their knowledge of the iron horse may be confined to museums.

A FEAST TO SHARE

Thanksgiving is one day I don't want to sit down at the table with just my husband and the children. The day cries out for sharing. If members of the family can't make it, we invite anyone who might enjoy being with us. There's always a lonely person, if you just look.

For several years we alternated with friends who have as many children as we. Makes a wild but splendid day. Amazing how many people a turkey can serve.

Last year we had some foreign students from a nearby university. Two from India arrived, resplendent in their saris, and entertained us later with folk songs of their native country. We'll never have nicer guests—exciting people in their own right, undemanding, marvelously appreciative of the children. When they go home, they may remember sharing in our great, truly American feast. We will certainly remember them.

How we retired in 15 years with $300 a month

"I can hardly believe it myself. But here we are, Dot and I, sitting in Florida, enjoying a leisurely dinner and listening to the sound of the surf. You see, only two months ago I was riding a commuter train five days a week to my job. Today we're living a carefree life in the home of our dreams. And each month we'll be getting a check for $300—for the rest of our lives.

"Funny how it all started. I'd just gotten out of the Army—back in 1946—and had gone back to my old job. One day I bumped into Al Peters in a sporting-goods store. I hadn't seen him in a couple of years, but he looked as young as ever—always the healthy, outdoor type. Al was a great fisherman, and I asked him about his next trip. He chuckled. 'It'll be a long one,' he said. 'I'm retiring next week.'

" 'Oh, I didn't get rich all of a sudden,' he said, reading my thoughts. 'It just takes a little planning. Thing is to start planning when you're still young.'

" 'When you're still young'—the words kept running through my mind. And they started me thinking. I was almost 40. I had a good job with a future, making pretty good money. But Dot and I hadn't saved a penny toward retirement. Frankly, I hadn't even given it a thought until then.

"Two weeks went by. One Sunday night Dot and I sat by the fireplace, catching up on our reading. I was thumbing through a copy of Life magazine when an advertisement caught my eye. The headline offered a way to retire in just fifteen years with an income guaranteed for life. The ad was signed by Phoenix Mutual. It sounded like the kind of plan that Al Peters had. I tore out the coupon and mailed it the next morning.

"When a booklet from Phoenix Mutual arrived in the mail, I studied it. It told how I could put part of my salary into a Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan and get a guaranteed income for as long as either Dot or I lived. The Plan also provided immediate life insurance protection for her if anything happened to me. We'd never worry about the ups and downs of stocks, or about outliving our savings. I applied for a plan of my own.

"Well, that's my story. Dot and I sold the house and moved down here about six weeks ago. It's a new kind of life—and we love it! Our first check arrived right on time, and that $300 a month will keep on coming. That's what I call security!"

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AT HOME WITH JOSEPH COTTEN

JIM LISTON

The man so obviously enjoying the comforts of home in the picture below lives in an "unflamboyant Renaissance" style villa overlooking the ocean at Pacific Palisades, California. He discusses with ease: modern art, the Rolls Royce engine, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the proper way to mix concrete, or the history of Italian improvised comedy. His fine porcelain and wood-carved *commedia dell' arte* figurines (page 31) were collected over a period of 25 years with the same zeal for thoroughness that has characterized his career as an actor.

At 56, Joseph Cotten has what most home owners dream about and can seldom get at any price—an all-around handyman who can fix a leaky faucet, wire a lamp, hang a door, or rig a block and tackle to lift a 1000-pound statue to a windswept balcony.

"My carpenter, Guy Womack, started work when I remodeled my first house," says Cotten. (continued)

GEORGE DE GENNARO

***High-ceilinged studio** is one of Cotten's favorite rooms. Entire wall at left is hung with pictures, many of them painted by friends and one by his daughter when she was a child. He mixes mirrors with pictures by inserting mirror glass in antique frames. Mrs. Cotten is movie and television actress Patricia Medina.*

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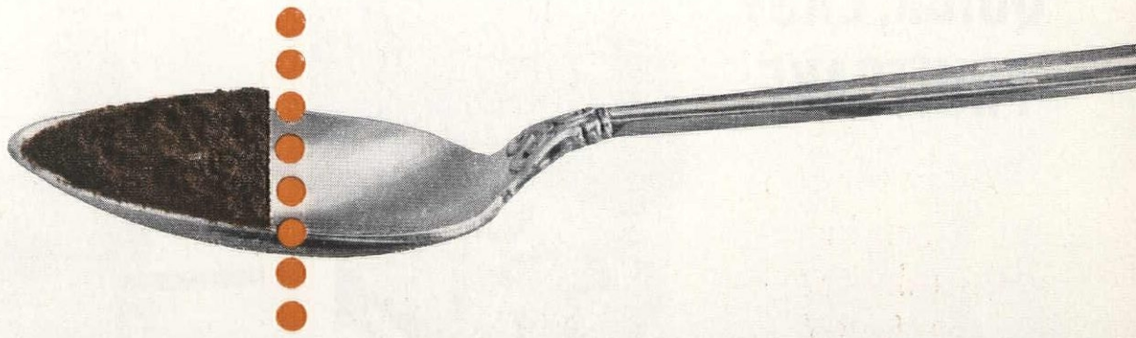

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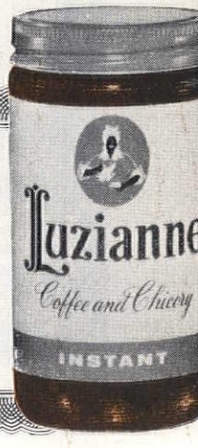

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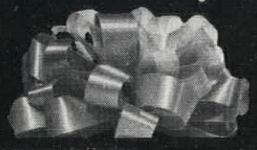

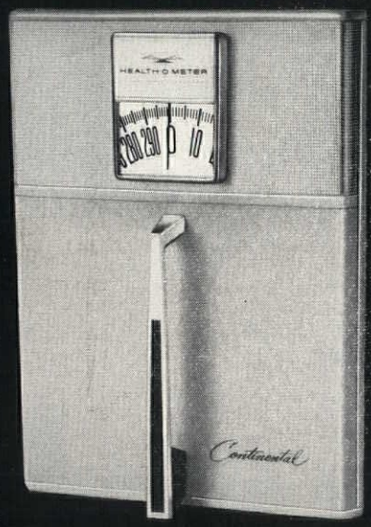

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"The only reason I sold it was because Guy and I ran out of things to do. When I found this place I knew it was perfect—I knew we'd never finish."

Cotten and Womack have worked side by side for five years building (1) garden walls that required footings 10 feet deep, (2) a guest apartment with bath, kitchen, living room, and private balcony in an area they excavated under a terrace overlooking the tennis court, and which Cotten calls *Cava Vinca*, "the blue grotto," and (3) hundreds of feet of concrete retaining walls, walks, and stairs connecting the cliffside house with the grotto and the tennis court.

It's clear that Guy, who works five days a week for Cotten, has a lifetime job, because he makes possible ambitious projects "Joe" (as Guy calls him) couldn't attempt alone.

"Like getting concrete to the grotto," says Cotten, relishing the memory. "We had our mixer up at street level and we had to build a long, wooden chute. We'd dump concrete into it, and whoosh!—it was down there. Or the day we were mounting the Big Girl on the balcony. (The B.G. is a graceful, life-size stone statue Cotten found in Vicenza, Italy. It weighs a half ton.) We'd drilled a hole in the base to fit over a pipe mounted on the balcony. We had her dangling at the end of a rope and it was touch and go, but we made it."

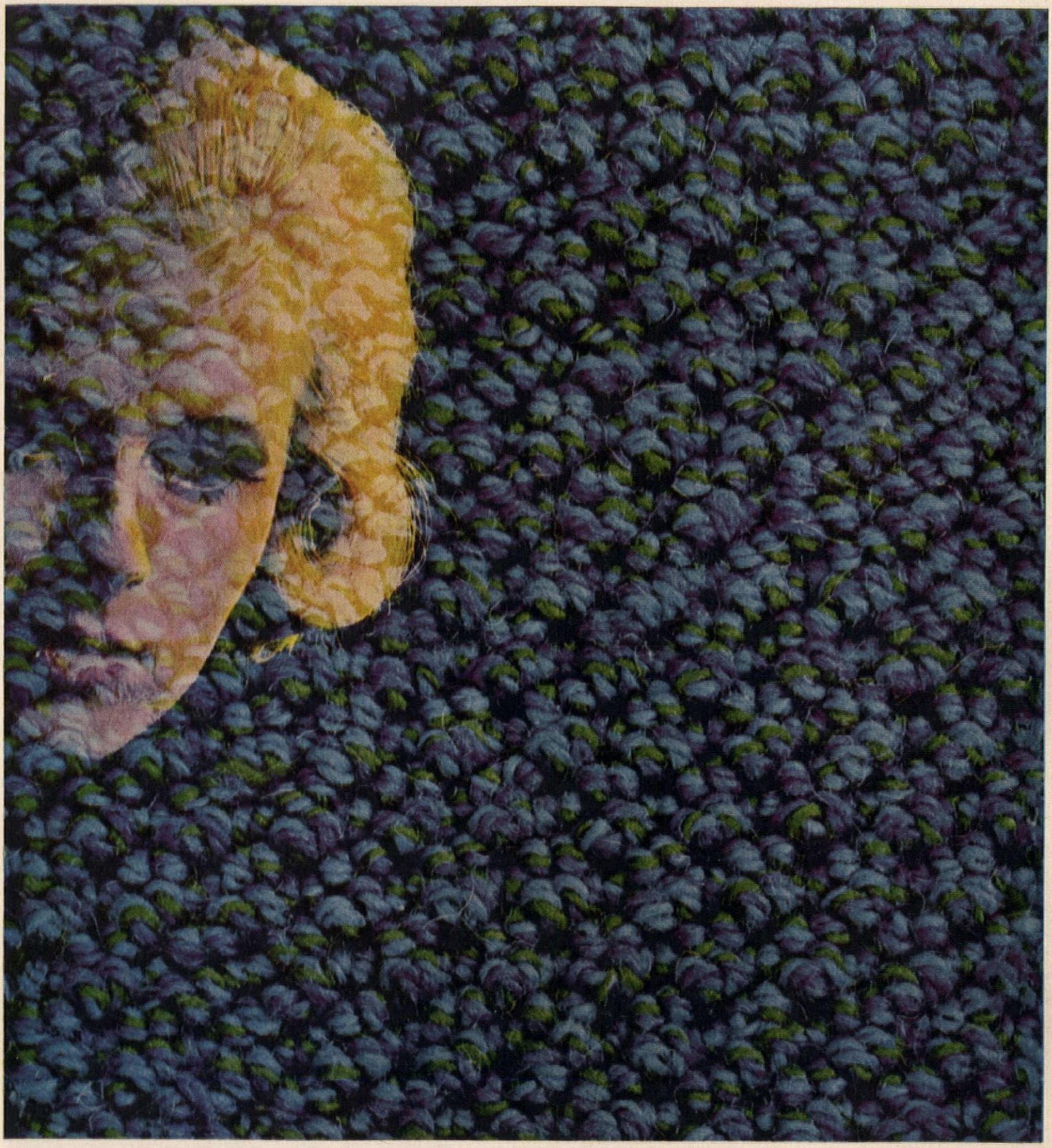
Cotten, whose patrician features and sonorous voice were first discovered by moviegoers when he appeared in "Citizen Kane," set out to be an actor when he left Petersburg, Virginia, for the Hickman School of Expression, Washington, D.C. To help pay his way, he played center on the Department of Interior football team. He received $25 for each quarter he played.

"It was a rough semipro league," he recalls, "but it was good money in those days."

Joseph Cotten next found himself in Miami, Florida, where he worked as a salesman and joined a little-theater group. It was here he met Lenore Kip.

Cotten married Lenore after he made good in his first leading role on the stage. Widowed after 28 years of marriage, he married actress Patricia Medina in 1960. They recently redecorated their home with bold, fresh (continued)

a carpet is a WOMAN...



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(continued) colors that have given new life to the 20-year-old house.

"It was built by Anthony Heinsbergen, an artist," said Cotten. "He painted those murals," he said, studying the vaulted, 18-foot ceiling of the living room. "It was Patricia's idea to go to white walls with bright red carpeting. It's surprising what it has done for this room and it enhances Heinsbergen's work. We use gold and what Pat calls 'electric' blue as accents."

Cotten's *commedia dell' arte* collection occupies one end of the living room. Some of the larger wood carvings decorate the entry, other porcelain pieces are on small shelves on the staircase.

"I discovered the *commedia dell' arte* when I was studying the history of the theater. The more I learned about Harlequin, Pantalone, Capitano, old Dottore, and the rest, the more they fascinated me. I picked them up in Meissen, Chelsea, and French porcelain in shops all over the world. Some cost as little as $5, others $500."

One of the most unusual rooms is the dining room where a black and white mural depicting a 16th-century Italian horse race has been mounted on four walls.

"Guy and I removed this from Marion Davies's old home when it was sold," said Cotten. "It represents a period when the *commedia* characters were at the height of their popularity and some of the people in this scene bear a close resemblance to them."

Mrs. Cotten's favorite electric blue carpeting sets off the traditional furnishings of the room and tangerine upholstery fabric on the dining chairs adds a bright note.

Cotten led the way down to the floor below, and entered a door that opened on the balcony of a long high room with a beamed ceiling.

"We call this the studio," he said, descending to the white carpeted floor below on which were spread three Persian rugs. "Mr. Heinsbergen painted here. We've painted the entire room white, and with that big window, it's a good place for our pictures and books, and for entertaining."

Among the two dozen pictures by professional artists and friends is one painted by Cotten's daughter when she was nine years old.

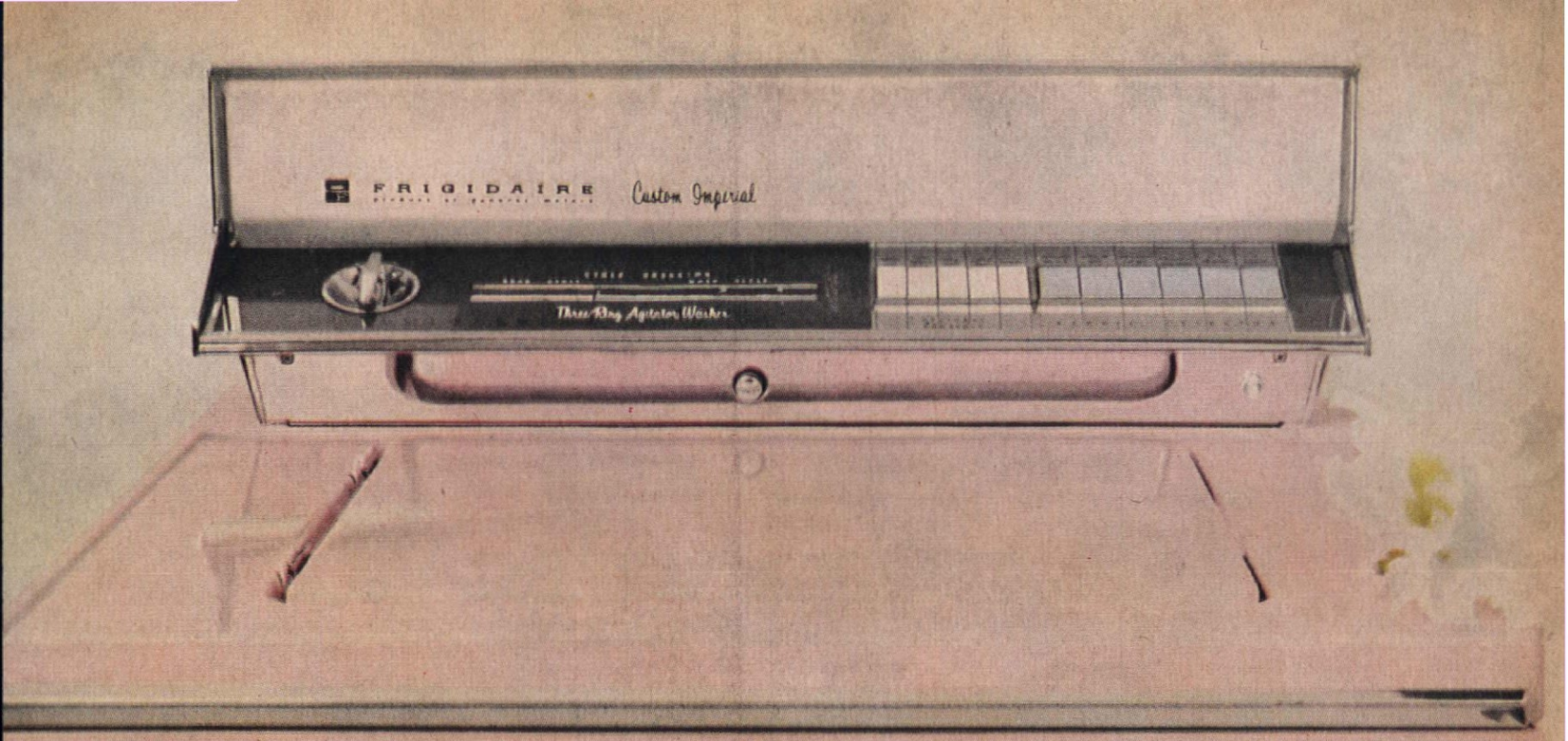
"I'm as proud of that picture as the day she painted it," he said. "It's surprising how many people single it out without knowing who did it. I'm prejudiced, of course, because she's my daughter—and she's made me a grandfather.

"A while ago you asked how many rooms there are in this house. I told you I didn't know. I suppose there are about 20, but I've never counted them. It's a fantastic place—we have to build a scaffolding tomorrow when we hang new draperies on that large window above the main staircase. And there are two basements under us. It's like no house I've seen—and that's what I like about it. Lots of things to do."

"Any special problems?"

"No problems—except those we create when we get into our crazy building and remodeling projects. Which reminds me that I have a pair of Spanish wood carvings and a sheet of glass an inch thick. Now on this project. . . ." THE END

***Walled garden** at front of house affords privacy. Bas relief is Roman "Judgment of Midas" from the Hearst collection.*



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The technique is quite simple, and if you have suitable plants in your garden, the only thing you're likely to need is the glass. The kind I use—shown in the picture—is about 10″ across and is sold at gift shops for between $5 and $7.50. The next best thing, but less distinctive, is a goldfish bowl or aquarium.

My favorite flowers for the purpose, as you've probably guessed, are small violets and Johnny-jump-ups. But try any of the small, spring-flowering plants you may be especially partial to—primroses, lily-of-the-valley, myrtle, hepaticas, and so on. If you can find some green moss and a few small foliage plants, such as ferns, partridge berry, and wintergreen, you'll be able to make an especially attractive planting.

Dig the plants in late fall and pack them in damp sphagnum moss in a wooden box. (Sphagnum moss is what florists use to make set pieces and nurserymen use for packing plants.) Set the box in a cool, dark corner of your basement, unheated porch, or any spot where the plants will remain moist and cool but won't freeze. Around the middle of January they can be brought out and planted in the brandy glass. If you (continued)

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found some moss in your garden or in the woods, use this to line the bottom of the glass, green side out; otherwise line it with damp, crumbled sphagnum. Then proceed with the planting as shown in the pictures below. Wipe the glass clean with damp cloth and cover it with a circular piece of glass. Your hardware dealer can have such a lid cut to order for about 50 cents.

Water the planting lightly and place the glass in a sunny window. Keep it covered most of the time, but open it a little occasionally when the glass is steamy. Water it only when the soil is no longer moist to the touch, and then very lightly. Take out of sun when flowers open.

A less dramatic but longer-lasting garden in a glass can be made from small foliage plants only—ferns, partridge berry, wintergreen, and so on.

The makings: *king-size brandy glass with cover, plants, rich topsoil, small bits of charcoal to keep soil sweet, small stones, aquarium gravel, and miniature fence for landscape effect, and equipment for miniature garden making and maintenance.*

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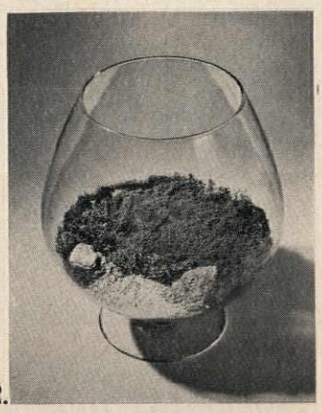

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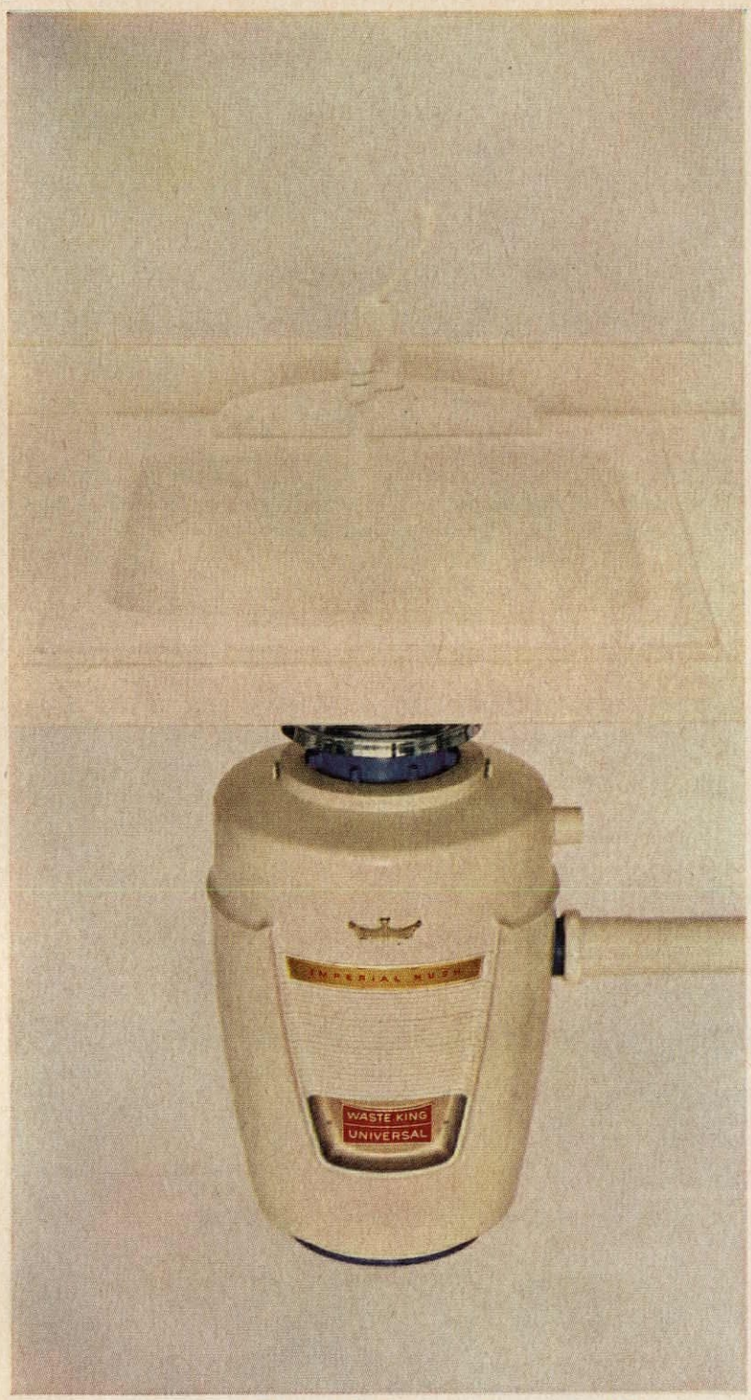
The procedure: *1. Line one-quarter of brandy glass with moss, green side out, or with damp sphagnum. 2. Add soil almost to edge of moss, with pieces of charcoal here and there, and place stones and gravel to produce interesting "terrain." 3. Set plants in place with small kitchen tongs. This is the step where you'll strive for artistry as a "landscapist." Use a pencil to position plants attractively.*



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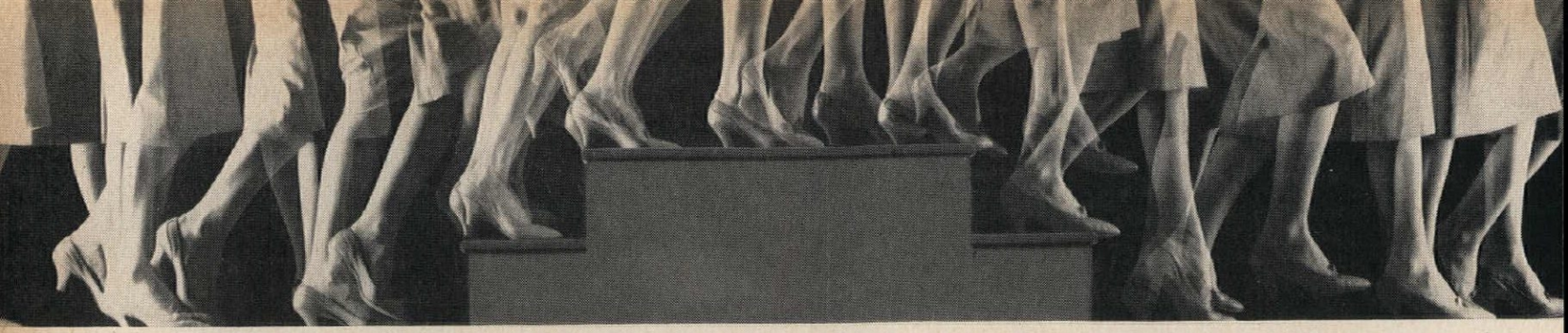

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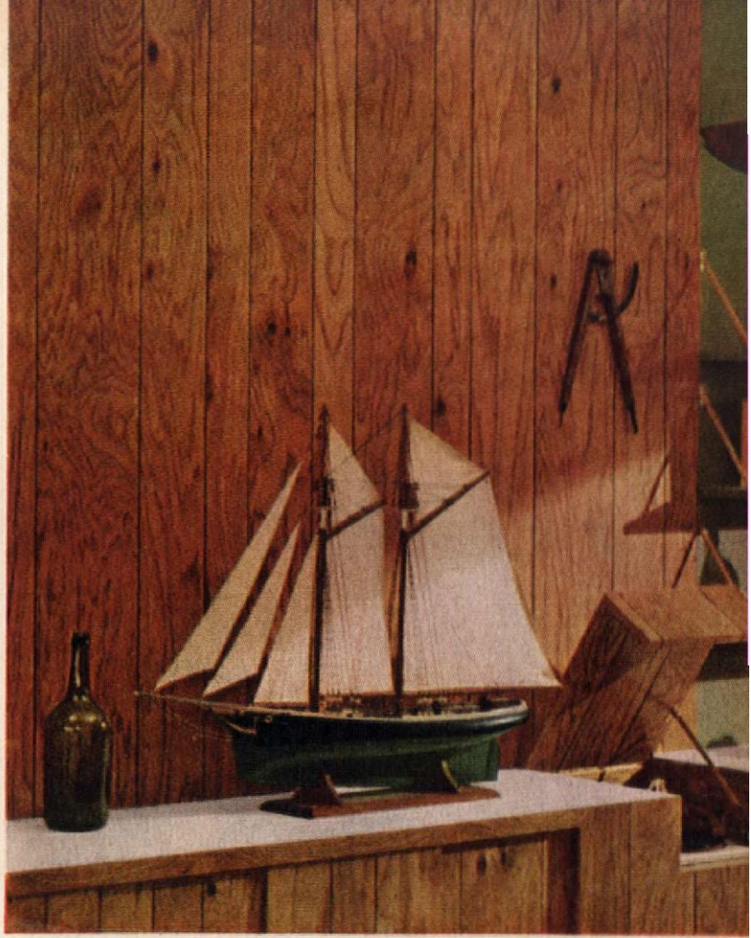

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GUIDE FOR HOME BUYERS PART XII

HOW TO FIGHT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS

INFORMATION: EDWARD D. FALES, JR. AND STANLEY SCHULER

Assessing real estate has become one of the biggest juggling acts of the century. Every day, property owners all over the country are receiving higher tax bills, made even higher, in many cases, by inefficiency, politics, friendship, or just plain dishonesty.

Take a look, for example, at the citizen of a small city who was astonished when he received his latest tax bill. In a single year his bill had doubled. His home was assessed at $14,000. Yet an identical home next door was still assessed at $7000.

Assessors themselves will tell you of hundreds of cases in which sky-high assessments are meted out to some owners, while others enjoy low assessments. If this condition exists in your area, you don't have to put up with it. You *can* "fight city hall." To protect your interests, you must understand why real estate taxes are climbing, and how they're determined.

WHY ASSESSMENTS ARE RISING

In the past few years property in hundreds of cities and rural areas has been revalued. In most cases the revaluation has been upward, resulting in a sharp boost in assessments and often in the taxes. If your home hasn't been reassessed recently, you can expect assessors to take a hard look at it very soon, particularly if you live in a town that's growing rapidly.

Many property owners believe that growth lowers taxes. Actually, assessors say, the addition of new industries, that may bring in large numbers of outsiders, is almost always followed by a rise in taxes. This is true, too, in population shifts from cities to suburbs, and from crowded suburbs to rural areas. The reason is that such growth usually results in demands for costly new schools, school buses, more roads and traffic lights, new sewers, more teachers, police, firemen, and other public employees. All of this must be paid for out of taxes.

Even if your home has been revalued recently, you can expect another revaluation shortly—and then another and another. To meet soaring costs—and equalize unfair tax burdens—some municipalities and states now upgrade assessments every ten years. But even this program is already out of date. Presently, scores of communities are hiking their rates every five years. Some are actually reviewing assessments every second year.

What does this mean to you? After revaluation do all assessments go up? Not necessarily. Here is what often happens according to assessors. In small communities 50 per cent go up, 20 per cent drop, and 30 per cent remain unchanged. In large communities the three categories are about equally divided.

Not too many years ago in many communities, homes were assessed at around 15 per cent of their market value. So a revaluation didn't mean too much—perhaps a tax increase of $10 a year on a middle-priced home. But many cities now assess homes at 40 or 50 per cent of market value, so a revaluation can mean a property tax raise of $100 to $200 or more a year.

"You can see," says one of the nation's top assessors, "why your dealings with your assessor are going to be more frequent. And they're going to cost you money—*maybe much more than you've ever paid before.*"

HOW YOUR ASSESSMENT GOES UP

There are two ways a community can raise your real estate tax. The first, as we mentioned above, is by assessing your property at higher and higher percentages of market value. Aldro Jenks, a dean of American assessors and one of the best authorities, believes cities soon will assess at 100 per cent of market value. And in many cases the market value of your property is higher than when you bought it.

The second way your tax can rise is when the mill rate is increased. This is the number of dollars you pay for every thousand dollars of assessed value. Many communities that charged $20 per thousand a few years ago now charge $30, $40, and some even $60 per thousand. This tax inflation is bad enough even if it results in equitable assessments for every property owner in an area. But many assessors do a slapdash job (if you let them). The result: you may pay more than your fair share.

THE INEPT ASSESSORS

The way assessments are determined in your community can make or break your tax bill. In the old days, local politicians joked about "horseback appraisals." There would be a board of three or five assessors. These men held full-time jobs and did their assessing on a part-time basis. Each would ride through his section of town and jot down values without getting off his horse or checking the opinions of his fellow assessors. Today, this has given way in many towns to what some assessors call "windshield appraisals." They value your property without leaving their cars.

On top of this, many assessors have no training, are paid as little as $50 per year, and are anxious to finish the job.

Some are merely political lackeys who simply sit down with the voters' list, and settle assessments right in their own offices on the basis of your political affiliation, according to a Midwestern authority. There are, of course, many fine, scrupulously fair assessors. But even if the assessors in your town are honest and try to do a good job, they can cost you a great deal of money over the years if they aren't trained. (continued)

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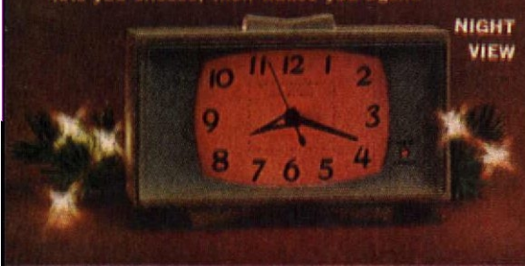

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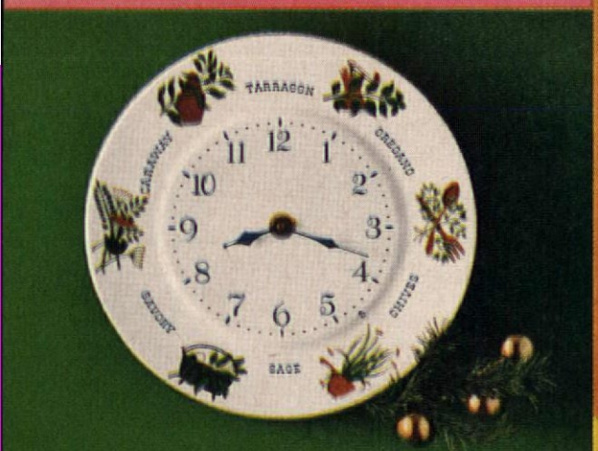

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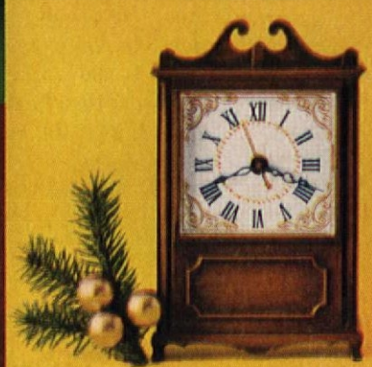

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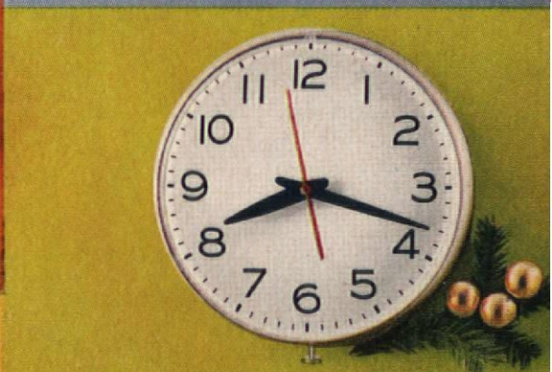

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Here's what their errors can do to your tax bill. According to many local assessors, a 10 per cent error in appraising your property is considered "good." (Some errors run as high as 50 per cent.) Today an error can cost you $30. Suppose your house has a true market value of $20,000 and is assessed at 50 per cent of value, or $10,000. At a mill rate of $30 per $1000, this means a tax of $300.

But if your assessor made a 10 per cent error, and valued your house at $22,000, your tax jumps to $330. This may not seem like a large increase, but remember that an uncorrected error continues for years. In five years alone it would cost you $150. And a 50 per cent error would cost $1500. This is pointed out by Peter Marsele, the full-time assessor recently hired by fast-growing Bloomfield, Connecticut.

For your protection, you should know the following things:

- What the assessor should check in your home.
- What you should tell him while he's checking.
- How to compare your home with others like it.
- How to protect yourself from "ability-to-pay" assessments.
- The right way to appeal.
- If you can rely on the honesty of so-called "outside assessors."

HOW THE REPUTABLE ASSESSOR WORKS

Honest assessors are, of course, troubled by the slipshod job done in so many communities. They are desperately trying to correct the evils. Several national organizations, notably the International Association of Assessing Officers, are waging a vigorous fight to eliminate politics, improve ethics, and train men in what suddenly has become a highly complex business. Colleges and state tax departments are cooperating. As a result, states such as Connecticut, Wisconsin, California, and Maryland are blazing a trail of fair, honest appraisals.

Here's what a good assessor looks for in your house:

When he visits a home, he may take along a "street card." These cards, used in many communities, contain up to 500 spaces where he can fill in information about the home. Such details as your heating plant, roofing, plumbing, wiring, and general construction are covered.

He wants to know who built your house, since he knows who the shoddy builders are and who builds quality houses. Next, he'll ask what you paid for the house, and check it against his records.

After a quick look at the exterior, he goes immediately to the basement. Here he examines:

The cellar. An assessor who makes a "windshield examination" may assume you have a full basement, when it's only partially excavated.

Foundation and joists. He checks for cracks, decay, and termite damage.

Heat. You may get a reduction if you have hot air or steam, rather than hot water.

Wiring. If you have an older house, the assessor may note F.O. (functional obsolescence) and this may alter your assessment.

Pipes. He may deduct up to 10 per cent on plumbing values if he finds galvanized pipes. In fact, careful assessors sometimes find that disreputable builders install copper pipe

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where it shows, but use second-hand galvanized pipe in the walls.

A careful assessor also checks to see if you have the playroom fireplace that may be noted in his records. If not, he might deduct, say, $100. And if there isn't any playroom at all, he might deduct up to $3000.

When he goes upstairs, the good assessor always carefully checks your kitchen. "The kitchen takes the worst beating of all rooms," says Eugene Murphy, a member of Appraisal Consultants of Hartford, Connecticut. "If it's well maintained, it's a sure bet the whole house is in pretty good condition."

The assessor will check the number of rooms and baths. If two homes are otherwise alike, he'll put a higher assessment on the home where the master bedroom has its own bath, rather than an off-the-hall bathroom.

You may find the assessor is taking a close look at the cornice. "If we find looseness where the shingles join the wood or poor carpentry, we often make a considerable allowance," one assessor reports. "The cornice is another real key to the condition of many homes."

It's very important for you or a member of your family to accompany the assessor through your home. You're the only ones who can point out hidden flaws.

"There are many things we don't see," one assessor admits. "You're entitled to consideration if you have a wet basement. Yet in dry weather, we may not see water stains. If your basement gets wet, you should tell us."

If your water is rusty or the supply is inadequate you should have the assessor open the tap. A good assessor will do this automatically, and he'll make an allowance if you're entitled to it.

Even if your home doesn't have hidden defects, you should go around with the assessor. If you don't, he might tend to value your house the same as a neighbor's with a similar design. But if you know the other house has plaster walls, and yours are drywall, be sure to point this out.

You should also call attention to any differences in the number of porches, or types of windows. One owner won an $80 assessment reduction by pointing out his home lacked the bay window his neighbor's had.

This is why Ken Athoe, another top expert, says that, "you should never accept an appraisal unless the man has actually been inside your home." A good assessor, incidentally, should spend at least 15 to 30 minutes checking your house.

You are entitled to an allowance, too, for a deteriorating neighborhood, or for factory sounds and excessive noises—as along some of the new turnpikes.

Another important point is to be sure the assessor doesn't over-estimate your income. He may, since he can be misled by appearances. Some draw the wrong conclusion when they see nice furnishings which an owner might have acquired over the years by careful economy. They may get the wrong impression, too, from a well-maintained car, or from two cars—even though they may be a necessity. There are always some assessors who will work on a soak-the-rich philosophy.

To be sure your income doesn't confuse the picture make sure the assessor has (continued on page 74)

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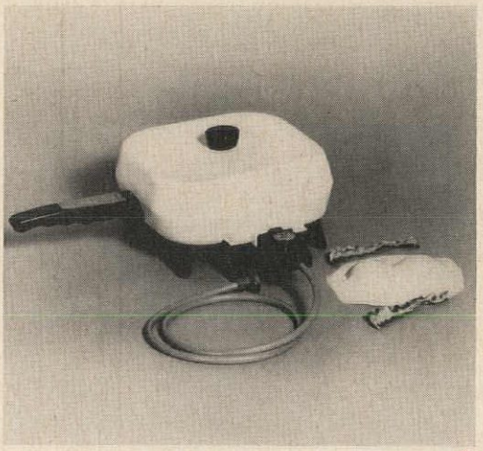

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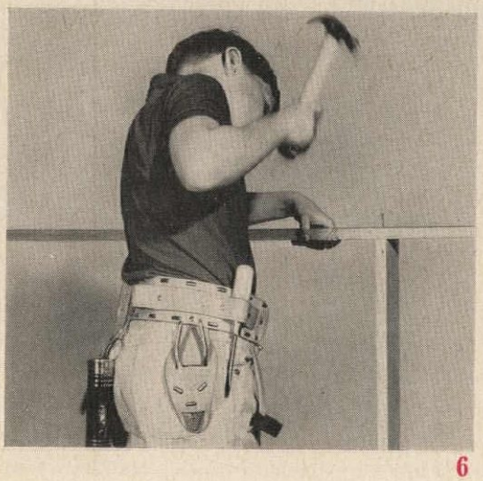

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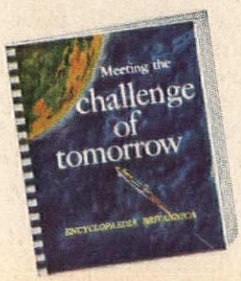

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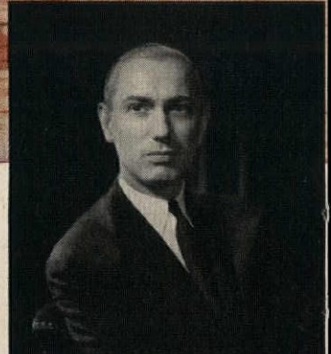

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If the lot and the proposed house were acceptable to FHA, and if you were acceptable as a mortgagor, FHA would issue a commitment to your lender to insure a mortgage on the property in a specified amount, based on the FHA estimate of value. On receiving the commitment the lender would make the necessary advances to you as construction proceeded, and FHA would make inspections during construction to see that the plans and specifications were complied with. When the house was completed, the mortgage would be endorsed for insurance.

I have heard that this is a good time to buy a home. Are FHA down payments and monthly payments lower now than they were a year ago? The home I have in mind is priced at $22,000.

Yes. The Housing Act of 1961, which became law on June 30, has made it possible to buy a home by making a down payment of as little as 3 per cent of $15,000 of value (as appraised by FHA), plus 10 per cent of the next $5000 of value, plus 25 per cent of the value above $20,000. The act also increased the maximum mortgage amount from $22,500 to $25,000.

If FHA appraised your house and lot at $22,000, the minimum down payment today could be as little as $1500. Under the formula in use a year ago it would have been at least $2100.

Of course, the small down payment means that your mortgage would be larger—$20,500, compared to $19,900 last year. But last year the interest rate could have been as high as 5¾ per cent; at present it is limited to not more than 5¼ per cent. So, today your monthly payment to interest and principal on a 30-year mortgage of $20,500 at 5¼ per cent would be $113.37. Last year, on a 30-year mortgage of $19,900 at 5¾ per cent it would have been $116.22.

Also, if your mortgage was approved by FHA before construction of the house was begun, your mortgage today might have a term as long as 35 years. On a 35-year mortgage of $20,500 at 5¼ per cent, the monthly payment to principal and interest would be $106.81.

In addition to the amount credited to principal and interest, the monthly payment on an FHA-insured mortgage includes the FHA mortgage insurance premium, estimated taxes, and property insurance premiums. It may also include items such as ground rents and special assessments. (continued on page 73)

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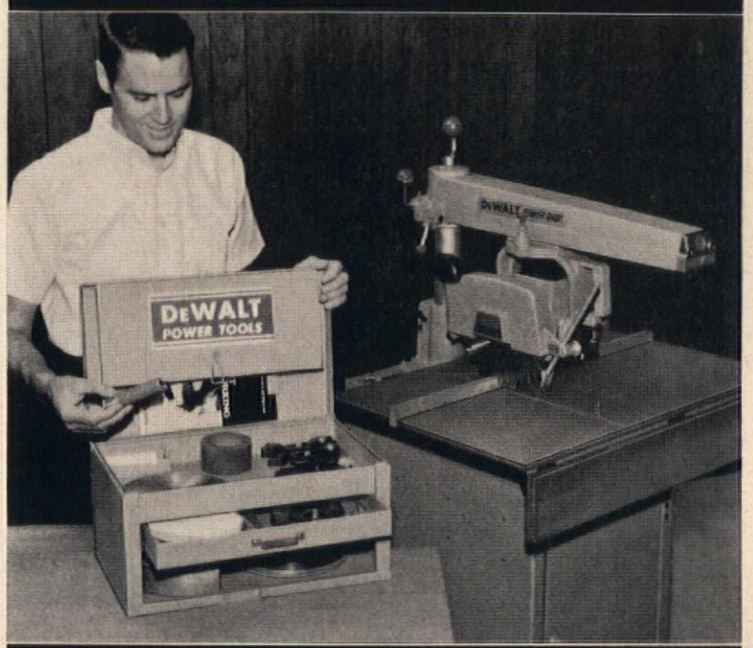

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BE A SHOW-OFF WITH YOUR COLLECTION

■ Are you one of the not-so-rare species who call themselves collectors? Do you haunt the secondhand stores, ferret out auction sales, scour the countryside in quest of a find? Welcome aboard!

The Big Search is a fascinating game. But we think there is more to collecting than just collecting. A collection should be seen, enjoyed and, most important, form an integral part of your decorating scheme. What fun is it to have four cartons of coin glass stashed away in your attic or three barrels of weathered decoys cluttering up the garage? Are you a Civil War buff, a fancier of Wedgwood, a push-over for Conestoga bells? Come out, come out wherever you are!

We don't suggest that you turn your home into a musty museum. Rather, have your collection reflect your own good taste and be a quiet reminder of your own personality. On these pages, we show you beautiful examples of what can be done with collections. We hope they'll give you inspiration for the one that you own!

Commedia dell' arte figurines representing characters of the 16th- and 17th-century Italian drama are handsomely displayed in the living room of actor Joseph Cotten. (See page 6.)

GEORGE DE GENNARO

RUDY MULLER

BOTTLES OF COLORFUL BEAUTY

Thirty-two years ago, Charles B. Gardner of New London, Connecticut, didn't know a pontil mark from a pucella. (A pontil mark is the distinguishing rough spot found on old blown glass; a pucella is a glass blower's tool.) Mr. Gardner was a gun collector, not a bottle collector. But a chance visit to the home of a glass-loving friend put bottles on his brain, and he promptly gave up pistols for pickle jars and demijohns.

This shimmering window is just a peek at Mr. Gardner's collection. Today he owns some 4500 rare bottles. In order to house his treasures, he built a two-story addition to his home, especially designed to display his bottles at their decorative best. Here is sparkling proof of the rewards of bottle collecting. You don't have to know anything about the history and mechanics of glass-making to appreciate this fascinating mosaic of color, shape, and pattern. Artistically aligned on sunlit shelves, the bottles glitter like jewels. The sun's rays play on warm glowing ambers, pale crystaly blues, brilliant ruby reds, deep vibrant greens. Framed advertisements, price lists, and such from old glass factories decorate the walls.

Glass bottles, with their subtle coloring and interesting shapes, have become a favorite of contemporary decorators. Inexpensive reproductions of authentic designs are available for the noncollector. But if you've anything of the collector about you, beware of the first pretty bottle with a pontil mark you pick up in an antique shop—it may be the beginning of a life-long career of bottle collecting that, like Mr. Gardner's, will mean adding an extra wing! (Bottles identified on page 71.)

Bright-colored bottles in every shape imaginable, from fish to Indian braves to rolling pins, shimmer in the sun on shelves especially built for collection.

ERNEST M. SILVA

BRIGHT RED SETS OFF A COLLECTION

Head over teacups for a tea collection? See what a vivid red background does for this gleaming collection of brass teakettles, trays, a large Indian box, dinner gong, and a treasured porcelain tea service. The traditionally styled china cabinet is a happy choice for this small dining room. If it's a pewter collection you're in love with, it will show to best advantage against bright blues or greens. Try a pastel color to frame delicate, flowery porcelain!

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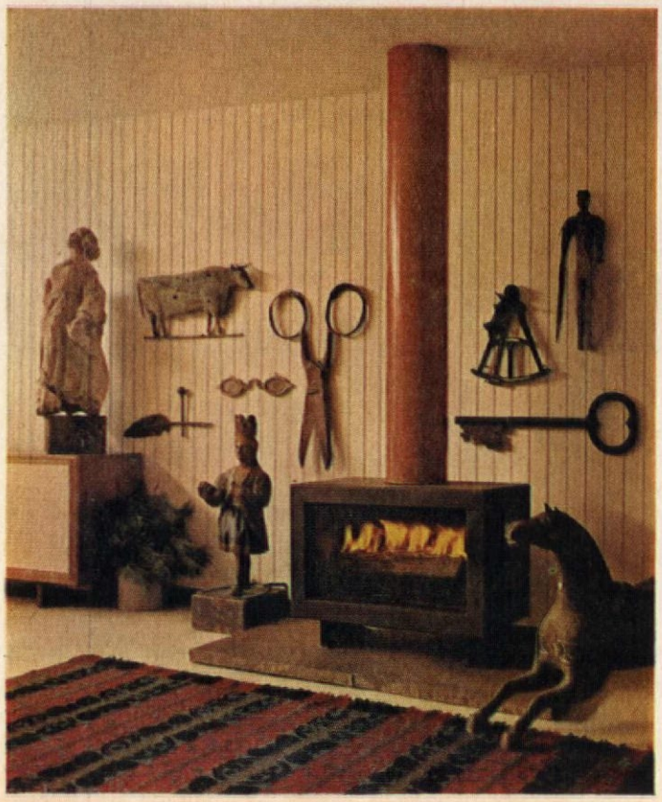

WINDSOR CHAIRS COME TO TEA

When Mrs. Doris S. Woolf of Houston, Texas, entertains, she makes wonderful use of her prized American Windsor chairs. In the dining room, there are a fan-back side chair and a rare highchair. In the archway and going clockwise, you'll see a comb-back armchair with carved ears, a bow back, a brace-back side chair, another bow chair and an armchair. Mrs. Woolf found her prizes in all parts of the country.

AMERICANA ON MODERN WALL

These delightful bits of early American life give character, charm, and texture to a contemporary interior. Against the paneled wall are early trade signs including the cigar store Indian, the tailor's scissors, the optician's eyeglasses, and the locksmith's key. Also shown are various weather vanes, a ship's figurehead, a quadrant, and a rocking horse.

INFORMATION: MURIAL HANNA REDNER PHOTOGRAPHED BY THE OWNER: G. WILLIAM HOLLAND

Collection courtesy of The Seamen's Bank for Savings, New York

Rudy Muller

YOU CAN ENJOY THE FASCINATING FUN OF OLD-TIME PENNY BANKS

Penny-pinching was fun in Victorian days. As a reward for saving, kids could watch a bunny's ears flop, a clown do handsprings on a globe, smiling Uncle Sam load his carpetbag, a "speaking dog" wag his tail. These 19th century mechanical banks and "still" banks make marvelous decorating accessories today. You might display a sweeping collection of banks, along with old patent papers, catalogue pages, and the like, against a colorful burlap background. You might set just two or three eye-catchers on a mantel or a shelf in a child's room. Patented originals can still be found in secondhand and antique shops or at auction sales. The average price is $35—less, if you're lucky; as high as $1000 for rare banks. Reproductions cast from original molds sell for $15 or so. *More about these banks and how to use them on page 72.*

FANCIFUL FANS GIVE A FEMININE TOUCH TO VICTORIAN DÉCOR

A collection of fans, many of which were once cherished by the great women of history, is the background for this Victorian parlor in New Orleans. Their owner is Fannie Mae Goldman and her vast collection includes a green plume fan owned by Lillian Russell, others by Madame du Barry (shown just above the sofa). There are ivory fans, sequin fans, lace fans!

However, Mrs. Goldman's collection is not a hodgepodge of bits and pieces. The fans are the basis for a beautifully co-ordinated decorating theme, which was devised by Mrs. Goldman with the help of decorator Archie Bland, A.I.D. Attractive framing and a symmetrical arrangement provide a good balance for the curvesome Victorian furniture. The colors of the mats add restraint to the decorating scheme while the simple black and gold frames show off the fans to perfection. (More about these fans on page 70.)

Dramatic fan collection is displayed on a white wall with handsome paneled dado. At left, feathers and plumes enhance the beauty of a spinet and needlepoint chair (fan at bottom once belonged to Lillian Russell). Above, the

elaborately carved Victorian sofa and chair, Oriental rug, and silver tea service blend beautifully with the collection of ivory, tortoise shell, lace, sandalwood, and sequined fans. Small fan on table is one of Mrs. Goldman's favorites.

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HARMONY ON DISPLAY

Collections of rare wooden pieces such as these are exciting to use decoratively. The glowing tones and beautiful grains blend with almost any decorating scheme. Here, in the home of folk singer Susan Reed, antique musical instruments are ideally displayed in a recess between the fireplace and window. Miss Reed is shown playing an Irish harp (she received her first when she was 14). Among the pieces on the wall behind her are a Chinese lute, Kentucky dulcimer, German lute, Austrian zither, Pennsylvania Dutch dulcimer, and a Liberian harp.

EARLY TOOLS FOR A MAN'S ROOM

Another handsome collection of wooden pieces are these crude but beautiful tools and implements owned by Arthur Burke of Fairfield, Connecticut. They're a natural for Mr. Burke, who in his spare time also likes to design furniture. The bold felt background is appropriate for the strong lines of the tools, while the deep red color reflects the warm tones of the wood. Informal arrangement of the items permits easy addition of new ones without destroying the existing visual balance. The table of Spanish design is particularly intriguing, looks almost as if it were a product of these tools. Tools identified on page 72.

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ADVICE FOR THE BUDDING COLLECTOR

■ If you are about to launch into the business of collecting seriously, you should never attempt it without first knowing something about your subject. Whether it's butter molds or jack-in-the-pulpit vases that have caught your fancy, there is no excuse for not knowing what you are about before you begin. With all the literature available today on antiques—books on specialized subjects, antiques magazines, articles in other periodicals—there is little reason to be in the dark about the things you like. Before you buy, it will pay you to scout the big antique shows, the museums, and the growing number of restored houses with authentic period furnishings.

Piling up knowledge as you go along is part of the fun and satisfaction of collecting and is the one way the confirmed collector becomes an authority in this field.

However, it's one thing to read about antiques, and another to recognize them "in the flesh." Many antique dealers become authorities in their special lines because they handle antique pieces daily. Their fingers learn to identify old glass by the feel and the ring. Or they can recognize the mellow patina of old wood. They know that weight, the finish of edges, size, and shape often have a lot to do with authenticating the real thing. Dealers also have an opportunity to compare the better examples with the poorer ones or with out-and-out copies. In fact, the best way you can teach yourself about the authenticity of a piece is to examine—even buy a known reproduction for comparison.

There is another thing to keep in mind if you are starting on a collecting career. What will you do with your collection if your interest lags? Will it become something to write off as Mother's Folly or will it be worth as much as you paid for it along the way? Over the years it should be worth more. But unless you have decided to avoid trash, or other worthless things, it won't matter how many hundreds of them you have; the collection will be worth little except to some unusual soul with a similar hankering. Of course, people can get excited over almost anything. Sometimes with good reason. Nobody handed Harry T. Peters very much when he started picking up the common Currier and Ives prints early in the 1900's!

While many of us would like to go in for expensive items—Gaudy Dutch, Prattware, Georgian silver, Sandwich glass—there are many areas not yet too expensive which are well worth the time and money spent on them. Samplers, for example, are not too expensive and are antiques in the best sense of the word. You can still get a nice piece of late Canton for $10. Late Adams Rose china is almost as satisfying as the early variety and not so expensive. Souvenir spoons offer the collector plenty of opportunity to specialize with little outlay of money.

The question often arises about selecting only perfect pieces. Is it a mistake to buy a piece that is nicked, flaked, cracked, or otherwise not "proof" as the dealers call it? In principle the answer is yes, in practice, no, it's not a mistake if the piece is a rare one or otherwise valuable. The reason is this: with the great onslaught on the antique market today, most of the perfect pieces are disappearing. What is left will have to be those pieces passed over in former years, the slightly chipped Waterford compote for instance, or the handsome Portobello pitcher which has been skillfully mended or riveted together. No mended piece, of course, will bring the same price as a proof piece if you should want to dispose of it in the near future, but over the years, as good pieces get even scarcer, it may well be worth as much as you would pay for the same piece in perfect condition today.

Prices of antiques will probably remain high as the supply diminishes, so always buy the very best you can afford in whatever category you select. If your choice is good, you will never lose out, nor your heirs after you.

APOTHECARY BOTTLES AND JARS ENLIVEN A FAMILY ROOM

Deep blue, amber, green, and clear apothecary bottles are a sprightly color accent in the home of Bob and Betsy Dring of Prairie Village, Kansas. The colored bottles were once used to protect drugs from sunlight; the "show globes" were filled with colored liquid for display. The Drings also have an assortment of porcelain jars with lovely painted designs surrounding the Latin inscriptions, tin and pottery tobacco jars, a mortar and pestle, and a druggist's scale.

INFORMATION: BEE REYNOLDS PHOTOGRAPHER: KRANZTEN STUDIOS

JUNE R. VOLLMAN

A TINY CLAPBOARD THAT GREW AND GREW AND GREW

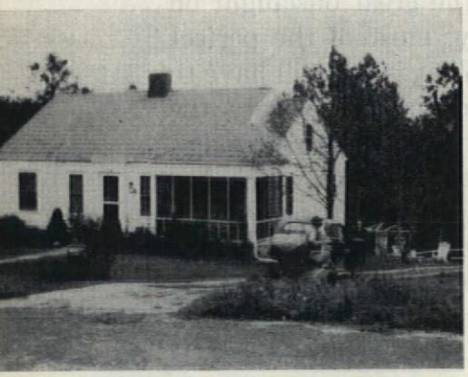
This charming old-brick colonial wasn't always the beauty it is today. When it was built, about 1938, it was just a plain-Jane clapboard cottage. The Frank Willinghams, of College Park, Georgia, purchased it in 1951, and have been changing and remodeling it ever since. The advent of three small Willinghams—Carol, Stephen, and David—made it imperative to expand.

Although the cottage had a den and a screened porch, neither was large enough to provide play space for three active children. So the first project was to excavate the basement. A delightful playroom with plenty of room for toys and hobbies was the result.

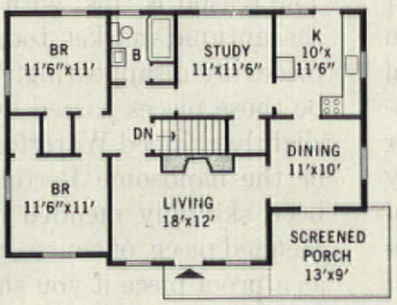
The second step in remodeling was to combine the den and kitchen. This gave them a family room-kitchen with plenty of storage space including a place for TV. Since there had been only three closets in the whole house the new storage was a real boon.

Next the living room, dining room, and porch were made into one really spacious area for living and entertaining. A small alcove in this room, near the entry, provided a perfect setting for the organ Mr. Willingham had been storing in the attic.

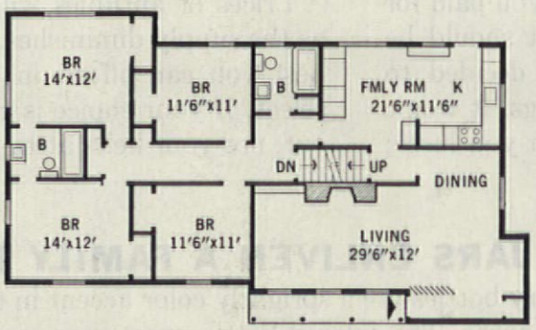
The last stage in the remodeling was the addition of a bedroom wing and brick siding. This wing has two bedrooms and a bath.



Unpretentious clapboard house, *bought by the Willinghams in 1951 soon after they were married, was perfect for their needs then. But three children later, the house seemed to have shrunk considerably.*

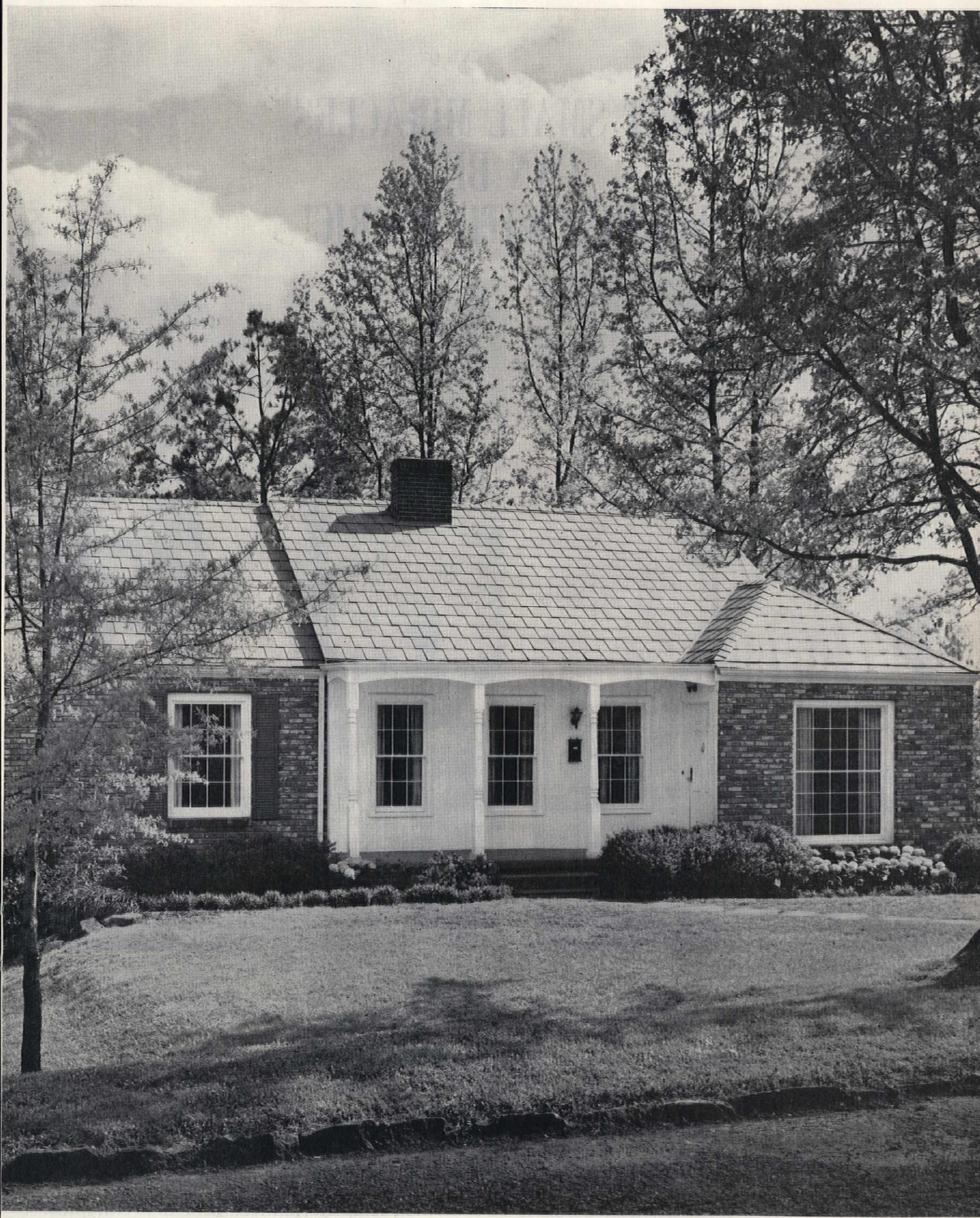


Original plan *had only two bedrooms, three small closets. The first change was to excavate the basement and build a playroom—perfect place for the children to play in a small house.*



New wing gives the Willinghams all the room they need for a family of five. The second bath is convenient to both bedrooms.

The new look. *You'd hardly believe this is the same home. A complete face lifting with old brick, small-paned windows, green shutters, white vertical siding, and carved posts provides an authentic colonial flavor. In order to keep remodeling costs at a minimum, the Willinghams did most of the work themselves.*



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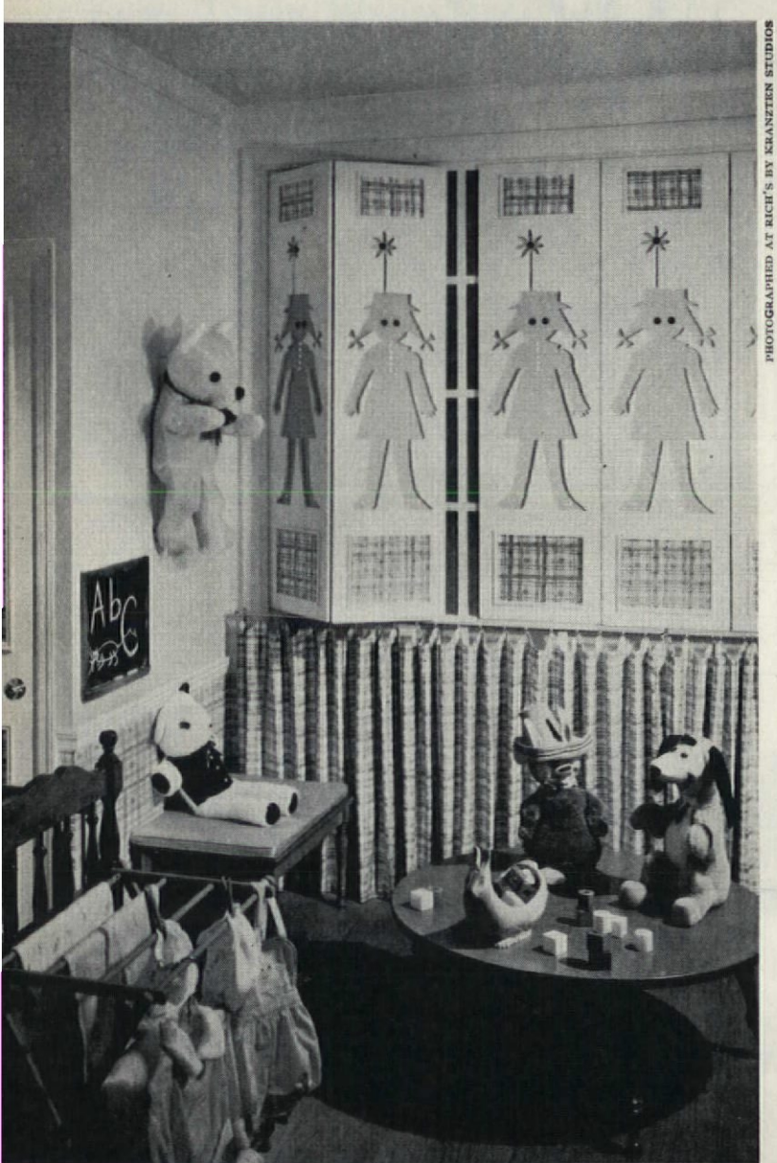
WHAT SMALL MIRACLES CAN BE WORKED WITH FABRIC!



PHOTOGRAPHED AT RICH'S BY KRANZTEN STUDIOS

Crisp plaid chintz used for café curtains, and for dado, door, and shutter panels, gives this bright nursery a perfectly co-ordinated look. Amusing shutters have "paper dolls" cut out and backed with felt. To adapt, you might cut dolls from felt and paste them on.

PHOTOGRAPHER: F. M. DEMAREST

A lovely traditional print enhances these furnishings, but the genius stroke is the way an ordinary window has been handled to create the high, elegant lines of yesteryear. The valance, contoured to the fabric pattern, is mounted well above window. Soft fringe adds richness to the cotton print.

There's more to choosing fabric than picking something pretty to suit your color scheme. How much you use, and the way you cut, drape, and trim it, these are what make the difference. If you're handy with scissors and needle, you'll have no trouble duplicating or adapting these ideas. Consider ways you might use fabric and matching wallpaper. Choose contrasting or matching piping, fringe, or braid to give your work a professionally finished look. Use fabric in unexpected places—on door panels, as a dado, as a ceiling border. Let these suggestions help you to create bright, attractive fabric effects with shaped valances and bed canopies.

DECORATOR: HARRY GLADSTONE INTERIORS PHOTOGRAPHER: GEORGE DE GENNARO

A pumpkin-colored lambrequin *at the window and a canopy over the bed give color and design to a young girl's room. Striped fabric has been quartered and fit for perky twin pillows and used again to bind the lamp shade. The same stripe covers a little chair (not shown).*

DECORATOR: JO ANN CHILTON & ASSOC. PHOTOGRAPHER: LISANTI

Make a big splash *in your bathroom décor with felt and fringe. (Don't forget to line your shower curtain with clear plastic.) Felt comes 72 inches wide, and is easily pinch-pleated. Old sewing machine was painted for a dressing table; blue apothecaries add a bright accent.*

PHOTOGRAPHED AT MACY'S BY EARNEST M. SILVA

A little fabric goes a long way *when combined with matching wallpaper. In the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Woods of Pacific Palisades, California, a fringe-trimmed cotton taffeta swag, with tambour curtains, makes a graceful window treatment. Two matching Victorian chairs stand by an antique desk, painted the blue of the fabric.*

DECORATOR: HARRY GLADSTONE INTERIORS PHOTOGRAPHER: GEORGE DE GENNARO

Hand quilting adds richness *and texture to fabric. Here, eagles and stars have been outlined on a valance, which was cut to emphasize the pattern. Oval pillows, too, are shaped to frame the eagle. The blue piping on the valance makes a nice contrast to the deep red of the fabric. It's details such as these that make for decorating perfection.*

EVEN GRANDMOTHERS NEED FAMILY ROOMS

This hospitable family room belongs to decorator Mildred Newton Norton of Red Bank, New Jersey. Her granddaughters, Cathy, 4, and Susan, 8, spend many mornings playing here or on the adjoining patio. Her other grandchildren, Jane, 13, and John, 18, are apt to stop by at any time for news and snacks. The room is also a favorite meeting place for Mrs. Norton's own circle of friends. There's a large welcoming fireplace with built-in oven and grill, and a handy pass-through kitchen opposite.

The 18x20′ room takes its color scheme from the print-covered club chairs which reflect the mellow tones of the used-brick fireplace. Accessories include a family portrait over the mahogany butler's desk, an old red French tole coalbin used as an end table, a tea canister which serves as a table lamp, and a Staffordshire Louis Napoleon figure.

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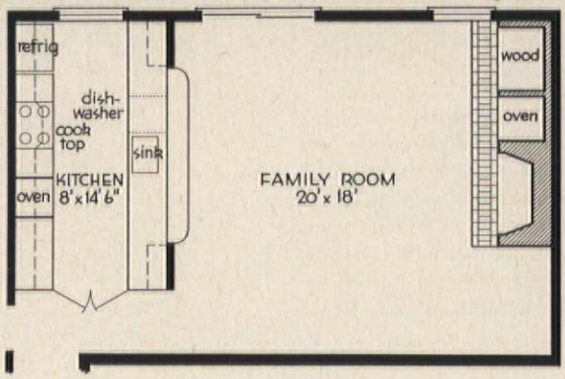
***Dining table** at one end of room is convenient to pass-through kitchen. Sliding glass door leads to the patio.*



***Family room** could easily serve as an apartment wing.*

***Fireplace wall** of used brick has built-in oven and grill. Above the*

wood storage is a spotlighted niche for the imposing eagle which Mrs. Norton found in an old post office. Coffee table was formerly the top of a spinet piano.

F. M. Demarest

JUNE M. TOWNE and Foods Staff

You bring the fixin's!

Here's a bright idea to lighten the load in a bustling Thanksgiving kitchen. While the hostess tends to the plump golden turkey, the creamy whipped potatoes, and the baking powder biscuits, the rest of the family brings a dish to make this a feast to end all feasts! Who'll tote the Cheese Puffs for nibbling or the Spinach-Stuffed Onions baked in a creamy hollandaise-type sauce? Anyone for a new twist in old-time favorites—a casserole of Brussels Sprouts and Chestnuts or Orange-Glazed Sweet Potato Sticks? If you're a whiz at pies—bring two! Lemon Chiffon with Pear-Cranberry Topping or a Pecan-Pumpkin Pie with a chewy, crunchy nut topping. *Recipes on page 63.*

■ Why do Americans drink over 400 million cups of coffee every day? We're a nation of coffee lovers. That's why. There are wives who won't lift an eyelid without it, husbands who pound tables for it. Secretaries won't type without it, truck drivers won't drive without it. The cheerful coffee break starts your day or ends it, peps you up or calms you down, stimulates good conversation or makes talk unnecessary. Why then is the art of brewing a decent cup of coffee such an elusive thing? Why do happily married couples squabble over it, hearty men re-enlist in the Navy for it? Why do some perk it, others drip it, still others dunk eggshells into it? Because everybody's taste in coffee is as personal as the color of his eyes. The cup that sends you off into a

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wave of ecstasy can make your kaffeeklatsch neighbor's hair stand on end. We've come up with some conclusions though—and we've our own American Home Testing Center to prove them. Whether your taste runs to strong, weak, or in between, there are *four* things every good cup of coffee should be. It should be clear, full-bodied, aromatic, and be served at a piping 185° F. How to brew such a cup of coffee? The answers are many but not complex, as the following pages will prove. We have found there are two major factors that determine the difference between good coffee and poor—the cleanliness of your coffee maker and your method of preparation. Perfect these and you'll hear the musical words, "What delicious coffee! May I have another cup?"

(continued)

THE SIGN OF A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE

It all begins with a coffee maker! *Here are a few of many you can buy (l. to r.): 10-cup automatic vacuum; 8-cup glass percolator; automatic percolators in 12- and 8-cup sizes; 8-cup percolator; 9-cup automatic; quart-size (9-cup) filter flask; 30-cup automatic perk; 10-cup enamelware boiler; 10-cup automatic perk; 9-cup dripolator.* *Shopping information, page 74.*

How's the coffee at your house? If it falls short of what *you* call perfect, it's time to find out what you're doing wrong. As we've said, the unclean coffee maker is the most common cause of poor coffee. Oils in coffee do more than stain the inside of your coffee pot; they add a rancid or bitter taste to the cup, too. Just rinsing isn't enough, no matter how automatic your equipment may be. It takes hot suds, a brush for spouts and tubes, and an occasional treatment with one of the special stain removers. Be sure you follow the directions on the label, rinse well with hot water, and dry thoroughly.

The second major factor, your method of preparation, brings up several important points.

First, and foremost, is the coffee itself—the kind you buy, how you keep it, how you measure it.

The coffee you use is a matter of personal taste. Of the 100 kinds of coffee beans grown, no *one* is perfect in every way. Some are more flavorful, some more aromatic, and they vary widely in price according to how plentiful they are. Finding a blend and roast you really like is a matter of trial and error. If you like the coffee a friend serves better than you do your own, by all means ask what brand it is and try it.

Though there is some truth in the claim that more expensive coffees are more full-bodied or aromatic, price is no absolute guarantee of pleasure in your cup.

Make sure it's fresh. Fresh coffee makes the finest brew, so buy it in sizes you can use within a week, if possible. Heat, air, and moisture rob ground coffee of flavor and aroma, so cover it tightly and keep it cool, preferably in your refrigerator.

Buy the right grind for your coffee maker—coarse or regular for perked, filtered, or steeped coffee; fine or drip grind for dripolators and most vacuum pots.

If your brewing methods vary, consider grinding your own coffee with an electric coffee mill. Just dial the grind you want as you need it. You can also grind coffee in some electric blenders. The instruction booklet explains how.

How you measure, again, depends on individual taste. The Coffee Brewing Institute advises two level tablespoons (a standard coffee measure) per six-ounce cup, but you may prefer a bit more or less. Do measure, however, for consistent results.

Your coffee maker is the next important factor on the list. Take your choice of five basic types.

A percolator is hard to match for aroma. It extracts flavor gradually by spraying hot water over coarsely ground coffee and fills the house with fragrance. Percolators come in all sizes, from two cups to over 40. Automatics rank high on gift lists, particularly with hostesses who love the convenience of brewing coffee and keeping it hot without clock-watching. But don't let all this lead you into bad habits—such as forgetting to take used grounds out of the pot when perking is done or neglecting to unplug it when it nears empty. Read directions for filling, measuring, and cleaning, follow them faithfully, and you'll be rewarded with consistently delicious coffee.

Automatic features may include adjustable flavor controls to set for desired strength, "hold" or "reheat" settings, signal lights that announce coffee is done, and even gauges that show how much is left. Most hold the brew at near-perfect serving temperature, so long as they contain at least two cups. And many are immersible.

You can also brew a wonderful cup of coffee in a nonautomatic percolator, of course, but you'll have to keep one eye on the clock. To avoid over-perking, allow six to eight minutes on *low* heat.

A vacuum coffee maker leaves no room for the error of forgetting to remove used grounds, for water and coffee (fine grind) go into separate containers and bubble together for only one to three minutes. You can't pour without removing the top bowl.

Electric automatic models are generally chrome-plated. Range-top models, most often made of glass, come in sizes up to 12 cups. Major difference, of course, is in timing and regulating the heat.

A dripolator eliminates clock-watching altogether, since it operates on the law of gravity. You can buy one in any size, from one cup to 20 or more. Most are made of aluminum, though some have ceramic bottoms that can double as teapots. The drip method makes excellent coffee, so long as you use the right proportions of drip grind coffee and boiling water. The equipment is also easy to clean.

The filtered method produces the clearest coffee of all, but takes a little more time and attention. The equipment consists of a glass flask, available in sizes from one pint (1–3 cups) to three quarts (6–20 cups), and special paper filters that are used only once. Regular grind coffee goes into the filter and hot water is poured over it very gradually to extract flavor. Because filtered coffee is so clear, it can be held at serving temperature almost indefinitely without flavor change. Boiling will ruin it, however, so a special "waterbath" is used to keep it hot. The flask stands in a low pan of simmering water. Even if the water boils, the coffee in the flask won't. Therefore, you can reheat coffee or keep it hot indefinitely.

A coffee boiler for making boiled or steeped coffee is usually reserved for camping out these days, but there are those who insist nothing can compare with it. Real experts add an egg, shell and all, to make the brew clear. Another trick is to add a dash of cold water to the boiler to settle the grounds before pouring. If you're a novice, check your favorite cook book for a steeped coffee recipe.

Here are some more points to think about:

Start with cold water fresh from the tap. Hot water lines may add an off-taste. Water you like to drink makes the best coffee.

Timing is critical in brewing coffee to taste the same every time. Controlled timing is one of the big selling points of automatic coffee makers. The idea is to extract all the good coffee flavor, but none of the bitterness. In a range-top percolator it takes six to eight minutes, but only one to three minutes in the vacuum method. If you're brewing another pot of coffee in an automatic, however, cool it down by filling it with cold water first. Otherwise, the timing will be affected, making the coffee weak.

Temperature also affects coffee flavor. Too much heat makes the brew bitter, cloudy, and acrid-smelling. Electric coffee makers regulate heat automatically, of course, but range-top equipment needs close watching. Though most methods start with bringing water to a boil, it's time to reduce the heat the moment water and coffee get together.

Remove the grounds immediately after brewing. Used grounds tend to cloud coffee, make it bitter, and absorb its fine aroma.

Serve coffee freshly brewed. If it must wait, keep it over very low heat. Ideal holding temperature is 185° F., well below simmering. Most automatic coffee makers maintain about this temperature unless contents are very low. For the same effect in ordinary coffee makers, try the waterbath idea. In any case, don't let coffee boil and ruin the flavor.

Does it have aroma? Aroma may be affected by the coffee itself or your brewing method and technique. Freshness guarantees fragrance. Exposed to air, ground coffee loses aroma and even picks up foreign odors. Aroma varies according to blend and roast, too. If you're dissatisfied, experiment with a new brand.

The way you brew coffee affects aroma, though not necessarily in the cup. A dripolator gives off practically no aroma, compared with perking. If, instead of mouth-watering fragrance, your percolator is emitting a scorched odor, you may be perking too fast or too long. And, incidentally, did you really wash it last time?

Weak flavor could mean too little coffee, but not always. If you use a drip or filter coffee maker, the brew may just need stirring to distribute flavor evenly. In an automatic percolator, failing to use cold water or dropping coffee down the stem will make the brew weak.

If your coffee is bitter, it usually means you've extracted too much from too little coffee. Try more coffee, less time, and perhaps a coarser grind or lighter roast. Bitterness could also be a sign that your coffee maker needs thorough cleaning. Often it's just the result of keeping coffee too hot or too long. (continued on page 70)

TAKE A CUT-UP CHICKEN*

TAKE A CAN OF SOUP

NOW LOOK WHAT YOU CAN DO

*Or 2 lb. chicken parts; thaw, if frozen.

MUSHROOM CHICKEN

Put chicken (skin-side down) in baking dish (12 x 8 x 2"); pour 2 tbsp. melted butter over. Bake at 400°F. 20 min.; turn; bake 20 min. more. Stir 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup till smooth. Top chicken with soup, ¼ cup toasted slivered almonds. Bake 20 min. 4 to 6 servings.

TOMATO CHICKEN

Put chicken (skin-side down) in baking dish (12 x 8 x 2"); pour 2 tbsp. melted butter over. Bake at 400°F. for 20 min.; turn; bake 20 min. more. Pour 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup over chicken; sprinkle with ¼ tsp. leaf oregano, dash garlic powder. Bake 20 min. more. 4 to 6 delicious servings.

CELERY CHICKEN

Put chicken (skin-side down) in baking dish (12 x 8 x 2"); pour 2 tbsp. melted butter over. Bake at 400°F. for 20 min.; turn; bake 20 min. more. Stir 1 can Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup till smooth; pour over chicken; sprinkle with 2 tbsp. chopped parsley. Bake 20 min. more. 4 to 6 souper servings.

M'm! M'm! Good! When the soup is Campbell's

TURKEY ROUND-UP

Of course you're having turkey for Thanksgiving—it's the traditional fare—and as American as Plymouth Rock or apple pie.

The size of the gathering at your house determines the kind and the amount of turkey you will buy. The small family may choose a small turkey or parts from a bigger bird. For larger families there is a wide range of turkey sizes. Newest among turkey choices is the class called "Turkey Fryer-Roasters," marketed when about half grown—3 to 4 months old. Ready to cook, these very young birds may weigh from 3 to 8 pounds. The smaller sizes may be disjointed and fried, or split and broiled, like chicken—by adjusting cooking time to thickness of pieces. Any of these, stuffed and roasted, is a fine choice for any dinner.

Those who wish to concentrate on all dark or white meat will find the quarters their best choice. Whichever you buy, remember the rule of thumb—for each generous serving of roasted whole turkey (you may need more than one serving per person) allow ¾ to 1 pound of ready-to-cook weight for birds weighing less than 12 pounds; ½ to ¾ pound for birds weighing 12 pounds and over. For each serving of roasted turkey quarter or half allow ½ to ¾ pound of ready-to-cook weight.

Servings needed	Pounds of turkey
4 to 10	4 to 8
10 to 20	8 to 12
20 to 30	12 to 16
30 to 40	16 to 20
40 to 50	20 to 24

THAWING

Follow package directions, or use one or a combination of these methods:

1. Thaw the bird in the refrigerator in its original wrapping. Allow 2 to 3 days for whole birds, halves, or quarters.
2. Place the bird in its original wrap under running cold water. Allow 2 to 6 hours.

Thawing may be started in the refrigerator and finished under cold running water.

It is preferable to cook the turkey promptly after you have defrosted it. A defrosted ready-to-cook or a fresh-drawn turkey can be kept for two or three days in a refrigerator at 38° F. or less.

CLEANING

Ready-to-cook turkey should need little cleaning. If additional cleaning is necessary:

- Remove pinfeathers, using tweezers or strawberry huller, or by catching them between thumb and paring knife. To loosen stubborn pinfeathers, place bird in sink under stream of cold water and scrape spots with knife.
- Remove bits of lung, kidney, etc., remaining in cavity.
- Rinse outside thoroughly.
- Rinse cavity with cold water.
- Dry bird with a clean cloth.

STUFFING

Turkey should be stuffed just before roasting. Stuffing a turkey and refrigerating or freezing it at home for later use is not recommended. You may start preparing the stuffing a day or so ahead of time if you like, but refrigerate the

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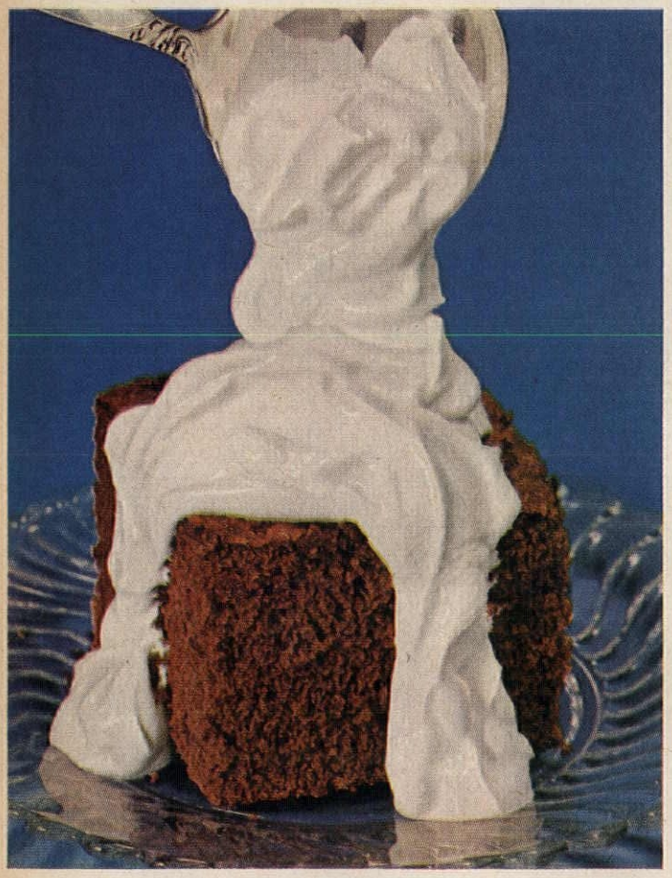

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dry ingredients and broth separately until time to use, then combine the ingredients just before stuffing the bird.

Allow 1 cup stuffing per pound ready-to-cook weight or ¾ cup stuffing per pound dressed weight to fill body and neck cavities. A 1-pound loaf of white bread will make about 2 quarts (8 cups) of half-inch crumbs. Pull the bread apart or cut it into cubes. Pile it lightly in the cup to measure.

Spoon the stuffing into the bird lightly—don't pack! Packing may result in a soggy stuffing or cause the bird to burst when stuffing expands during cooking.

A word of caution to those who prefer a moist stuffing—add broth lightly to the dry ingredients. A few tablespoons is enough, for stuffing takes up moisture from turkey during roasting.

After stuffing the neck cavity, skewer the neck skin to the back. When the body cavity has been stuffed, push the drumsticks under the band of skin at the tail, if it is present. Or skewer and lace the opening closed and tie the legs to the tail.

ROASTING

Place the turkey on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Have the bird breast side up unless it is to be turned during roasting. Small birds roast well without turning. Heavy birds (18 pounds and over) cook more evenly if started breast down and turned when half done. If a roast meat thermometer is used, insert it so that the bulb is in the center part of the inside thigh muscle or the thickest part of the breast meat. Be sure the bulb does not touch bone.

Brush the skin of the turkey with soft or melted fat. Do not cover pan; do not add water. Cover the top and sides of the bird with a loose tent of aluminum foil or a fat-moistened piece of clean white cheesecloth.

Place in a slow oven (325° F.) and roast, using the table below as a guide.

Timetable—325° (slow) oven

6 to 8 lbs.	2½ to 4 hrs.
8 to 12 lbs.	4 to 4½ hrs.
12 to 16 lbs.	4½ to 5½ hrs.
16 to 20 lbs.	5½ to 7 hrs.
20 to 24 lbs.	7 to 8½ hrs.

You will note the chart gives approximate time to roast fresh or completely thawed birds. (Do not use it for commercially frozen stuffed turkeys. Follow directions on package for roasting them.) Unstuffed turkeys require approximately five minutes per pound less time. It is well to plan the roasting time so that the turkey will be done 20 to 30 minutes before serving time. Letting the turkey "rest" helps make the meat juicy and carving easy, and gives you time to make the gravy.

Baste the turkey with the pan drippings or melted fat several times during roasting. When the turkey is two-thirds done, cut the cord or bridge of skin to release legs—the bird cooks better and looks better.

To test the turkey for doneness, move the drumstick up and down. If it moves readily or twists out of the joint, the turkey is done. Or press the fleshy part of the drumstick, using a cloth or paper towel to protect the fingers. If the meat feels very soft, it is done. A meat thermometer should register 190° F.

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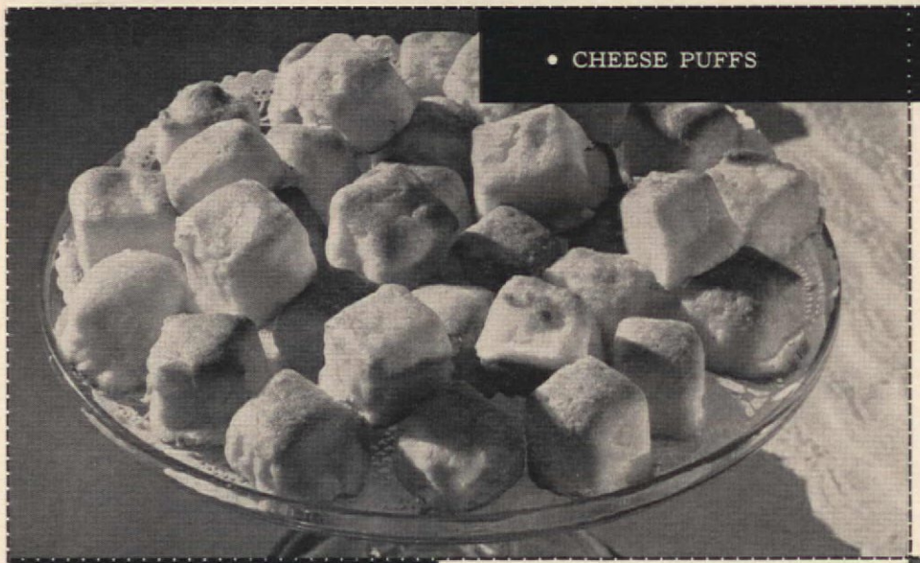

• CHEESE PUFFS

• LEMON CHIFFON PIE WITH PEAR-CRANBERRY TOPPING

Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 2–3 hrs.

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
⅔ c. sugar
¾ c. water
¼ c. lemon juice
4 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 tbs. grated lemon rind
4 egg whites
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
4 tbs. sugar
1 baked 9-inch pastry shell
1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) pear halves, drained
1 can (7 oz.) whole cranberry sauce

● Mix gelatin, ⅔ cup sugar, water, lemon juice, and egg yolks in saucepan; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, just until mixture comes to boiling. Remove from heat; stir in lemon rind; cool. Chill in refrigerator, or set over ice, until mixture mounds when spooned. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar in large bowl until frothy; beat in sugar one tablespoon at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is dissolved. Continue to beat until stiff peaks form; fold into lemon mixture; pile into pastry shell. Dry 6 pear halves with paper towel; press, cut side up, onto pie (use any leftover halves another time); chill one hour. Drain cranberry sauce; break up with fork in small bowl. Spoon sauce between pear halves and into centers of pears. Chill 1 to 2 hours before serving.

Makes 6 servings *400 cal. per serving* *1 Source of Vitamins A, C*

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• PECAN-PUMPKIN PIE

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 45 min.

½ c. chopped pecans
¼ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
¼ c. melted butter or margarine
2 eggs
¾ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 can (about 1 lb.) pumpkin (1¾ c.)
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ginger
½ tsp. nutmeg
¼ tsp. ground cloves
1 tall can evaporated milk (1⅔ c.)
1 9-inch unbaked pastry shell

● Combine pecans, ¼ cup brown sugar, and melted butter or margarine in small bowl; reserve. Beat eggs slightly in large bowl; add ¾ cup brown sugar, pumpkin, salt, and spices; mix well. Stir in evaporated milk; pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 15 minutes. Reduce heat to moderate (375° F.); bake 20 minutes. Arrange nut mixture around edge and in center of pie; bake an additional 10 minutes, or until knife inserted halfway between edge and center comes out clean. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *522 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, C*

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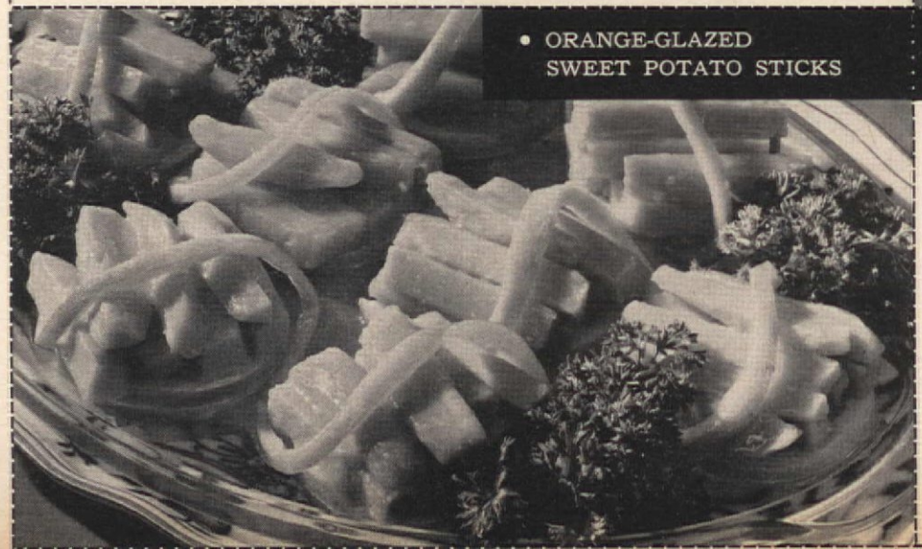
• BRUSSELS SPROUTS AND CHESTNUTS



• ORANGE-GLAZED SWEET POTATO STICKS

• SPINACH-STUFFED ONIONS

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

8 large onions, peeled
1 c. mayonnaise or salad dressing
¼ c. lemon juice
⅓ c. milk
1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach
1 tsp. seasoned salt
2 pimientos, cut in strips

● Cook onions in boiling salted water 20 minutes, or until tender (do not overcook). Combine mayonnaise or salad dressing, lemon juice, and milk in small bowl. Cook spinach according to package directions; drain very well. Remove centers from onions; chop; mix with spinach, seasoned salt, and 2 tablespoons mayonnaise mixture. Stuff onions with spinach mixture; garnish with pimiento strips. Place onions in baking dish; pour remaining mayonnaise mixture into dish. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes, or until heated through.

Makes 8 servings *294 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, C*

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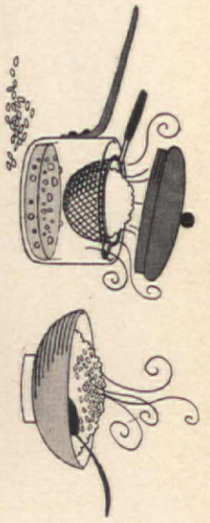

To reheat leftover rice, place it in a strainer over (not in) boiling water. Cover and steam about 10 minutes, or until hot and fluffy.

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• ORANGE-GLAZED SWEET POTATO STICKS

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

2 lbs. yams or sweet potatoes or 2 cans (1 lb. 10 oz. each) yams or sweet potatoes, in syrup
3 large navel oranges
2 cans (6 oz. each) concentrated frozen orange juice
½ c. (1 stick) butter or margarine
½ c. sugar

• Cook potatoes in jackets in boiling salted water just until tender; drain; peel. Cut potatoes into ½-inch wide sticks. (For canned potatoes, drain and cut into sticks.) Slice oranges; select 8 largest slices. Remove rind from remaining slices (use orange sections in other cooking). Arrange potato sticks on 8 orange slices; place in shallow baking dish; loop rind pieces over top. Heat orange juice, butter or margarine, and sugar in small saucepan until blended and heated through. Spoon one third of mixture over potatoes. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes, basting with remaining orange sauce until potatoes are richly glazed.

Makes 8 servings *373 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, C*

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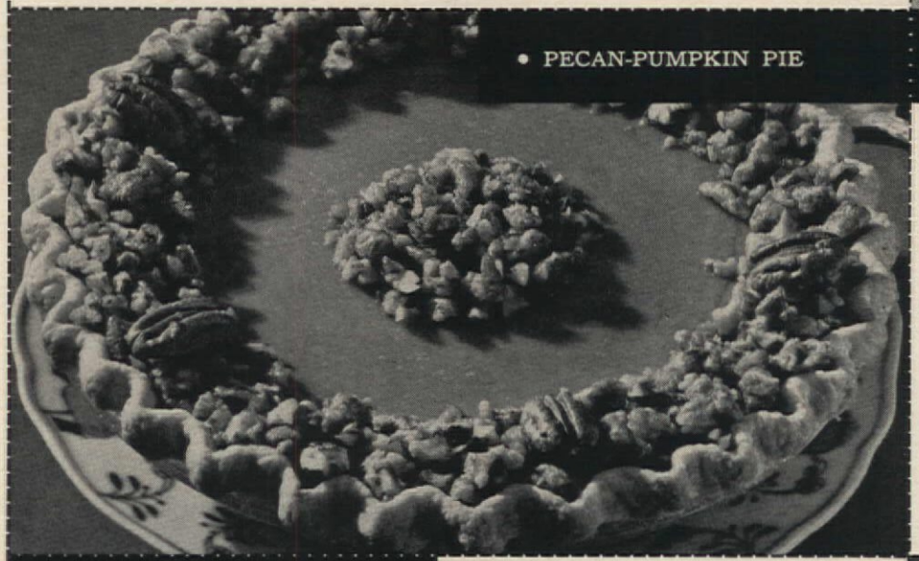
• SPINACH-STUFFED ONIONS



• PECAN-PUMPKIN PIE

• BRUSSELS SPROUTS AND CHESTNUTS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 15 min.

½ c. (1 stick) butter or margarine
½ lb. chestnuts, shelled, skinned, and sliced
2. c. water
2 tbs. instant minced onion
2 envelopes or 2 tbs. granulated beef or chicken bouillon
1½ qts. fresh Brussels sprouts or 4 pkg. frozen Brussels sprouts

• Melt butter or margarine in large skillet; add chestnuts; sauté until golden. Remove and keep warm. Combine water, onion, and bouillon in skillet; bring to boiling. Add Brussels sprouts; cook until tender; drain. Add warm chestnuts and butter or margarine; toss gently.

Makes 8 servings *293 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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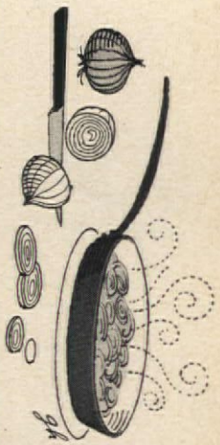

Sauté onions for two reasons: to give them a more subtle flavor when combined with other foods and to make them more digestible.

• CHEESE PUFFS

Preparation time: 20 min.
Chilling time: Overnight
Baking time: 12–15 min.

1 loaf firm, unsliced, white bread
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese
¼ lb. sharp Cheddar cheese
½ c. (1 stick) butter or margarine
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

• Trim crusts from bread; cut bread into 1-inch cubes. Melt cheeses and butter or margarine in top of double boiler over hot water until of rarebit consistency. Remove from heat; fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Dip bread cubes into cheese mixture until well coated; place on cooky sheet. Refrigerate overnight. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 12 to 15 minutes, or until puffy and golden brown.

Makes about 4 dozen *56 cal. each* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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• LEMON CHIFFON PIE WITH PEAR-CRANBERRY TOPPING

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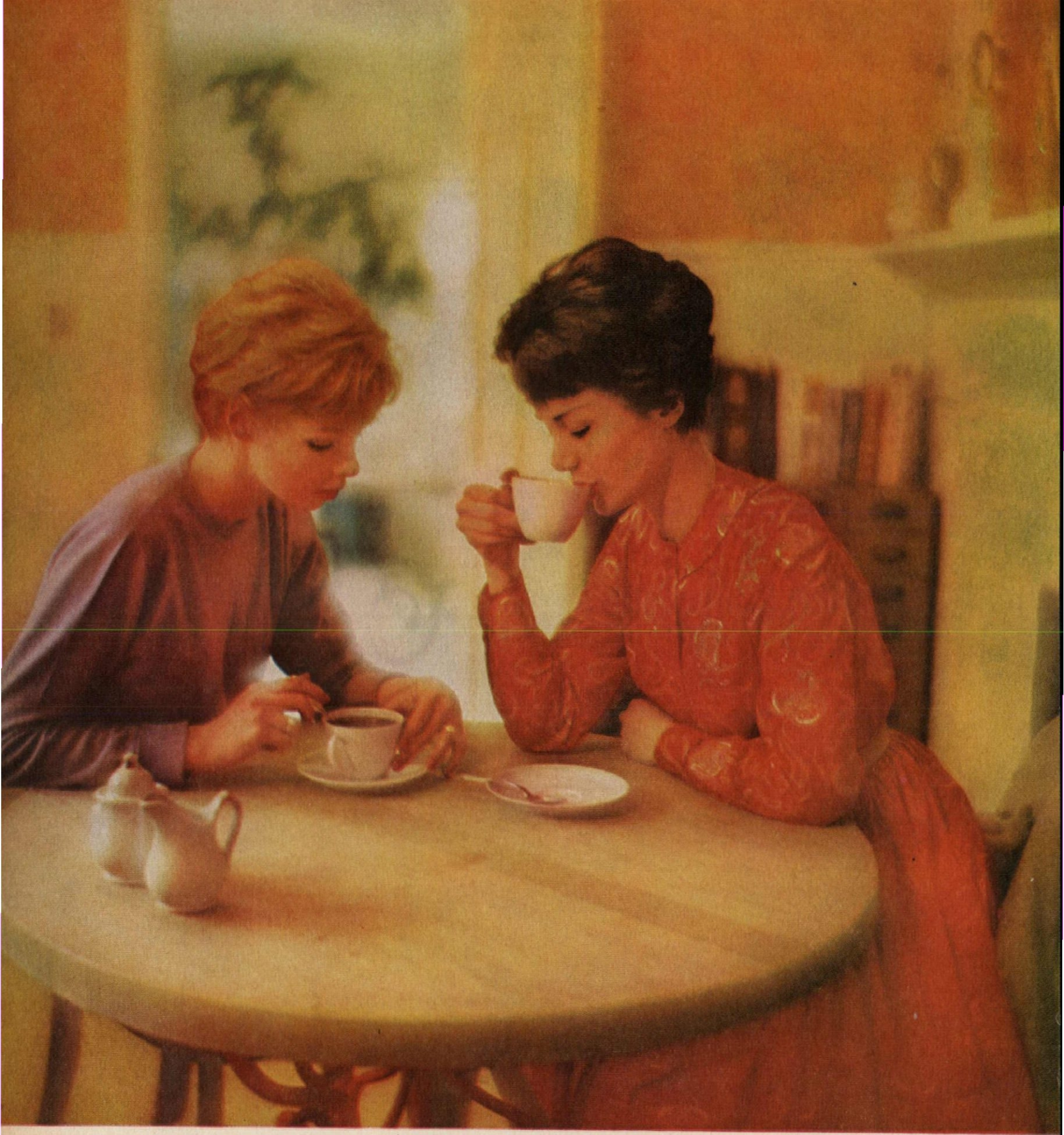

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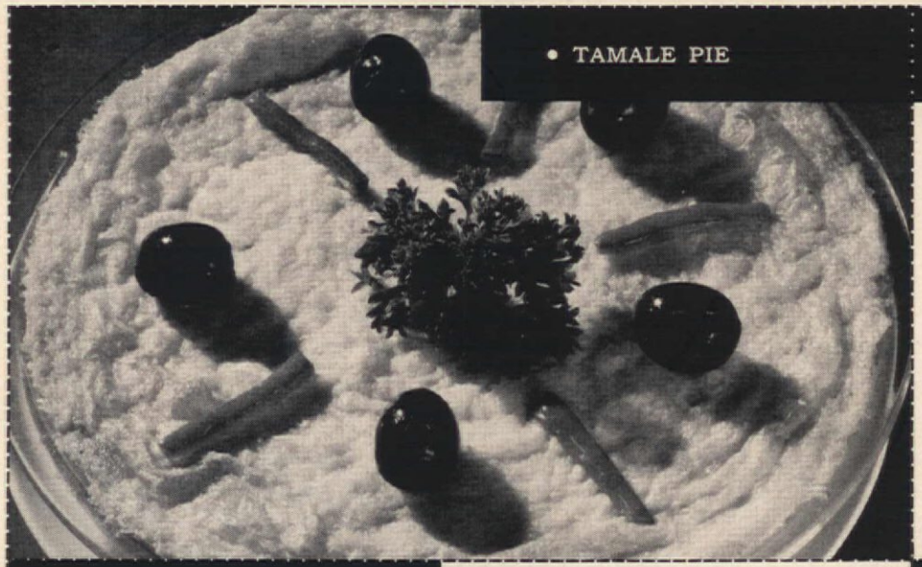
Take a Package of Processed Meat

(pictured in color on pages 58 and 59)



• TAMALE PIE

• QUICK BOILED DINNER

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 35 min.

2 lbs. knockwurst (or frankfurters)
6 c. boiling water
3 beef bouillon cubes
1½ tsp. salt
4 medium-sized potatoes, pared and quartered
4 carrots, pared and cut in pieces
4 white turnips, pared and quartered
1½ lb. head green cabbage, cut in 6 wedges

• Put knockwurst in boiling water; cover; let stand 12 minutes. Remove knockwurst; cover; keep warm. Add bouillon cubes and salt to water remaining in saucepan; heat until cubes dissolve. Add vegetables; cover; bring to boiling; boil gently 20 minutes. Drain and serve with knockwurst. (Knockwurst may be reheated, if necessary, in hot liquid for 2 minutes.) Serve with horseradish or mustard pickle, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *513 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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• BOLOGNA SKILLET SUPPER

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 25–30 min.

1 pkg. (6 oz.) bologna, cut in strips
2 tbs. butter or margarine
1 large onion, sliced and separated into rings (¾ c.)
1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) tomatoes, drained
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen peas
¾ tsp. salt
½ tsp. oregano
Dash of pepper
1 envelope (½ pkg.) instant mashed potatoes
½ c. grated sharp Cheddar cheese

• Sauté bologna strips in butter or margarine about 3 minutes; add onion rings; sauté 3 minutes longer. Add tomatoes, peas, salt, oregano, and pepper; bring to boiling; lower heat; simmer 5 minutes. Turn into 1½-quart casserole (mixture may be prepared and baked in ovenproof skillet). Prepare mashed potatoes according to package directions; spoon around edge of bologna mixture; sprinkle with cheese. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 to 30 minutes, or until potatoes are lightly browned.

Makes 4 servings *453 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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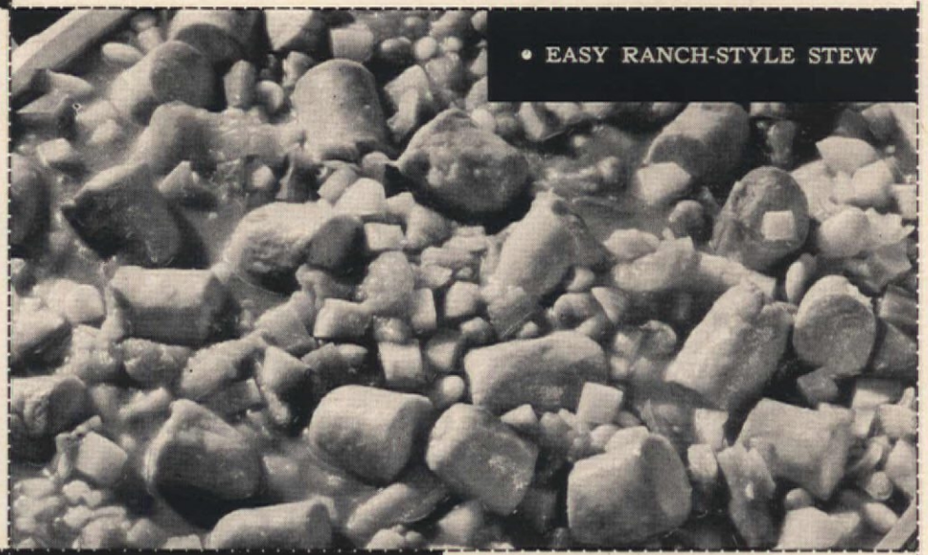

• EASY RANCH-STYLE STEW

• HAM AND RICE ORIENTAL

• GLAZED HAM AND FRUIT ROLLS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 20–25 min.

6 medium-sized green-tipped bananas, peeled
1 can (8½ oz.) sliced pineapple
2 pkg. (6 oz. each) sliced ham
½ c. currant jelly
3–4 tbs. prepared mustard

• Cut bananas in half lengthwise. Drain pineapple; reserve syrup. Cut pineapple slices in quarters; put three quarters between each two banana slices. Wrap each banana in 2 slices ham; secure with wooden picks; place in shallow casserole. Combine jelly and mustard; spread evenly over ham rolls; spoon 3 tablespoons reserved pineapple syrup into casserole. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 to 25 minutes, basting several times. Serve ham rolls with sauce in casserole.

Makes 6 servings *353 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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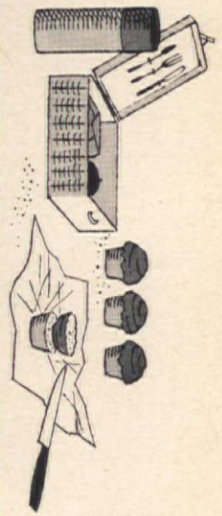

Cupcakes are easier to pack in lunch boxes and less messy to eat if you split the cupcake and put the frosting in between the halves.

Take a Package of Processed Meat

(pictured in color on pages 58 and 59)

• HAM AND RICE ORIENTAL

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

1 pkg. (6 oz.) sliced spiced ham, bologna, or ham, cut in squares
5 tbs. pure vegetable oil
2 eggs, beaten
3 c. cold cooked rice
¼ c. thinly sliced green onions
1 can (4 oz.) mushroom pieces and stems, drained
Dash of pepper
1 to 2 tbs. soy sauce

• Sauté meat lightly in 1 tablespoon hot oil; remove and reserve. Add 1 tablespoon oil and beaten eggs to pan; cook eggs, turning to cook both sides; remove eggs; cut in strips and reserve. Put remaining 3 tablespoons oil in pan; add rice; sauté 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add meat, eggs, green onions, mushrooms, and pepper; cook 3 minutes to heat thoroughly. Add soy sauce; mix well; serve.

Makes 4 servings *447 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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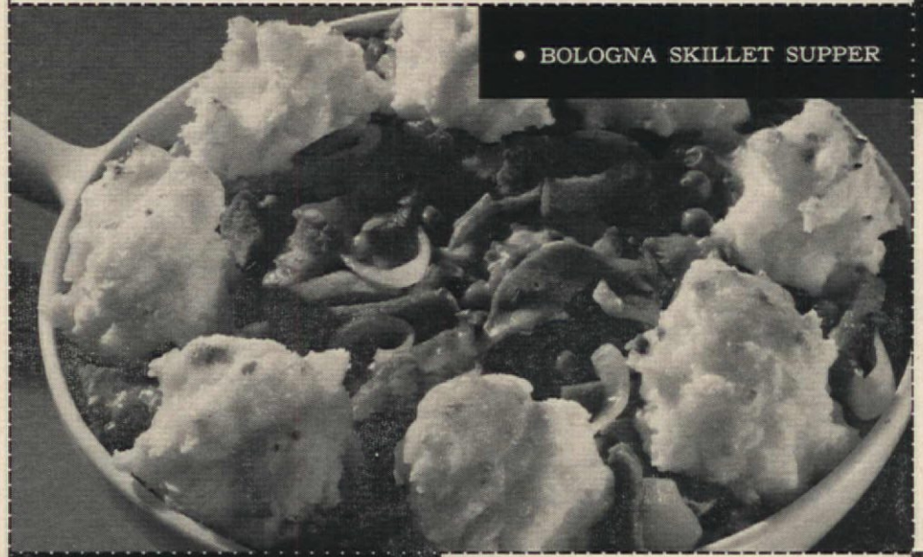
• GLAZED HAM AND FRUIT ROLLS



• BOLOGNA SKILLET SUPPER

• EASY RANCH-STYLE STEW

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 20 min.

1 pkg. (1 lb.) frankfurters, cut in 1-inch pieces
3 tbs. butter, margarine, drippings, or pure vegetable oil
1 clove of garlic, mashed
1 large onion, chopped (1 c.)
½ c. chopped green pepper
1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) tomatoes
2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen mixed vegetables
2 tsp. sugar
1½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. paprika
⅛ tsp. pepper

• Brown frankfurter pieces lightly in fat or oil in large saucepan; remove and reserve. Add garlic, onion, and green pepper to fat in pan; sauté 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, frozen mixed vegetables, sugar, salt, paprika, and pepper; cover; simmer 10 minutes. Add frankfurters; simmer 5 minutes.

Makes 6 servings *318 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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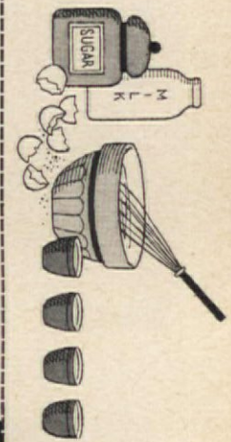

Your custard have a foamy top? It's because the eggs were beaten too light and foamy. As the custard baked, the foam rose to the top. Beat eggs only until well mixed.

• TAMALE PIE

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 25 min.
Baking time: 45 min.

1 lb. bulk sausage
1 medium-sized onion, chopped (½ c.)
1 clove of garlic, crushed
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 tsp. chili powder
½ c. sliced pitted ripe olives
¾ c. yellow corn meal
3 c. boiling water
1 tsp. salt
3 eggs, well beaten
1 tbs. melted butter or margarine

• Cook sausage in skillet until well browned, breaking up with fork as it cooks; pour off all fat. Add onion and garlic; cook 3 minutes; add tomato sauce, chili powder, and olives; simmer 5 minutes. Add corn meal slowly to boiling salted water while stirring vigorously. Cook, stirring constantly, 10 minutes, or until very thick. Add cooked corn meal to beaten eggs; mix thoroughly. Spread ⅜-inch thick layer of corn meal in lightly greased pie plate; spread sausage mixture evenly on top. Spoon remaining corn-meal mixture over sausage; brush top with melted butter or margarine. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 45 minutes, or until lightly brown. Garnish with ripe olives, pimiento, and parsley, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *495 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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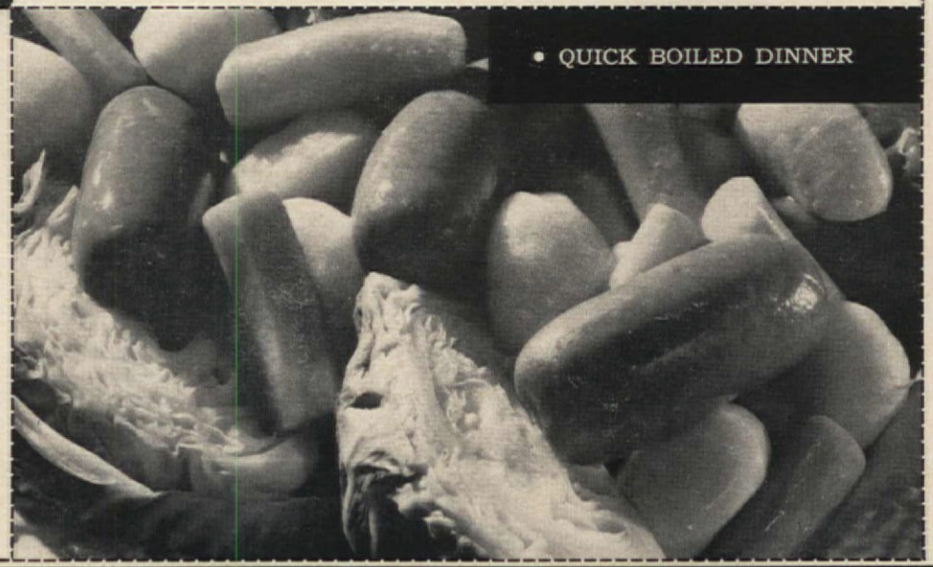

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Coffee

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Don't confuse "bitter" with "strong." They don't mean the same thing at all, though you may hear the words used interchangeably. Good, full-bodied *strong* coffee can be diluted with hot water and please the taste of a person who likes it weaker; but if a brew is *bitter*, no amount of diluting or even disguising with cream and sugar will improve the flavor.

Cloudy coffee is often a result of using the wrong grind, probably too fine, so tiny particles filter through the coffee basket. Or it might be caused by perking too fast or forgetting to remove the coffee grounds afterward. Clarity is more than an aesthetic plus. The same sediment that makes coffee cloudy also tends to make it bitter. A clear brew can be kept hot longer with less change in flavor. You might like to try the disposable filters made to fit inside some percolator baskets. Don't make the mistake of pouring cloudy coffee back through the grounds to filter it. This makes it bitter rather than better.

A metallic taste, most common in chrome-finished coffee makers, could be a sign that plating inside is thin in spots. Ask the manufacturer about refinishing. Off-flavor could also be due to natural oxidation if equipment isn't used often. To avoid this, rinse a coffee maker well before you use it and store it with the lid off, leaving parts out to "air."

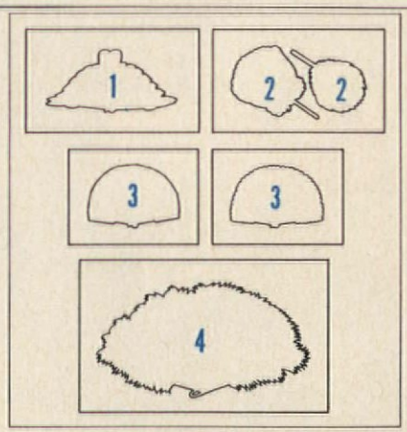
Coffee maker capacity influences flavor. Most types make the best coffee when filled to at least ¾ capacity (six cups in an eight-cup size, for example). It's no luxury, therefore, to own at least two coffee makers—a small one for everyday use; a larger, automatic model for company occasions; and even a party-size model, if your friends are real coffee lovers.

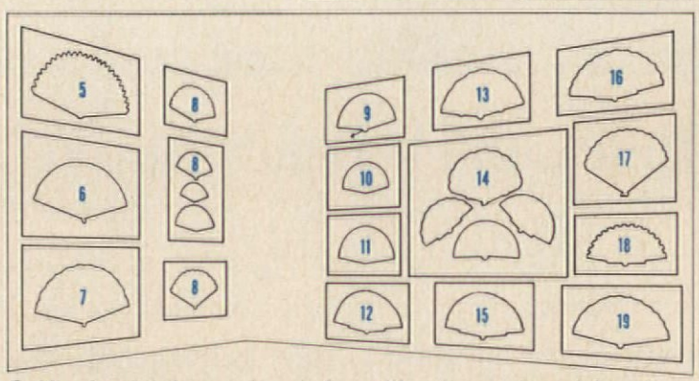
In buying a coffee maker, either for yourself or to give, look for these signs of good design and quality: A handle you can grasp firmly without scorching fingers. Safe, easy pouring. A base broad enough to resist tipping. Cleanability—smooth surfaces with few seams, tubes, and crevices. (You can scour aluminum or stainless steel; plated linings call for special stain removers only.) Parts that can be replaced easily if lost or damaged. Understandable use and care directions. Clear markings for measuring water. In electric models: a signal light or glass top to show when coffee is done; a well insulated base to protect a table.

THE END

Fans (shown on page 38)

1. *White feather fan with gray "bird in flight."*
2. *Ivory-handled quill fans with ostrich plumes.*
3. *French fans with miniatures of pheasants on light backgrounds.*
4. *Ostrich fan once owned by Lillian Russell.*
5. *White tulle fan with black velvet dots on a tortoise-shell frame.*





6. *Hand-painted peau de soie fan with a frame of sandalwood.*
7. *Cream peau de soie fan appliquéd with gold sequins on a hand-carved, gold-inlaid ivory frame.* 8. *Hand-carved ivory fan grouping.*
9. *Hand-painted peau de soie fan of the Louis XVI period.* 10, 11. *Antique tortoise-shell fans.* 12, 15, 19. *From the Madame du Barry collection, fans with gold-inlaid frames and painted country scenes.* 13. *Chinese Coromandel scene on a hand-carved sandalwood frame.* 14. *Grouping of hand-painted fans, two of which belonged to the Sarah Bernhardt collection.* 16. *Red satin fan from New Orleans.* 17. *Hand-painted Russian fan, circa 1910.* 18. *Carved ebony and gold Edwardian fan.*

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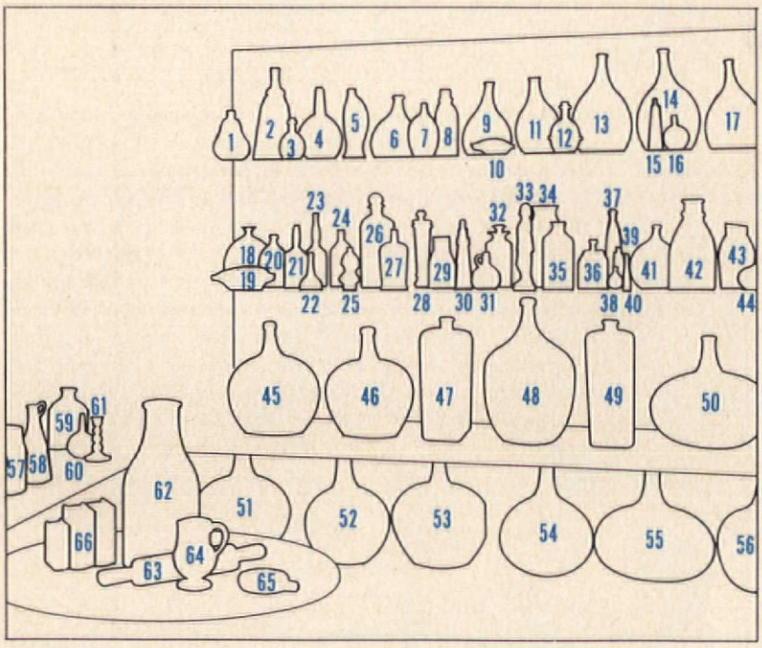
Pillsbury Hot Roll Mix

Antique Glass (shown on page 32)



1. *Scrolled violin flask.*
2. *Bell-shaped dispensing bottle, marked "S.M. & Co."*
3. *Harden's fire extinguisher.*
4. *Small aqua demijohn.*
5. *Fish bitters bottle.*
6. *New England-type demijohn.*
7. *Red amber reversed tree flask.*
8. *Deep green pickle bottle.*
9. *Deep aqua chestnut bottle.*
10. *Souvenir pig bottle.*
11. *New England-type chestnut bottle.*
12. *Harden's green hand-grenade fire extinguisher.*
13. *Deep aqua chestnut bottle.*
14. *New England-type chestnut bottle.*
15. *Green Bunker Hill cologne.*
16. *Deer and boar canteen flask.*
17. *Deep aqua chestnut bottle.*
18. *S. Wolf & Co. dispensing bottle.*
19. *Pig, marked "Suffolk Bitters."*
20. *Union and clasped hands flask.*
21. *Keene square decanter.*
22. *Early Dutch bottle.*
23. *Blue Sazarac bitters.*
24. *Log cabin. Old Homestead bitters.*
25. *Henry Ward Beecher cologne.*
26. *New England jar with witch ball.*
27. *Pikes Peak flask, "E. Kauffeld."*
28. *Cannon-shaped General Scott's artillery bitters.*
29. *Blown jar, Pitkin factory.*
30. *Skilton Foote Bunker Hill pickle bottle.*
31. *Handled jug, marked "W & Co."*
32. *Blue drug jar.*
33. *Frosted Indian brave bottle.*
34. *New England-type blown jar.*
35. *New England-type blown jar.*
36. *Original E. G. Booz's Old Cabin Whiskey.*
37. *National Bitters Ear Corn.*
38. *Miniature chestnut bottle.*
39. *Bunker Hill Monument cologne.*
40. *Blue cylindrical cologne.*
41. *Globular New England demijohn.*
42. *Amber Willington pickle bottle with Gothic arch decoration.*
43. *New England blown jar.*
44. *Early kidney-shaped demijohn.*
45. *New England red amber demijohn.*
46. *New England light amber demijohn.*
47. *Square gin or spirit bottle.*
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57. *New England blown jar.*
58. *Early Nailsea decanter.*
59. *New England blown jar.*
60. *Willington witch ball.*
61. *Willington "offhand" blown candle stick.*
62. *Keene blown jar.*
63. *New London blown rolling pin.*
64. *Westford "offhand" blown pitcher.*
65. *Ruby swirled Nailsea flask.*

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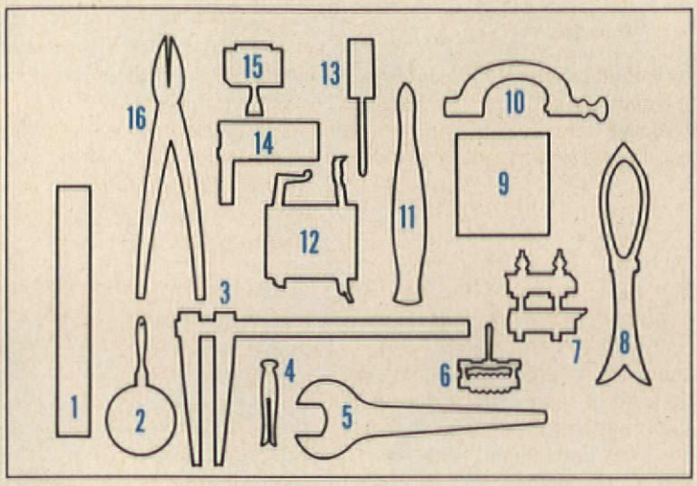
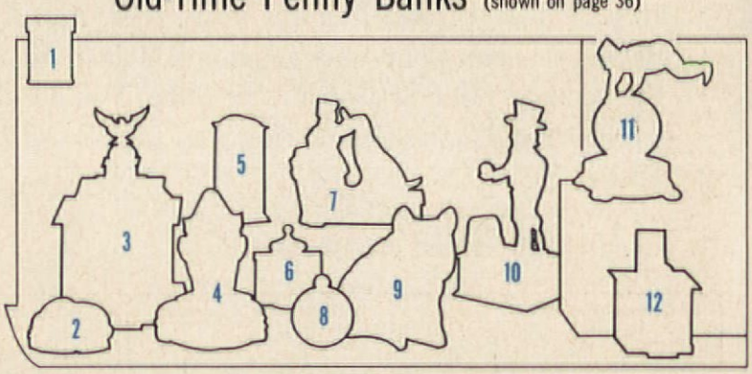
Early Tools (shown on page 41)



1. *Wood plane.* 2. *Tool for making wagon wheels.* 3. *Wood caliper.* 4. *Large carved clothespin.* 5. *Wood wrench, 2½' long.* 6. *Massager with rubber wheels.* 7. *Plane for decorative molding.* 8. *Bootjack.* 9. *Model for safe lock.* 10. *Hand drill.* 11. *Boot tree.* 12. *Lock.* 13. *Lemon squeezer.* 14. *Police alarm rattle.* 15. *Butter mold.* 16. *Tongs to remove hot objects from a kiln.*

Old-Time Penny Banks (shown on page 36)



1. *Red, cast-iron mailbox, patented 1875.* 2. *Mechanical rabbit nibbling cabbage. Ears pop up when coin is inserted.* 3. *"City bank" — model of first bank in Troy, New York.* 4. *Humpty Dumpty bank. Put a penny in his hand, he pops it onto his tongue and into the bank.* 5. *"Sweet thrift bank." Drawer pops out with piece of candy when coin is inserted.* 6. *"Presto" bank. Trick drawer pops out when lever is pressed.* 7. *"Speaking dog" bank. Tail wags, mouth opens, girl's arm moves and drops coin into compartment in bench.* 8. *Cannon ball.* 9. *Pottery piggy bank.* 10. *"Uncle Sam" bank. Carpetbag on base opens when lever behind umbrella is pressed. Coin in Uncle Sam's hand drops into bank.* 11. *Clown on globe. Globe winds. Press plunger and clown flips up on his hands and spins around.* 12. *"Hall's excelsior bank," the first patented mechanical bank. Monkey cashier receives money, bows, and disappears into bank.*

***Bank collection** is shown here in a room setting, displayed on long shelf; wall arrangement is a grouping of old patents and catalogues.*

The FHA Answers Your Questions

(continued from page 29)

Why is it that the new FHA home improvement loans carry interest at only 6 per cent but the old Title I loans are still being made at a higher rate?

Two different kinds of credit are involved. Title I loans are consumer credit loans—that is, they are made for relatively short terms, on the borrower's signature, usually without collateral or co-signers. This kind of loan always carries a higher financing charge than a long-term loan for which security is taken by the lender.

The new home improvement loans, which are intended for larger repair and improvement jobs, are made in amounts up to $10,000 and can be repaid over terms as long as 20 years. Security is taken and the borrower's note is recorded. In addition to the 6 per cent interest, the borrower pays an FHA mortgage insurance premium of ½ of 1 per cent on declining balances. He also pays a $20 application fee and closing costs. The lender, in addition, is allowed to make an initial service charge of not more than 1 per cent of the loan amount

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Is it possible to get an FHA-insured improvement loan if you bought a home with no down payment and are paying for it like rent? We are buying on contract and will not have the deed to our home until we have paid another $300 toward the down payment. The house has no bathroom and we want to put one in.

Yes, it is possible for a family that is buying a home on contract to get an FHA-insured Title I home improvement loan. These loans are made in amounts up to $3500. They can be repaid in monthly installments over terms as long as 5 years. Collateral and co-signers are usually not necessary. The chief requirements are that you have a good credit record and can show that you are able to make the monthly payments on the loan without too much trouble.

But if you are thinking of the new home improvement loans that FHA can now insure in amounts up to $10,000, repayable over terms up to 20 years, the answer is no. To obtain this kind of loan, you would have to own your home (even though there might be a mortgage on it), and the property would have to meet FHA minimum property standards.

I have a Title I home improvement loan partly paid off. Would it be worth while to refinance with one of the new 20-year FHA improvement loans?

It would not be possible to do this. The new loans must be used to pay for proposed improvements. They cannot be used to pay for work already done or to refinance an outstanding debt.

I live in an older neighborhood that has been designated as an urban renewal area but the mortgage on my home is not insured by FHA. Would this prevent me from getting one of the new FHA home improvement loans?

The fact that your home is mortgaged—whatever type mortgage you have—would not prevent your getting a loan, but it might limit the amount you could borrow.

The owner of a home in an urban renewal area who wants to repair or improve his home can borrow as much as $10,000 or as little as $1000 (or even less, if a small amount is needed to bring the property into compliance with neighborhood standards prescribed by a local public agency). There is a limitation, however. The amount of the improvement loan cannot be greater than the estimated cost of the proposed repairs. Also, the improvement loan plus any outstanding debt related to the property cannot add up to more than the amount of the mortgage FHA could insure on the property.

For example, suppose FHA estimates the present value of your property at $15,000, and that the outstanding balance of your mortgage is $13,000. The cost of the proposed repairs is estimated to be $10,000. Adding the $10,000 to the present value of the property, we have a total valuation of $25,000. On this valuation, FHA could insure a mortgage of not more than $22,800. But your outstanding mortgage, plus the $10,000 needed for improvements would total $23,000. Your loan, therefore, could not be more than $9800. If your mortgage balance were $200 less, you could borrow the full $10,000.

If you have a question for this column, please write Neal J. Hardy, FHA Commissioner, The American Home, 300 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

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Unfair Real Estate Assessments

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a correct record of what you paid for your house.

"Now and then we find homes which actually cost only half of what *our* records show," one assessor reports.

HOW TO APPEAL YOUR ASSESSMENT

Even if the assessors in your community are reputable, you may still feel your assessment is unfair. If this is the case, here's what you can do.

When the assessor raises the valuation on your home, he is supposed to notify you by mail. If you think it's too high, your first recourse is the assessor himself. Go see him, state your reasons, and ask him to come and look at your home again. Back up your visit with a letter.

He may comply unless his books are already closed. If that's the case, you should wait until the "grand list" or "assessment roll" is ready. This is a public list and you're entitled to see it and compare your assessment against those of your neighbors. Some newspapers publish it; some towns print and distribute it.

You can appeal this figure to a Board of Review (sometimes called a Board of Relief). You are entitled to a private hearing and you may have a lawyer. "I feel sorry for the taxpayer who goes before the average Board of Review today," says one assessor. "You know what our board does? They simply telephone me and say, 'Your assessment is being appealed by Mr. and Mrs. Jones. What should we do?' And I say, 'Don't change it.' So the board hands down its 'impartial decision'—'No change.'"

The board may cut your assessment, leave it alone—or even increase it. If you lose, you have the privilege of going to court. You may hire your own appraiser who will testify in your behalf. You will need a lawyer, and in some states you must deposit $200 to show you really intend to carry through with the case.

Now comes another problem. You may win your case in court, but the satisfaction could be short-lived. The court's ruling is good for only one year. Then some boards may become vindictive and whack you with a higher assessment.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

So what can you do? The only answer, leading assessors agree, is this: begin a fight right now for an honest, businesslike assessment system in your town, if you don't have one. "The old three- or five-man, part-time boards must go," says one leader. He believes every municipality—even the smallest—must have a highly trained, full-time professional assessor who is honest and beyond the reach of politicians. If necessary, small communities can share the cost and services of such a man.

Waterbury, Connecticut, once a hotbed of tax scandals, now has such an assessor in the person of Aldro Jenks, who has his appointment for life. "If anyone tries to put political pressure on me, I will broadcast his name at once," Jenks has warned.

Also consider the aforementioned Peter Marsele. His honesty and ability are so trusted by his community of 14,000 that he had only 27 appeals last year. (By contrast, a city of 88,000 had 4000 appeals.)

How can your town get such an assessor? Only by steady pressure from property owners, civic clubs, and women's organizations.

In the meantime, more and more communities are hiring outside firms. These assessment engineers are being hired by an increasing number of cities to make evaluations, and are paid between $25,000 and $500,000, depending on the size of the town. By and large such companies have honest and able men. Yet some have been known to take orders from local politicians.

SHOPPING INFORMATION

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To make sure this doesn't happen in your city, a nonpartisan citizens' committee should investigate all firms being considered. Once a firm has been hired, this same committee can act as a watchdog on procedure.

How much higher will assessments go? "The end is not in sight," says Aldro Jenks. "So long as we keep asking local governments for more and more services, taxes will keep going up."

If it's inevitable that your taxes will continue to keep rising, be sure that you are only paying your fair share. This brings up another point, which bears watching by everyone who must pay real estate taxes.

Many properties are exempt from taxation. Every time a property is exempted, *you* wind up paying a larger share. There have been so many abuses of the exemption rulings that some states have tightened their controls. Louisiana limits exemptions to properties mentioned in its constitution.

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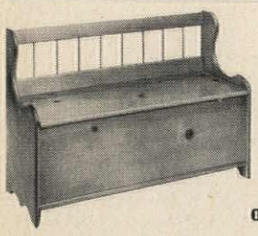

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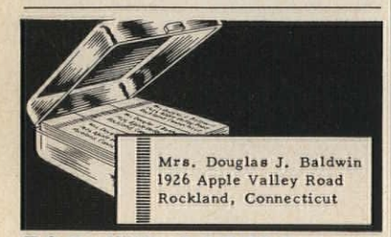

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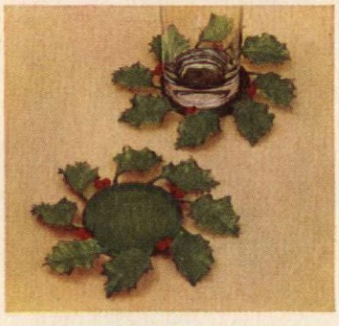

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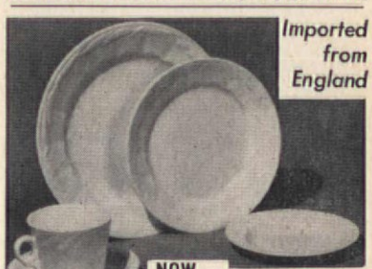

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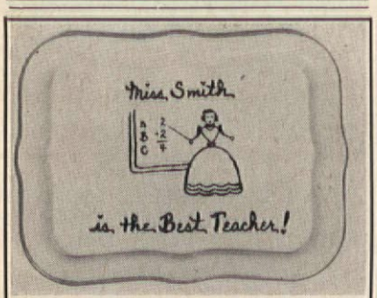

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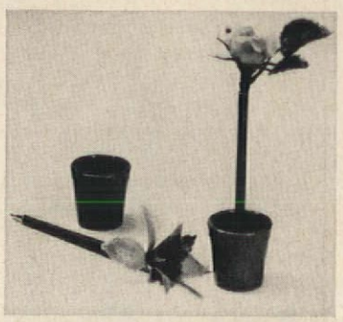

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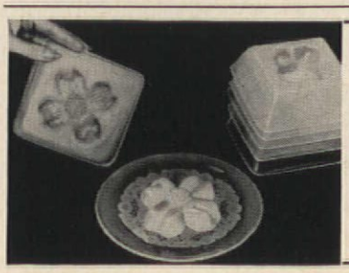

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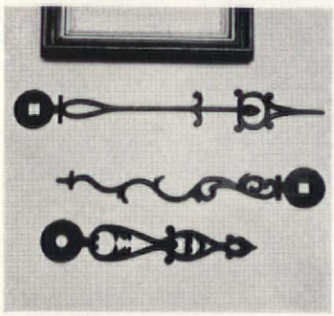

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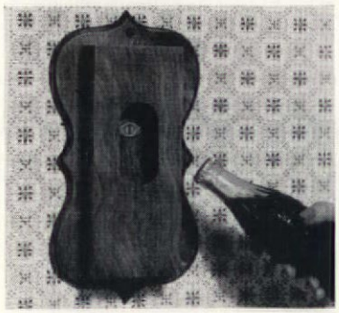

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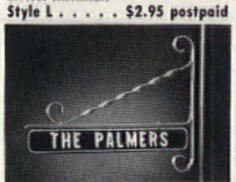

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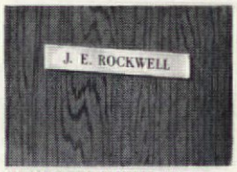

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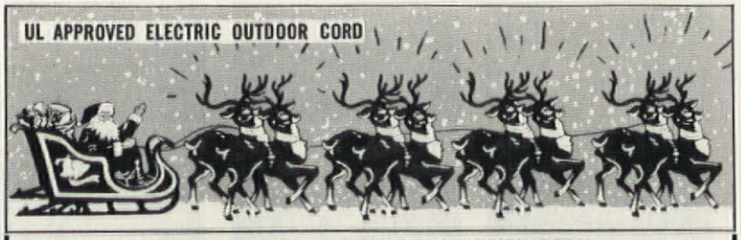

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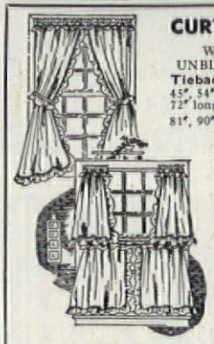

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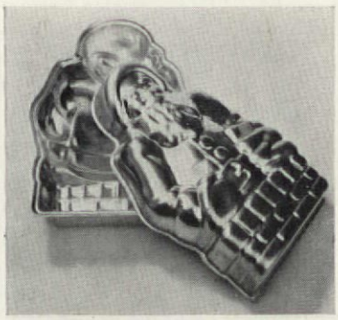

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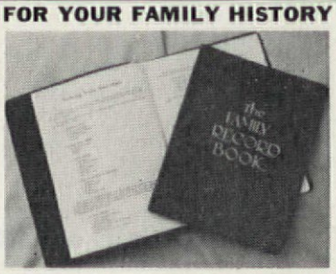

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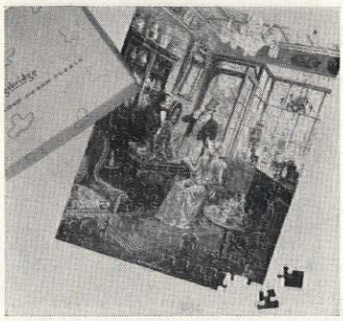

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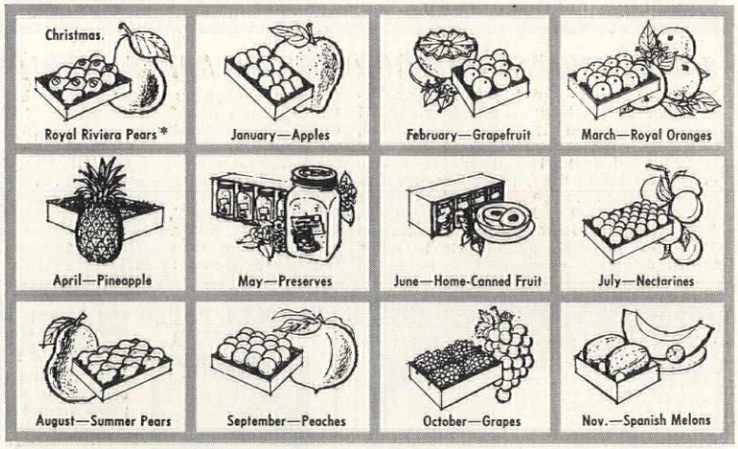

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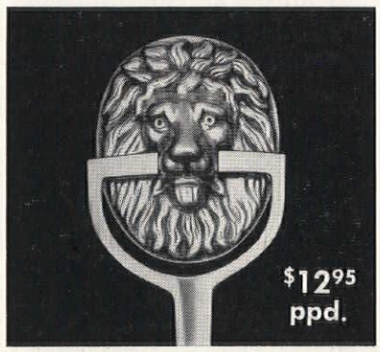

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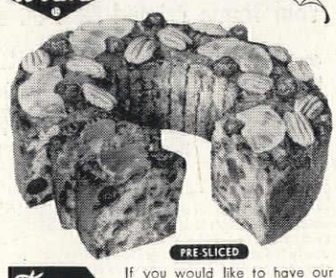

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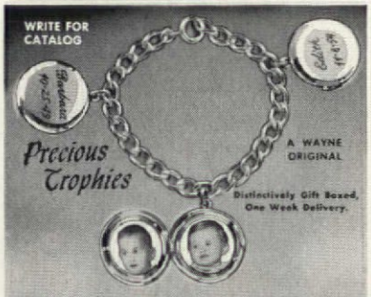

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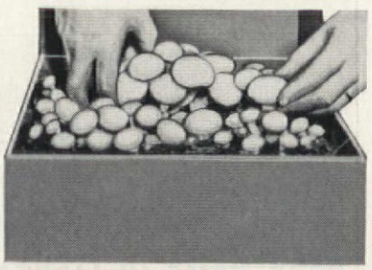

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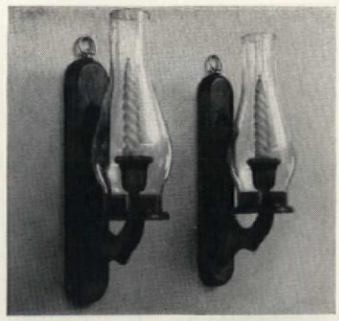

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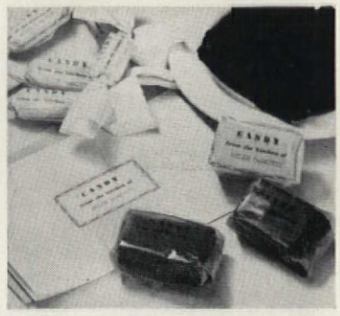

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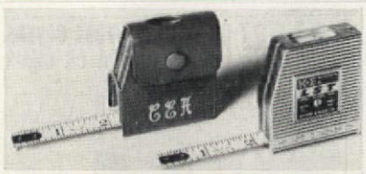

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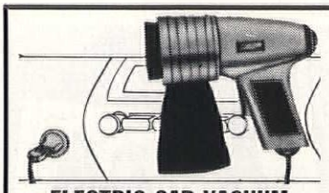

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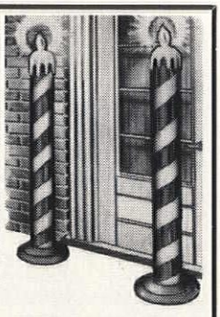

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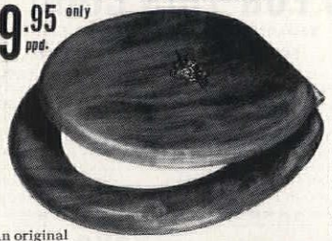

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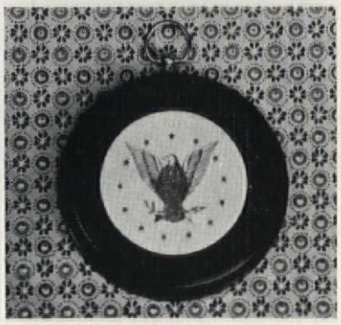

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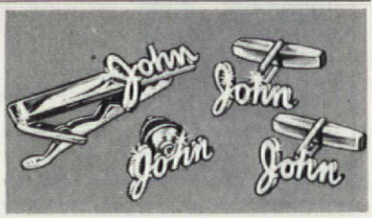

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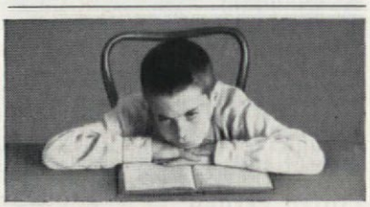

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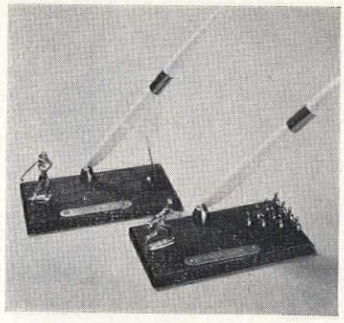

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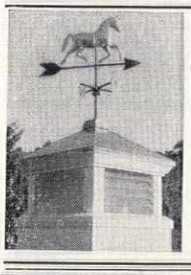

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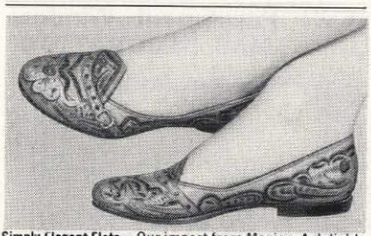

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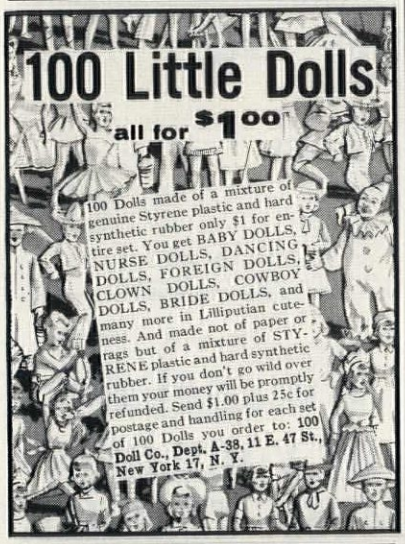

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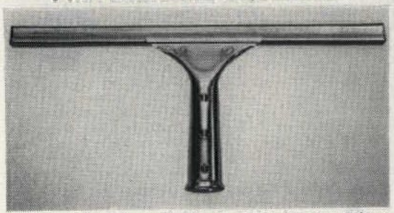

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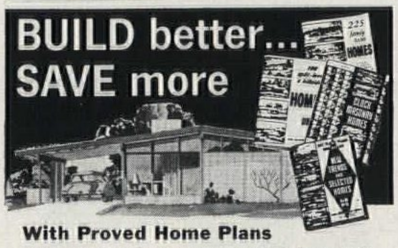

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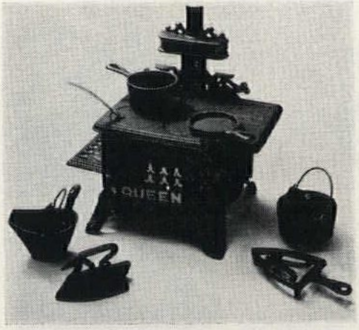

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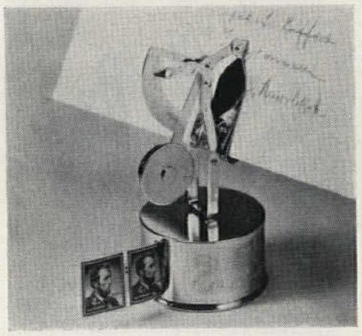

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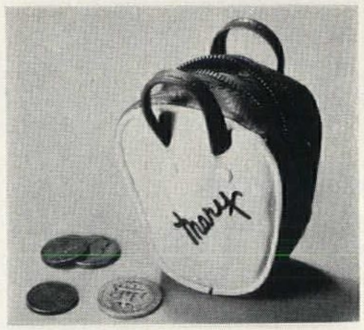

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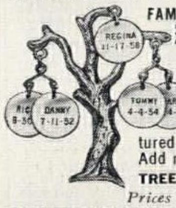

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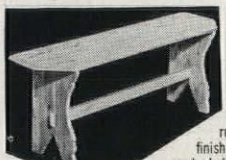

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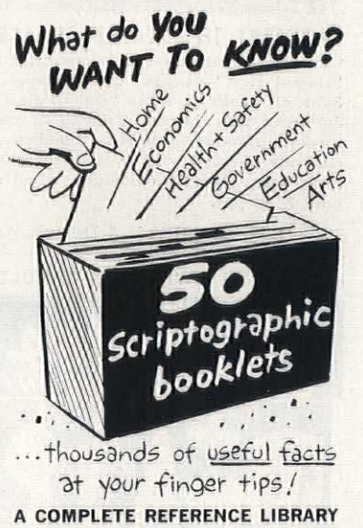

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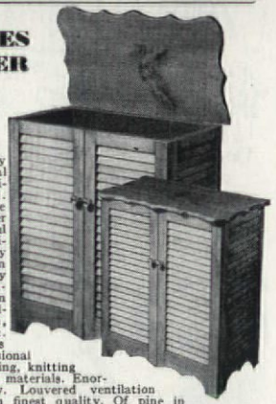

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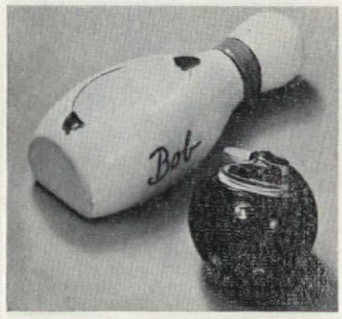

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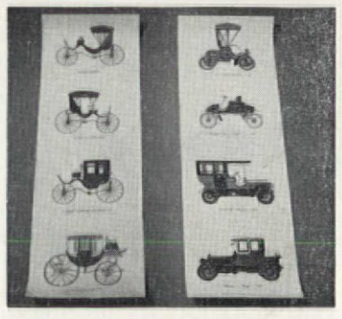

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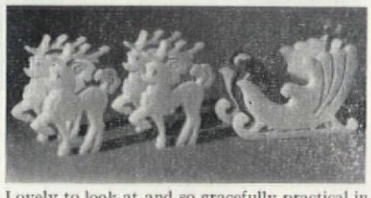

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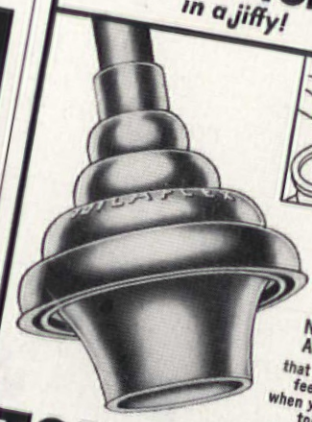

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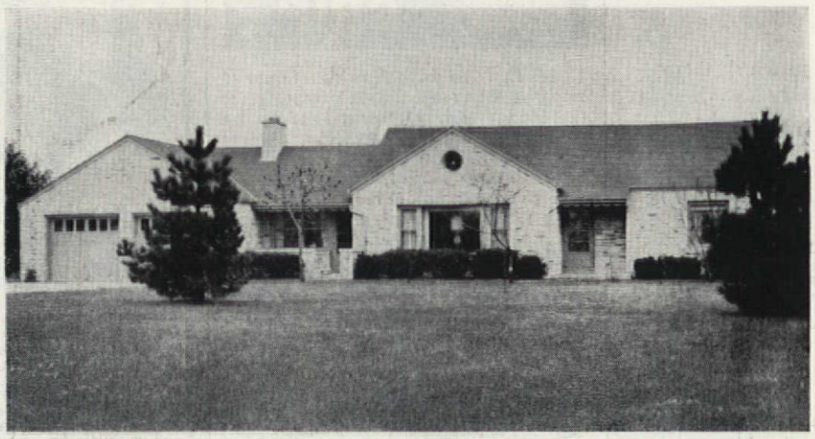

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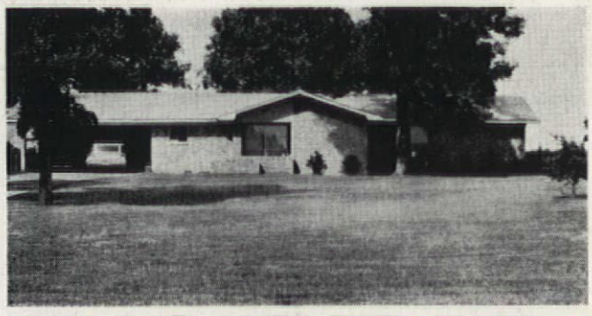

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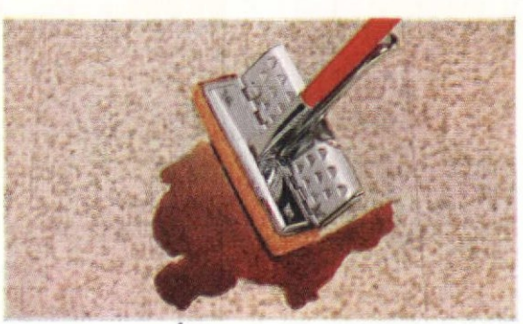

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made to help take the "fat-worry" out of good eating

WHAT'S "FAT-WORRY"? That's our name for the worry many of us have about the kinds of fats we eat. New Crisco is specially made to help take the "fat-worry" out of good eating. So, today, go right on enjoying the delicious fried foods, the light cakes, the flaky pastry you've always made with Crisco . . . with this important plus: Of all leading shortenings, only New Crisco has *doubled* the preferred unsaturates.

Highly unsaturated New Crisco is *still* the finest vegetable shortening . . . so light and digestible . . . wonderfully easy to use. All your favorite recipes continue to give superb results.

Of course, for special dietary problems, Crisco

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Crisco suggests a sensible level of calories. But to keep *your* family happy at mealtimes, cook with New Crisco. It's the one shortening specially made to help take the "fat-worry" out of good eating.

Note to Physicians: If you have not received your copy of our latest brochure, *Current Answers to Dietary Fat Questions*, write

New Crisco

- **Double the preferred unsaturates**
- **72% to 78% total unsaturate**
- **Finest vegetabl ingredients**
- **No animal fats**
- **Digestible**
- **Salt-free**
- **Unexcelled in**