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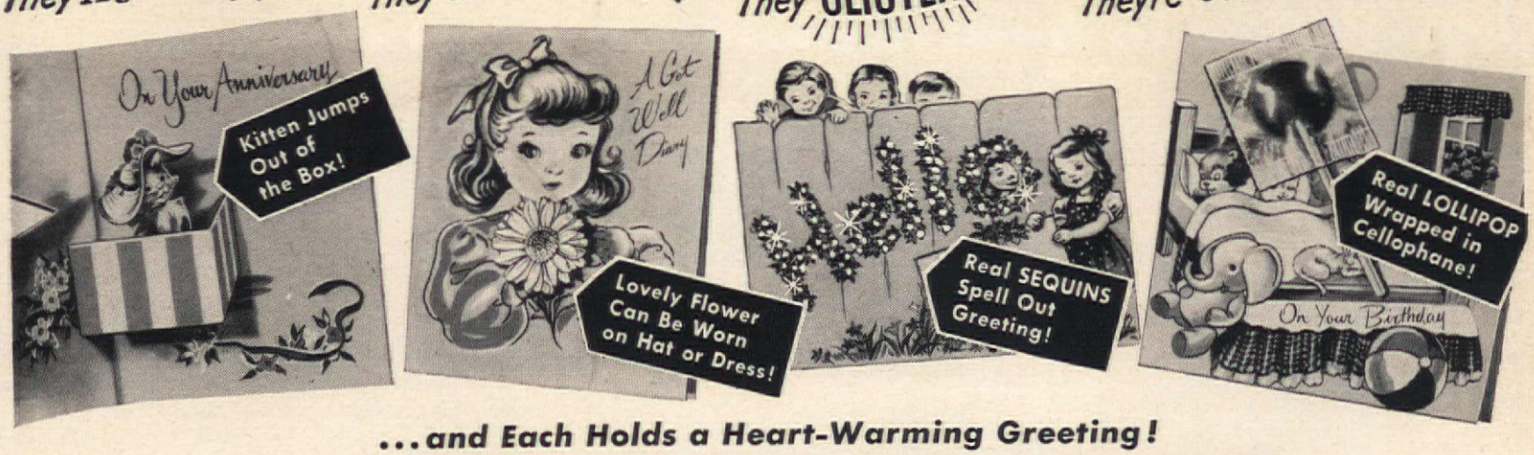

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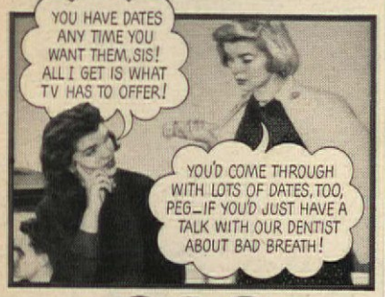

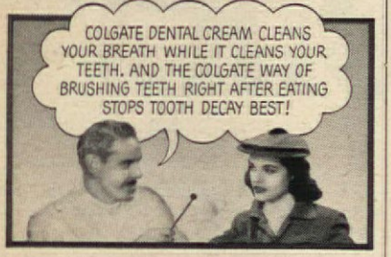

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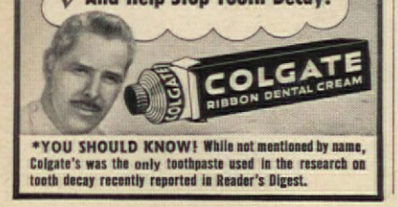

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Contributors

. . . **ROBERTA M. KOLL** whose bright young apartment in a grand old house is the subject of our lead article, is a Chicago decorator born on the North Shore, where she now lives. She studied art at the University of Illinois, then opened a "different" gift shop. Decorating was a hobby at first. Now a professional decorator, she is designing furniture, fabrics, wallpaper, and the like on the side—and she finds that the demands of such assignments can be most exciting.

. . . **GERARD R. COLCORD,** Los Angeles architect (page 34), trained at the University of Southern California and the Paris École des Beaux Arts. Nearly a score of his houses, scattered from Texas to Spokane, have been shown on the covers of national magazines—on our cover this month is the one he designed for the M. Thorners. ("Mrs. Thorner knew what she wanted. I just helped," says he.) His clients include such stars as Alan Ladd, Gene Tierney, and Bill Boyd.

. . . **MARGARET M. CAMPBELL,** collector of Minerva glass (page 42), feels William Cowper's description fits her: "No wild enthusiast ever yet could rest till half mankind were like himself posses'd." Her family is in on the act: Husband George, engineer for Bethlehem Steel, lends a hand; son Michael, 19, drives her over the countryside in search of Minerva; son Paul, 17, helps; daughter Mary Margaret, 10, has her own collection of child-size antique glass and china.

. . . **J. LLOYD BERRALL** designed the house on page 50 for his own use, and keeps his hand in that garden. A graduate of Harvard College, he took his M.A. at Harvard's School of Architecture, and has practiced architecture in Montclair, N. J., since 1934. Most of his work has been in the design of homes and garden apartments, but he was Montclair's town planner for three years. During the war, he worked on camouflage projects. His hobbies—painting and singing.

. . . **JULIA S. BERRALL,** wife of J. Lloyd (above), is "mother" of the garden on page 50—and of Jim and Pete Berrall who cut its grass. After Vassar, she spent eight years in museum work, and her training in art is evident in the way she has planned the garden's handsome color scheme. She has lectured extensively on flower arranging and related subjects, and is author of *Flowers and Table Settings,* recently published by Studio-Crowell. Her hobby—good music.

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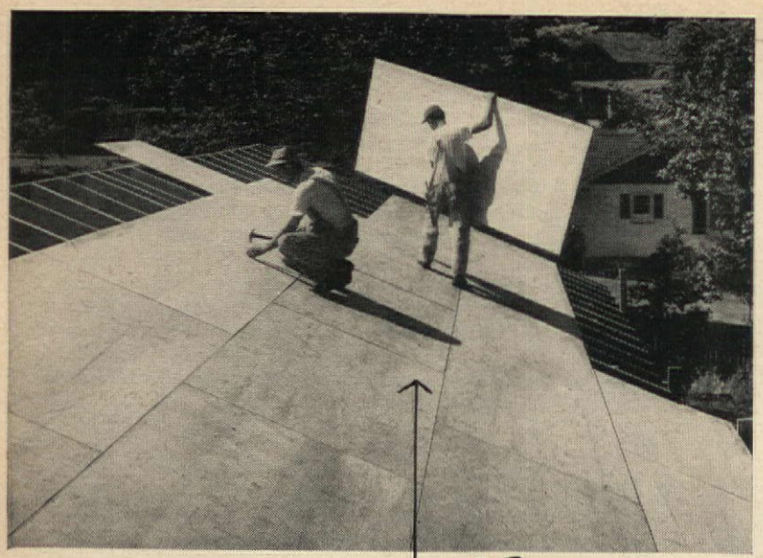

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ONE MAN'S MEAT

Dear Editor:

Being strictly an Old Colonial homeowner and dyed-in-the-wool New Englander—your magazine has had too many modern-type designs in homes. Where are those huge closets people always look for—but never get?—MRS. S. RICHARD STRAND

Gentlemen:

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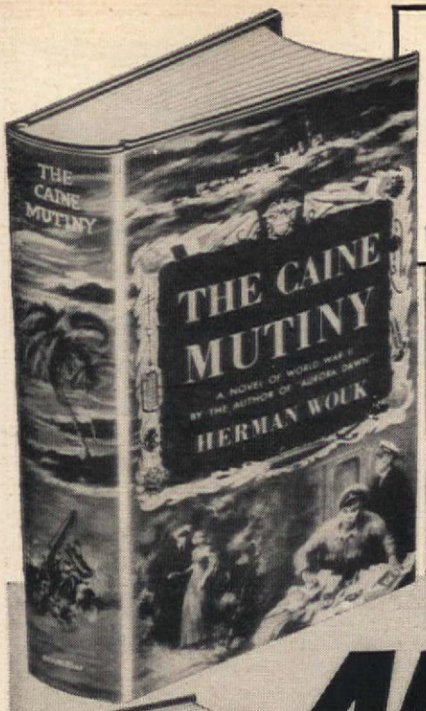

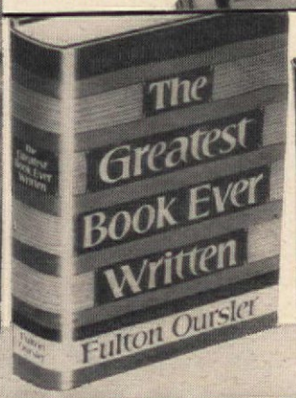

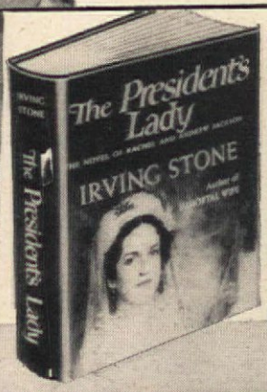

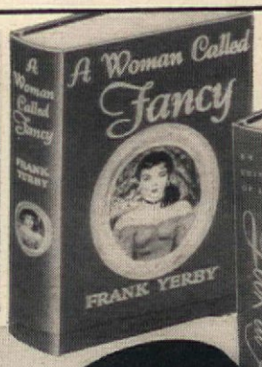

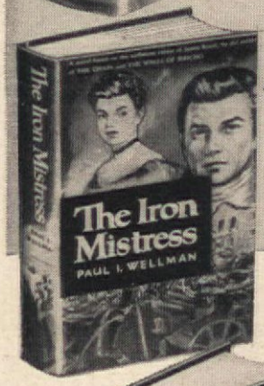

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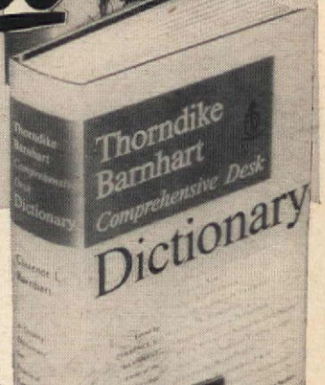

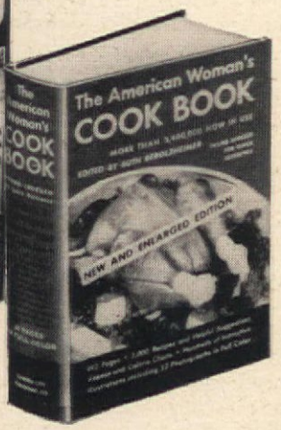

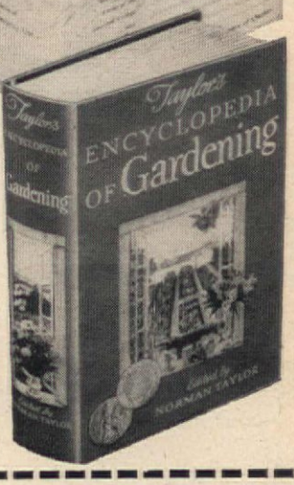

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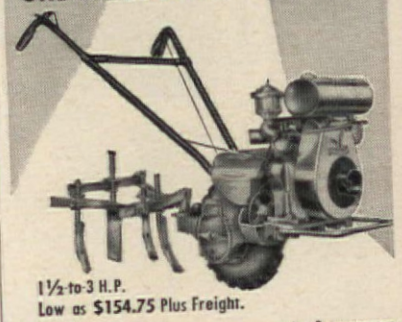

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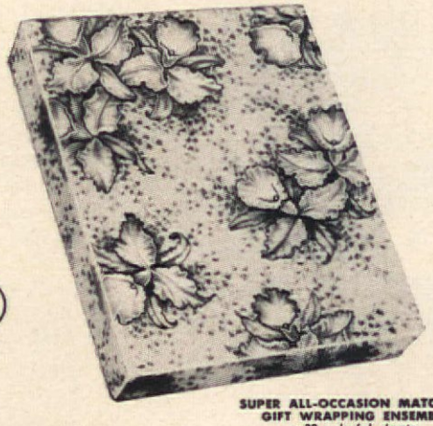

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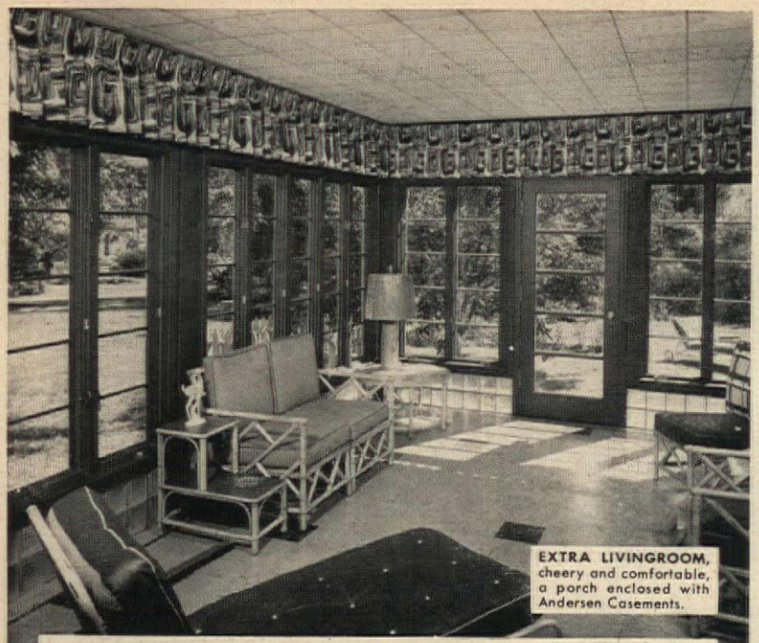

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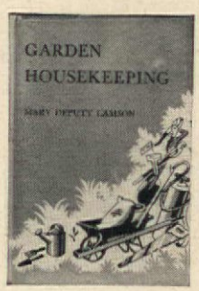

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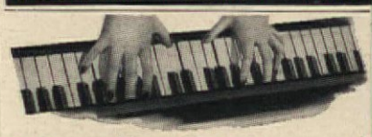

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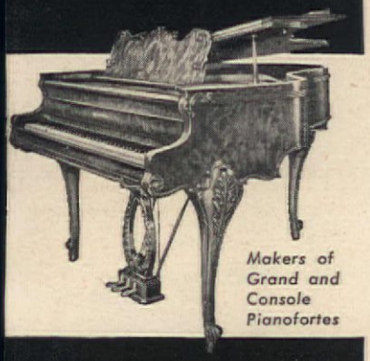

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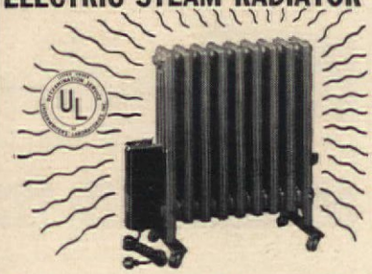

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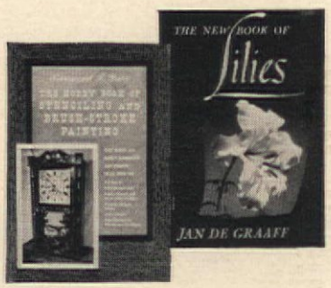

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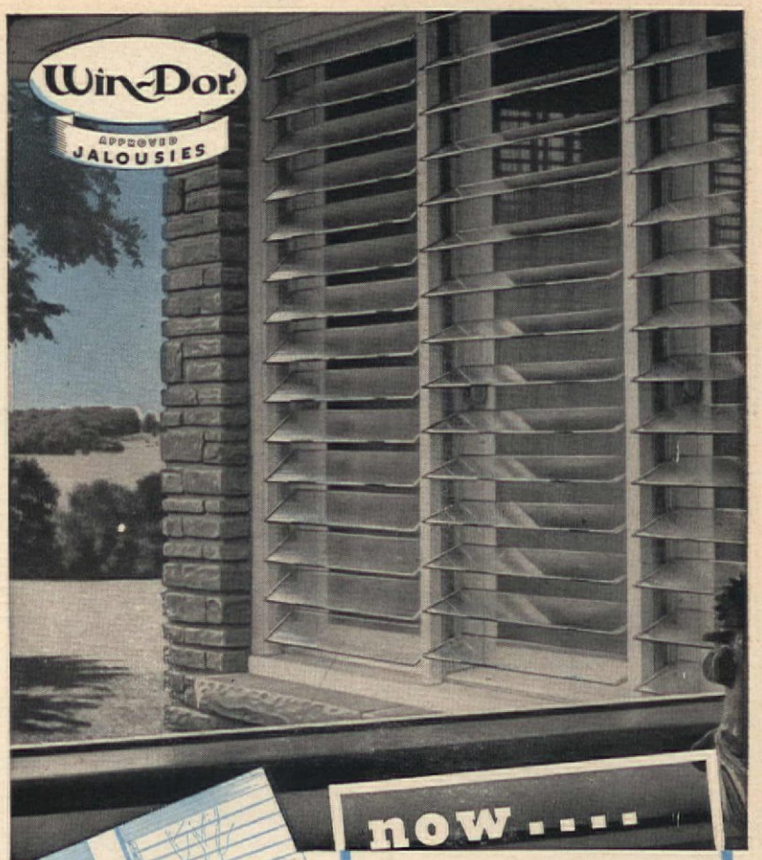

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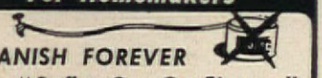

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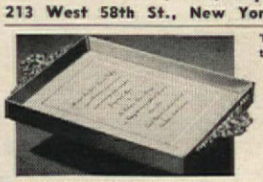

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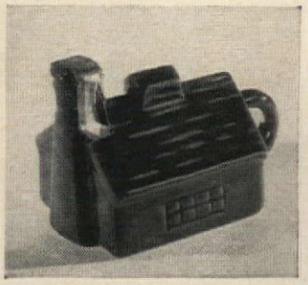

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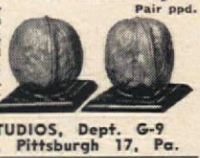

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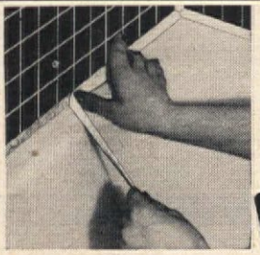

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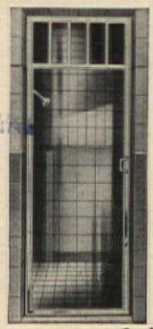

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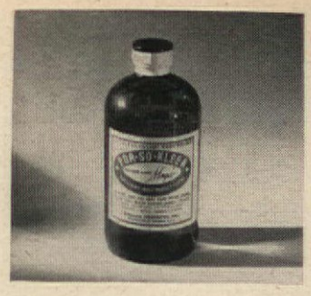

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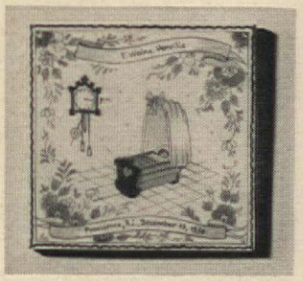

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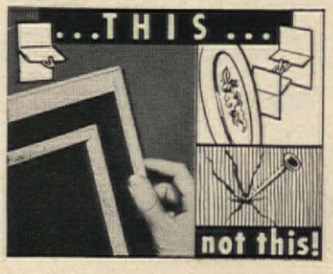

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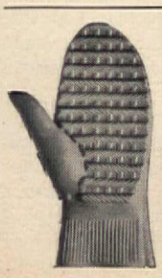

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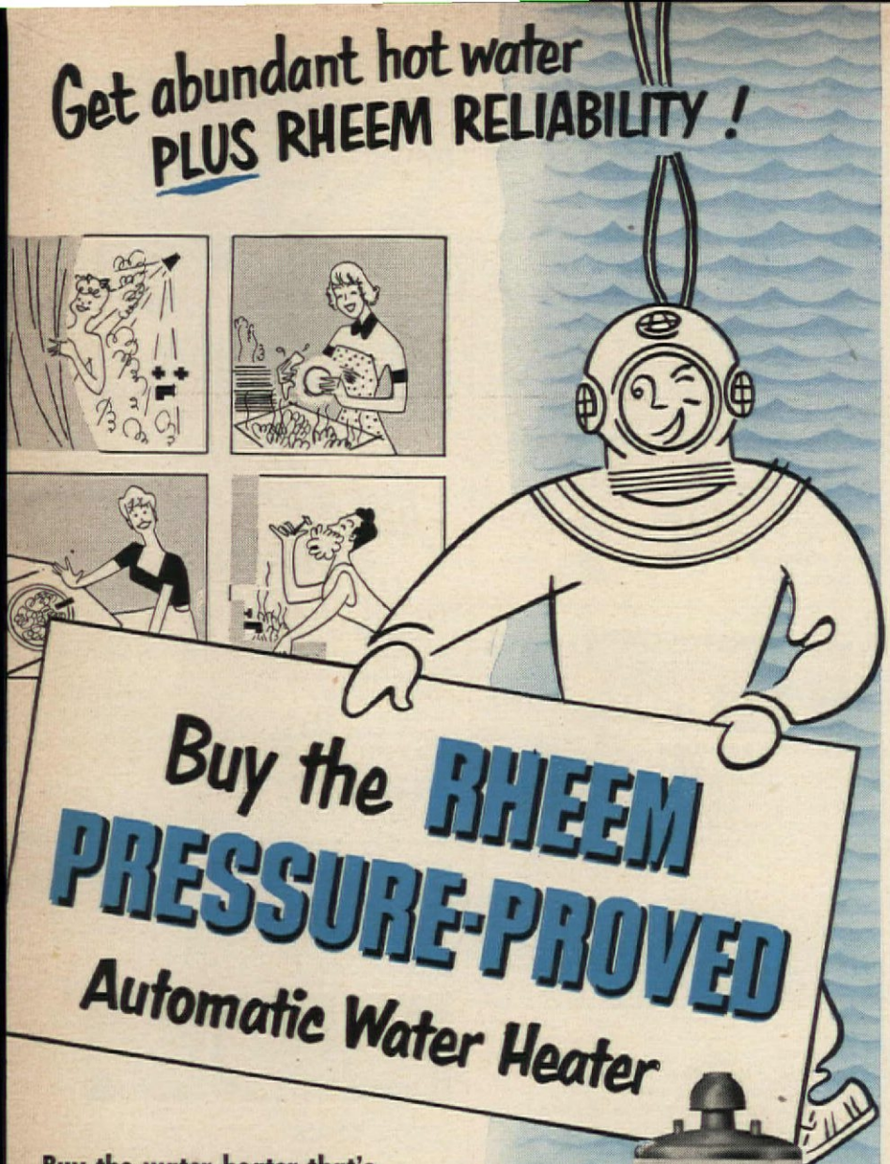

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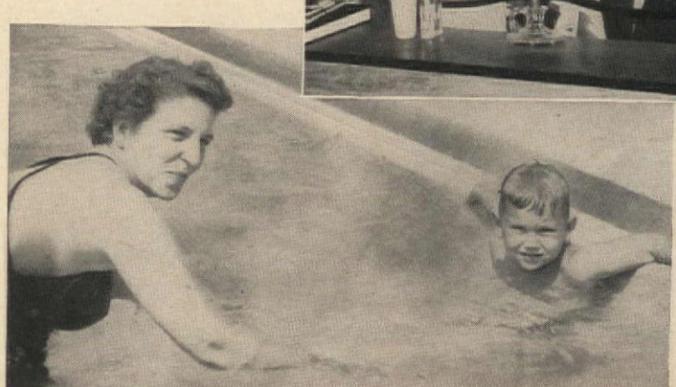

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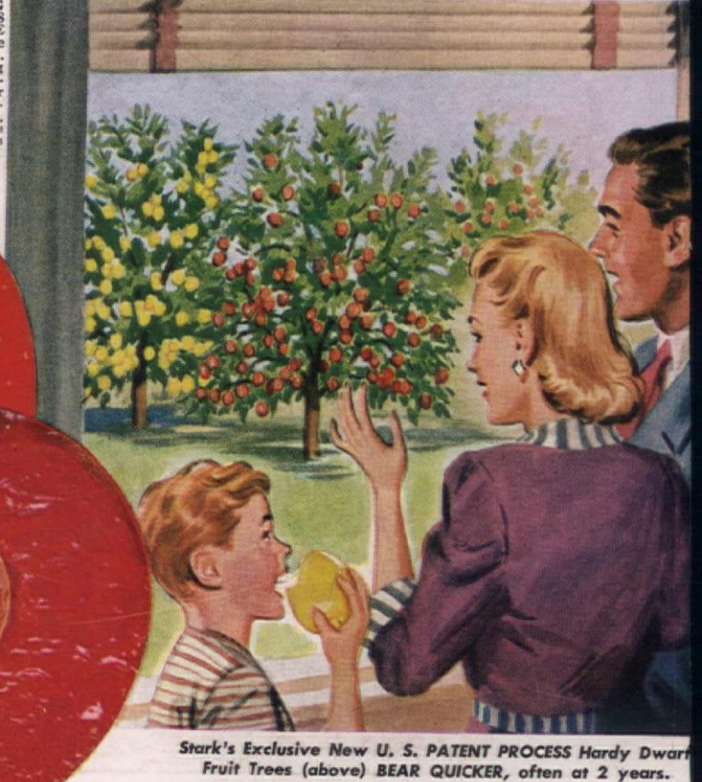

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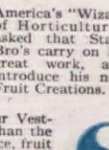

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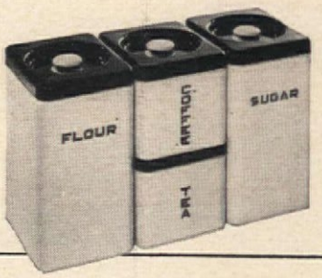

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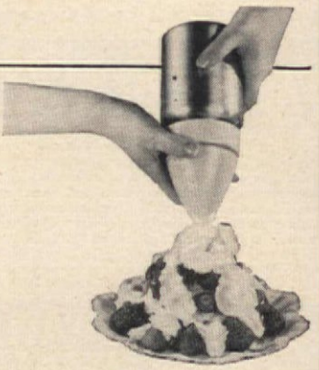

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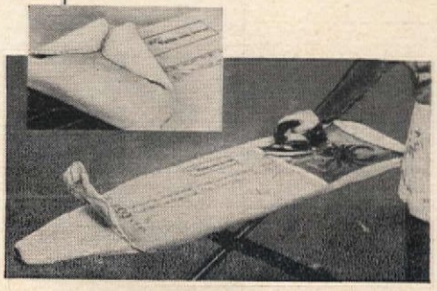

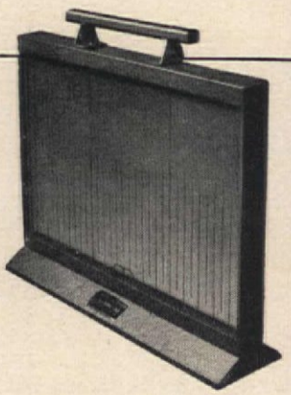

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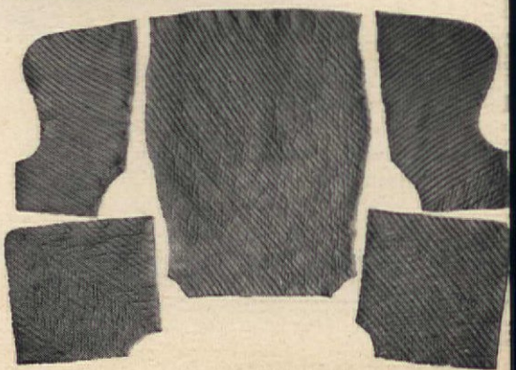
Quilting (Begins on page 48)

Here are directions for making the chair back on page 48. Technique applies to any machine quilting. Make paper pattern of each chair section, or use the old covering if you're reupholstering. To allow for quilting, cut new fabric 1½–3 in. wider than pattern, all around

Cut cotton batting and thin muslin lining (such as batiste) same size as outer covering pieces. Pin outer fabric, cotton batting, and lining together, placing pins a few inches apart. To guide your first row of machine stitching, make one diagonal row of pins

Sew on lining side. Use quilting guide attachment. Sew first row along row of pins. Avoid bunching by reversing direction of alternate rows: if first row is stitched from upper right to lower left, stitch next row from lower left to upper right

Keep reversing direction for each succeeding row. To make lines parallel to each other, use quilting guide correctly: before starting a new line, place guide in line just sewn —keep it there as you stitch



After quilting chair back, trim pieces to fit. This is a close diagonal quilting. For diamond quilting (spread, page 49), stitch diagonal rows further apart, then repeat process in opposite direction

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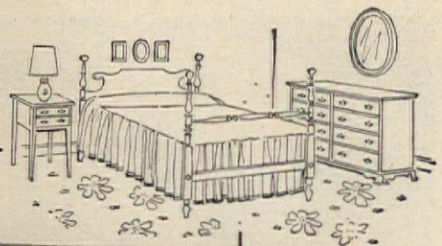

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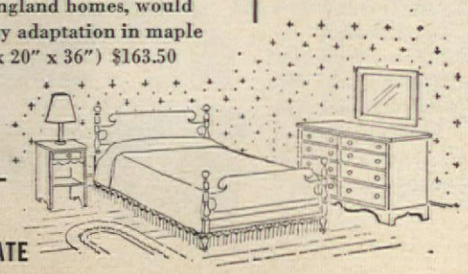

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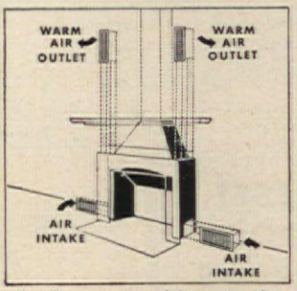

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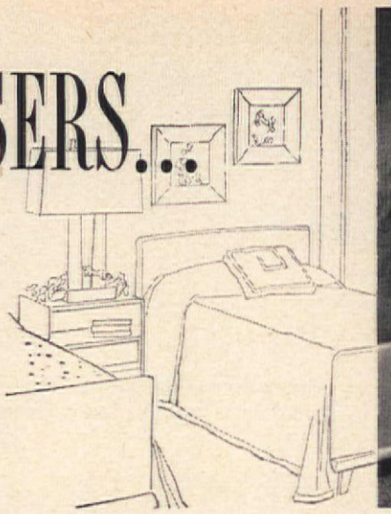

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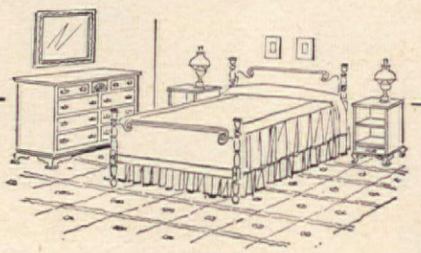

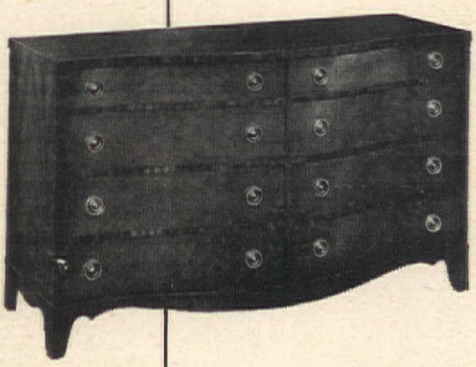

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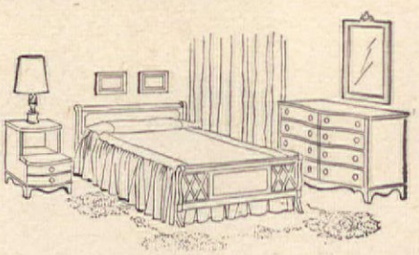

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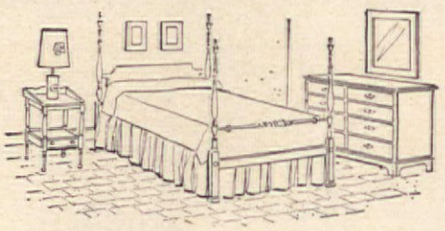

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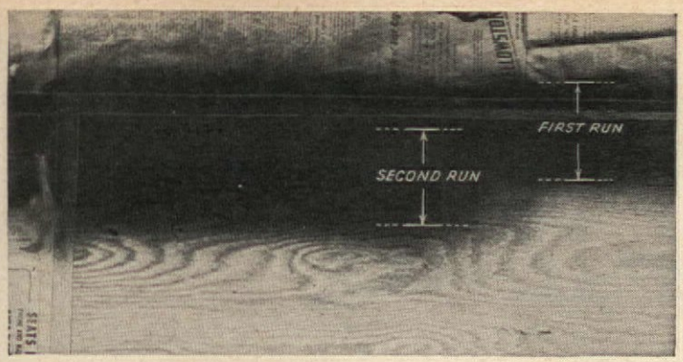
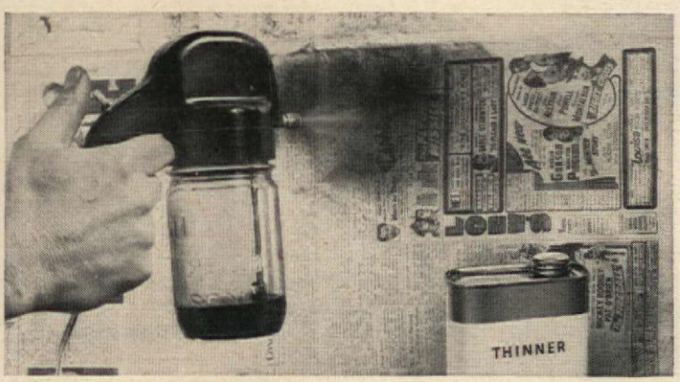
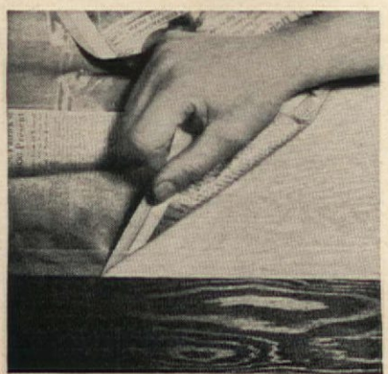


The first run of the spray overlaps the masking paper. Succeeding runs will overlap the previous ones

Bird's-eye view from above. With both flat and curved surfaces, keep the spray axis at right angles to the point of impact, keep the gun horizontal and an even distance from the surface, and move it at a uniform speed to desposit an even spray, without floods or misses. The distance and speed of moving the gun varies with the paint texture and the spray-gun tip. Experiment a bit before doing each job



After each job, empty and clean the container. Then, with the container ¼ full of thinner, spray old newspaper until only thinner comes out. If tip becomes clogged, soak it in thinner and then spray thinner through it. Bad clogging may require overnight soaking in thinner. Never probe tip with a wire



Usually at least two or three coats are needed. When the last coat is completely dry, pull the tape away at a sharp angle, doubled back on the mask to insure a clean edge. Tape will break away and not pull off the newly sprayed area

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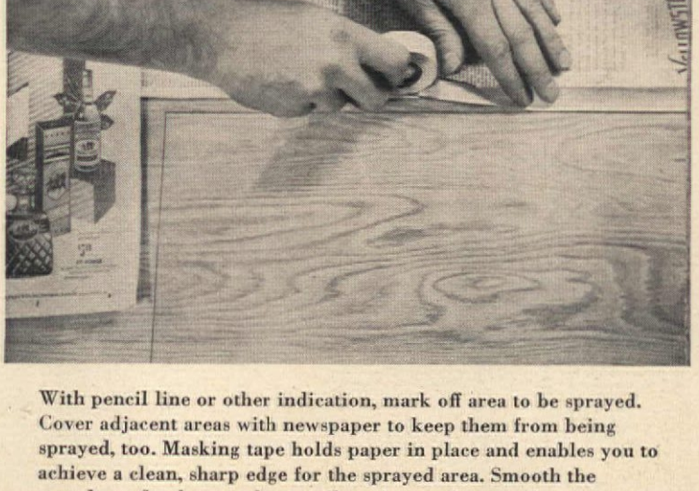
Be sure to strain out all dirt or paint skins to insure a smooth result and prevent clogging of the spray nozzle. The principal faults to avoid are: floods of too much paint with the resulting runs; too little paint; spots missed completely.



With pencil line or other indication, mark off area to be sprayed. Cover adjacent areas with newspaper to keep them from being sprayed, too. Masking tape holds paper in place and enables you to achieve a clean, sharp edge for the sprayed area. Smooth the tape down firmly over the pencil mark to make sure that none of the paint creeps under the mask to make the edge ragged and messy

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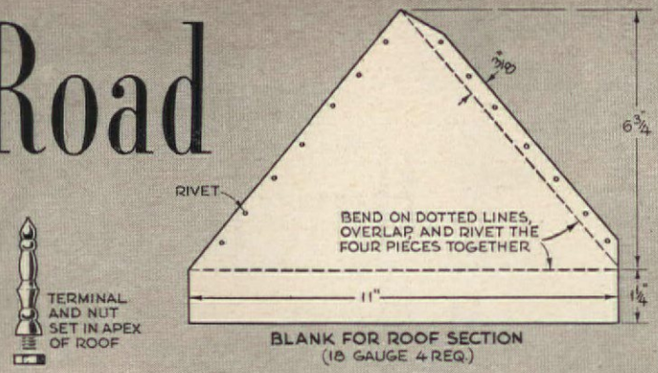

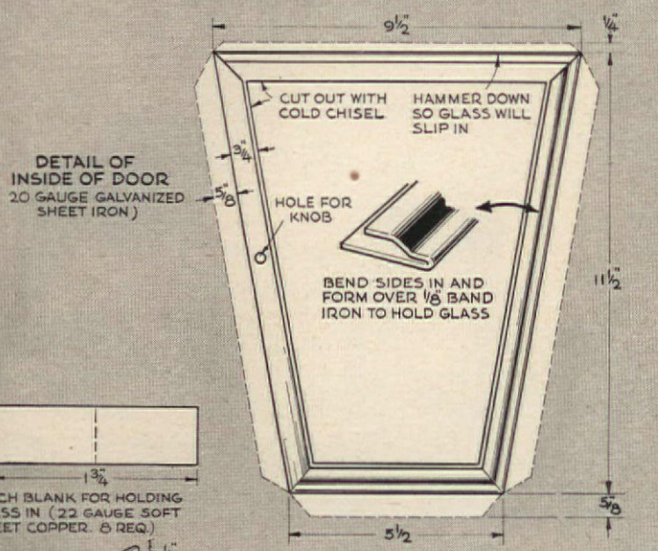

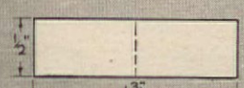

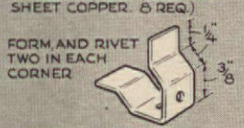

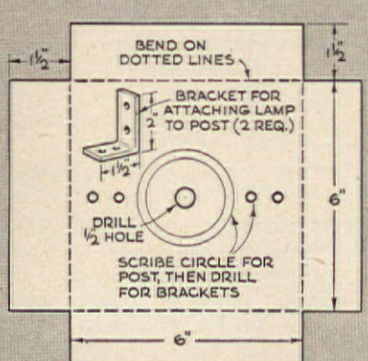

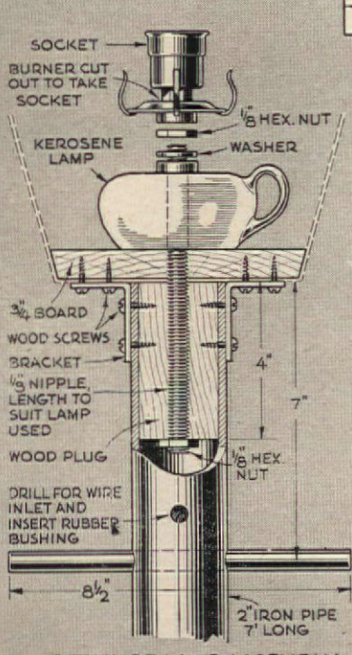

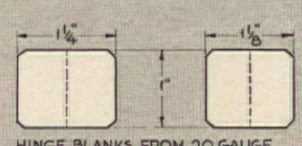

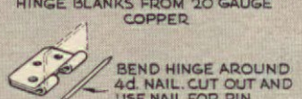

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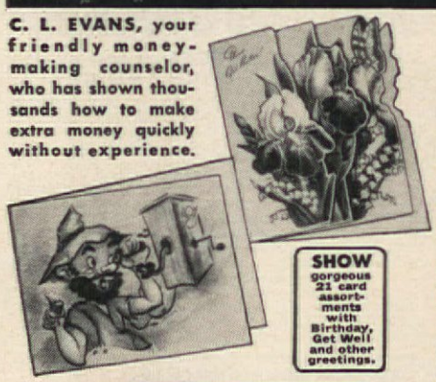

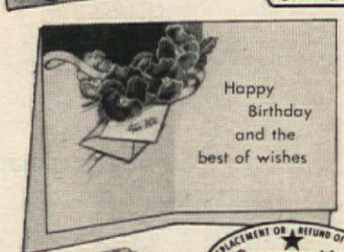

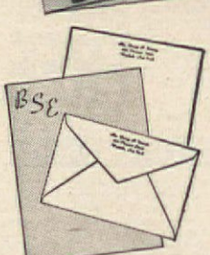

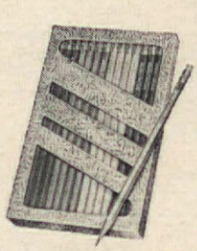

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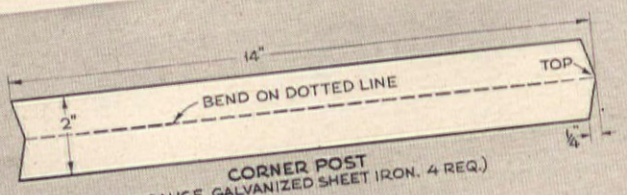

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Old People's Home

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Now get one thing straight, young man. For 40 weeks out of the year Mom and I will be alone. So we want this first-floor apartment a thing in itself, divorced from the rest of the house. Insulate the ceiling and heat just the two rooms and bath.

Now, let's go downstairs. The basement room we visualize is not an integral part of the "apartment" I've just described. So we won't clutter up the apartment with stairways. The basement can be reached from the garage which is attached to the house.

Down you go. We want to build our house on a slope so we can have deep windows on one side to make the basement light and cheerful. Here's where the clan will gather. The Christmas tree will stand in that corner, and the kids can raise rumpus here!

The overhead joists will be exposed and stained. The floor will be asphalt tile. That door at the end leads to the heater room, laundry, and the storeroom. We'd like to hear your ideas about low-cost heating. Remember that we want only to heat the main-floor apartment. The return flow should take the chill off the basement, and we can use auxiliary heaters here and in the upstairs dormitory.

Now let's go up to the space under the roof. Here is where we may have some argument from you. This is to be one great big room, reaching from one end of the house to the other—over the garage and all. Mom and I call it the "summer cottage." Really, it will be a dormitory with built-in bunks—enough of them to sleep 20. We don't plan an upstairs bath—but "his" and "hers" dressing rooms, each with washbowl and toilet which can be drained in cold weather.

This room won't be heated by the furnace, but will have a chimney outlet so we can install an oil space heater. We can't afford costly finishing with lath, plaster, woodwork and concealed wiring up here. Just use wallboard, and maybe I'll do the work myself if you advise about materials.

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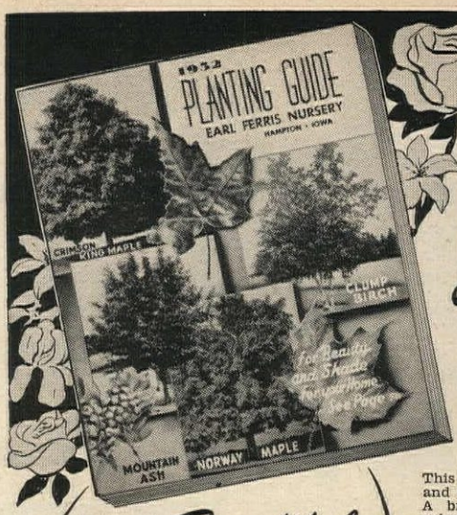

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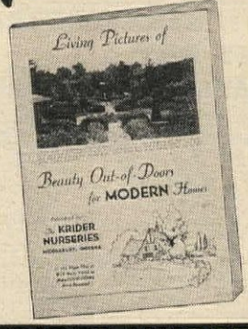

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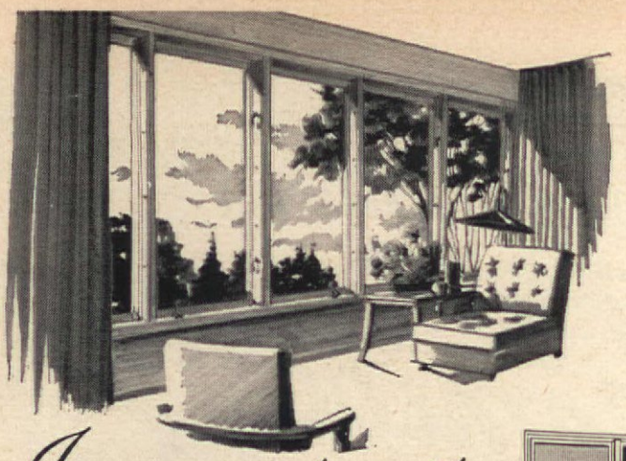

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Combine Colors

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red, but no orange; that was, in part, the reason for my decision.

Yellow, it seems to me from my observation of landscape effects, should be used sparingly, especially bright, dandelion yellow. I use, instead, the cream-yellows, or pale lemon. Alyssum saxatile citrinum is much softer in effect than the commoner "Basket-of-Gold" variety. For the same reason, many cream and white varieties enhance my spring drifts of daffodils.

It is largely true that different colored flowers of the same species are always harmonious. Very few roses are discordant, especially outdoors, with plenty of green around them. Practically all sweet peas like one another. But be careful with chrysanthemums—some kinds just will not mix. So I divide them into two groups. The yellows and bronze-reds I plant among my primary color flowers. (By fall, the poppies and geums are out of bloom so cannot quarrel with the mums.) The pinks, whites, lavenders, and maroon-reds of the other group I use among my pastel plantings.

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I plan for much white at all seasons. White flowers are fine for cutting and brighten the garden, especially at night. I have heard of an "all-white garden," but I don't think it would be exciting enough for me. I once saw an "all-blue" garden (which, in fact, extended into lavender and purple) with winter-blooming heather, crocuses, and scillas followed by verbenas and heliotropes. It was very cool looking and quite formal.

Pastels are lovely combined, either the pinks, blues, and lavenders alone, or with the addition of some delicate yellow. But to me, their interest is heightened by the introduction of a little rich red, or a dash of purple.

Colors in different lights have different values. Pink, salmon, and orange take on a glow at sunset. The slanting rays of the late autumn sun light up bronze reds and gold tones to a more glorious blaze than does the more direct light of midsummer. So consider flower colors with that in mind, too. Ask yourself, "When do I most use and enjoy my garden? At what time of the day and year?"

And always, after taking such factors into consideration, be bold in spreading color about your grounds. If you do make a mistake, the next season gives you a chance to rectify it. Whatever you really like will express *you*—and that, after all, is the purpose of all creative effort.

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When I first approached flower gardening with serious intentions, a friend whose experience I respected and whose results I admired, told me that she avoided reds in her color effects since that was the color which caused most clashes. I was reluctant to accept her dictum because I like red. A red rose is romantic, a red poppy dramatic, a clump of red phlox cheerfulness itself. Since then, I have found that the pure reds and the bluish ones, as found in carnations, peonies, most roses, and tulips, can be combined successfully with pastel colors, while brilliant orange and the bronzy reds belong with the gold and rust tones. Learning this, I didn't give up red. I merely used it cautiously.

In the yard of a small city lot it might seem impossible to have more than one color scheme; but actually this depends upon the arrangement. In interior decorating, inharmonious tones cannot be used in the same room, but there is nothing to prevent the use of, for instance, wine in one room and orange or rust in another not adjoining. Similarly, even in a small garden, two or more pictures can be created if there are areas that cannot be seen from the same point. I solved such a problem as the result of developing an unusual color scheme. In trying various flowers new to me, but whose catalogue descriptions sounded interesting, I came on Salvia patens. I didn't know how to winter it and lost my first plants, but I kept at it, for it offers the purest blue I have ever seen in a flower. I inadvertently placed it near a golden alyssum and a bright red carnation, and the three, seen from my kitchen, reminded me of the three primary colors in my childhood paint box. This border, on a slope beside the garage, gradually settled into a blue and yellow scheme, with delphiniums and daylilies for its backbone, and other, lower-growing seasonal fillers, like the Salvia.

On the other side of the lawn, against the house, was a narrower bed with a pink climbing rose as its main feature. Below the rose I had foolishly planted some oriental poppies of a most vivid red shade. I loved them, too, but they simply swore at the rose, so I decided I would have to throw them out. Then suddenly I remembered my little paint-box picture. Why not, I thought, make a whole flower bed with that "three primary colors" scheme?

Before long I had moved the red poppies over with the delphiniums and daylilies, and added here and there some clumps of scarlet geum. Then I filled in under and in front of the rose with canterbury-bells and some pink and soft red English daisies. My bed of primary colors cannot be seen from the same direction from which we view the pink-rose-lavender one against the side of the house, so it does not disturb color-sensitive eyes. And the same thing applies in reverse.

In choosing my materials, I have found that I must forego some color, so I have given up orange. Although I gaze yearningly at the wonderful calendulas, marigolds, and other orange-colored beauties listed in the seed catalogues, I have come to realize that, if I must have reds, those others I must eschew. In the average city-lot garden, there is usually no room for a separate cutting garden, so a wise choice of colors includes those which harmonize not only with one another, but also with the color scheme in the home. Inside my house, for instance, I can use

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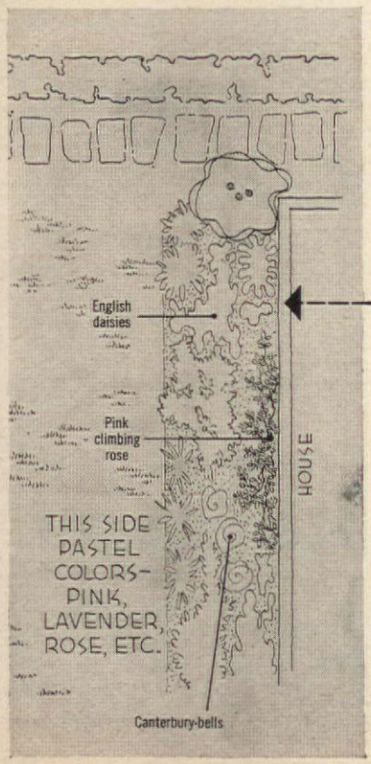

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BLUE, LAVENDER	Season	Hgt.
Aconitum napellus	Sum.	24"
Amsonia tabernaemontana	Spg.	36"
Caryopteris incana	Fall	36"
Echinops ritro	Sum.	36"
Mertensia virginica	Spg.	18"
Eupatorium coelestinum	Fall	18"
PINK, ROSE		
Chrysanthemum (Dec.)	Fall	36"
Coronilla varia	Sum.	6"
Daphne cneorum	Spg.	12"
Phlox subulata	Spg.	6"
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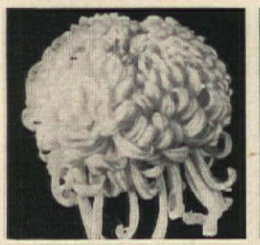

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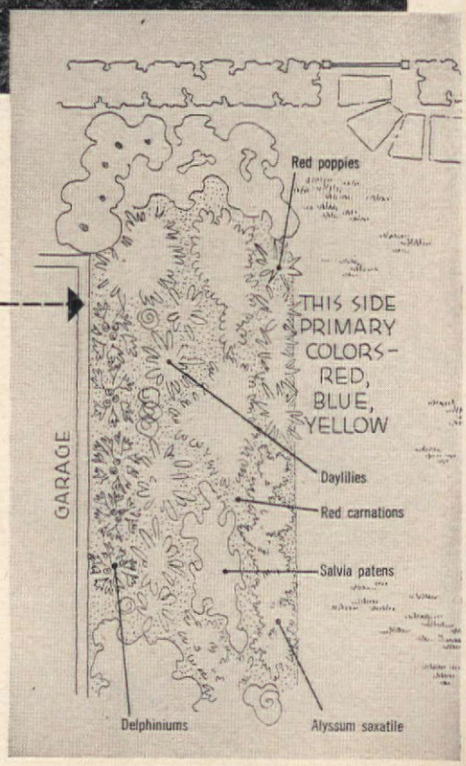
A few perennials for primary color effects

		Season	Height
BLUE	Anchusa italica Dropmore	Sum.	36"
	Ceratostigma plumbaginoides	Fall	6"
	Hosta caerulea	Spg.	18"
	Linum perenne	Sum.	18"
	Lobelia syphilitica	Fall	36"
YELLOW	Adonis vernalis	Spg.	10"
	Anthemis tinctoria	Sum.	18"
	Helenium autumnale	Fall	36"
	Marigold Yellow Pigmy	Sum.	12"
	Sedum acre	Sum.	4"
RED	Aquilegia canadensis	Spg.	18"
	Centranthus ruber	Sum.	18"
	Heuchera sanguinea	Sum.	18"
	Lychnis chalcedonica	Sum.	24"
	Lobelia cardinalis	Sum.–F.	24"



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The new annuals pictured on page 44 are two 1952 All-America Seed Selections. Cosmos Klondyke Fiesta received a silver medal and Zinnia Persian Carpet honorable mention, as did Phlox Globe and Petunia Ballerina. In vegetables, gold medals went to Salad Bowl lettuce and Wade snapbean; silver medals to America spinach and Allneck pumpkin; bronze medals to Golden Delight muskmelon and Vinedale pepper (regional), and honorable mention to Stringless Hort bush bean. These novelties will be listed in 1952 catalogues.

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To get the tops level, he made a guide of a 9-ft. piece of 2 x 4 against which, as it rested on two pickets nailed at the right height, the tops of the intervening pickets were held. To make sure every picket was exactly vertical, we held a spirit level alongside it before nailing it with three nails to each rail. The 215 ft. of finished fence, including a 3-ft. gate, cost $173.90, as follows:

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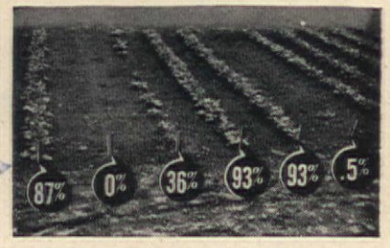
Of course, novelties which for the time being are in limited supply will—and should—cost more than standard, time-tried varieties of which adequate stocks of seed are planned for and (weather permitting) grown every year. An example is the All-America Seed Selections, announced each year after having been tested for two years in a score of trial grounds scattered over the country. Also some varieties of both flowers and vegetables are prima donnas and demand special handling. As a gardener gains experience and skill, he learns to know and appraise these kinds, to appreciate their merits and particular requirements, and to treat them accordingly. Until then, he does well to rely mainly on the standard, proven varieties, buying his seed, we repeat, where top quality can confidently be counted on.

Consider the results of the 1950 trials at the Geneva Station. Some of them (illustrated on pages 44 and 45) show how widely squash may vary even though grown from seed sold in packets bearing the name (and picture) of the true, desired type. B. E. Clark reported in *Farm Research* that 300 samples of vine crop seeds, collected in the open market, were planted in control field trials and the crops grown to maturity and judged critically for conformity to varietal characteristics. "In general, the field performance was very good. Only two lots—less than 1 per cent—were so low in vitality that they failed to produce crops, and only six lots were badly misrepresented as to variety. . . There is still room for improvement, however. For one thing, illus-



In their germination test six lots of asters scored from 93 to 0 per cent

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Picket Line

diet, we parceled out tasks, made this a "family fence," and finished it in a little over a week. Roberta (7) and Susy (4 plus) helped with morning housework so we could rush out and "help Daddy." Painting was my department—mine and my two little assistants!

First, following our plot plan, we strung lines along our exact boundary (to avoid future arguments). An inexpensive "line level" hung on the cords was indispensable here and later when leveling the ground. We set the 4 x 4 cedar posts 8 feet apart because the 2 x 4 rails come in 8- and 16-ft. lengths. But before setting them, we treated their bases with creosote and gave the rest of them two coats of a good outside white paint, thinning the first with linseed oil and turpentine. In fact, we painted all the fence parts before assembling them. This protected rot-vulnerable spots, kept us off our neighbor's land, was easier,

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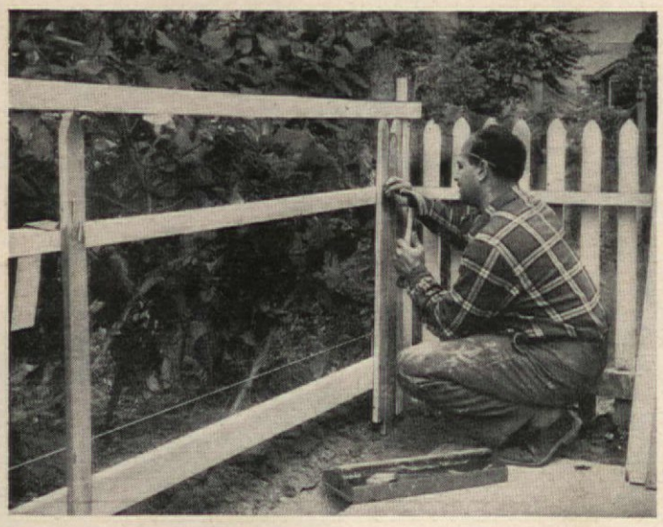
All fence members were painted before being assembled. Picket ends and edges were given two coats before bundles were untied. Next, one side received two coats and the other side one—until pickets were nailed in place. Then second coat covered nail heads, etc.



To align tops of pickets, we let each one touch a 9 ft. 2 x 4 guide frame, one end of which rests on picket last nailed in place, the other end on a picket nailed, temporarily, at proper height 9 ft. away. Loose picket hanging in foreground is "spacer" (see text)

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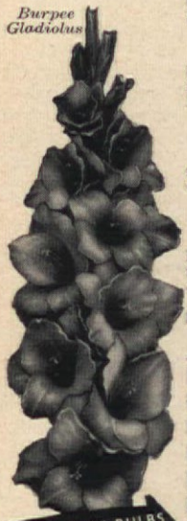

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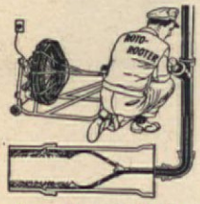

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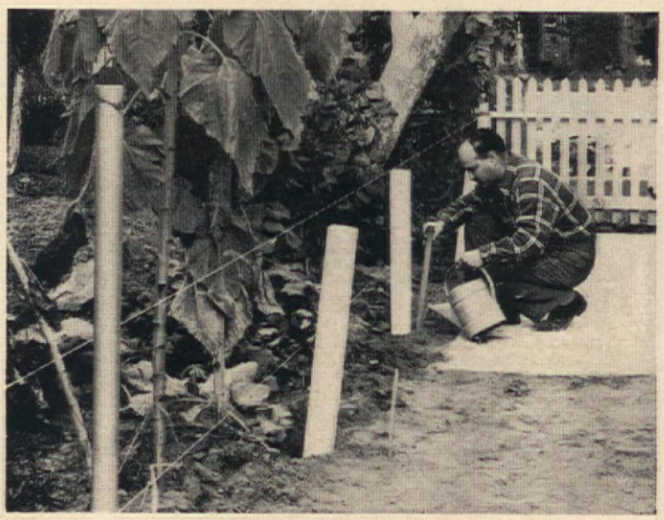
Estimates from fence builders first shocked us, then sunk us into despair. So off we went to local lumber yards, hardware, and paint stores—and we were in business for ourselves. Rudy, my husband, devoted most of his vacation to the project, but as steady work is poor vacation

To rot-proof posts below ground level, we gave the lower 18 inches three coats of creosote, 48 hours apart. This can be applied with a brush (left), or by dipping (right). Deep container was made by soldering together two square gallon cans, one with bottom removed



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Polio Parents

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raphers. One bit of practical therapy has been a psychological masterstroke with polio victims: there is a class in which they have been taught to transcribe Braille. Here the halt really do lead the blind!

The organization doesn't neglect the patient's social adjustment, either. Of course a newly disabled youngster is apt to be shy and beset by a host of complexes. But not if he sees others who have learned how to live in the same boat. Teen-age groups of polios meet regularly, special trips and parties are frequent—and laughter is as spontaneous when they get together as it is with youngsters anywhere. In most cases, once a polio has become adjusted in these groups, he can rejoin his pre-polio friends with a feeling of assurance.

Those patients who are able to do so, attend public schools. Their numbers would be greater if only the schools were provided with a few ramps and easy-to-open doors to serve crutch and wheel-chair cases. Polio Parents has been crusading for such ramps and doors in all schools, because they strongly object to the segregation of disabled youngsters in schools of their own. Once in an ordinary school, a polio child makes his emotional adjustments—he finds his classmates are eager to help.

A newsletter keeps members of the club informed of its activities—and of each other. Some act as reporters or correspondents. Others are assigned to the jobs of stenciling, typing, and mailing the 400 copies which go out.

Membership is not limited to polio victims and their parents. Interested parties—some of them day laborers, some presidents of corporations—have joined. And there is an impressive list of honorary members whose lives polio has touched: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, opera star Marjorie Lawrence, radio's Don McNeill.

Will this organization's activities spread? Its members have reason to hope so. Not long ago, its "Mothers March on Polio" campaign so impressed the National Foundation that a feature-length film was made of it for distribution among the Foundation's 2800 chapters. Other Polio Parents may be inspired.

[NOTE: One of the editors of AMERICAN HOME, herself a polio victim many years ago, showed the manuscript of this article to her mother. Along with tears, it drew solemn thanks that such an organization has somewhat dulled polio's brutal edge. Back in those days, the terror of the first black months, and the doubts of the years that followed, would have been greatly alleviated had there been a National Foundation to provide medical care, and a Polio Parents to bolster the family's—and the patient's—courage.]

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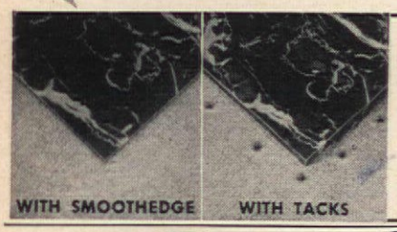

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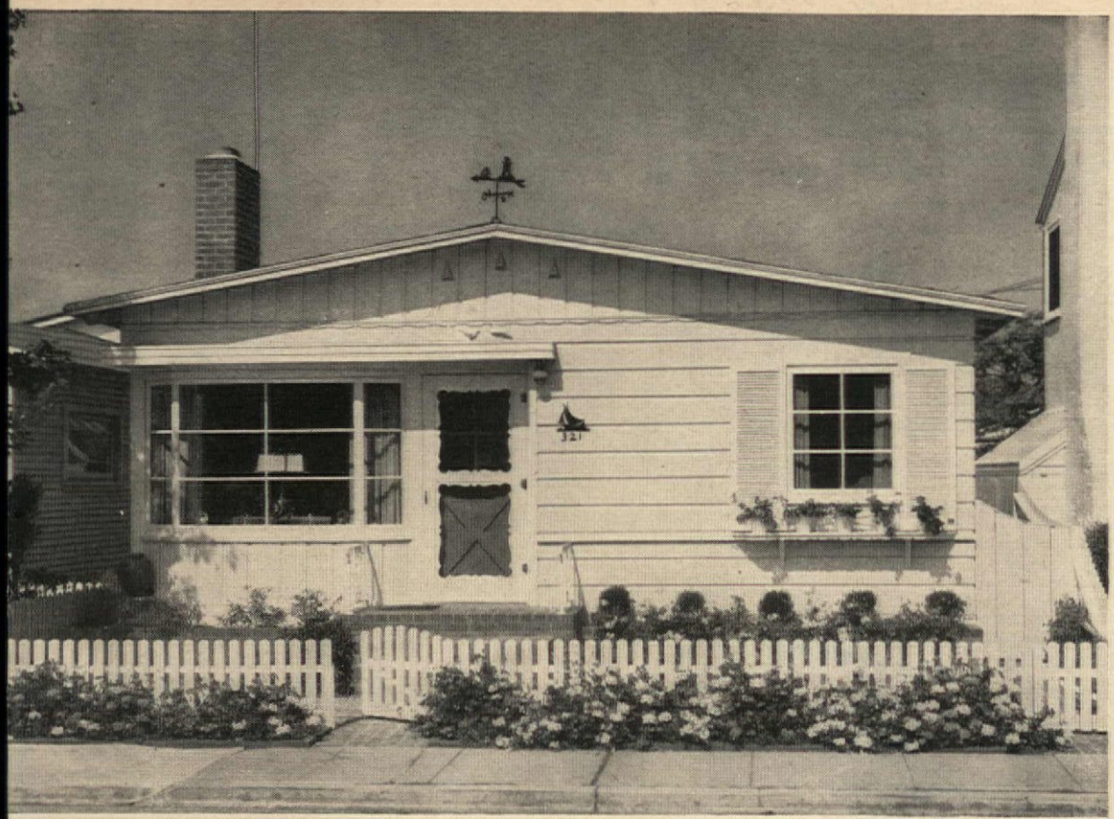

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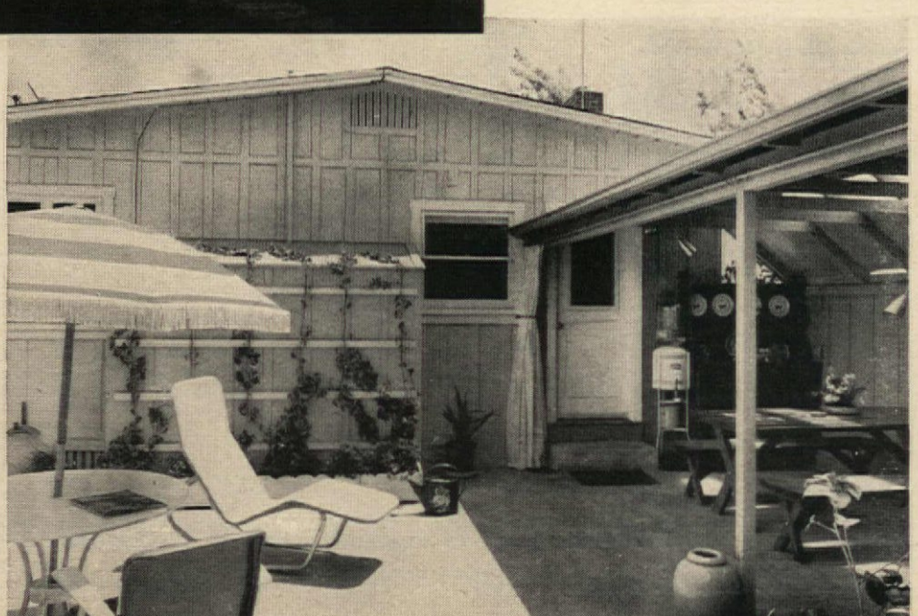

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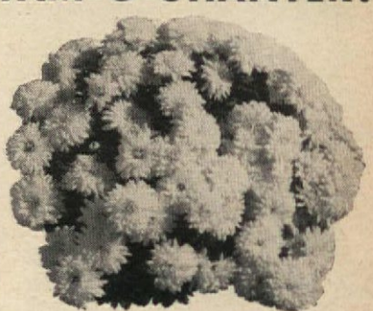

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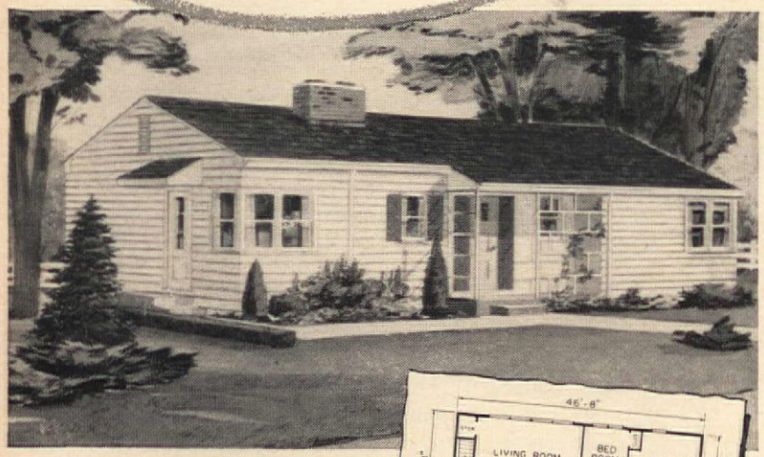

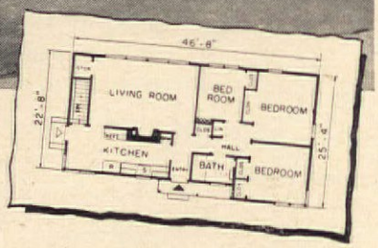

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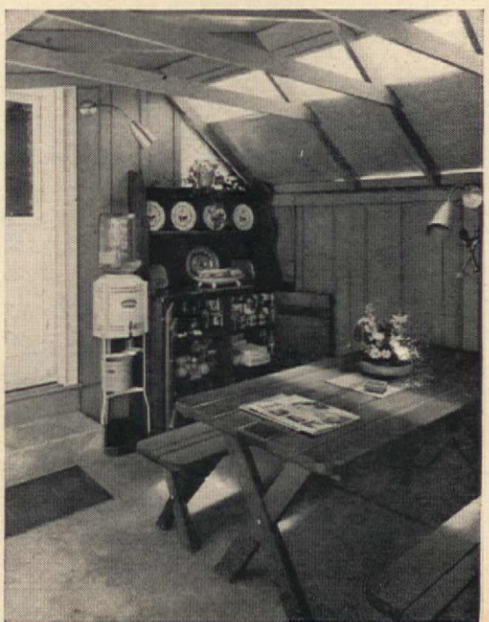
The wallflower below now blooms as the house on the right. But a close look shows that there were few major structural changes: an inviting door and picture window replace the uninspired openings which used to be there, a brick planting box now ties house to ground. The rest was a matter of pert fence, good planting, and paint

They Turned

This looks like quite a "before" and "after" story—and it is. Yet it wasn't an expensive project, for there were few structural changes. It cost its owners, the Charles Allisons, more thought than money—thought which was well spent on such important details as good furniture arrangements and good color schemes inside and out. The front is quite an improvement, isn't it? But you really have to walk around to the rear to see the cleverest part of this remodeling job. For the price of a shaded walk and some cementing, three more rooms were added to a four-room house—all in the once down-at-the-heels back yard! Now it's an outside living room, a dining room, and even a guest room!



This used to be a path from kitchen to garage. Now it's headquarters for meals, shaded from sun and showers by a wall made of fencing, a roof, and canvas pull curtains (not shown). The house didn't have a dining room before. At the opposite end of the "room" (and out of the picture), is a sofa bed for family cat naps or for overnight guests

Drain spout makes it easy to remove fat from fryer. If fat contains food residue, it should be drained and strained. Place cheesecloth on strainer and allow fat to drain into container. If desired, the fat may be returned to the fryer and covered for future use

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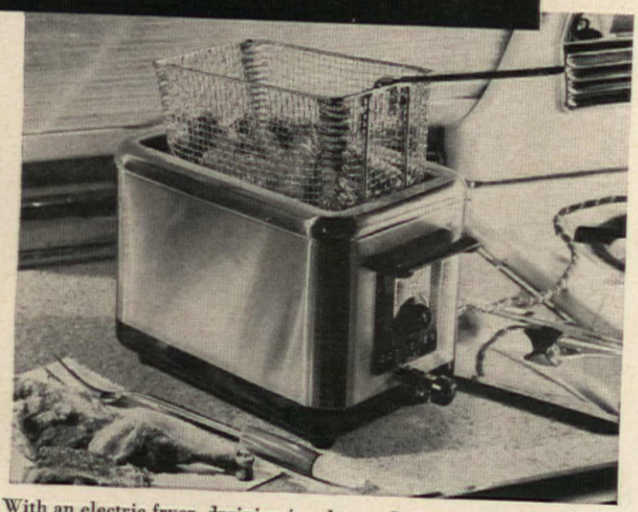
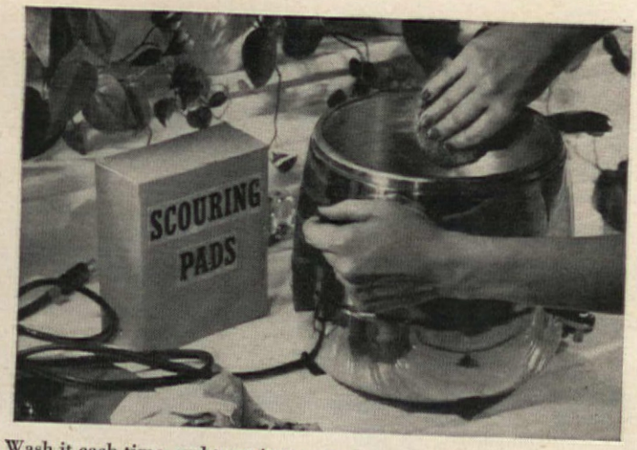
Electric Fryers



With an electric fryer, draining is a dream. Just raise the wire basket to brackets inside the fryer, and most of the excess fat drips right back into the well—no shaking or holding. With all fried foods, of course, you finish the draining on paper toweling



Wash it each time, and treat it to a good cleaning periodically. To clean, fill well with water, add soap or detergent, set dial at 300°, and boil 10 minutes. Remove gummy film with scouring pad. Dry inside and out, and give it a good shine. Never place fryer in water!

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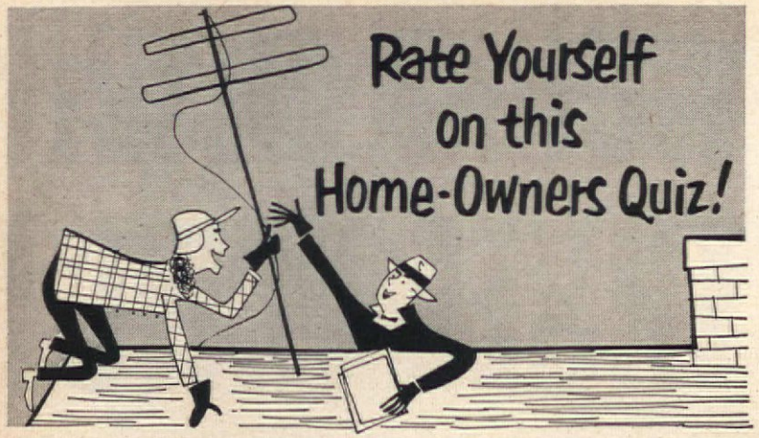

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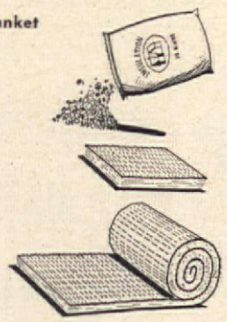

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(Begins on page 56)

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• quick orange-tomato soup

¼ cup finely chopped onion
1 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 #2 can tomato juice
½ tsp. salt
½ cup orange juice
1 lemon, thinly sliced

Cook onion in butter or margarine until tender. Add tomato juice and salt; bring to a boil. Add orange juice and heat to serving temperature. Pour into serving dishes. Garnish each with a lemon slice.

Serves 4 ***62 cal. per serving*** ***Source of iron and vitamin A***

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• sunny corn pimiento pudding

3 tbs. butter or margarine
3 tbs. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. pepper
1½ cups milk
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
½ cup chopped pimiento
1 package frozen corn, thawed

Melt butter or margarine, then blend in flour, salt, and pepper. Add milk gradually and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Add a little of the hot mixture to the egg yolks and mix well. Blend slowly into sauce. Remove from heat and fold in pimiento and corn. Pour into a greased 1½-quart baking dish. Bake at 350° F. for one hour or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

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• chocolate swirl custards

2 tbs. cornstarch
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¾ tsp. salt
2 cups milk, scalded
3 eggs, separated
2 squares chocolate, melted
6 tbs. sugar
1 square chocolate, melted
¼ tsp. cream of tartar
½ tsp. vanilla

Combine cornstarch, sugar, flour, and ½ tsp. of the salt in a saucepan. Add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Continue stirring and cook over low heat until thickened. Add a little of the hot mixture to the egg yolks and mix well. Blend yolk mixture gradually into custard and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat and cool. Streak 2 squares chocolate through custard with a spatula for a marble effect. Place mixture by spoonfuls into greased small baking cups. Beat egg whites until frothy, then sprinkle with ¼ tsp. salt and cream of tartar. Add sugar gradually, beating constantly; continue beating until stiff. Divide meringue in half. Fold 1 square chocolate into one part. Add vanilla to other part. Pile alternate spoonfuls of vanilla and chocolate meringue on each pudding. Bake at 350° F. for 12–15 minutes or until browned.

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Bright New Colors

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Embossed Vinylite Plastic Mat. "Richelieu," a reproduction of embroidered linen. 13 colors. 12" x 18", 59c. (Frank & Sadev)
"Highland Plaid" Princess place mat. Plastic. Five colors with harmonizing plaids. 12" x 18", 39c. (The Ullman Co.)
"Dogwood" plate. Place setting, $9. (Syracuse)
Casserole. "Early American." Three sizes, $4 to $6.75. (American Ceramic Products)
"Duet Tumbler." "Catalina." Handblown. Three colors or clear crystal. Five sizes, $1.50. (Fostoria)

GROUP 7
Oblong Mats. "Sea Isle." Cotton. Eight colors. 12" x 18", 69c. No napkins. (Leacock)
Oval Mats. Woven plastic straw. Fourteen colors. 12" x 18", $1.98. (Bucilla)
Casserole. "Saraband" handpainted slipware, $3.98. (Purinton Pottery Co.)

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Tumblers. "Swirl." Bands in three color combinations. 29c. (Wm. J. White & Sons)

GROUP 9
(Left) Pocket mat and napkin. Fringed linen-and-rayon sackcloth. Mixed-color sets only. Five color combinations. Sets of four 13" x 19" mats, four 13" napkins, $5.50. (Paragon Art)
(Center) Colorflax napkin. (See Group 5)
(Right) "Flax Nap." Pure flax in 15 colors. Mats, 12" x 18", $1; napkins, 16", 69c (Leacock)

GROUP 10
Del Mar Cloth. Ivy motif on white or colored ground. Spun rayon. 54" x 54" size, $4.50. Larger sizes available. 17" napkins, 50c. (California Handprints)
"Filigree" motif cloth. Linen. White motif on colored grounds. Four colors. 52" x 52" cloth and four 16" napkins, $10. Larger cloths available. (Paragon Art)
"Cel-o-sheen" rayon damask cloth. Wide range of patterns and pastel colors or white. 54" x 54" cloth with four 15" napkins, $10.50. Larger cloths available. (Felix Tausend)
"Olympia" cloth. Greek motif on spun rayon cloth. Four pastel backgrounds. 54" x 54" cloth, $5. Larger sizes available. 17" napkins, 59c. Comes in sets. (Ellison & Spring)
"Iris" dinner plate. Semi-vitreous china. 16 piece starter set, $13.95. (Red Wing)
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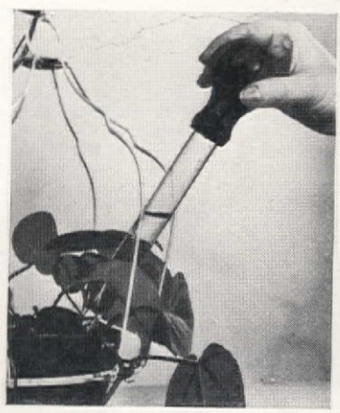

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Bright New Colors

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The groups of table coverings illustrated on pages 52 through 55 weren't designed to go together. But to show you how effective mixing can be, we mixed them to our hearts' content, and teamed them with a variety of dinnerware, glass, and accessories.

Some cloths and mats come only in sets with matching napkins. Some come alone and leave the choice of napkin up to you. Others are offered in open stock—buy cloth or mat alone, or choose matching or contrasting napkins of the same fabric. But if you buy sets, don't miss the fun of sometimes mixing them up—if your eye for design tells you the mixture is a happy one. And don't forget that a napkin, ironed flat, sometimes makes a good mat.

Of course, we picked good value and good quality for you as well as good design. All these coverings, even those woven with metallic thread, take to soap and water. Wipe the plastic and grass ones with a cloth—put the others in a tub.

Here is the full data about these exciting new fashions for tables. Prices, of course, are only approximate—you'll find that they vary in different sections of the country.

GROUP 1
Checkered tweed cloth. Spun rayon and cotton. Colors on white checks. In sets, with solid color 12" x 18" matkins. Comes in this "Pepper and Salt," and three other color combinations. 54" x 54", 4 matkins, $5.50. Available in larger sizes. Matkins alone, 49c. (Simtex Mills)
Trout plate, ceramic. (Dusso)

GROUP 2
"Decorator Stripe" place mats. Belgian linen. Five colors, all with gray stripe. 16" gray napkins. Sets of four 12" x 18" mats, 4 napkins, $3.98. (Bucilla)
Oval Ovenproof Casserole, porcelain, ¾ pint to 2½ qt., $3 to $7.50. (Gabriel)

GROUP 3
"Gold Tone" place mats, woven with flax yarn. Gold metallic, natural, and black threads interwoven with other colors. Six combinations. 12" x 18", $1.50. (Leacock)
English Stoneware Pitcher, 8½" overall, $15. (Georg Jensen)

GROUP 4
(Top) "Nubmat." Knotted spun rayon woven with Lurex. Six colors. 12" x 18", $2.50. (Leacock)
(Below) Belgian Leno linen. Mats, 12" x 18"; napkins, 15" x 15". Basketweave borders. Eleven colors. 70c. (Paragon Art)
Plastic Cup and Saucer. "Desert Flower" with etched decoration. Obtainable in combinations of any four muted colors. 16 pc. starter set, $13.90. (International Molded Plastics, Inc.)
Pitcher. "Distlefink" 8⅞" high, $3.95. (Clemenson)

GROUP 5
Oval Mats. Braided Velon plastic yarn with nontarnishable gold thread. Eight colors. 13" x 19" oval or 18" round, $1.98. (Bucilla)
Colorflax napkins. Belgian linen. 16" x 16" napkins. Twenty-one colors. 80c. Matching cloths in various sizes, $3.95 up. (John Matouk)
Napkin under small plate. "As You Like It." Spun rayon and cotton, Sanforized. Twelve colors. 17" napkins, 65c. Matching cloths in various sizes, from $3.95. Also 63" rounds, $7.95. (Ellison & Spring)
"Periwinkle" plate. Place setting, $8. (Syracuse)
"Palo Alto" bread and butter plate. Place setting, $17.50. (Franciscan China)

GROUP 6
"Madison" cotton cloth. Three colors. 52" x 52"

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• cochon d'or

To 2 lbs. of pork sausage meat add:

1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. black pepper
½ tsp. cayenne pepper
1 medium onion, minced
½ clove garlic
Sprig thyme, minced, or ½ tsp.
Sprig parsley, minced, or 1 tsp.
¼ tsp. allspice

Blend well with sausage meat. Arrange in bottom of baking dish. Prick top with fork. Cover with 3 cups seasoned, fluffy mashed potatoes.

Beat 1 egg until foamy. Pour over top. Bake 30 min. at 375° F.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• Danish apple cake

Peel, core, and slice 2 lbs. cooking apples. Simmer, covered, in a little water until partially cooked—not soft. Sweeten to taste. Add vanilla.

Butter a casserole. Alternate layers of dry bread crumbs and sliced apples. Begin and end with crumbs.

Pour 1 cup melted butter down through the apple cake. Bake for 30 min. in hot oven. Turn out on serving dish. Decorate with jelly and whipped cream.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• red cabbage in wine and chicken broth

Cut up a red cabbage very finely—discard all stalks. Place in pan, add: 1 cup red wine
1 cup broth (chicken or veal)
Salt and pepper to taste

Cut up very fine 2 red apples, with skin. Add to cabbage.

Cook until cabbage is done but still crisp, not mushy. When ready to serve, season with a little butter. Grate a little nutmeg over top.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• pompano en papillote

Have fish man split down back of pompano and remove heads and backbone. Wipe 6 filets of pompano carefully. Put in baking dish with 3 tbs. olive oil.

Sprinkle with: 1 large onion, finely chopped
2 tsp. chopped parsley
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Brown lightly in a moderate oven; turn filets once, handling very carefully so as not to break. Add ½ cup dry white wine or sherry. Cover dish tightly and bake 10 min. more in a slow oven. Keep filets hot; do not wash the pan in which filets were cooked.

Cut squares of parchment cooking paper large enough to cover the filets on both sides. Butter each square.

Lay a filet on each square and close the envelope, leaving 1 flap open. Into pan in which filets were cooked blend and add:

½ cup butter
1 cup finely chopped mushrooms
¾ cup finely chopped cooked shrimps
¼ tsp. powdered mace
1 bay leaf
Juice one large lemon
¼ cup minced truffles
½ clove garlic, minced
3 well beaten egg yolks

Simmer slowly, stirring occasionally, until sauce is thick. Pour some sauce into each envelope and seal. Heat for a few minutes under broiler flame, watch carefully. Serve immediately in envelopes.

Recipe by Jean Austin

• Irene's oatmeal bread

Everyone is so "health food and molasses minded" these days. This is a 150-year-old recipe handed down from my Boston ancestors. It is heavenly to serve with baked ham and to have left over for ham sandwiches or toast.

1 heaping cup oatmeal (regular old-fashioned)
2 tsp. salt
½ cup molasses (medium dark Brer Rabbit)
4 tbs. shortening (lard or bacon fat)

Over all this pour 1 pint boiling water. Let stand until cool. Add 1 cake Fleischman's yeast dissolved in ⅓ cup warm water. Add 5½ cups (more or less) flour and knead thoroughly, being careful not to add more flour than needed to keep dough from sticking to board. Let rise double in bulk in a warm place. Knead into two large (or three small) loaves and let rise again until double. Bake at 375° F. for 45 min.

This can be made and kept in refrigerator overnight and proceed in morning. In which case only put in 2½ cups flour and add the rest in the morning. Knead —let rise—knead again and make loaves. Yield: 2 large loaves.

Recipe by Irene Weston

• Cliff's mish-mash

½ lb. sharp Cheddar cheese
½ lb. Philadelphia cream cheese
Worcestershire sauce
3 tbs. flat beer
2 tsp. Coleman's mustard
2 tbs. tarragon or basil vinegar
⅛ tsp. herb or garlic salt

Grate the Cheddar, and let the cream cheese get soft. Mix the two with a fork. Make a paste of the powdered mustard and vinegar and herb salt. Add a little Worcestershire sauce and some flat beer. Pour this little by little into the cheese, and mix well with a fork until it is a nice spreading consistency. Put it in a small earthenware casserole; serve it with crackers at cocktail time.

Good Victuals

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that does not mean that if pompano is not available you cannot employ this sensible mode of cooking and seal in this delicious, delicate sauce with whitefish, haddock, mullet, bass, flounder, trout, grouper, fluke, sheepshead—filets of any white, sweet fish can be cooked in this same sensible manner. Pompano en Papillote has always been associated with Antoine's of New Orleans, where it originated and was first served to honor a famous balloonist. It takes good timing and deftness in handling—but beyond that there is no reason in the world to be timid about cooking this famous delicious dish. It will cost far less to serve than a roast, bring down loud plaudits from your dinner guests. Good cooking, ma'am!

Good Victuals

(Begins on page 60)

holds for potatoes—to my mind the best vegetable in the world, with no exceptions! Infinite are the ways that elegant vegetable can be cooked and herewith, two of my favorites—potatoes Anna are but wonderful with broiled chops and broiled or baked fish, Sherried Fancies likewise. Good with roast chicken or spread with jam or jelly and eaten as a sweetmeat, these same Sherried Fancies. Try them instead of the eternal French Fries—and try them real soon. You'll be right glad for these two potato recipes, ma'am, and you're welcome to two of my top-drawer recipes.

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• old-fashioned pineapple pie

Preparation time: 40 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 #2½ can crushed pineapple
- Granulated sugar
- Lemon juice
- Cornstarch
- Pie crust mix

Serves 6 to 8

Combine ½ cup sugar with 2 tbs. cornstarch in a saucepan.

Mix well, then add pineapple and ¼ cup lemon juice.

Cook over medium heat for about 10 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently.

Cool thoroughly.

Prepare a 9-inch pastry shell according to directions on the package.

Pour pineapple mixture into shell.

Bake at 375° F. for 30–35 minutes.

Garnish as desired.

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SPECIAL pineapple tips from our American Home kitchen! For instance, frost a baker's angel cake with whipped cream, jewel with pineapple chunks which have been rolled in shredded coconut. • Use crushed pineapple **for basting** good flavor into a roasting pork butt. • For a hard-to-beat **broiled sandwich combination,** spread bread with deviled ham, cover with a slice of processed Cheddar cheese, top with a golden pineapple slice. Broil until pineapple tips are lightly browned. • **For "dunking"** salty pretzels, mix ½ cup drained, crushed pineapple with 2 tsp. chopped mint. Blend with 3-oz. package cream cheese. • Appetizer treat or hot, **juicy meat accompaniment**—pineapple chunks are brushed with French dressing before slipping under the broiler. • Quick Pineapple Sandwich **Salad** . . . season cottage cheese with horseradish and chopped green pepper. Spread over slice of pineapple, add thin wedge of cranberry jelly. Cover with another pineapple slice. Top with mayonnaise to which pineapple juice has been added.

• frangipanis

Preparation time: 35 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

- Eggs
- Granulated sugar
- Vanilla
- Dry coconut
- Crushed pineapple

Makes approximately 3 doz.

Beat 3 egg whites until frothy.

Add 1 cup sugar gradually, beating constantly until stiff.

Place mixture in the top of a double boiler.

Cook over boiling water, beating constantly until crust forms around sides of pan.

Remove from heat.

Add 1 tsp. vanilla, 2 cups coconut, and ½ cup very well drained crushed pineapple.

Mix well.

Drop by teaspoonfuls on greased baking sheet.

Bake at 250° F. for 30 minutes.

Adapted from Jessie Walker

• Hawaiian sparkles

Preparation time: 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 #2 can crushed pineapple
- 1 large cucumber
- Granulated sugar
- 2 lemons
- Unflavored gelatin

Serves 6 to 8

Drain pineapple well,

Reserve juice.

Grate cucumber and mix with pineapple.

Add ¾ cup sugar, ⅛ tsp. paprika, ¼ tsp. salt, and juice of 2 lemons.

Soften 2 tbs. gelatin in ¼ cup cold water.

Heat pineapple juice to the boiling point.

Add gelatin and stir until dissolved.

Add pineapple-cucumber mixture.

Pour into individual molds as desired.

Chill until firm.

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• pineapple sweet patooties

Preparation time: 40 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

- 1 #2 can sweet potatoes
- Eggs
- 1 #2 can pineapple chunks
- Corn flakes
- Brown sugar
- Butter or margarine

Serves 6

Heat sweet potatoes and liquid to boiling point.

Drain well; add 1 beaten egg, ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper.

Mash well.

Drain pineapple chunks thoroughly.

Reserve juice.

Roll some of the potato mixture around each pineapple chunk to form a ball.

Crush ½ cup corn flakes.

Roll each ball in corn flakes.

Place in greased shallow baking pan.

Combine pineapple juice, ½ cup brown sugar, ¼ cup butter or margarine in a saucepan.

Bring to a boil, stirring frequently.

Cook for 5 minutes.

Pour evenly over potato balls.

Bake at 350° F. for 30 minutes.

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• sunshine ambrosia

Preparation time: 20 minutes

YOU'LL NEED:

- Unflavored gelatin
- Orange juice
- Pineapple juice
- 4 oz. package coconut
- 1 #2 can pineapple chunks
- 1 large orange

Serves 6 to 8

Soften 4 tbs. gelatin in 1 cup cold pineapple juice.

Heat 2 cups orange juice and 2 cups pineapple juice to the boiling point.

Add gelatin and stir until dissolved.

Coat pineapple chunks with gelatin mixture and arrange in the bottom of a chilled 1½ quart mold.

Cut orange into thin slices and coat with gelatin.

Arrange slices around sides of mold.

Fold coconut into remaining gelatin.

Pour carefully into mold.

Chill until firm.

To keep mold chilled while working, place over bowl of ice.

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DEL MONTE Sliced Pineapple 1 cup grated American cheese
Parsley Paprika Salad greens

Blend 1 tbsp. syrup from pineapple with the cheese, a little at a time. Roll to shape 6 small "carrots," about 3" long. Chill. Push sprigs of parsley into ends of "carrots." Dust with paprika. Serve on greens with DEL MONTE Pineapple slices, and mayonnaise thinned with a little syrup from the pineapple.

Perfect Hurry-Up Feast For Winter!

World's Easiest Meal - Heinz Cooked Macaroni!

This Fully Prepared Feast Is Easy On The Cook As Well As On The Budget!

FOR A DISH THAT'S LOW IN COST and preparation time—high in energy and downright eating enjoyment—*choose Heinz Cooked Macaroni!* Each tender strand is flavored with smooth, velvety cream sauce enriched with specially aged Cheddar cheese. For school lunches—quick suppers—serve Heinz Macaroni. You **know** it's good because it's **Heinz!**

HEINZ MACARONI 57

● **Made to a prized old-time recipe, HEINZ 57-SAUCE is a thoroughly aged medley of 17 flavor ingredients. Use this famous richly spiced favorite to lend a matchless tang to steaks, chops, fish and sea foods.**

1. Cut pieces of parchment paper large enough to wrap around fish filet and to fold over at ends. Butter inside of papers, lay a filet on each. Close lengthwise

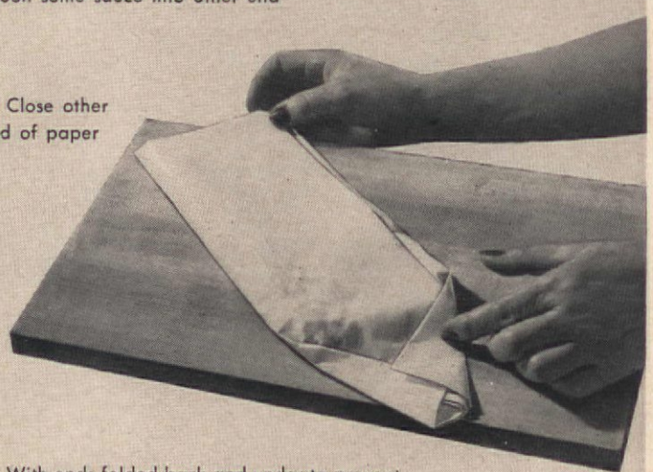
HOW TO MAKE A

Papillote

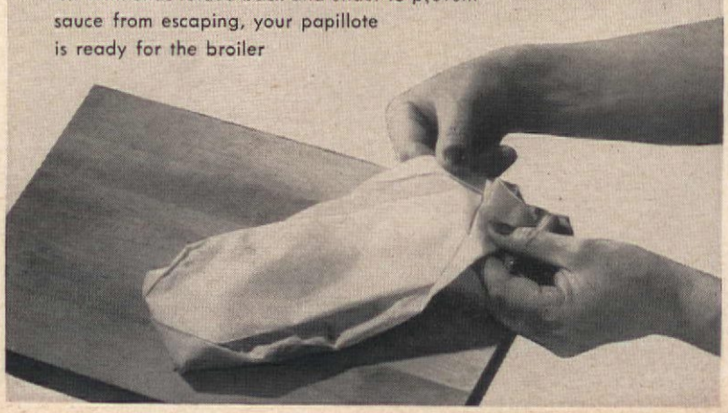
This chef's way of wrapping filets is easy. See recipe, page 70

2. Close one end of paper. Spoon some sauce into other end

3. Close other end of paper



4. With ends folded back and under to prevent sauce from escaping, your papillote is ready for the broiler



DOUBLE-DELICIOUS MARBLE CAKE (right) to serve 20 happy people . . . Prepare batter for Swans Down Instant and Swans Down Devil's Food separately, as directed on the packages. Put alternate spoonfuls of light and dark batters into a 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan lined with paper on the bottom. Zigzag a knife through mixture in pan.

Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 50 minutes, or until done. Cool. Top with chocolate frosting. Nothing but Swans Down Cake Mixes could bring you such perfection with such ease and speed!

DARK-DELIGHT LAYER CAKE (left) . . . bake Swans Down Devil's Food in layers as directed on package. (Notice how it *holds* chocolate flavor and fragrance through oven heat!) Frothy brown-sugar frosting and walnuts for this beauty.

Bake some heaven in a hurry—

—make it "Swans Down wonderful!"

When a cake's got *everything* . . . tenderness, handsome height, flavor . . . you can bet that cake's made with one of the famous Swans Down Cake Mixes! These are the mixes America's homemakers rave about! You're missing a *treat* if you haven't tried 'em!

Products of General Foods

Swans Down Cake Mixes

The *only* mixes that give you cakes with glorious *Swans Down* texture!

SURPRISE LEMON LAYER CAKE (above, right) . . . prepare yellow-cake batter as directed on the Swans Down Instant package. For delicious surprise flavor, mix ¾ cup of chopped Baker's Coconut through batter before baking! Spread with lots of tangy lemon butter frosting. You can be *sure* your cake is perfect when it's made with Swans Down Instant Cake Mix.

VALENTINE PINK 'N' PRETTY CAKE (left) . . . prepare batter for white cake as directed on the package. Bake in two 9-inch heart-shaped layer pans for 20 to 25 minutes in moderate oven (375° F.). Cool. Tint fluffy frosting delicately; spread between layers and over top and sides. Add valentine "lace ruffles" of Baker's Coconut. Lovely to look at—heaven to eat, 'cause it's "Swans Down good"!

Thrifty Cake into Party Cake
EASY WITH BAKER'S COCONUT

Start with your pet economy cake—a one-egg cake, a "mix" cake, or store-bought layers. Frost . . . then top with Baker's Coconut, and you'll have a beauty every time! Let tender Baker's Coconut dress up thrifty puddings, salads, Jell-O desserts, too!

4 "party dresses" for budget cakes!

Jolly Children's-Party Cake (*top left*) . . . Frost a 2-layer cake, and mark 9 squares on top with yellow-tinted confectioners' sugar glaze. Sprinkle with lacy Baker's Coconut. On each square, stand an animal cracker dipped in melted Baker's Dot Chocolate.

Sweetheart Cake for Shower or Valentine's (*top right*) . . . Frost a pretty pink. Outline a heart on top with silver dragées. Dust heart with pink sugar—rest of cake with Baker's Coconut.

Festive Card-Party Cakes (*center*) . . . Frost 2-inch squares of cake in assorted colors. Sprinkle toasted Baker's Coconut on sides of white cakes, untoasted coconut on sides of tinted cakes. Outline hearts, clubs, etc., on top in contrasting shades of frosting.

Radiant Birthday Cake (*bottom*) . . . Glamorize a white-frosted layer cake with bands of white, pink, and yellow-tinted coconut. Top with candles.

To tint coconut, place in glass jar, filling half-full. Dilute a small amount of food coloring and sprinkle over coconut. Cover jar, shake vigorously till coloring is evenly distributed.

To toast coconut, spread thinly in shallow pan. Toast in moderate oven (350°F.) until delicate brown, stirring often.

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Good Victuals (Begins on page 60)

• sherried fancies

2 cups riced potatoes
½ cup flour
2 egg yolks
4 tbs. sherry wine
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. baking powder

Blend potatoes and egg yolks. Add flour mixed with salt and baking powder. Then add the wine.

Flatten out on generously floured board to nearly ½-inch thickness. Cut out cakes, oval shape, with biscuit cutter. Chill.

Fry in deep fat 425° F., or until fat smokes, 2–3 min. until brown. Makes 10–12 fancies.

Recipe by Vera Bjorck

• potatoes Anna

Peel and slice, as thinly as possible, enough potatoes to make 4 cups sliced potatoes.

Soak in cold salted water, drain, dry well on towel. Season with ½ tsp. salt, a little pepper. Butter a round mold or oval baking dish. Arrange a few slices flat on bottom of dish and up the sides.

Then put in a layer of potatoes and spread with 1 tbs. butter. Repeat the layers thus, with a final spreading of butter on top. About ½ cup of butter in all should be used.

Bake in hot oven (425° F.) for 40–50 min. or until potatoes are soft when tested with a small sharp knife.

SHERRIED FANCIES

POMPANO EN PAPILLOTE

Some top-drawer recipes for fancy eating and just plain good food

RED CABBAGE IN WINE AND CHICKEN BROTH

POTATOES ANNA

IRENE'S OATMEAL BREAD

Good Victuals

JEAN AUSTIN

CLIFF'S MISH-MASH

REALLY, I DO NOT KNOW why I put the word "just" before "plain good food" in the subtitle on the page opposite. Too late to recall it from the engraver, I hope you will not read into it anything derogatory—for since when has plain good food been anything but the best of food? And for that matter, who but the best of cooks can turn out plain *good* food? Red cabbage, for example. So beautiful before it is cooked, it so often turns up at table a purplish mush floating in an island of greasy water. Just so with apple puddings—the whole dreary, dull procession of them by any fancy name. Yet this one, so simple to put together, so good its crusty top of baked-in butter, gets into company class by reason of the care given its table debut—a bit of doing with cream and jelly. The cabbage, cooked with apples, red wine, and broth is taken up before it becomes limp and dispirited—and believe me is just as digestible and far more palatable than the cooked-to-death variety. Oatmeal bread certainly falls in the category of plain food. This one is an old recipe handed down from Irene Weston's Boston ancestors and 150 years later it's still heavenly served with baked ham, for making ham sandwiches or spread with Cliff's beer and cheese mixture. Plain cooking it is and good eating it is. Ever have pork sausage spiced to the hilt, then a drift of snowy mashed potatoes, a foamy, golden egg to crown this piquancy? Nothing better, nothing quicker to feed the hungry mouths on a cold and blustery night. All simple foods these—cabbage, apples, sausage meat, oatmeal bread—and yet there's not a reason why they should be handled indifferently, served plain-Jane and dully. And the same

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DANISH APPLE CAKE

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COCHON D'OR

ELEANOR LEE JONES

Oven Time One Hour

—includes tangy, glazed Ham Steak, Chocolate Swirl Custards

Oven Time: 1 hour; temperature: 350° F. This isn't the tag line on a recipe—but the success story of a January dinner with family dimensions! On these pages we have planned for *you* a super-special oven dinner turned out quicker than you think. For *your family,* it's simple, hearty food with "look appeal"—all mighty welcome to holiday-jaded appetites.

Chalk up the points in favor of a smacking-good dinner from a reliable, temperature-controlled oven. We believe you'll place these easy-to-manage, wonderfully flavored dinner combinations in top place on your list of ways with family meals.

The only departure from "done in the oven" is a 10-minute quickie soup to warm you up on a cold night. To the youngsters' favorite tomato juice, add a really new flavor with orange juice and finely chopped onion. Serve it piping hot with salted crackers, crisp from their individual waxed-paper packets, and we're off to a flying start!

Ham steak topped with grapefruit slivers peeping through a golden, sweet-sour glaze? No menu could find a better feature! Plump, clove-studded canned peach halves tucked around the fragrant baking steak 10 minutes before removing from oven make the platter look as if this is no ordinary dinner—and, after all, family meals should have one star performer.

Old-fashioned combinations are so often the best eating. To us, corn pudding has always seemed a perfect partner for ham steak. They go together like pork and beans. But deliver us from the kind which "waters" and separates when it leaves the oven! Here is a recipe we guarantee against temperamental behavior.

Even though brown-and-serve rolls have taken over the chore of home-made rolls for busy cooks, we like variety in the best of things. Five minutes before rolls are finished baking, top with a generous pat of herb butter. Try any combination to your liking—ours happens to be ¼ tsp. onion and ¼ tsp. thyme blended with ⅓ cup soft butter or margarine.

Chocolate Swirl Custards topped by fluffy chocolate and vanilla meringues need only a light touch of browning. Slip them in 12–15 minutes before the oven timer is due to sound the "oven off" alarm. The bitter-sweet of melted baking chocolate marbleized into the bland sweetness of cream pudding really tops a cold-weather dinner—and brings deep sighs of satisfaction that just naturally go with food enjoyed to the fullest.

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 80

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When Cold Winds Blow . . .

Good Hot Soup *Makes Hearts Glow*

BY Anne Marshall

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LET THE CHILDREN come in from school or play, cold, wet and hungry, calling "Lunch ready?" Let your husband button up his overcoat and head for home. You're ready—come snow or rain . . . with big piping-hot bowls of soup to welcome them. Soup's so good . . . so easily digested . . . so soundly nourishing. It warms and cheers and invigorates—and where will you find a wintertime dish ore ideal than that?

What an appetizing array of fine, rich, full-bodied ups you have to choose from these days—to set before ur family—to stock up your kitchen soup shelf. ou've a host of beef stock soups, of chicken stock ups, of vegetable stock soups, and a tempting clam owder or bean with bacon—to name some others.

Here are three heart-warming menus to try. Each atures soup. Remember: so far as the soups are con- rned, you can enjoy a different one nearly every day r a month, and so vary your meals delightfully.

A clever cook keeps a full soup shelf!

GREEN PEA SOUP wafts a steaming welcome

And a right nourishing soup it is! Choice green peas are made into a satin-smooth purée, with creamery butter, and lightly seasoned. Serve it in this menu and listen for the compliments:

Green Pea Soup
Hearty Potato Salad **Cheese Strips**
Lemon Meringue Pie

VEGETABLE SOUP—"almost a meal in itself"

Luscious garden vegetables—14 different ones—are mingled in a good beef stock. With this soup you're ready for 'em, however hungry! For instance:

Vegetable Soup **Crackers**
Rice Pudding

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP—hot and hearty

As American as "Yankee Doodle" is this old-time soup, made in the true Colonial tradition: a rich flavorful broth crowded with tender pieces of chicken and golden egg noodles. Here's a tempting menu:

Chicken Noodle Soup
Festive Franks on Toasted Buns
Chocolate Brownies

GERTRUDE BRASSARD, Table Setting
BETTY B. MERRIAM, Flower Arrangement

Twin arrangement will require one bunch of violets and a few freesias. Assemble green modeling clay, florists' picks, orchid tubes, and tiny receptacles such as glass percolator top or thimble

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 80

Place and Show

Now that those kitchen-busy holidays are a glowing memory, how about a small tea party where you can relax and share your news with a few friends? Nothing elaborate—just dainty sandwiches, set on a table as tempting as themselves. *And* the wonderful hot brew. Serve it, if you please, only in your very best fine china cups. That's what they were made for in the first place, you know. The tea-drinking Chinese developed porcelain centuries before we had it. In fact, we didn't make it until the 18th century, the era when tea itself first became really popular in Europe and America. These two—the fragrant drink and the fragile-looking cup—seem to go together so well to inspire a sense of well-being: while the tea delights our taste and sense of smell, the cup itself is a joy to our eyes and our sense of touch. Here, "Cinderella" by Lenox does it perfectly! And we've accented the china's little blue note by using it with Cambridge's blue glass plates and accessories. See, too, how well the delicate motif of the silver (Empire Craft's "Promise") goes with the china's traditional decoration. As a refreshing background, we show you a modern tablecloth wonderfully compatible with the things on it. It is delicately tinted, and woven with tarnishproof metallic threads which sparkle in the candlelight. That light itself comes from the hurricane lamps which double in glass to hold the violets and freesias—and fill your room with a promise of spring.

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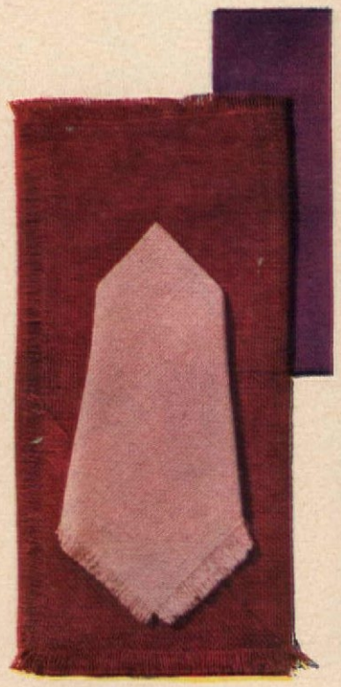
See that swath of reddish tones from purple through the roses, and back to purple again! They're news on your table —good news. **6.** Textures, as interesting as colors, can be kind to your budget. The gray mat looks for all the world like embroidered linen. It's plastic, at 59¢. So is the gay plaid-trimmed number (39¢). The cloth is a beauty in cotton with a three-dimensional effect ($2.50). **7.** Emphatic solids make your china important: fringed cotton mats are 69¢; plastic straw ovals, made to take punishment, about $2. **8.** A grass "skirt," woven for your table by natives of the Philippines, has nature's own browns, favorites of smart designers ($1). **9.** You can find singing solids in a variety of textures from sackcloth to fine-spun linen. Pocket mat and napkins, $5.50 a set. Other napkins, 69¢–80¢. **10.** Cloths, no less than mats, are blessed by the stylist's touch. Rayon damask (second from bottom) sets the most formal of tables (from $10 with napkins). Prints all are strong characters against pastel or dusky grounds. The ivy, from $4.50; the filigree, from $10.50 with napkins; the Greek, from $5 without napkins.



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Bright New Colors

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Rich tones like these have dash and character. As a change from the same old pastels, try mixing them boldly—your china won't know itself!

Here is fashion news on which you can really go to town: color has come to the table. Just look at the mats and cloths on these four pages! Grouped together, they remind us of paintings in a gallery. And they should, for these are the right but daring colors —the spices, the wood tones, the subtle florals—first borrowed from nature by artists. Exclusive designers picked them up for coddled customers. Now, in wonderful weaves (some shot with golden threads) they've gone democratic without losing cachet. They're yours, some for as little as 39¢ a mat, and come in every material from linen to plastic. Imagine your own china changing its personality against these backgrounds, and you'll see how to make one set of dishes act like a dozen.

1. Bold black and white checks are high table fashion. You can have the cloth, together with contrasting matkins (used as mats or napkins) for $5.50 a set and up. 2. Aristocratic Belgian linen takes to bold stripes—at about $4 a set, with napkins. 3. Playing subtle colors against gold-toned thread, these textured mats look like luxurious handweaves ($1.50 each). 4. Those mauvish, pinkish tones are as sophisticated as they are appealing. Have them in a sturdy, knotted texture with metallic thread ($2.50), or in linen with a knowing basket-weave border (70¢). 5. We've mixed the pet colors of the great painter, Léger, in a composition of bold napkins (65¢–80¢) and lacy mats braided of plastic and metallic threads, and oval for a change (about $2).

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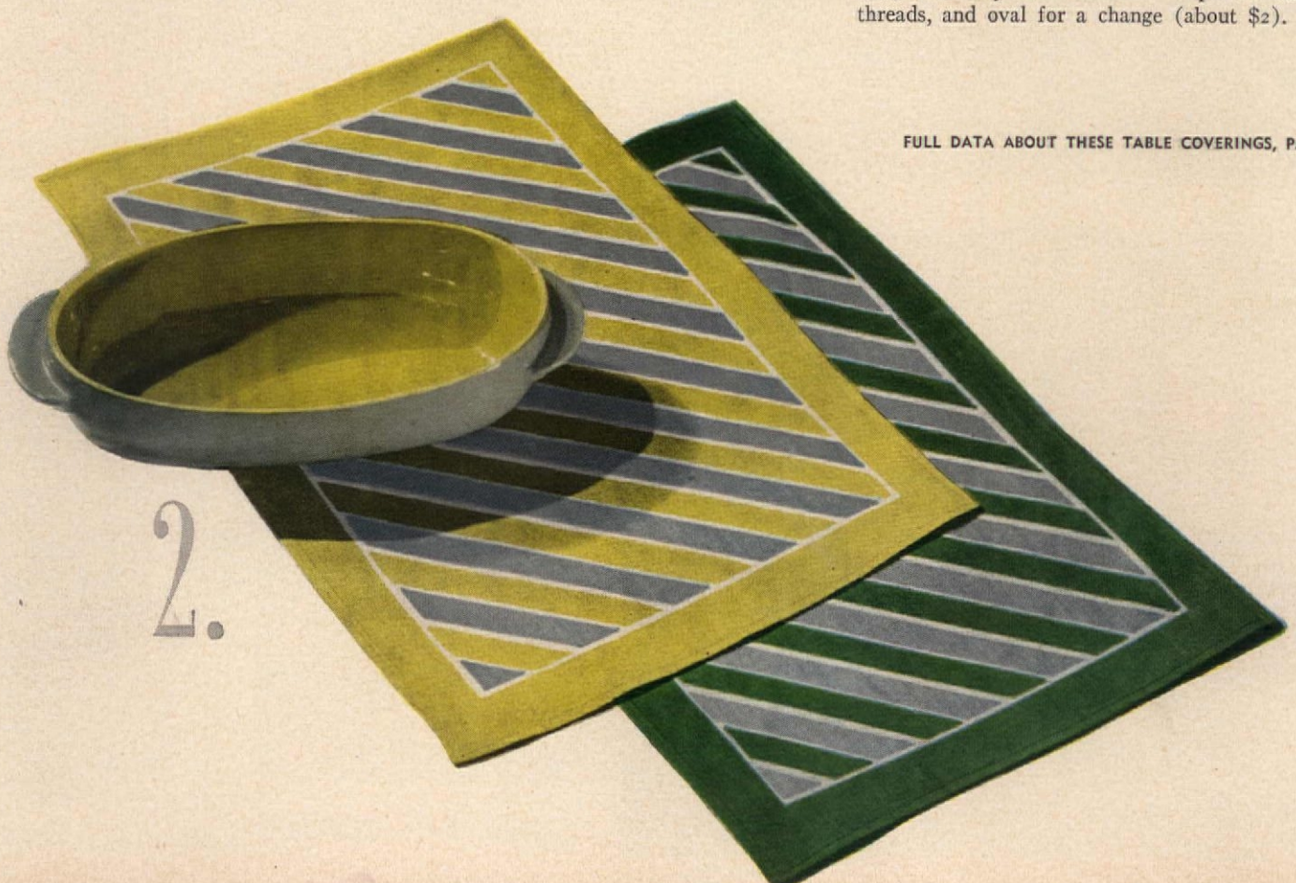

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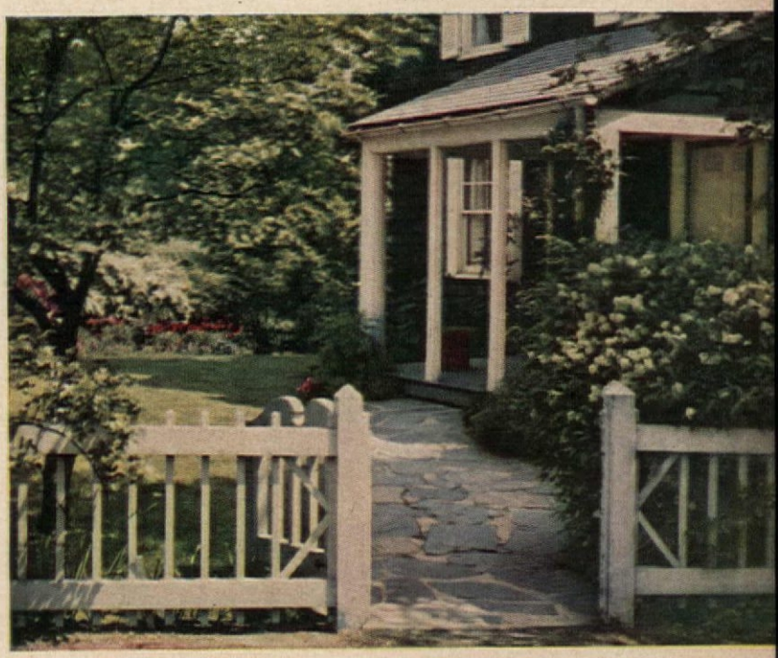

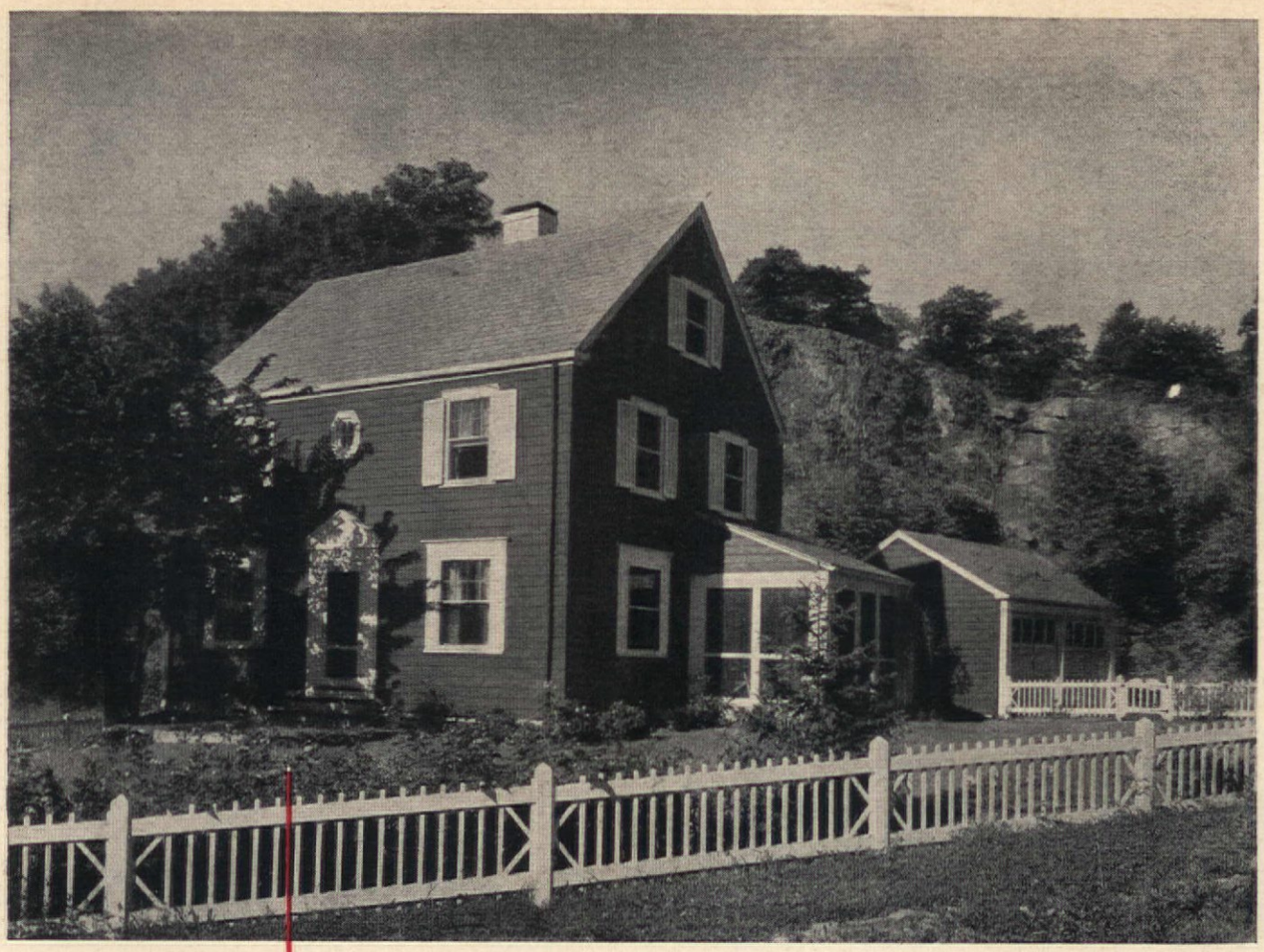

In 1939

The house rared up on a plot shaped like a piece of pie, 134 and 120 feet along the southern and western sides, the latter extending below the beetling cliff at the right. The only trees were an elm (left), an apple, ash, and small spruce

One fine day last summer, three AMERICAN HOME editors on a garden tour drove up to the house on your right—and felt as if they were meeting an old friend who had improved with age. We published this house back in April, 1939, shortly after architect J. L. Berrall built it for himself. Situated on its eagle's nest of shelf land high in the hills near Montclair, N. J., it was handsome then. It's handsomer today. Surrounded by planting, the green house itself seems to have taken root on its hill. Luxurious growth gives it privacy from the road, but once inside the grounds, you have the surprise of lawn areas, a garden pool, a terrace right under the cliff, and colorful borders which are the joy of Mrs. Berrall. The rewarding changes show what you can do with planned planting in a dozen years, starting from almost nothing. The plan was the work of landscape architect Gertrude Smith. At first, to surround it with planting in short order, quick-growing shrubs were put in to supplement the few existing trees. But the "quickies" were replaced gradually by more permanent beauties—dogwood, evergreens, birch, rhododendron, named lilacs, viburnum, forsythia, yew, and mountain laurel which nestles around the house. Perfect backdrops, these, for the performance put on by spring bulbs and summer perennials and annuals, and for the splendor of fall chrysanthemums.

In 1952

The house is now sheltered by the mature trees and smaller ones, plus a curving screen of shrubs, evergreens, and perennials against the picket fence which edges the highway, and bends in toward the house on both ends. The plantings have worked a veritable transformation

Framed by yews, rhododendrons, spirea, hawthorn, a tiny pool nestles at the lawn's edge. From driveway (flanked by roses and a low stone wall), a flagged terrace leads to front door and to west side of house. At the rear, against the cliff, is a picnic terrace

A Dozen Years Did It

QUILTED BEDROOM: Grandma quilted differently, but she'd love the delicate roses and ribbons strewn on this spread and dressing-table skirt. We've combined the handwork with diamond-quilted spread sides and pillow flange you can do quickly on your sewing machine. Roses and ribbons, AMERICAN HOME Pattern **1406.** Hand-painted flowers on lampshade, Pattern **1292.**

Quilting Adds a Midas Touch

DOROTHY LAMBERT TRUMM

The fine old art of quilting has become so popular with decorators that it's a fine new art again. And no wonder, for any fabric, quilted, will take on a spendthrift look. The catch is that quilting itself is expensive. But trust us to help you over the dollar hurdles—we've come up with these beauties warranted to lift the spirits of your rooms, and we've made them into AMERICAN HOME patterns complete with instructions. Because we know that you don't have all the time in the world, we've worked out designs for big pieces which combine the hand quilting with background areas you can run up on your sewing machine. (See how on page 96.)

How to quilt by machine on page 96

FOR A QUILT OR PILLOWS: This antique American quilting motif, good since our nation was young, will deck tomorrow's heirlooms, too, if you work it into a splendid bed quilt. To get its marvelous play of light and shade quickly, start in with a pair of pillows which take only a few evenings to make. AMERICAN HOME Pattern **1407**

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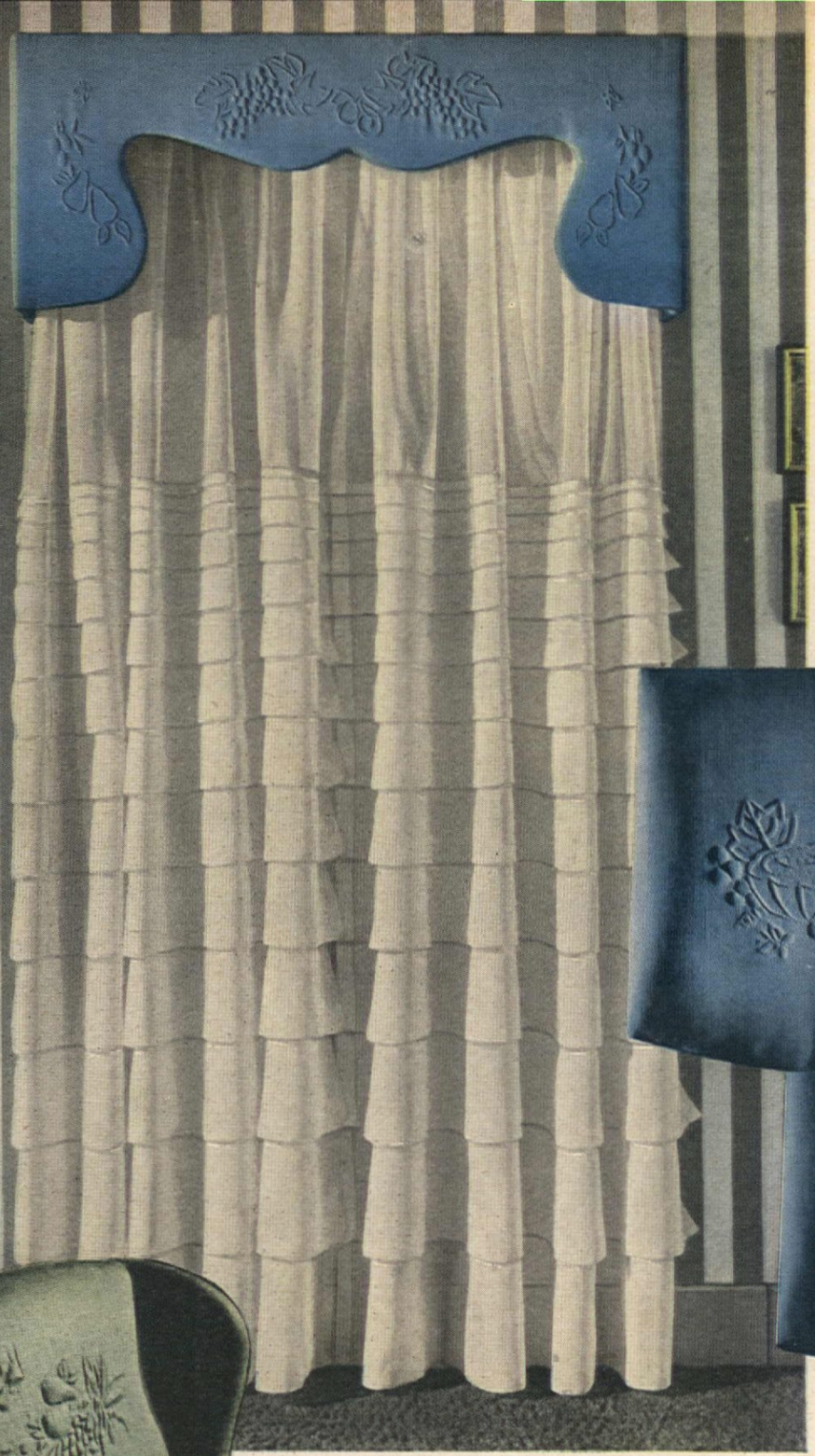

QUILTING AT YOUR WINDOW: We concocted this confection of fruit-quilted valance and frothy tucked organdy curtains, and turned it into a pattern so you can make it yourself. Pattern includes outline of valance covering, directions for trapunto quilting, and directions for making curtains, too. AMERICAN HOME Pattern **1403**

QUILTED CHAIRS: We think this is worth buying a new chair for. Lavish your skill upon quilted and padded fruit which decks seat and inside back. Sides and rear boast quilted richness, too—quickly done on your sewing machine (page 96). Complete instructions for quilted fruit, AMERICAN HOME Pattern **1405**

QUILTED SEATS: Dining chairs of any period (or any other chair) will be still more inviting with seats quilted in these crisp fruit designs. And try them on your tablecloth or place mats too. These four motifs, with complete quilting instructions: AMERICAN HOME Pattern **1404**

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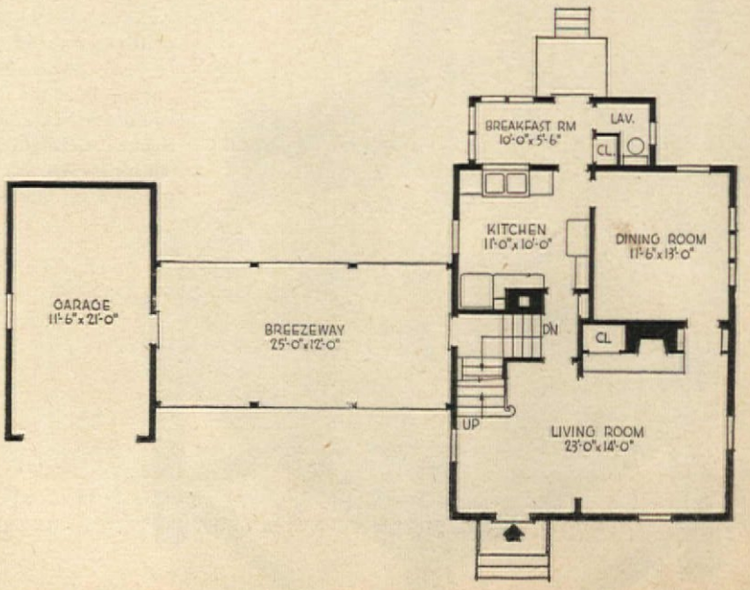
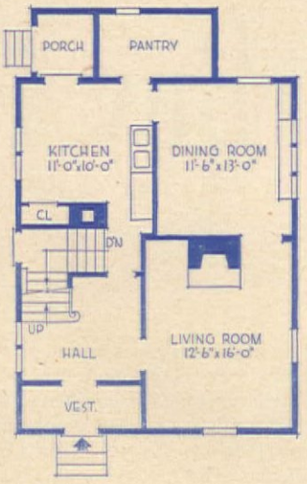
A SUCCESS STORY

Years Old

The Same House in 1952

Alone, new color and shutters which make beauties of the windows would have changed gloom into cheer. But would you believe a garage and breezeway could so vastly improve the lines of a house? Instead of looking like an awkward box, this one now seems to spread out in graceful comfort, and to invite you in for a cup of tea





In 1907

Even when it was new, this was "just a house"—it wouldn't tempt you to enter. Note interior changes: living room is now large, the pointless pantry became a breakfast room and washroom

A renovated house can be "good as new"—or even better.

New color, a garage, and a breezeway make this one handsome for the first time

This House is 45

Compared to the majestic century-old mansion whose rebirth we hail on page 29, the dreary little house shown above is relatively young—but how it needed a helping hand! You've seen hundreds like it—dank and dinky-looking despite their ample cubic footage. Inside, with their dark woodwork and frequently impossible kitchens, they are still more depressing. And when they come up for sale, they're cheap—because most people lack the imagination to visualize the wonders you can wield (if the house is sound) with a can of paint, some plaster, and a garage set in the right place.

But the Richard Sullivans of Nashua, N.H., were blessed with just that kind of vision. They took a chance and bought this house ten years ago, and made their changes gradually, as their budget permitted. The first alterations were mostly interior, though that cavernous front entry was immediately replaced by the Colonial front door and graceful stoop which beckon passers-by. Inside, in addition to new paint, paper, and kitchen equipment, they conjured up a large living room, big enough for a grand piano, by throwing down a wall and incorporating the hallway and former entry. They also went to work on the rear lean-to, eliminating the back porch and making the whole thing an enclosed playroom for their very small youngsters. (Finally, it became a breakfast room and downstairs washroom.)

A few years later came the things which made the greatest difference to the looks of their house—and added most to their joy in living here. They bought the plot next door, acquired a garage and breezeway, and treated the exterior to a paint job which turned gloomy brown walls into gay white ones. A garage needn't cost a fortune, and if you set it away from the house, and connect it with a generous breezeway, you really have something! The breezeway, of course, is a summer living room where you choose your sun or shade. But what a beauty treatment it is, too: it gives this house a smart new low look, and makes it inviting for the first time in its career.

To Buy The Best!

E. L. D. SEYMOUR

If you doubt it, look at the pairs of squash pictured herewith. They show how widely crops may vary when grown from seed sold under the same variety name, but in different packets, by different dealers. They indicate what can happen when you plant what *you suppose* is seed of what you want to grow, but which turns out to have been seed of something quite different. The reason for this unfortunate outcome *may* be your unfamiliarity with varieties; or your carelessness in checking catalogue descriptions, or in making out your seed order. Or it *may* be the sort of mistake that occasionally happens, even in the operations of the best managed firm, along the complicated route between the planting of a seed crop and, the following year, its gathering, cleaning, packeting, and selling. But the reason is much more likely to be that you bought and planted low-grade, unreliable seed, whether through ignorance, carelessness, or indifference. For, despite commendable efforts of the seed trade and various federal and state agencies, too much flower and vegetable seed which is mislabeled, misrepresented, inaccurately described or pictured, or otherwise substandard, is still sold. Until the sources of such seed are dried up and the product made unprofitable by the concerted efforts of trade leaders, government workers, and the public (which can do a lot by refusing to buy it), the gardener's best protection against disappointment is to buy only the best seed available from dealers who have made reputations, want to maintain them, and are scrupulous in their technical and business practices and as to the names, descriptions, and claims they apply to what they sell. In other words—those of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, which supplied the data for this article—"Seeds purchased from reputable sources usually produce crops closely matching the catalogue illustrations."

In its annual *Seed Report Bulletin* for 1949, the Station said, with typical scientific restraint: "The purchase of good seed is almost always a good investment." It then cited two stocks of Chinese cabbage tested that year: "One lot of seed produced coarse, variable plants only 10 per cent of which developed heads fairly suitable for table use. The other lot

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Cocozelle

WHAT YOU HOPE FOR

WHAT YOU MAY GET

Green Hubbard

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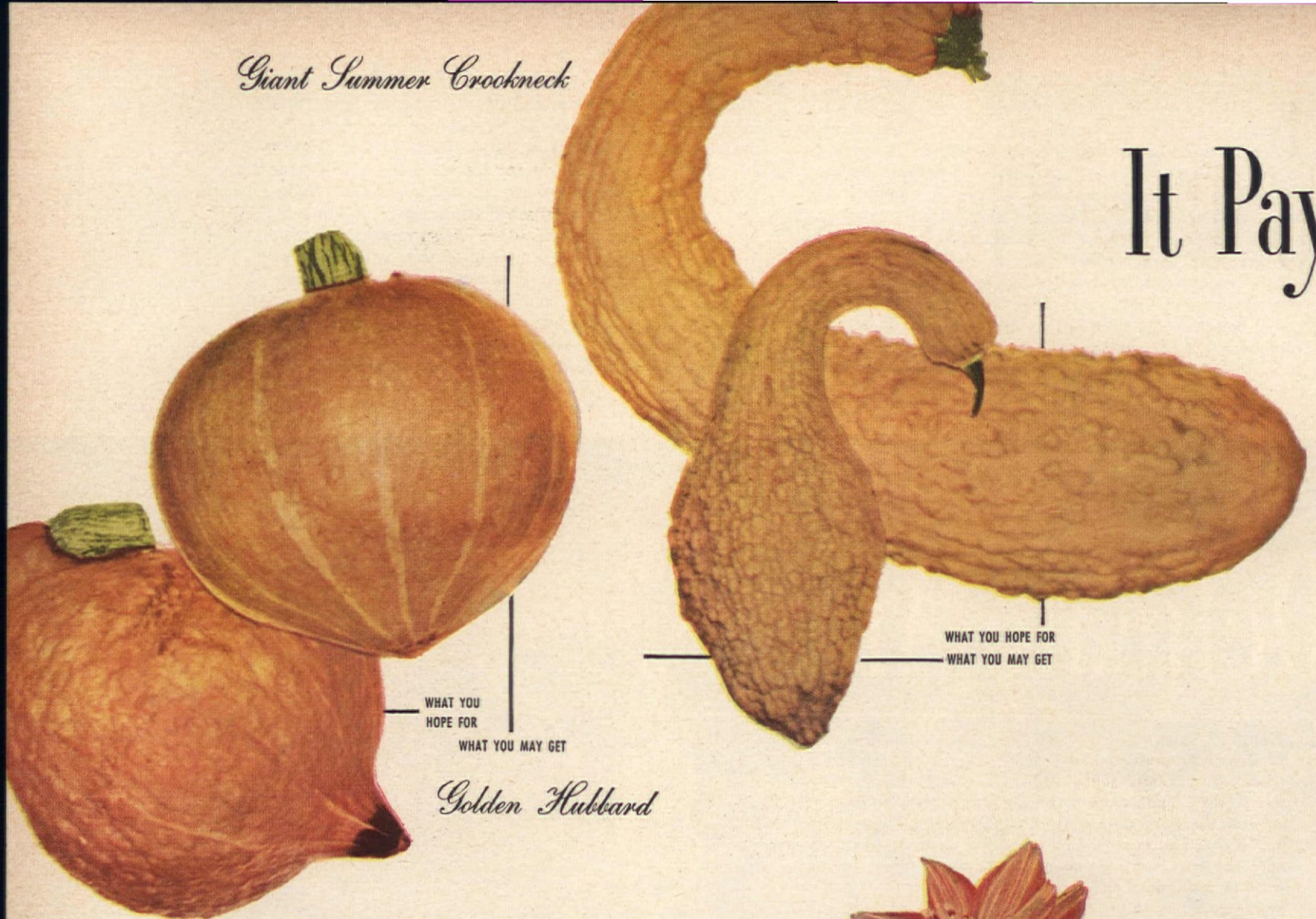
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If you arrange it in groups and play light upon it, Minerva glass looks like frozen lace in a story-book palace. An American pressed-glass pattern used in the 1870's to decorate everyday table accessories, its delicate air has inspired such collectors as Mrs. George J. Campbell of Sparrows Point, Md., to pursue it through antique shops and the pages of collectors' magazines until she assembled the pieces we show you here—and nearly 100 more.

Like many another fine collection, Mrs. Campbell's started with a single item, the large oval bread platter illustrated below. A gift from her mother, this piece shows the components of the pattern well. It gets its name, of course, from the central figure of the Roman goddess who was patron of the arts of war and the crafts of peacetime. She appears in several poses, all copied from drawings made by the Neo-Classical English artist, John Flaxman (1755–1826), who was celebrated for his sculpture, his illustrations of Homer and others, and his early designs for Wedgwood pottery. In adapting the Flaxman figure of Minerva, however, the American glass designers surrounded her with a decorative aura as characteristic of this pattern as Minerva herself. The scalloped borders of tiny, dewdrop-like beads, the frosty bands enlivened by grape arabesques or inscribed with amusing legends, added borders of dewdrops to imprison the light—all give a fragile, lacy quality to the glass which was made to be used as well as admired.

Delicate Air

This oval platter, a present from her mother, started Mrs. Campbell's collection of Minerva glass which now contains about 100 items. Some carry legends — this one is inscribed: "Give us this day our daily bread"

On serving dishes, you really see the goddess for whom this pattern is named. Based on drawings by the English artist, John Flaxman, these representations of Minerva are effective when large and stark, complemented by the fragile border. On the oval pickle dish is printed: "Love's Request is for Pickles"

In contrast to the serving dishes which Minerva dominates, pieces like the butter dish and covered, footed compotes show designers relegating the goddess to second place. They rejoiced in elaborating the scalloped borders and grape arabesques which give this glass its delicate air

MARY E. MONZE

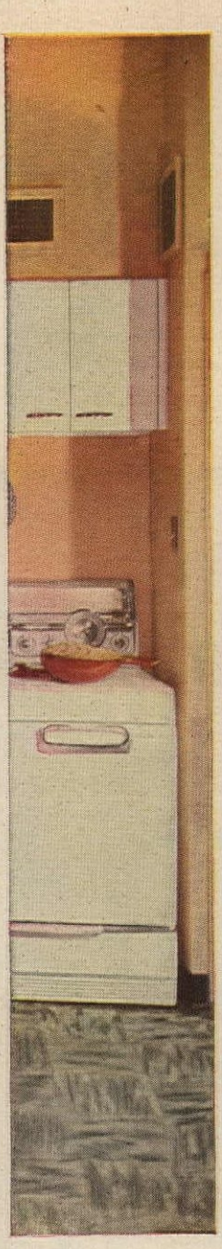
Popular as a decoration for American pressed glass in the 1870's, this pattern is named for the goddess Minerva represented in a different pose on each of these pieces (two sugar bowls and a covered jam jar). Other elements of decoration are very similar on these examples

The Glass with the

This pattern gets much of its charm from secondary elements — festoons of dewdrop-like beads which imprison light, and frosty bands in which the medallions showing Minerva are set. They show up beautifully on an open compote and blend with the decoration of the silver stand holding the covered pickle jar

Minerva is especially good in groups. Set two cake plates together where the light strikes them, and you get a wonderful effect — like a clear musical note and its echo. The dewdrop shapes are repeated in clusters of grapes decorating the frosty center bands

Like most pressed-glass patterns, Minerva was applied to a variety of objects which appeared on Victorian tables — the spoon-holder, goblet, creamer, water pitcher. They were made to sell inexpensively, but because beauty knows no price tag, they happened to be handsome — that's why collectors cherish them today



Of course it looks well—a gay color scheme did that. But study this bright, young-people's kitchen in detail, imagine what a dream it would be to work here in air-conditioned comfort with your favorite music piped in, and you'll see how well youth can get itself served these days. This was no ready-made room. Its young owners, the Robert Conhaims of Dayton, Ohio, planned it during years of living in Army camps and makeshift apartments. Together with architect John Schott, they planned it so well that we're sure kitchen-wise oldsters will applaud its many practical ideas.

Just look at the layout. Instead of a tiny kitchen, a crowded dining alcove, and an off-by-itself laundry, they rolled the three spaces into one big airy room with a picture-window view of their orchard. Here Maryll Conhaim can cook conveniently, dine with dignity, and do her laundry at her leisure. But the space is so arranged that these activities don't conflict. Note how the refrigerator, sink, dishwasher, and range are arranged in an L, out of the way of the dining area; how that handsome, un-kitcheny eating spot is served by the cabinets of the peninsula which divides kitchen from the workable laundry.

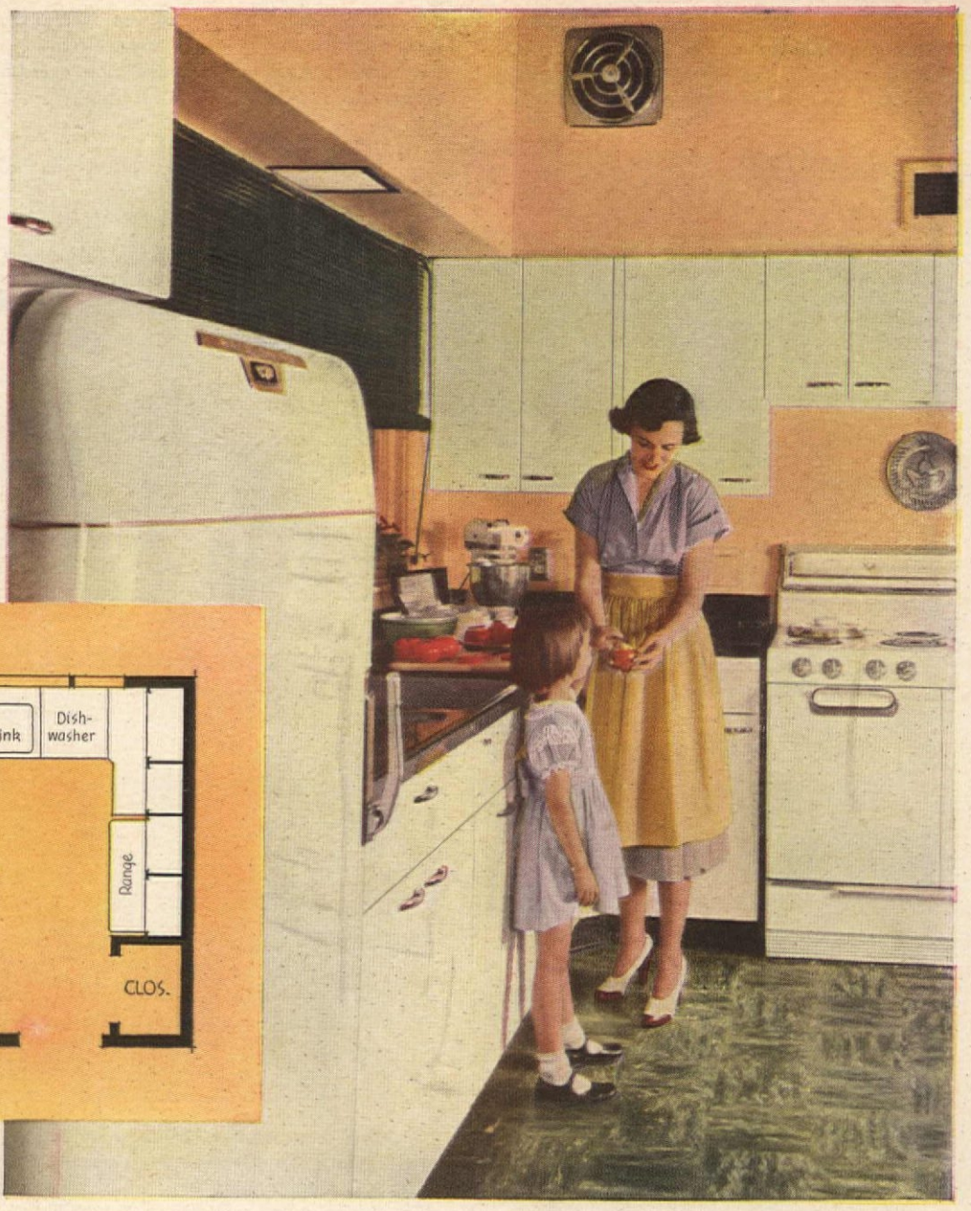
But what fits into that plan is every bit as smart as the plan itself. Since they had to buy equipment anyhow—and for a home of their own—the Conhaims were wise enough to stint on neither quality nor size. They are a small family, but with a 11-cu.-ft. refrigerator and an electric range whose single oven can act like two, serving dinner guests is no problem. And with a dishwasher and garbage disposer to take on her work, Maryll doesn't regret the dinner invitations at cleaning-up time. The laundry is equally well equipped with its fully automatic washer and dryer, and its roll-out ironer which invites you to sit down. The floor is restful, resilient rubber tile; the counter tops nearly indestructible. And count those cabinets: 14 double ones on the walls, six on the floor—and no need for a bit of clutter, ever, in this laundry-kitchen where a happy family is so well served.

See "Where Credit Is Due" on page 80

KITCHEN EATING IS KITCHEN DINING HERE: When family meals are served in the kitchen, you needn't make them second-class affairs. Redwood walls and well designed furniture make this area attractive as an honest-to-goodness dining room. Good music is piped in from the living-room's radio-phonograph, and there is a plug-in for the telephone

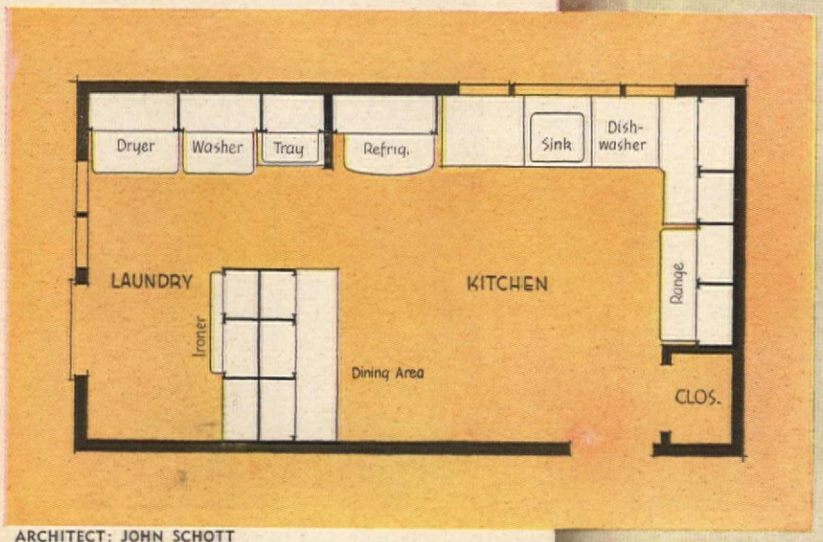
Three-in-One Kitchen

EDITH RAMSAY



LOOKS CRISP, STAYS COOL: That goes for the kitchen and its owner. You can take time out for chats when up-to-the-second equipment (a great big refrigerator, a capacious range, a dishwasher, a garbage disposer, and oodles of cabinets) makes your work easy. There is air conditioning here, and an excellent ventilator system keeps your nose happy

THREE-IN-ONE-PLAN: Dining area and laundry were designed into the kitchen—they're no afterthoughts. Peninsula divides kitchen from laundry, serves dining area. Refrigerator, sink, dishwasher, range, are arranged in a workable L, as is the laundry equipment. Notice that there are 14 double wall cabinets and 6 double base cabinets in this small-family kitchen planned by far-sighted people



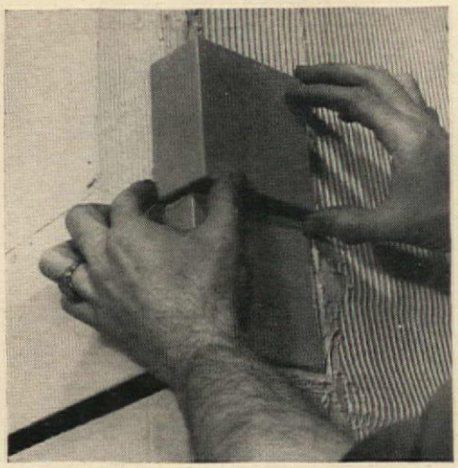
ARCHITECT: JOHN SCHOTT

ANY DAY IS WASH DAY in a good home laundry. Since this one is part of the kitchen, Maryll can do odd laundry jobs with one eye on the pressure cooker. Here she's pretreating clothes. There's an extra sink next to the washer, too

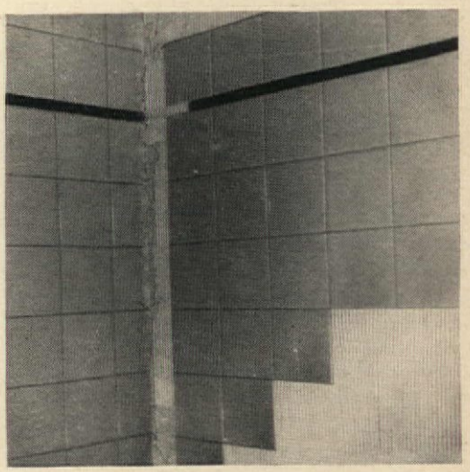
IRONING TIME IS RESTING TIME: Flat pieces go like a whiz on ironer. Pressurized shoe gives superior finish. Soft fabrics, such as towels, come out of the dryer fluff dried, ready for storage. Cabinets next to ironer house supplies

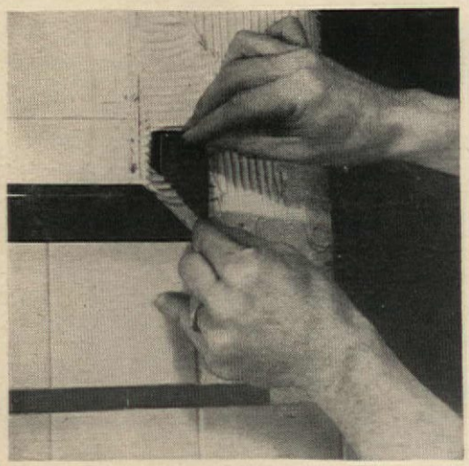
With notched spreader, spread mastic for holding tiles in place. Use a broad scraper to dip mastic out of bucket and pile on spreader along notched edge. Hold spreader as near right angles to wall as possible. Start from floor and work up, using broad scraper to push mastic against wall

When using outside corner tile, apply this first and work away from corner. If your outside corner is not perfectly square and perpendicular, avoid using corner tiles as they will throw all lines off



Work from top down. Start at one end. Lay first row of tiles along horizontal line drawn on wall. Using plumb line, establish vertical line near corner. (Leave corners untiled for the moment.) Don't slide tiles into place. Nose corner of tile, then edge into mastic hard against adjoining tile. Snap flat into position. Press on corners for tight bond. Butt tiles in each succeeding row tightly



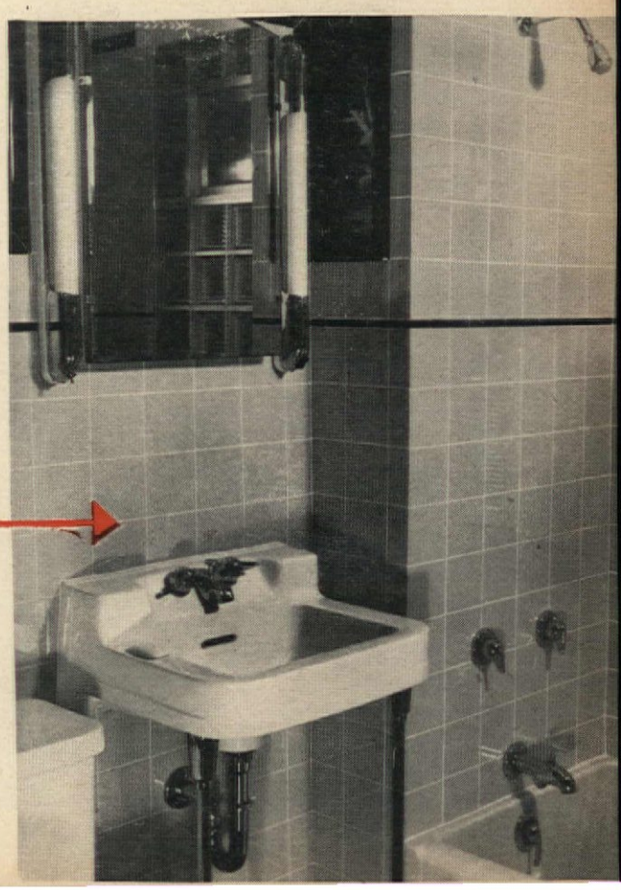


If you use a bull-nose cap (rounded finishing tile for top), corners must be cut in a miter box. To fit in corners, cap must be cut on 45° angle while standing vertical. For around medicine cabinet, etc., cut cap while laying flat. File edges smooth

"Grouting" between tiles beautifies and waterproofs joints. Grout is a thin mortar made with cement. Clean out mastic between tiles with a thin stick or putty knife. Apply grout to joints with fingers, press firmly to avoid air pockets beneath surface. Do only one or two tiles at a time. Remove excess with a damp sponge or soft cloth. Wipe diagonally across tiles

Run rubber eraser on a pencil down between tiles. This makes grouting clean and even. With a damp sponge, remove any excess eraser may work up to surface. Be very careful not to mar grout line

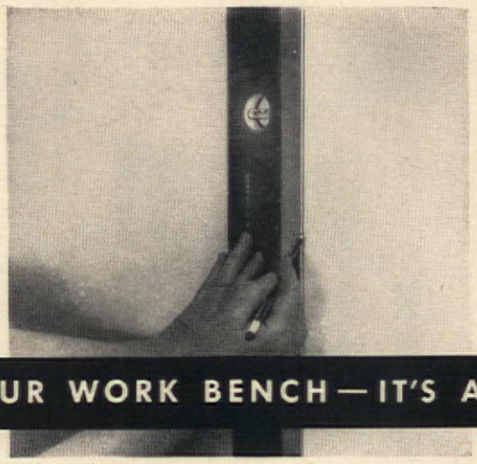
Tile it Yourself

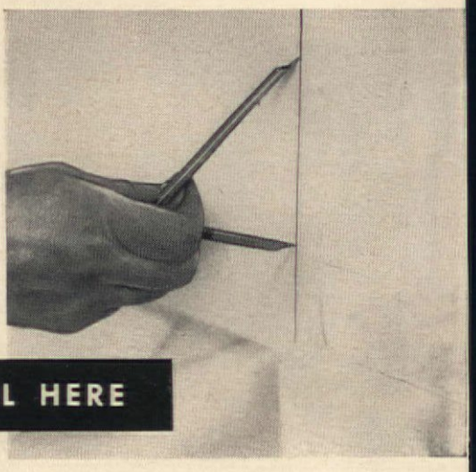


You can, too! Just follow instructions carefully. Read them all the way through. Study each step before starting until you have a clear picture of what you must do for a satisfactory tiling job. Tiles come in many colors, so you can choose your favorite shade. Use this procedure for plastic and metal tiles. We recommend professional installation of ceramic tiles

Tile wainscot is usually about 5 ft. high. Top line is starting point and must be determined accurately. Using a level, draw perpendicular line up side of wall to desired height. To figure out where to put top line, set a pair of dividers at exact width of tile (next picture)

To determine rows of tile needed, measure up penciled line with dividers. Adjust top of tile line to avoid cutting small pieces of tile for use along baseboards, under windows, along top of tub. Avoid using tiles less than half width. When height of top line is decided, draw straight line that height all around room. Use a level





PROP THIS UP OVER YOUR WORK BENCH—IT'S ALL HERE

You'll have to cut tiles for corners. To mark tiles for cutting, place one tile squarely on top of last set tile near corner. Place another tile over this loose one, but move it out to butt against corner. Top tile acts as a straight-edge guide for marking cutting line on first loose tile placed over set tile. Use tile cutter, coping saw, or electric jig-saw to cut tile

Cut tile to fit around pipe and fixtures. Use a coping saw for plastic tile; a hack saw for metal tile. As fixtures and pipes usually have a chrome ring around them, accurate fitting is not essential

WILL STOLL

How to

You'll need these to get this

1 Dividers for measuring. 2 Plumb line for straight verticals. 3 Pencil with eraser. 4 Folding rule. 5 File for smoothing edges of tile. 6 Putty knife for scraping excess mastic from between tiles. 7 Broad scraper for applying mastic. 8 Coping saw for cutting tiles. 9 Tile cutter. 10 Level. 11 Spreader for mastic. 12 Miter box and saw for cutting cap tile. You'll also need tile, mastic, and cement for grout

A big family can work here

While some of the family reads by the fire, two students might share that sturdy table, and Dad or Mother could work at the secretary. The room looks traditional, but clear modern thinking lies behind its décor as well as behind its architecture. It is cleanly tailored, not cluttered, and except on the just-so curtains, ruffles are scarce. Note how the color scheme flows into the hallway

This dining room is a full-time room

It was designed for a large family's meals, of course. But with its split-brick floor, its comfortable chairs and sofas, its eloquent fireplace, this is anything but a one-shot room. For young parties, it is a practical playroom, far from the sleeping quarters; its cozy country kitchen air makes it just right for a good cup of afternoon tea. It is the hub for outdoor entertaining as well, for the covered dining porch is on one flank, and the pantry which serves the patio and second porch, is on the other

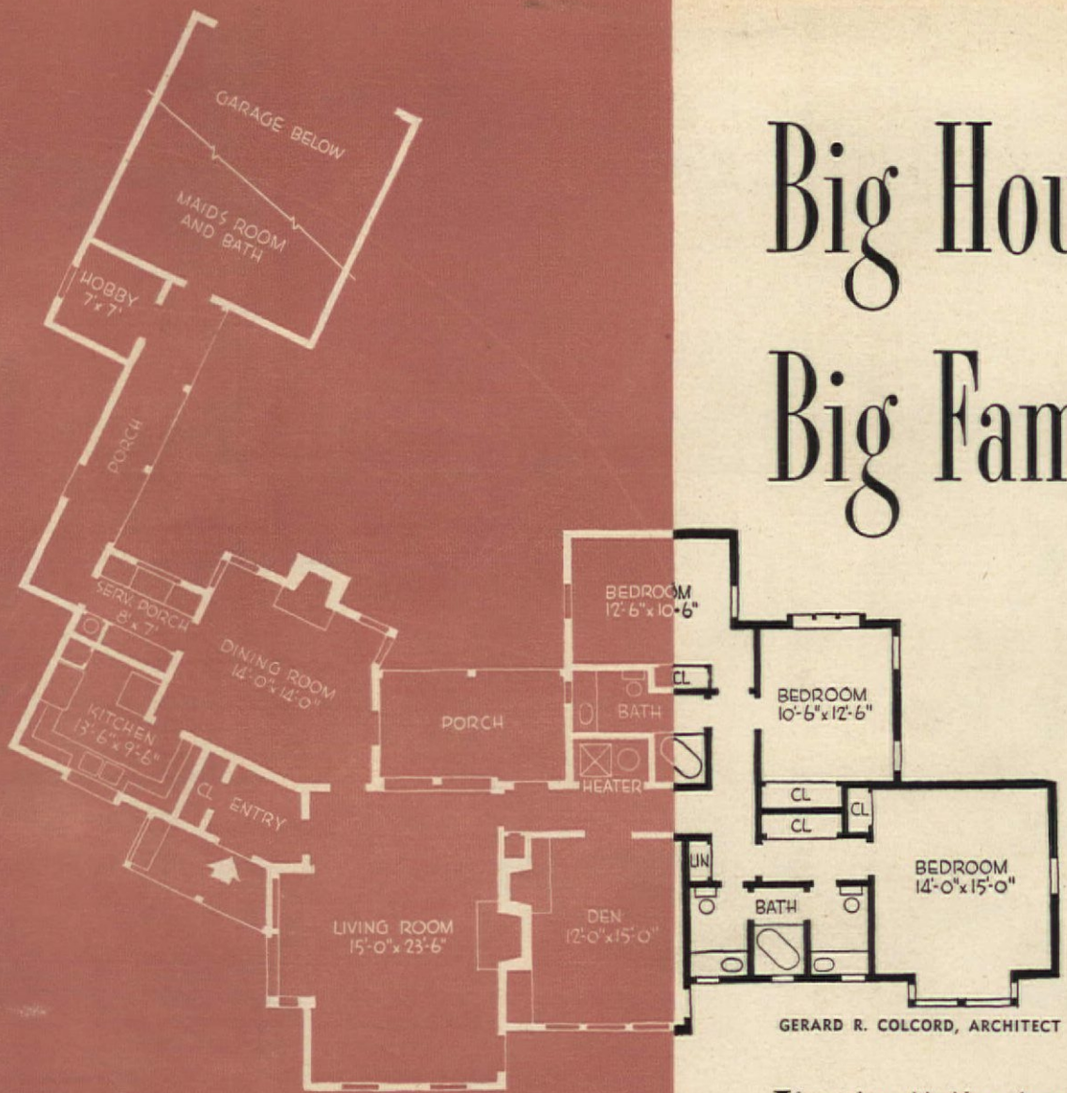
LOUIS DE HAVEN SHAW, CONSULTANT DECORATOR

A big family can relax here

Red predominates in the color scheme of this happy harbor of a living room, but it is a restful red because it is used glowingly, not shockingly. The red of the sofas is picked up in the print, echoed faintly in the tone of the paneled walls. In contrast, the den (cover) is dashing green. There are other fireplaces in the house, but these sofas keep a hearthside promise to a brood. Won't you draw up a chair?

A Big House (Begins on page 34)

Big House for Big Family Living



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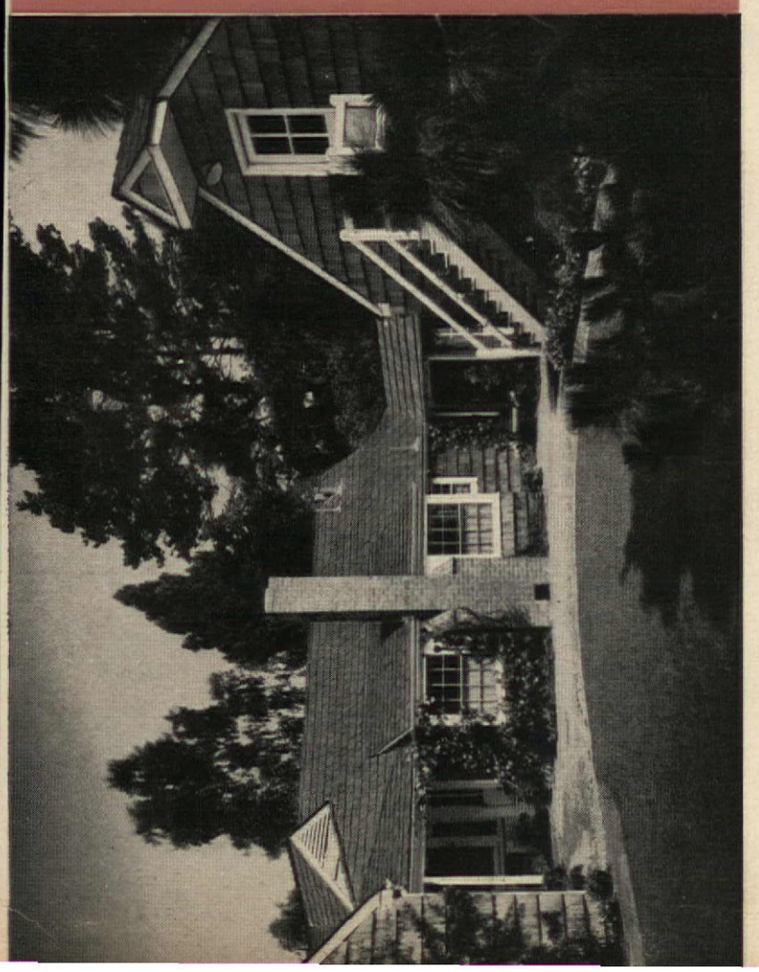

If you have big ideas about the Old Homestead you want your big brood to remember, take a long look at this one. It *could* harbor a Mama, a Papa, and as many as eight youngsters, and still brim with both privacy and laughter. It offers room for study and sunning and sitting by the fire. It invites hobbies and friends—three parties for three different age groups could take place here in simultaneous gaiety without embarrassing conflict.

Those three cross-ventilated bedrooms, each sizable and separate, are good for two parents and four children. But this big house is elastic: you could use the den as another bedroom (it's near a bath) and turn that maid's room into a private realm for a pair of husky boys, or into a secluded studio for a talented teen-ager. And notice, too, that there's no waiting in line for ablutions—in addition to the conventional bath, that three-section affair off the master bedroom behaves like two baths and a half when it's time for primping.

For relaxing, study, or big party-giving, there are three living rooms, each with its own fireplace: the main one, the den (pictured on the cover), and that masterpiece of a dining room whose sofas, chairs, and brick floor make it a perfect playroom for young merrymakers—you don't even have to roll up a rug to dance (see next page).

When you can be out of doors, three more "rooms" are added. There's the squarish covered porch, good for meals many months of the year. The long sheltered porch connecting house with garage and hobby room has its own serving pantry. And they both face the brick patio which is so sheltered that it's an ideal outdoor living room.

The lucky owners of this domain are Mr. and Mrs. M. Thorner of Los Angeles who planned it for themselves and their nearly grown sons. They think of it as a traditional house, and they've furnished it to carry out the spirit of architectural details straight from a New England farmhouse. But this good, and completely unconventional, plan is as contemporary as tomorrow morning. It expresses a way of life, not a style. Modern houses and ranch houses contributed the ideas behind it. You could enclose such a plan equally well in walls of Georgian brick, or in walls of glass and redwood, and furnish it accordingly. Either way, it would look as handsome as it does here.

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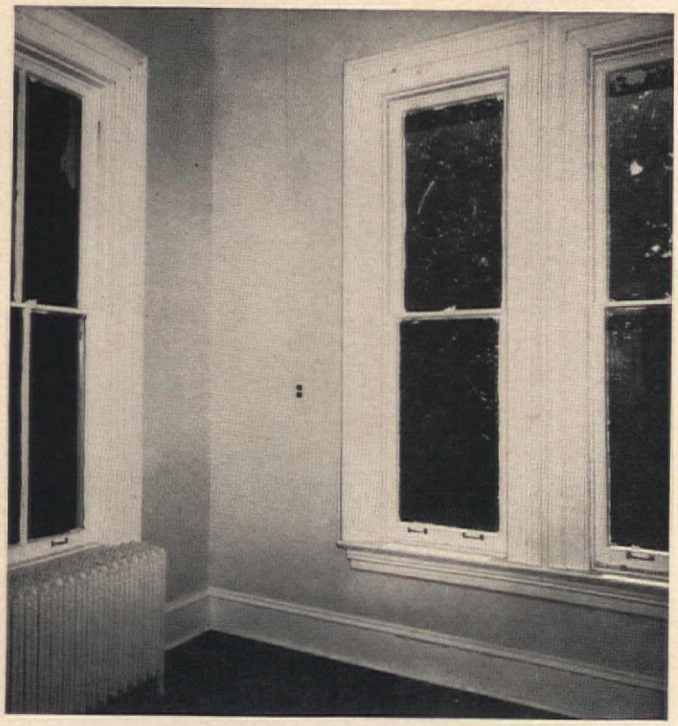

BEFORE: In the kitchen, tall narrow windows typical of very old houses. The room was actually taller than it was long or wide. Modern range, refrigerator, and sink have been installed on wall opposite radiator

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A gay treatment for beanpole windows

AFTER: Kitchen-dinette (above, right) is now pink and pretty as a strawberry pie. Skinny windows look smart with heart-shaped valances in upper half, plaid café curtains in lower part. Some of the former terrace furniture is used for indoor dining. Another trick to remember for old houses: too-tall look is greatly relieved by painting the ceiling a very dark color—in this case, deep purple. Inexpensive purple felt makes the cushions for chair backs and seats

A smart entrance foyer where none exists

AT RIGHT: Here's an idea you can use to create the effect of an entrance hall. Door at right is front door; door at left leads to bedroom. A lacy grill of wrought iron, painted white, juts out into room a few feet in front of entrance door (see reflection in mirror). Loveseat is backed up to grill's other side. This suggests a division between the two areas. Long narrow console table takes little space, has a concealed flip top, opens up for use as a dining table or party buffet

A bedroom which plays several roles

As smart as any living room, the bedroom has a desk in one corner and a comfortable leather chair which invite it to act as a den. When there are large parties, it's formal enough to be a second living room. The good-looking sofa bed converts easily into a downy couch. Two windows, different in height and width, are smartly treated: instead of draperies, louvered shutters extend beyond and above windows, hide the uneven openings, let in light and air. The color scheme is new: rich tobacco brown combined with lots of black, bits of pumpkin and gray

dweller did. Roberta Koll, who lives here, had known and admired this stately "old castle" in Glencoe, Ill., all her life. But she was never inside until its owners converted it into apartments. She was lucky enough to get one—and smart enough to see its possibilities.

Though these interiors have the air of a big-city apartment, Glencoe is actually a village on Chicago's North Shore. Ideas here could be adapted by anyone, anywhere. Not the kit and caboodle, of course, because they were designed by a pretty young professional interior decorator to suit *her* way of life (just as any sensible decorator would design rooms to fit *your* way of living).

For instance, if you like a bit of drama and have a big old-fashioned room with an alcove, bay, or adjoining sun porch, why not lay a loose brick floor over carpet padding and furnish it as you would a terrace? "Don't get giddy with me!" you say—but, as a matter of fact, many houses of this size and vintage used to have "conservatories." Bobbie Koll took the idea, mentally threw out the potted palms and wicker, and furnished her alcove as an attractive, up-to-date sunroom. Believe us, it looks plenty cool and inviting on a sweltering summer day. If you have tall stately windows with handsome moldings, why smother them in draperies? Bobbie installed window shades made of the same fabric that's pasted on the walls, and left window frames unadorned. A lot cheaper, incidentally, than draperies!

AFTER: **Furniture arrangement below is one to copy. Instead of placing lounge chairs cater-corner, Bobbie Koll faced them in an imposing group with ottoman between, a long table beside them, a lamp for each. Folding screen of window screening hides radiator (picture at left), lets air circulate freely. One loveseat backs up to screen. Smart window shades with wire scallop to match the walls leave window frames free, cost much less than draw draperies**

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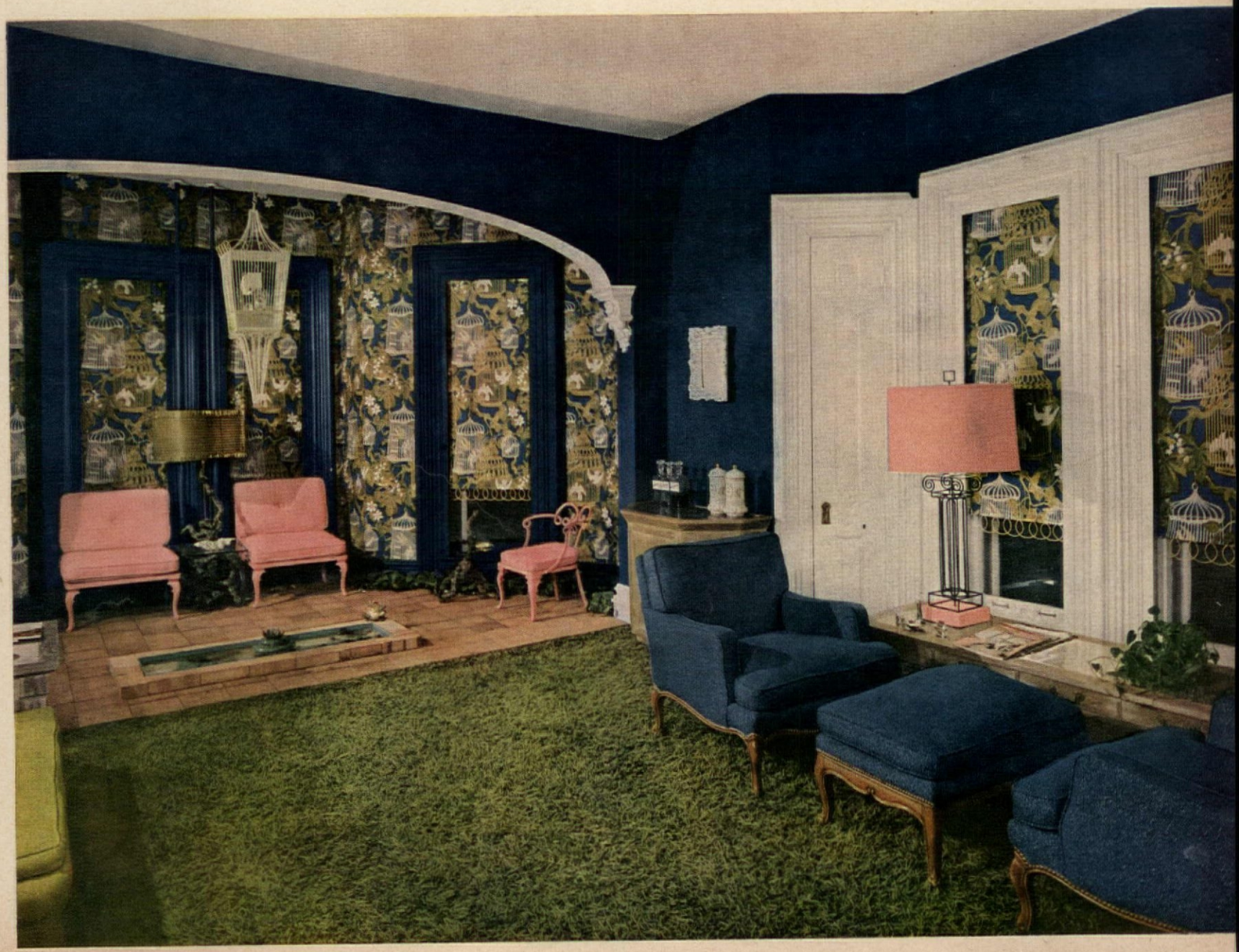
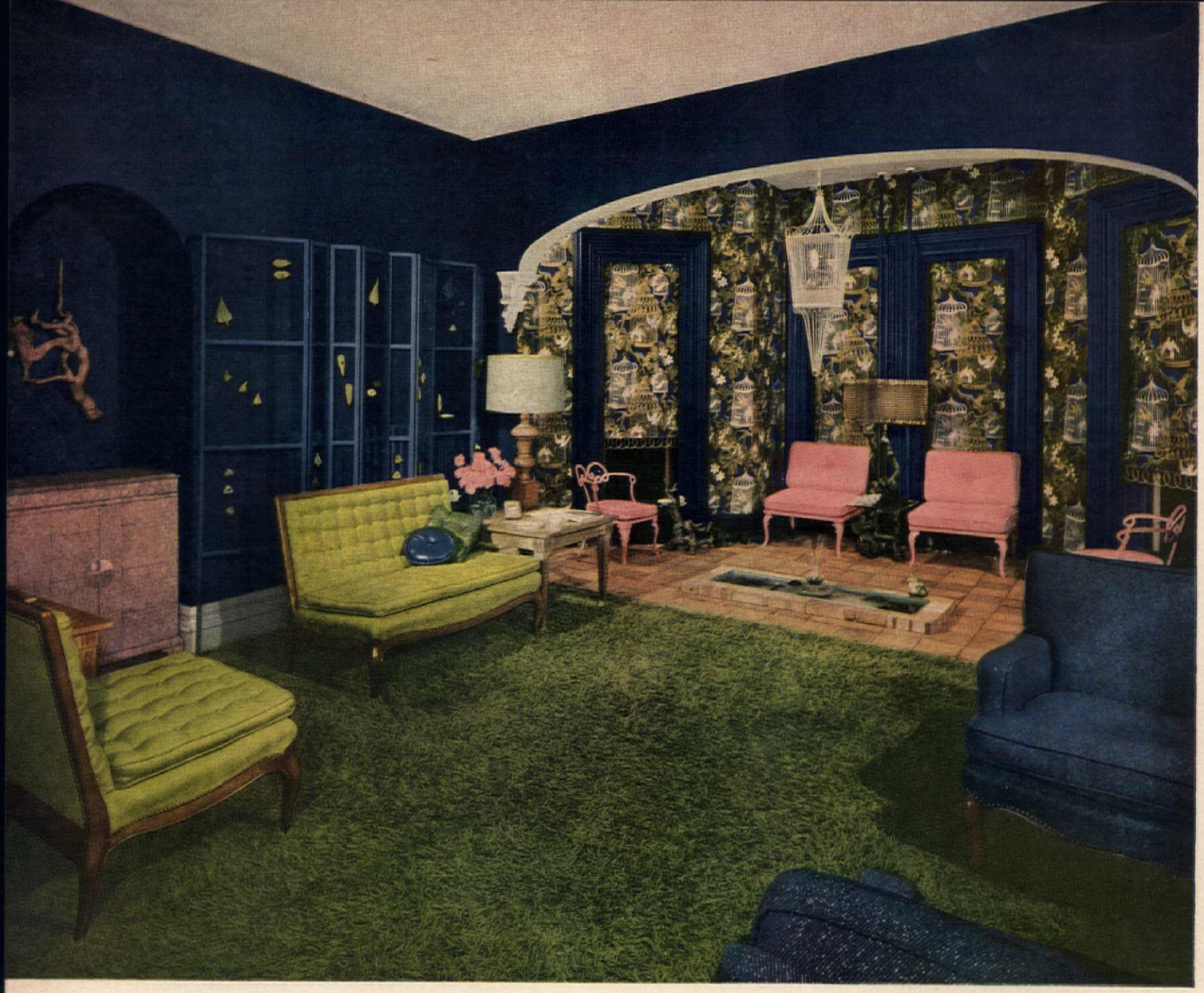
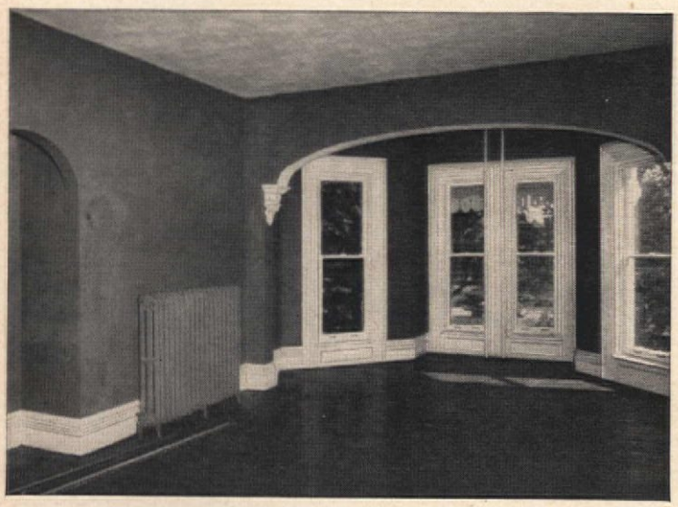
BEFORE: **Six windows bring in lots of sunshine and air—with two forfeits: there is little wall space for furniture, and the cost of draperies and glass curtains for so many windows is high. Huge radiator and deep niche on opposite wall were further complications**







BEFORE: If you're apartment hunting, consider this tip: Old houses converted into apartments usually offer better value, space-wise, than new buildings which often have dinky rooms. That's because old rooms are difficult and expensive to partition. Rentals are about the same, sometimes less. No structural changes were made here

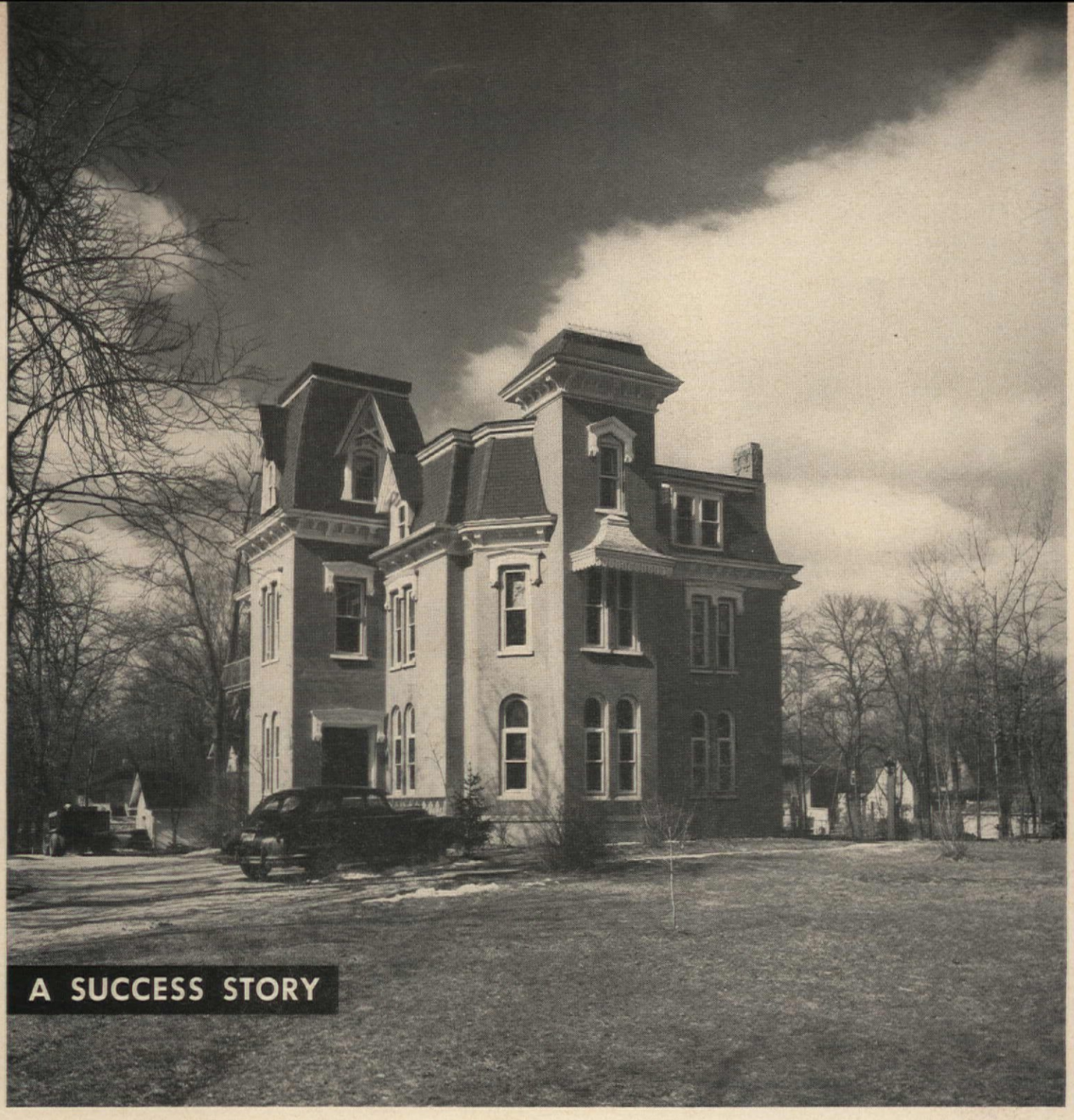
AFTER: One room with the look of two provides a refreshing change of scene. Terrace furniture came from former house. Since there was no terrace here, an illusion of one was created by flooring bay with used brick, laid over layer of carpet pad and held in place by molding nailed to floor. Tiny electric fountain in zinc pan sprays same water over and over, aerates it for goldfish swimming therein

DECORATOR, ROBERTA KOLL OF MARION HEUER INTERIORS
DATA FROM JESSIE WALKER

Color lopped off a Century

your housing. You can start from scratch in a brand-new home. Or you can study a still-firm old one, recognize it for the bargain it is, then figure out how to make it look wonderful again and—more important—how to make it behave as well as a new house. If you do the latter, you've produced a success story. And you can work such a transformation on any sound but dated house, whether it's an aged mansion in need of some really major operations, or a small middle-aged horror to which new color, the removal of tasteless ornament, and the addition of modern equipment will give a new viewpoint.

And while you're at it, make a success story of the decoration by playing up your own house's innate charm, as this apartment-



A SUCCESS STORY

It's the Gayest Little Home in Town

How can we call this handsome old sombersides "gay"? And why a "Success Story"? Well, turn the page for a peek at the bright new apartment coaxed out of a suite of its 100-year-old rooms, and you'll agree with the "gay" part. Then consider other houses of its period—houses filled with gloriously big rooms you could breathe new life into if the buildings were habitable—and you'll see why it's a success. Most such houses molder away, looking like the haunted houses in the comics. But not this one. That's why our hat is off to its owners who faced the fact that an out-of-date house needn't die. They made it live again by ripping off its gingerbread, leaving good, clean lines outside, and by transforming its interior into spacious modern apartments. One of them was rented to a young decorator who made a success within a success when she capitalized upon the old beauty by giving it a new slant (see the next four pages).

We've been showing a number of AMERICAN HOME "Success Stories" lately. Briefly, they all have one thing in common: they tell of the transformation of an old house whose owner refused either to pass it by or to wither away in its obsolescence. Because our technical improvements leap ahead, and our living habits change rapidly (who serves the enormous dinners or keeps the staff of servants the original owners of this home took for granted?) our houses don't just grow old—they become obsolete. There are two ways to keep up to date in

● **In this distinctive dining room,** *Pittsburgh's Brown Intermix on walls is used as a background for climbing white roses cut from wallpaper. Decorations are by Marie Stosskopf, Chicago, Ill., member of American Institute of Decorators. Furniture by Heywood-Wakefield Company.*

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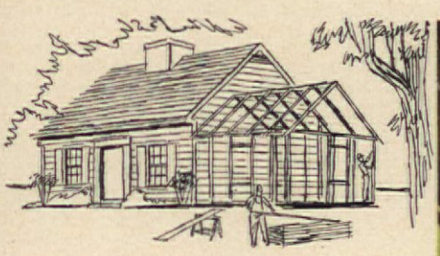

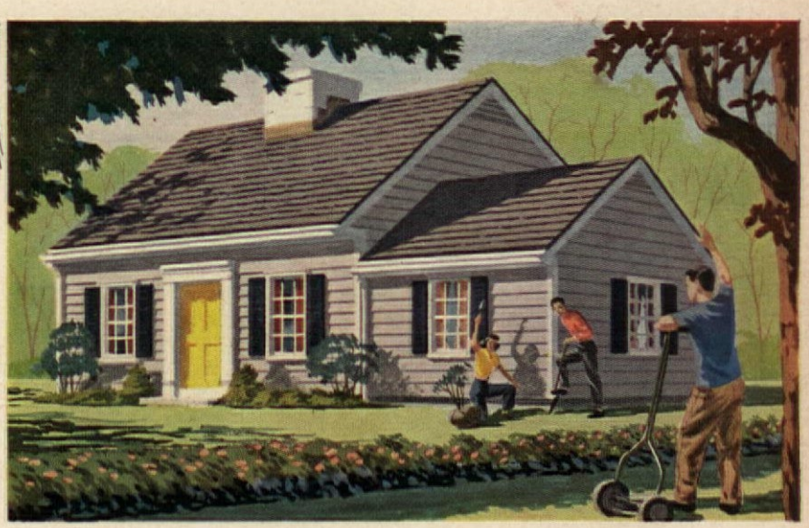

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How We Work

If you thought a magazine like ours was edited in an office, weekdays from 9 to 5, news of our peripatetic proclivities in this column must have dispelled *that* notion! But don't think we're a martyrish bunch of Footsore Floras, either. Those extra-curricular activities (they're plain "curricular" to us) bring fun and gratification, too. For instance, the girl with the bouquet isn't Greta Glory of Hollywood. She is our own Gertrude Brassard, met in Dallas by Mrs. Joe Sanders, wife of our representative down there. Texans love Gertrude so much, they gave her a full welcome. She deserved it, too, for she worked all the next day (the Sabbath), and the next (Labor Day), and the one after (a regular working day) to cover the gift shows and pick new things for you to see in her department. And directly below, the smiling man on the right is Garden Editor Seymour, shown with officials of the American Dahlia Society and *Patricia Spollen*, a dahlia grown by Stanley Johnson, and awarded an American Home Achievement Medal. On the top of the page we take you behind the scenes. There's Crafts Editor Dorothy Trumm, and Dorchen, setting up the bedroom illustrated in our quilting story. To be ready for morning photography, they worked way into the night before. But months of thinking preceded this, because we wanted to tell you how to make the most of the new vogue for the old art of quilting. To tempt you, Dorothy came up with some mighty impressive motifs. And to make it easy, she developed a technique for quilting the less important parts of the design on your sewing machine (page 96). . . . YOUR EDITORS

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Polio Parents

(Begins on page 22)

A NEW INTEREST IN LIFE: Polio Parents conducts occupational therapy courses to develop new skills. Carolyn Carty learned jewelry making in such a class, finds it profitable, and spiritually rewarding

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Its members have been through the ordeal. They know the tragedy of polio, because their own youngsters or they themselves have had it. The group's founder, Mrs. Richard Bennett, has had the bottomless feeling—in spades. One month after her four-year-old Betsy came down with polio, her grown son, Jerry Chapin, 21 and just out of the Navy, was hit by the disease. Betsy's was a mild case—but Jerry had a long, uphill battle. Today, he's a fine example of rehabilitation and adjustment. Now a college freshman who gets around under his own steam on specially designed crutches given to him at Warm Springs, he is the proud and successful inventor of a new type of crutch, of a portable shower designed for polio patients, and of a power-driven wheel chair run by a lawn-mower's motor.

When the worst at her home was over, Mrs. Bennett organized the parents of other polio victims to aid each other and future unfortunates. "Our help comes from Heaven," she says. "We collect no dues, we raise no money." Whenever a patient needs material things, they somehow seem to be forthcoming through Polio Parents. Gifts of money, hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches, and morale builders such as radios, typewriters, and the very important occupational therapy materials always seem to arrive at the right time.

After that initial telephone call to newly-distressed parents, the organization follows up its work with a transportation committee to drive patients to swimming pools for treatment, to special classes, to club gatherings. There is a sitter service which enables parents to take time out with the comfortable knowledge that their patient is in charge of an experienced person.

A living part of the club is the warm, spontaneous spirit of non-members who offer their services saying: "I've been spared. I want to help." One man supplies an apartment at the seashore each summer for three polios and a mother to care for them. Others turn over their houses and swimming pools: the club was actually born on the Swarthmore estate of a couple who lend their pool to the National Foundation for therapy classes.

In encouraging patients to lead a useful life, as normally as possible, the club realizes that the ability to earn money is vital to a feeling of independence. Classes in jewelry making, woodworking, ceramics, and sewing have already enabled many to earn money at home. Through special shorthand and typing classes, some patients have become proficient public steno-

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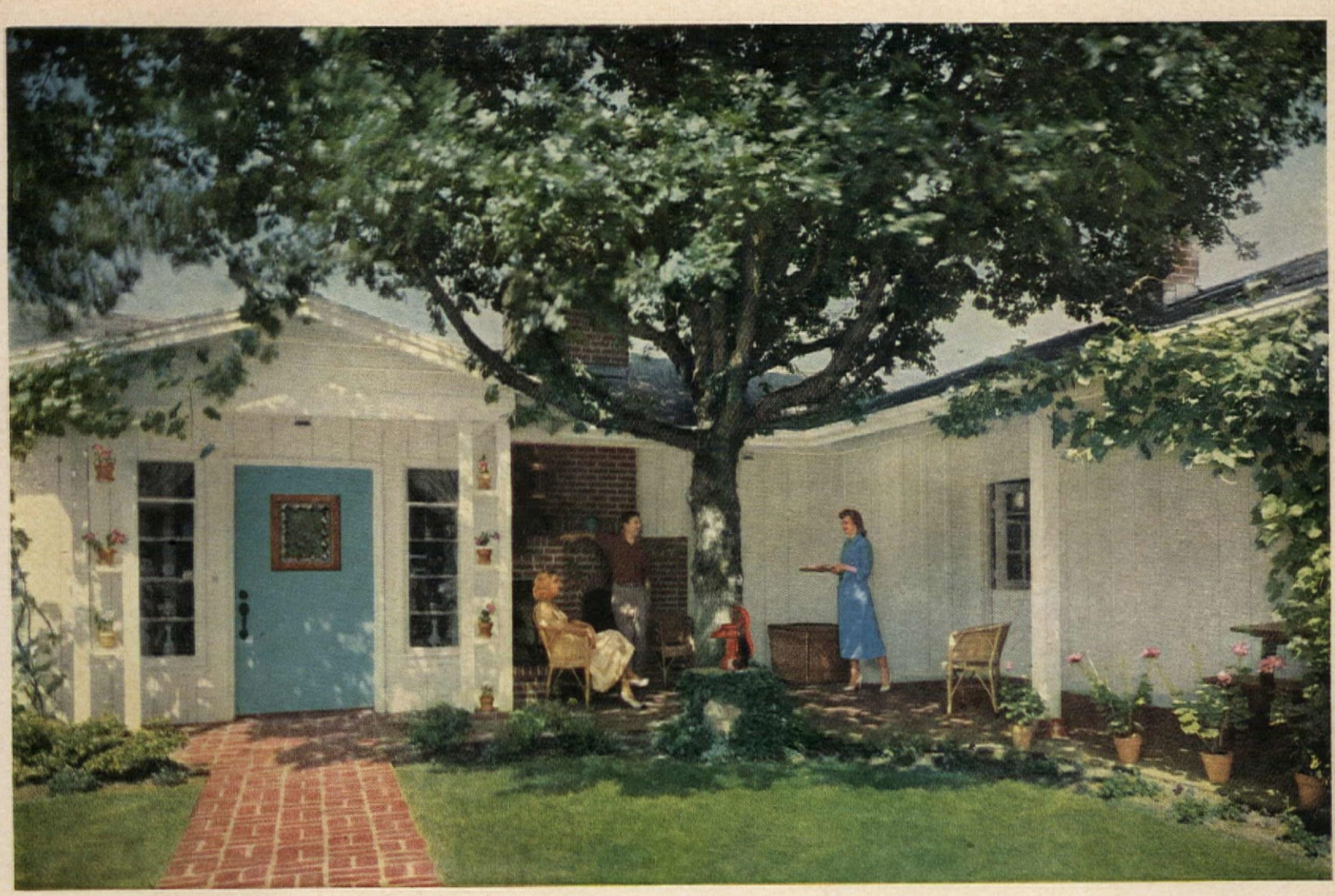

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