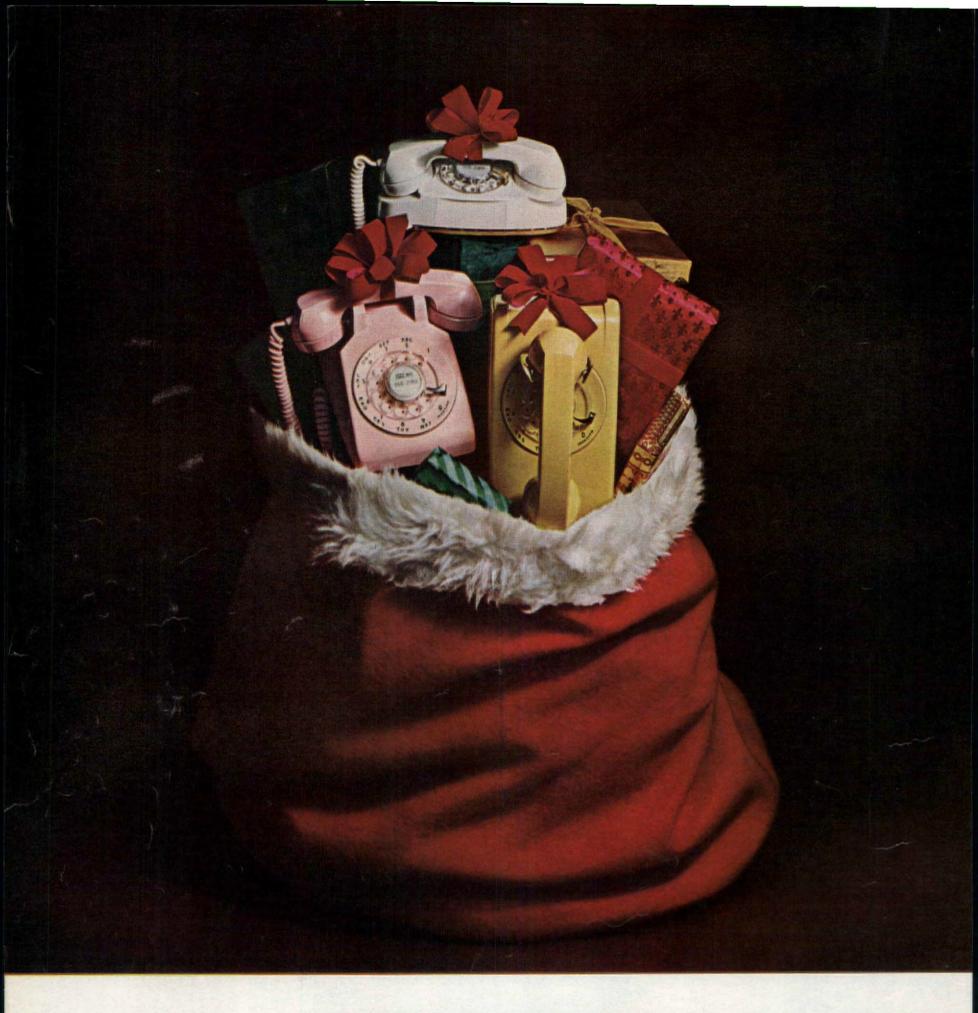
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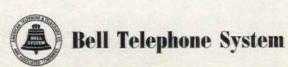
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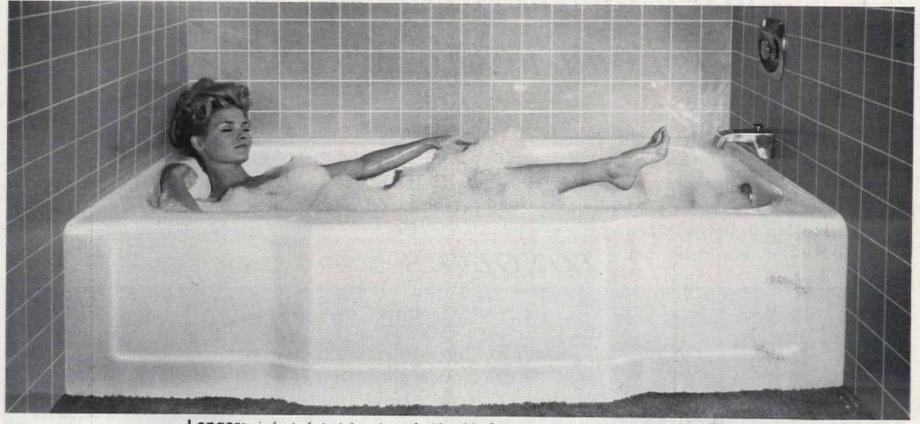
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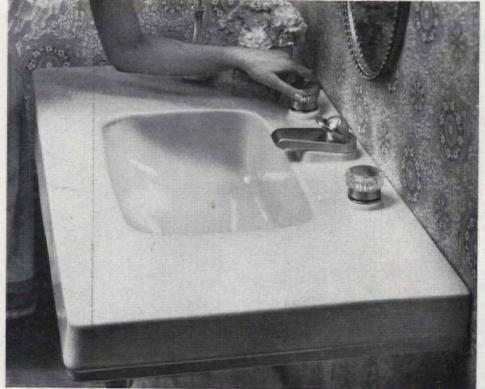
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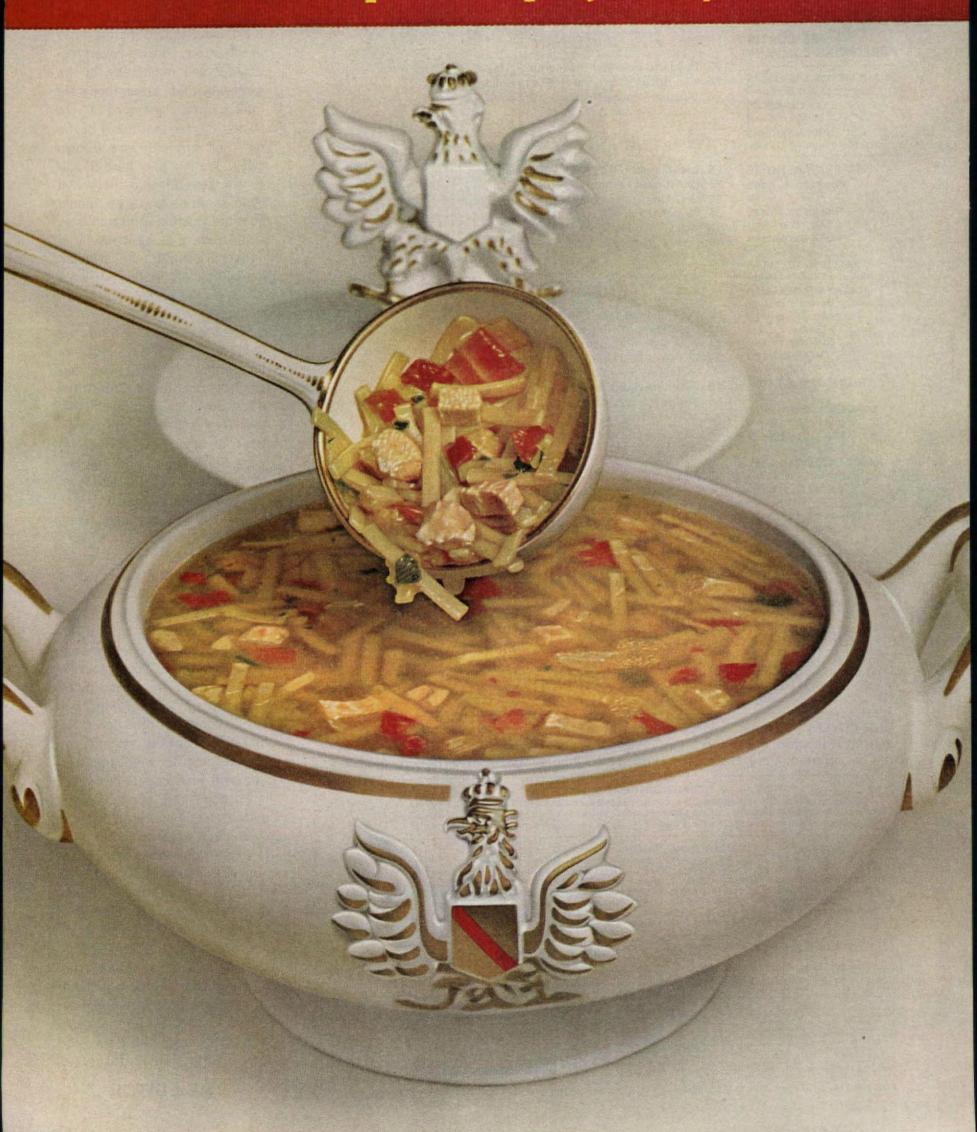
About this time every year we get the feeling that Christmas has become too refined-"overprocessed," you might say, in the same way that certain foods are refined and "glamorized" to such a degree that many of the essential nutrients are thrown away. We have a hard-to-putyour-finger-on feeling that we've gone about as far as we should go with Christmas and that if we don't leave it alone it will be in danger of losing its original meaning completely. Rather we write "finis" to the whole chapter. Including New Year's.

Maybe if we stop right now we can still manage to squeak through. We'll still have our brightly decorated Christmas trees, our holly, and our mistletoe. We'll still have the opportunity to give (and to receive) gifts from family and friends. Most of us will still sit down to a wonderful dinner of goose or turkey or roast beef. We'll renew old friendships with Christmas cards, we'll make new ones with Christmas carols when we raise our voices in song and praise.

And all of that is quite a lot. And that is where we should stop. No more "overprocessing," no more frenzy, no more putting price tags on gifts that should come from the heart. No more complicated systems of bookkeeping to keep track of who sent whom cards last year. If we don't care enough to remember, let's just drop it. Let's send our greetings and our gifts to those we like and love. Let's not push ourselves (and the store clerks who work so hard) to a state of such complete exhaustion that we lose sight of, and throw away, the simple goodness of this most joyous celebration. Let's stop now; instead of making the Star of Christmas a status symbol and a mockery, let it glow with all of the serenity and dignity that it deserves.

THE EDITOR

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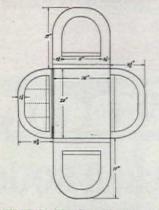


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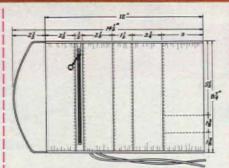


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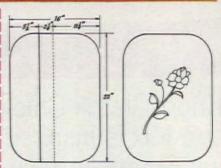




LINGERIE CASE. Cut shapes out of corduroy; seam together. Cut out lining pieces; stitch together, inserting zipper in one seam. Cut out 8 pockets; follow shape and size on drawing. Hem pocket tops with decorative machine stitching. Sew small pockets in place on large pockets. Stitch pocket at left to form sections for stockings. Sew pockets in place on lining. Join lining unit to corduroy with narrow welting between seams.



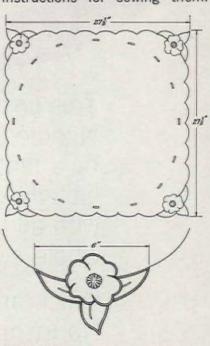
JEWEL CASE. Cut outside fabric for case, allow ½" for seams on all sides. Repeat for silk sections to form pockets on inside. Turn in and baste seam allowances. See drawing for basting zipper in place. Baste bottom pocket to zippered pocket. Stitch to form sections as shown. To form 12" pocket, baste this unit to 12" flannel lining. Baste silk section to top of inside of case. Baste earring band in place. Baste complete pocket unit to outside. Bind top and sides of case with narrow bias silk binding. Secure silk tie to back of case.



TRAY CASE. Cut three pieces of tarnishproof cloth to shape and size as shown, allowing ½" for seams. On the back pieces allow for hems. (See drawing.) Cut out flower from printed fabric and appliqué to top section with satin-stitch on sewing machine. Join sections on wrong side. Back is left open as shown in diagram above.

A BEAUTIFUL CASE FOR CHRISTMAS

If this is the Christmas to make your gifts, there's still time to turn out one of these handsome cases with the aid of your needle and sewing machine. For your traveling friends, there's a wonderful lingerie case made of washable corduroy and lined with colorful contrasting cotton. It holds a weekend's supply and has a zippered compartment. The useful fold-up jewel case is also made of corduroy and is lined with silk and flannel. It has a deep 12" pocket for necklaces, a zippered compartment for valuables, a pocket sectioned for rings and pins, and an earring band. For the home, there are cases for silver trays and bowls made of tarnishproof cloth to keep them bright. They are decorated with cut-out felt or printed fabric flowers. Below you'll find drawings giving you the exact shapes and sizes of each of these lovely gifts, as well as complete instructions for sewing them.



BOWL CASE. Cut square of tarnishproof cloth; scallop edges with teacup. Cut felt flowers and leaves. Satin-stitch edges on machine. Join to cloth. Cut 1" slits for drawstring.



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Shopping for gifts for the home is as easy as dropping by to pick up the tree in the Christmas-tree lot. Herewith a sampling of the many fine home furnishings you will find in the stores—gifts that will be enjoyed for many Christmases to come.

Cordless, battery wall clock can be hung flush to wall. "Stanton" by Westclox.

Decorative towels come in exciting high-style colors. "Valencia" pattern by Fieldcrest. China pepper mill with painted design and 24K gold trim is 8 inches high. Lenox China. Miralux orlon blanket which comes in warm, cozy colors with deeper-toned velvet bindings, is surprisingly inexpensive. By Pepperell.

Coin-pattern punch bowl holds 1½ gallons; comes with 8, 12, or 24 cups. Clear crystal only. By Fostoria.

Swivel club chair is a comfortable addition in the family or living room. Kroehler.

Cheese server has a neat Pyrex dome and stands on a walnut-finished cutting board. Glass-ceramic tableware with a pristine white body is exceptionally resistant to breaking, chipping. Centura by Corning.

Versatile glass-top table of cherry with sable finish moves easily on casters. It is 19 inches square. Made by Drexel.

Melmac tableware on shelf is from colorful 45piece set. Made by Brookpark.

Movie projector with automatic threading and rewinding, comes in a compact carrying case. 8mm, Model 1; made by Kodak.

Electric ice crusher is wonderful for party giving. Model EC 1. By Waring.

Coffee carafe is heat resistant and spillproof. It comes with a new type of filter basket to hold coffee. "Filtercup" coffee extractor by Salton.

Silver-plate platter is used to serve complete meal. Ideal for cold meat buffets. Wm. A. Rogers Silverplate; by Oneida Silversmiths. Colorful "Provincial" goblets are available in green, amber, or heather. Imperial.

Snow white reversible candlewick bedspread, similar to some at Mt. Vernon, is called "George Washington's Choice." Bates.

Permanent candles fueled with butane gas are available in five colors and engraved designs. Flame height may be adjusted to mood. Varaflame Gas Candles by Ronson. Contemporary-styled stereophonic high-fidelity console, 59 inches long, has record player and storage unit under sliding panels. Designed by Magnavox.

Rattan and wood wastebasket, decorative planter, or umbrella stand is made by Borg-Vogue. Lightweight portable television with a traveling case to match Amelia Earhart luggage, has an 11-inch screen and weighs only 12 pounds. General Electric.

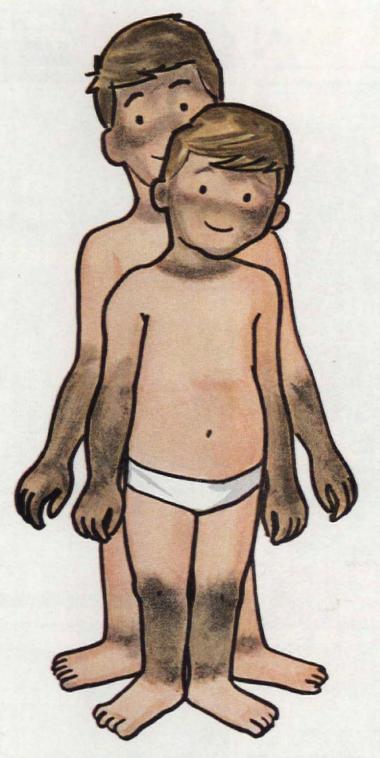
Velvety wool area rug has a dense, cut pile in a Grecian-inspired design. There are twelve color choices and eight sizes. "Alexei" by Karastan.

Slim, brass, floor lamp, 58 inches tall, is a good choice for contemporary or provincial interiors. Made by Laurel Mfg. Co.

Neat, new bathroom scale has a cane design surface. Made by Borg-Erickson.

Party grill has two sets of grids to make hors d'oeuvres, waffles, and toasted sandwiches. "Fiesta Grill" by Dormeyer.

Trim canisters to pretty your pantry come in bright pastel colors. By Rubbermaid.



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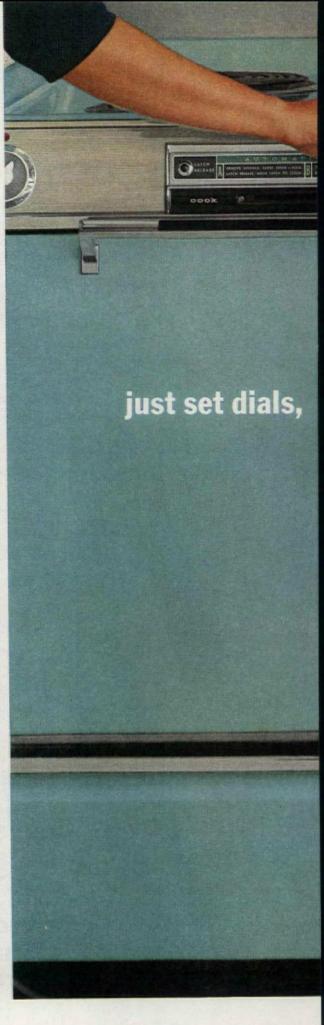
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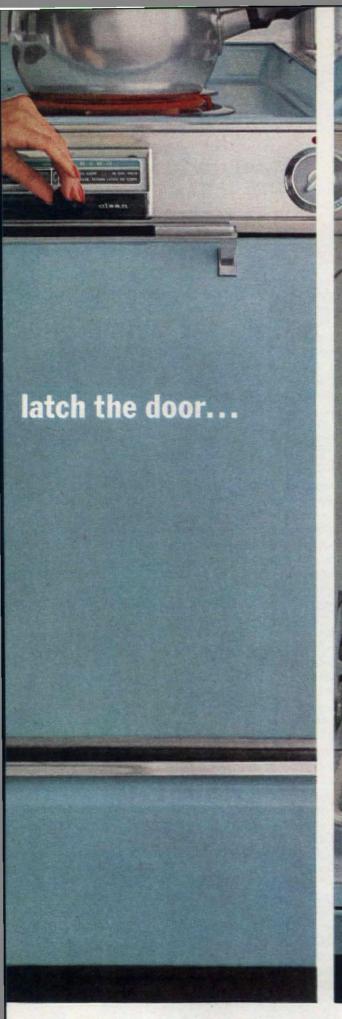
You don't use any cleanser. No liquids, no pastes, no fumes, no nothing.

All you do is set your selector dial to "CLEAN," set your thermostat to "CLEAN," and set the timer. Then you latch the oven door, That's all.

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cleaning pastes" and stuff could never clean before.

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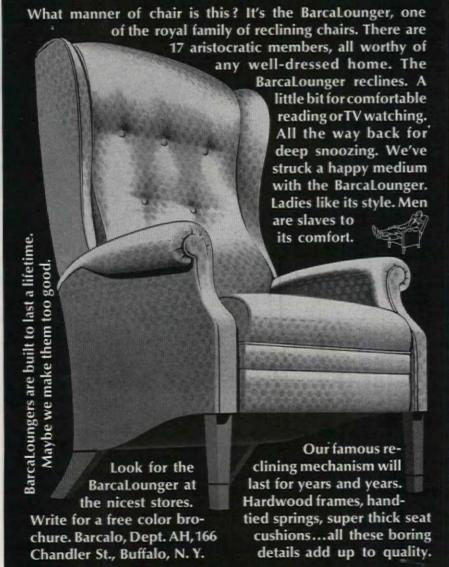
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They say that the second year is the most ticklish time for newlyweds, but I wonder if it isn't the first Christmas? How can you live with two sets of Christmas customs under one roof?

He's always opened his presents on Christmas Eve—she wouldn't even rattle a box before Christmas morning. He trims the tree in peace and quiet the weekend before—she doesn't even buy the thing till Christmas Eve. He puts his tinsel on strand by strand—she tosses hers willy-nilly.

It's a situation that can easily lead to mayhem under the mistletoe. It's astonishing how tenaciously people cling to the Christmas traditions they grew up with. "But it wouldn't be Christmas!" they wail as soon as someone tries to tamper with their pet yuletide foibles. So who should give in? The wife, because after all men are just little boys? Or the husband, because girls cry easier?

Nobody should give in. Instead, I suggest that newlyweds start right now to build Christmas traditions all their own. Never mind about his family and your family—you're a fabulous new family unto yourselves. Put your clever young heads together and invent a few hallowed folkways of your own—for your children to argue about when they get married.

Instead of tiffing over pine cones versus a big scarlet ribbon for the wreath, do something entirely different and personal that will soon come to be the only kind of wreath you'd hang on your door. Nestle clumps of bright fresh fruits in the boughs, or wire the greens into a Christmas-tree shape, or bejewel it with gleaming turquoise, and only turquoise, balls. Make it square or spray it purple if you will—so long as it suits you.

Instead of squabbling over mince pie versus plum pudding with hard sauce for dessert, why not keep the peace and become famous for your oeufs à la neige in a sparkling punch bowl, or your impish ice cream Santa Claus miniatures? The cookbooks and magazines are full of ideas. (See pages 46 and 47, for instance, for Yule Log and our marzipan frosted cake.)

Does he like the Christmas cards strewn all over the mantel while you prefer them strung on velvet ribbon? Why not heap them in a gilded sleigh with red ribbons for reins—or drape them from the molding—or ferret out some crazy container in the antique shops that only you would dream of putting cards in?

Maybe your horns are locked over what to put on the mantel or in the center of the table. Forget all about the holly berries you cut your teeth on and his mother's princess pine garlands. Go wander through the glitter-and-glow shops of department stores-lots of goodies have come along since you were in pigtails. Study the magazines and press your nose to all the florists' windows in town. You're bound to be inspired. (And remember, inspiration is what you're shopping for-leave your money at home. You can put your own arrangement together-and cheaper.) But while you're at it, start right now to collect your own precious ornaments for the tree. Even if you can only afford one a year, that's fun, tooeach year will be marked by the magnificent bauble you splurged on.

The important thing is that the tradition you start off with be your own, not sentimental hand-me-downs. If you're childishly clinging to some old family custom, take a grown-up look at it. It may turn out to be a pretty silly one for your *new* family. Did you always buy a tree two feet higher than the ceiling (the only way to get the right shape) and never finish wrapping till Christmas dawn? Well, maybe a new tradition would be a lot more suitable.

Traditions can start anywhere and they grow fast. This year's bright idea is next year's custom, a part of your Christmas. It can be anything from stringing cranberries to leaving a snack on the mantel for Santa (our children inexplicably leave a glass of milk and a can of tomato soup). It can be an especially beautiful candle or a sequined felt cloth for the tree or a crèche that you'll elaborate on each year. Even the Christmas cookies (page 44) you bake this year can grow into an eagerly awaited custom. Or the special buffet (page 42) you serve to droppers-in. Or the champagne you sip Christmas morning.

Now there's a nice tradition. We always drink champagne before breakfast on Christmas while opening gifts and waiting for the bacon. It puts an extra shimmer on the day, makes us forget we got to bed at four, and never goes far enough to be risky. Can you think of anything gayer, bubblier, more festive? We always have champagne for breakfast—but we didn't always. He never had. I never had. But by now, you see, it's an old, old tradition.

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What better time than Christmas to start your child off on a new, worthwhile hobby! If he is musically inclined, perhaps you've been intending for some time to give him lessons but somehow have never gotten around to it. Well, here's your opportunity—why not give him an instrument along with lessons this Christmas?

If you are thinking of this, here are a few things to consider, suggested by Marion S. Egbert, vice president and educational consultant for the American Music Conference.

Choosing the right instrument for him isn't as easy as choosing toys for his Christmas stocking. A child's music program should be tailored specifically to his needs. His instrument should suit his particular personality, and in some cases, his physique. But the most important consideration is the youngster's own preference. If a child has definite ideas, let him choose his own instrument and his chances for continuous study and a successful music program will be much greater.

Of course, if your child is a beginner, you'll probably want to be sure he'll continue his music studies before investing in a very complicated, expensive instrument. If you want him to experiment first, instruments can be rented. He might decide on a trumpet, then change his mind and want to play the flute. Or he might begin on a simple instrument, then advance to a more complicated one.

The gregarious child who enjoys parties has a wide variety of instruments to choose from. These are instruments that he can use to advantage at social gatherings throughout his life. Included in the group are the guitar, ukulele, banjo, accordion, organ, drums, and, of course, the piano. All these instruments are relatively easy to play and are ideal for solo and combo work. Their popularity with amateurs of all ages has grown tremendously in recent years.

The quiet or more serious youngster often favors a stringed instrument—violin, harp, or the more difficult-to-play woodwinds and brasses, including the oboe, bassoon, and French horn. The child who is enthusiastic about developing his musical abilities will enjoy the extra time required to attain proficiency with this type instrument.

Other instruments, especially the more popular band and orchestra

brasses and woodwinds, including the clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and sax-ophone, fit almost any type personality. These in particular are suited to youngsters interested in all types of music—from classical to jazz.

The piano is considered the basic musical instrument used in all kinds of musical activities and suited to any budding musician. Most professional musicians and music teachers agree that the piano offers the best musical background. Many of them suggest studying the piano before learning to play other instruments. The transition is easy.

As far as physical considerations are concerned, missing teeth might delay lessons with some brass or woodwind instruments. But the child waiting for second teeth is seldom at the musical stage where this temporary handicap makes a big difference in his progress. However, if a serious problem exists, consult a dentist before your child attempts a wind instrument.

Small hands are not deterrents to playing musical instruments. In fact, practice helps develop strong wrists and fingers. Also, half and three-quarter size instruments of almost all types are available to help children start music lessons as soon as possible. They usually graduate to full-scale instruments by age 12.

Following is a list of musical instruments and their costs, broken down by ease of learning:

EASY TO LEARN

Accordion Banjo Bongo drums	45-300 7-100	Harmonica Mandolin	1-100 20-200
Congo drums Drums	18–100 40 up	Organ Recorder Ukulele	500-4000 5-80 4-75

AVERAGE

Baritone horn \$160-350	Saxophone	\$200-400
Clarinet 75-450	Trombone	70-250
Cornet 40-250	Trumpet	50-250
Flute 100-300	Tuba	400-900
Piano 500-4000	Vibraharp	400-1000
Piccolo 100-300	Xylophone	150-500

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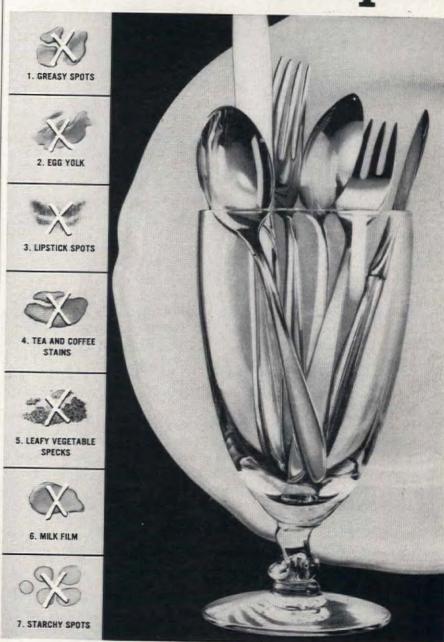
Bassoon	\$150-650	Oboe	\$250-650
French horn	100-375	Viola	75-400
Harp	1100-4000	Violin	75-400
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Well, there they are and it's quite a list—an instrument for every type child and every size pocketbook. But whether it be bongo drums or shiny brass trumpet, just imagine the delight of the young music lover when he sees that very special gift under the Christmas tree!

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Punches, both hot and cold, are a delightful part of any holiday season. What holiday comes and goes that doesn't call for at least one new punch for a special get-together? Planning a tree-trimming party, Christmas Eve gathering, New Year's Day celebration? A punch is in order! Seasonal fruits, spices, spirits, creams, and sodas all combine into festive concoctions. Your own preference and taste will determine the kind of punch you serve. It may be hot or cold, with spirits or without. Whichever it is, there is probably no more delightful, easy, and glamorous way to entertain. Here are eight recipes in all categories to bring you merry quaffing through all the holidays.

To increase your enjoyment of punches we offer these hints for preparing them:

- Always chill the ingredients for cold punches before combining them. If the punch is to be served from a punch bowl (and that's more festive at Christmas), it is best to use a solid block of ice in the bowl because there is less dilution. If you can't obtain one, remove the dividers from an ice-cube tray, fill it with water, and freeze it. Ice cubes can be used but the dilution will be greater.
- It is best to make punch in small batches, renewing the punch bowl with a new batch, instead of putting too much in at once. The object is to lessen the dilution.
- If a punch recipe calls for sparkling or carbonated beverages, add them at the very last minute so you will retain the sparkle.
- A hot punch should be served in a warm bowl or mugs. Fill the bowl or mug with hot water, let stand, empty, and quickly dry them. Use only the very best ingredients. The best-quality liquor, fresh fruits, clear clean ice are the key to the success of a punch.

CHAMPAGNE PUNCH 1 c. maraschino liqueur; 1 c. cognac or brandy; 1 c. orange juice; 1 large orange, thinly sliced; 3 qts. chilled champagne.

Combine maraschino, cognac or brandy, orange juice, and orange slices in punch bowl; stir well. Chill 1 hour or until serving time. When ready to serve, put a large piece of ice or an ice mold into punch bowl (if making a mold, it's a good idea to make it of part orange juice and part water). Pour in champagne; stir. Serve at once. Renew the punch bowl with more champagne, if you wish, as the party progresses and the punch becomes diluted from the melting ice. Makes about $3\frac{1}{2}$ quarts.

BURGUNDY CHRISTMAS PUNCH 1 c. sugar; 1 c. water; 4 bottles (4 fifths) Burgundy; 1 c. fresh or frozen lemon juice; ½ c. curação; 2 qts. club soda.

Cook sugar and water in small saucepan to boiling; boil 5 minutes; remove from heat; cool. Combine cooled sugar syrup, Burgundy, lemon juice, and curação in punch bowl. Chill until serving time. To serve, add large piece of ice or ice mold to punch bowl; add soda; stir slightly. Makes about 5 quarts.

TOM AND JERRY 12 egg yolks; 1 c. sugar; 1 tsp. nutmeg; 12 egg whites; rum; bourbon; hot milk or water; nutmeg.

Beat egg yolks until thick and light-colored; gradually beat in sugar and 1 teaspoon nutmeg; continue beating until very thick. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; fold into egg-yolk mixture. Chill until serving time. When ready to serve, put a ladleful of egg mixture into a large, warm mug (Tom and Jerry mugs, if you have them); add 1 ounce rum and 2 ounces bourbon (or to suit taste). Pour hot milk or water into mug to fill it; stir vigorously until it foams. Sprinkle top of each serving with a dusting of grated nutmeg. Makes about 2 quarts.

WASSAIL BOWL 1 c. water; 2 bottles (2 fifths) dry sherry; 2 c. sugar; 1 tsp. ground ginger; ½ tsp. ground nutmeg; two 2-in. pieces stick cinnamon; 1 tsp. whole cloves; ½ tsp. whole allspice; 6 eggs, separated; 1 c. cognac or brandy; 8 small baked apples.

Combine water, sherry, sugar, ginger, and nutmeg in large saucepan. Tie cinnamon, cloves, and allspice in small piece of cheesecloth; add to ingredients in saucepan. Bring mixture to boiling, stirring occasionally to blend. Remove from heat; remove cheesecloth bag of spices. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry; beat egg yolks until thick and light-colored. Fold egg whites into egg yolks; add the hot, spiced wine gradually, stirring constantly; stir in cognac. Pour into warm punch bowl; float apples in wassail. Makes about 3 quarts.

GOLDEN APRICOT PUNCH 3 cans (12 oz. ea.) apricot nectar; 2 cans (6 oz. ea.) frozen limeade; 6 c. fresh or reconstituted frozen orange juice; 3 qts. club soda.

Combine apricot nectar, limeade, and orange juice; chill until serving time. Pour over ice in punch bowl; add soda; stir slightly. Serve at once. Makes 6 quarts.

CRANBERRY EGGNOG 2 c. (1 pt.) heavy cream; 4 bottles (1 pt. ea.) cranberry juice cocktail; 1 doz. eggs; 1 c. sugar; red food coloring; nutmeg.

Combine cream and cranberry juice in punch bowl. Beat eggs and sugar in large bowl until thick and light-colored; add to cranberry juice mixture; beat until well blended. For a deeper pink, add a few drops red food coloring. Chill. Just before serving, decorate top of punch with wreath of whipped cream, if desired. Serve at once. Sprinkle each punch cup with nutmeg. Makes about 3 quarts.

MULLED CIDER 2 qts. apple cider; ½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed; one 2-in. piece stick cinnamon; 1 tsp. whole allspice; 1 tsp. whole cloves.

Mix cider and sugar in saucepan; add spices. Heat mixture slowly to simmering; cover; simmer 20 minutes. Strain. Serve hot in warm mugs. Makes 2 quarts.

HOLIDAY FRUIT TODDY 1 c. sugar; 1 c. light brown sugar, frmly packed; one 3-in. piece of stick cinnamon, crumbled; 12 whole cloves; 1½ qts. (6 c.) apple cider; ½ c. fresh or frozen lemon juice; 3½ c. fresh or reconstituted frozen orange juice; 2 c. water; thin lemon slices.

Combine sugar, brown sugar, cinnamon, cloves, and cider in large saucepan; bring to boiling; simmer 5 minutes. Strain and return to saucepan. Add lemon, orange juices, and water; heat. Serve in hot mugs or cups; garnish with lemon slices. Makes about 3 quarts.



The new way to cook is with Karo!

Look at all these festive holiday treats you can create with Karo's delicious, easy-to-make popcorn mixture.

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Prepare 5 qts. popcorn. In 3-qt. saucepan, mix 3/4 cup Karo Red Label Syrup, 1/4 cup margarine, 2 tbsp. water, 1 lb. confectioners sugar and 1 cup cut-up marshmallows; stir over low heat until mixture just boils. Pour over popcorn in large pan, toss to coat.

Treasure Balls: Turn 1-qt. bowl upside down, wrap double thickness of foil around outside. Dampen hands, press enough Karo popcorn mixture over foil on bowl to cover. Lift popcorn-covered foil off bowl. Repeat to make second half of ball. Let both ball halves harden.

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At Christmas time our fancy turns to the wonderful world of children's gifts-from dolls that coo "I love you" to rockets that shoot off launching pads, the market abounds with an infinite variety of exciting toys and games. But there is nothing quite like the magic world found between the pages of a good children's book. This is where the most lovable of all the toysanimals, dolls, and soldiers—spring to life and spark the fanciful young imagination. In books you will find a wide and appealing selection of the most lasting of all children's gifts. There are so many delightful and worth-while ones flooding the stores today that it's almost impossible to choose just a few. Browse by a children's book counter and we think you'll agree. Following is a selection of some of the new books we just couldn't resist. Among them you'll surely find one for every child on your Christmas list—one that will be enjoyed many times over and will live in his memory for years to come.

Mr. Willoughby's Christmas Tree. We lost our hearts to this charming little book about a Christmas tree. Children will laugh and delight over the original story of how Barnaby Bear, Frisky Fox, and the other forest animals share Mr. Willoughby's Christmas. Told in bouncing rhymes and gay pictures, this story grows more appealing with each page. 4 to 8 years. 32 pages. Written and illustrated by Robert Barry. McGraw-Hill, \$2.50. Willy's Silly Glasses. A big picture book of unusual style and charm. Huge, brilliantly colored illustrations and a rhyming text unfold the story of Willy, a little boy who finds a pair of spectacles that "make the world look silly." Children will share Willy's glee in seeing the world upside down. The topsy-turvy parade of events includes an elephant opening sardine cans and a hippo playing baseball. Up to 7 years. 41 pages. Written by Muriel Kalish; illustrated by Lionel Kalish. Golden Press. \$2.95.

The Runaway Angel. Story of a tiny angel who, no matter how hard she tries, is more of a bother than a help in doing the daily tasks of heaven (pouring moonlight into jars, painting windows with frost, distributing baskets of freshly made icicles . . .). One day at Christmas time, she runs away from heaven and flies down to a small town. There she discovers with the help of a small, sad boy, that there is something special she alone can do! Up to 8 years. 52 pages. Written and illustrated by Rosalind Welcher. Doubleday & Company. \$2.95.

Lona. An original fairy tale in the classic tradition about a beautiful princess, wicked wizard-and, of course, a handsome prince! Through superb language and dramatic, unique photography, readers will follow each moment of Lona's remarkable struggle to remove the wizard's spell over three kingdoms. Especially enjoyable for reading aloud, Lona is an exquisite fairy story. 5 to 9 years. 83 pages. Written and photographed by Dare Wright. Random House. \$4.95.

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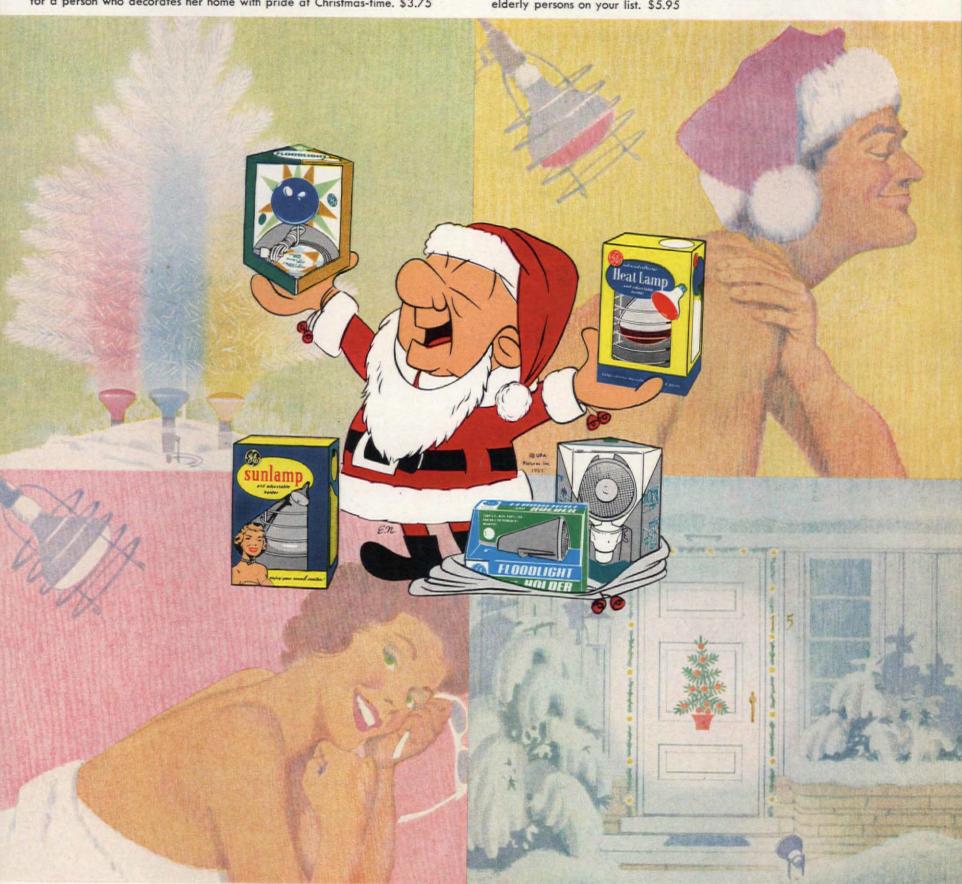
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Trim a hi-fi man's tree with accessories and add-ons

One benefit of owning "hi-fi in parts" is the ability to upgrade and add-on at no financial sacrifice. Should you want better-quality sound, you don't have to scrap your entire music system. Just add or replace a part. And to give '64 a brighter sound, you can stuff a Christmas stocking with all manner of hi-fi doodads.

The business of upgrading leads some people down remote and far-out paths. One reader we know got started by buying a new needle for an old phonograph. Six years later he owned \$8000 worth of music system. And that eye-popping figure doesn't include the cost of tearing down a wall to make space for both the equipment and the fulsome sound it produced. The owner, by the way, calls his electronic array "The Quintessence." His bemused wife, she fortunately enjoys music too, calls it "the record player."

Forgive us if we do not set down here what \$8000 will buy; it taxes the imagination. Besides, even if your budget could survive such an assault, you couldn't pack that much gear in a Christmas stocking. So let's consider how you can make a music listener happy and upgrade a music system for—shall we say, \$1.50?

Here's what \$1.50 will buy:

1. A strobe disc (20c) for checking the constancy of turntable speed. Place the strobe on the spinning platter and the resulting dot pattern will reveal speed irregularities. Speed variation makes music sound off-key.

2. A polyester phono cushion (59c) will soften the drop of a disc from a changer mechanism. It prevents record slippage too.

3. A clip-on record brush (69c) attaches to the tone arm and, in advance of the needle, brushes aside any dust or grit.

Don't forget your change.

These prices, incidentally, are culled from the catalogues of Lafayette Radio and Allied Radio, both large mail-order firms. These are the Sears and Montgomery Ward of high fidelity and electronics. Their catalogues aren't quite as hefty, but to a hi-fi buff, they're as indispensable as Sears and Wards down on the farm. And they're free. (Write to: Allied Radio, Dept. A12H, 100 N. Western Avenue, Chicago 80, Illinois; and Lafayette Radio, Department CP, 111 Jericho Turnpike, Syosset, New York.)

Available hi-fi add-ons and upgraders are as numerous as jelly prints on a refrigerator door in midsummer. To simplify, let's categorize. There are gadgets to make a system work better (antennas, stylus pressure gauges, record-cleaning devices, dust covers). Some gadgets make the use of a music system more convenient (timer switches, remote controls, record storage racks and cases). Others—replacement speakers and head-phones—give you more sound in more places. And there's a broad category of accessories for tape recorders alone.

In our view, the best buy is an extra speaker. Some very good ones cost less than \$15. These are "raw," unenclosed speakers and you can place them anywhere—in a den, playroom, bedroom, or kitchen. Mounting them takes a minimum of work; just cut a round hole the diameter of the speaker and screw it in place. The easiest place to mount one is on a closet door. But a kitchen cabinet—or any old cabinet in the den or playroom will do just fine.

Our local dealer sold us an Electro-Voice MC-8 speaker for \$12. It's an eight-inch speaker and we mounted it inside a non-working fireplace in the den. To hold it in place we used a square of 34-inch plywood with a sawed-out hole of seven inches in diameter. The quality is astonishingly fine-almost the equal of the larger \$130 models in the living room. It's important to note that the den is quite small. Don't expect the results we got from the MC-8 if you install it in a larger room. Since they are so reasonable and easy to install, buy two and distribute the sound of Christmas music upstairs and down.

We've touched on headphonelistening in a casual way in this column before. But it bears repeating if you're perplexed about gift buying. Relatively few music listeners have tried headphone listening; those who have are uniformly delighted with the sound quality, the experience-it's especially fascinating in stereo-and with their genuine usefulness. How useful? Well if you want to listen to music and the children want to watch television in the same room, you can do so. If you're an apartment dweller who likes music loud, you can have it as loud as you want and not disturb neighbors. If mother is telephoning and father wants to listen to music, they can do so without conflict. And late listeners can listen without keeping others awake.

There are about 20 different makes on the market, ranging in price from \$15 to \$50. Most of the popular makes are tagged at about \$25. There's one thing you should know about shopping for headphones—try them on for comfort. If they don't rest easily upon your head, they're useless. We prefer the type with the large spongerubber or plastic-foam pads that cup the ears. They shut out random noise and they're comfortable for prolonged periods of listening.

Using a poor antenna with a good FM receiver is like fueling a Cadillac with kerosene. Don't stint, buy a high-octane antenna; it will pull in signals stronger and from greater distances. Some of the new antennas—like Jerrold's Paralog—can be used for both TV and FM. And you can use your old TV antenna for FM even though it was not designed for that purpose. For optimum reception, you're better off with an antenna designed especially for FM. This is particularly true if you expect to pull in stereo-FM signals. A normally strong signal drops off considerably when it is stereo-multiplexed.

The amount you'll spend for an antenna depends on geography. If you're an urbanite, your signal area is strong. The farther you live from a station, the bigger and better the antenna you'll need. The range of prices is wide; you can spend as little as \$5, or more than ten times that.

A new type of transistorized indoor antenna has recently appeared in hi-fi stores. We've tried one with less than spectacular results but hesitate to disqualify them altogether. They are sold with a guarantee so you can try them at no risk. The chief virtue of these indoor units is their trim appearance. The working elements are packed inside a slim plastic case roughly $12x6x1\frac{1}{2}$ ". They can be placed on a table near the receiver or can be perched atop the receiver itself. The price: about \$25.

Back when phonograph volume was controlled by opening or closing the victrola's door, a record's grooves were bludgeoned by a tiny steel spike in a quarter-pound pickup. Grit in the grooves had an abrasive effect and they quickly wore out. A family might buy three copies of "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Sheen" before everyone learned all the lyrics.

Today's microgrooves are of softer vinyl, but many modern pickups can track at ultralight pressures under two grams. Dust and grit still can damage a disc or cause quality deterioration but they have to work at it lots longer. The simplest solution to the problem is simply to keep your records clean. To this end, a wide variety of sprays, cloths, and brushes are available. Our favorite is a plastic tone-arm device called the "Dust Bug." It's mounted on the turntable the same as the regular tone arm and cartridge. And it works the same way. But instead of picking up a mechanical movement that is translated into a voltage, it picks up dust and grit. The price: about \$5. The sprays, cloths, and brushes are considerably cheaper and are quite effective.

Another aid to dustfree performance is a record turntable or changer cover. A de luxe table-top unit with a fine wood finish is a must in a decorator setting. (continued on page 78)



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Be your home contemporary, traditional, or something in between, here are ideas to make your hearth the glowing center of your festivities this Christmas. Choose, adapt, and enjoy as many as you please!

Hearthside hospitality abounds with the simple but appealing decorations shown at left. Holiday cookies are hung with care for the youngsters. A ribbon-tied spray of greens festoons a family portrait over the mantel while Christmas candles in a cluster cast a warming glow over the whole room.

Dazzling wreath of tinsel stars and Christmas balls (right) is dramatized by the bright red background of this cozy fireplace in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollander, New York City. A gift-filled giant stocking fashioned from chicken wire will delight the whole family on Christmas morning!

Rolled ribbon swag with large double bows at each end enhances the beauty of a lovely mantel in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Krasilousky, Chappaqua, New York. Small tree was made from spruce branches fastened to a hardboard form. Evergreen chains drape Gothic windows.

Stylized star made of fabric over a cardboard base makes an unusual decoration. Half ball of Styrofoam conceals center joint, provides a base for ball cluster. Italian cypress sparkles with tear-drop balls.







A Christmas table is moved to a sheltered deck for a holiday supper in a candlelight setting. Votive candles, wall sconces, and the glow of the contemporary fireplace provide a romantic atmosphere. Table centerpiece is a pyramid of basket trays stacked on upturned bowls, laden with artificial fruits, nuts, and gay Christmas baubles.



A bountiful basket brimming with holiday packages hangs high on a wide fireplace wall of old pink brick. The spray-painted basket and Christmas wrappings in coordinated colors were chosen to complement the warm color scheme of this room. (You might try a different combination of colorful packages and flowers keyed to your own living room scheme!)



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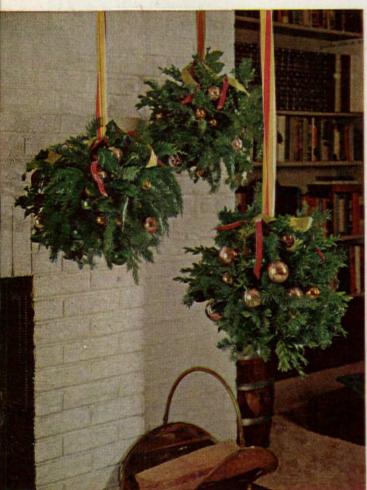
Balls of spruce, holly, and huckleberry with shiny ornaments hang in graceful mobile design in home of Mrs. Emma Gene Hall, New York City. They are cleverly made, using a potato in center with wire loop through it for fastening ribbons. Ends of greens are sharpened and inserted in potato, which keeps them amazingly fresh for some time.

Tree of velvet ribbons on mantel in the home of Mrs. M. Townsend Needham, New York City, is made of two semicircles of plywood fastened with wooden dowel. Ribbon is stretched between semicircles, fastened with tacks, and decorated with bows.

Venetian angels hang from varied lengths of blue and gold velvet before an Early American hearth. Mexican copper and brass stars decorate the wall.

Benevolent Santos presides before the hearth. A carved antique figure could be your family's own Christmas symbol, a meaningful tradition as well as unusual decoration. Figure courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. John Seib of West Boylston, Mass.

Illuminated study of the Wise Men decorates handsome fireplace wall in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krauss of New York City. This unusual collage is made from Christmas wrappings and framed with garlands of laurel. The laurel is intertwined with tiny lights; streamers with ornaments are hung from sconces.



F. M. Demarest







hotographed at East Norwich House by George Lazarnick

Ernest Silva



The cards are dispatched, the presents wrapped, the menus planned. You may feel it's time for a breather. But now is the time to conjure up the last-minute touches that will truly cast the magic spell of Christmas all over your house. These are the small ideas that produce a big effect! And they're less time-consuming than you think. Are you planning a big buffet over the holidays? Then let a gigantic bow stretch from one end of the table to the other. Your centerpiece is bound to cause talk and get the party off to a wonderful start. Need a topiary tree for the front hall, a decorative panel for the front door, a few baubles for your window? Let our ideas on these pages be the inspiration for the merriest, jolliest holiday you've had in many a Christmas moon!

1. Giant Christmas bow for a buffet table is designed to look like a big package to match fireplace decoration. Felt is cut 6 inches wide to run the length and width of table. Bow loops are lined with pink felt and stiffened with covered wire plant ties glued in between the felt pieces. Shocking pink Christmas balls surround alternating green and red candles.

2. Unique copper and blue ornaments make this tree part of a sophisticated decorating scheme. The living room of designer Zita Zech is basically neutral, accented with burnt orange and bright, dark blue. The tree was first lightly sprayed with snow, then

CROWNING TOUCHES FOR YOUR HOLIDAY DÉCOR



1 Table setting: Kaleidoscope, Designer: Charles Pollock. 1, 4 Photographer: Horst Ahlberg, Information: Barbara Lenox. 2 Photographer: George de Gennaro. 3, 5 Photographer: Swedowsky & Weiss. 5 Designed by Party Bazaar, New York. 6 Photographer: George Szani

entwined with tiny multicolored lights. Added to this are the copper-sprayed tin molds, a chain of stapled links of copper paper, orange lanterns, balls, and stars. Even the packages carry out the color scheme.

- **3.** Weathered or bleached branch makes a handsome winter wall decoration. Here it is trimmed with moss bird nests, balls, tinsel stars, and the imitation feathered friends found in greeting card shops.
- 4. Snow-men egg cups start a merry Christmas morn-
- ing. The caps and scarves of felt are made the night before and black and red laundry marking pencils do the faces before the eggs cool. It will be a delightful surprise to break the ball and find a dollar bill inside.
- **5.** Topiary tree makes a festive table, mantel, or side-board decoration. Start with a clay pot or inverted paper hat to make the base. A 20-inch-long dowel rod (from hardware store) makes the stalk. Paint pot and trim dowel. Then press on a 5-inch Styrofoam

ball for base of petals. Each petal is half a sheet of bright-colored tissue (15x20"), scalloped, gathered, and wired like a butterfly. End of wire holding petal is then forced into Styrofoam ball. You'll need 25 to 30 petals. Roses are made by folding a band of paper and winding around your finger.

6. Brass curtain rod supports a decorative panel of felt. The tree is made of bright fabric from your scrap bag and is trimmed with curtain rings and ribbon.





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(continued)

- 7. Decorative panel for door, wall, or centerpiece is made of four Styrofoam blocks wired together to form long base and covered with baby's breath. The colorful spray design includes wood roses, Chinese lanterns, artificial love apples, limes, and red peppers. The gold disks add glitter.
- 8. Tinker toy and lollipop mobile makes a gay party centerpiece for the kindergarten set. Your youngster will enjoy making it and showing off his creative effort to his guests.
- 9. Santa's whiskered face is just an ordinary floor mop wired with blue Christmas-ball eyes and a red nose. The cap is easily cut from red felt. Pin or staple it to a background color most appropriate to the color scheme. Then brush whiskers into shape.
- 10. Colored baskets take the place of the Christmas stockings by the chimney. Glue on names for each child cut from felt which matches the large green bows. Velvet ribbons are stapled to baskets for support.
- 11. Candleholders in an oriental mood are just bottles filled with scarlet-tinted water (use food coloring or red ink). Add inverted plastic salad bowls and paper scallops turned up around bases of the fat candles.
- 12. Quick as a wink you can transform your colored glassware into pretty candlesticks by inverting and topping with votive lights. Just add a little ribbon and sparkle, place on bookcase, hall table, or use a row down the table for an unusual, sparkling arrangement.
- 13. Tricked-up baskets are eye-catching for simple decoration, gift toting, or table centerpieces. From the bright examples shown, you'll be inspired to paint and fill baskets with your own imaginative designs.
- 14. Miscellaneous boxes covered with scraps of wallpaper or fabric make dressy Christmas picture frames—also a good way to enjoy your favorite cards from other years. Gold braid and ribbon will conceal edges and awkward corners. Use glue, rubber cement, and tape to hold material in place.
- 15. Many-paned window is garlanded with greens and sparkling baubles. Judiciously concealed tape and straight pins will hold greens in place. Fill an urn or jar with greens and Christmas finery; add two plump candles. Everyone will want to look in your window!





WREATHS: YOUR MOST VERSATILE ORNAMENTS

home, there is none that can send your imagination to such soaring heights as Christmas wreaths. For gaiety, sparkle, drama, and color there are no limits to what you can achieve. You may have always been a tried and true traditionalist . . . your wreath nothing more than a circle of lush greens with a big red bow. This year why not start a tradition of your own by creating something new and special for the holidays? And remember—this favorite garland need not stop at your front door.

window, a gay festoon for a newel post, a dramatic highlight over the hearth, or an unusual centerpiece for the dining room table.

There's really no secret in making an unusual wreath design. We suggest you start off with a good firm base which will hold the weight of your materials. You should plan at the start for a strong loop or hook for a hanger. Some of the things which will help you build your creation are chicken wire or thin wire mesh, Styrofoam in all shapes and

Of all the decorations that deck the halls of your It can be a pretty silhouette seen through a lighted sizes, florist's wire, picture wire, florist's clay, toothpicks, staples, small plant stakes, straight pins, and a special glue or adhesive for plastic and paper.

As for the basic materials—they're up to you and your own imagination. The stunning wreaths we show here were fashioned from a wide variety of real and artificial fruits, lace doilies, tissue paper, gumdrops, and popcorn. They're idea starters to set you on your merry way!

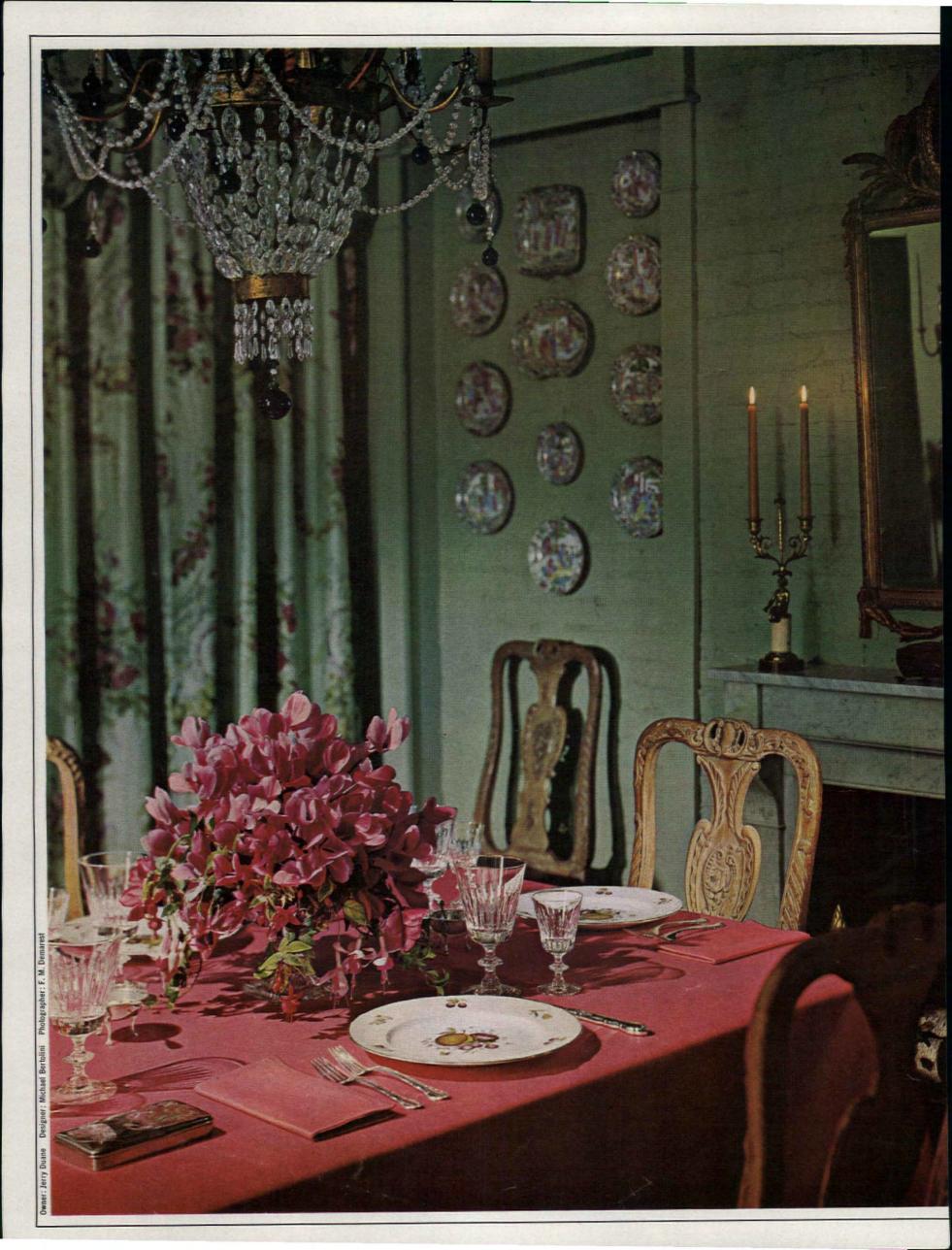
1. Exotic wreath of oranges set in cluster of wheat sparkles with chain of tiny lights. The base is a



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12-inch circle of Styrofoam covered with pink ribbon. Lights are held by lots of straight pins.

- 2. Dainty lace doilies are gathered and pushed into a doughnut of chicken wire with bogus cherries and stylized red velvet bow. The bow is made with double-faced masking tape between strips of ribbon.
- **3.** Artificial strawberries are wired together in small clusters and inserted in a Styrofoam circle.
- 4. Funny popcorn and gumdrop faces use a ribboncovered Styrofoam base. Popcorn balls and gumdrops are fixed to the base with toothpicks or pins.
- 5. Della Robbia wreath is made by wiring real fruit to florist's wreath of lemon leaves or spruce.
- **6.** Ribbon rose sunburst has cardboard base. Rays of sunburst are different lengths of ribbon stapled to frame in layers. Ribbon roses come already made by Tie-Tie, available at gift-wrapping stores.
- **7.** Fiesta wreath of tissue paper starts with 15-inch squares. Folded like a pocket handkerchief, squares are pushed into a chicken-wire frame.
- 8. Gumdrops are toothpicked to fat Styrofoam base and circled with two sizes and colors of velvet ribbon.
- **9.** Ready-made roses of red and pink satiny paper ribbon by Tie-Tie are nested on Styrofoam. Double-faced bows are two colors of ribbon which stick together when moistened.
- 10. Sunburst of wheat is built up from Styrofoam base with nuts and cones individually wired to small plant stakes which are stuck into base.
- 11. Six nosegays of artificial blue and black berries and green flower stems are mounted on base with ribbon rosette center. After doily and ribbon ruching are in place, berry clusters are thrust through base.



Start with a vivacious background and your party table will spring to life like magic. Fine crystal and china take on gleaming new dimensions afloat a sea of color. Simple everyday tablewares become suddenly dramatic. Try an unexpected check or use a bright variation of the colors of your room. Spike the table with napkins in exclamation-point colors. For a merry month of little suppers and big dinners start with color!





Red and white checks have a gala air of wine and song—and see how festive they look with a verdant centerpiece of gay, bright fruits. Napkins are rolled like candles.

Olive green linen is a lush background (upper right) for stark white goblets, shining silver, and creamy-colored china. Napkins? Garnet red.

Avocado green (lower left) is accented by medley of napkin colors, glasses of rosé wine. The bright background reflects in glass and silver.

Brilliant red cloth (lower right) decorates the table even before you've placed a bauble on it. The rich red is a handsome background for simple stemware, gleaming silver, and white accessories. Octagonal shape of china is accented with blue napkins.

Raspberry pink (opposite) bathes formal table in quiet elegance, is a pleasing complement to the muted green walls and repeats colors of drapery pattern. Exquisite porcelain, gleaming silver, fluted crystal, and flowers complete this lovely table.



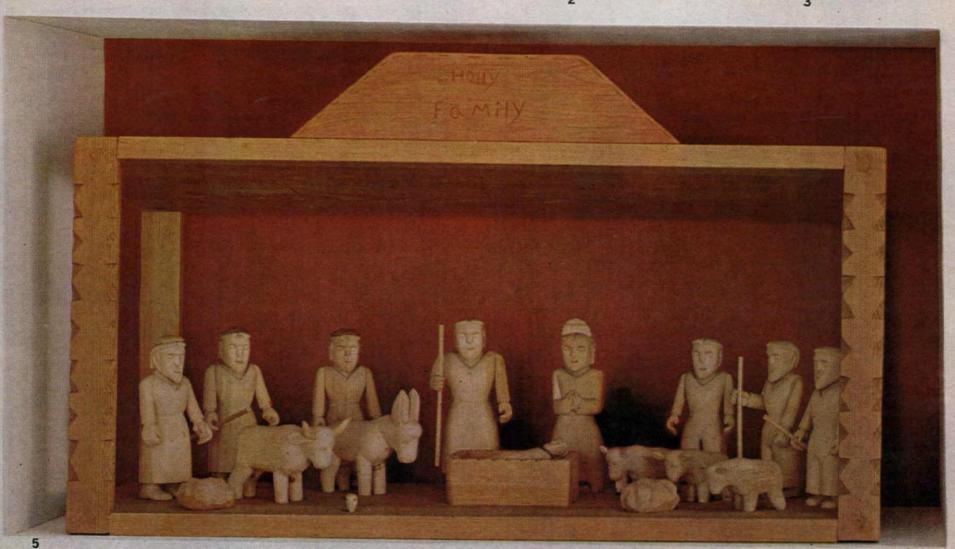


HOLIDAY TABLES SPARKLING WITH COLOR























LOVELY CRÈCHES

A crèche is the most significant symbol of Christmas. For centuries the scene at Bethlehem has been interpreted by artists, sculptors, and wood-carvers the world over. Luckily many of these beautiful groupings are now available in gift and specialty shops. Some come complete as a unit, others you can add to year after year.

1. French nativity with Santon figures, the little "saints" of Christmas. The boy carries a lamb for his gift to the Infant.

 Small crèche from Poland carved in light and dark woods.
 Clay figures from Mexico

made by the Metepec Indians.
4. Colorful ceramic version from Italy by Jean C. Girard.

5. Reverent and simple wood unit of pale native cottonwood from New Mexico carved by José Mondragon. (Note the misspelling of holy.)

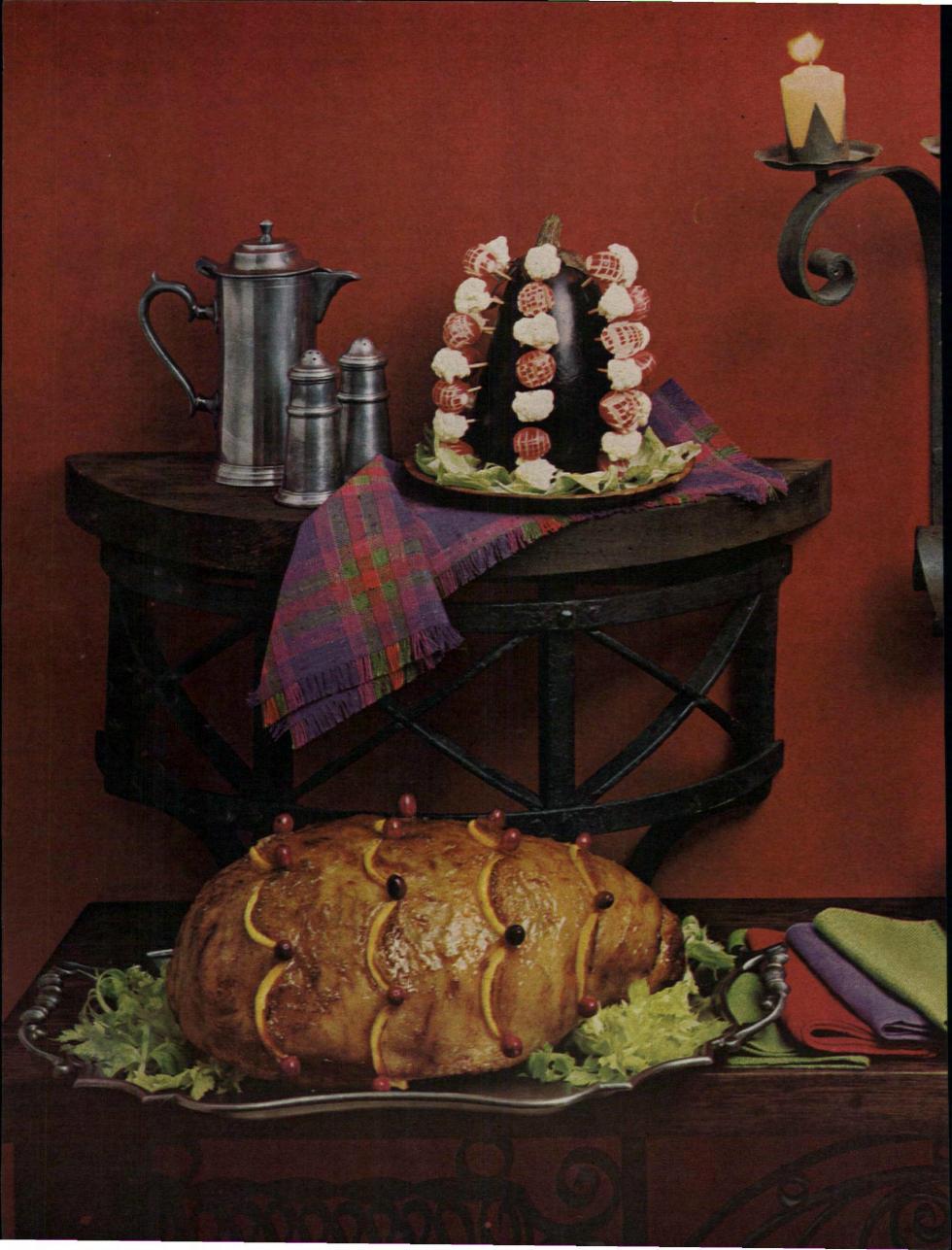
6. Dramatic Polish cathedral made of brightly colored foils.

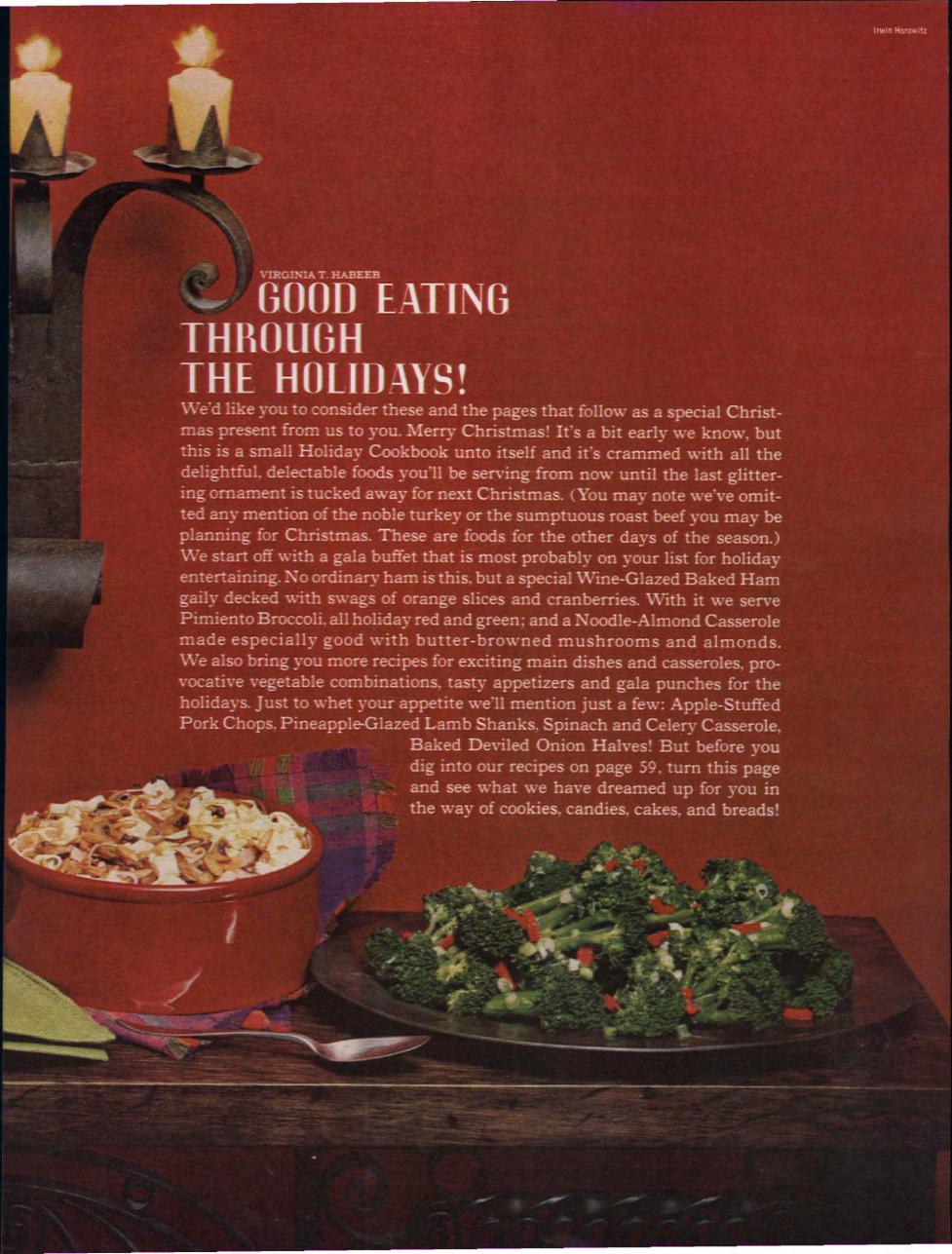
7. Primitive-styled clay grouping from Portugal, painted and highly glazed.

8. Danish hand-painted wood crèche, modern in feeling.

9. Exquisite ceramic grouping from Austria in verdant setting. 10. Carved wood figures from Germany in handmade clothes. Shopping Information, page 70.

Rudy Muller









Straight from Mrs. Santa's Bakeshop come these awe-inspiring cakes to grace your Christmas table! All through the year, a cake is a wondrous thing, something to please the eye and tickle the palate. But at Christmas a cake must be truly special... as merry as the season itself, and so downright delectable that neither young nor old can bear to resist. How does your Christmas fancy strike you this year? Would you have a cake that's bursting with fruits and nuts? One that's redolent of spices, sweetmeats, and spirits? Or is it to be a rich, chocolatey dream of a cake? We present here four memorable recipes-memorable because they are bound to become a "must" in your family year after year after year! The recipes begin on page 56.

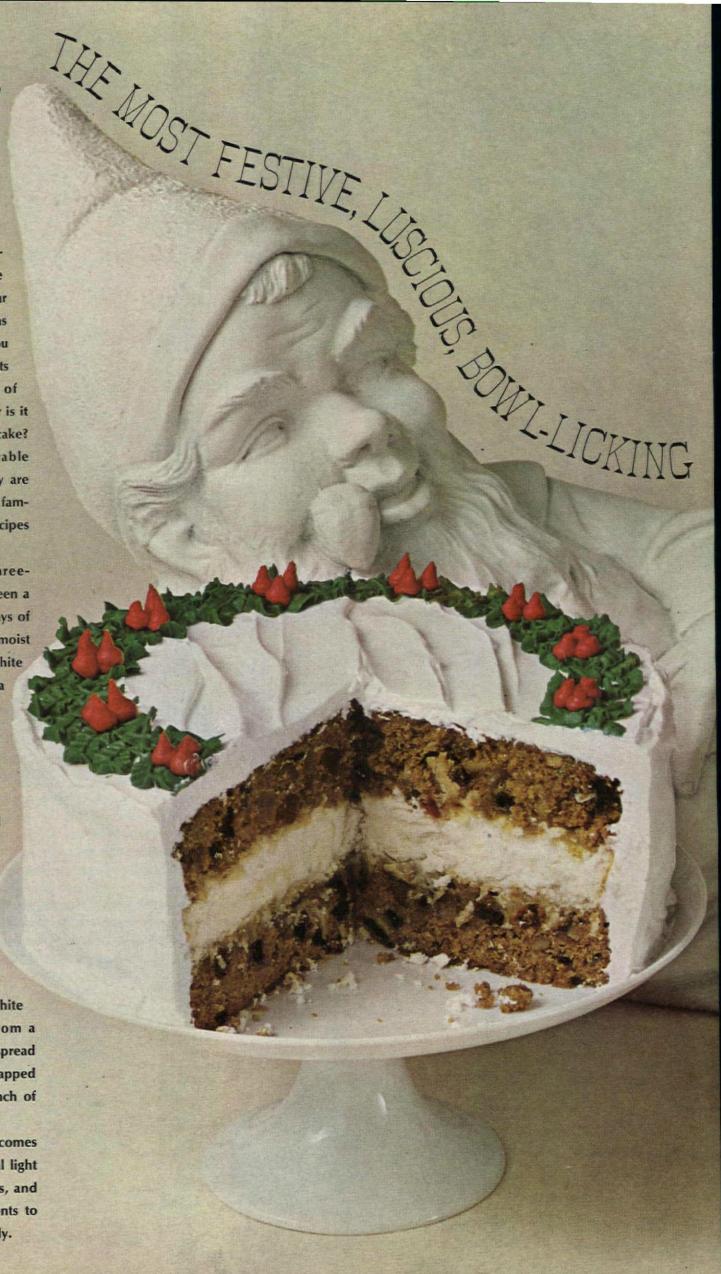
Oriental Fruitcake. Here is a threelayered version of a cake that's been a tradition in the South since the days of the clipper ships. Two layers are a moist dark fruitcake, one is a fluffy white

cake. The layers are spread with a tart, lemony coconut filling. The topping is a white dreamy frosting made from a mix! Looks complicated but really isn't—as our shortcut recipe will prove.

Yule Log. Our translation of an old French recipe, Bûche de Noël. A sponge roll is filled and topped with a rich mocha frosting and decorated with a white frosting. Sprinkle this one with chopped pistachio nuts and you've a treat to behold!

Marzipan Cake. Our pink and white checkerboard loaf is made from a poundcake mix! The layers are spread with currant jelly and the cake wrapped with marzipan. The top is a bunch of easy-to-make marzipan grapes.

The Dundee Cake. From Scotland comes the inspiration for this traditional light fruitcake. Raisins, currants, nuts, and cherries are the special ingredients to make this a favorite in your family.



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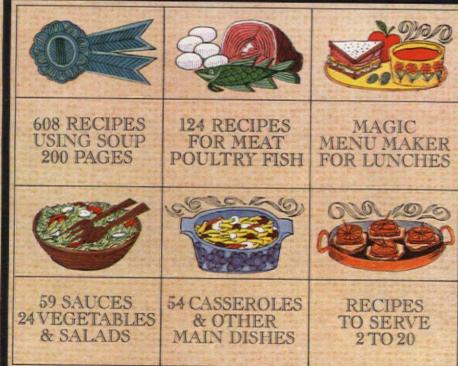
is a Christmas bread steeped in the tra-Any jolly old elf will tell you-take away ditions of old Russia. Rich with raisins, the tantalizing aroma of holiday breads almonds, and candied orange peel, it's baking in the oven and you take away a big topped with pink icing and a mistletoe motif. chunk of Christmas! And beyond the sniffing, (In the old days, the czarinas would lop off the is there anything more heavenly than in the eattop, slice the bread sideways, and reing? Here are three luscious breads from place the top to keep the bread fresh.) other lands to serve to family and friends Panetone is native to Italy. It's chock-full the whole holiday through. All are made of candied fruits, raisins, and pine nuts, flafrom one good basic bread recipe. From vored with anise extract, and shaped high and there you add the special ingredients, a little skill round. Stollen from Germany boasts almonds, and tender loving care, and presto-you have any raisins, citron, and cherries, and is topped with icing. of the three mouth-watering variations. Kulich (at top)

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CANDIES (pictured in color on pages 44 and 45)

FLOWER GARDEN MINTS

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

3 c. sifted confectioners' sugar; $2\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. water; $2\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. light corn syrup; red food coloring; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. wintergreen extract.

Combine sugar, water, and corn syrup in top of double boiler. Heat over hot, not boiling water until mixture becomes liquid enough to pour easily. Stir in red food coloring (to tint a pastel pink) and wintergreen extract. Drop from tip of teaspoon into circles onto wax paper. Let stand until set. Decorate tops as desired. Makes $3\frac{1}{2}$ dozen.

Variations: For green mints, substitute green food coloring and ½ teaspoon peppermint or spearmint extract for red food coloring and wintergreen extract in above recipe. For white mints, leave uncolored and add ½ teaspoon peppermint extract.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE

Preparation time: 15 min. / Cooking time: 25-30 min.

 $1\frac{1}{3}$ e. milk; 4 sq. unsweetened chocolate; 4 e. sugar; 3 tbs. light corn syrup; $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt; 3 tbs. butter or margarine; 2 tsp. vanilla.

Cook milk and chocolate in saucepan over low heat until chocolate is melted. Add sugar, corn syrup, and salt. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until sugar is dissolved. Cook until candy thermometer registers 234° F., or a small amount forms a soft ball when dropped into cold water. Move spoon across bottom of pan occasionally to prevent scorching, but do not stir. Remove from heat; add butter or margarine and vanilla; do not stir in. Let cool to 120° F., or until bottom of pan is comfortable to palm of hand. Beat until quite thick. Mixture will still be glossy.* Pour into buttered pan; cool; cut into rounds, squares, rectangles, or diamonds. Leave plain or decorate top with coconut, colored sprinkles, or pecan halves. Makes about 2 pounds. *Note: If you overbeat and fudge becomes too stiff, turn it out and knead with hands until soft and pliable. It will be lighter in color and can be pressed into a pan and cut or shaped into a roll and sliced.

Variations: After fudge has cooled to 120° F., beat slightly, then add 1 cup halved candied cherries or miniature marshmallows or coarsely chopped walnuts or pecans or 1 cup of a combination of any of these. Continue beating as above. Pour into pan.

LOLLIPOPS

Preparation time: 15 min. / Cooking time: 30 min.

2 c. sugar; $\frac{2}{3}$ c. light corn syrup; 1 c. water; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. lime extract; $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. green food coloring; lollipop sticks.

Combine sugar, corn syrup, and water in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until candy thermometer registers 280° F. Lower heat so syrup will not darken; continue cooking to 300° F. Remove from heat; let stand 1 minute. Add lime extract and green food coloring. Place lollipop sticks on oiled cooky sheet or bottom of large baking pan about 4 inches apart. Hold one end of stick firmly; pour syrup from tip of teaspoon allowing it to flow into circle at top of stick. Let cool; remove from cooky sheets. Make faces of sugar icing, wrap in plastic wrap, and tie with yarn, if desired. Makes about 3 dozen two-inch lollipops.

Variation: To make red lollipops use ½ teaspoon oil of cloves or cinnamon extract and ½ teaspoon red food coloring in place of lime extract and green food coloring in recipe.

DIVINITY

Preparation time: 15 min. / Cooking time: 40 min.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. light corn syrup; $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar; $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt; 2 egg whites; 1 tsp. vanilla.

Combine corn syrup, sugar, water, and salt in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until candy thermometer registers 248° F. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Pour half the hot syrup in thin stream over egg whites, beating constantly at high speed. Cook remaining half of syrup to 272° F. on candy thermometer. Pour in thin stream over egg-white mixture, beating at high speed until mixture holds shape and just begins to lose gloss. Beat in vanilla. Put through pastry bag using rosette tip, or drop from tip of teaspoon onto wax paper. Let stand until set. Decorate with candied cherry or angelica, if desired. Store in airtight container. Makes 1½ pounds.

TWISTED KENTUCKY CREAMS

Preparation time: 5 min. / Cooking time: 30 min.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water; 2 c. sugar; ¼ tsp. salt; ½ tsp. baking soda; ½ c. heavy cream.

Butter 3 large cooky sheets or other large metal surfaces. Chill well. (This aids congealing of hot syrup.) Combine water, sugar, salt, and soda in saucepan. Cook to 250° F. on candy thermometer or until syrup spins a 3- to 4-inch thread. Add cream, a tablespoon at a time, so boiling does not stop. Lower heat; cook to 250° F. again. Mixture will be tan in color. Pour candy in thin ribbons onto cooky sheets. Let stand 5 minutes. Pick ribbons up; pull until pale ivory and quite stiff; twist into a rope. Cut into 1½-inch lengths on buttered sheets. Let stand until cold. Cover with wax paper. Let stand 3 to 4 hours. Candy will change from chewy to creamy. Store in airtight container. Makes about 1½ pounds.

CANDIED ORANGE PEEL

Preparation time: 20 min. / Cooking time: 45 min.

4 large thick-skinned oranges; 2 c. sugar; 1 c. hot water; ½ c. light corn syrup; yellow food coloring; granulated sugar.

Remove peel from oranges in large pieces. Place in saucepan; cover with cold water. Bring to boiling; boil 2 minutes; drain. Repeat three times, discarding water each time. Cut peel into strips with scissors. Combine sugar, water, corn syrup, and a few drops yellow food coloring in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Add peel; lower heat; cook slowly until peel is translucent and syrup is almost absorbed. Drain peel in colander. Roll, a few at a time, in sugar. Let stand in single layer on wire rack to dry sugar coating. Dip ends in melted chocolate. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 1 pound. Candied Grapefruit Peel. Substitute peel of 2 large grapefruit for orange peel. Cook in cold water 10 minutes each time in three changes of water. Proceed as above.

COOKIES (pictured in color on pages 44 and 45)

SANDBAKELSER (Sand Tarts)

Preparation time: 30 min. / Baking time: 12-15 min.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blanched almonds, ground; $\frac{2}{3}$ c. soft butter or margarine; $\frac{2}{3}$ c. sugar; 1 egg white, unbeaten; 1 tsp. almond extract; $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sifted all-purpose flour. (continued)



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½ teaspoon salt ¾ cup M&M's Plain Chocolate

Candies

Blend Crisco and sugars. Beat in vanilla, water and egg. Sift remaining dry ingredients together and add to the sugar and egg mixture. Mix well. Stir in M&M's Plain Chocolate Candies. Drop from teaspoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes about 3 dozen 2½ in. cookies.

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Mix almonds, butter or margarine, sugar, egg white, and almond extract thoroughly. Blend in flour; chill thoroughly. Set oven at moderate (350° F.). Press small amount of dough into each sandbakel mold or tiny fluted tart form, so that molds have a thin coating of dough about ¼ inch thick. Do not fill molds solidly. Place molds on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, or until very delicately browned. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack. Tap molds on table to loosen cookies; invert on wire racks; allow to cool thoroughly. Serve plain or frost with *Pink Frosting*: Cream 2 tablespoons butter or margarine in small bowl; stir in 1½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar and enough cream or milk to make a frosting of good spreading consistency. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla or almond extract and a few drops red food coloring. Makes about 2 dozen.

BRANDY SNAPS

Preparation time: 15 min. / Baking time: 10-12 min.

2 tbs. corn syrup; $\frac{1}{3}$ c. molasses; $\frac{1}{2}$ c. butter or margarine; 1 c. sifted all-purpose flour; $\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar; 1 tsp. ginger. (No brandy is required.)

Set oven at slow (300° F.). Heat corn syrup and molasses to boiling. Remove from heat; add butter or margarine. Sift together flour, sugar, and ginger; stir gradually into molasses mixture; mix well. Drop by teaspoonfuls 3 inches apart onto greased cooky sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Let stand about 2 minutes to cool slightly. Loosen one cooky at a time; roll over cornucopia form or handle of wooden spoon; let cool, slip off carefully when firm. Serve plain or fill with Whipped Apricot Cream: Fold 1/4 cup chopped, dried apricots into 2 cups sweetened whipped cream. Makes about 2 dozen.

SPRINGERLE

Preparation time: 30 min. / Baking time: 15 min.

4 eggs; 2 c. sugar; 1 tsp. anise extract; 4 c. sifted all-purpose flour; $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. baking soda; anise seed.

Beat eggs until light; add sugar; beat until mixture is very stiff and light, about 15 minutes at high speed on electric mixer. Add extract, flour, and soda; mix thoroughly. Roll out on lightly floured surface with regular rolling pin to ½-inch thickness. Roll with springerle rolling pin to ½-inch thickness, pressing only once for clear imprint. Cut along dividing lines to separate cookies. Place carefully on lightly floured surface; cover with towel; let stand overnight to dry. Sprinkle greased cooky sheets with anise seed. Set oven at slow (300° F.). Lift cookies carefully; brush off excess flour; moisten bottom of each cooky with finger dipped in water. Place on prepared cooky sheets; bake 15 minutes or until dry but still pale and not brown. Moistened area on bottom of cooky will form characteristic "foot" of the springerle cooky. Makes 5 to 6 dozen.

PFEFFERNÜSSE

Preparation time: 20 min. / Baking time: 20 min.

 $2\frac{1}{4}$ c. sifted all-purpose flour; 1 tsp. baking powder; 2 tsp. cinnamon; $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. ground cloves; $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. mace; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. white pepper; 2 eggs; 1 c. sugar; 1 tsp. grated lemon rind; $\frac{1}{2}$ c. finely chopped candied citron; confectioners' sugar.

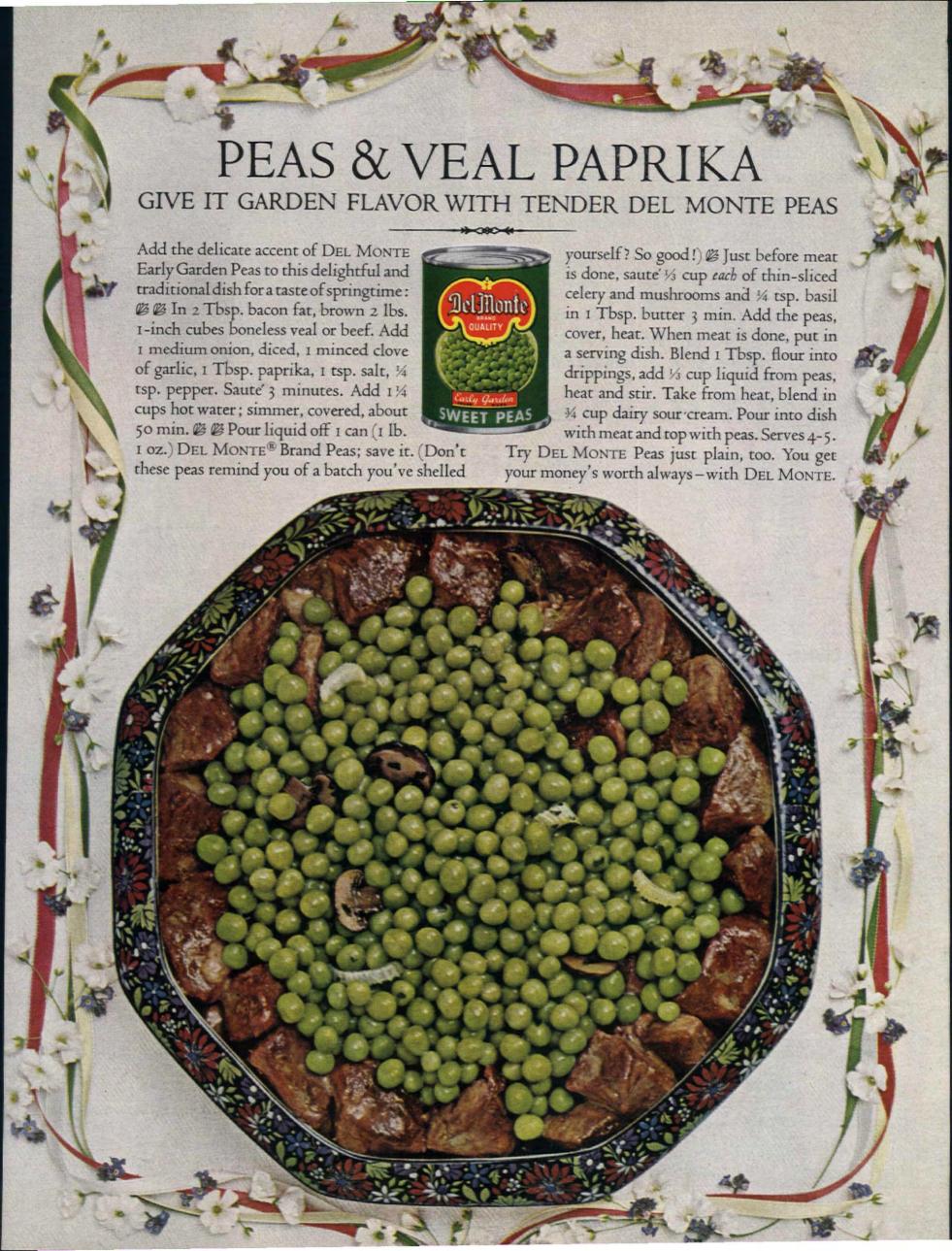
Sift flour, baking powder, cinnamon, cloves, mace, and pepper together. Beat eggs until light; beat in sugar until very light and fluffy. Stir in dry ingredients. Mix in lemon rind and citron. Break off small pieces of dough; roll into 1-inch balls. Place cookies on greased cooky sheets about 1 inch apart. Cover with wax paper; let stand overnight. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Roll in confectioners' sugar to coat. Store in tightly covered container for about a week to mellow. Makes about $4\frac{1}{2}$ dozen.

KRIIMKAKE

Preparation time: 20 min. / Baking time: 40 min.

3 eggs; 1 c. sugar; 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ c. sifted all-purpose flour; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground cardamom; $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt; 1 c. heavy cream.

Beat eggs and sugar until very thick. Sift flour, cardamom, and salt together. Add alternately with cream to egg mixture. Heat krumkake iron to moderately hot on top of range. Do not allow



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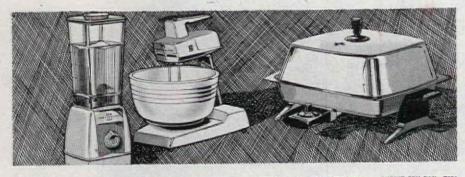
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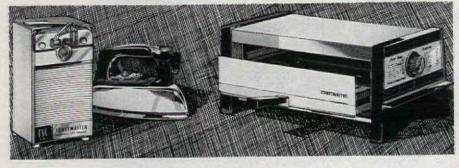
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to become too hot, as fragile cookies will burn. Drop a table-spoonful of batter on hot iron; bring cover down, but do not press hard. Cook over moderate heat about 30 seconds on each side. Peel cooky from iron; quickly roll around wooden dowel or cone-shaped form (whichever comes with your iron). Cooky will stiffen at once and may be removed from form as soon as you are ready to roll the next cooky. Serve as is or fill just before serving with whipped cream flavored with rum or brandy extract. Makes about 3 dozen.

SCOTCH SHORTBREAD

Preparation time: 20 min. / Baking time: 35 to 40 min.

2½ c. sifted all-purpose flour; ¾ c. sugar; 1 c. butter or margarine.

Sift flour and sugar together. Cut butter or margarine in small pieces into flour mixture. Mix in with fingers until stiff dough forms. Roll out on floured surface ½-inch thick; cut into small, fancy shapes. Place shortbread on lightly greased cooky sheets. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Makes about 3 dozen.

BREADS (pictured in color on page 48)

BASIC YEAST DOUGH FOR CHRISTMAS COFFEECAKES

Preparation time: 40 min. / Rising time: 1½-2 hrs. 3/4 c. milk; ½ c. warm water (105°-115° F.); 1 pkg. active dry

yeast or 1 cake compressed yeast; ½ c. sugar; 1 tsp. salt; ½ c. soft butter or margarine; 2 eggs; 5-51/2 c. sifted all-purpose flour. Scald milk; cool to lukewarm. Measure water into large mixing bowl (cool it to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir until dissolved. Add lukewarm milk, sugar, salt, butter or margarine, and eggs. Add 3 cups flour; beat with mixer, egg beater, or wire whip until smooth. (This is the point at which you will add the other ingredients from the coffeecake recipe of your choice.) Add 11/2 cups flour; dough will be very sticky. Flour board with remaining flour; turn dough out on floured board. Work just enough flour into dough with spatula or hands until dough handles easily. (This method of adding flour gives a very tender coffeecake.) Knead dough until smooth and elastic. Place dough in well-greased bowl; turn dough over to bring greased side up; cover with clean, damp cloth. Let rise in warm place (85° F.) free from draft, 1 to 11/2 hours or until doubled in bulk. Punch dough down; let rise 30 minutes or until doubled. Shape dough as directed for individual coffeecake.

PANETONE

1 recipe Basic Yeast Dough; 3 egg yolks, beaten; 1 c. golden raisins; ½ c. pine nuts (pignoli); 1 c. mixed candied fruits; 11/2 tsp. anise extract; 2 fbs. melted butter or margarine. Prepare Basic Yeast Dough through the step of adding 3 cups flour; beat smooth. Add beaten egg yolks, raisins, pine nuts, candied fruits, and anise extract. Add the 11/2 cups flour; work in remaining flour, knead and let rise according to basic recipe. To prepare pan: Tear off piece of heavy foil large enough to encircle 9-inch layer-cake pan. Fold lengthwise until 3 inches wide; form into circle inside pan; secure with paper clip. Grease bottom of pan and inside of foil. Turn dough out on floured board; knead to press out air bubbles. Shape into smooth ball; press into prepared pan. Let rise in warm place (85° F.) free from draft, 1 hour or until doubled in bulk. Cut cross in top with sharp knife; brush with melted butter or margarine. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 10 minutes; reduce heat to slow (325° F.), bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until top is golden brown. Decorate with Confectioners' Icing, candied cherries, and angelica, if desired. Makes 1 Panetone.

STOLLEN

1 recipe Basic Yeast Dough; ½ c. blanched chopped almonds; ½ c. candied cherries, halved; ½ c. chopped candied citron; 1 c. seedless raisins; 1 tbs. grated lemon rind; ¼ c. melted butter or margarine.

Prepare Basic Yeast Dough through the step of adding 3 cups flour; beat smooth. Add almonds, cherries, citron, raisins, and (continued)

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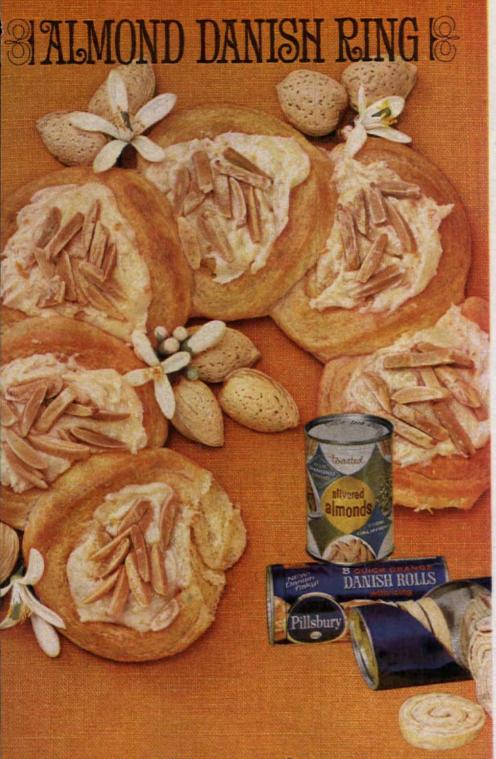
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lemon rind. Add the 1½ cups flour; work in remaining flour, knead, and let rise in bowl according to basic recipe. When dough has finished rising, turn out on lightly floured board; knead to press out air bubbles; divide in half. Shape each half into 7x12-inch oval; brush with melted butter or margarine. Fold long side two thirds across dough (like a Parker House roll). Brush with melted butter or margarine. Place on greased cooky sheets; cover. Let rise in warm place (85° F.) free from draft, 1 hour or until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 30 to 35 minutes or until top is golden brown. Brush with remaining melted butter or margarine halfway through the baking period. Decorate with Confectioners' Icing, candied cherries, and almonds, if desired. Makes 2 Stollen.

KULICI

1 recipe Basic Yeast Dough; 1/2 c. seedless raisins; 1/2 c. chopped blanched almonds; 1/4 c. chopped candied orange peel; 1 tsp. vanilla. Prepare Basic Yeast Dough through the step of adding 3 cups flour; beat smooth. Add raisins, almonds, orange peel, and vanilla. Add the 11/2 cups flour; work in remaining flour, knead, and let rise in bowl according to basic recipe. When dough has finished rising, turn out on lightly floured board; knead to press out air bubbles; divide dough in half; shape each half into smooth ball. Press each into a well-greased 1-pound coffee can; cover with clean towel. Let rise in warm place (85° F.) free from draft, 1 hour or until dough rises to top of can. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 30 to 35 minutes or until top is golden. Cool. Frost with Confectioners' Icing; decorate. Makes 3 Kulich. Confectioners' Icing: Blend 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar with ½ teaspoon vanilla and enough water to make an icing of good spreading consistency. To tint, add food coloring to make frosting a delicate pastel.

CAKES (pictured in color on pages 46 and 47)

MARZIPAN CAKE

Preparation time: 35 min. / Baking time: 50-60 min.

2 pkg. (1 lb. 1 oz. ea.) poundcake mix; red food coloring; 1 c. currant jelly (or favorite kind); 1 egg white; 1 can (8 oz.) almond paste; 1 tsp. almond extract; 2½ c. sifted confectioners' sugar. Set oven at moderate (350° F.). (Slow [325° F.] for glass pan.) Grease and flour 9x5x3-inch or 8x41/2x23/4-inch loaf pan. Prepare and bake 1 poundcake according to package directions. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan; cool on wire rack. Prepare second poundcake according to package directions; add food coloring to tint batter a medium pink. Bake and cool as directed. Chill cakes 1 hour. Cut bottoms and all brown sides from cakes; cut off rounded tops to make tops even and flat. Lay cake on side; cut in half; cut each half lengthwise into 4 strips. Repeat with second cake. Beat jelly with fork. Spread cake strips with jelly; press strips of alternate colors together in checkerboard pattern. Repeat for second cake. Wrap cakes in foil or plastic wrap; chill while preparing Marzipan Frosting. Beat egg white until stiff. Crumble almond paste into egg white; beat until blended. Add almond extract. Add sugar gradually, working in with fingers if necessary. Turn out on board lightly sprinkled with confectioners' sugar; divide in half; form each half into rectangular shape; take measurements of top, bottom, and sides of cake. Roll marzipan to rectangle of these dimensions; trim edges even. Spread all sides of chilled cake with jelly; place in center of marzipan rectangle. Bring marzipan up over sides of cake to meet in center. Seal by pressing firmly with knife blade. Garnish with marzipan grapes. Wrap in foil or plastic wrap; chill thoroughly. Makes 2 cakes.

To make marzipan grapes as pictured, prepare a second batch of Marzipan Frosting as directed above. Divide mixture in thirds. Knead green food coloring into each third in varying strengths to make 3 shades of green. Shape darkest green batch into leaves and tendrils. Pinch off small pieces of other two batches and roll between palms of hands to form grapes of different sizes. Arrange on cake to resemble bunch of grapes. Moisten bottom of each with corn syrup so it will adhere to frosting. Arrange leaves and tendrils on cake.



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DUNDEE CAKE

Preparation time, 25 min. / Baking time: 1 hr. 50 min.

3/4 c. soft butter or margarine; 1 tsp. grated orange rind; 1 c. sugar; 4 eggs; 21/2 c. sifted all-purpose flour; 1 tsp. baking powder: 2 tbs. orange juice; ½ c. golden raisins; ½ c. currants; ½ c. candied lemon peel; 1/2 c. candied cherries, halved; 1/4 c. chopped blanched almonds.

Line 9x5x3-inch loaf pan with foil; grease foil. Set oven at slow (275° F.). Beat butter or margarine, orange rind, sugar, and eggs together until well blended. Sift flour and baking powder together: stir into creamed mixture alternately with orange juice. Stir in raisins, currants, candied lemon peel, candied cherries, and almonds. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake 1 hour and 50 minutes or until cake tests done. Remove from oven; cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan; peel off foil; cool completely on wire rack. Decorate cake with additional whole blanched almonds and candied cherries, if desired. Makes 1 loaf.

YULE LOG (Bûche de Noël)

Preparation time: 40 min. / Baking time: 12-15 min.

3 eggs; 1 c. sugar; 1/3 c. water; 1 tsp. vanilla; 1 c. sifted allpurpose flour; 1 tsp. baking powder; 1/4 tsp. salt; 1 pkg. (6 3/4 oz.) creamy white frosting mix; 1 pkg. (14 oz.) chocolate fudge frosting mix; 1 tbs. instant coffee; 1/4 c. chopped pistachio nuts.

Set oven at moderate (375° F.). Grease 15x10x1-inch jelly-roll pan; line with wax paper; grease paper. Sprinkle towel the length of pan with confectioners' sugar. Beat eggs at high speed on mixer until thick and light-colored. Add sugar; beat until very thick; stir in water and vanilla. Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together; fold gently into egg mixture. Spread evenly in pan. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until top springs back when lightly touched with finger tip. Loosen edges; invert on prepared towel. Peel off paper. Cut off crisp edges. Roll up cake and towel, starting from narrow end. Cool on wire rack.

Prepare white and chocolate frostings according to package directions. Reserve 1/4 cup white frosting; stir remainder and instant coffee into chocolate to make mocha frosting. Unroll cake; spread with mocha frosting; reroll. Frost roll with mocha frosting. Cut a diagonal slice from each end. Arrange slices on roll to resemble knots. Frost knots and ends of roll with white frosting. Score frostings with tines of fork. Sprinkle with pistachio nuts. Makes 1 cake.

ORIENTAL FRUITCAKE

Preparation time: 40 min. / Baking time: 1 hr. 45 min.

½ c. soft shortening; 1¼ c. sugar; 3 eggs; ½ c. molasses; 2 c. sifted all-purpose flour; ½ tsp. baking soda; ½ tsp. salt; ½ tsp. ground allspice; 1/4 tsp. ground cloves; 1/2 tsp. mace; 1 tsp. cinnamon; 1/2 c. milk; 1 c. chopped walnuts; 1 c. seedless raisins; 2 c. mixed candied fruits; 1 pkg. (9½ oz.) white cake mix; Lemon-Coconut filling; 1 pkg. fluffy white frosting mix.

Set oven at slow (275° F.). Grease two 9-inch layer-cake pans; line bottom with wax paper; grease paper. Beat shortening, sugar, eggs, and molasses until well blended. Sift flour, soda, salt, allspice, cloves, mace, and cinnamon together. Add alternately with milk to molasses mixture. Stir in nuts, raisins, and candied fruits. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pans 10 minutes; remove from pans; peel off paper; cool completely.

Prepare, bake, and cool white cake mix according to package directions for a 9-inch layer. Put 3 cooled layers together, with white layer in middle, with Lemon-Coconut filling. Prepare fluffy white frosting according to package directions; frost sides and top of cake. Decorate, if desired. Makes one 9-inch cake.

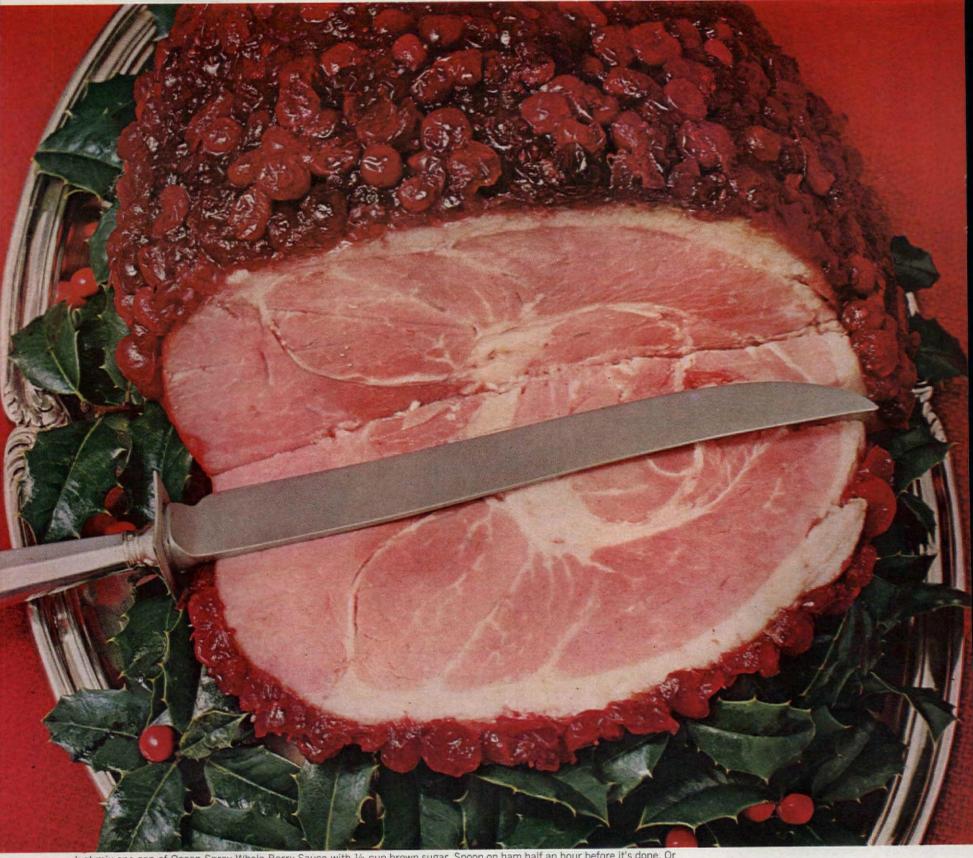
Lemon-Coconut Filling: 34 c. sugar; 3 tbs. cornstarch; 34 c. water; 1 tbs. butter or margarine; 2 tbs. grated lemon rind; 1/4 c. lemon juice; 1/2 c. flaked coconut.

Mix sugar and cornstarch in saucepan; add water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick and clear; remove from heat; add butter or margarine. Cool; stir in lemon rind and juice and coconut. Spread between cake layers.



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SAUERBRATEN

QUICK LIVERWURST PÂTÉ Preparation time: 10 min. Chilling time: overnight

1 lb. liverwurst 2 tbs. grated onion ½ tsp. salt 4 tsp. pepper

14 tsp. crushed thyme
12 tsp. grated lemon rind
2 tbs. mayonnaise or salad dressing
14 c. melted butter or margarine

Mash liverwurst in mixer bowl or in blender; stir in remaining ingredients; blend well. Pack into a buttered two-cup mold. Chill overnight. Unmold on small serving plate; garnish with parsley and rose radishes, if desired. Serve with crackers.

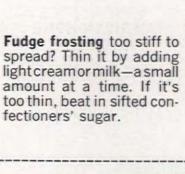
HARLEQUIN DIP Preparation time: 10 min. Chilling time: few hrs.

1 tbs. grated onion
1/4 c. finely diced cucumber
1/4 c. finely diced radishes
1/4 c. shredded carrot
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese

Blend all ingredients together. Chill until serving time. Makes about 2 cups.

1 c. dairy sour cream 1 tsp. chopped parsley ½ tsp. sait ¼ tsp. liquid hot-pepper sauce

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1 tsp. mustard seeds
11/2 tsp. salt
11 tsp. salt
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper
2 tbs. shortening
2 tbs. flour
1/2 c. gingersnap crumbs (6 to 7 small
gingersnaps crumbled)

3 lbs. round or rump of beef
11/4 c. cider vinegar
3/4 c. red wine
3/5 c. water
1 tsp. peppercorns
11/7 tbs. sugar
3 bay leaves
2 medium-sized onions, sliced
8 whole cloves

Preparation time: 20 min. Marinating time: 1-2 days Cooking time: 3-3½ hrs.

Put roast in 3-quart bowl. Combine vinegar, wine, water, peppercorns, sugar, bay leaves, onions, cloves, mustard seeds, and 1½ teaspoons salt. Stir to blend; pour over beef. Place in refrigerator for 1 to 2 days, turning beef frequently in marinade. Remove meat; wipe dry with paper towels. Combine 2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper. Dredge beef whell in this mixture. Brown beef in large kettle or Dutch oven in shortening, turning to brown all sides well. Add marinade. Cover; simmer 3 to 3½ hours, adding a little water from time to time, if necessary, to keep at least 1 to 2 inches of liquid in pan. When beef is very tender remove to heated platter. Strain liquid; add water to make 2 cups. Combine remaining 2 tablespoons flour and gingersnap crumbs in pan. Slowly stir in strained liquid; stir until smooth and thickened. Pour some gravy over meat. Put remainder in gravy boat. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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APPLE-STUFFED PORK CHOPS

6 loin pork chops, 1½-in. thick with pocket cut for stuffing 1½ c. coarse soft bread crumbs 34 tsp. salt nutmeg 2 tsp. ground nutmeg 2 tsp. minced onion

2 tsp. grated orange rind ¼ c. seedless raisins 1 tbs. melted butter or margarine 14 c. finely diced celery
1 tart apple, peeled, cored, and
diced Preparation time: 20 min. Baking time: 65 min.

Heat oven to slow (325° F.). Spread pockets in chops wide open. Stand chops on bone in shallow roasting pan. Combine crumbs and remaining ingredients; toss well. Spoon stuffing into pockets in chops. Cover pan tightly. Bake 50 minutes, remove cover. Continue to bake 15 minutes longer, or until chops and stuffing are lightly browned. Makes 6 servings.

CORN-GREEN PEPPER STUFFING FOR PORK CHOPS

2 c. coarse, soft bread crumbs ½ tsp. crushed oregano 1,2 tsp. salt 1,4 tsp. salt 1,4 tsp. pepper 1 tbs. butter or margarine

3 tbs. chopped onion 1/2 c. finely diced green pepper 1 c. whole-kernel corn, drained 2 tbs. chili sauce

Combine crumbs, oregano, salt, and pepper in a bowl. In a small saucepan melt butter or margarine; add onion and green pepper; cook until onion is transparent. Add to crumbs; add corn and chill sauce; toss, blending well. Use as stuffing for 6 pork chops. Bake as above. TESTED IN THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS THREE-TONE BEAN CASSEROLE

NOODLE-ALMOND CASSEROLE

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

1 pkg. (6 oz.) noodles 2 tbs. butter or margarine ½ lb. mushrooms, thinly sliced ½ tbs. minced onion ½ tsp. salt

1½ c. chicken stock or consomme 4 tbs. butter or margarine ½ c. slivered almonds 3 tbs. flour 2 tbs. chopped parsley

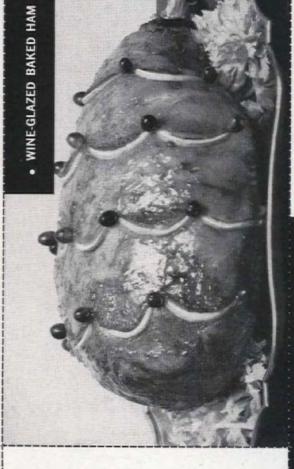
Cook noodles as package directs; drain. Melt butter or margarine in skillet; add mush-rooms; cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned. Add onion and salt; cook I minute. Combine noodles and mushroom mixture; pour into a 1½-quart buttered casserole. Pour chicken stock or consommé over. Refrigerate until 30 minutes before serving time. Heat oven to moderate (375° F.). Cover casserole; bake 25 minutes. Combine butter or margarine, almonds, and flour in small sauccepan. Heat, stirring, until mixture is a deep golden brown. Stir mixture through noodles. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve at once. Makes 6 servings. For party serving for 12, double recipe.

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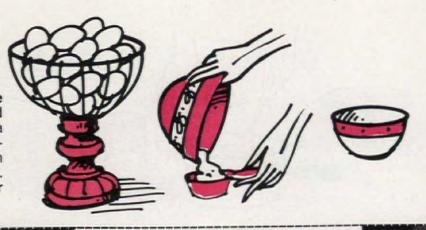
Good Eating Through

the Holidays (pictured in color on pages 42 and 43)





When dividing a recipe you may find you need less than 1 egg. Beat a whole egg slightly, measure it with a tablespoon and divide it and use half. The rest can be used for making sauces making sauces.



AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

Good Eating Through the Holidays

(pictured in color on pages 42 and 43)

WINE-GLAZED BAKED HAM

APPLE-STUFFED PORK CHOPS

Preparation time: 30 min. Baking time: 2-21/2 hrs.

1 smoked ready-to-eat ham (12 to 14 lbs.)
1 c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 c. red wine
4 tsp. grated orange rind

Carefully remove skin from ham with sharp knife. Trace 7 or 8 circles on a piece of heavy brown paper with a 2½-inch cooky cutter. Cut out circles; cut each in half. Arrange half circles across surface of ham starting at the small end, leaving about 1½ inches between rows. With a small sharp knife cut through the fat along the rounded edges, making rows of scallops. Remove paper. Place ham in shallow roasting pan. Combine prown sugar, wine, rind, and spices in a small saucepan. Bring to boling; simmer 5 minutes. Heat oven to slow (325° F.). Drizzle half the wine syrup over ham. Bake, basting trequently with remaining syrup, for 2 to 2½ hours, or until fat is crisp and glazed. Remove ham from oven. With a sharp knife slit fat under scallops. Cut oranges in thin slices; cut slices in half; slip a half slice under each glazed scallops. Cut oranges in thin set top point of each scallop; secure with wooden pick, if necessary. Transfer ham to heated platter. Garnish with crisp celery leaves, if desired. 1 tsp. ground allspice 1 tsp. ground cloves 2 small navel oranges Raw cranberries

SAUERBRATEN

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APPETIZERS

Preparation time: 10 min. Chilling time: 1/2 hr.

1/2 tsp. grated orange rind 2 doz. dried apricot halves or 1 doz. dried pitted prunes

Blend together chutney, cream cheese, celery, and orange rind. Chill a half hour. Place 1 teaspoon mixture in center of each apricot half or use it to stuff prunes. Makes about 3/3 cup.

CHICKEN-PECAN CRUNCH

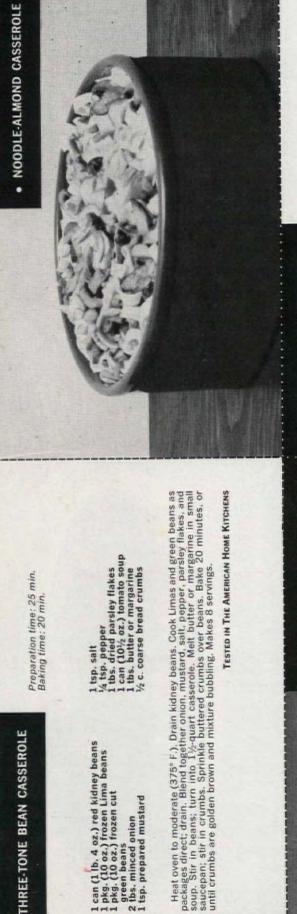
CHUTNEY-STUFFED DRIED APRICOTS OR PRUNES

1/4 c. bottled chutney, chopped 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese 1/4 c. finely diced celery

Preparation time: 15 min.

1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg 1/4 tsp. sal. 1 tsp. lemon juice 2-3 tbs. light cream 1 can (6 oz.) boned chicken or 1½ c. finely diced cooked chicken or turkey 2 tbs. butter or margarine 1 c. chopped pecans in 5½ tsp. grated lemon rind ½ tsp. grated lemon rad 1½ c. mayonnaise or salad dressing

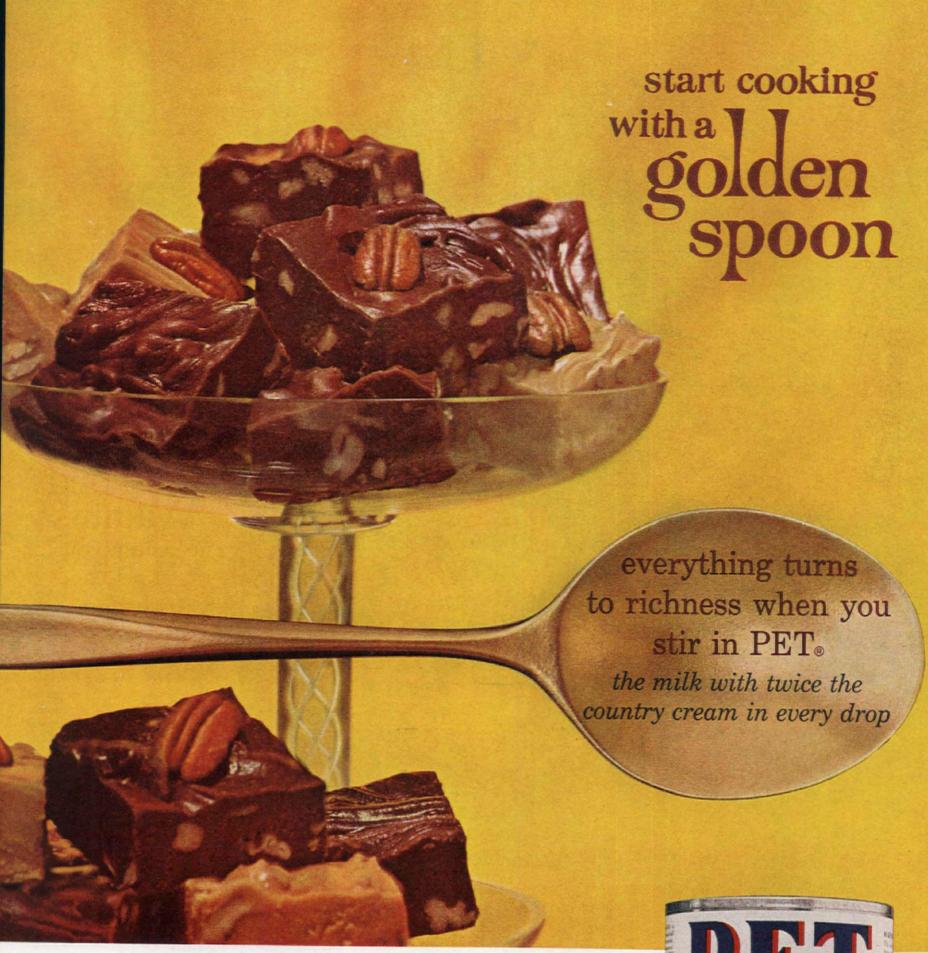
Mince chicken or turkey. Melt butter or margarine; add pecans; brown nuts slightly. Combine chicken, pecans, and remaining ingredients, except cream; blend in enough cream to make a good consistency for dipping or spreading. Makes about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups. If dip is refrigerated, remove from refrigerator one hour before serving time and thin, if necessary, with a little more cream.



Preparation time: 25 Baking time: 20 min.

THREE-TONE BEAN CASSEROLE

1 can (1 lb. 4 oz.) red kidney beans 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen Lima beans 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen cut green beans 2 tbs. minced onion 1 tsp. prepared mustard



• FABULOUS FUDGE • A PET Milk Golden Spoon recipe

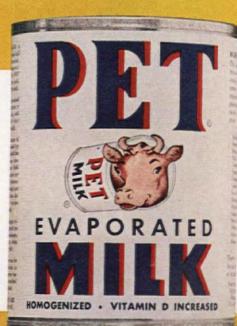
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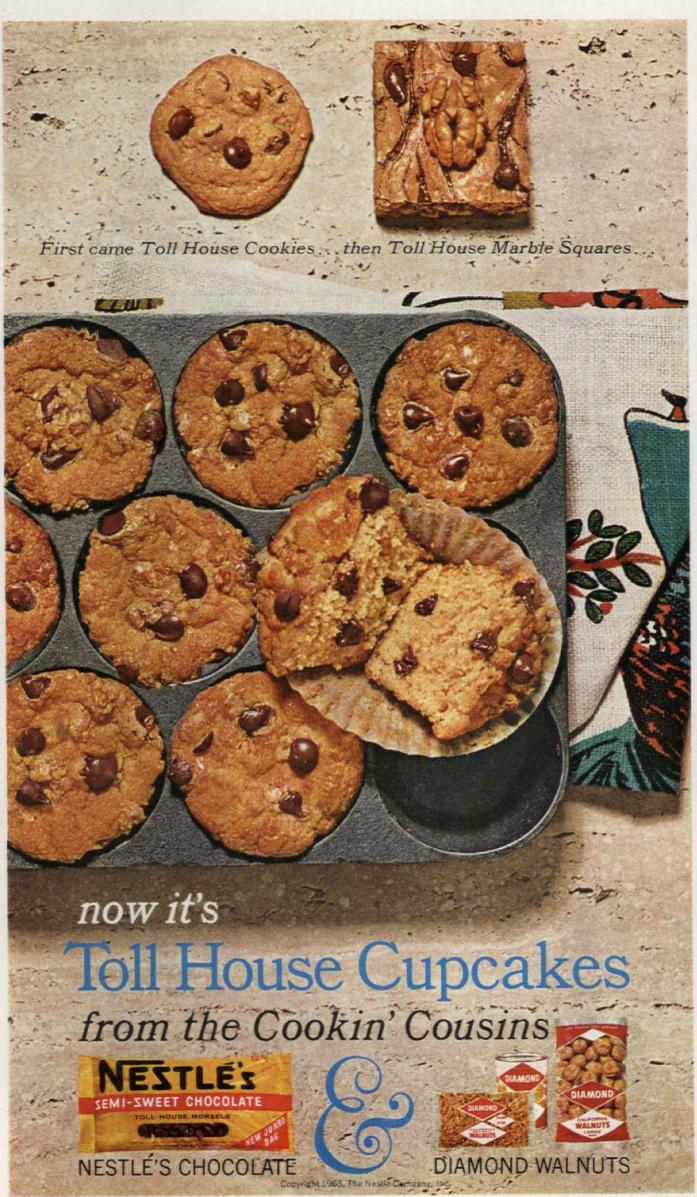
- 1. Mix in a heavy 2-quart saucepan 2½ cups Sugar, ¾ cup PET Evaporated Milk, 1 cup KRAFT Marshmallow Creme or 16 large Marshmallows, ¼ cup Butter or Margarine and ¼ teasp. Salt.
- 2. Cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat to a boil (mixture will be bubbling all over top). Boil and stir 5 minutes more. Take off heat.
- 3. Stir in 6-oz. pkg. (1 cup) NESTLÉ'S® Semisweet Chocolate Morsels until completely melted. Stir in 1 teasp. Vanilla and 1 cup cutup Nuts. Spread in buttered 8-inch square pan. Cool. Cut into 30 pieces.

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Combine and beat till creamy 1/2 cup soft butter, 6 tbsps. granulated sugar, 6 tbsps. brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Beat in 1 egg. Sift together and stir in 1 cup plus 2 tbsps. sifted flour, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt. Spoon by rounded tablespoonfuls into paper-lined 2½" cupcake cups. BAKE at: 375°F. TIME: 10 to 12 min. Remove from oven. TOPPING: Combine in bowl 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 1 egg, 1/8 tsp. salt; beat till very thick. Stir in one 6-oz. pkg. (1 cup) Nestlé's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, 1/2 cup chopped Diamond Walnuts, 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Spoon 1 tablespoonful over each cupcake. Return to oven. BAKE at: 375°F. TIME: 15 min. YIELD: 16.

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PINEAPPLE-GLAZED LAMB SHANKS

PIMIENTO BROCCOLI

Preparation time: 20 min. Cooking time: 1 hr., 40 min

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Good Eating Through the Holidays

(pictured in color on pages 42 and 43)

Scramble eggs in a dou-ble boiler on occasions when breakfasters arise at different times. This way the eggs will stay hot and keep moist and creamy.

½ tsp. crushed rosemary leaves ½ c. mint jelly ½ tsp. salt 6 lamb shanks (about 6 lbs.) 1 can (8½ oz.) crushed pineapple 1 tsp. salt ½ tsp. pepper Have butcher remove knuckle from shanks. Arrange shanks in heavy kettle or Dutch oven. Drain pineapple, add juice to meat; reserve pineapple. Add 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper. Pour in water to a depth of 1 inch. Cover; simmer 40 minutes. Combine pineapple, rosemary, and jelly in saucepan. Stir over low heat until mixture is blended and just beginning to boil. Heat oven to slow (325° F.). Arrange shanks on a rack in a shallow roasting pan; sprinkle with remaining ½ teaspoon salt; spoon about half of jelly mixture over. Bake 1 hour or until meat is fork-tender, brushing from time to time servings.

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SPINACH AND CELERY CASSEROLE .

1/2 tsp. dry mustard 1/2 c. finely crushed cracker crumbs 2 tsp. dried parsley flakes 2 tbs. grated Cheddar cheese

3 large onions (about 2 lbs.) 1 tsp. salt

¹/₂ c. water 1 can (4½-oz.) deviled ham 2 tsp. bottled horseradish

Preparation time: 20 min. Baking time: 35-40 min.

BAKED DEVILED ONION HALVES

Heat oven to hot (400° F.). Peel onions; cut in half crosswise. Arrange, cut side up, in shallow baking pan; sprinkle with salt; pour water into pan; cover. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until fork-tender. Meanwhile, combine ham, horseradish, mustard, cracker crumbs, or until fork-tender. Meanwhile, combine ham, horseradish, mustard, cracker crumbs, and parsley. Taste mixture; and salt if needed. Spoon ham mixture onto onions. Sprinkle with cheese; bake, uncovered, 5 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Makes 6 servings.

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POACHED SALMON STEAKS WITH MUSTARD-DILL SAUCE

Preparation time: 10 min. Cooking time: 8-10 min.

salmon steaks, 1½-in. thick ea. bay leaf small onion, sliced

Arrange steaks in a large skillet. Add bay leaf, onion slices, salt, and lemon. Pour in enough hot water to almost cover steaks. Bring to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer 8 to 10 minutes, or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Remove steaks to heated platter and serve with Mustard-Dill Sauce. Makes 6 servings. 1 tsp. salt 1 slice lemon Hot water

MUSTARD-DILL SAUCE
1/4 c. butter or margarine
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tsp. prepared mustard
1/2 tsp. dill seed

Melt butter or margarine in saucepan. Stir in pepper, salt, mustard, dill, lemon rind, and flour. Add milk slowly. Cook, stirring until sauce is smooth and just beginning to bubble around the edges. Beat egg yolks; stir about half the sauce into yolks. Stir into sauce in pan; cook, stirring, 1 minute. Add lemon juice. Strain. Makes about 1½ cups sauce. ½ tsp. grated lemon rind 2 tbs. flour 1½ c. milk 2 egg yolks 2 tbs. lemon juice

GLAZED BEETS WITH CRUMBLED BLUE CHEESE



Preparation time: 15 min. Cooking time: 40 min.

POACHED SALMON STEAKS WITH MUSTARD-DILL SAUCE

2 bunches beets (4 c. siiced)
½ c. sugar
½ tp. salf, fp. salf
2 tsp. cornstarch
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

½ c. vinegar 2 tbs. water 2 tbs. butter or margarine ½ c. crumbled blue cheese

Glamorize a simple gelatin dessert. Let gelatin

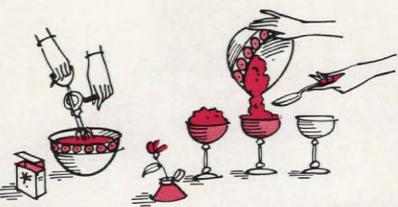
partially set, then beat with a rotary beater until

it is light and fluffy. Pour it into mold or sherbet

glasses and chill until set.

Scrub beets but do not peel them. Cut off tops; cover with water; boil about 40 minutes, or until fork-tender. Drain; run cold water over to cool; skin and slice. Combine sugar, salt, cornstancth, and cinnamon in small saucepan. Stir in vinegar and water; cook and stir until mixture is clear and bubbling; stir in butter or margarine. Pour over sliced beets and toss to coat well. Just before serving, sprinkle with cheese. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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Good Eating Through the Holidays

(pictured in color on pages 42 and 43)

Preparation time: 20 Baking time: 20 min.

14 tsp. salt 14 tsp. pepper 1 tbs. flour 12 c. light cream 2 tsp. bottled horseradish 1 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese

Cook spinach as package directs; Idrain well. Combine celery, water, and 1 teaspoon salt in saucepan. Cover; cook rapidly 5 minutes. Remove cover; cook until liquid is almost absorbed. Add butter or margarine, ½ teaspoon salt, and pepper. Bland flour and cream until smooth; add to celery. Stir until sauce is thick and just begins to bubble; stir in horseradish and drained spinach. Pour into buttered 1½-quart casserole; sprinkle with cheese. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 20 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

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Preparation time: 15 min. Cooking time: 15-20 min.

PIMIENTO BROCCOLI

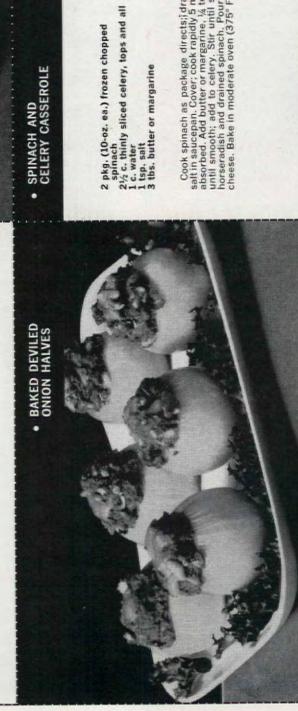
3 bunches broccoli 34 c. butter or margarine 1 c. chopped green onion 34 c. chopped pimiento 4½ tsp. grated lemon rind For 12 servings:

1 bunch broccoli
4 tbs. butter or margarine
1/3 c. chopped green onion
1/4 tsp. grated lemon rind
3 tbs. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper

For 4 servings:

Wash broccoli; cut in flowerets. Slash stems to hasten cooking. Cook in small amount of boiling salted water in covered pan (a large skillet is excellent so broccoli can lie flat) 15 to 20 minutes, or until stalks are tender when pierced with fork. While broccoli cooks, ment butter or margarine in small saucepan; add onions; cook until almost soft. Remove from heat; stir in pimierito, lemon find and juice, salt, and pepper. Drain broccoli; arrange in warm serving dish; pour sauce over.

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Favorite brand of dishwasher detergent

Dirty dishes

Instructions:

Load the dirty dishes in the automatic dishwasher so that water

circulates freely. Add recommended amount of dishwasher

detergent. Set control dial. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the complete

freedom from ever again having to wash dishes by hand.

RECIPE FOR 225 MORE LEISURE HOURS IN 1964

What are you asking for for Christmas? Never mind about mink and diamonds. Ask for a dishwasher! If you don't, you're really missing the sleigh. No woman in this day and age should waste her life standing over a sink. Washing dishes by hand is as archaic as beating your clothes clean on the rocks and running out to the well for water. It's time-consuming, hand-reddening, temper-ruining, plate-cracking, germ-spreading—and completely unnecessary!

No longer should the dishwasher be considered a luxury appliance. It is a necessity—especially during the holidays! In every home—where families are active in community activities, where families enjoy spending leisure time pursuing favorite hobbies, where it is a chore to get Dad or the children to help with the dishes, where more teen-agers would take interest in cooking if dishwashing were easier, where parents are concerned with the spreading of germs from one family member to another—there should be a dishwasher.

The labor-saving conveniences of a dishwasher are many. Just think of all the things you could be doing in the time it takes you to convince your family to help you do the dishes and the actual hours spent over the sink each and every day. When you entertain, you can enjoy your own party because there is no worry about having stacks of dirty dishes to cope with when the guests leave. Everything can be loaded in the dishwasher and the job is done for you while you prepare for bed.

With a dishwasher your kitchen can be neat and tidy. Hidden away inside the appliance are the dishes from a quick breakfast, neighborhood coffee klatsch, or family meal. You need never again fear taking a visitor into the kitchen at any time of the day or night.

One benefit which we feel stands out above all others is the fact that dishwashers not only wash but also sanitize your dishes—reinfection from colds is decidedly minimized. You cannot wash your dishes by hand in water hot enough to assure that the dishes are germfree. But as long as your water heater gives you an adequate supply of 140- to 160-degree water or your dishwasher has a water-temperature booster, you are always assured that all the dishes are truly clean.

You may feel that owning a dishwasher is a luxury. However, once you have used one you'll realize that the original cost was well worth it. Economically you will find a savings in accidents resulting from broken dishes. With a dishwasher the family doesn't have to handle dishes over and over again with soapy, slippery hands. Operating costs are low, too. The industry estimates it costs 3 to 5 cents per load for the hot water, detergent, and electricity used to operate the dishwasher-not much more expensive, in the long run, than doing dishes by hand.

The original cost of a dishwasher need not be lost should you move. If you've chosen a portable appliance—take it with you. If you have an installed dishwasher, you will find there is greater sale value for your home. All homemakers are constantly looking for homes with convenient, modern appliances in the kitchen.

There is a dishwasher available today that is just right for your home. Manufacturers offer you free-standing portable models or built-in models that can be loaded from the top or from the front. You can take your choice of a gas or electric model. You may prefer a laminated plastic work top or a hardwood cutting-board top. If you live in an apartment, you can choose a small dishwasher which can be placed on a counter, built into a wall, or one that can be stored and transported on its own attractive cart. Available in a variety of colors or with removable front panels, there is a dishwasher to fit your decorating scheme.

Manufacturers are continually improving their models. Some of the newest and more important innovations are:

- Prerinse features to eliminate the necessity of doing a thorough job of hand-scraping and rinsing.
- Better water distribution from powerful water sprays.
- New rack placement to allow random loading.
- A variety of washing cycles for different loads—from pots and pans to the finest china.
- Dispenser and injectors for detergents and rinsing agents.
- Plate-warming cycle for heating dinner plates.

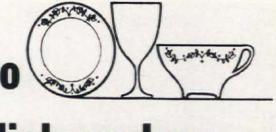
We receive many letters from happy, satisfied owners of dishwashers. Few ever have complaints but many have questions about furthering the efficiency of their dishwashers. Here are just a few, and their answers.

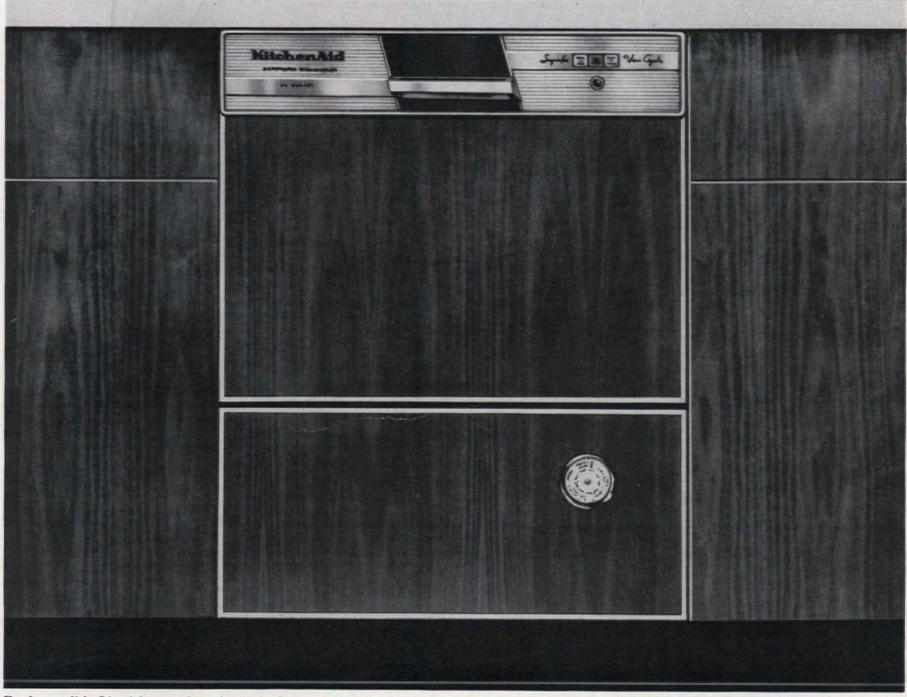
What causes spotting on glasses and silverware?

A slight filming or spotting may be caused by one or several of the following factors:

- 1. Improper loading of the dishes. Never overload the machine and always load the dishes so the water can circulate freely. Balance the load, alternating small and large plates and keeping them from close contact with each other. The inside of cups and glasses should face the water spray. Follow manufacturers' directions for the placement of silverware. 2. Low water temperature. We cannot stress enough the necessity of having plenty of hot water at a temperature of 140 to 160 degrees if you want really clean dishes.
- Low water pressure. If water pressure is low, the machine will not receive enough water to do a good and thorough cleaning job.
- 4. Improper scraping. A dishwasher is not designed to be a disposer. Scrape off heavy, excess waste (pieces of vegetables, bones, etc.) before washing. 5. Water conditions. Very hard water, high mineral content, and a presence of iron in the water can cause spotting. Special equipment and water softeners may eliminate this problem. (continued on page 70)

Dishes get cleaner...drier, too in a KitchenAid built-in dishwasher





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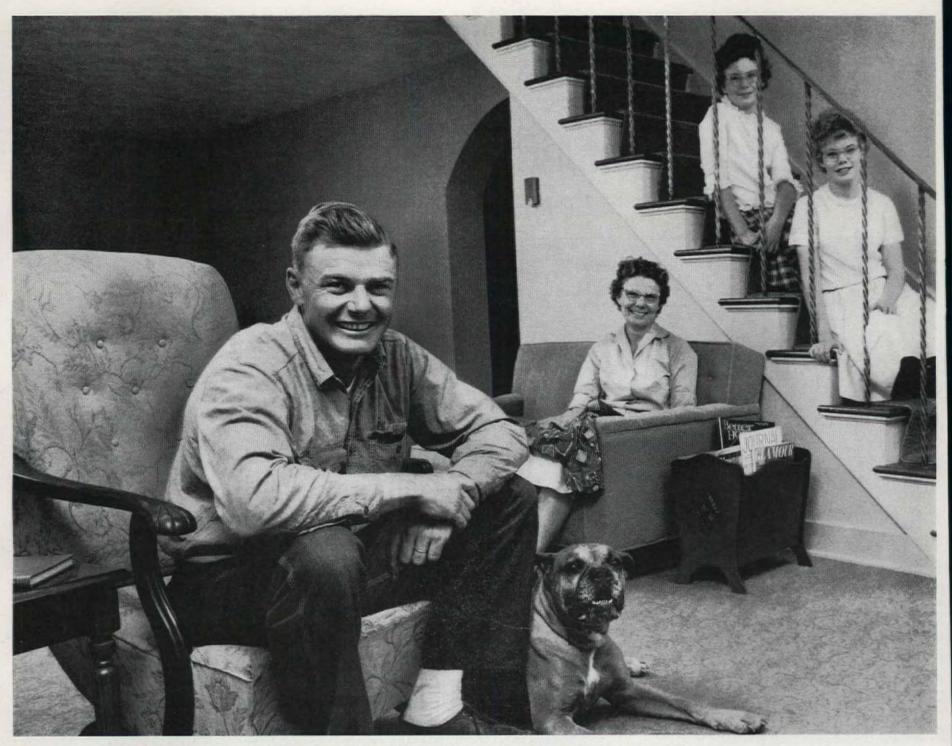
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Illinois farm family reports on flameless electric home heating

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullen of Tolono, Illinois, talk about the advantages of heating their home with flameless electricity

"Since our home was built back in 1860," says Tom Mullen, "it's had several different kinds of heating systems. But as far as I'm concerned, there won't be any more changes now that we've insulated properly and converted to flameless electric heat.

"First of all, the electric ceiling cable system we put in when we changed over works so simply that there's no longer any problem about maintenance or worry over breakdowns. We're also more than satisfied with operating costs—even during last year's tough winter. And I'm completely convinced that there's just no system around that can beat electric heat when it comes to comfort."

Jean Mullen agrees. She tells you, "Now that we've switched to electric heat I can arrange my furniture any way I want, without having to think about drafts or cold spots. And everything stays so clean! I know that I'm spending less time now on routine housecleaning, and that leaves me more time for other things. I think electric heat is wonderful."

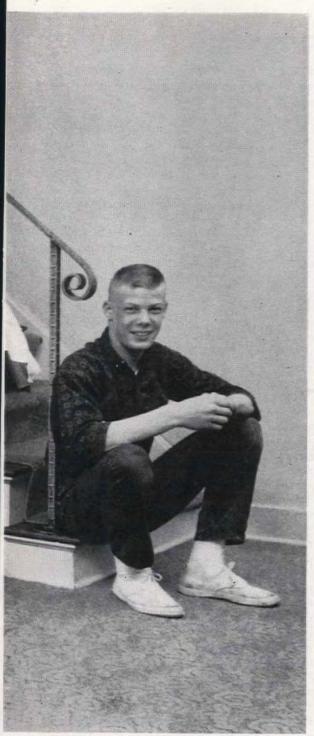
Candid opinions like these about the benefits of electric heat help to explain why more than a million families all across America have already chosen this modern way to heat their homes.

If you're planning to build, buy or modernize, consider the advantages of flameless electric heat. Your local electric utility company will help you get all the information you need to take this important step toward the joy of total electric living.

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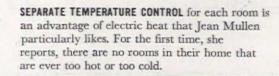
"OUR WHOLE FAMILY is sold on electric heat," says Tom Mullen shown in his farm home living room with wife Jean, daughters Debbie, 12, and Becky, 14, and son Jeff, 16. "It keeps us warmer and more comfortable than we've ever been."



clean Electric Heat makes light-colored walls and furnishings practical in any home. Here Jean Mullen shows how fresh and new-looking her white curtains stay all year round.



gained by converting to flameless electric home heating allowed the Mullens to put a recreation room in their basement. Here they found it more convenient to install compact electric baseboard heating units.





BASIC TYPES OF FLAMELESS ELECTRIC HEATING EQUIPMENT

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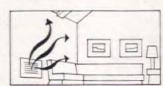
Baseboard units take up little space, permit room-by-room temperature control. Two types are available: radiant or hot water.



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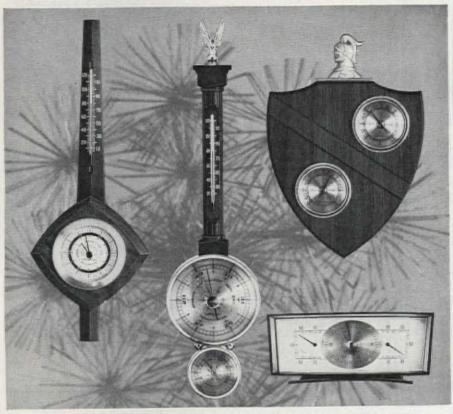


Heat pump heats home in winter, cools it in summer. One thermostat setting maintains any desired year-round temperature.

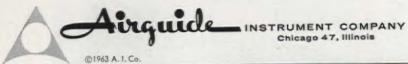


Central systems are available for either hot water or warm air heating in which flameless electric units supply the heat.

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Dishwasher (continued from page 66)

6. Incorrect use of detergents. Use the manufacturer's suggested amount of approved dishwasher detergent in your machine. Never use soap or detergents designed for laundry or handwashing.

Can I wash all dishes in my dishwasher?

Most dishes manufactured today can be placed in the dishwasher. Many antique dishes are hand-painted and colors are not permanent. These should be hand-washed. All Melamine is made for the dishwasher. Other plasticware should be test washed. Wash one piece-if it softens or loses its shape you'll have to handwash. Should food, coffee, or tea stains build up on plastic dinnerware, use a special plastic bleach. Stains on china can be removed by scouring or with a chlorine bleach.

Can pots and pans be machinewashed?

Definitely. Even though they take up more room than dishes you'll find they sparkle when machine-washed. Some persons prefer to wash a number of pots and pans separately in the dishwasher while they are having dinner. This frees the appliance for dishes after the meal.

Although some homemakers have excellent results with aluminumware, others find aluminum may lose its bright shiny appearance when washed in a dishwasher. Many types of water may discolor aluminum. Or a combination of the detergent and the very hot water may be to blame. Anodized aluminum should be hand-washed.

How can I use my dishwasher to greater advantage?

Even though the use of a dishwasher will give you 28 eight-hour days away from the sink each year, good management of your dishwasher will save you time too. Never wash a single item by hand if it can be put in the dishwasher. Glasses and snack dishes should go in the dishwasher as they accumulate-then washed with the next regular load. If you know you'll have several loads from one meal, start the dishwasher after the main course, then run it again after dessert. Take dishes directly from the table, scrape, and put immediately into the dishwasher. You'll never have to touch them again until they're clean and dry.

Once you've grown accustomed to your dishwasher you'll never want THE END to be without it again!

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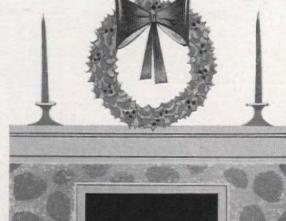












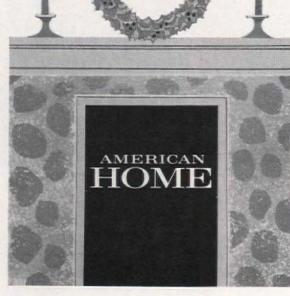




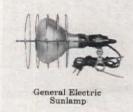










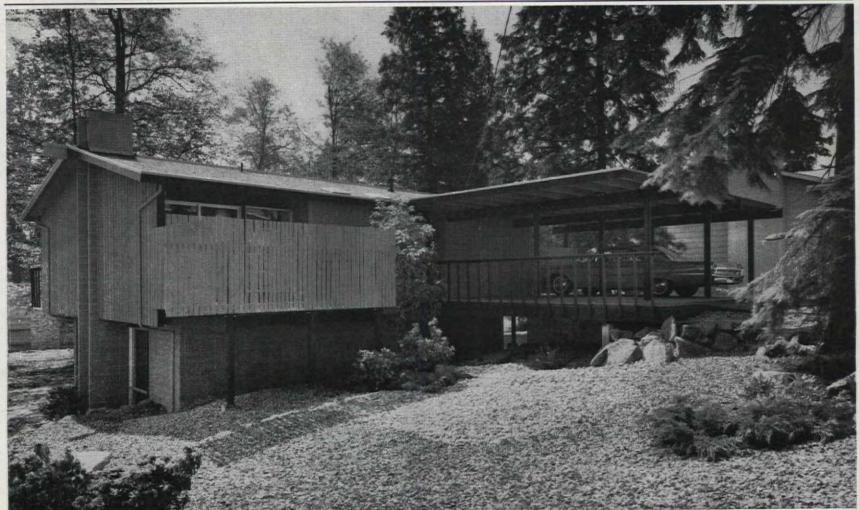




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BUILDER'S HOUSE OF THE MONTH







Charles R. Pearson

Considering the practical needs of a family with children is particularly important in builders' houses which are sold largely to young, growing families. In this house, located in Pinebrook, Washington, architect L. S. Higgins has emphasized the lower-level living area for children. Here two entrances from the outside provide easy access to all the rooms. In the spacious family room young children can play without mother worrying about the clutter. For older children this room is a place to relax, entertain, and study. Parents' needs have been equally well treated on the upper level with one side devoted to bedroom, dressing room, and bath. Eating facilities are more than adequate with the kitchen's built-in bench and table for quick meals and the dining room and deck for more formal ones. Good planning continues on the exterior where privacy is achieved by a raised carport and high fenced-in decks. For the money this house offers you quite a lot of livability.



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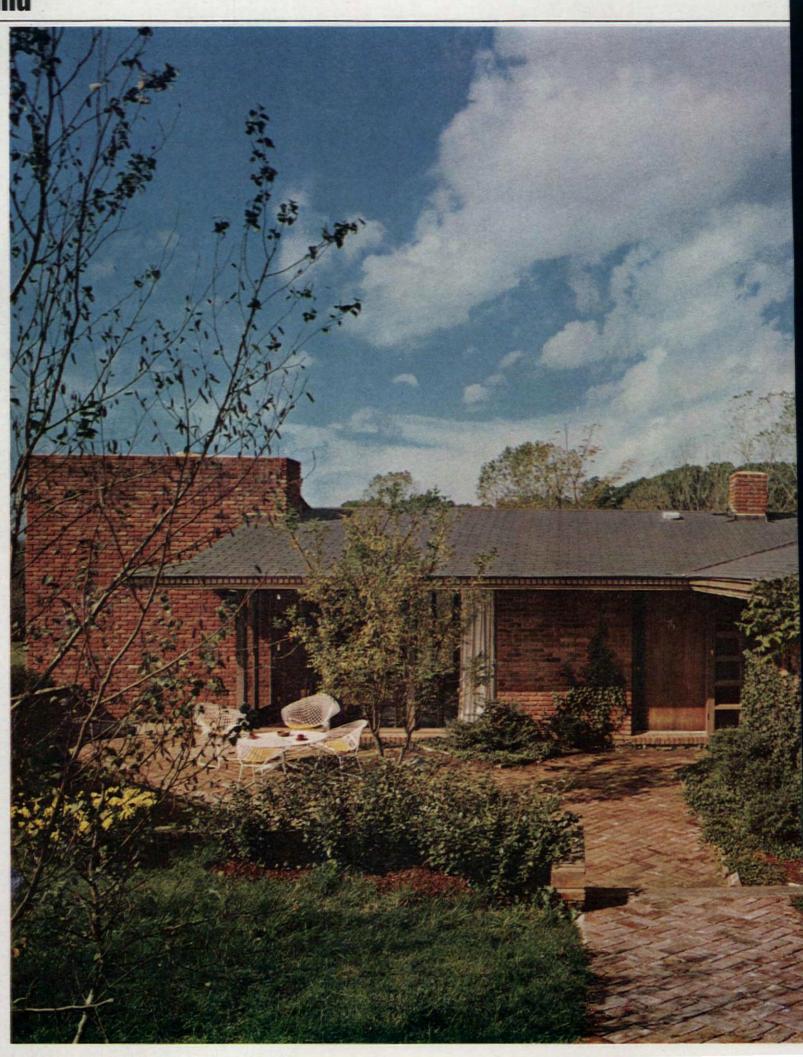
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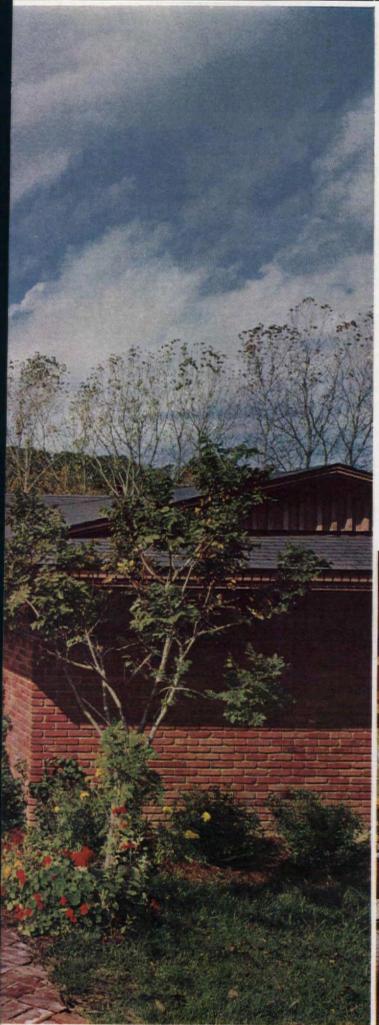
Like brick? Here's the house to build

Should you decide to build this snug brick home, you would find its simple clean-cut lines pleasing in any part of the country and in any neighborhood. It is a solid, warm house which is fine for a young family and can be expanded easily when children grow older and need more privacy.

Architect Daniel Gale designed the house in St. Louis, Missouri, for his own family with two concepts in mind: one, that the materials used should express the character of the house and be consistent throughout. This he did with the extensive use of brick. Two, that the house should reflect a distinct way of life.

Because the Gales are addicted to outdoor life, their two terraces and the indoor-outdoor areas are well integrated so that each is enhanced by the other. Since they live and entertain informally, they don't need a separate dining room. In warm weather they usually eat on one of the terraces, other times they use part of the living room. Since they like to do things together they decided against a family room for their daughters. "The whole house belongs to the whole family," says Mr. Gale. When the children grow older he plans to add a new living room and bedroom wing on the side of the house by the big chimney. The present living room will then become a library. ORDER FORM ON PAGE 76



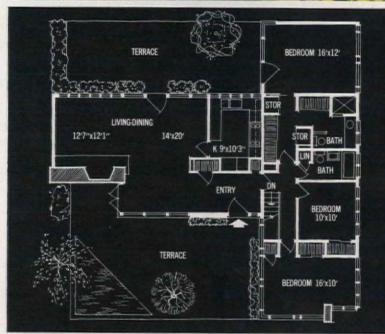


In the two views of the front, notice how the house hugs the ground giving a feeling of permanence. The wide chimney gives excellent balance to the L-shaped exterior. The entrance terrace with its pool offers a pleasant welcome. Detailing has not been overlooked. Along the roof overhang is a handsome dentil while the roof treatment on the bedroom wing is unusual and attractive. Inside, ceilings of smooth fir decking follow the roof lines and rough-sawn fir beams add design interest.

For a simple house that is so open to the outdoors, the plan is excellent. All the sleeping areas are effectively separated from the living area.

Double doors behind the huge fireplace open to the front terrace. The area along the glass wall serves for informal dining. The wall of bookcases and wine rack will be removed when the house is expanded.







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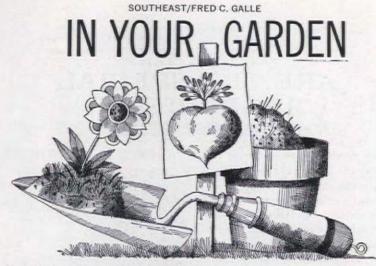
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Try the dwarf hollies; some outstanding pyracanthas

With the approach of the Christmas season there is considerable demand for hollies in the Southeast. Unfortunately, however, many plants were killed during last winter's freeze and will not be available this year. You can probably obtain dwarf 'Burford' holly which is ideally suited for smaller properties. It has a narrower leaf than the common 'Burford' and the fruit is smaller. Its most outstanding characteristic is its compact habit of growth. Mature plants won't be over six feet in height, while the common 'Burford' may reach fifteen or twenty feet.

Yaupon holly will be limited in some areas of the Southeast, especially dwarf yaupon, which makes a very desirable foundation plant. This one is well worth waiting for, however. Another good compact holly is the dwarf Chinese (Ilex cornuta 'Rotunda'). The female form has been known to produce berries without a male plant. It has large spiny leaves and a compact habit of growth, not exceeding four or five feet in height. It may in ten or twelve years spread to six or eight feet in width.

In addition to the hollies, you can grow a variety of valuable ornamental shrubs. Elaeagnus pungens, evergreen elaeagnus, is familiar to many who garden in the Southeast. Its small but very fragrant flowers appear in September and October; fruit is borne the following spring. Variegated elaeagnus, whose foliage is streaked or margined in yellow, is very attractive in arrangements. It's not as rapid growing as the common species and is best used in partial shade. It will occasionally produce a branch of solid green leaves, which can be cut out to retain the variegated form of the plant. It can be pruned during the winter months.

Variegated pittosporum is much sought after by flower arrangers. It is not notably hardy in the upper regions of the Southeast, however, and is best grown in the lower South. If grown in the middle or upper South, plant it only in protected areas. It has gray-green evergreen foliage with a slight white margin.

Cleyera is similar to pittosporum in foliage appearance, but it does not have a variegated form. It is hardy in all parts of the South, however, and makes an excellent background or specimen plant. It has waxy, dark green leaves that are attractive all year long. The flowers are unusually lovely and appear in May and June.

Pyracantha is common to the entire South, the most common species grown here being Pyracantha koidzumi, also referred to as Pyracantha formosana. Perhaps you'd like to try one of the new varieties, such as 'Government Red,' whose large red berries appear early in the fall. 'San Jose,' which bears red berries also, is one of the largest-fruited pyracanthas available. 'Victory' is another large, red-berried variety, which colors later than some of the others and holds its berries quite late through the winter.

Two prostrate forms of pyracantha are available, 'Santa Cruz' and 'Walder.' Both are red-berried and ideal for cascading over the tops of walls. The variety 'Low Dense' is very compact and has orange-red fruit. It's an excellent foundation plant, and due to its tufted habit of growth is often trained into unusual forms.

Pyracantha crenata-serrata 'Graber' forms large fruit in good-sized clusters. It's one of the favorites along the eastern coast and in Virginia.

If you'd like orange-fruited pyracantha, try P. lalandi, the common pyracantha used in Northern states. The plant is more upright than some of the southern species, and does just as well here as in the North. For contrast try yellow-fruited pyracantha, one of the most attractive being P. crenulata flava. It's a lively yellow, of more interest than red in the fall.

All pyracanthas are relatively easy to grow, and are best used in open areas or light shade. Two major problems are fire blight and an insect pest called lacewing. Cut out dead branches or die-back in the spring or summer, when first noticed. Lacewing can be controlled with Malathion or Zectran applied in the early spring. One application of Zectran should keep plants free of this pest for the entire summer. If you use Malathion, you may have to repeat applications every seven to ten days until the pest has been completely eradicated.



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HONEY RAISIN BREAD

Preparation time: 20 min. Baking time: 1 hr. 10 min.

13/4 c. sifted all-purpose flour 21/2 tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. salt 3/4 tsp. cinnamon ½ c. sugar 1 egg, well beaten ½ c. milk 1/4 c. melted shortening

1/3 c. honey

½ c. applesauce ½ c. chopped raisins

2 c. wheat flakes

Sift flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and sugar together. Combine egg, milk, shortening, and honey; add to flour mixture; mix until flour is dampened. Stir in applesauce and raisins: fold in wheat flakes. Turn into greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pan. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until done. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan; cool; wrap in foil and store overnight for easy slicing. Makes 1 loaf.

SUGAR DATE MUFFINS

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

1 c. sifted all-purpose flour 3 tsp. baking powder 2 tbs. sugar 3/4 tsp. salt 2 tsp. grated orange rind 1/3 c. shortening 1/2 c. finely cut dates 1 egg, beaten

3/4 c. milk

11/4 c. wheat, grapenut, or bran flakes 1 tsp. melted butter or margarine

2 tbs. sugar

Sift flour, baking powder, 2 tablespoons sugar, and salt into bowl; add orange rind. Cut in shortening; add dates. Combine egg and milk; add to flour mixture; stir only until flour is dampened. Fold in cereal. Fill greased 2-inch muffin pan cups half full. Combine melted butter or margarine and 2 tablespoons sugar; sprinkle over muffins. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 20 minutes. Remove from pans immediately. Makes 12.

PINEAPPLE BRAN FRITTERS

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

13/4 c. sifted all-purpose flour 3 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

2 tbs. sugar

1 egg, beaten

1 c. milk

1 tbs. melted shortening

1 c. crushed pineapple, well drained

1 c. bran flakes

Fat for frying

Sift dry ingredients together. Combine egg, milk, and shortening; add to flour mixture; beat until smooth; fold in pineapple and bran flakes. Drop by tablespoon into hot fat (375° F.); cook 1 minute on each side; drain on paper towels. Serve with hot Lemon Sauce. Makes 24.

Lemon Sauce: Mix 1/2 cup sugar, 4 teaspoons cornstarch, and a dash of salt. Stir in 1 cup water; simmer 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Add 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind and 1/4 cup lemon juice. Makes 11/2 cups.

PEACH BETTY

Preparation time: 20 min. Baking time: 40 min.

1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) peach halves 1/2 c. light brown sugar, firmly packed

1 tsp. grated lemon rind

1 to 2 tbs. lemon juice

1/2 tsp. mace

3 tbs. melted butter or margarine

3 c. corn flakes

Drain peaches; dice; save 3/4 cup juice. Mix juice, sugar, lemon rind and juice, mace, and butter or margarine; add peaches and corn flakes. Turn into 11/2-quart casserole; cover. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 25 minutes; uncover, bake 15 minutes. Serve warm with cream. Makes 6.

GLAZED STUFFED HAM ROLLS

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

1/2 lb. mushrooms, chopped or 2 cans, pieces and stems, chopped

2/3 c. chopped onion

1/3 c. butter or margarine

1/4 tsp. thyme

 $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. grapenut flakes or corn flakes 12 slices ham, cut 1/8 inch thick

3/4 c. currant jelly

3 tbs. prepared mustard

Sauté mushrooms and onions in butter or margarine until tender; add thyme and cereal; mix well. Spoon onto ham slices; roll up; fasten with wooden pick; place in shallow pan. Melt jelly; add mustard; brush half glaze on ham rolls. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 minutes; brush with remaining glaze; bake 15 minutes longer. Makes 6 servings.

PRETTY PLEASE

Shopping for a new leaf to turn over? All right, next year let's live pretty. Let's iron to Bach, let's bathe in rose petals, and let's cut the crusts off our peanut butter-and-jellys. Let's come to our senses—all five of them—and wallow in pretty sights, sounds, smells, feels, and tastes.

Why not? Sensual isn't a dirty word. It isn't evil to dab perfume behind your ear so that every time you bend to kiss a child he smells something delicious. It isn't wanton to bring the catsup to the table in crystal instead of in the bottle. It isn't debauched to prefer smooth, clean sheets; or straight-hanging pictures; or soft-spoken words in your home.

Let's live pretty, and I don't mean let's live fancy or let's live fussy. I mean pretty in the sense that lamb chops in petticoats look pretty and wind chimes in the trees sound pretty and children after a bath smell pretty. I mean the kind of pretty that doesn't take money. It takes awareness.

For instance, why plod around the house in dull silence all day? Why not put on a Bach sonata while you iron or "Gigi" while you're scrubbing the floor? Everyone else in the world is putting music to work for them-to stimulate sales in supermarkets, to step up efficiency in factories, to soothe nerves in elevators, and to deaden the sound of the dentist's drill. They're even serenading the cows in the barn, with fascinating increases in the output of milk. Why shouldn't you have it just as good as Daisy? Why shouldn't you step up your output and pep up your spirits with a little Tchaikovsky or Chubby Checker, if you will? That's the nice part about being a housewife instead of a factory worker or a cow-you're not at the mercy of the "canned music" experts. They've got the whole thing down to a science and know just how many waltzes to play per hour and just what time of day to blast out "Seventy-Six Trombones." At home you can choose your own ditties to dust by. Why save the hi-fi for special occasions? It's just as easy to turn on as the dishwasher, and much prettier sounding.

While we're on the subject of sound, let's do something about the nonmusic of our own voices. Never mind whether women talk too much or not—we talk too loud. Occasionally, when we think of it or when we want something, we bring out our charming, well-modulated "company" voices, but most of the time we're fishwives. We shout, twang, and rasp when we should murmur, lilt, and croon. Let's start speaking like

angels—and stop wondering why our children yammer like Indians.

Let's pamper our poor defenseless noses. Have you ever noticed how different, different houses smell? Some houses smell like corned beef and cabbage, regardless of whether corned beef and cabbage has ever been cooked on the range. Others instantly make you think of dewdrenched meadows in April and roses after a rain storm and sitting on your grandmother's lap. I don't think people smell their own houses after awhile, just as they don't see their furniture or hear their husband's jokes. How else can you account for all the musky, dusty, acrid-smelling houses in the world? But this much is sure-you can smell your own house when it smells good. Why not make up for all the seamy odors that assail your nose in the outside world by filling your home with pretty smells? For instance, what flavor furniture polish do you use? There's a lavender-scented wax from England that not only puts a gleam on your furniture but fills the air with a fresh. subtle fragrance (it's nothing at all like the "buy my lavender" sachets they sell on street corners). It's just as easy to store cakes of soap among the linens so you can dream sweet dreams on delicately scented sheets. Why not set the children to making old-fashioned pomander balls out of oranges and cloves for a pungent surprise every time you open a closet door? Fresh flowers smell wonderful, of course, and even green, growing plants perfume a room-or is it just that they look as if they do? Waxed floors smell good and so do justwashed towels and gleaming windowpanes. Anything clean smells better than anything dirty-undoubtedly there are some people whose idea of nasal bliss is good old ammonia. But whether it's phlox or Clc. ox, let's begin using our noses.

Pretty living is mostly little things. Of course, anybody could live prettier next year with Aubussons on the floor and Picassos on the wall. But assuming that Santa Claus isn't going to refurbish your home from top to bottom, you can still do a lot to improve the scenery. Think of the little uglinesses that have nothing to do with money or decorating flair or, to be honest, time. Crooked pictures, sagging curtain rods, wrinkled rugs, rumpled beds, messy sinks, smudged mirrors, dusty books, wobbly tables, jumbled drawers, overstuffed closets, cracked vases, yellowed lamp shades, warped doors, dying plants, peeling paint-Heaven help us if each of our

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While we're at it, we might take ourselves in hand, too-unless we have a seven-year-old daughter who's already done so. Our daughter, Cindy, supervises my daily toilette as sternly as any wardrobe mistress on a Hollywood set. She's make-up man and hair stylist too. There isn't a chance of my reaching the breakfast table without lipstick or greeting the mailman in a man's old shirt or marketing in a coat with a button missing. She's particularly sticky about my changing into something devastating for Daddy at night. She's tried to get me into what she considers the perfect choice for P.T.A.-gleaming Nile green satin with shoestring straps and the fit of a bologna skin. So far I've held out for gray wool, but you can bet my slip doesn't show!

With children in the house, it's natural to cut corners and streamline our existence. But how long has it been since you trotted out real, live, soilable linen napkins for the family meal? How long since you served hot chocolate in front of a blazing fire in the afternoon? Not that I want to do away with paper napkins, TV dinners, plastic mats, and instant coffee. I'd as soon do away with toothpaste or cellophane tape. But let's use the time we save with all our modern timesaving aids for a few pretty frivolities such as melon balls, butter curls, carrot rings.

Life isn't a bowl of cherries or a bottle of champagne or a tin of caviar. Life is just a jar of peanut butter but, next year, let's cut the crusts off, JEANNE LAMB O'NEILL please.

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These suggestions are the most pertinent in our view. But there are more, many more. Audio dealers are imaginative fellows and can make further suggestions. Their imagination may even lead them to recommend spending \$8000. Resist it, if von can.

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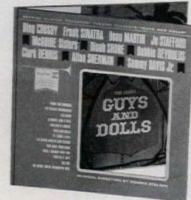
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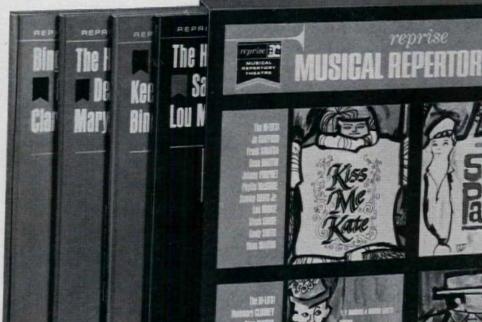


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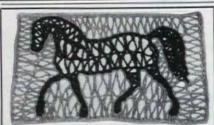
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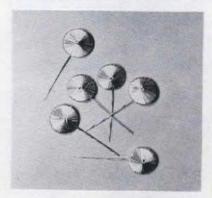


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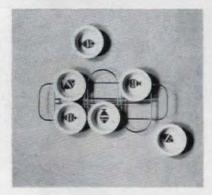
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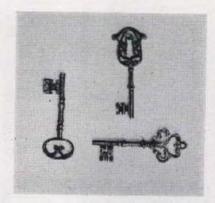
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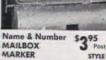
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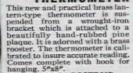


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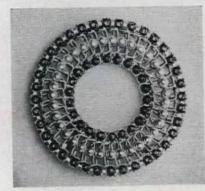
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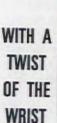
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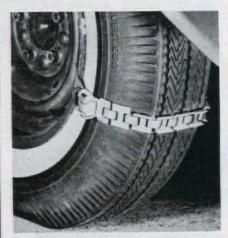
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WEVE GOT NEWS

December debuts: musical pillows, Argus glassware, paisley flooring, and others are among the hits of the season

THE TWO-STORY REFRIGERATOR

Here at last, refrigerators with that built-in look to match the popular eye-level, built-in ranges. No longer a simple box in shape, the new refrigerators are composed of two sets of storage compartments: one above and one below the waist-level, maple shelf which pulls out to become an extra work surface. There is a refrigerator unit and two crisper drawers above the work area, a freezer and second refrigerator unit below. This arrangement, called a "food preparation center," is the main feature of new products by Franklin Manufacturing Company; Sears, Roebuck and Company; and RCA Whirlpool. A fourth company, General Electric, is planning to come out with a similar product, called the Americana, later this winter. Each of the three models available has about ten and a half cubic feet refrigerator space and under four cubic feet freezer space, and is completely self-defrosting.



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NEWS NOTES

The Norge Company has developed a machine for dyeing and soon Fabricolor Dye Centers will pop up all over. The self-service dye stores allow you to change colors economically and without mess. Hundreds of items and fabrics can be treated with the Putnam fadeless dyes in your choice of 36 shades. If you're redecorating your home or refurbishing your wardrobe, dye-it-yourself.

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HISTORIC GLASSWARE



For homemakers with a historical bent, Fostoria Glass Company has been licensed by the Henry Ford Museum to reproduce "Argus," a pressed flint-glass first made more than 100 years ago. The pattern, sturdy enough for everyday use, is made in nine sizes and three colors—crystal, cobalt blue, and olive green. Consumers buying the pattern will have its history on a tag attached to the glassware, and the assurance of a quality product handcrafted in the same manner as the originals.

POWER TOOLS SLOW DOWN



Power tools that go too fast can make twice as much work as they save when they splash the wax they're spreading or splatter paint they're mixing. The new Motor Control will adjust the speed of these and many other household appliances with capacity up to 900 watts. It's just \$16.99 at your Bridgeport Hardware distributor (or send a check to BridgeportHardware Manufacturing, Dept. A, Bridgeport, Connecticut).

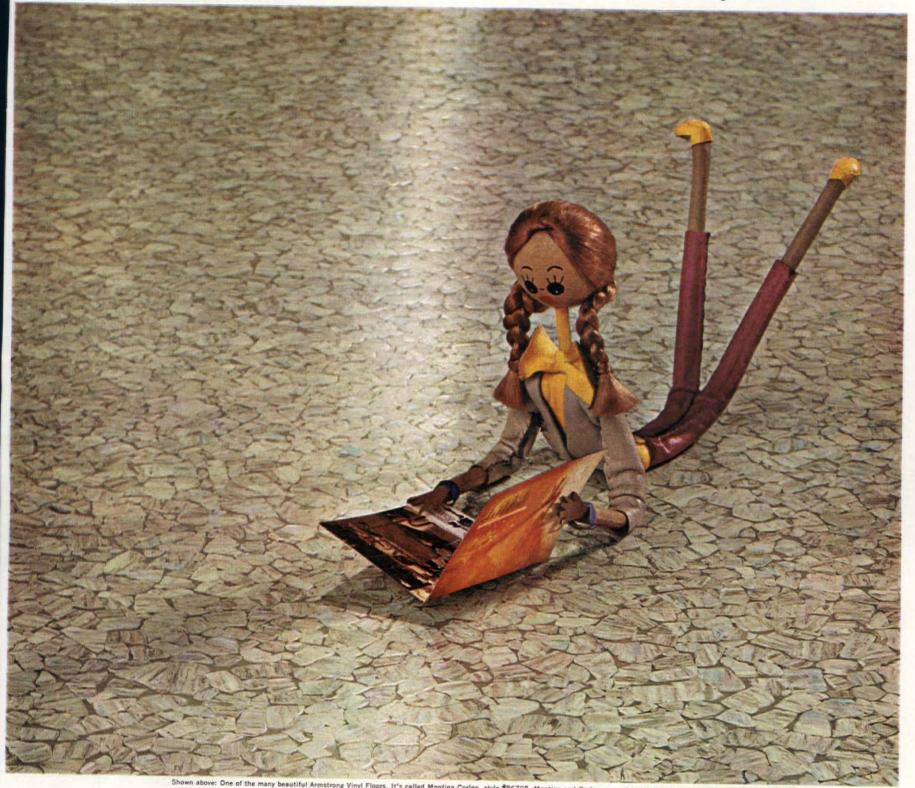
POINTS OF INTEREST

The makers of Wesson Oil have developed a cold-start method of making French fries. Put potato slices in a skillet and cover them with oil, using medium heat and stirring occasionally, cook till done. The result? A digestible dish that's made quickly without special equipment, and best of all, with little oil spattering or smoking. There is also less loss and breakdown of the oils, so that they can be used again and again.

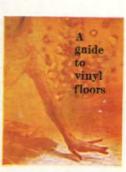
What squares! Saran Wrap is now packaged in 11¾x11¾" precut sheets. To make the plastic film easier to handle, it is interleaved with tissue paper. When using, place both the Saran Wrap and paper over the object to be wrapped, take off the tissue, and smooth down the wrap. The cost of the squares is about the same as comparable amounts of Saran Wrap in roll form.

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