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When you're choosing between product brands that are essentially similar, the one with the stronger warranty could—and should—have greater appeal. Congress is now considering a Truth-in-Warranties bill that would set standards for warranties and give the Federal Trade Commission power to enforce them. But until this becomes law—even if it does—you should know what makes a strong warranty. This is the eighth in our consumer information series.—The Editors

What is a warranty? In simple terms, a warranty (or guarantee—the words are interchangeable) is a *statement* on the part of the manufacturer about the quality or performance of the equipment he is selling—followed by a *promise* to do something about it if it doesn't meet this standard. The *statement* is often quite general (“guaranteed against defects in material or workmanship”) with occasional added specifics (one might relate to the sealed refrigerant systems in a refrigerator, for example). The *promise* must be spelled out in some way (such as “repair,” “replacement” or “refund”), or the warranty means nothing. Reputable manufacturers are taking their obligations much more seriously today, but you still cannot take any warranty for granted. You should see and judge it *before* you buy the product. It's not enough to have a salesman say that an appliance “is guaranteed for a year.” That means nothing unless you see the exact wording of the statement and the promise. Here are the questions to ask yourself as you read the warranty:

1. What is the warranty coverage? Is it the whole product or only certain parts? And if limited to certain parts, are these the important ones?

2. What is the product guaranteed against? That is, are “all manufacturing defects” subject to warranty, or something less? This should be made clear in the opening statement.

3. For how long is the warranty valid? Is the time period the same for all parts of the product? For example, the picture-tube warranty of a TV set usually lasts longer than the rest of the set, and you should not confuse these time periods. The warranty should make this completely clear. Also note well: A warranty should always run from date of *sale*, not from date of *manufacture*.

4. Are both parts and labor covered? This point is being spelled out much more intelligibly now than it used to be. If the words “parts re-

placement” are used without any indication that labor for installation is also covered, you could end up being handed a new part and advised that the rest is up to you. Occasionally, the warranty covering labor will extend for less time than that for parts.

5. What limitations or conditions are put on the warranty? This is an important—perhaps crucial—question, particularly where big appliances are involved. You should know whether the warranty is limited to you, the original purchaser, or whether you can pass it along if you sell the product. (It could be an appliance you sell with your house.) Is the warranty applicable only so long as the product remains where it was installed originally, or will it be covered if you move? Is the service on the warranty restricted to the actual store from which the product was purchased?

6. Who stands behind the warranty? That is, which organization—the manufacturer, the retailer or a service dealer—promises to carry out the terms of the warranty? Also note whether the warranty makes any statement about the installation of the equipment—must it be done by the manufacturer's own representative or simply in accordance with his instructions? This is especially important with appliances whose faulty installation can cause problems later on.

7. What are your responsibilities under the warranty? The typical warranty used to be filled with warnings. For example, it could be voided without your knowledge if you “failed to follow instructions contained in the applicable use information” packed with the product. Thus the company had a perfect chance to blame the trouble on you. There is a lot less of this now, but you may still find little loopholes worded in a friendlier fashion: “If it's our fault, we'll fix it,” or something similar. Occasionally, the warranty may refer to regular maintenance procedures (such as oiling motors) that you have to follow to keep

the warranty in effect. Be sure you know what these are. You may also be “required” to return a warranty registration card. Whether you're legally required to do this is questionable (your sales slip should be sufficient), but it does put you on record.

If you check these points, it is not difficult to size up the kind of warranty being offered by a particular manufacturer. But a few special warnings are in order. Once in a while you'll still see the words, “This warranty is in lieu of other warranties, express, implied or statutory, including any warranty of merchantability.” This practically relieves the company of any responsibility, since an “implied” warranty of “merchantability” is simply that an iron will iron, a mixer will mix, and so forth. “Express” refers to the fact that some overeager salesman might promise you the appliance would do certain things it won't do—the company is saying it can't really be responsible for his enthusiasm.

Watch out, too, for our old friend the “lifetime” guarantee. It, too, is rarely seen these days, because the question remains: “Whose lifetime?” Unless such a warranty is spelled out—and occasionally it is, quite honestly—it means nothing. There are other catchphrases to be wary of, because they sound good but are actually worthless by themselves: “unconditionally (or ‘fully’) guaranteed,” “money-back guarantee,” “satisfaction guaranteed.”

There is, finally, the detailed warranty that reads on and on. In the old days this may have seemed impressive, but because buyers never read warranties, the saying arose: “What the large type giveth, the fine print taketh away.” If there are any fine-print sections, footnotes, asterisks, exceptions, etc., be sure you understand their implications. Better still, avoid the product and support the manufacturers giving simple, no-escape warranties.



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LIFESTYLE

The Dan Busers of Chevy Chase, Maryland

Antiques collectors Elaine and Dan Buser of Chevy Chase, Md., decorating their comfortable old home for Christmas is a joyous occasion. It's then that their prized collection of antique dolls and toys comes off the shelves to add a magical quality to the holidays.

Around the Buser tree each year, dolls dressed in exquisite velvets and laces atop carriages, sleighs or little tricycles. Other dolls assemble on the piano as though joining in the traditional carol singing; still others gather at the center of the dining-room table as a gay, colorful centerpiece.

The tree itself is trimmed with antique ornaments, carefully preserved from year to year by the four Buser girls—Judy, 17, Kimberly, 13, Susan, 9, and Chrissie, 3. Their mother began the collection for them when Judy was small, increasing it every year by giving one precious glass ornament to each child for her own.

The Busers started collecting Americana and antiques in the early 1960s, when they acquired a handsome old dry sink, which Elaine refinished. Their interest in toys began a few years later, soon after Elaine happened on an old trunk filled with oddities and memorabilia, including three dolls badly in need of repair. She was intrigued enough to have the dolls restored, and from then on, one doll led to another. Today, her collection numbers over 150, all in superb condition. Dan, "almost in self-defense," as he says, developed an interest in antique toys designed for boys. Every time the Busers stopped at a fair or a roadside flea market, Elaine headed for the doll vendors and Dan took off for the toy trains and cars. (continued)



The Buser family loves having an old-fashioned Christmas with hand-made presents for family and friends. Elaine (left) works on her special pinecone dolls and wreaths.



Beautiful circus pieces (above) from the Busers' rare Schoenhut collection and Elaine's dainty little dolls (left) group around antique-spool candlesticks to form colorful holiday centerpieces.





Dan and Elaine check out old advertising display pieces and toys in a local antiques shop (above). They carefully restore much of what they collect. Dan (above, right) repairs an elephant from the Schoenhut circus. Except for Pinocchio, everything on his worktable is a charming Schoenhut toy.



LIFESTYLE continued

A delightful Maryland family loves collecting, for Christmas and all year.

Young Chrissie cradles an antique bisque-headed doll (below). On top of the glass bread case are a Schoenhut doll and a tiny piano that plays.



Soon the couple discovered the wonderful toys made by Albert Schoenhut, a late-19th-century German-American toymaker whose spring-jointed, hand-painted wooden creations delighted American children for more than 50 years. The Schoenhut circus creatures—of which the Busers have quite a number—were his most popular toys. They included smiling ringmasters and pompon-topped clowns, trapeze artists and glassy-eyed tigers, lions and elephants. "They were really quality toys," Elaine points out. "All of them were superbly constructed and finished; that's why they've lasted all these years." With over 150 Schoenhut pieces in their home, the Busers have one of the country's largest collections of these rare creations.

Other fascinating old objects have a place in the Buser household as well. Aside from the Schoenhut toys, Elaine's varied doll collection and assorted pieces of Americana, there are Dan's "boy" toys: little planes and cars made in the '20s and '30s, many games, miniatures, trains, motor- and friction-driven toys and things that can be sat on and ridden, such as a carousel horse and a number of turn-of-the-century bikes and tricycles.

To house everything, Dan and Elaine have bought antique bread, pie and cheese display cases from old country stores. These provide unique decorative effects throughout the house. "Our decor is what you might call 'Early Museum,'" quips Dan, "and we love it that way."

"From the very beginning," says Elaine, "we chose to live with all our antiques. And as our girls have grown, we've urged them to enjoy doing the same." The three older girls have even begun small collections of their own. Like their parents, they delight in scouring the flea markets and the second-hand shops for toys.

In his job as the director of communications for the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, Dan travels extensively, and Elaine joins him whenever she can. Together, they love to poke through the shops they see. "Some of our happiest finds have come from these trips," recalls Elaine. Dan has begun picking up 1876 centennial souvenirs and has already found enough to nearly fill a separate display case in the living room.

"I think our life of collecting has been sustained over the years," suggests Elaine, "because it's proved to be

such an excellent way of having fun together as a family. The girls are as enthusiastic as we are, and because of our toys, I think we all have a deeper appreciation of handcrafts. Also, each of us makes things from scratch: Someone in the house is always sewing, knitting or working in metal or leather crafts. Come Christmas, we all love to bake, and many of the gifts we exchange are handmade."

The dolls and handmade gifts typify the Busers' Christmas, which is "a traditional one. "We go to church, exchange gifts around the tree and maybe visit Grandma's house," says Elaine. "Then our friends stop in to share the holidays with us and to see what we've done with our toys *this time!*"

Looking ahead, the Busers talk of opening a shop to display their collections and also to sell modern reproductions. The couple would like ultimately to organize a colonial village somewhere in the Washington, D.C., area or in New England. "It's either that," insists Dan, "or move into a bigger house. We've already filled up six bedrooms and three floors! Still, I guess that we will always have room for a doll or two more."

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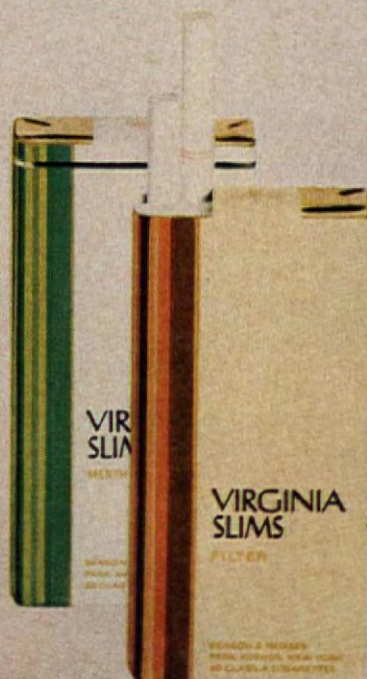
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CALIFORNIA CHRISTMAS

How goes the Santa season in California? There, as everywhere, it's a time of good cheer, of twinkling lights and merry decorations. But most of all, it's a time for partying, which is something Californians do with style and dash. Below, we report on just a few of the clever touches they bring to their holiday entertaining. You and your parties can take it from there.

First impressions are important, and William Ernest Brown and his associate, Charlotte Morrill, of Los Angeles know it. The two produce what they call "fantasy invitations" for the celebrated clientele of Bill's stationery shop in Beverly Hills. Among their holiday ideas are a red-felt Christmas stocking with a prettily written invitation tucked inside, and a little, beribboned wreath tagged with a note telling all the party particulars. Both of these are meant to be sent out in red or green mailing tubes.

Charlotte and Bill's other inviting ideas use the card-and-envelope approach, beautifully updated, and easy enough for anyone to try. The secret: Think in layers. Mount a white sheet of paper on a larger, bright-green one; mount these two on a still-larger

scrap of green-and-white gingham, then glue a bit of green-felt holly to the top corner of the white sheet. Write your message in a red felt-tip pen and make your envelope from a large sheet of heavy green paper. Or start with a square of bright red paper glued onto a larger square of white; mount both of these on a swatch of red calico, and pen away in white ink at the center. Or layer red and green papers; surround each with contrasting borders of rickrack. Or . . . but you get the idea.

Say cheese when you're talking about cocktail-party nibbles and you think of it cubed, sliced, blended or melted into fancy tidbits. That's not always so; here's a cheesy new notion from Isabel McGough of Pasadena: Serve herb-spiked Cheddar and wow your guests. You need a sizable chunk of aged, natural Cheddar, and you go to work on it early in the morning of the day of your party. Take cheese out of the refrigerator and pierce it very liberally with an ice pick or two-tined fork. Then crumble fresh oregano into vegetable oil and drizzle it over the cheese. (Gauge the amount of oregano to the size of the cheese,

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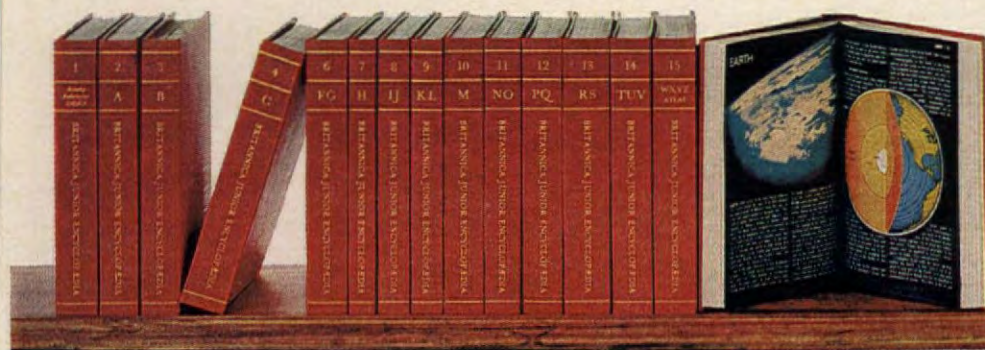
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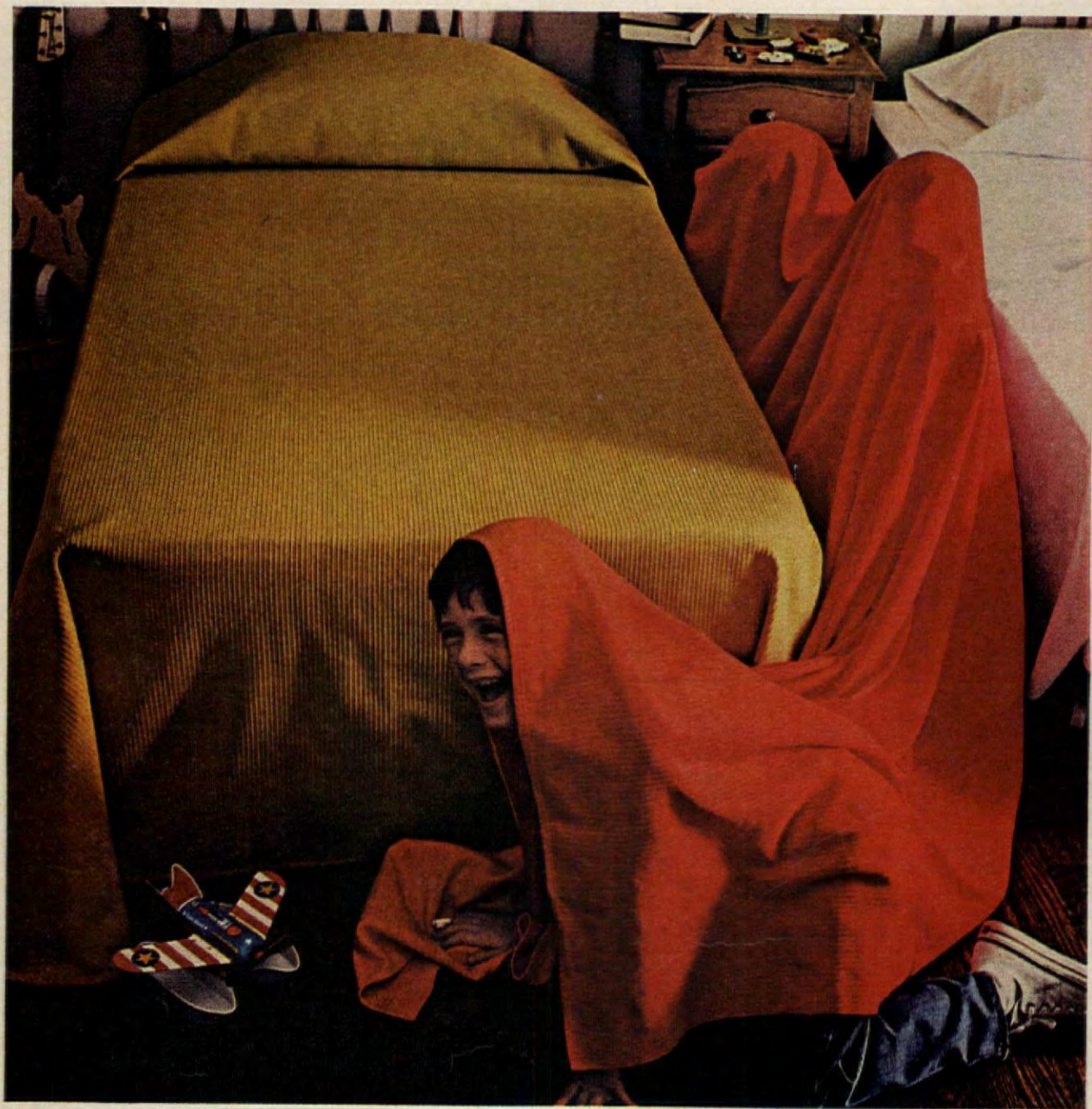


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It's time to brighten your home with seasonal glitter. Cast a fresh eye on traditional decorations, and turn your talents loose on ordinary around-the-house basics—to make each into something special. Here are 22 bright, shiny ideas to start with:

Add some sparkle to the old-fashioned pomander ball: This time, cover the oranges with silver studs (the kind kids stick on their jeans) instead of cloves. Tie with silver ribbon, hang on the tree.

Elaborating on the silver-stud theme, try covering apples, oranges, lemons and limes with star-shaped studs. Make silvery leaves of aluminum scrap or cut from foil wrapping paper. Tape to fruits, then arrange on holly or a silver platter for a gleaming centerpiece.

Kitchen accessories of tin, aluminum or wire can be merry-makers. Muffin tins filled with white pillar candles are ideal for a children's-party centerpiece. So are cookie cutters filled with melted wax and made into candles.

The classic plastic flowerpot comes in metallic silver in graduated sizes. For a holiday dinner, make a number of the tiny ones and put a sprig of holly and a place card in each. Fill the largest size with dried flowers sprayed silver or white, or with fresh white flowers in a container of water.

Weave red ribbon through a wire egg basket. Keep oranges in it for a pretty kitchen accent.

Now is the time to ferret out your little-used silver accessories. Fill that wire bread basket with red and green soaps for the bathroom, the small Revere bowl with white mints for the living room. Fashion a sleigh from your wire wine caddy; fill with greens and put a painted wood figure in it.

Buy several of those silver- or white-sprayed tree branches and set them in a vase, adorned with foil-wrapped candy kisses and silver ribbon bows.

Revive old ornaments with a coat of that new red nail polish which has built-in glitter.

Make an untraditional wreath: Cut out a doughnut-shaped piece of cardboard and cover with gold wrapping paper. Wire on gilt-

sprayed pinecones and gold scouring pads. Pull the pads apart a bit so they flatten out, then center a gold bow in each. Fill in extra spaces with bows.

Make a wreath of all-gold or all-silver bows.

Do a wreath of silver leaves: Make them from foil and accent with tiny red ball ornaments.

Make an elegant shell wreath: Spray your summertime shells silver or gold and mount them on a doughnut-shaped plywood base sprayed gold.

Tie silver bows on candy canes—to hang on your tree or to put at each plate for a party table.

Take the tiebacks off your curtains and substitute floppy bows of glittery embroidered ribbon.

Make golden apples by wrapping and gluing gold cord around Styrofoam ball shapes. Hang the apples on your tree, or place in a crystal cylinder.

Hang up popcorn rope with a difference: First give it a coat of shiny silver spray paint.

From the ceiling over the dining table, suspend gold and silver balls at different levels with transparent fishline. They make a fantasy setting.

Have 12-inch squares cut from a sheet of mirrored Plexiglas; use them as pretty holiday place mats at your party table.

Silver balls always look so special mounded in a silver bowl; anchor slim white tapers among them with spiky "flower frogs" from the florist.

Cover children's wooden blocks with silver and gold foil; build up shapes to intersperse with colorful candles for a fun party-time centerpiece.

Silver-spray a wrought-iron standing metal cup rack to hang ornaments from.

Wrap ropes of silvery beads or metallic-looking garlands around column candles of varying heights and widths.

Set them on a mirror, a silver tray or mirrored squares. Nothing offers more glitter and glow than reflected candlelight.—Christine B. Roth



Glass-
enclosed
circular
fireplace



Ever since Prometheus, that mythological Greek, first stole fire from the gods to bestow on mankind, the fascination with fire has been universal. The fireplace has been the traditional focal point of family life in the home since early times, when a fire-kindling ceremony accompanied every housewarming. Today, as in days of old, nothing can be more welcome on a chill day than an inviting hearth, glowing with constant and radiating warmth.

A fireplace is high on the priority list of most homeowners and potential home buyers. Its simplicity—and the tranquility it promises—has stronger-than-ever appeal, despite the sophistication of modern central heating. A fireplace tends to draw people together. It has the added advantage of providing additional warmth in a house that may have gaps in its heating system.

Aesthetic benefits are considerable as well. A fireplace can have decorative impact. For one thing, it can give a room focus, prescribing a cozy arrangement of seating around it. For another, the flicker of its dancing flames can create a dramatic and entertaining play of light. But fire is not only a visual delight. Its sounds—the crackling, the occasional hissing and the resettling of logs as they burn and relocate on the andirons or grate—are also compelling.

Glossary. Here are some often used—and misunderstood—terms relating to fireplaces:

Damper—the valve or plate in the flue that can be adjusted

to regulate the draft or shut it off when not in use.

Firebox—the chamber that actually contains the fire.

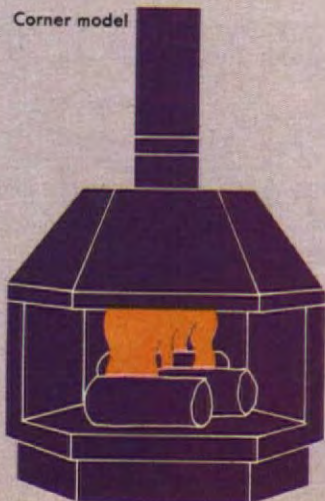
Flue—a vent or hollow stack that carries the products of combustion out of the fireplace. Its size determines how much smoke it handles. Normally, a flue is enclosed by a chimney.

Hearth—the bottom of the fireplace, the area on which the fire is built. The part that projects into a room is called the extended hearth.

Surround—the border area just outside the top and sides of the firebox opening. For safety and to satisfy most building codes, it must be made of a noncombustible material.

The new mobility in fireplace design means that neither the architecture nor the construction of a house need determine where a fireplace stands. It also means that the idea of installing a fireplace in an existing house need not be a high-priced extravagance, nor arouse fears of walls being felled and a household disrupted. The all-steel preassembled fireplace unit requires neither masonry walls nor supporting foundation. It comes complete with firebox, flue, chimney, damper and sometimes even a firescreen. To many, however, the factory-built fireplace still seems "artificial," though nothing could be further from the truth. Whether free-standing—suspended from the ceiling, hung from a wall, tucked in a corner or placed anywhere in a room—or built in, it is just as efficient (and decorative) as the custom masonry fireplace. With snap-together flue sections, installation is reasonably simple for a fairly skilled handyman. Even the job of cutting a hole through the side wall or

Corner model



Inverted-
funnel
fireplace



A FIREPLACE WHEREVER YOU WANT IT

Kindle holiday spirit and keep it bright with an adaptable preassembled unit.

roof has been simplified by the availability of manufactured collars, roof flashing and chimney housing. The wide range of designs (a sampling of free-standing is shown here) makes the prebuilt fireplace adaptable to any room in your house. Styles are virtually limitless, versatile enough to work well in any decor, and the prefabricated built-in can easily be disguised to look like a masonry fireplace by facing it with brick or stone.

Smoke problems, the often persistent annoyance for masonry fireplace owners, have been eliminated from most factory-built units. Some manufacturers even guarantee freedom from smoky fireplaces.

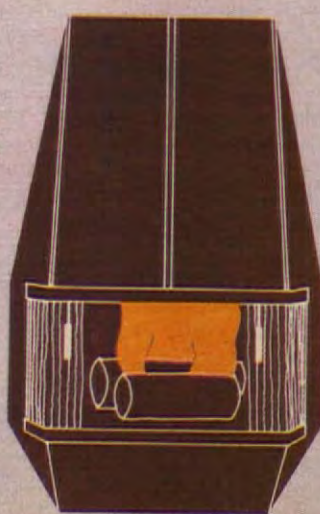
Ashes, another maintenance bother—and one that's impossible to avoid with most wood-burning fireplaces—can be a lot more tolerable with the silent-butler ash drawer attached to many prefabricated units.

The free-standing prefabricated takes less space and costs

less than its built-in cousin. It need not be placed near a wall; an open model can be set in the middle of a room. Its minimum silhouette permits placement before a window.

Most models range from \$250 to \$450, plus installation—prices so reasonable as to suggest the reappearance of fire-

Wall-hung electric



places in dining rooms, master bedrooms and elsewhere, as well as in the traditional living room. A word of caution: Free-standers, except for those that are suspended or wall-mounted, must rest on some kind of noncombustible floor covering—brick or stone. And they must usually be kept a specified distance from nearby walls. In some areas, depending on local building codes, a heat shield, available from a fireplace dealer, may be required.

Most free-standing units have contemporary lines; thus for a traditionalist, the manufactured built-in might be a better choice. It's a simplified and often more reliable version of the custom-built variety.

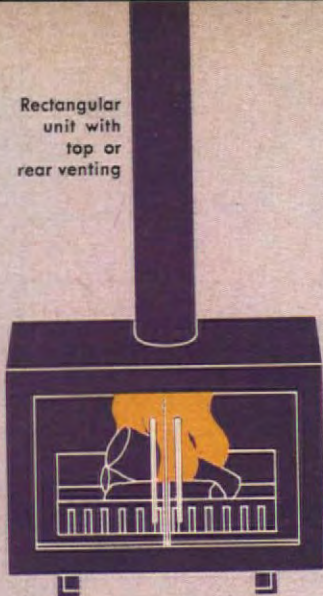
The prefab built-in has only to be framed by a good carpenter or skilled handyman. Sizes range from 28 to 42 inches, with a 36-inch width being the most popular. Since most built-in packages have multi-wall construction, no insulation is required, and the units can be installed in or against walls made of plaster, wood or other combustible materials. The hearth and surround must fulfill measurement requirements set forth in local building codes, but the rest of the facing can be any material. *Please note:* Whether you're installing a built-in or a free-standing model, it is necessary to obtain a building permit before any work is done.

Drawings at far right illustrate the relative simplicity of installing a built-in. Not shown are those special units called heat circulators which, when they are burning, draw in cold air, warm it and then circulate it throughout a room by means of special heating vents.

In addition to traditional wood-burning fireplaces, gas-fired and electric heating units are also available for either free-standers or built-ins. Despite the undeniable charm associated with the crackling of logs and the glowing of red embers, a limited wood supply or your own personal choice may dictate using one of the other types.

Gas. The gas kindler consists of a pipe attached to your gas supply. The fire is "lit" by means of a switch or push button; it "burns" natural-looking simulated logs that are permanent and ash-free. The flames

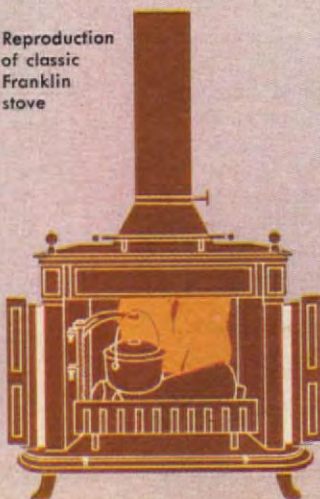
Rectangular unit with top or rear venting



that rise around these logs resemble a real wood-burning fire. A special shut-off valve is an added safety feature. There is also an automatic pilot triggered on or off by an electric push button that can be installed anywhere in your house or even activated by a timer. Thermostatic control is another available feature. Even if it is not required, it would be wise to place a gas fireplace on a noncombustible floor. If there is no existing flue, a metal gas vent must be installed. The Fireplace Institute (Chicago, Ill.) recommends that a gas line be included when a built-in fireplace is installed—in case you should someday decide to convert from a wood-burner to gas. The estimated cost for such installation is about \$75.

Electric. The electric fireplace requires nothing more complicated than an electric outlet to plug into. No permanent flue or other installation is necessary; thus it is extremely mobile. In addition to the glowing logs it uses, it can be equipped with circulating fans

Reproduction of classic Franklin stove



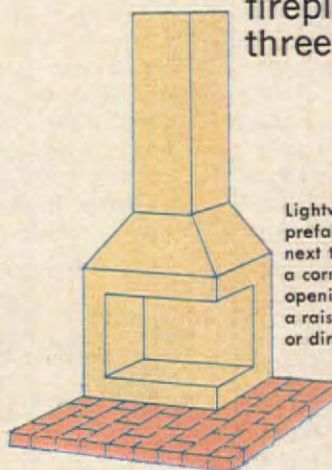
and thermostat controls to provide even heat. Units come for use with 120- or 240-volt circuits.

For fireside accessories and tips on building fires, see "Sure-fire Fire-Making" page 21. For more information on specific fireplaces and catalogs, write: The Majestic Co., Inc., Huntington, Ind. 46750; Malm Fireplaces, Inc., Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404; Vega Industries, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641; Preway, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. 54494; Martin Stamping & Stove Co., Huntsville, Ala. 35807. For local dealers, check "Fireplaces" in your Yellow Pages.—Jane Levy

Suspended fireplace in the round

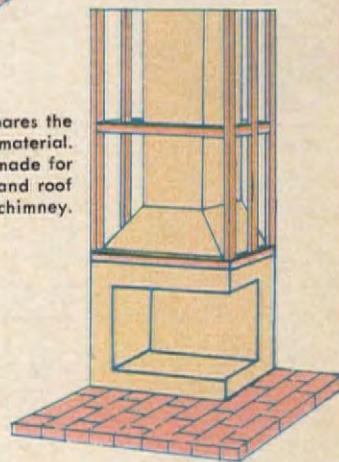


Installing a preassembled built-in fireplace is a simple three-step procedure.

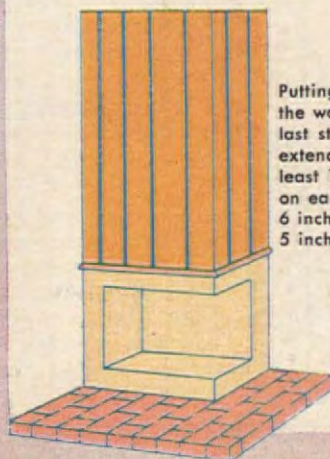


Lightweight built-in unit with prefabricated flue can be placed next to or into a wall, or in a corner with a right- or left-end opening. It can be set on a raised platform (as shown) or directly on the floor.

Framing with 2-by-4s prepares the fireplace for wall material. Allowances must be made for openings in ceiling and roof for installation of the chimney.



Putting up wall material, such as the wood paneling shown, is the last step. Noncombustible extended hearth must project at least 16 inches in front, 8 inches on each side. Surround must be 6 inches deep at the top, 5 inches at the sides.



BASKET GIFT WRAP-UP

Transform bargain baskets into costly-looking gifts like those on pages 48-49.

Making basket gifts is easy. Just let the shape and weave of the baskets you choose suggest your approach. We found our baskets in Japanese import shops. And all the decorating materials we used are available nationally: Slomon's Quik craft glue, Grayblock Ribbons, Loewenthal trims, White Rose gingham and polka-dotted fabrics.

First, make lining, to insert later: For bottom, cut two fabric pieces the size of basket bottom plus $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch seam allowance. Sew, right sides facing, leaving small opening. Invert; hand-stitch closed. Press.

Side linings can be flat, or gathered, according to basket shape. For a flat lining, cut fabric to basket height plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by inside perimeter plus 2 inches. Turn down 1-inch top hem along length; glue. If basket perimeter measures less at bottom

per-size rickrack and ruffle of folded fabric to back edge and daisy trim to front. Glue only top back edge of pocket to basket. Make a tube shape for handle cover: Cut fabric twice handle length by its circumference plus $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Glue a $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hem on one long edge. Wrap fabric loosely around handle, gluing finished edge over raw; push into gathers as glue dries. Add pin cushions, bows. Insert red-striped lining.

Peppermint basket. Apply a gesso primer to an open-weave basket; paint with white acrylic; let dry. Seal with acrylic varnish. Make bows. Attach to weave, along with berry trims and peppermint-stick candies. Insert two gathered linings.

Soap basket. Use a rounded basket. Measure top edge to

striped fabric to twice basket perimeter plus 2 inches by twice height plus 1 inch. Fold long sides toward center, leaving 1 inch overlap; glue overlap to fabric, making a tube. Cut a polka-dot strip 2 inches narrower; fold and glue as before. Gather each tube along center, first folding them so you don't sew through glued overlaps. Leave 1-inch ends ungathered. Glue ruffles to basket, gluing under ends. Gather eyelet; glue to ruffles; glue on red flower trim. Insert green-and-white gingham lining. Glue bows to handle.

Raggedy Ann basket. Use open-weave basket. Cut and glue strip of gingham to cover top edge; slit at handles. Lace ribbon through side weave; glue under ends. Above this, hand-gather eyelet, lacing it with ribbon to weave. Hand-gather bottom eyelet, gluing as you go. In-



than top, gather fabric slightly $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in from edge opposite hem, leaving 1 inch at each end ungathered for tuck-under later. For a fully gathered lining, cut fabric to twice basket height plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches by twice perimeter plus 2 inches. Glue hem as above; gather fabric $\frac{3}{4}$ inch from top fold; gather bottom as above. Leave 2 inches for tuck-under.

To insert side lining, secure with a thin line of glue around top edge of basket, tucking under and gluing ends. Tape bottom edge down. Insert and glue bottom lining.

Sewing basket. Use a big basket with a handle. Decide on placement of pockets. Cut pocket shape from two fabric pieces, adding $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch seam allowance; turn down, glue $\frac{1}{2}$ inch at tops. With right side of one facing wrong side of other (so inside back of pocket looks nice), sew together, leaving top open. Turn; press. Glue su-



bottom center; cut ribbon lengths 1 inch longer. Glue on solid-color ribbons, then trimmed ribbons, leaving 1-inch ends free at top; glue inside top. Insert gathered lining.

Fruitcake basket. Trim a covered basket as in Soap basket (above), using fabric strips under ribbons. Glue paper flowers and bow on lid. Line with red-print fabric and white paper doily.

Yarn basket. Decorate bread basket as in Soap basket (above), using ribbons with daisy trim under gathered eyelet threaded with ribbon. Paint handle white (follow steps in Peppermint basket). Insert gathered green-print lining.

Stationery basket. Use two wicker letter trays. Cover outside bottom of each with gingham: Cut fabric to dimensions of bottom plus 1 inch on each side. Glue on fabric, folding down and gluing overhang to sides. Back-stitch narrow pleats in two ribbon lengths, leaving 1-inch ends unpleated; glue to cover fabric edges. Glue under ends. Glue narrow ribbon over stitches. Insert lining.

Flower basket. Paint an "Easter" basket white (follow steps in Peppermint basket). Cut strip of



sert lining. Wrap ribbon on handles; glue ends. Glue on bows.

Toy-soldier basket. Use a small "bushel" basket. Paint background slats, rims, handle, as in Peppermint basket, using red acrylic.



Outline diagonal pattern with pencil and ruler. Paint green and white stripes. Insert green-and-white gingham lining; glue green super-

size rickrack to inside top of basket.

Champagne basket. Use an open-weave basket. Cut lengths of ribbon three times the perimeter plus 6 inches. Weave as shown above, across center: Lace ribbon through first weave, bring forward; twist back to form point with right side out; go through third weave. Do this on alternate rows. Wrap ribbons between, going under weave at corners. Insert lining. Attach bows, cherry clusters.

Art-supply basket. Use a mail basket. Apply red, green and white paint (see Peppermint basket), to create diagonal bands. Paint handle. Glue on layers of rickrack and insert red lining.—Phoebe Fox



SUREFIRE FIRE-MAKING

There's a knack to building a fire that crackles, glows and doesn't flicker out.

Nothing is more inviting on a crisp winter evening than an orange-blue flame dancing in the fireplace, wrapping you and your family—and guests, if you're having them—in warmth and the flicker of lattering shadows. Nothing is more discouraging than recalcitrant fingers of flame that, for all your coaxing, will do little more than clutch briefly at blackened logs before petering into gray wisps of smoke. To assure having more fires like the former and fewer failures like the latter, here are some thoughts on fireplace fire-making.

The wood. The ideal fire should burn slowly enough so you don't have to spend more time serving it than you do your guests, and it should release its heat steadily enough so that the room temperature doesn't seesaw uncomfortably. Dry, well-seasoned split hardwood logs are the best. Oak, maple, beech, hickory, white or yellow birch and most fruit woods make good fires. Apple and cherry, in particular, have a delicious fragrance.

Softwoods, such as pine, fir, spruce, cedar and similar resinous woods, burn too fast and too rambunctiously—snapping and spraying sparks—to be considered ideal firewood. The air pockets in hemlock are especially explosive—argument enough against burning it at all. Pine must be split to expose its resins for it to burn well. If you do burn softwoods or scrap lumber, be sure your fireplace is thoroughly screened—no gaps at all. And it might be a good idea to screen your flue as well, to contain the sparks. Green wood will merely smolder and hiss, or not burn at all.

After cutting, it takes three months to a year to season wood properly, depending on how it is stacked, and also on the climate. One way to be sure your wood has at least a full summer on it is to buy it in the spring. Demand usually is limited then, and prices are lower. Stack it properly—like a ticktacktoe game—to allow air to circulate, and by fall you should be ready for some wood-warmed evenings. If, when you strike a log with a hammer, it shows moisture, it is too green for burning.

A clutch of round logs about wrist-thick makes a pretty fire, with flames lacing up between them and spilling in a thin veil over the surface. But logs thicker than four inches are best split, exposing more surface to the flame. The length of the logs you use obviously depends on the size of your fireplace, but those measuring 16 to 24 inches are easiest to handle and easiest to come by.

When ordering wood, be sure you and the dealer decide exactly what you are getting—and paying for. Will the wood be hardwood? Will it be split? How long is it? And does the price include stacking or just a hugger-mugger pile in the driveway? And exactly how much of it are you ordering? Be advised that there are cords and there are cords. A standard cord contains 128 cubic feet of wood, which would be the equivalent of logs four feet long in a stack four feet high and covering eight feet of ground. Some dealers sell a "fireplace cord," which is also four feet high with eight feet coverage, but is only as deep as the length of the logs—16 inches, say, or 18 or 24 inches. In some areas this amount will be called a "face," a "rick" or a "run." The term itself is not important.

In some places you might find wood sold by weight, like coal, elsewhere in quantities determined by what the dealer's truck holds. (About three-fourths of a standard cord will fill the average pickup truck.) And at supermarkets and florist shops you can buy wood by the bundle.

Building the fire. First, be sure your fireplace damper is open. It is a good idea to close the damper between fires, to keep heat from escaping and birds, squirrels or ash-scattering downdrafts from entering. But if you forget to open it again at fire-lighting time, the room will fill with smoke.

Even Cinderella knew: You can't have a super-clean hearth and a super fire, too. You should leave at least an inch-deep carpet of ashes to insulate the fireplace floor—and also to catch the embers and hold their heat near the logs. Andirons or grates are useful in keeping burning logs from rolling out into the room. Andirons should be placed a foot to a foot and a half apart. Grates permit using a broader range of wood sizes—short as well as long. Each of these items performs an additional important function in allowing air to circulate under and around the logs.

To lay a fire, put down your fire-starter (see below) and tent little fingerlings of kindling over it. Good are pieces of bark, splits of shingles or dried twigs. Then put on your major logs, arranging them so the kindling fire can burn freely with adequate draft—until logs are warmed to their kindling point. It is better to lay down more than enough fire-starter than to have the fire wink out, leaving you to cope with now soot-blackened logs that you must move to start again. (continued)

Fire-starters. Newspaper is the standby for most fire-makers, but some purists won't allow it because of paper's heavy ash. You can burn a winterful of hardwood and end up with only a few shovelful of fine ash, but if you start your fires with newspaper—or use your fireplace as an incinerator—ashes will accumulate rapidly. (Flues soot up faster from such fires, too.) However, if you do use newspaper, why not use it with style? Instead of just crumpling it up willy-nilly, make Nantucket knots. Take either a full double or a single sheet of newspaper; start at one corner and roll rather tightly, until you have a long sausage roll; then simply twist the roll into a loose knot, the Nantucket knot. It'll burn slowly and let your wood ignite.

Cape Cod lighters permit paperless fire-making. These are small brass or iron kettles full of kerosene that sit on the hearth. A small wand protrudes through a slot in the lid. At the business end of the wand is a lump of soapstone or other porous substance, soaking up the fuel. At fire-lighting time, a match is held to the saturated lump until it catches; then it is thrust into the well-laid fire. By the time the kerosene has burned away, the wood should be burning briskly on its own. **Caution:** Having a Cape Cod lighter sitting around is not recommended for families with young children or awkward pets. Also, be careful retrieving the spent wand—allow it to cool.

Fireplace shops and some markets sell small boxes of a dry, pressed-fiber material that's been soaked in something flammable. You break off a couple of squares, set them amidst the kindling or logs—and trust that they will start a good fire.

Liquid fire-starters are of questionable safety anywhere and should never be used indoors, particularly to encourage an existing flame. A flashback can singe you to your eyebrows.

Electric fire-starters designed to ignite charcoal in the barbecue work well in many fireplaces, too, if an electric outlet is close enough. These plug-ins should not be used more than 10 or 15 minutes at a time; they also present the same problem as the Cape Cod wand—where to put them while they cool.

Screens. Free-standing ones of any style are fine with hardwood fires. But those that do not close off the fireplace opening completely should never be used with softwood fires, which can shoot burning bits clear across a room. Screens that best solve the problem of what to do with them when you are tending the fire are those like a drapery of hanging mail operated by a pull-chain. Glass screens, a recent innovation, have one notable advantage: They keep fine ash from being gusted into a room.

Tools and gadgets. Essential to normal fire-tending are: tongs, or giant tweezers, for moving hot logs about; a poker, probably with a curved tip for pulling as well as pushing; a shovel for ash removal; and a brush for tidying up the hearth. Bellows can be helpful as well as decorative, and enough variations on the log-lifter theme exist to delight any gadgeteer, many with charming Down East names.—Denise McCluggage



WHAT'S NEW IN CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

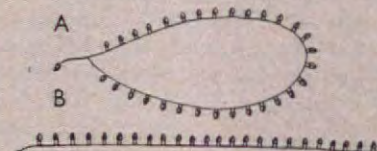
Let this guide show you.

Today's supply of holiday lights has never been brighter or more varied. In less than 60 years, these decorative delights have gone from crude flashlight bulbs to safe, high-quality, better-designed products. Here's a guide to what you'll find.

STRING SETS

Wiring. Lights in a string set are wired either in parallel or in series. Parallel-wired lights burn independently; one burned-out bulb doesn't affect the others. Less-expensive series lights, which used to go out when a bulb burned out, now stay lit if all the bulbs—including burned-out ones—remain firmly in their sockets. However, you will prolong the life of the set if you replace burned-out bulbs promptly. String sets for outdoor use are weather-proofed—with better-insulated wires, inside-painted bulbs and, often, gasket-sealed sockets.

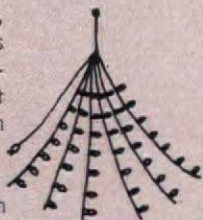
Arrangement. String sets are usually either a loop (A) or a straight line (B). Straight-line sets make for easier tree-trimming. Most string sets have an outlet that lets you add on strings. The outlet may be incorporated in the plug or at the opposite end. If at the opposite end, it's possible to add strings in a continuous line, without having a mass of plugs at the foot of the tree. The very tiny lights (see "Midgets," be-



low), once placed only in an unwieldy loop, are now available in a straight-line arrangement, as in GE's new "Merry Midget Straightline Set" of 35 multi-colored lights (about \$5). They can be used both indoors and outdoors.

A recent and ingenious innovation is neither a loop nor a straight line: Small World's "Drape A Lite" (60-light midget set, about \$10) has strings of lights that radiate from one point and fall easily from the top of the tree.

This easy tree-trimmer is available with various numbers of strings. The bulb sets can be gold, red, clear or multicolored.



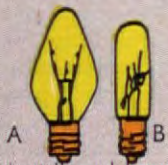
Flicker and flash. Unless otherwise labeled, string sets have steady-burning lights. But you can get the flicker-and-flash effect if you want it. Flashers are built into some strings—either to turn the whole string on and off regularly or to turn individual bulbs on and off in an apparently random manner. Steady-burning lights can be converted to flashers by flasher bulbs (for series-wired sets) or flasher plugs (for parallel sets). Even newer are the twinkling lights—all the bulbs flicker at random, creating a soft, starry effect.

SIZES OF BULBS

Midgets. These are the most popular lights of all. Usually transparent, the tiny bulbs can be plain or enhanced with a shiny reflector or a translucent decorative cover. Plain midget sets run from 15 to 50 lights, reflector sets from 15 to 100 and decorative-cover sets from 10 to 20. Prices of all lights vary widely, but the elaborate decorative-cover sets are usually more expensive. The bulbs in the midget sets are primarily indoor lights, series-wired, and are fitted to their sockets either by screw-in (A) or push-in (B) action. The common midget bulb ends in a point (A, B), but some are now spherical (C).



Miniatures. Although some companies use the names interchangeably, "miniatures" are technically larger than "midgets" and have a larger base. They're usually transparent, series-wired, screw-in indoor lights available in sets of 15 to 25, and come pear-shaped (A) or tubular (B).



Candelabra. Primarily for indoor use, these larger, screw-in bulbs can be transparent, translucent or ceramic-coated. The candelabra labeled "cool burning" are designed specifically for arti-



ficial trees. The sets have 15 to 25 bulbs. Candelabra lights, normally pear-shaped (shown), also come candle-shaped, tubular and spherical. Some are coated with decorative glitter or frosting.

Intermediates. This is the largest bulb used in string sets and is mainly for outdoor lighting. Intermediate sets, usually of 15 to 25 bulbs, are parallel-wired, screw-in, weather-proofed and generally translucent. Heavy-duty clips on the sockets help you attach bulbs securely to branches. This size is normally pear-shaped.



NEW IDEAS IN LIGHTS

Midget-bulb reflectors. "Crystal Brights" (from GE, about \$3.50), an 18-light string set with multifaceted, clear reflectors over clear or colored bulbs, gives a frosty sparkle. "Lantern Lights" (by Miller, about \$4) is a 20-light set of colored, hanging lantern-shaped reflectors. "Fiber Lite" (by Advance, about \$7) has 10 colored bulbs surrounded by sprays of reflecting fibers.



Midget-bulb decorative covers. "Jewel Ball" (by Radiant, about \$6.50) is a 10-light set, each bulb covered with a multifaceted ball that sparkles like a jewel. Other new designs (all, 10-light sets by Radiant) are: "Sno Bird"—glowing red or white birds with long feathered tails (about \$7); "Gingham Village"—white houses lit with red-ingham doors, windows and chimneys (about \$7); and "Railroad Lantern"—the traditional shape in rich gold and red (about \$6). Other designs (not shown) are: circus wagon, birdcage, clown and many Santa Clauses.



Individual ornaments. Stars and angels are still the best-selling lighted treetop decorations. "Merry Glow Rotating Star" (by Small World, about \$5) gives a new look to a traditional favorite: A 10-inch-tall glittering star in gold or silver, it has a rotating center of red, blue or yellow. When its candelabra bulb is lit, the center sends off spinning rays of light. "Red Velvet Angel" (by Miller, about \$5), an exquisite, 9-inch angel that wears red velvet trimmed with gold lace, sparkles with 10 midget lights. "Lighted Tinsel Bell" (by GE, about \$5.50) is a window or wall decoration. A half bell of gold tinsel, it is 7 inches high, lit by 12 midget lights, the clapper a spherical bulb. Other tree toppers (not shown) use plastic fibers or frosting to create haloed or misty effects.



SAFETY RULES

1. Check condition of all cords, plugs, and sockets for cracks or frayed insulation. Replace anything that is damaged.
2. Do not overload any one circuit. To calculate Christmas-lighting load, multiply the number of bulbs by their wattages and add in the wattage of any household equipment on the same circuit. If you have 15-amp circuits, you can carry 1,800 watts; 20-amp circuits, 2,400 watts.
3. For indoor safety, keep bulbs away from direct contact with draperies, or flammable materials.
4. For outdoor safety, use only weather-proofed equipment labeled for outdoors. Run cords above the ground, if possible, out of the way of foot traffic. Wires should not drape through puddles or snow. Use only insulated staples, not common nails, to fasten wiring to the house. Protect plug connections by wrapping them with electrical tape. Use rubber gaskets in sockets and face bulbs down to keep moisture out. Unplug at bedtime. —Siew-Thye Stinson

The GOOD LIFE

It's all about goodies that you can give this Christmas: a featherweight fishing rod that folds up, a giant Snuffle-Upagus puzzle that lays down, membership in a heady new society.



XMAS CUDDLERS

For the little ones, Mattel's new Booful Beans is a pug-nosed beanbag-bodied love in a yellow sleeper. Tug-able and hug-able, she's 10 inches tall, utterly safe, and only about \$5.50 . . . Ginger Snap is a wobble-legged rag doll with comb-able hair, pixie face and talented clip-on hands and feet that take hold of curtains, lampshades, bedspreads and the hearts of girls from grade school to college age. By Amsco, she's 16 inches tall, about \$7.50 . . . And for a nostalgic noel, Ideal brings back the real Shirley Temple doll—dimples, bouncy curls and all—for a generation of granddaughters to love. About \$10.

REVERENT RETELLING

For sharing on Christmas eves and days to come, there is the radiant new *Portrait of Jesus*, (Hallmark, \$8.50)—the life story eloquently told in the words of a world of writers (Wilde and Dickens, Sholem Asch and Christina Rossetti, among others), illustrated with glowing reproductions from Renaissance masters, Rembrandt, Rouault, Gauguin and many more. Peter Seymour chose the prose and poetry; Lee-Marie Burrows Bernstein, the paintings and drawings.

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N.Y. 10017. Organizing costs will be defrayed by Munson Shaw Co., importers of the "lightly dry" Duff Gordon sherry known as—surprise!—El Cid.

INDOOR GAMES

Air Hockey in its coin-played version is so successful that Brunswick has brought out a 3-by-6-foot home table model with "floating puck," lots of speed. Two or four can play for about \$299 . . . Golf-O-Matic by Roylon keeps rained-out duffers on course with a battery-operated stroke selector, plus scorecards, markers and layouts for two championship 18's. One to four play, about \$11 . . . Poker is neater with Durham's 48-inch round top that fits on a card table, has a green felt center and wells for chips, cards, glasses. Easily stored between weekly sessions, it's about \$40.

THE PUZZLERS

For executive desks: Offer frustration, cubed, with Those Blocks made of walnut inlaid with colored spun-aluminum dots. The aim is to line them up so that each of the four different colors appears on each of the four sides. Between here and success, the boss can pretend they're paperweights. By Austin Enterprises, \$8. . . Enjoy suspense with puzzles that start with a mystery story (one is an Ellery Queen) on the back of the box, are solved when you finish the 500-piece jigsaw picture in-



side. By Janus Games, the puzzles are \$4 each at book and toy stores. . . Give small-fry the giant put-together-on-the-floor puzzle versions of their Sesame Street friends—a 24-square-foot Snuffle-Upagus and a 6-foot-tall Big Bird. By Child Guidance, each creature is about \$4.

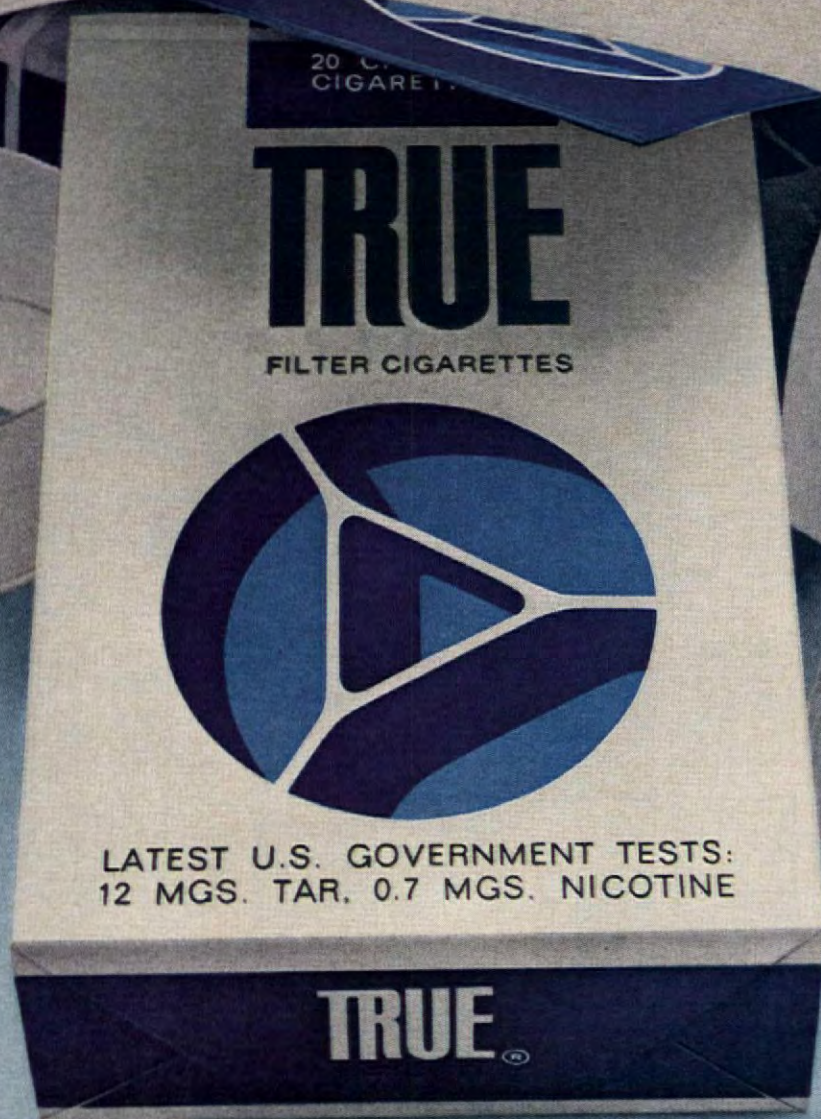
MERRY MAKINGS

For sending very personal greetings, look for Strathmore's new kit of 20 folded blank greeting cards (in several pretty colors) and envelopes, about \$3.20 at stationery stores. Spend 49c more and you can get their instructive book on stenciling, stamping, tracing and like crafts, to help you express yourself . . . For wrap-ups, try Papercraft's Kaycrest color-coordinated bows, gift folders and paper in a holly-rimmed box that can turn into a tray for Christmas treats. Set has four rolls of paper, is available in discount stores and supermarkets for about \$2.89 . . . For heavenly holiday scents, buy or give gold-tinted containers of real frankincense and myrrh (plus incense charcoal and festive directions), at \$2.95 a set from Aphrodisia, 28 Carmine St., New York, N.Y. 10014.



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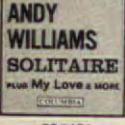
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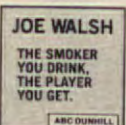
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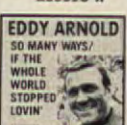
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Plastic tray (below) is 11½ by 17 inches, 6 colors, \$18 Morgan Designs. Flatware, ring, Reed & Barton; china, Denby Limco

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Lucite snack trays (above, right), 8 inches square, are sectioned for glass and tidbits; set of four trays, \$8; 4 glasses, \$7, at Lucidity, N.Y.C.



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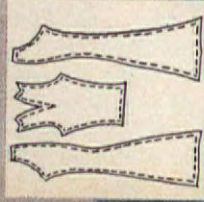
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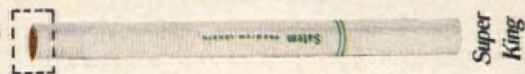
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THE DOG ON THE STREET

By James R. Kinney, V.M.D.

Puppies should not be taken out on the streets before they are from five to seven months old. When you take your puppy out for the first time, carry him in your arms for a couple of blocks before you set him down. If he should seem frightened or begin to tire, pick him up. Don't force him on against his will to try to toughen him up, as he may become permanently frightened. Most healthy puppies will love the streets and will benefit by the air and exercise. After the first few coddled excursions, they will quickly adapt.

Street manners: Dogs should not make passes at pedestrians. There are people who do not like dogs, and as eccentric as they may seem, they have the right to walk unmolested by an affectionate dog.

Dogs should neither snarl at nor bite pedestrians. Biting is not only ill mannered but illegal. All cases of biting have to be reported to the board of health, and the dog is then put under observation for rabies. If he is not rabid and if he is properly repentant, he is released on parole. If he bites again, though, he is in serious trouble. The law in New York City is three strikes within two years and you're out, and in some cities one offense is enough. The offender is

taken away by the police department. If you have a dog with a generally embittered attitude toward society, put a muzzle on him when you take him out.

Barking at strangers on the street can often be highly embarrassing to owners. I recently saw a dog barking at a man who was innocently carrying a chair on his shoulder; to the dog the man was a fiend from the outer spaces. Since such demonstrations spring from alarm and not from malice, the best way to treat them is to try to reassure the dog. Don't punish him except to pull him away.

Dogs should not sniff at or wrassle strange dogs. This is a matter of health as much as of decorum—a precaution against contagious diseases and parasites. However, if your dog shows an interest in another dog who is obviously a clean, healthy, cultured animal, there is no great risk run if the dogs frisk around a bit.

Dogs should not cross in front of people or trip them up. In especially crowded sections, hold your dog on a short leash, or if he is small, carry him, as he is liable to be stepped on. Always follow your dog into an elevator—never precede him. Those doors can close on him or, worse, they can close on his leash.

Dogs in the city should never—and I mean *never*—be allowed off the leash. For one thing, it is against the law. Chiefly, however, dogs cannot be trusted. They will suddenly dash across a busy street, paying no heed to, or not seeing, oncoming cars.

Wardrobe: Available in the wardrobe line for dogs are light coats, medium-weight coats, raincoats and sweaters; also shoes, galoshes, baseball caps, sequined collars and, I have been told, stretch pants.

I do think it advisable to put a coat on a dog in the winter. Colds and pneumonia are common ailments among dogs, and since they never take their own coats off in the house, they may catch cold going from a heated apartment or house to a cold street. When you buy a coat or sweater, get one that covers the chest and stomach; dogs are muscular on top and need less protection there than underneath. The harness is generally used for small and toy dogs and the collar for medium-size and big dogs. A big dog should always wear a collar for control. Certain dogs never learn to take it easy on a leash, and they may develop a chronic cough from the pressure of the collar; in spite of control, such dogs should be switched to harnesses.

Dognapping and tattooing: Dognapping is still going on—but thanks to the outraged and frenetic actions of stirred-up citizenry, dognappers seem intimidated. The wide adoption of tattooing undoubtedly acted as a further deterrent. There are a number of tattoo registries in the country now. Some use the owners' social security numbers as tattoos, the best ones have national and international affiliations. Check with your local humane society or your veterinarian. The tattoo is done on the leg, the ear or the belly, and it hurts the dog in no way. Even with this precaution, it is not a good idea to tie a dog to a hydrant or leave him on a sidewalk or in an open or unlocked car while you go into stores for marketing.



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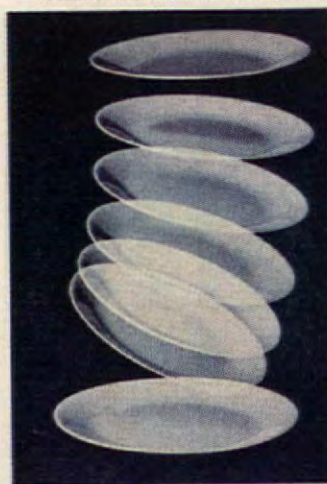
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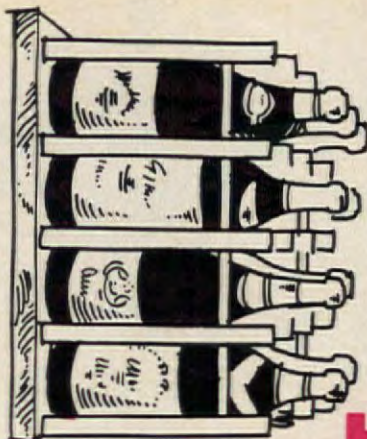


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HOW TO SERVE YOUR HOLIDAY WINE

By Denise McCluggage

The serving of wine has become cobwebbed, like an old bottle, in complicated tradition. Some of the tradition has evolved into little more than ploys in snob games, but most is rooted firmly in reason. Understood and attended to, this tradition assures you and your guests of enjoying what wine expert Hugh Johnson so aptly phrases "the potential you have paid for."

Here we deal only with *age* and *temperature*, probably the two most important factors in realizing a wine's promise. To serve a wine too old or too young, too cold or too warm for its particular composition of acids and esters and tannins and yeasts and all the other mysteries of its magic, is to listen to a glorious symphony while seated next to a busy timpani player.

Age: Contrary to common assumption, wine does not always keep getting better and better as it gets older and older. Like flowers, racehorses and movie stars, wines have a youth, a middle and an old age. The prime of a wine's life can come at any point on that curve, depending on the grape from which it is made, the way it is actually made and the way it is handled. To drink a wine that blooms in youth when it is old is to deny it its moment of glory. To drink a wine that has potential for growth when it is young is to nip it in the bud. Yet we Americans tend to drink white wines too old and red wines too young.

All wines undergo a certain aging process in the making, but unlike distilled spirits, table wines do most of their improving in the bottle, not in the cask. However, most (importantly, not all) of the world's wines—red, white and pink—have benefited from time as much as they are going to in one to three years. Wines that mature early do not promptly deteriorate like Dorian Gray. Some hold their peak for a number of years, tapering off from that summit at varying rates, but most are certainly best drunk by their fifth birthday.

Here are some drink-on-the-young-side guidelines:

- All nonvintage wines—those with no date on the label—are clearly meant to be consumed immediately. There is nothing in them that can possibly benefit from time.

- All rosés, or pink wines, of the world are best when less than three years old.

- Most white wines should be drunk by the time they are three to five years old. Exceptions have a less steep deterioration curve. They will probably hold their own as four- and five-year-olds, and might last up to 10 years. These are the California varietals made from such grapes as Chardonnay, White (sometimes called Johannisburg) Riesling, (continued on page 72)

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CHOWDERS THAT WARM THE HEART

By Frances M. Crawford

Surprise your holiday guests with one of these hot and hearty, meal-in-a-bowl party treats.

For a cold-weather gathering that's different and delightful, why not build a meal around chowder? Add a salad, crusty bread, some wine or beer and let the good times roll.

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

- 2 dozen large chowder clams or 2 cans (10½ ounces each) minced clams
- 1 quart water
- ¼ pound salt pork, diced
- 1 cup chopped onion (1 large)
- 3 large potatoes, pared and diced
- ¼ teaspoon leaf thyme, crumbled
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups light cream
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

If using fresh clams, scrub them well under running cold water. Put into deep kettle; add water; cover. Steam 8 minutes or until shells open. Discard any that do not open. Remove clams from shells with small knife, working over a bowl so you catch all juice. Remove and discard dark parts of clams. Chop clams coarsely. Strain broth from kettle into bowl containing clam juice. Add water, if needed, to make 4 cups of liquid. If using canned clams, drain them; measure juice. Add water to make 4 cups.

Cook salt pork in heavy kettle 5 minutes or until bits are crisp and golden. Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels. Cook onion in fat left in pan until soft. Add clam broth and water mixture, salt pork bits, potatoes, thyme, salt and pepper. Cover. Simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender but not soft. Add clams. Stir in milk and cream slowly. Add butter or margarine. Bring just to boiling, but do not boil. Turn into serving bowl. Makes 8 servings.

MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER

- 2 dozen large chowder clams or 2 cans (10½ ounces each) minced clams
- 1 quart water
- ¼ pound salt pork, diced
- 1 cup chopped onion (1 large)
- 1 can (1 pound, 4 ounces) tomatoes
- 2 medium-size carrots, pared and diced
- 1 green pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3 medium-size potatoes, pared and diced
- ¼ teaspoon leaf thyme, crumbled

If using fresh clams, scrub them well under running cold water. Put into deep kettle; add water; cover. Steam 8 minutes or until shells open.

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Cook salt pork in heavy kettle 5 minutes or until bits are crisp and



golden. Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels. Cook onion in fat left in pan until soft. Add tomatoes, carrots, green pepper, celery, potatoes, thyme and clam broth and water mixture. Cover. Simmer 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add salt pork bits. Add clams. Simmer 5 minutes or until clams are tender. Makes 8 servings.

SCALLOP CHOWDER

- 2 pounds fresh or frozen scallops
- 4 slices bacon, diced
- 1 cup chopped onion (1 large)
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 green pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 quarts boiling water
- 12 medium-size potatoes, pared and cubed
- 3 cans (10¾ ounces each) condensed chicken broth, undiluted
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups light cream

Thaw scallops, if frozen. Cut in half. Cook bacon in kettle until crisp. Add onion, celery and green pepper. Cook over low heat until onion is tender. Add boiling water, potatoes,

chicken broth, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat 15 minutes. Add scallops. Cook 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Add cream. Heat through. Makes 12 servings.

CORN AND FRANK CHOWDER

- ½ cup diced salt pork
- 1 green pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 cup diced onion (1 large)
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 can (13¾ ounces) chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup diced, pared potatoes
- ¼ teaspoon ground thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper
- 1 can (12 ounces) whole-kernel corn
- 1 pound frankfurters, sliced
- 3 cups light cream or half-and-half, scalded

Cook salt pork in large heavy saucepan until crisp and brown. Remove; reserve. Add green pepper, onion and celery to fat left in pan. Cook until soft, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with flour. Stir until fat is absorbed. Add chicken broth and water. Bring to boiling, stirring constantly. Add potatoes, thyme, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Simmer 7 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Remove bay leaf. Add remaining ingredients. Heat through. Makes 8 servings.

GOLDEN CHEESE CHOWDER

- 3 cups water
- 4 medium-size potatoes, pared and diced
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 1 cup pared, sliced carrots
- ½ cup diced onion (1 medium)
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 quart milk
- 1 pound sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (4 cups)
- 2 cups cubed, cooked ham (about 1 pound)

Hot-pepper sauce to taste

Bring water to boiling in kettle. Add potatoes, celery, carrots, onion, salt and pepper. Cover. Simmer 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

Melt butter or margarine in large saucepan. Blend in flour. Stir in milk gradually. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture comes to boiling; boil 1 minute. Stir in cheese until melted. Add to vegetables; add ham. Heat, but do not boil. Add pepper sauce. Makes 12 servings.



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A HOUSE FULL OF CHRISTMAS

This happy season we share with you the sense of love and warmth that characterizes Christmas for the Glen family at Windswept Farm, their festively decorated old home in Charlestown, R.I. That's Ann and young Tina above. Then, more features: beautiful baskets, antiques and kitchen things for the giving; feasts from around the world; and a new way to really share the holidays.

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it is a traditional time...

By Helene Brown

For Ann and Bruce Glen, who turned their barn into a country store and stocked it with new and old delights (see "Lifestyle," May '72 AH), Christmas is a time to be old-fashioned. Their stone farmhouse abounds with garlands of greenery, with lovely decorations and with the warm hospitality that surrounds this most traditional of times.



Heart of the Glens' Christmas is their tree (opposite), adorned with make-believe candy canes and straw sleds filled with ornaments. Beside it, Ann has set the table for the family's Christmas-gift breakfast. On the handmade tablecloth are matching napkins, gifts and a pretty mix of china and old ruby-red crystal. Close by is a window niche (above) filled with the spirit of the season: greenery caught up with ribbons and a spray of dried flowers, plus an antique brass bucket overflowing with boxwood and shiny red apples.

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it is a time for family and friends...

In the festive Glen home, Christmas is the season for entertaining.

This means, first of all, a wonderful cake-and-candy party for Tina, 10, and her young friends. Then there's a happy, warmhearted Christmas evening for the grown-ups. Ann and Bruce capture the true meaning of the holidays by gifting their friends with delightful whatnots from their country store.

For Tina's party, the colorful table (opposite, top left) is a vision come true of what a child's Christmas is all about: sugarplums and meringues, pastry and cakes, gingerbread and marzipan. There are gifts and punch for everyone, as Tina and company (opposite, top right) joyfully dig in.

Glass birds in nests decorate Ann Glen's special tree, (below, left) made by covering a Styrofoam cone shape with boxwood and bows. Each little straw sled (below, right) on the big tree sports a different kind of shiny ornament.



Bruce (in navy jacket) and Ann (with white blouse) join their guests to celebrate in fine convivial fashion. Their bountiful yuletide table is covered with an heirloom crocheted bedspread over bright green felt. The pretty runner is a series of boxwood sprays accented with fruit clusters.





BASKET ARTISTRY

Turn a batch of pin-money baskets into double gifts that look like costly boutique bibelots. That's what New York designer Phoebe Fox did, using bright ribbons, dainty fabrics, rickrack, eyelet and lace to create the prettiest presents ever. Try it yourself—with ingenuity, scraps and a lot of Christmas spirit! We tell you how on page 20.—Christine B. Roth

Our Christmas collection below started with Plain Jane baskets like those opposite, top, pleasantly priced from 79¢ to \$4. Clockwise, starting from the Raggedy Ann doll, our baskets hold such Christmas surprises as: champagne and glasses for two, sewing notions, toy soldiers, hand soaps, dried flowers, art supplies, peppermints, stationery, fruitcake, yarn and knitting needles.



Self-rimming sink in "Blueberry," \$75.85; acrylic-handled fittings from the Flair series, \$50, Kohler.



Plastic Wall-All with ledge and five organizing "pockets," \$10, Format. Hot pad, 50¢, B. Altman & Co., N.Y.C.



Porcelain-clad cookware with aluminum interiors: 2-quart saucepan, \$13; 12-inch lidded frypan, \$18, Club Aluminum. Martex towel, \$1.50.



"Sapphire" 2-inch (left, top), "Cobalt" 4-inch (left, bottom) ceramic tiles, \$1.50 to \$4 a square foot installed, American Olean. GAF 1-foot vinyl Ticonderoga Slate tile, "Niagara Blue," about 50¢.

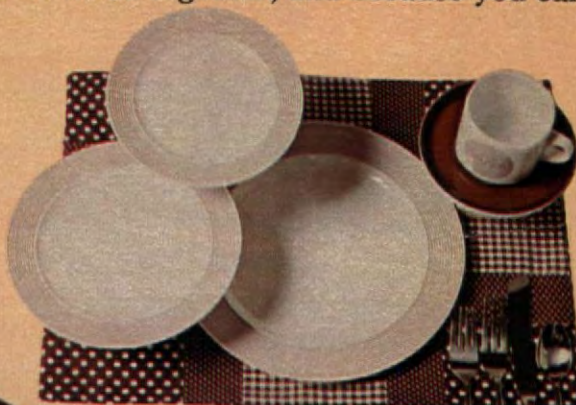


BROWN

Welcome a whole new look for your kitchen! The browns and blues are beginning to catch on in housewares and kitchen accessories, and we think the new trend is wonderfully refreshing. Why are we so high on b & b? Because they're handsome alone or together, and because you can



"Stina" tableware from Sweden, \$22.50 a 5-piece place setting, Bonniers, N.Y.C. "Blue Mist" linen place mat, \$3.50, Dansk.



Joy 1 porcelain, \$25.50 a 5-piece place setting, Rosenthal. Ekco stainless flatware, \$4.95 a 6-piece place setting. Place mat, \$3.50, Ethel Hubbard Designs.



Enamel-coated cast iron by Copco: 2 1/2-quart teakettle, \$19; 1 1/2-quart lidded casserole, \$14; 2-quart saucepan, \$18; 12-inch skillet, \$18.50 and lid, \$10.50.



Glazed pottery 2-quart bean pot or casserole with lid, imported from France, \$8, Bloomingdale's, N.Y.C.



"Scandia" porcelain-on-steel 2½-quart saucepan, \$12; electric slow-cooker, \$30, West Bend. Pot holder, \$3, Ethel Hubbard Designs.

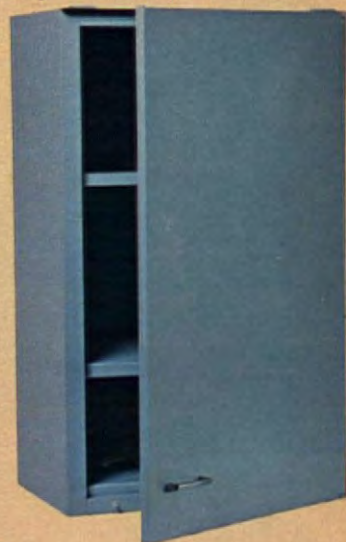


Porcelain-coated cast-iron fondue pot, \$28; 4-quart casserole, \$28, Dansk. "Teflined" hot pad, \$2.25, Now Designs.

Battery-operated clock with enamel-on-copper face, wood case: 6¾-inch round, \$35; 8¾-inch round, \$40, Wuersch.



"Horizon Blue" steel wall cabinet with Duralon finish, 18 by 30 inches, \$85, St. Charles.



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happily mix one or both colors with your existing decor. Add new zing to your kitchen with rich brown cookware, for instance, or make washing dishes beautifully bearable with a bright blue sink. Both items are shown here, along with lots of other kitchen-changers—all great for gifting, too! — Jeanne M. Bauer



Mikasa ironstone, "Provençal Delphine," \$11.50 a 5-piece place setting. Rosenthal stainless flatware, \$49.70 a 5-piece place setting. Cotton place mat, \$2, Bloomingdale's, N.Y.C.



Porcelain-on-steel "Willow Ware" collection from Howard Holt: 8-quart Dutch oven, \$30; 5-quart casserole, \$24; 4-piece canister set, \$10.

Vitreous-enameled cast iron from Le Creuset: 2½-quart oval casserole, \$22; 26-ounce saucepan, \$13; 2-quart French oven, \$15. Linen place mat, \$2.50, Bloomingdale's, N.Y.C.



Antiques for gifting

Need an unusual gift for someone very special? Try antique hunting, for a treasure that will delight anyone who loves things old and beautiful. Our finds, below, show that antiques needn't be exorbitant; they start at a modest \$10.—Rosemary L. Klein





On Pennsylvania quilt (\$80) are: brass preserving pan filled with greens, \$75; mahogany tobacco jar, \$65; brass ladle, \$65; pressed-glass compote, \$30. On table: copper mold, \$80; Art Nouveau inkstand, \$40; ruby crystal finial, \$65; tin apothecary canister, \$20; small Baccarat perfume bottle, \$25; green glass bottle, \$25; Mason jar, \$10; Cope-land Spode platter, \$20; brass ship's barometer, \$75; pressed-glass goblets, \$16 each; pink lustre cup and saucer, \$35. On pine tool chest (\$65): iron reindeer bank, \$80; tin rooster chocolate mold, \$30; Rockingham bowl, \$25; brass keys on ring, \$20. In foreground: polished-steel Scottie doorstop, \$50; walnut burl box, \$75. Such one-of-a-kind items vary in price from place to place; ours offer a guideline to what similar pieces might cost.

"WE SWAPPED CONDOMINIUMS

The Mazzeis traded the Caribbean for a vacation in the Vermont snow.

Sue and George Mazzei are the happy owners of a second-home condominium in St. Croix and, along with Lori, 10, Leanne, 8, Paul, 6, and Lynn, 4, they've been spending vacations there for the last three years. The family, whose primary home is in Massapequa, N.Y., share a love for the Virgin Islands life. But last winter, according to Sue, "we got the itch to try something different over the holidays."

That's when the Mazzeis found out about the vacation swap, an exciting idea worked out by the developers of their condominium community, The Reef, and Okemo Trailside Condominiums in Ludlow, Vt. The arrangement: a St. Croix/Vermont exchange of two vacation homes comparable in good looks, size and facilities—but worlds apart in personality.

The Mazzeis jumped at the idea, especially since they wanted to learn to ski. Carol and Herb Hartmann, the owners of the swappable Vermont condominium, got in touch and told them what to expect. "It was great knowing what it was like before we got there," recalls Sue. "We didn't feel like strangers."

Over the holidays the Mazzeis skied, tobogganed and tramped through the snowy Vermont woods. "It was a wonderful change from St. Croix," sums up George: "Imagine being able to have your cake and eat it too!"



The Mazzeis (above, from left)—Leanne, Paul, George, Lynn, Lori and Sue—relax before the fire in their just-for-the-holidays Vermont home.



The entire family (above) gets ready for a day in the snow. Their rough-sawn cedar "swap" condominium was located directly on the Sagem Trail: "We spent most of our days on skis," says Sue, "and we could ski right down the trail to the house in the evenings!"

The kitchen of the Okemo condominium is warm and cheerful, like the rest of the cozy ski home.



For Lori, Leanne and Paul, a good part of their wintry fun was sliding down the snowy Vermont slopes.

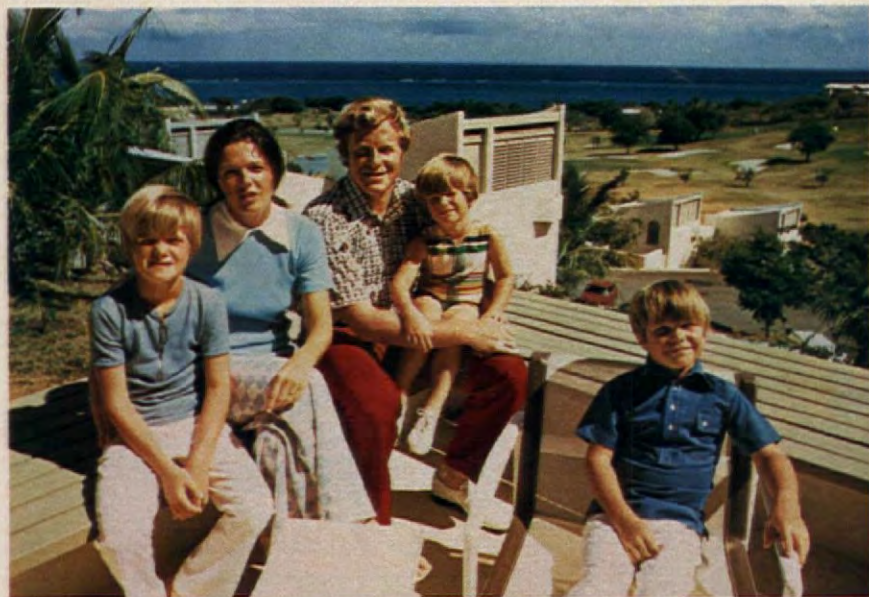


Just down the hill from their bartered home, Sue and George take skiing lessons from an Okemo ski instructor.

Bradley Olman

FOR OUR WINTER HOLIDAYS"

The Hartmanns exchanged skiing for lolling in the warm St. Croix sun.



The Hartmanns' gleaming white "swap" villa (above) is angled for privacy and for a fantastic view of the Caribbean. Nearby are beach, golf course, swimming pool, sauna, tennis courts and plenty of room for boating and fishing.

The Hartmanns (above, from left)—Robby, Carol, Herb, Brad and Mike—soak up the "borrowed" St. Croix sunshine.

Carol and Herb Hartmann enjoy spending weekends and vacations at their Vermont condominium. The place is just a few hours' drive from their No. 1 home in Westport, Conn., and they delight in the area's snow and skiing. But when they heard last year about a vacation-house swap plan set up between their own condominium and another in St. Croix, they thought about spending the holidays in the Caribbean sun. "When I told the boys," recalls Carol, "I couldn't hold them back: They immediately rummaged out their bathing suits!" (The boys are Robby, 10, Mike, 7, and Brad, 5.)

The Hartmanns talked by phone with Sue and George Mazzei, their counterparts in St. Croix. Sue and Carol exchanged helpful hints about what clothes to bring, about linens and the use of sporting gear. "Sue's advice was a godsend," recalls Carol. "She told us where to go for good restaurants and day trips; she even warned me that the closest supermarket was miles away."

So off to St. Croix went the Hartmanns, and got wonderful wintertime tans as they swam, sailed and snorkeled. "Just think what that vacation would have cost if we'd gone the usual route—hotels and so on," says Herb. "There, we had a place where the whole family felt completely at home, and the price was just right—a simple swap did the job!"


Herb and Carol take out a catamaran for a few hours of peaceful sailing on the clear waters of Teague Bay, close to their holiday condominium.



Carol and Herb enjoy the sweeping vista from their holiday villa's living room. Louvers, used throughout the house, give rooms an airy, open feeling.



Under a cloudless Caribbean sky the Hartmann family putters around on The Reef's golf course.



A Cooking Lesson No. 61 By Jacques Jaffry

GATEAU ST. HONORÉ

This spectacular French creation of pastry, cream puffs, cream filling and caramel owes its name to St. Honoré, patron saint of pastry cooks. Frankly fabulous, it is a dessert for “pull out all stops” occasions—especially now when Christmas and other year-end festivities invite your creative best at the holiday table.

GÂTEAU ST. HONORÉ

Pastry

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons cold water

Choux Paste

- 1 cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs

St. Honoré Cream

- 4 egg yolks
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups scalded milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons orange liqueur (optional)
- 4 egg whites

Caramel

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water

1. Make Pastry: Sift flour, sugar and salt into mixing bowl. Cut in butter or margarine until mixture resembles cornmeal. Add egg and water. Stir with a fork until all the particles cling together. Knead a few times until smooth. Wrap in plastic wrap. Chill several hours. Roll dough out to a circle about $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Transfer to cookie sheet. Cut 9-inch circle with pastry wheel or sharp knife. Remove and discard trimmings. Prick circle well with fork.

2. Prepare Choux Paste: Combine water, butter or margarine, sugar and salt in heavy saucepan. Bring to boiling. As soon as butter is completely melted, add flour all at once. Stir rapidly over heat, until mixture forms a ball and follows spoon around pan. Beat in eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Spoon into pastry bag without a tip. Heat oven to 400° . Press choux paste onto edge of pastry circle to form a 1-inch-wide rim.

3. Press remaining choux paste into 16 to 18 small cream puffs on same cookie sheet. Bake the circle and puffs 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 375° . Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until puffed and golden. Transfer to rack.

Prepare St. Honoré Cream: Combine egg yolks, sugar and salt in heavy saucepan. Beat until mixture is pale yellow and smooth. Add flour. Stir until well blended. Add milk. Bring to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Simmer a few seconds. Remove from heat. Add vanilla and orange liqueur. Let cool. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold into yolk mixture.

4. Fill cream puffs: Put 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of St. Honoré cream into pastry bag fitted with plain tube. Slit side of each puff with point of small knife. Press filling into puff. Puff may also be filled by cutting off the top and spooning in cream.

5. Prepare Caramel: Combine sugar and water in small, heavy saucepan. Bring to boiling over medium heat. Cook until syrup turns amber color. Dip bottom of a cream puff into the syrup. Place carefully onto the choux paste ring on pastry circle. Repeat until ring is covered. Pour remaining syrup onto puffs in a threadlike stream.

6. Fill center of cake with the remaining St. Honoré cream. Put a cream puff in center, if you wish and drizzle with caramel. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Rudy Muller



By Frances M. Crawford
and Food Staff.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN DENMARK

This is the season of joy and merriment—and, most of all, feasting. Every country has its holiday customs, but none is more steeped in tradition than the dinner the family shares on Christmas Eve. We have four such classic menus for you to adopt as your own, on Christmas Eve or Day or anytime during this happy season. Pictured is the traditional Danish feast with its rice porridge, roast goose with all the trimmings, red cabbage and a molded rum pudding. On the next page you'll find the fete as it's done in French Canada. And we've glorious feasts from France and Ireland as well. Menus and recipes for all start on page 64

Irwin Horowitz

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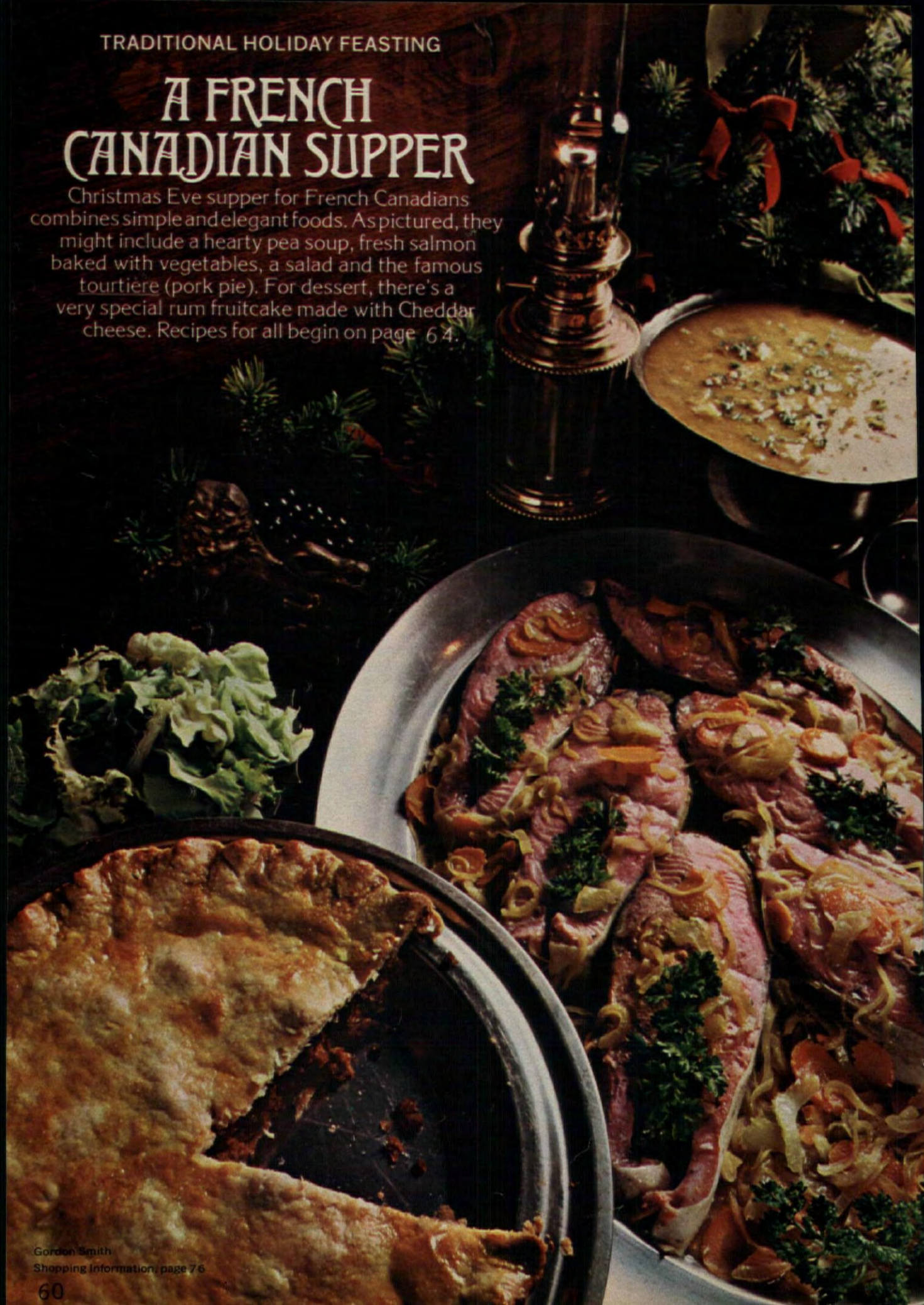


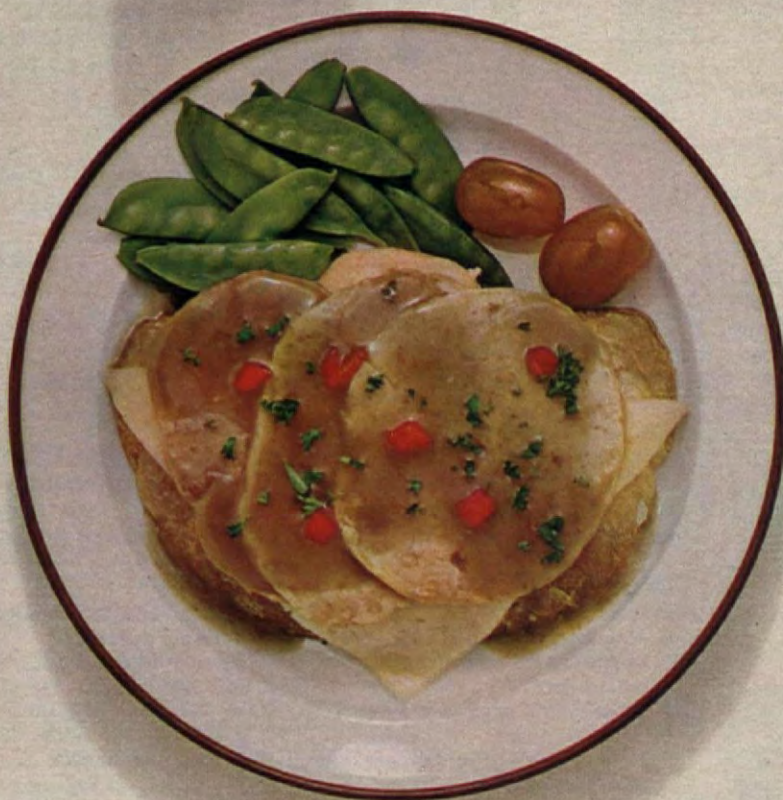


TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY FEASTING

A FRENCH CANADIAN SUPPER

Christmas Eve supper for French Canadians combines simple and elegant foods. As pictured, they might include a hearty pea soup, fresh salmon baked with vegetables, a salad and the famous tourtière (pork pie). For dessert, there's a very special rum fruitcake made with Cheddar cheese. Recipes for all begin on page 64.





For people who can't leave well enough alone, look what you can do with a Banquet Turkey Cookin' Bag entree.

Giblet gravy and sliced turkey. Nobody makes it faster or better than Banquet, but if you want to make it fancier, here's how:

Take one Banquet Giblet Gravy and Sliced Turkey Cookin' Bag entree from your freezer and prepare. Oven-melt Monterey Jack Cheese on a slice of sourdough bread. Top with turkey, then add gravy. Garnish with parsley, pimienta and a sprinkling of curry powder. Serve with Snow peas and kumquats, accompanied by an avocado and cherry tomato salad.

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THE ABC's OF Candy

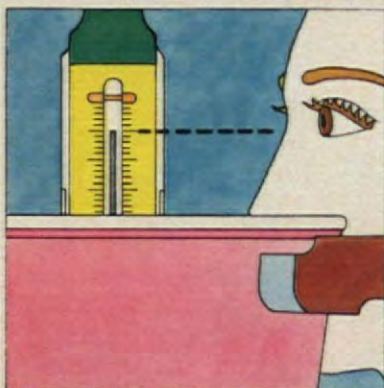
No gift is more appreciated than the one you make yourself. And when the beautifully wrapped package is homemade candy, particularly fudge, it is doubly welcome. Candymaking is not difficult, but it does take a little care and know how. Just follow the steps below.

SECRETS OF CANDYMAKING

- Make candy on a cool, dry day for best results. If the weather is damp or humid, the candy may be sugary. However, if you must make candy on such a day, cooking it two degrees higher than the recipe recommends should help produce a satisfactory product.
- Use a saucepan large enough to allow the candy to boil freely without boiling over.
- Watch candy carefully as it cooks. The temperature will rise quite quickly once it reaches 220°.
- The best and most accurate way to test candy when cooking it is with a candy thermometer. Here's how to use it:



1. Clip the thermometer on the side of the saucepan before starting to cook. Leave it in all during the cooking time.
2. Be sure the thermometer is placed so the bulb will be completely covered with syrup—not just with the boiling foam. But do not let the thermometer rest on the bottom of the saucepan.



3. Read the thermometer correctly. To do this, your eyes must be on a level with the mercury. Bend down so they are—don't lift the pan from the heat or take the thermometer out of the syrup.
4. When candy has finished cooking, remove the thermometer and let it cool before washing it.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE

- 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups milk
 - 4 squares (1 ounce each) unsweetened chocolate
 - 4 cups sugar
 - 3 tablespoons light corn syrup
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 - 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
1. Butter 8x8x2-inch pan lightly.
 2. Clip candy thermometer to medium-size saucepan, as directed above.
 3. Put milk and chocolate into pan.
 4. Place over low heat. Cook until chocolate is melted. Stir until mixture is smooth.
 5. Add sugar, corn syrup and salt.
 6. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sugar dissolves.
 7. Cook until candy thermometer registers 234° (soft ball stage). Move spoon across bottom of pan occasionally to prevent scorching, but do not stir.
 8. Remove from heat.
 9. Add butter or margarine and vanilla, but do not stir in.

10. Let fudge cool to 110° or until bottom of pan is comfortable to the palm of the hand. Remove thermometer.

11. Beat until quite thick. Mixture will still be glossy.



12. Pour into buttered pan. Cool completely. Cut into squares. Makes about 2 pounds.

PENUCHE

- 3 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ cup light or dark corn syrup
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
1. Butter 8x8x2-inch pan lightly.
 2. Clip candy thermometer to medium-size saucepan.
 3. Mix sugar, corn syrup, milk, salt and butter or margarine in pan.
 4. Cook to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly.
 5. Cook, stirring occasionally, to 238° (soft ball stage).
 6. Remove from heat.
 7. Let cool to 110° or until bottom of pan is comfortable to the palm of the hand. Remove thermometer.
 8. Add vanilla.
 9. Beat until stiff and mixture begins to lose its gloss.
 10. Pour into buttered pan. Cool.
 11. Cut into squares. Makes about 2 pounds.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER IN DENMARK

(pictured on pages 58-59)

Danish families look forward eagerly to the ritual of Christmas Eve. It begins with a brief church service, after which all go home to feast on foods the adults remember from their childhood and the children will enjoy yearly, even after they're grown. Then the tree is lighted and everybody receives a gaily wrapped package from beneath the tree. One of the most charming Danish customs is their gift giving to all—extra rations for the horses and cattle, treats for the cats and dogs, grain for the birds and sometimes a bowl of rice porridge for the gnome who's said to live in the barn or attic and look after the family's well-being.

Christmas Rice Porridge*
Roast Goose with Apple-Prune Stuffing*
Sugar-Browned Potatoes*
Braised Red Cabbage*
Rum Pudding with Fruit Sauce*
Coffee

CHRISTMAS RICE PORRIDGE

Most Danish Christmas Eve dinners still begin with this warm, cinnamon-sugar-sprinkled porridge, but many families have taken to serving this dish cold as dessert. Hidden in the porridge is an almond. According to legend, whoever finds it will have a series of lucky adventures or, if the finder is single, marriage in the year to come.

1 cup regular long-grain rice
6 cups milk (1½ quarts)
3 tablespoons sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 whole blanched almond
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ cup sugar
Butter or margarine
Cold milk or cream

Rinse rice in water. Place rice, milk, sugar and salt in heavy large saucepan. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly, until bubbles form around edge of pan. Cover. Reduce heat to low. Cook 1 hour or until rice is soft and thick, stirring occasionally. Ladle into tureen. Place almond in porridge. Combine cinnamon and sugar in small bowl. Top porridge with lump of butter or margarine. Sprinkle with some cinnamon-sugar; serve remainder for each to use on porridge servings. Pass a pitcher of milk or cream to serve with it. Makes 8 servings.

ROAST GOOSE WITH APPLE-PRUNE STUFFING

Danish cooks often discarded the cooked fruit stuffing, claiming that the goose fat had made it greasy and that the goose had absorbed the flavor of the stuffing. However, with today's commercially bred geese and soaring food prices, this is not necessary.

8- to 10-pound goose
½ of a lemon
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 pounds red cooking apples, pared, cored and cubed
2 cups dried prunes, cooked, cooled, pitted and halved
1 can (10¾ ounces) condensed chicken broth
1 tablespoon cornstarch
¼ cup water

Thaw goose if frozen. Remove fat from cavity. Remove neck and giblets; use in another recipe, if desired. Rinse goose in cold water. Pat dry with paper towels. Rub neck and body cavities with cut surface of lemon. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat oven to 350°. Toss apples and prunes in bowl; stuff goose with mixture. Force wings back under body. Skewer or lace cavities closed. Tie legs together. Place goose, breast side up, on rack in roasting pan. Roast, allowing 20 minutes to a pound or about 2 2/3 to 3 1/3 hours. Leave oven door slightly open for last 10 minutes to make skin crisp. Transfer goose to large platter; untruss; keep warm. Remove rack and all fat from pan. Place pan on heat. Add undiluted broth. Bring to boiling. Simmer 2 minutes, loosening browned bits from pan. Blend cornstarch and water. Stir into sauce. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Strain into gravy boat. Garnish platter with parsley and Sugar-Browned Potatoes, if desired (see below). Makes 8 to 10 servings.

SUGAR-BROWNED POTATOES

2 dozen small new potatoes, pared
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup melted butter or margarine
1 teaspoon salt

Bring 1 inch water to boiling in large saucepan or kettle. Add potatoes. Return to boiling. Cover. Cook 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes are just tender. Heat sugar in heavy skillet over medium heat, stirring constantly, until sugar melts and turns light brown. Stir in melted butter or margarine and salt. Drain potatoes. Add to skillet. Shake pan or stir gently until potatoes are evenly coated. Makes 8 servings.

BRAISED RED CABBAGE

The flavor of this vegetable, a traditional accompaniment to goose, is much improved when the cabbage is prepared ahead and reheated.

1 large head red cabbage (about 3 pounds)
¼ cup butter or margarine
¼ cup sugar
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ cup cider vinegar
½ cup water

Cut cabbage in half. Wash. Drain. Core and shred. Melt butter or margarine in kettle over low heat. Add shredded cabbage. Sauté 5 minutes. Add sugar, salt, vinegar and water. Toss until mixed. Cover. Cook 1½ hours, stirring occasionally. Spoon into dish. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

RUM PUDDING WITH FRUIT SAUCE

1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¼ cup cold water
¼ cup light rum
3 large egg yolks
¼ cup sugar
3 large egg whites
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Fruit Sauce (recipe below)

Sprinkle gelatin over water in small saucepan. Heat over low heat until dissolved, stirring constantly. Add rum. Cool slightly. Beat yolks in small bowl until foamy. Beat in sugar gradually until thick and pale yellow. Stir in gelatin mixture; set aside. Beat egg whites in second small bowl until stiff peaks form. Fold whites gently into yolk mixture. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into lightly oiled 4-cup mold. Chill until firm. Unmold onto serving dish. Spoon some Fruit Sauce on top and around pudding. Serve with remaining sauce. Makes 8 servings.

FRUIT SAUCE

1 package (10 ounces) frozen raspberries, thawed
1 cup water
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Press raspberries with syrup through sieve or food mill. Discard residue. Combine raspberry puree, water and cornstarch in saucepan. Bring to boiling over medium heat, stirring constantly. Stir in lemon juice. Cover. Refrigerate until cold. Garnish pudding as directed. Pour remainder into small pitcher for guests to help themselves. Serve with Rum Pudding. Makes about 2 cups.



A FRENCH CANADIAN SUPPER (pictured on page 60)

Age-old customs are part of the French-Canadian Christmas festivities. They begin with family attendance at midnight mass and end on Epiphany, January 6th. A feast, called *réveillon* as it is in France, is enjoyed by family and close friends after the mass. Even the children stay up this night for the celebration that may last until daylight. The traditional dish that will appear on every decorated table is the *tourtière* and every housewife has her own recipe. After dinner, carols are sung—it is a time when couples announce their engagements. There is no exchanging of gifts; that occurs on New Year's Day.

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Habitant Pea Soup*
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HABITANT PEA SOUP

- 1/2 pound dried yellow peas
 1 1/4 quarts cold water
 1/2 pound salt pork
 1 cup chopped onion (1 large)
 1 cup diced celery
 1/4 cup chopped parsley
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Place peas in large kettle. Add enough cold water to cover. Bring to boiling. Cook 10 minutes. Drain well. Rinse kettle. Return peas to kettle. Add 1 1/4 quarts cold water, salt pork, onion, celery and 2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Cover. Bring to boiling. Simmer 1 1/2 hours. Add salt and pepper. Continue cooking 30 minutes or until peas are tender. Remove salt pork. Cut in small dice. Return to soup. Correct seasoning to taste. Turn soup into tureen. Sprinkle with remaining parsley. Makes 6 servings.

BAKED SALMON PAYSANNE

- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
 2 cups finely sliced onion (2 large)
 1 cup pared, finely sliced carrots
 1 cup finely sliced celery
 1 clove of garlic
 1 bay leaf
 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
 6 salmon steaks (each 1 inch thick; about 3 pounds)

Salt
 Pepper

Heat 1/4 cup butter or margarine in large skillet over medium heat. Add vegetables, garlic, bay leaf and chopped parsley. Cook, stirring frequently, until vegetables are just tender. Heat oven to 450°. Arrange vegetables in large, shallow baking or roasting pan. Sprinkle salmon steaks with salt and pepper. Place steaks over vegetables. Pour remaining butter or margarine over fish. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until salmon flakes easily. Transfer salmon steaks to warm serving platter. Discard garlic and bay leaf. Arrange vegetables and juice over fish. Garnish with parsley, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

TOURTIÈRE DE NOËL

- 2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 3 tablespoons cold water
 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 1 1/2 pounds lean pork, finely chopped
 2 cups chopped onion (2 large)
 1 clove of garlic, minced
 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed chicken broth
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/4 teaspoon ground sage
 1 egg yolk
 1 tablespoon water

Sift flour and salt into mixing bowl. Cut in butter or margarine with pastry blender until mixture resembles cornmeal. Add egg and 3 tablespoons water. Stir with fork until all particles are moistened and pastry clings together. Shape into a ball. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours. Heat butter or margarine in large skillet over medium heat. Add pork. Cook, stirring frequently, until meat loses its red color. Add onion and garlic. Cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add celery seeds, chicken broth, salt, pepper and sage. Cover skillet. Bring to boiling; lower heat. Simmer 35 to 40 minutes or until all the liquid has evaporated, stirring occasionally. Remove skillet from heat. Set aside until the meat mixture is cool.

Heat oven to 450°. Divide dough in half. Roll out one half to a 12-inch circle, between sheets of wax paper or on a floured surface. Fold pastry in half. Lift into a 9- or 10-inch pie plate. Unfold pastry. Fit gently into contours of plate. Spoon in the meat filling mixture. Roll out second half of dough to a 12-inch circle. Fold in half. Place over filling in pie plate. Unfold. Fold under the excess pastry even with edge of plate. Flute edge as desired. Cut vent or hole in center of top crust to allow steam to escape during baking. Beat egg yolk and 1 tablespoon water just until blended. Brush mixture over top of pie. Bake 10 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 350°. Bake 25 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown. Serve hot or cold, cut into wedges. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

CANADIAN RUM FRUITCAKE

- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
 1 1/4 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
 4 eggs
 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
 3 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 cup milk
 1/4 cup rum
 2 packages (8 ounces each) pitted dates, cut up
 2 cups walnuts, chopped

Heat oven to 300°. Grease and flour a 9x3-inch tube pan. Beat butter or margarine and sugar in large bowl until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in cheese. Sift flour, soda and salt together. Add alternately with milk to butter-sugar mixture. Add rum. Beat until smooth and blended. Stir in dates and walnuts. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until cake tests done. Cool cake. Remove from pan. Cake may be stored several weeks in covered container to mellow flavors. Decorate the cake with candied fruits, if desired.

FRENCH CHRISTMAS
EVE REVEILLON

When the four weeks of Advent end, it is time for joy, and in France that means great feasting with the *réveillon de Noël*. As in so many countries, this is a family gathering that follows midnight mass. The children retire after dinner and Père Noël appears on the scene with Christmas toys

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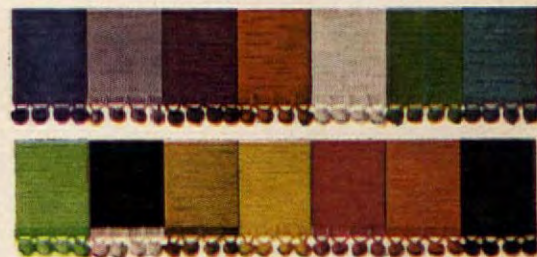
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Clams or Oysters on the Half Shell Consommé Madrilène*

Roast Turkey With Chestnut Stuffing*
Brussels Sprouts With Almonds*
Endive and Watercress Salad
Gâteau St. Honoré (pages 56-57)*

CONSOMME MADRILENE

- 2 egg whites, slightly beaten
- 1 can (1 pound) tomatoes
- 1 carrot, pared and diced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- ½ cup diced onion (1 medium)
- ¼ teaspoon curry powder
- 1 small bay leaf
- 4 cans (13¾ ounces each) chicken broth
- 3 cups water

Combine egg whites, vegetables, curry powder and bay leaf in heavy saucepan. Mix well. Add broth and water. Place over medium heat. Bring to boiling, stirring often. Reduce heat immediately. Simmer 30 minutes. Strain through damp napkin or several thickness of cheesecloth. Correct seasoning. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

ROAST TURKEY WITH CHESTNUT STUFFING

- 1 pound fresh chestnuts or 1 can (1 pound, 4½ ounces) unsweetened chestnuts, drained
- 1 celery stalk, cut in 2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 cup minced onion (1 large)
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1 pound bulk sausage
- 4 cups soft bread crumbs
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ½ teaspoon leaf thyme, crumbled
- ½ teaspoon dried sage
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 10- to 12-pound turkey (thawed, if frozen)
- Salt
- Pepper
- ½ cup melted butter or margarine
- 2 cups diced onion (2 large)
- 1 cup diced celery
- 2 cans (10¾ ounces each) condensed chicken broth

For fresh chestnuts, cut long slit in chestnuts. Roast at 450° for 20 minutes. Shell; remove inner skin of chestnuts. Place chestnuts and celery in saucepan. Add 1 tablespoon salt and enough water to cover. Bring to boiling. Simmer 45 minutes to 1 hour or until chestnuts are tender. Drain well. For canned chestnuts, simply drain thoroughly before using. They

should not be cooked as directed above for fresh chestnuts.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine in small skillet. Add minced onion. Cook until soft. Add minced garlic. Cook 1 minute. Combine onion mixture, sausage meat, bread crumbs, eggs, thyme, sage and salt in large bowl. Mix well. Add fresh or canned chestnuts. Mix gently.

Heat oven to 450°. Rinse turkey with cold water. Drain and pat dry with paper towels. Fill neck cavity with stuffing and skewer neck skin to back. Tuck wing tips behind shoulder joints. Spoon stuffing into body cavity lightly. If opening has a band of skin or metal holder across it, push drumsticks under it. Or skewer and lace closed. Tie drumsticks securely to tail. Place turkey, breast side up, in shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Brush with butter or margarine. Roast 35 to 40 minutes. Reduce oven heat to 350°. Tent bird with foil; pinch lightly at legs to anchor. Roast 2 hours (15 minutes per pound), basting occasionally with pan drippings. About 30 minutes before time is up, add diced onion and celery to pan. Remove done bird from pan. Let rest 10 minutes. Discard fat from pan. Place pan over medium heat; add chicken broth. Simmer 5 minutes. Correct seasoning. Strain into sauceboat. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

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BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH ALMONDS

- 1 cup water
- 1 can (10¾ ounces) condensed chicken broth
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 4 packages (10 ounces each) frozen Brussels sprouts
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup sliced blanched almonds

Combine water, broth, salt and pepper in skillet. Bring to boiling. Add Brussels sprouts. Cover. Simmer until tender. Drain well. Arrange in serving platter. Melt butter or margarine in skillet over medium heat. Add almonds. Cook until golden, stirring or tossing constantly. Serve over Brussels sprouts. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

FEASTING IN IRELAND

Christmas Eve in Ireland is a heartwarming sight, for there is a lighted candle in the window of every house.

According to legend, it means the Holy Family is traveling the world's roads again and it prefers those of Ireland. The feast that ends the fast of the eve has two time-honored dishes—spiced beef and a marzipan-coated, snowily frosted fruitcake. Since each must be made well in advance, preparations for Christmas start early in Ireland.

Spiced Beef*
Baked Country-style Ham
Brussels Sprouts
Potato Cakes*
Irish Christmas Fruitcake*
Coffee
Brandy

SPICED BEEF

Around Christmastime in Ireland, this flavorful cold, cooked beef is sold in any butcher shop, usually tied with red ribbon and decorated with holly.

It can be made at home with this simple recipe. However, preparations should begin at least one week before it is to be eaten.

- 3 bay leaves, finely crumbled
- 1 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground mace
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- ½ teaspoon crushed peppercorns
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon saltpeter*
- ½ pound coarse or kosher salt
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- 6-pound boneless fresh beef brisket

Mix dry ingredients and garlic together in large earthenware or glass dish. Add brisket and rub spice mixture thoroughly into meat. Cover dish with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 7 days, turning and rubbing spice mixture into meat each day. At end of time, rinse meat under running cold water. Discard spice mixture. Tie meat with string to hold its shape while cooking. Place in kettle or Dutch oven. Add enough water to cover meat. Bring to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Cover. Simmer gently about 5 hours or until fork-tender. Drain. Cool. Wrap in aluminum foil. Place between 2 dishes or boards. Weight it with a heavy pan or canned goods. Refrigerate weighted meat at least 12 hours. Cut into very thin slices to serve. Makes 12 servings.

*Saltpeter, or potassium nitrate, is available in drugstores.

POTATO CAKES

- 2½ cups cold seasoned mashed potatoes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

Combine potatoes and half the flour in bowl. Work in remaining flour gradually with hands until firm dough forms. Roll out on floured board to a circle about ½ inch thick. Cut into triangles or circles. Bake cakes on lightly greased, hot griddle or skillet until brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

IRISH CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKE

- 1½ cups sultana or golden raisins
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup currants
- ½ cup candied red cherries, halved
- ½ cup diced mixed candied fruit peel
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped candied angelica
- 1 cup finely chopped blanched almonds
- 1½ cups softened butter or margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 4 cups sifted cake flour
- ¼ cup Irish whiskey
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup red currant jelly
- Almond Paste (recipe opposite)
- Royal Icing (recipe opposite)

Coat 10-inch springform pan well with shortening. Line bottom and sides with aluminum foil or heavy brown paper cut to fit. Grease foil or paper. Heat oven to 300°. Combine sultana and seedless raisins, currants, cherries, peel, angelica and almonds in large bowl. Beat butter or margarine in large bowl until

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- 1 can (10½ oz.) condensed cream of celery soup

Combine one-half can of French fried onions with other ingredients. Place in greased casserole. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Sprinkle remaining onions on top. Bake 5 minutes longer. Serves 4-5.

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fluffy. Beat sugar in gradually. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour alternately with whiskey, beginning and ending with flour. Fold in salt and fruit mixture. Spread batter in prepared pan. Cover with foil. Bake 1 hour. Reduce heat to 275°. Continue baking 4 more hours or until golden and done. Cool cake in pan on rack. Remove from pan. Peel off foil or paper. If desired, carefully pour more whiskey over cake. Wrap in wax paper. Store several weeks in covered container to mellow flavors.

On day before serving, heat currant jelly in small saucepan until melted. Brush on top and sides of cake. Roll out half the Almond Paste between 2 sheets of wax paper into a circle about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. Remove top paper. Using a 10-inch pan or plate as guide, cut out circle $\frac{1}{2}$ inch larger. Roll scraps from circle and remaining half of paste between wax paper into strip long enough and wide enough to cover sides of cake. Gently invert circle on top of cake; remove paper. Wrap strip around sides of cake, pressing gently in place. Press seams of paste until smooth. Allow cake to stand at room temperature overnight, loosely covered with foil. Before serving, place cake on serving plate. Frost top and sides with Royal Icing.

ALMOND PASTE

- 3 cups ground blanched almonds
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

Mix almonds and sugar together in large bowl. Add yolks and extract. Stir until mixture clings together. Knead mixture on confectioners' sugar-dusted board until smooth and not sticky. Use to cover fruitcake.

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- 1½ pounds confectioners' sugar (about 6 cups)
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A wine's capacity for growth into a full complexity of bouquet and taste depends a great deal on the tannin lent to it by the skins and stems of its parent grape. Certain red wines have this capacity. When very young, they are astringent and rough—downright unpleasant. Only with age can they fulfill their promise.

If you want red wines for immediate consumption, buy those mentioned

above. If you buy the wines below (they usually appear on the market when five to seven years old), don't be in a hurry to drink them. Lay them down in a dark, dry, cool, vibration-free place with a steady temperature year round, and wait. In five years—or 10, even 20—your patience and care will be rewarded. Drink on the old side:

• the fine reds of the Bordeaux area of France or the Cabernet Sauvignon varietals of California and other areas;

• the French Burgundy reds or the Pinot Noirs of California and other areas;

• Rhône Valley wines of France, and others, such as Hermitage and Côtes Rôtie, based primarily on the Syrah grape;

• Italy's Barola wines.

Temperature: Serve reds at room temperature, white wine chilled. That seems simple enough, but most of the time the rule is remembered *too* well—and the reds arrive tepid and the whites all but frozen. The trouble is that rooms come in many temperatures—a steam-heated city apartment for one, a drafty old English castle for another. When the rule was made, the drafty castle was more common.

Where whites are concerned, the tendency is to over-chill so they come to the table shivering. Here are some temperature guidelines to help you:

• Never serve a wine whose temperature exceeds 70°—which is somewhat cooler than a winter dining room or a summer patio. Err on the cool side, if you must err.

• The older, greater reds are best at 65° to 68°.

• The lesser reds (ones that are better when drunk young) should be served somewhat cooler.

• Beaujolais should be served when cooler still.

• Rosés and dry wines should be served chilled—about 55°.

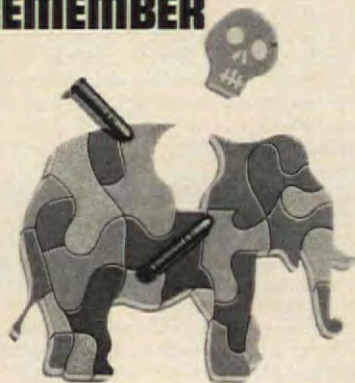
• Sparkling and dessert wines are best when iced—that is, about 50°.

• Inexpensive wines effectively conceal their lack of complexity behind a very deep cold.

White wines that age well (for examples, see earlier list of wines that need not be drunk young) are best enjoyed at about 55°. The best way to chill a bottle of wine is to place it in an ice bucket for half an hour. Or, if you watch it carefully, you can put it in the freezer a half hour or in the refrigerator for two hours. Once wine has been chilled, *keep* it chilled. Wine subjected to extreme temperatures never recaptures its special character. And character, after all, is what the wine game is really about.

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A HOUSE FULL OF CHRISTMAS

Pages 43-44: Tablecloth, napkins, Suttles and Seawinds, New Germany, Nova Scotia; Gourmet Stone China, "Gloucester," Spode, Inc., E. Brunswick, N.J.; red plates, goblets, sugar, creamer, "Jamestown," Fostoria Glass Co., Moundsville, W. Va.; sterling flatware, "Pointed Antique," Reed & Barton Silversmiths, Taunton, Mass.; ribbons, Hyman Hendler & Sons, N.Y.C.; straw sleds, Azuma, N.Y.C. Page 47, Top: Octagonal plates, Franciscan "Daffodil" Independence Ironstone, Interpace Corp., Los Angeles, Calif.; polka-dot plates, mugs, cachepots, Fitz & Floyd, Dallas, Tex.; stainless-steel flatware, "NOWA," bpa inc. collectables, Dallas, Tex.; red footed bowl, Fostoria Glass Co., Moundsville, W. Va.; "Olden Day Cake Stand," Imperial Glass Corp., Bellaire, Ohio; napkins, Cristal cotton dishcloths, Bloomingdale's, N.Y.C. Bottom: Table cover, popcorn-design crocheted bedspread, Nonesuch, Ltd., N.Y.C.; glasses, "Panelled Diamond Point," Fostoria Glass Co., Moundsville, W. Va.; china, Minton "Haddon Hall," Doulton & Co., Inc., Carlstadt, N.J.; sterling flatware, "Carillon," Lunt Silversmiths, Greenfield, Mass. Pages 43-47: Tree, wreaths, garlands, miniature tree, decorated sled, Luis Casanas for Jean-Jacques Bloos, Ltd., N.Y.C.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER IN DENMARK

Pages 58-59: Laminated-oak table by Thygesen & Sorensen, Wim & Karen's Scandinavian Furniture, Inc., N.Y.C. All from Georg Jensen, N.Y.C.: White/silver plates, bowls, casserole, rectangular dish, "Suisse," Langenthal China; glass lamp, Boda; upside-down bowl, Kosta; glasses, "Senator"; steel platter, Gense; carving set, Gerber Legendary Blades.

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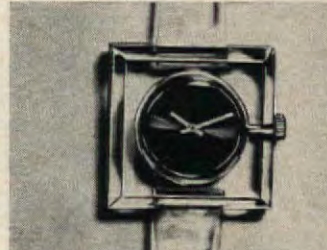
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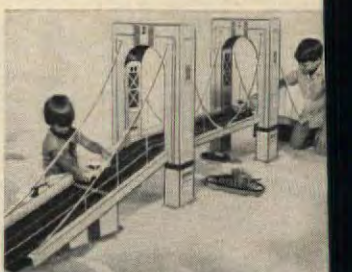
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P.O.	35	36	38
M.B.	34 1/2	—	36
S.D.	35	—	38
L.L.	35	35 1/4	36 1/4
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1	36 1/4	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 3/4	37 1/4
2	35 1/2	37 1/2	37	37 1/2	37 1/2
3	37 1/4	38 1/2	38 1/2	39	39 1/4
4	32	32 3/4	33	34	34
5	33 1/2	33 3/4	34	34 1/2	35 1/2
6	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	35	36 1/2
7	34	34	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
8	35	35 1/4	35 1/2	35 3/4	36 1/2
9	33 3/4	34	34 1/4	34 1/2	35 1/4

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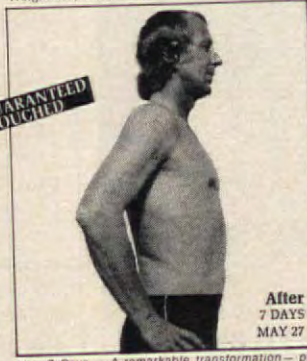
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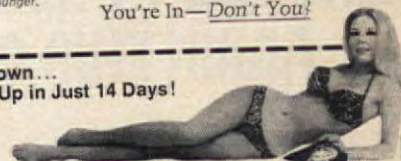
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Richard E. Gerbracht
Gates Mills, Ohio

As subscribers to your magazine, we are disappointed in the image you portray of the building contractor. We are in the building business and feel you have presented a one-sided view

in your efforts to promote The Guaranteed House. We are all for giving the consumer quality housing and we have a successful business built with many years of hard work. We realize there are substandard builders, as there are in every field of endeavor, but believe these individuals to be in the minority. We do think you should be less biased in your reporting and promote better relations between builders and consumers.

Mr. & Mrs. Ellis R. Goodrum
Abilene, Tex.

In its support of The Guaranteed House program, AH has continually stressed it would give quality builders a chance to affirm their faith in their product. We agree with you that substandard builders are a minority, but often it is only through programs such as The Guaranteed House that consumers can truly recognize the difference.

TIMELY TOPIC

While perusing my wife's copy of your magazine recently, I noted your "Woman Driver" feature on "How to Save \$ and Conserve Gasoline" (August AH). I was greatly impressed not only with the subject matter, but also with the excellent treatment given it. Heretofore, most men and women have not paid too much attention to the quantities and availability of gasoline, except when it was rationed during World War II, so this was a most appropriate and timely article.

Jerry Conway
Los Angeles, Calif.

CRAFTY MS.

My husband and I greatly enjoy your magazine—it's so common sense in comparison with other home-oriented publications. Rarely an issue arrives that doesn't get saved, in whole or part, for now or tomorrow. I was especially involved with your August issue, being a crafts Ms.-toymaker who also crochets. With interest in the subject growing by leaps and bounds throughout the country, maybe you'll feature more crafts in the future, and perhaps specifically the work of crafts-folk of the southern highlands. Keep up your exceptional good work.

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