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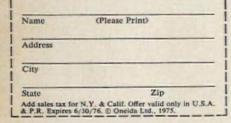
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It's not enough that everything costs more than it used to, and that making even the most basic repairs has the aura, if not the expense, of major surgery. What vexes the homeowner more than ever these days is the fact that too few companies consider the lifetime use of their product, or the fact that you'll probably want to fix it sooner than replace it. Here, a distinguished humorist takes a disheartening visit to the hardware store to its comic nightmare limit. Ed.

## "They don't make that anymore"

By Russell Baker

needed something they didn't make anymore. It was a hinge of the type called a 2½-inch parliament butt.

I suspected they didn't make it anymore. Once they find out they are making something you might need one of these days, they immediately call the factory and tell them not to make it anymore.

The hardware salesman looked grave when shown the broken 2½-inch parliament butt which I wanted to replace. "They don't make that anymore," he said. Was there something similar that they did still make?

"How about a 3-inch parliament butt?" he suggested. If it could be fitted onto an interior window shutter with very thin wood where the screws went, I said, I would take it. I took it. At home, the screws turned out to be too broad. They split the wood. Removing the shutter, I went to a mill for a replacement.

The salesman examined my shutter with contempt. "They don't make that anymore," he said. He sold me a complete set of the very latest shutters. They were so heavy that they pulled out of the screw holes while being installed, fell outward and shattered the window frame.

The lumber-company salesman looked at my shattered window with absolute delight. "And you want a replacement for this window? You must be kidding."

"I assume they don't make it anymore."

He smiled in triumph and sold me the new window they were making that very day, which was so big that the old window space had to be enlarged to receive it. While cutting open the house with a power saw, I accidentally sawed through a supporting beam and a large part of the second floor fell into the dining room.

"I need a jack strong enough to raise my second floor out of the dining room without, at the same time, sending my dining room crashing into the cellar," I told the salesman of construction equipment.

"I know exactly what you want," he said. "It's the lightweight second-floor elevating jack, Model 1322, but I got bad news for you. They don't make it anymore."

There was nothing to do but buy a brand-new second floor, so I had a second-floor salesman come look at my old one. He said they didn't make that kind anymore, and sold me the very latest thing instead.

With a little help from the neighbors, I almost got it into place, but it was so much heavier than the old second floor that when the weight began to settle it pulled the roof down through the attic, which collapsed the attic floor, which fell onto the second floor, which settled slowly down onto the dining room, the living room, the kitchen and the television set.

When the family arrived home, they were not amused. "What's been going on here?" they asked. I told them I was replacing the broken  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch parliament butt on the dining-room-window shutter and had run into complications. They said I had better do something about the house right away as there was likely to be rain.

"Relax," I said, "they probably don't make rain anymore."

The house salesman I saw about replacing the house said they didn't make houses like mine anymore, and showed me a mobile home, which they were making that week.

When I loaded the family aboard to set out upon the mobile life, the children, who were vast adolescents, said it was too small and refused to go. There was no time to argue as we were holding up traffic and we had to leave them behind, but I told my wife not to worry because we would get some replacements.

"They don't make that kind anymore," she said.

After driving for several years, my wife turned off the television set one day and said mobile living was all right, but it would be better if there were some places to be driving to. "They don't make them anymore," I told her.

One day as the house was driving along a highway by an ocean, a hinge on the refrigerator door broke. "Let's drive to a hardware store and replace that hinge," she said.

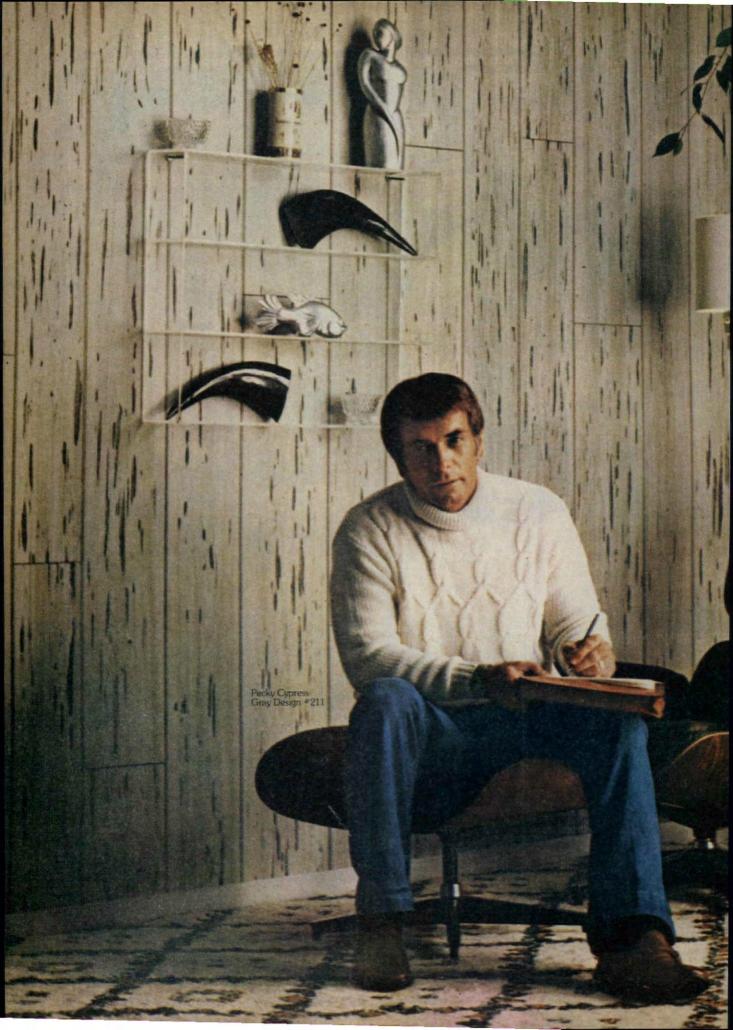
I ordered her to get out of the house, aimed it at the ocean and jumped free as it went down for the third time. "Why did you drown the house?" asked my wife as I came ashore.

"A magnificent gesture," I declared.

"They don't make them anymore," she said.

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## Questions Answers

## to help you buy upholstered furniture.

Buying a piece of upholstered furniture is a major decorating investment. A little bit of knowledge can help make that investment a wise one. Here are 24 tips-all you need to know, and even a little more-to guide you.

The fun of making a major purchase such as new upholstered furniture is often offset by two of the most common obstacles confronting the consumer at every level of purchasing: misleading advertising and aggressive but uninformed salespeople.

As with most purchases, a higher price is no guarantee of quality or performance. With upholstered furniture the challenge is compounded because of hidden factors that only become evident over a period of time when the piece is subjected to use. The most common error is to become so carried away by aesthetic concerns, color, pattern-the "look"-that serviceability is overlooked. Only later when the fabric pills or frays, or the piece sags, does the purchaser realize that a poor investment was made. The solution, reupholstery, is expensive. Then as still another salesperson describes the intricacies of reupholstery, a true awareness of what is involved in upholstered furniture emerges. The information is too late.

A conscientious consumer can, however, go into the marketplace forearmed with the right questions and enough background to guarantee emerging a victor, rather than a victim. Learning how to recognize proper construction, cushion filling and fabric makes the difference between a versatile decorating purchase and a stylish but short-lived white elephant. In our mobile society, apartments are exchanged for houses, houses for apartments. Impulse or specialized selections can turn out to be costly mistakes. It doesn't have to be that way.

Start with the very best quality furniture, the simplest styles and fabrics, subtlest colors and textures. One upholstered sofa can provide unlimited decorating possibilities. For just three of these possibilities, see "One Living Room-Three Ways," page 68.

To help you shop with confidence, here are two dozen points to know to make the best possible choices.

#### What is a basic sofa?

Today's classic basic sofa has the all-upholstered look. No metal or wooden frames show—just upholstery.

2. What shape is the basic sofa?
Straight back and arms rather than curves is the best shape. It will work well with different types of decor. Tuxedo styling-backs and arms at the same height-is our choice for the

crispest, most tailored line.

3. A skirt won't change the simple good looks of the sofa or make it unworkable in a different scheme. It should be tailored, not embellished with braid or tassels.

What kind of cushion and pillow 4 arrangement is recommended?

The ultimate in comfort is a loose-pillow-back sofa. For an average 7 foot piece there should be three loose-pillows and/or either one, two or three seat cushions.

5 How can I increase the life of my sofa pillows and cushions?

Turn the cushions periodically to distribute wear more easily. When buying more fragile upholstery such as silk or cotton that tends to fray easily, be sure there is welting at points of strain.

6. What are the major advantages to the one-pillow style?

One cushion gives a more streamlined appearance. When it's combined with three loose-pillow backs, it looks very "downy" and inviting. Button tufting can cut down on the need for constantly plumping up the pillow.

Isn't one 7-foot cushion rather lsn't one /-too.

awkward to turn or vacuum under? Yes, it certainly is more difficult to handle and you'll need help in doing it. Moreover, the whole cushion can look wrinkled and have to be fluffed up when one person sits on it. Separate cushions can be plumped up individually.

What are the other basics? • A pair of comfortable chairs and an overscaled ottoman will fill out your basic seating pieces.

9. Should a pair of chairs match the sofa?

They could, but we prefer rounded tub chairs, in our opinion the modern variation of club chairs, to complement the sofa's straight lines. With or without a skirt, their softly rolled-back and gently tucked fabric create the shirred look of "dressmaker" styling. Many of these chairs come with swivel bases or hidden casters for easy mobility.

10. Why is an ottoman considered a basic?

The versatile ottoman can seat two or three people, yet it doesn't take the space of several chairs. You'll get multiple seating for the price of one piece.

What is the sturdiest sofa con-• struction?

Ask for kiln-dried hardwood frames with corner blocks at stress points. You'll probably have to take the salesperson's word on this unless you are persuasive enough to have the sofa turned over for your inspection. Wellmade frames won't look soft or about to split where they're nailed together. Some manufacturers apply a hot glue process after the frame is nailed. This glue is visible on the underside of the sofa, but it only means that an extra step has been taken to insure the sturdiness of the frame.

12. Which type of spring construction is best?

There are several new techniques of construction, and much talk about machine-made coils. But new is not necessarily best. It's generally agreed by manufacturers we've queried that the old-fashioned eight-way hand-tied spring construction is still the very best you can buy. When styling dictates it, however, coil springs are used because they afford a slimmer, sleeker look. But the price is not any lower and the handmade construction is more durable.

13. What should I look for in cushion filling?

A polyurethane core will give your sofa enough resiliency, so you don't sink down to the springs or fall back against the frame. See that the core is wrapped in several layers, two to five, of polyester fiberfill (today's answer to luxurious down fillings) for a soft look that won't flatten down when (continued)



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## 24 Questions & Answers

sat on. It plumps back into shape easily and gives the luxurious comfort expected of upholstered furniture.

## 14. Will I pay more for many lay-ers of polyester? Will it wear better?

Yes to both. This is the place to spend extra money. The more layers of filling added to the best basic construction, the longer furniture will hold its shape.

## 15. Is the most expensive fabric the best wearing?

Price is absolutely not the measure of fabric value or long life. You can pay several hundred dollars more for the same sofa, just by choosing a more expensive fabric, and get less wear from it. For example, pure silk upholstery can look lush and cost more, but it will wear out much faster than cotton. A sofa may be more expensive simply because the print has a very large repeat. This means that out of every yard used, only one part is actually needed so the design is properly matched all over. Enormous waste can be involved here, and you pay for it. You also pay more for any multicolored hand-screened fabric, since it requires many processes to produce it. It merely has more visual appeal, not necessarily more quality.

#### What are the most durable fab-16. rics and flexible colors?

Natural materials such as wool and cotton, when blended with manmade fibers such as nylon or polyester, wear well. Cotton, which has great strength, soils easily. Therefore, select a soil-hiding color such as deep beige or gray, or a dark tone or tweedy effect. The handmade fibers-olefin, acrylic, nylonare also long wearing. However, some are limited in weaves or color ranges. Polyester, when blended with cotton, makes a good covering, but is not to be used alone, as it pills.

17. What about texture?

Very flat fabrics such as polished cottons will show stains or dirt readily. In high- and low-pile textures, the high part of the pile will wear out first, making the fabric look shabby before its time. Tweeds, stripes, plaids, prints or textured fabrics should therefore have only a slightly uneven pile that will add interest. Stay away from those nubby fabrics with extremes in texture. Velvets come in many materials, but in cotton, linen, nylon or acrylic will offer durability and a timeless fashion look. They don't crush or show dirt easily and come in a wide range of colors. Velvets can be dressed up or down, the cotton and linen types being best for more informal rooms; the lustrous nylon and acrylic types look just a bit more formal.

#### 18. What about vinyl or leather? Some of the vinyls look so much like leather that it's hard to tell the difference. They make an excellent solution for a truly "lived-in" living room or family room. Leather upholstery will cost a great deal more than many other materials and from our standpoint is luxurious looking. It does look handsome in an all-tufted chesterfield sofa,

### Knowing all you can about upholstered furniture can make your decorating dollar go a long way.

and special finishes make it more practical than it has been. But again, you must evaluate whether this sizable investment is really necessary. You will be spending your money more for status than for basic quality.

## 19. Are pale colors still very impractical?

For the most part, we feel they are. The exception is a light-hued fabric that has subtle gradation into deeper tones and some textural variety so that it's not one flat, pale piece of material. We used just such a flamestitch fabric for our basic sofa pictured on pages 58-63; it's one of the more practical pale colors available in upholstery today.

## 20. What about fabric finishes? Many fabrics come with either

Dupont's Zepel finish or 3M's Scotchgard, or you may ask that your fabric be treated with one of these processes. They are worthwhile finishes but will not keep furniture clean or impervious to soil indefinitely. They are only effective when you take care of stains or dirt quickly, as they keep the soil on the surface for a time. If you follow up immediately with the proper cleaning method, stains can be removed easily. However, if you allow dirt or stains to stay on the furniture a long time, your cleaning efforts will not be as satisfactory. When fabric is shampooed, the finish will have to be reapplied.

#### Will cushion zippers and arm 21. caps help preserve furniture? Contrary to what is generally believed, cushion zippers are not put on

to allow coverings to be taken off and cleaned, but because manufacturers can make better-looking cushions with them. Zippers are a convenience, as they do let you fluff the filling by hand. But constantly sending the pillow covers to the cleaners is like only sending the skirt or pants of a suit. Before too long they won't match the sofa and will begin to lose shape. Arm covers help keep the arms from becoming soiled. They should be cleaned when necessary.

## 22. Are there any overall details to look for in choosing one upholstered piece over another?

There are certain signs of quality workmanship you can check visually. Just as with clothes, look to see that the seams are tight, that patterns match. that the stripes and plaids run true. Look under the cushions; the deck (as well as the back of the piece, too) should be covered in the same fabric or at least a color-coordinated one of similar quality.

#### How long should upholstered 23. How long should upholstered furniture be expected to last?

Even the best possible sofa covered with a durable, long-lasting fabric offers no guarantee of long life. The wear and care you give it are determining factors. Plopping down into a chair instead of easing yourself into it will wear it out faster. Also, if you don't vacuum the piece regularly or care for spots or dirt immediately or have it professionally cleaned once a year, it won't hold up as well. Well-tailored slipcovers used for about five months of the year will preserve the life of the furniture.

## 24. Is there a price guide for a quality sofa in a quality fabric?

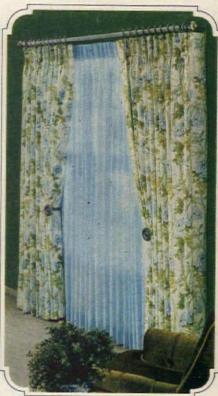
We found such a wide range of prices when we questioned manufacturers and checked stores that it's almost impossible to quote prices. However, this type of sofa probably will cost at least \$450. You might pay \$600 or more for the same quality sofa if the manufacturer has a fine reputation or is a socalled "fashion house." You may also pay more because of the display area of the store where you buy it (those beautifully designed model rooms in furniture stores must, of course, add to the overhead that is passed along to you in the store's markup). But if you know the best quality, what to look for in design and how to choose fabric, you might find your quality sofa on sale for much less or in any number of factory or store clearance centers. The wise shopper need not be concerned with all the variables that make prices high. Top quality and good value can be found when you know what you're shopping for.

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By Marvin D. Schwartz

Bottles have become an amazingly popular collectible. Since the 1850s they have been manufactured in wideranging shapes and sizes—some taking the form of such subjects as animals, fish, boats, automobiles, even U.S. presidents. You can base your collection on color, theme, age or merely whimsy. Whatever your choice and budget, there is a great assortment from which to choose.

Older bottles—even those dating as far back as ancient Rome—are not particularly rare. Examples from the 18th century, unless their origin and maker are known precisely, can still be acquired at a reasonable price. Though work attributed to such famous American glassmakers as Stiegel or Amelung may cost in the thousands, similar-style efforts from everyday German or Spanish glasshouses may cost only hundreds.

Pre-1920 bottles tend to vary in color less than modern ones. Least expensive are the functional types used to hold milk, preserves or patent medicines—made from about 1860 on. Their inscriptions can be amusing and their shapes have a nostalgic appeal. Most are tinted pale green, but some are dark brown and, though rare, blue.

A word of caution: Even the least desirable antique bottles have been reproduced by recent manufacturers. Before you buy, examine the glass carefully and note evidence of wear—to be sure you're not getting a copy.

Rarest and costliest, whiskey flasks by 19th-century bottle makers are just one fascinating group to consider. They commemorate famous Americans on bottles of varying shapes: likenesses of Zachary Taylor, Andrew Jackson and Jenny Lind, among others. Usually in easily produced shades of green, prober or blue, these flasks were made as early as 1820 and as late as the 1850s. A fair

price for flask at left, with its image of George Washington, would be \$200. Frequent reproductions, made recently, attest to the timeless popularity of historical flasks.

\$3 is all you'll have to pay for a reproduction 19th-century "jaundice bitters"



bottle made in Taiwan. It costs about as much as an original would, if you could find one, which suggests the caution you must exercise in buying bottles. Look for signs of wear. Reproductions come in colors: blue and amethyst, for example. Because reproductions are molded from other

bottles, inscriptions tend to be unclear.

\$3.50 would be the going price for a medicine bottle that once contained



"Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root Kidney, Liver and Bladder Cure." This type of pressed glass bottle was made in huge quantities in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Patentmedicine makers strived to make their products seem potent and exotic. Sometimes you'll find an appealing recipe or strange disease embossed on a bottle. Medicine bot-

tles were usually pale green—as inexpensive as glass can get.

\$15 is reasonable for an 1880 whiskey flask. It is typical of the large group of dark brown bottles produced between 1850 and 1890. The handle, applied by hand, has a nice twist at the end. Production was fast, and im-



perfections made the texture uneven and therefore interesting. The paper label mentions Woodgate, a New York retailer, and describes the beverage as "Valam-

brosical Kentucky Whiskey from Bourbon County." Label pinpoints the bottle's date of origin. In other respects it resembles a much earlier example. \$55 is a fair price for a bottle with pontil mark on its base and an elaborate neck of tooled glass. This type of



bottle is from a glasshouse with small, limited production. Some examples have been traced to France and Germany, others to Iran. Wherever it comes from, if the bottle is authentic, its color should

be dark to set off the rough texture and heavy detailing. Dating is difficult, as the form has been duplicated since the 1700s, but some being sold today are of more recent origin.

\$125 is a bargain price for flasks made individually in a pattern mold,



probably in the early 1880s. The glassmaker blew molten glass into a small mold to apply the pattern; then he blew it to the large size. The design relates to the small-glasshouse tra-

dition of Germany and Spain, as well as the U.S. It resembles pieces that were made in Ohio, American designs being the most costly. When bubbles in this type of glass are evenly distributed, you have reason to suspect they were reproduced artificially—a characteristic of pieces reproduced in Mexico.

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the from Syria, but the less expensive examples rarely have patterns as interesting as this bottle has. Roman glass production was extensive, with glasshouses active all over the empire. For more than 150 years Americans have been bringing home bottles dug up at sites in the

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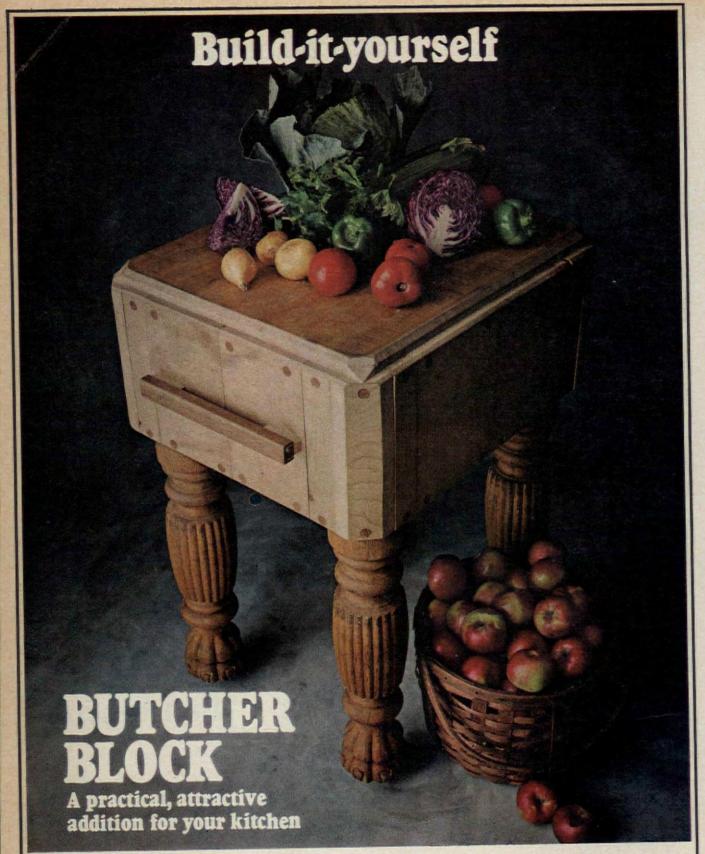
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By George Christy

Zinfandel is California's mystery grape. Did the grandfather of California grape-growing, Agoston Haraszthy, import the grape from central Europe in the 1850s? Did it originate in southern Italy, or was it growing abundantly in California all along? No one knows for sure, but there is no mystery about the fact that Zinfandel is a grape that produces a wine of remarkable indi-

viduality, one that gets even better as it ages.

I first tasted Zinfandel some years ago and was intrigued immediately by its fruitiness and full flavor. Since then, novices and wine connoisseurs alike have discovered it and praised its versatility. Zinfandel can be light red or deep purple, though it's usually a rich crimson. Its aroma resembles wild raspberries or blackberries. As the wine matures, it picks up characteristics of the drier claret, and on occasion can hardly be distinguished from a high-priced Bordeaux. To add to its appeal, it is widely available—and its price is generally right.

I like to drink Zinfandel with many different foods—stews, pastas, roasted or barbecued meats and chicken, fruits and cheese. I also enjoy it with a "meaty" fish such as salmon or cod. Being a red wine, it should be served at room temperature.

Zinfandel makes a fine autumn or, for that matter, year-round choice when entertaining. It is impressive on a birthday or anniversary, but serves agreeably when friends get together for an impromptu supper after a football game. Speaking of entertaining, the oversized wineglasses favored by some hosts are a pet peeve of mine. They are corny—that's the only way to describe them. More appropriate are 8-or 10-ounce stemmed glasses, though

I've also enjoyed wines served in fruitjuice glasses with frankfurters at a vintner's picnic in wine country. Just remember, when serving Zinfandel or any other wine, fill glasses only to twothirds capacity, to leave breathing space for the aroma (which comes from the grape) and the bouquet (fragrance that builds as the wine ages).

One of my favorite choices is Cresta Blanca's Zinfandel (\$3 a fifth—all prices here are minimums for fifths established in California). Among the best of the nonvintage bottlings, it offers a spicy scent and flavor plus a sensuous taste of wood. Another excellent choice is Louis M. Martini's 1971 Zinfandel (\$2.75), with its briary bouquet and delightful fruitiness.

Although the 1971 Trentadue Zin fandel (\$3) has limited distribution or the West Coast, it's worth seeking ou for its rich, full flavor—guaranteed to make party guests relax and loosen up I also favor the 1972 Zinfandel of Parducci (\$3), with its teasingly spictaste. Wine-maker John Parducci aptly describes it as "a fine American Beau jolais made from the Zinfandel grape."

Concannon Vineyards 1972 Zinfan del (\$2.75), with its dark red colo and gentle flavor, is a significant wine It reminds me of the elegant St. Emi lions from the Bordeaux area o France, and should go well with practically anything you serve, includin many fish dishes.

Another wine that impresses is I Mathews Napa Valley Cask Zinfande (\$3.25). Remember the word "cask—it differentiates this wine from th regular Zinfandel bottling by th winery. It has a purple tinge plus compelling hint of oak in its bouque and flavor.

Zinfandel can run up in price if yo happen to pick a rare or special bo tling. I remember the great impressio a fine Zinfandel made at a luncheon attended last summer along with a enthusiastic group of wine-lovers an wine-makers. We were served a Miras sou Vineyards 1969 Late Harves Zinfandel (\$14)—unquestionably ex pensive, but its heady aroma and mag nificent rich texture make it wort splurging on. Offering the fullness of memorable claret, it was opened two three hours before serving so it coul breathe and come to life. Most of were so taken that we drank the win leisurely, and even asked to pause be fore the dessert of fresh California fru sliced into a macedoine. No one wan ed to give up sipping Mirassou's ex traordinary Zinfandel. . . . It was five o'clock before the last course wa served.

Another wine that is truly special and worth seeking out is Grand Cru 1973 Blanc de Noir Zinfandel (\$5.85). This is a white Zinfandel, offering deep gold color, light bouquet and rice

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xture. This wine, unlike the red Zinndels, should be served chilled. It's wine your guests will talk about.

Zinfandel not only makes good party re; it's also an unpretentious wineenjoy with a cheeseburger or lefter meat loaf. Nonvintage wines are od choices: Christian Brothers Select apa Valley Zinfandel (\$2.85) has a rrylike bouquet and a soft, smooth dy. Bear Mountain's Zinfandel (1.99) is lighter in color with a gen-, sweet fragrance and fruitiness. rom Almadén the Zinfandel (\$2.25) fers good color, mellow flavor, pleast aftertaste. A wine I recommend for eryday enjoyment is Sonoma Vinerds Zinfandel (\$2.54) with its royal irple hue, an aroma that is alive with e essence of berries and an oak-y

When entertaining on the go, Zinndel serves you well. Should you sudnly plan a picnic in the woods to see e leaves turning scarlet and gold. Infandel makes a warming companion a basket of crudités, hard-cooked gs, sandwiches or fruits and such lightful picnic cheeses as Bel Paese Port-Salut.

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## Autumn is lawn cleanup time

By Lawrence V. Power

his month, leaf-shedding trees will be dumping thousands of tons of debris on lawns and yards around the country. Tidying up is complicated now by highly restrictive laws, since most communities have banned leaf burning. Coming to the rescue, lawn equipment makers have an assortment of new machinery to collect and dispose of autumn's discards.

Most of the specialized power equipment—leaf blowers, vacuums and shredders—make sense only if you have property that's a half acre or larger. If your property is relatively small, but fall cleanup's a problem you'd like to diminish, consider the following:

Get together with neighbors and purchase debris removal gear jointly. Since you're not likely to clean up your lawn every weekend, joint purchase with compatible homeowners makes sense.

 Try using your general-purpose mowing equipment to help with fall chores. A rotary mower, for one, will digest large portions of leaves. It may not be the perfect way to handle your lawn cleanup, but it certainly will help. Mower makers such as Ariens, Yard-Man and McDonough all have new easy-removal bagging systems that make leaf collection less of a problem. Also, unless you demand an impeccable lawn, you can simply cover the discharge shoot of your mower. This will keep the really dry leaves churning about and deposit them on your lawn as fine shreds that disintegrate quickly. · If your yard happens to be truly small, a hand-operated mechanical sweeper can do the job. It gets up leaves and other debris from paved areas as well as lawns. The people who make these units, which cost no more than \$50, claim you can tidy up a yard in one-tenth the normal raking time.

For owners of generous portions of land-people for whom lawn cleanup really is a chore—there are trailer-type lawn sweepers that can be attached to any lawn/garden tractor. International Harvester, Yard-Man and Simplicity sell this equipment for \$150 to \$200. Or consider purchasing a vacuum attachment for your riding mower. It costs about \$300 and is made by some of the same companies. This handy workhorse will pick up leaves and twigs as well as grass and deposit them in your cart. A cover for the cart is included, plus a roving nozzle for vacuuming under bushes and shrubs. Before making a decision on one of these relatively high-priced units, be sure to check out the time and effort involved in dumping and bagging—key factors in lawn cleanup—to make sure the savings to you is worth the investment.

Someone at the Toro Company deserves an award for conceiving the bagging and dumping system on their rear-engine rider (shown below). It's an industry first, allowing the operator to dump grass clippings and leaves without ever leaving his seat. A lightweight, 3½-bushel container attached to the rear of the engine housing is emptied just by moving a lever that telescopes out of the way when not needed.



If you're in the market for one piece of equipment that will actually earn its keep, consider a shredder. Allis Chalmers, Toro and International Harvester are among its manufacturers, selling it for \$150 to \$300. A shredder really makes sense, for it can reduce the bulk of organic matter by up to 90 percent. This means you would have one bag to fill and haul away instead of 10. A good shredder can chew up branches, leaves, grass clippings, even organic throwaways from the kitchen. What comes out is a fine mulch you can spread on flower beds and under shrubs to keep weeds down.

You can also use the discharge from your shredder to make glorious compost. Setting up a compost pile with organic discards is a wise move for any homeowner. The resulting humus is better than any chemical soil additive you can buy and costs almost nothing.

Buying a shredder is a major purchase. Here are features to look for:

the ability to handle sizable twigs;
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- · easy-to-take-apart cleaning system;
- a sturdy, wide-angle safety shield on top of the hopper to keep debris away from you;
- a pusher rod that lets you feed debris into the shredder and keep your hands away from the bin;
- an optional bagging kit that lets you collect shredded debris and keep it off the lawn.

lawn vacuum, which costs \$300 to \$400, is a good bet for cleaning large expanses of lawn or yard surface that are flat or only gently sloping. It's available in either a hand or self-propelled model from such companies as Toro and Yard-Man. The machine's effectiveness depends on its ability to create a near-vacuum with the ground. Choose a model with a hose attachment for use in tight places, and to remove leaves from pachysandra and other ground covers. Also, look for a flexible rubber lip on the vacuum head. This helps assure close contact with the ground. Make sure there are several height adjustments on the vacuum head-so you can allow for changes of topography-and that there is a handle-mounted control, so you can make these adjustments as you vacuum. Select a vacuum with a large bag, it should empty easily and have a good zipper or other means to regulate the airflow into it.

Most makers of lawn vacuums also make blowers, which cost about as much as vacuums. A blower is particularly useful where the ground in uneven, heavily planted or cluttered with obstructions. A leaf blower should actually blow a lot more than leaves. It should be able to pile clippings, leaves, grass, twigs and other yard debris into one central collection area. A blower should be compact—capable of moving in and out of tight places.

A blower's most important asset is its power. Its wind velocity must be strong enough to do the job. Also, make sure the air-discharge chute can convert to straight-ahead or side use—so your equipment is more versatile. And if storage space is limited, make sure the blower you buy has a folding handle. An important piece of optional equipment is the vacuum extension hose kit, which turns a blower into a vacuum so you can bag your leaves. Owning it is like having two pieces of equipment in one.

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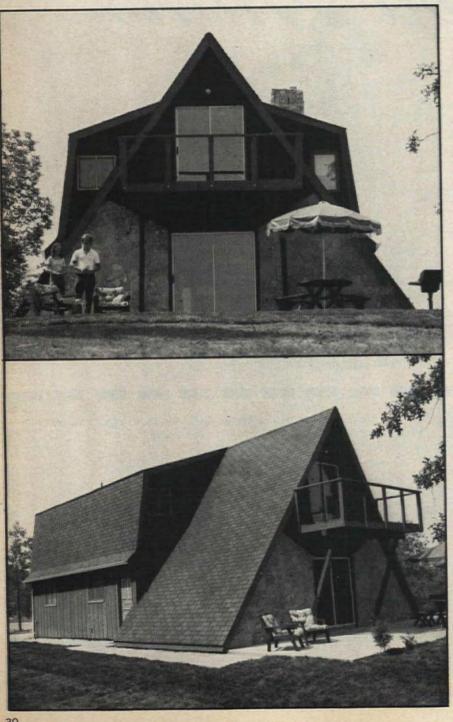
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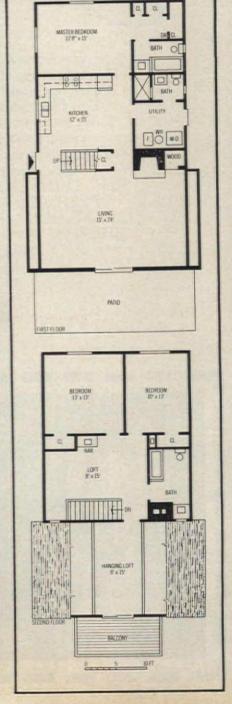
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## SLOW COOKERS for super simmering

Clockwise from lower left are: Burgundy Chicken—layers of red potatoes, tiny white onions, stewing chicken and sliced mushrooms in wine; Vegetable Beef Soup—cabbage, carrots, celery, zucchini, onions, stew meat, seasonings; Sauerbraten—with a spicy sauce of pureed vegetables, cooking juices; Stuffed Peppers with Tomato Sauce—meat, rice, soup, seasonings in green peppers; Meat Rolls with Brussels Sprouts—thin round steak stuffed with herbed veal in Sunbeam Crocker Frypan.

While it simmers slowly—and safely—in your kitchen, you can shop or go off to work.
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The idea of cooking foods at low temperatures a long time is not new. What is new is the array of electric appliances that makes slow cooking easier. Perfect for less tender meat cuts, these cookers can simmer unattended up to 14 hours, turning out main dishes done to perfection. With electrically controlled slow cookers, it's almost impossible to burn or overcook foods.

These are not energy-gobblers. It costs just pennies for an average 3½-quart cooker to operate 12 hours at a low temperature. Nor does slow cooking encourage food-spoiling organisms

to grow if your cooker functions properly and you cook at 185° or higher.

With more than a dozen brands to choose from, slow cookers can be divided roughly into two main categories: the ceramic, or crock, cooker and the metal type. The ceramic cooker has a metal or plastic exterior with an earthenware liner or bowl inside; the heating element is usually on the bottom or around the bowl to provide even, nostir cooking. In some models the bowl can be removed for serving convenience. Metal cookers resemble conventional cookware, except that they have built-in heating elements plus detachable cords or they sit on heating bases. With some metal cookers you can brown meats before slow-cooking them in the same pot.

Sunbeam's Crocker Frypan, shown above, has a removable 2-quart dish for cooking and serving. With dish taken out, the cooker becomes a nonstick coated skillet for browning or frying. Cost: about \$50. Sunbeam makes another model that doubles as a deep fryer. Both models have calibrated temperature controis.

### West Bend's Slo-Cooker



Porcelain-on-aluminum pot cooks on low-watt base with five temperature settings. Removable pot may be used on top of a range or in the oven, as long as temperatures stay below 350°. No-stick interior walls mean quick cleaning. Because the heat source is concentrated at the bottom, this cooker is tops for foods of high liquid content: soups, stews, hot drinks. It eliminates uneven heating and the need for stirring. Cost of 4-quart model, about \$25; for the 6-quart, about \$35.

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## **SLOW COOKERS**

Add ingredients, switch on and go off. Dinner will be ready when you return.



### Wear-Ever Pokey-Pot

Inside this aluminum cooker is an attractive crockery dish that's removable for oven use or serving. Its 3½-quart capacity will accommodate most casseroles, stews, soups. The heat source, concentrated at the base, has three switch positions. The pot sells for \$33. Another Wear-Ever model with white ceramic dish is about \$30.

#### Oster Super Pot

For large families or households that enjoy big gatherings, this all-purpose cooker would be a wise purchase. It holds 8 quarts, has a nonstick interior finish plus a variable temperature control for slow or fast cooking. The control is removable, and the pot can then be immersed for cleaning. Among its many bonus uses, this porcelain-on-aluminum cooker is great for warming party punches, steaming vegetables, water-bath canning. It comes in three colors, costs about \$40.



#### Rival Crock-Pot



This is an attractively designed cooker that can be a convenient server. It's made of tough, colorful Lexan on the outside, with a lift-out stoneware bowl inside. Low-watt heating element encircles the sides of the cooker and on some models extends to the bottom. Temperature control has low and high settings. Model shown, 5-quart capacity, is \$42. Rival also makes a 3-quart version plus 2- and  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -quart enamel-on-steel, crockerylined slow cookers—from \$23.



### Regal Poly-Pot

This is a super-simple appliance made only for slow cooking. There is no temperature control to set. Combine your ingredients, insert the plug and the cooker will go to work on your meal automatically in the 185° to 200° range. Exterior is of polypropylene in parsley green. Interior has a Teflon II coated-aluminum well. Heating unit is on bottom. The 5½-quart cooker is \$21.

This cast-aluminum cocoa-colored cooker has a no-stick interior finish and built-in heating unit on the bottom. Its capacity is 5 quarts. To heighten cooking efficiency, the pot was designed to achieve selected temperatures quickly. You can brown meats in it before slow cooking. Temperature control can be removed so the cooker can be immersed in water for easy cleaning. Cost for the cooker is about \$36.

#### Presto Slow Cooker



#### Nesco Pot Luck Cooker



There's plenty of room in this oval cooker-enough to hold one 7-pound roast or two whole chickens. Temperature settings extend from 200° to 500°, enabling you to bake or roast foods as you do in a conventional oven-or deep fry. Enclosed wire rack helps keep food off the bottom of the pot when you roast meats or bake frozen pot pies, cakes and pastries. The cooker's removable interior is made of porcelain-enamel. This means you can prepare ingredients the night before, refrigerate them in the "bowl" and place it in the cooker the next morning. Heating element wraps around the cooker, providing even, top-to-bottom distribution. The Pot Luck Cooker has a 6-quart capacity, and is available in avocado, red or chrome. Price is about \$45.

## How to use your cooker to make our recipes

Every brand and model of slow cooker has its own capacity, shape, cooking surface and range of temperatures. To make our dishes or your own favorite recipes, determine the simmering point of your cooker so you can estimate cooking time.

The low setting on one cooker may equal the high setting on another. Some cookers can reach-and remain at-the simmering point in one hour; others may take up to six hours. To find out what temperature your cooker functions at when set on low, put 2 quarts of water into it. Cover and heat for two hours at the low setting. Then use a thermometer to check the temperature. If the reading is higher than 210° or lower than 185°, change the setting, if it's possible with your cooker, so the temperature reaches and remains at 200°. This will be your ideal cooking temperature, so mark the controls.

If you prefer cooking at the high setting, repeat procedure using vegetable oil. The high temperature range should be 250° to 325°. Our recipes, beginning on page 70, were developed for a 3½-quart appliance set on low.

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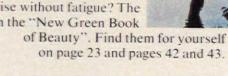
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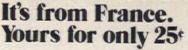
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#### **SLOW COOKERS**

Learn how you can get the most out of these versatile kitchen helpers.

Where slow cookers are concerned, recipe cooking times are only approximate. An extra hour or two won't matter as long as the cooker is on low. Don't leave it on more than 14 hours, however. If food is not done at the end of cooking time, turn the setting to high, but check periodically.

Differences in cooking times are not unusual. During hours of peak energy consumption in some areas, voltage is often lower than normal. Also, at altitudes above 4,000 feet, most foods must cook longer.

And be aware that at any altitude, cold or frozen foods take longer to cook than those at room temperature. When using frozen foods, thaw partially before slow cooking—particularly if the interior of your cooker is made of crockery. The extreme low temperature of food coming into contact with the high temperature of the cooker could cause the bowl or liner to break.

If you plan to be away from home more than 14 hours, use a separate electric timer to turn your cooker on while you're gone.

If you decide to cook at the high setting to shorten overall cooking time, here's a rule of thumb to follow: One hour of cooking at 250° to 325° equals two to two-and-a-half hours at 185° to 210°, or the simmering point.

When using a slow cooker, always keep contents covered. Lifting the lid breaks the water seal, permits steam to escape and lengthens cooking time. Depending on the ingredients used, more liquid will accumulate as a result of covered slow cooking than with oven or top-of-the-range methods. Reduce liquid content at the end of the cooking period, if necessary, by removing the lid, turning the heat selector to high and boiling off the excess moisture.

If you don't have a slow cooker, you can prepare our dishes using a casserole or Dutch oven with tight-fitting lid. Bake in the oven at 250° for the prescribed time, or simmer on top of the range. Add extra liquid, if required, while cooking.

For safety's sake, follow these instructions carefully:

- Read the manufacturer's use-andcare manual before using your appliance.
- Do not use the cooker outdoors, on wet surfaces or on top of the range.
- Do not immerse the cooker in water unless the manufacturer says you can.
- Place cooker away from paper, curtains, linens and other flammable objects while in use.

Just about any dish you would bake in the oven or simmer in a pot can be adapted for the slow cooker. Here's how to do it:

- 1. Cook most meat-and-vegetable dishes six or more hours on low.
- 2. Layer vegetables in the slow cooker before adding meat. This will create a "rack" and permit meat to brown evenly.
- 3. Be sparing with herbs and spices. They may impart more flavor than you want because of the extended cooking time. Increase seasoning, if necessary, near the end of cooking period.
- Use less liquid than recipe requires; little evaporation takes place during slow cooking.
- 5. Add pasta and rice if possible only during the last hour of cooking. These items tend to "break down" during long hours of simmering.
- Similarly, add milk, cream or sour cream during last hour. They'll curdle if cooked many hours.

If you desire additional slow cooker recipes, here's atrio of paperback books:

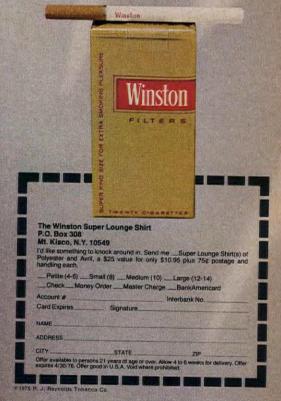
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# **FAST COOKERS**

#### Microwave ovens-cool waves that make hot news.



During the '60s it was touted as a mealmaking miracle; by '73 it was sizzling in an estimated 500,000 American kitchens; and by 1980 this kitchen hotsie will be making culinary waves in more than 10 times that number of homes.

The name is the microwave oven, and the game is jet-paced cookery in a timeis-money world. This micro-wonder broils, roasts and bakes everything from rolls to rarebit in short-order time and at incredibly low temperatures.

Nonetheless, the heat's still on, thanks to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the reason boils down to one word . . . radiation. For two years an on-again, off-again controversy has raged over whether the radiation escaping from microwave ovens is harmful. What, the question has been posed, is a safe level of radiation?

And exactly how safe is "safe"?

The F.D.A., whose job it is to regulate such matters, has established a range of "permissible" radiation levels that can escape around the doors.

Traditionally-and long prior to the development of microwave ovens for home use-scientists determined the level at which radiation begins to cause human tissue damage. Then, along with industry and government, they concluded that one-tenth of that amount would be a safe upper limit for people who spend any time near microwavegenerating sources. In 1968, when microwave cooking equipment had been developed for home use, the prior safety limit was further reduced by onehalf, and the most acceptable level was set at one-fifth of that. In other words, if on some arbitrarily selected numerical scale you could say that 100 is bad but 10 is OK, then 5 is better and 1 is best. Allowable microwave oven leakages are in this lowest-of-the-low range.

Those who believe that current low-

level emission standards are more than satisfactory point out that there have been no reports of microwave ovens causing injury to anyone using them according to manufacturers' instructions. "Not conclusive," say the doubters, insisting that there is no way to know for sure that some injuries have not been caused by microwaves. In this murky situation the FDA can't be faulted for being overly cautious until more evidence is gathered and sorted.

Some experts-and consumers, too -feel that the legislated levels are so low and so harmless that FDA crackdowns are merely exercises in bureaucratic overkill. Others insist that, at worst, the radiation risk associated with using a microwave oven is no greater than the burn or shock risk involved in cooking with a conventional gas or electric range-and probably less. Moreover, they argue, there would be less confusion about product use and safety if consumers were better informed. Still others continue to demand proof positive-from manufacturers and government agencies alikethat the ultimate in safety precautions has been taken.

Meanwhile, a hefty segment of the population continues to be intrigued by the ultra-fast joy of microwave cooking. To some, owning a microwave oven is a liberating experience well worth the \$200 to \$500 price tag for a counter-top model—small wonder when you consider that a potato bakes in eight minutes instead of 60; a two-quart beef stroganoff casserole cooks in 15 minutes; a five-pound standing rib roast is rare and ready in 40.

How it works. What makes this astonishing speed possible is radiant energy. A form of very high-frequency radio waves are generated by an electron tube (magnetron) inside the appliance. These microwaves released inside the metal oven bounce back and forth in random fashion, penetrating food placed within its electrostatic field. Attracted to liquids, this energy causes the molecules in food to vibrate, setting up a motion that builds heat, causing the food to cook.

Microwave energy itself is not sufficient to heat up cooking utensils or the oven itself—it's really a cool way to cook. Either china or paper containers are advisable, as the microwaves must actually pass through whatever is in the electrostatic field to do their job effectively. Because these waves will bounce off metal containers and possibly damage the magnetron, everyday pots and pans are not usually recommended.

Cooking features. Until recently, timing was a matter of guesswork in microwave cooking. There was no way to determine accurately the internal temperature of food being cooked. You relied on trial and error until you had used the appliance enough to know its capabilities. Now, manufacturers have begun adding refinements to make microwave cooking as certain as science. Among them, General Electric and Litton recently introduced microwave ovens equipped with their own temperature-sensing probe. Placed in a roast that's preferred rare, for example, this probe senses when the meat is done, sounds a signal and turns the oven off automatically. There's no chance of under- or over-cooking, and the probe works equally well with soups, casseroles and leftovers.

A microwave oven is super-convertient for single-portion servings, snacks, sauces, beverages, appetizers and most desserts. Fresh vegetables retain their flavor and color far better than when cooked in a conventional appliance. Reheated dishes—even breads—are fresh and tasty. Frozen meats and fruits thaw in minutes.

Capable as it is, the microwave can't replace your conventional range entirely. You'll still require its versatility when slower cooking times and large food loads are called for, when you are canning foods, and when you want foods to have nice crispy crusts. Some microwave foods do not brown naturally, and thin meats-steaks, chops, hamburgers-will be cooked and ready to serve before they look done. To solve the gray-meat problem, appliance manufacturers have added special browning devices to their microwave products. Some brands have built-in infrared units; others offer optional searing platters or skillets. All are indicated in the product list below.

The savings. Microwave cooking is not only a futuristic household asset; it is also a stingy user of energy. It works on ordinary household current (110 to 120 volts), and cooking times are short. The cost of operating a microwave oven is generally one-fourth to two-thirds less than that of a conventional electric range which, of course, needs its own 220-volt line. Though a convenience, a microwave oven is not just a gadget to be toyed with. Read the manufacturer's use-and-care manual and follow its instructions to the letter.

- Do not operate the oven if any object is caught in the door, or if the door does not close properly or if the door hinge, latch or sealing surface seems damaged, even slightly.
- Keep oven and door scrupulously clean. Don't allow crumbs, grease or even bits of paper to remain (continued)

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The selection. Styles and sizes of microwave ovens vary. Outside dimensions of counter-top models can be 13 to 17 inches high, 18 to 24 inches wide and 15 to 23 inches deep. The range of weights is 70 to 100 pounds. Countertop units are called "portables," but you won't want to carry one very far unaided. They do fit nicely, and conveniently, on rolling carts.

Wall-oven installations are catching on, too, now that appliance makers are offering kits enabling you to fit your unit into a built-in situation. Because of airflow requirements, you must use only the specific kit that's made for your particular manufacturer's model.

Also available are freestanding ranges that combine both microwave and conventional power. These are fairly expensive, which is why they are not in high demand.

#### WHO MANUFACTURES WHAT

Makers of counter-top ovens include the following, with range of prices:
Admiral, \$279 to \$419; browning

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Amana, \$259 to \$595; browning skillet, \$9.95 to \$14.95.

Frigidaire, \$330 to \$540; browning skillet, \$14.95

GE. \$349 to \$499; browning dish, \$10.95 to \$14.95 value, offered free with oven purchase. Top-priced model has temperature-sensing probe.

Hotpoint, less than \$350 to \$400; browning dish, \$10.95 to \$14.95.

Litton, \$299 to \$499; browning plate, \$19.95 extra. Top-priced model has temperature-sensing probe.

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Modern Maid, \$289 to \$399; browning dish, \$35 value, free with purchase.

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Thermador, \$499, with infrared browning unit.

White/Westinghouse, \$319 to \$419;

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# Pitfalls of joint home ownership

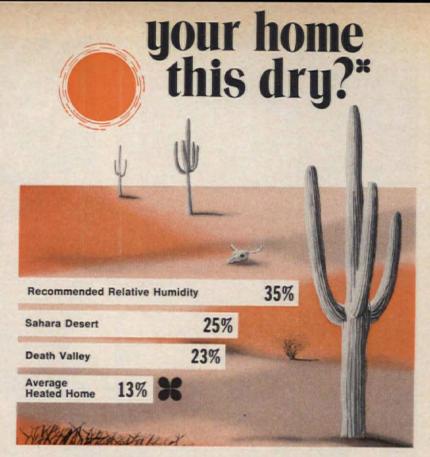
If you're a homeowner, you may be one of a great many Americans who have elected to own property jointly with your spouse. Certainly, there are advantages to joint ownership, the most obvious one involving right of survivorship. Jointly owned property—or bank accounts, securities, anything of material value—passes immediately to the survivor, and there are no administrative costs, since the estate need not be probated. But, as the American Bankers Association points out, joint ownership also has some disadvantages.

For one, it precludes exclusive control by either owner, which means all decisions concerning the property must be mutually agreed on. If you wish to do something and your co-owner doesn't, there could be problems. There is also a possibility that property you've purchased with your own money and placed under joint ownership might, under federal law, be considered a "gift," hence taxable if its value exceeds exemption limits. You should also be aware that property can be seized for the payment of debts or legal judgments of either party. Even though you are not named in an action, the propery can be taken, if your co-owner is.

An alternative to the joint ownership of property—one worth discussing with your partner and your lawyer—is a trust. This is an agreement by which you turn over your property to a trustworthy person or a bank trust department to be administered for the benefit of you and your beneficiaries. The cost s usually based on the market value of holdings in the trust.

One big advantage of a trust is that omeone in the bank will always be here to handle your account and your uestions. Unlike a will, which is a natter of public record, a trust is a rivate agreement. Moreover, it can rovide immediate care for beneficiries without forcing hasty decisions.

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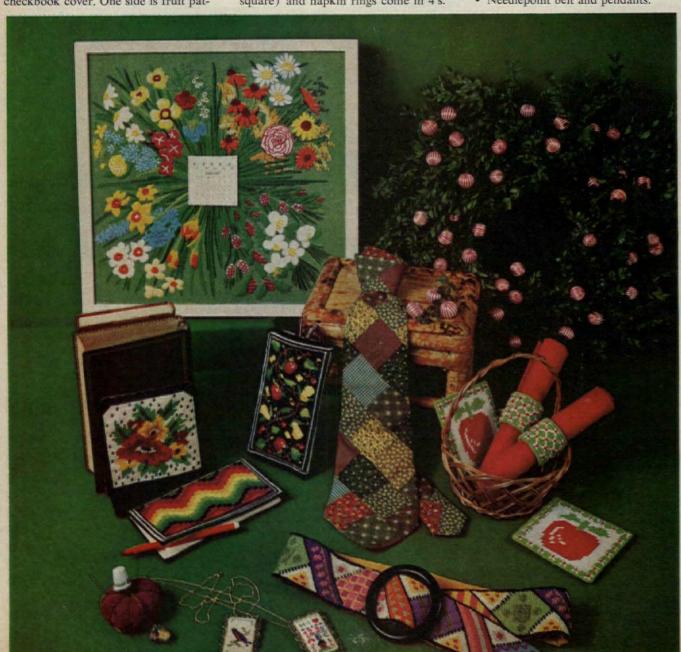


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- Patchwork tie is of precut squares.
- Needlepoint apple coasters (4 inches square) and napkin rings come in 4's.
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#### Questions about your antiques

Q Our cut glass lamp has a silverlike metal supporting its globe and three bulbs. It's signed "Hawkes." Can you tell us anything about it?

F.H.-Syracuse, NY.

A Your lamp is a prime example of brilliant-type cut glass made from



about 1880 to 1910. "Hawkes" refers to one of the Corning, N.Y., companies that cut glass in fine patterns and was responsible for some of the best work of the period. While brilliant cut glass is usually unmarked, the deep-

ness of cutting and complexity of pattern are positive identifying signs.

This fish plate is 24 inches by 9 inches. Its four corners turn up. The underside is signed "Thos. R. Davis" with a numbered patent date of "August 1st, 1880." Is the piece as unusual as it seems?

A.B.—Washington, D.C.

A The fish platter you own is part of an extraordinary set designed and patented by Thomas R. Davis for Haviland & Co. Originally made for



the White House during the Rutherford Hayes administration, it was reproduced for sale and is characteristic of the best work of about 1880.

These vases have been in my grandmother's family for some time. They appear to be silvered between an outer and inner glass shape, with the design handpainted on the outside. What silvering process is this?

C.H.—Pleasant Hill, Calif.

A Silvered glass of this kind, popularly known as Mercury glass, was one type of poor man's silver of the 19th century. French and English patents exist from the 1830s; American

manufacture began a decade later. The style went out of fashion in the 1880s, but was revived in the 1920s. It's hard



to tell from the photo exactly how old your vases are. If the glass seems thick, they are probably early examples.

This milk pitcher belonged to my grandmother and dates back to at least the 1890s. It was resilvered 15 years ago. Is it unique?

G.C.C.—Chattanooga, Tenn.

A Your grandmother's pitcher was made about 1880 when designers

began experimenting with various combinations of styles that were striking. The lion's head spout appears to be of Oriental origin; the

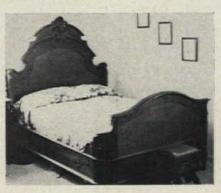


leaf and scroll pattern is a variation of Occidental motifs. The handle is a simple repetition of an 18th-century model. The pitcher was made in quadruple plate, a type of plated silver popular from 1820 to 1900, most of it made by Connecticut manufacturers.

This walnut bed was purchased by my grandparents. They were told it was made about 1860 by John Beltner of New York. Can you confirm?

S.I.—Jackson, Miss.

A John Beltner is best known for his Rococo Revival pieces. The



bed your grandparents owned is in the Renaissance Revival style, which has fewer frills and curves. A number of New York furniture makers were working in this style about 1860. Thus it is difficult to identify an unlabeled piece precisely. Walnut and cherry were used for Renaissance Revival pieces, rosewood for Rococo and Empire designs.

The creamer in the photo is part of a set once owned by my grandmother. The roses are painted on a multicolored background. Green dots are cemented around the base and handle. There is no date or maker's mark. Can you tell me how old the piece is and where it was made?

H.K.-Cedar, Mich.

A The creamer's decoration in relief, although simplified, was in-

spired by a 19th century technique, "Jewel Sevres." The gradual color change is characteristic of a late 19th-cen-



tury innovation. This piece could have been made as early as 1890, but it is hard to say how recent it might be. Perhaps another reader can help by showing us a similar marked piece.

Our handmade cylinder-top walnut desk has burl-walnut fronts.

My family has owned it for 50 years.

Can you tell me how old it really is?

J.W .- Brady, Mont.

A This cylinder desk was very likely made about 1870. The use of contrasting woods with handsome burl panels is characteristic of the



Renaissance Revival style that flourished from about 1860 to 1880. Such desks were made by a number of the large factories that were in operation at the time.

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Mr. Schwartz is a lecturer and consultant at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. His latest book is Collectors' Guide to Antique American Silver (Doubleday).

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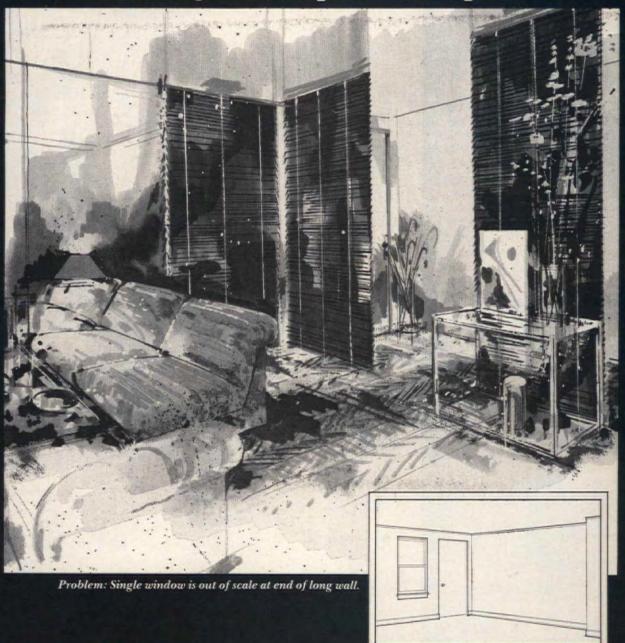
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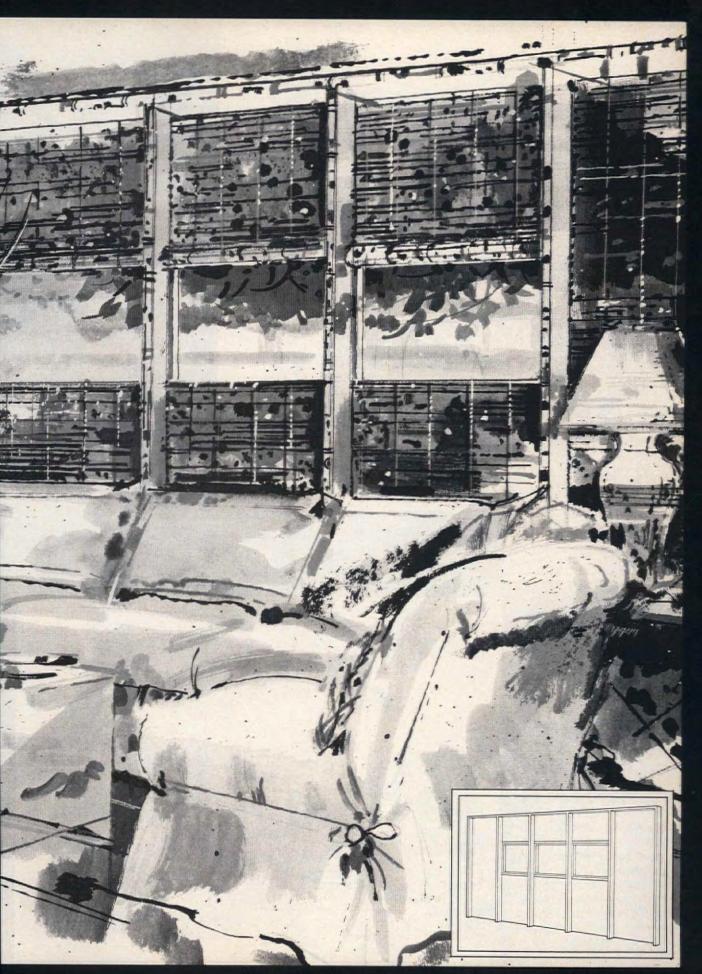


Windows can give a room focus. They can also be a sorry distraction if they are mismated, awkwardly placed, undersized or unevenly spaced. There are ways to handle problem windows without spending a fortune on custom treatments. This portfolio of super solutions, in room settings designed and illustrated by Jeremiah Goodman, show's how you can treat your windows in a unique fashion with easy-to-make or ready-made materials. In the living

room above (inset) a window is directly beside the front door at the far end of a room. Three decorative metalslat blinds turn this clumsy juxtaposition into flowing space. One masks the window, adjusts up and down and filters light. The other two, which are stationary and anchored to the floor for stability, create an entrance area and augment inadequate wall space. Now there is an inviting entry plus space for furniture arrangement.

oll-up matchstick blinds, hung between mullions made of stock lumber, turn badly proportioned ranch windows into a visually exciting wall. Using tortoiseshell blinds-low-cost purchases from Oriental import shops, department stores or mail-order firmshides empty wall expanses above and below windows. It also covers wall sections on either side of windows to make the whole area look wider and creates a beautiful background for the furniture arrangement. Two-by-four framing trimmed with stock bamboo molding adds depth to the windows and architectural interest to the room. Painted to match the tortoiseshell finish of blinds, the framing helps coordinate the total effect.





Problem: A horizontal expanse of windows is overwhelmed by surrounding wall area.



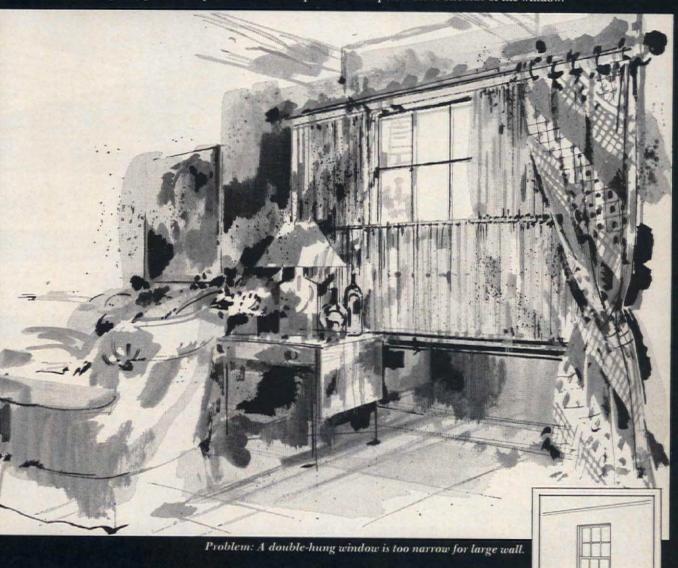
nexpensive rough-sawn cedar is fashioned into shutters to add strong interest to a dull pair of corner windows. Either plywood or Masonite can be used as the backing upon which cedar strips are glued in this handsome herringbone pattern. You might also consider covering the panels with fabric or wallpaper to coordinate with matching walls or upholstered pieces. Piano hinges allow shutters to fold back neatly when maximum view is desired. Add white porcelain knobs or gleaming brass pulls for function and a bright. decorative finishing touch.

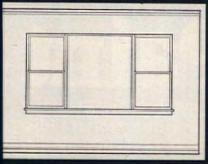
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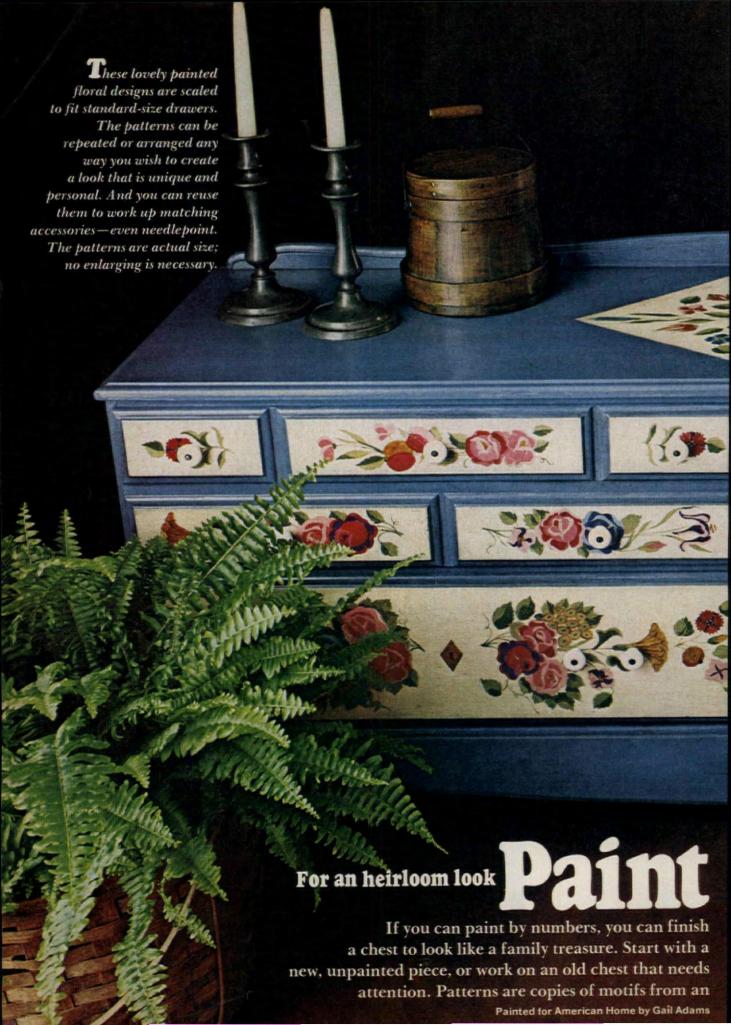
ere's what to do if you have a picture window that fills your room with precious daylight but at the same time exposes you to your neighbors. A row of ready-made movable louver shutters (which can be painted, stained in wood tones or left natural) across the bottom half of the windows provides the privacy you want. A deep, softly shirred printed cotton valance plus matching curtains, hung from the ceiling, will heighten the look of the room. Since the shutters fold back, you have complete access when you need to open windows. Adjustable louvers let you control ventilation as well as light.



You can give this type of window stature and importance by filling out the wall space on either side of it. A double-tier treatment of ready-made sheer cafe curtains creates the look of three windows where only one exists. For a softening effect, swag a pretty patchwork-print fabric from a painted wood pole—off to one side of the window.



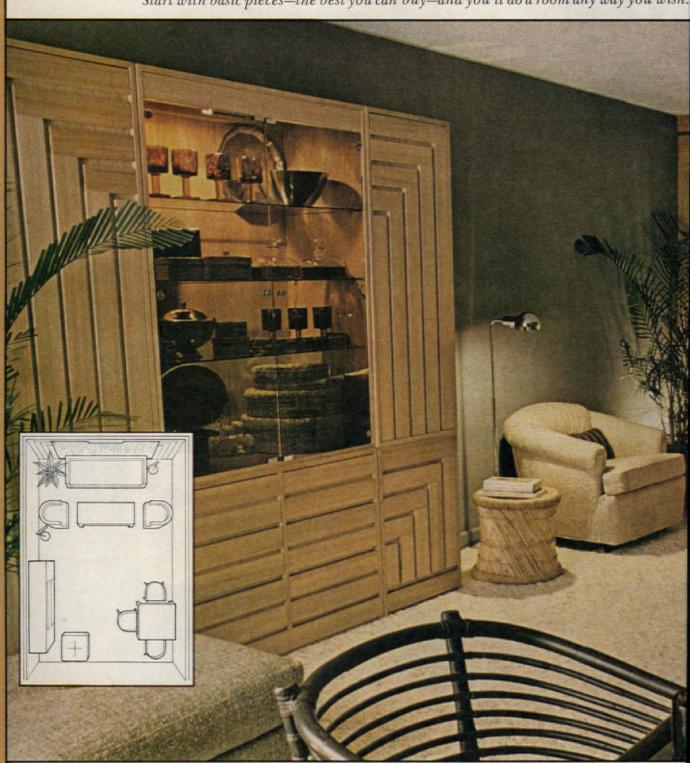






furniture. Add color with quick-drying latex and acrylic paints, following our instructions. To order patterns, how-tos and tips on furniture refinishing, see coupon, page 80 Michael O'Neill

# ONE LIVING ROOM Start with basic pieces—the best you can buy—and you'll do a room any way you wish.

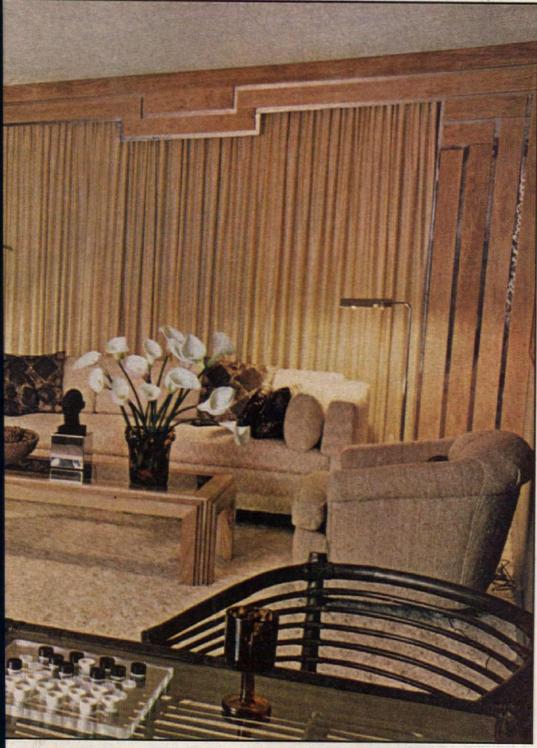


The look is pure serenity in this mond chromatic room where decorating began with the very best-quality, most simpl

styled upholstered pieces. An inviting loose-pillow-back sofa, softly rounded tub chairs and versatile overscaled ottoman form the basics. Color and pattern, too, are basic-

## THREE WAYS

The possibilities are endless. We show three on these six pages.



Pale blond tones of storage unit and coffee table echo the era of Art Deco, a motif carried through in the window treatment. This pale wood set off by pewter lacquer walls, rough-textured baskets, a nutbrown rattan game table and chairs creates an immensely inviting room.

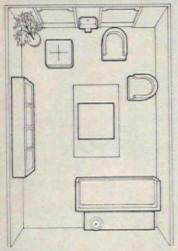
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ou'll stretch your decorating dollar a long way with a careful initial investment
the basics, since neither their form nor function will be obsolete in a few
ears. Turn the pages to see the marvelous versatility of these pieces in two additional,
tally different settings created in the same 12-by-18-foot living room.

ustrations by Adolf Brotman





## **Oriental**



Eastern overtones, still another variation from sleek to country, infuse this same room. The neutral-hued basics are elegant standouts against brilliant kumquat background. Deep ebony wood tones in a new Oriental-inspired group of wood pieces add a rich balance to the light, bright coloring. Camel-toned cork wallpaper framed in strips of orange lacquer molding create an exciting window wall, when combined with solid-colored window shades. The sofa is placed to face the windows, giving an illusion of openness and easy access to the outdoors that is so characteristic of Oriental design. All three room settings were designed by Cathy Erb, senior interior designer for the Armstrong Cork Co., in conjunction with the interior design staff of American Home.



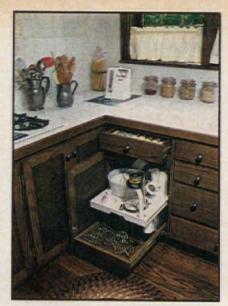


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# A live-in kitchen

Diane and Paul Ortner made their California kitchen more than a meal center—it's the hub of their home.

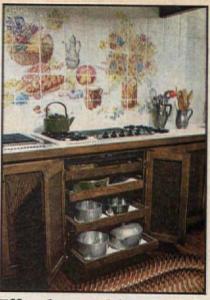




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The original kitchen of the Ortners' huge 1916 house near coastal California was typical of its time. Five separate areas included the kitchen proper, large pantry, servants' sitting room, butler's pantry (those were the days . . .) and back porch. To update this outmoded layout, kitchen designer Janean consolidated rooms into one flowing, functional space. Varying ceiling heights define the new areas geared to contemporary living. Built-ins and recessed storage areas fulfill new John Zimmerman/Shopping Information, page 79

needs to conceal modern electrical equipment and kitchen necessities. Even the telephone is tucked away—in a drawer in Diane Ortner's very own mini-office, a kitchen must for good home management. Braided rugs, floral wallpaper, copper and pewter utensils and wood cabinetry modify the modernization with the warmth of traditionalism. Addition of a fireplace further enhances the charm of a former pantry that now doubles as family dining room and children's playroom (above).



In saucepan cook cornmeal in 1½ cups water until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in potatoes, molasses, butter, salt, caraway. Cool. In large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in ½ cup warm water; stir in sugar and cornmeal mixture.



In another bowl combine flours. Insert dough hooks into mixer. Add 1 cup flour to yeast mixture; beat on medium speed. Gradually add 2 cups flour, running mixer constantly. Reduce speed to low; gradually add 1 cup flour. Dough will be sticky.



Stir in 1 cup flour to make a firm dough. Turn out onto well-floured board; gradually knead in 1-1½ cups flour, a few tablespoons at a time. Continue to knead until dough is smooth and elastic (5 to 10 minutes). Dust with all-purpose flour if sticky.





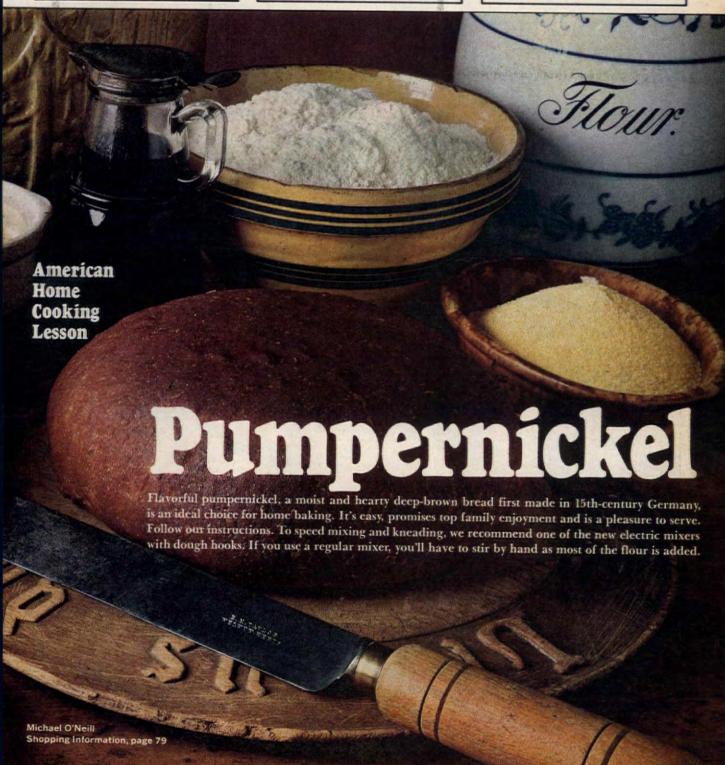
Shape dough into a ball. Put into greased, large bowl; turn bottom side up. Cover. Let rise in warm place (85°), free from draft, 1½ hours or until doubled in bulk. Punch dough down; turn over. Cover. Let rise 40 minutes or until doubled in bulk.



Punch dough down; turn out onto floured board. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Grease large baking sheet. Divide dough in half; shape each half into round ball. Place each on opposite corners of baking sheet. Cover. Let rise 30 minutes or until doubled.



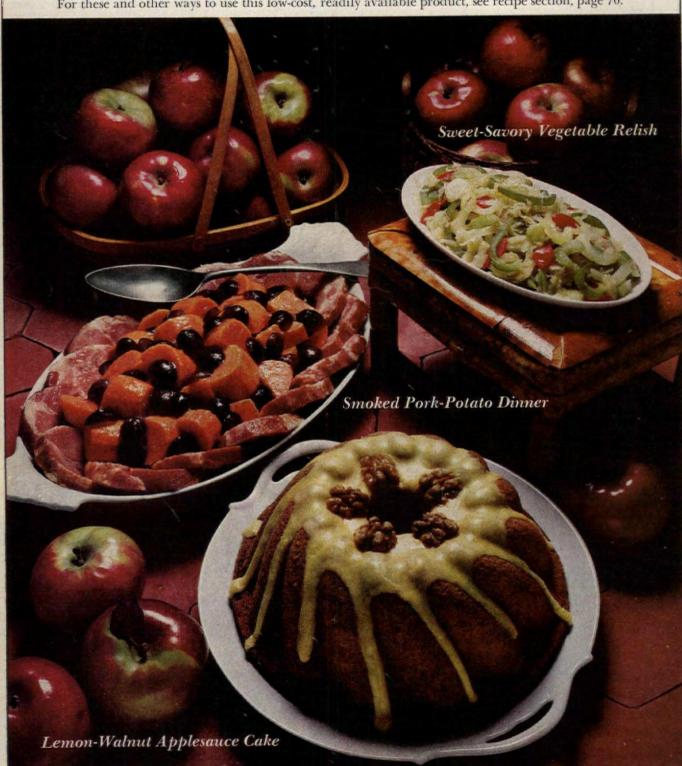
Heat oven to 375°. Bake 50 minutes or until loaves sound hollow when lightly tapped with fingertip or wooden spoon. Remove from baking sheet. Brush with softened butter or margarine. Cool on wire racks. Wrap in plastic wrap or bags. Makes 2 loaves.



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# Applesauce

Brighten your autumn table with polished apples plus delectable dishes based on time-saving processed applesauce. It adds fruity zest to a variety of foods. In our savory relish it mellows the vegetable marinade; in the pork-potato dinner it's the basis of the sauce in which all flavors blend while baking; and for moistness, texture and flavor, applesauce is a must in our lemon-walnut cake. For these and other ways to use this low-cost, readily available product, see recipe section, page 70.





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### This month's American Home recipes

Key to nutrition ratings

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#### Slow Cookers continued from page 32

Meat Rolls with Brussels Sprouts

(pictured on page 32) Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 359 cal.; 37.9 gms. P.; 11.9 gms. F.; 25 gms. C. Source of thiamine, riboflavin and niacin.

1/2 pound ground veal

2 large eggs

1/2 cup packaged bread crumbs

1/4 cup chopped onion

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped Salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon dried sage leaves, crumbled

teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crumbled

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

11/2 pounds round steak, cut 1/4 or 1/2 inch thick

2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen Brussels sprouts, thawed

1 beef bouillon cube 1/2 cup boiling water

1 to 11/2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 to 11/2 tablespoons water

1. In bowl combine veal, eggs, bread crumbs, onion, garlic, 11/2 teaspoons salt, pepper, sage, thyme and nutmeg until well mixed.

2. Cut 1/4-inch-thick steak crosswise into 6 even pieces. If using 1/2-inchthick round steak, pound to 1/4-inch thickness before cutting. Sprinkle with salt. Spread evenly with veal mixture. Roll steaks, jelly-roll fashion, starting from narrow end; fasten with wooden picks or tie with clean string.

3. Place meat rolls in slow cooker. Add thawed Brussels sprouts. Dissolve bouillon cube in boiling water; pour over meat. Cover; simmer (185° to 210°) 8 to 10 hours or until meat is

tender.

4. Transfer meat rolls and Brussels sprouts to serving dish. Cover to keep warm. Turn slow cooker to high (250° to 325°). Combine cornstarch and water. (Amount of cornstarch and water required for thickening varies according to amount of liquid remaining.) Add cornstarch mixture to liquid in cooker; cook until thick and clear, stirring constantly. Spoon some gravy over meat rolls; serve rest separately.

5. American Home's Suggested Menu: Meat Rolls with Brussels Sprouts

Potato Puffs Waldorf Salad Red Devil's Food Cake **Burgundy Chicken** 

(pictured on page 32) Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 360 cal.; 33.5 gms. P.; 7.9 gms. F.; 34.6 gms. C. Source of thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamins A and C.

8 small new potatoes, washed small white onions, peeled

clove of garlic, finely chopped 1 stewing chicken, about 3 pounds,

Salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced

1/2 cup boiling water

1 chicken bouillon cube 1/2 cup red burgundy wine

3 to 4 tablespoons cornstarch

3 to 4 tablespoons water

1. With vegetable parer or sharp knife, remove thin strip of skin around the center of each potato. Place potatoes, onions and garlic in slow cooker.

2. Wash chicken; pat dry with paper towels; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add to cooker; top with mushrooms. 3. Combine boiling water, bouillon cube and 11/2 teaspoons salt; stir to dissolve. Add wine; pour over chicken. Cover; simmer (185° to 210°) 8 to 10 hours or until chicken is cooked and vegetables are tender.

4. Transfer chicken and vegetables to serving platter. Turn slow cooker to high (250° to 325°). Combine cornstarch and water. (Amount of cornstarch and water required for thickening varies according to amount of liquid remaining.) Gradually add cornstarch mixture to liquid in cooker. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Pour into sauceboat.

5. American Home's Suggested Menu: Creamed Tomato Soup . Croutons

**Burgundy Chicken** Cloverleaf Rolls • Fruit Salad Chocolate Mousse

Vegetable Beef Soup

(pictured on page 32) Makes 10 servings. Each serving: 308 cal.; 16.3 gms. P.; 24.5 gms. F.; 5.5 gms. C. Source of niacin, vitamins A

11/2 pounds boneless beef chuck or round, cut into 3/4-inch cubes

2 cups chopped green cabbage 1½ cups sliced carrots

1 cup sliced celery

2 small zucchini, sliced

1/2 cup chopped onion (1 medium) 1/2 cup chopped parsley

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped

2 tablespoons salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper 6 cups water

1 teaspoon liquid seasoning

1. In slow cooker combine cubed meat, cabbage, carrots, celery, zucchini, onion, parsley, garlic, salt, pepper and water. Cover, simmer (185° to 210°) 6 to 8 hours or until meat is tender.

2. Turn slow cooker to "Off"; stir in liquid seasoning. Ladle soup into large tureen to serve.

3. American Home's Suggested Menu: Water Biscuits • Caraway Gouda Vegetable Beef Soup Lettuce Rafts • Salad Dressing Banana Spice Cake

Sauerbraten

(pictured on page 32) Makes 10 servings. Each serving: 379 cal.; 37 gms. P.; 22.7 gms. F.; 4.5 gms. C. Source of riboflavin and niacin.

1 beef rump, top or bottom round roast, about 4 pounds

onion, thinly sliced

cup red wine vinegar

cup water peppercorns

2 bay leaves 11/2 tablespoons salt

1/2 cup chopped carrots

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup finely crushed gingersnaps, about 9 cookies

1. Place roast in deep glass or ceramic bowl. Combine onion, vinegar, water, peppercorns, bay leaves and salt. Mix well; pour over roast. Turn meat over several times; cover. Refrigerate 2 to 3 days, turning meat twice daily.

2. Place carrots and celery in slow cooker. Transfer meat from bowl to cooker. Drain onions, peppercorns and bay leaves; add to slow cooker with 1/2 cup marinade. Cover; simmer (185° to

210°) 8 to 10 hours or until tender.

3. Turn cooker to "Off." Remove meat to serving platter; slice some; surround with cooked red cabbage, if desired.

Cover to keep warm.

4. Remove peppercorns and bay leaves from broth in slow cooker; discard. Pour broth with vegetables into blender container. Cover and puree. Return to slow cooker; stir in finely crushed gingersnaps. Cover; cook on high (250° to 325°) 10 to 15 minutes or until thick. Serve sauce separately.

5. American Home's Suggested Menu: Sauerbraten

Red Cabbage . Mashed Potatoes Tossed Lettuce Salad Apple Strudel

#### Stuffed Peppers with **Tomato Sauce**

(pictured on page 32) Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 448 cal.; 26 gms. P.; 27 gms. F.; 22.5 gms. C. Source of thiamine, riboflavin, niacin and vitamin C.

6 medium green peppers 11/2 pounds ground chuck

2 large eggs

1 can (103/4 ounces) condensed tomato soup, undiluted

1/3 cup raw long-grain or converted rice

1 small onion, chopped

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped

11/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened



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1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

1. Wash peppers; cut slice off tops; remove seeds and membranes.

2. In bowl combine ground chuck, eggs, 1/4 cup tomato soup (reserve remainder), rice, onion, garlic, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Spoon meat mixture evenly into peppers. Stand peppers up in slow cooker. Pour reserved tomato soup over peppers. Cover; simmer (185° to 210°) 8 to 10 hours or until meat is cooked and peppers are tender.

3. Turn slow cooker to high (250° to 325°). Transfer peppers to serving dish. Cover with aluminum foil to keep warm. Mix butter or margarine with flour. Add to gravy, a small amount at a time. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Serve sauce with peppers.

4. American Home's Suggested Menu: Fruit Cocktail

Stuffed Peppers with Tomato Sauce Crescent Rolls • Crisp Spinach Salad Coconut Cream Pie

> Creamed Lamb with Vegetables

Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 634 cal.; 26.8 gms. P.; 49.6 gms. F.; 14.6 gms. C. Source of vitamin A, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin.

2 pounds boneless lamb shoulder, cut into 1/2-inch-thick strips

package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed

1 can (101/2 ounces) condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted

1 cup coarsely chopped onion (1 large)

1/4 cup dry sherry

21/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

2 tablespoons all-purpose

1 cup dairy sour cream

1. In slow cooker combine lamb strips, thawed vegetables, soup, onion, sherry, salt and pepper. Cover; simmer (185° to 210°) 6 to 8 hours or until meat is

2. Turn slow cooker to high (250° to 325°). Mix softened butter or margarine and flour. Add to lamb mixture, a small amount at a time, stirring constantly until thickened. Cover; cook 15 minutes.

3. Turn slow cooker to "Off." Stir in sour cream. Serve mixture over hot buttered noodles, if desired.

4. American Home's Suggested Menu: Celery Sticks • Garlie Dip Creamed Lamb with Vegetables Buttered Noodles • Romaine Salad Lemon Filled Cream Puffs

# Split Pea Soup with **Smoked Pork**

Makes 12 servings. Each serving: 356 cal.; 20.9 gms. P.; 19.5 gms. F.; 24 gms. C. Source of thiamine.

1 package (16 ounces) quick cooking green split peas, rinsed, drained 5 cups water

1 can (101/2 ounces) condensed beef broth, undiluted

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 bay leaf

1 smoked pork shoulder butt, about 11/2 pounds

1. In slow cooker combine peas, water, beef broth, salt, pepper, bay leaf and smoked pork butt. Cover; simmer (185° to 210°) 8 to 10 hours or until peas are cooked.

2. Remove pork butt from slow cooker to cutting board. Cover with aluminum foil to keep warm. Discard bay leaf. Pour soup into blender container, a few cups at a time. Cover. Blend until smooth; pour into soup tureen. Repeat with remaining soup. Cut pork into 1/2-inch cubes; add to soup. Serve.

3. American Home's Suggested Menu: Split Pea Soup with Smoked Pork Sesame Crackers with Buttery Flavor Marinated Vegetable Salad Orange Sponge Cake

Veal and Eggplant

Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 437 cal.; 52.6 gms. P.; 17.7 gms. F.; 12.6 gms. C. Source of thiamine, riboflavin, niacin and vitamin C.

2 pounds boneless veal shoulder, cut into 2-inch pieces

21/2 teaspoons salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves

1 clove of garlic, finely chopped 2 tomatoes, 1/2 pound each, coarsely

chopped

1 eggplant, about 1 pound, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch slices

1 onion, thinly sliced 1/3 cup white wine

3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

1. Sprinkle veal with salt, pepper, oregano and garlic.

2. In slow cooker alternately layer half of veal pieces, chopped tomato, eggplant and onion slices; repeat. Add wine. Cover; simmer (185° to 210°) 8 to 10 hours or until meat is tender and vegetables are cooked.

3. Turn slow cooker to high (250° to 325°). Remove meat and vegetables to serving platter; cover with aluminum foil to keep warm. Mix softened butter or margarine and flour. Add to broth in slow cooker, a small amount at a time. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Pour some gravy over veal, serve remainder separately.

4. American Home's Suggested Menu: Veal and Eggplant

Kasha (Buckwheat Groats) Avocado and Mushroom Salad Cream Filled Eclairs

# Applesauce continued from page 68

Sweet-Savory Vegetable Relish (pictured on page 68)

Makes 4 cups or 8 servings. Each serving: 64 cal.; 1 gm. P.; 1.8 gms. F.; 12.4 gms. C. Source of vitamin C

1 tablespoon pure vegetable oil 1 cup sliced onion (1 large) 1 cup slivered green pepper

1 cup sliced celery

1 can (8 ounces) applesauce (1 cup)

1/4 cup salad or cider vinegar

1 can (14 to 16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and drained well

½ teaspoon salt

1/4 cup diagonally diced pimiento

1. In saucepan heat oil. Add onion, green pepper and celery. Sauté 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in applesauce, vinegar, sauerkraut, salt and pi-

2. Spoon into refrigerator container or jar. Cover. Refrigerate until cold and flavors blend. Keeps well up to several weeks. Drain before serving.

3. American Home's Suggested Menu: Boiled Knackwurst

Macaroni and Cheese Dinner Sweet-Savory Vegetable Relish Ice Cream • Vanilla Wafers

# Smoked Pork-Potato Dinner

(pictured on page 68)

Makes 10 servings. Each serving: 687 cal.; 28 gms. P.; 46 gms. F.; 38.8 gms. C. Source of thiamine, riboflavin, vitamins A and C.

1 smoked pork shoulder butt, about 3 pounds

pounds sweet potatoes

1 jar or can (15 or 16 ounces) applesauce

1/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed

1/4 cup soy sauce

1 tablespoon cornstarch

3 tablespoons catsup

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

½ pound red grapes, halved, seeded 1. In kettle bring pork and 2 inches water to boiling. Cover. Cook over low heat 1 hour. Pare potatoes; cut into 11/2-inch chunks.

2. Add potatoes to pork. Continue to cook until pork and potatoes are tender. (To do ahead, refrigerate at this point.) Remove pork to cutting board with fork.

3. In saucepan combine applesauce, brown sugar, soy sauce, cornstarch, cat-sup and ginger. Bring to boiling. Stir in 2 tablespoons pork cooking liquid. Cook until sauce is slightly thickened.

Remove from heat. 4. Heat oven to 375°. Cut pork into 1/2-inch slices. Arrange around edge of 2-quart oval or 13x9x2-inch baking dish. With slotted spoon remove sweet potatoes to saucepan with sauce. Add grapes. Toss. Spoon into center of dish.

Bake 20 minutes or until hot and bub-

5. American Home's Suggested Menu: Smoked Pork-Potato Dinner Mixed Green Salad

Buttered Corn Muffins Caramel Flan

# Lemon Walnut Applesauce Cake

(pictured on page 68) Makes 12 servings. Each serving: 359 cal.; 8 gms. P.; 13 gms. F.; 54 gms. C. Source of thiamine.

1 package (181/2 to 19 ounces) vellow cake mix

2 large eggs

1 jar or can (15 or 16 ounces) applesauce

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# Bisquick Chicken Fricassee with Herb Dumplings

1 cup Bisquick baking mix

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon paprika 1/8 teaspoon pepper

21/2-pound broiler-fryer chicken, cut up

3 tablespoons shortening

1 can (1034 ounces) cream of chicken soup 11/2 cups milk

Herb Dumplings

1/2 teaspoon parsley flakes

1/4 teaspoon poultry seasoning

Mix baking mix, salt, paprika and pepper; coat chicken. Brown in shortening in large skillet. Remove chicken; drain fat. Mix soup and milk in skillet. Add chicken. Cover; heat to boiling. Cook over low heat about 45 minutes or until chicken is tender.

For Herb Dumplings, prepare Dumplings as directed on Bisquick box exceptadd parsley and poultry seasoning.

4 servings

# Bisquick Beef Stew with Corn Dumplings

1/4 cup Bisquick baking mix

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/8 teaspoon paprika

pound beef stew meat, cubed 2 tablespoons shortening

small onion, chopped

small clove garlic, finely

chopped

medium tomato.

chopped

2 large carrots, sliced

2 cups water ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

Corn Dumplings

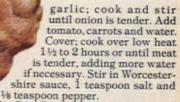
3/4 cup whole kernel corn,

drained

1 tablespoon chopped onion

Mix baking mix, 1/4 tea-spoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper and the paprika; coat meat. Brown meat

in shortening in large skillet. Add onion and



For Corn Dumplings, prepare Dumplings as directed on Bisquick box except -add corn and 1 tablespoon chopped onion. 4 servings.

# Bisquick Beef & Cabbage Stew with Dumplings

1 pound ground beef

2 medium onions, thinly sliced

11/2 cups coarsely chopped cabbage

½ cup chopped celery 1 can (16 ounces) stewed tomatoes

1 can (151/2 ounces)

kidney beans 1 cup water

1 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 to 2 teaspoons chili powder

Dumplings

Brown beef in Dutch oven; drain. Add onions, cabbage and celery; cook and stir until light brown. Stir in tomatoes, beans, water and seasonings. Heat to boiling; reduce heat. Prepare Dumplings as directed on Bisquick

box. 4 to 6 servings.

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1 tablespoon grated lemon peel

cup finely chopped walnuts

1 cup regular wheat germ

3 tablespoons lemon juice 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar 1 drop yellow food coloring

1. Heat oven to 350°. Grease and flour 10-inch mold or 12-cup Bundt pan. In large bowl combine cake mix, eggs, applesauce and lemon peel.

2. Beat on low speed of mixer just until mixed. Beat on high speed until batter is smooth and fluffy. With spoon stir in walnuts, wheat germ and 2 table-

spoons lemon juice.

3. Pour batter into prepared mold or pan. Bake 1 hour or until cake springs back when lightly touched with fingertip. Cool in pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Loosen cake around sides of pan. Place rack over cake. Unmold. Cool

completely.

4. In small bowl mix remaining 1 tablespoon lemon juice, confectioners' sugar and yellow food coloring until smooth and of a spoonable consistency. If too thick, add water, a drop at a time. Place cake on serving plate. Driz-zle icing over top of cake. Garnish with walnut halves, if desired.

5. American Home's Suggested Menu: Paprika Veal Goulash Peas • Wide Egg Noodles Green Pepper Coleslaw Lemon Walnut Applesauce Cake

**Apple Cinnamon Doughnuts** 

Makes 11/2 dozen. Each doughnut: 173 cal.; 3.4 gms. P.; 4.6 gms. F.; 29.4 gms.

3 to 31/2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour

1/4 cup instant nonfat dry milk

1/4 cup sugar

11/4 teaspoons salt

1 package active dry yeast

cup butter or margarine, softened 1 large egg

1 cup very warm water (120° to 130°)

1 jar or can (15 or 16 ounces) applesauce

2 tablespoons cornstarch

1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Fat or oil for frying

1. In large bowl combine 1 cup flour. dry milk, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and undissolved yeast.

2. With mixer on low speed beat in butter or margarine, egg and water. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes, scraping side of bowl often.

3. Add 3/4 cup more flour. Beat 2 more minutes. Remove beaters. With spoon stir in enough flour until a soft dough

forms, about 1 cup.

4. Turn dough out onto floured surface. Gradually knead in remaining flour, a few tablespoons at a time. Continue to knead until dough is smooth and elastic.

5. Put dough into greased bowl; turn over to bring greased side up. Cover bowl with damp towel. Let rise in warm place (85°), free from draft, about 45 minutes or until doubled in bulk

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heat, stirring constantly. Cook until thickened. Remove from heat. Chill.

7. Punch dough down. With floured rolling pin roll dough to circle 3/16 inch thick. If dough is difficult to roll, let rest 2 minutes. Cut rounds with floured 3-inch cutter. Transfer each to floured baking sheet or tray. Gather dough scraps; reroll and cut. Let rise 30 minutes or until doubled in bulk. 8. In large saucepan heat 1 inch fat or oil to 375°. With wide spatula, lower a few doughnuts into hot fat. Fry until golden brown, turning once. Drain on

paper towels. 9. When cool, make a deep slit with tip of knife in side of each doughnut. Put applesauce filling in pastry bag, or wax paper cone, with plain tip. Pipe through slit into doughnut to fill. Roll filled doughnut in a cinnamon-sugar mixture, if desired.

10. American Home's Suggested Menu: Chili Beef

> Avocado-Tomato Salad Crisp Corn Tortillas Apple Cinnamon Doughnuts

# **Raisin Curried Chicken**

Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 461 cal.; 31.8 gms. P.; 14.5 gms. F.; 49.9 gms. C. Source of vitamin A, riboflavin and niacin.

- 1 tablespoon pure vegetable oil
- 1 clove of garlic, crushed
- tablespoon curry powder
- can (101/2 ounces) condensed cream of onion soup, undiluted

jar or can (15 to 16 ounces) applesauce

- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/4 cup drained, chopped chutney
- 1 tablespoon lime juice

1 broiler-fryer chicken, about 3 pounds, cut into serving pieces

1. In large saucepan heat oil. Add garlic and curry powder. Cook 1 minute. Stir in soup, applesauce, raisins, chutney and lime juice. Cover. Cook over low heat 30 minutes, stirring occasion-

2. While sauce simmers, rinse chicken. Pat dry with paper towels. Place chicken, skin side down, on broiler rack over pan. Broil 20 minutes. Turn. Broil 15 minutes more or until golden and fork

3. Arrange chicken on serving platter. Spoon some curry sauce over pieces; serve rest separately.

4. American Home's Suggested Menu: Raisin Curried Chicken Hot Fluffy Rice

Braised Celery with Carrots Banana Rum Charlotte

# **Sunshine Salad**

Makes 6 servings. Each serving: 292 cal.; 2 gms. P.; 18.5 gms. F.; 33.6 gms. C. Source of vitamin C

- 1/3 cup pure vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 can (8 ounces) applesauce (1/2 cup)
- 2 navel oranges
- 1 large grapefruit
- 1 large avocado
- **Iceberg lettuce leaves**

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. In bowl mix oil, lemon juice, corn yrup, salt and applesauce. Chill until

erving time.

Just before serving, peel and section ranges and grapefruit. Peel, halve and it avocado; cut into slices. Line serving plate with lettuce leaves; arrange itrus segments and avocado slices. poon some applesauce dressing over alad; serve rest separately.

American Home's Suggested Menu: Baked Fish Sticks

Stewed Tomatoes • Lima Beans

Sunshine Salad Mincemeat Pie

## **Braised Red Cabbage**

lakes 10 servings. Each serving: 120 al.; 2.6 gms. P.; 4.8 gms. F.; 19 gms. Source of vitamin C.

large head red cabbage, about 3 pounds

cup butter or margarine jar or can (15 or 16 ounces) applesauce

½ teaspoons salt

cup red wine vinegar

Cut cabbage in half; remove and scard core. Wash; drain. Cut into ½-ch slices. In kettle melt butter or marrine over low heat. Add shredded abbage. Sauté 5 minutes, stirring occaonally.

Stir in applesauce, salt and vinegar. over. Cook over low heat, 1½ hours, irring occasionally. Spoon into serv-

g dish.

American Home's Suggested Menu:
Yankee Pot Roast
Braised Red Cabbage
Potato Pancakes
Cherry Chocolate Torte

# **Spiced Prune Bar Cookies**

akes 35 cookies. Each cookie: 98 cal.; gm. P.; 3.3 gms. F.; 16.7 gms. C.

cup butter or margarine cup sugar large egg

can (8 ounces) applesauce (1 cup) cups unsifted all-purpose flour teaspoon baking powder teaspoon baking soda

teaspoon ground cinnamon teaspoon ground cloves

teaspoon ground nutmeg teaspoon salt cup diced pitted prunes

cup flaked coconut

In large bowl beat butter or marrine and sugar until well mixed. Beat egg. Add applesauce, flour, baking wder, soda, spices and salt. Beat un-

fluffy.

Heat oven to 375°. With spoon stir unes into batter. Grease and flour x9x2-inch baking pan. Turn batter o pan; spread evenly. Sprinkle cocot on top. Bake 25 minutes or until ne. Cool on wire rack. Cut into bars.

American Home's Suggested Menu: Lentil and Polish Sausage Soup Cauliflower Salad on Lettuce

Cracked Wheat Bread Spiced Prune Bar Cookies

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Pages 58-59: Glass-topped card table, armchairs, "Rattan" in tobacco finish, wall units, cocktail table, "Patterns 36," Founders, Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc., Thomasville, N.C.; chrome floor lamps, Casella Lighting, San Francisco, Calif.; drapery fabric, "Sungleam" in Champagne, Lanscot-Arlen, Inc., New York, N.Y.; pillow fabric, "Grand Bassam" from the Native Beat collection, Bloomcraft, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Pages 60-61: Fabric on walls, tablecloth, "Florentine"; drapery fabric, "Arno," Bloomcraft, Inc., New York, N.Y.; pillow fabric, "Monmouth Check," F. Schumacher & Co., New York, N.Y.; "La Galerie Provençale," open hutch, side chair, writing table; "Four Corners" steel and brass cocktail table, Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc., Thomasville, N.C.

Pages 62-63: "Tamerlane II" cocktail table, sofa table, end tables and display cabinets in Coromandel finish, Thomasville Furniture Industries, Inc., Thomasville, N.C.; "Palace View" area rug from the Queen's Way collection, in Regal Rust, Lancaster Line, Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.; floor lamp, Tyndale, Inc., Gloucester, N.J.; pillow fabric, "Far East," Cohama Decorative Fabrics, New York, N.Y.; cork wallpaper, Armstrong Cork Co., available through Katzenbach & Warren, New York, N.Y.; Lam-Eze shade kit, Joanna Western Mills Co., Chicago, Ill.

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#### A LIVE-IN KITCHEN

Pages 64-65: Appliances: cooktop, O'Keefe & Merritt, Tappan Appliance Group, Mansfield, Ohio; grill, disposers, Waste King-Universal, Los Angeles, Calif.; wall ovens, microwave oven, warming drawer, Thermador Div., Norris Industries, Los Angeles, Calif.; compactor, In-Sink-Erator Div., Emerson Electric Co., Racine, Wisc.; hot-water dispenser, dishwasher, KitchenAid Div., Hobart Mfg. Co., Troy, Ohio; refrigerator, freezer, Sub-Zero Freezer Co., Inc., Madison, Wisc.; food center, Ronson Corp., Woodbridge, N.J.; wallpaper, "Therese," Brunschwig & Fils, New York, N.Y.

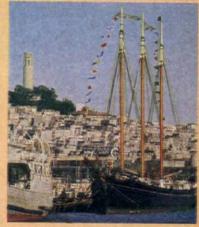
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Page 68: "Giraud" cake plate, relish dish, baking dish, Limoges from Mayhew, New York, N.Y.





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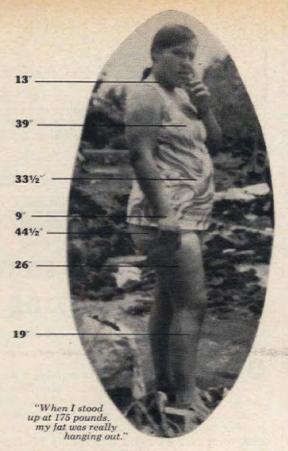
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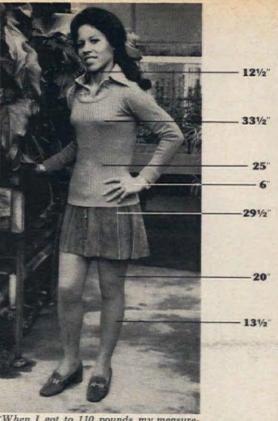
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"When I got to 110 pounds, my measurements came down. Is my husband proud."

# I left 65 pounds and 47 inches in Hawaii. See!

By Carrie Bilgera - as told to Ruth L. McCarthy

When I look back at pictures of me fat, I sure resembled an Adobo chicken—a plump bird boiled in water, soya, vinegar and garlic; then fried in fat. It's a favorite dish of my husband, José. But it turned me into a 175 pound-five-feet-two bird who had to wear overblouses and Hawaiian Muu Muus.

Now, I was never what you'd call skinny. But it wasn't until after my second child was born that my fat really began to bother José. He said: "If you'll lose weight by this time next year, I'll give you \$500 for your anniversary." So I tried all sorts of diet pills, but in the end I gained even more.

We lived in Hawaii, then, where José was stationed at the Navy Base. We had lots of friends and we all belonged to bowling teams. We used to gather once a week at the Alley, and the manager, a friend of José, let the teams bring their own "Pot Luck" suppers. How we stuffed ourselves, right up to midnight!

I used to wear an overblouse, hoping it would hide the bulges. But it didn't. Once, one of the men pinched me and said: "Your fat is really hanging out there, Carrie." That's when I decided I'd really better lose some weight.

Fortunately, I'd seen a magazine with pictures of a woman who'd slimmed down on the Ayds plan. So I bought a box of Ayds® Reducing Plan Candy—the chocolate fudge kind—at the drugstore. When I learned they contained no drugs, I was so happy I started on the plan right away. I took one or two Ayds as directed and they actually helped me satisfy my appetite.

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But I was determined to show them all. And I did! Once a week I weighed myself at the same time. Then I'd write my new weight on the chart that comes with the direction folder. No guessing this time.

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José just couldn't get over it. He insisted on taking pictures of me in a bikini to send to my family. We wanted to prepare them for the new me, before we left Hawaii to visit them in Virginia. I had to laugh though when they wrote back: "You look like a kid again." Of course, I really don't. But I do know, thanks to the Ayds plan, I've made José the proudest man in the Navy.

#### BEFORE AND AFTER MEASUREMENTS

	Before	After
Height	.5'21/4"	5'21/4"
Weight	. 175 lbs	110 lbs.
Neck		121/2"
Bust Waist Hips	.39"	331/2"
Waist	.331/2"	25"
Hips	.441/2"	291/9"
Thighs	.26"	20"
Calves	.19"	131/2"
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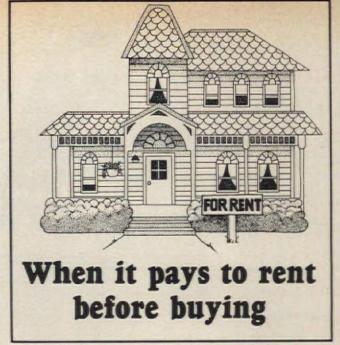
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By Mel Mandell

ne evening this past spring, Irene Adams returned from work to the home she rents in a northern New Jersey suburb to discover that all the beautiful lilacs were missing from her garden. The lilac snatcher, it developed, was Mrs. Adams' landlord. This incident illustrates just one of the many problems associated with renting a home—the landlord often doesn't let you forget he is still the owner.

Who rents houses? Basically, there are two main groups: tenants planning eventually to buy the house, and tenants who truly are just interested in renting.

There are certain obvious advantages to renting with an option to buy. You can really get to know the positive and negative aspects of the house and its surrounding area—the neighbors, schools, shopping facilities—on a first-hand, day-to-day basis. If you're thinking of changing jobs or expect to be transferred, consider renting: What you will save on closing costs (should you buy) and real estate fees (should you decide to move) will cover most of a year's rent. Finally, high mortgage interest rates that may keep you from buying today could drop while you are renting, and you'll be in a position to buy. Conversely, if they don't go down, you won't be saddled with more house than you can handle.

Professional help is essential after you have found the home you want: a building inspector to check the condition of the house, particularly the structure and ventilation system, and a real estate lawyer. While the landlord's lawyer usually draws up the lease, a lawyer should review it on your behalf. (A title search can be delayed until and unless actual transfer of ownership is decided upon.)

Landscaping should be covered in detail in your lease (remember Mrs. Adams). Where gardening costs represent a sizable investment, some landlords arrange for care and upkeep themselves, incorporating the gardener's fees as something extra in each month's rent. There is, however, the risk that your landlord's choice of gardener will not meet your own standards and you will feel that you have to supplement his efforts.

If the landlord is charged with contracting for services, then *he* is the one who must be concerned with possible cases of workmen's compensation if a repairman is injured on the job. Since courts tend to favor the workman, it makes sense for the person responsible to carry liability insurance in case an injury ever occurs. In addition, a tenant should maintain policies covering fire and other damage to possessions, as well as general liability.

The proximity of the landlord often etermines who is responsible for land-caping and repairs. If he is close by, it is no big problem for him to arrange or services. If he has moved far away, he tenant must deal directly with reair services. Some landlords will pay nly for repairs that exceed a fixed minimum, say \$30. A tenant can let ainor repair jobs accumulate, if it's ot inconvenient, until they add up to nough work to attract a repairman. It this point, the bill is usually well ver \$30, and the difference can be narged to the landlord.

"Set the price beforehand" is sound dvice if you plan to buy the house you ent. But inflation may make it difficult negotiate a price a landlord will conder fair two or three years later. Ome real estate lawyers try to negotate a flexible selling price, one that in rise in proportion to the consumer rice index.

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Another advantage to renting before sying is elimination of a broker's fee now a hefty 7 percent paid when e house is finally sold—even if landerd and tenant were brought together itially by a broker. If the rental reement actually includes an option buy, you can still eliminate the oker's fee on grounds that the sale is sed on the tenant's occupancy, not broker's initial efforts.

On the other hand, if you decide not buy the home you rent, make sure ur lease includes a provision giving u primacy with respect to possible e of the house. You don't want the w owner to have the right to evict u. An option to extend your lease is they desirable if you don't plan to y, and should be part of any negotion with the landlord.

Storage of your landlord's possesns in the house or garage may be a ndition of the rental. Make sure he ves you enough room to store your ctive possessions and the lease clearmakes him responsible for his leftninds. (His insurance policy should yer them.)

Make sure, too, that your lease clearstates that the landlord shall be rensible for removing all unwanted unclaimed items before you move as well. Otherwise, you will have to it the expense or burden of carting m away.

Check the storm windows and eens. In these days of high heating ts, which are usually borne by the ant, you will need a complete set of d storm windows and doors.

If new storm windows are required, make sure the landlord buys them before you move in, or includes some provision for recompense in the lease in case you have to purchase them. Insulation should also be checked. Experts have just raised their recommendations from a 6-inch to a 9-inch-thick layer of fiber-glass or rock-wool insulation in the attic for northern states. But as insulation isn't effective if wet, check the roof for watertightness.

Exterior painting is usually the landlord's responsibility; maintaining the interior is up to the tenant. If you plan to occupy the dwelling for only a year or two, you won't want to foot a big bill for painting, so inspect the house thoroughly. Check behind paintings, mirrors and draperies, even if walls look properly painted, to determine if only repainting is required. Make your inspection during the day, hopefully a sunny one, so you can see everything clearly. Be suspicious of a freshly painted ceiling in a room whose walls have obviously not been repainted recently. This could indicate possible water damage.

Finally, be aware that even if the dwelling is inspected in broad day-light—by you or a hired professional—chances are, some defect may be overlooked. Question the neighbors; reports of deficiencies travel across fences. And if the house is still occupied while you are looking at it, talk at length with the present tenants.

If you or your children own any pets, be sure the lease gives you permission to keep them. However, the landlord may insist that you agree to take care of any and all damage done by the animals.

The landlord is also likely to insist that any increases in his property taxes be passed on to tenants. Unfortunately, tenants are not eligible for property tax credits on their income-tax returns. (Since tenants usually pay the water bills directly, any increases in the charges for water are therefore assumed directly.)

Despite the most rigorous of inspections and investigations, some problem is almost certain to arise at some point when you live in someone else's home. After all, no house is perfect. That's why it is important to make sure all contingencies are covered in the lease.

A savvy real estate lawyer may charge as much as \$150 to review a lease; that is one charge you shouldn't avoid.



Mr. Mandell, a freelance contributor, has written a number of books including Being Safe (Warner Paperback) and The Handbook of Business and Industrial Security (Prentice-Hall).



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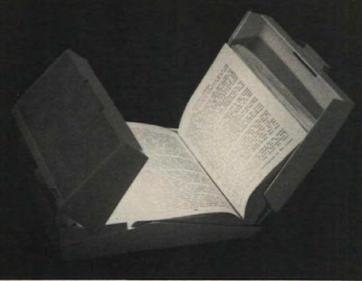
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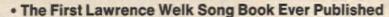
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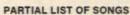
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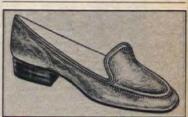


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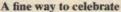
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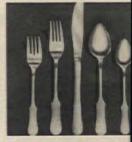
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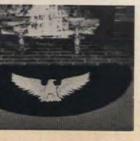












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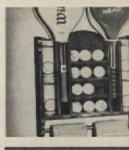
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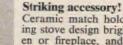






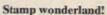
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My bathroom can be seen from my front hall, and the door seemed to be



open all the time. I finally decided to put something in it that would be attractive to look at. Now I leave the door open on purpose, and my guests invariably notice the quilt curtain at once. "What is that?" they say at first. Then, inevitably, I am asked, "Would you make one for me?" My answer, in case you're wondering, is: "Never again!" My curtain involved four-anda-half months of quilting, but I do love it and feel others might like the idea.

Audrev Reed New Brunswick, N.J.

We like it, we like it!

# NO "MESSAGES" HERE

I've just ordered a subscription to AH. It's the first time I've spent money on a magazine in 15 years. Let me explain: I used to read the "biggies" (you know the ones I mean), but they had become so out of touch, so full of "messages" and zeal for reform, so far-out and one-sided-so removed from the mainstream of average American life-that I canceled my subscriptions to every one of them. Now when I glance at one in a doctor's office, I see how wise I was, because they seem even more far-out today.

But I happened to pick up a copy of your magazine at my son's music studio and was very favorably impressed. Soon I found myself looking forward to reading each month's issue. So my subscription to your most sensible and useful magazine is not given lightly. Thank you for not trying to mold me into the ideal "Renaissance-liberal" woman. Thanks for no "messages" except for the subjects at hand. Thanks for showing decorating tips that can

actually be carried out and not cost ar arm and a leg. Stay as nice as you are (Mrs.) Geraldine Lamboley Tampa, Fla

#### HOUSE PLAN SUCCESS

I think you might enjoy knowing that I built one of the houses featured in AH back in October '60-from the story about architect Royal Barry Wills The gambrel-root house was finished in 1964 and looks as though it has been here 200 years—a lovely design.

I should have written long ago and thanked you for that issue. Maybe isn't too late.

> Mrs. Charles Smith Charleston, N.H.

It's not late at all. Thank you fo sharing your enthusiasm and satisfac tion with us. We are always pleased to hear from readers who have used ou ideas, plans and patterns and are nov enjoying the fruits of their hard worl and enterprise. A catalog of 52 best selling American Home house plan is available for 75 cents.

#### ROSEMALING OBSERVED

I was just enchanted with your June rosemaling cover and the story, pat terns and book about this ancient Nor wegian art. Since July '75 marked th 150th anniversary of the Norsemen' arrival in the United States, your tim ing was excellent. Of course, the Vik ings first got here a thousand year ago, settling a whole village on ou eastern shores, so the Norsemen wh came in 1825 were really late arrivals Mrs. L.A. Hanle

Fort Worth, Tex

We appreciate your sharing a bit of history with us. The response to ou rosemaling story and patterns was over whelming. We're glad you liked them

#### KUDOS FOR SERVICE

The June '75 issue of AH was on of the finest, most informative maga zines I have ever read. When my moth er's subscription runs out, you can b sure I'll start one of my own.

Virginia H. Knauer's "Straight Talk story explained in simple language how to shop for an air conditione Mine rates 4.7 on the EER scaleonly I'd had that article when I put chased it! The fold-down table in you "Guide to a More Livable Kitchen" a great idea-as a draftsman I can ap preciate it. I myself have designed fold-down drawing table that looks lik a mirror-dresser and has a photo di play on the front.

H. Schachtschneide Edgerton, Wise

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