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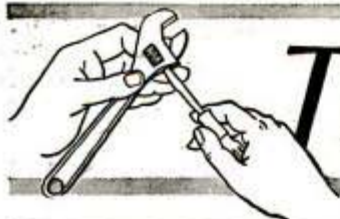
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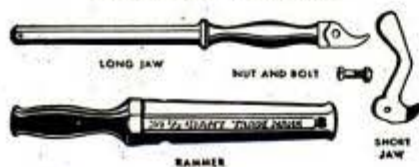
## No. 3 GENUINE CRESCENT REPAIR PARTS PROLONG TOOL LIFE

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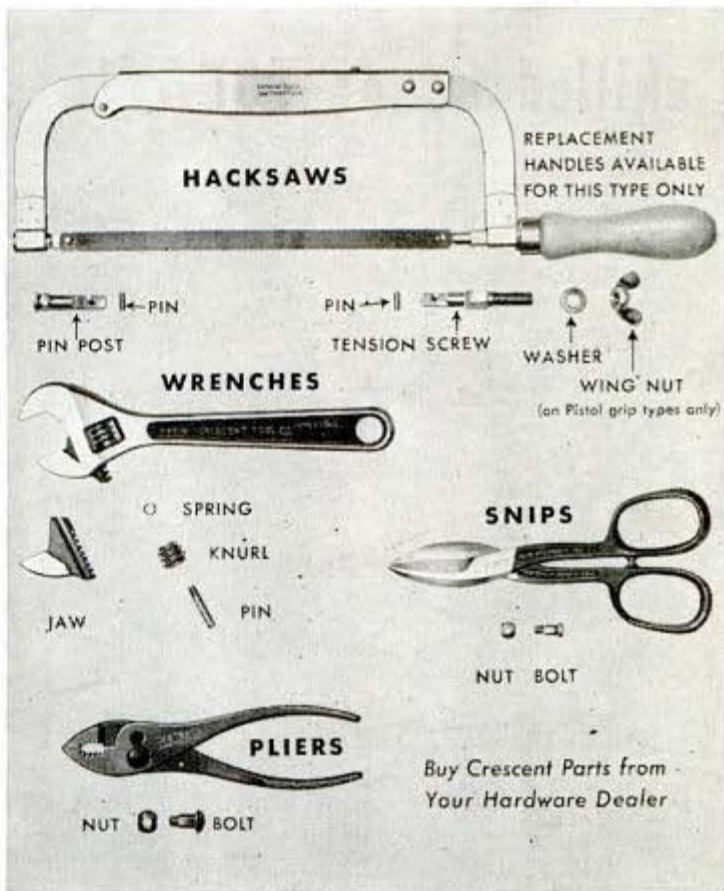
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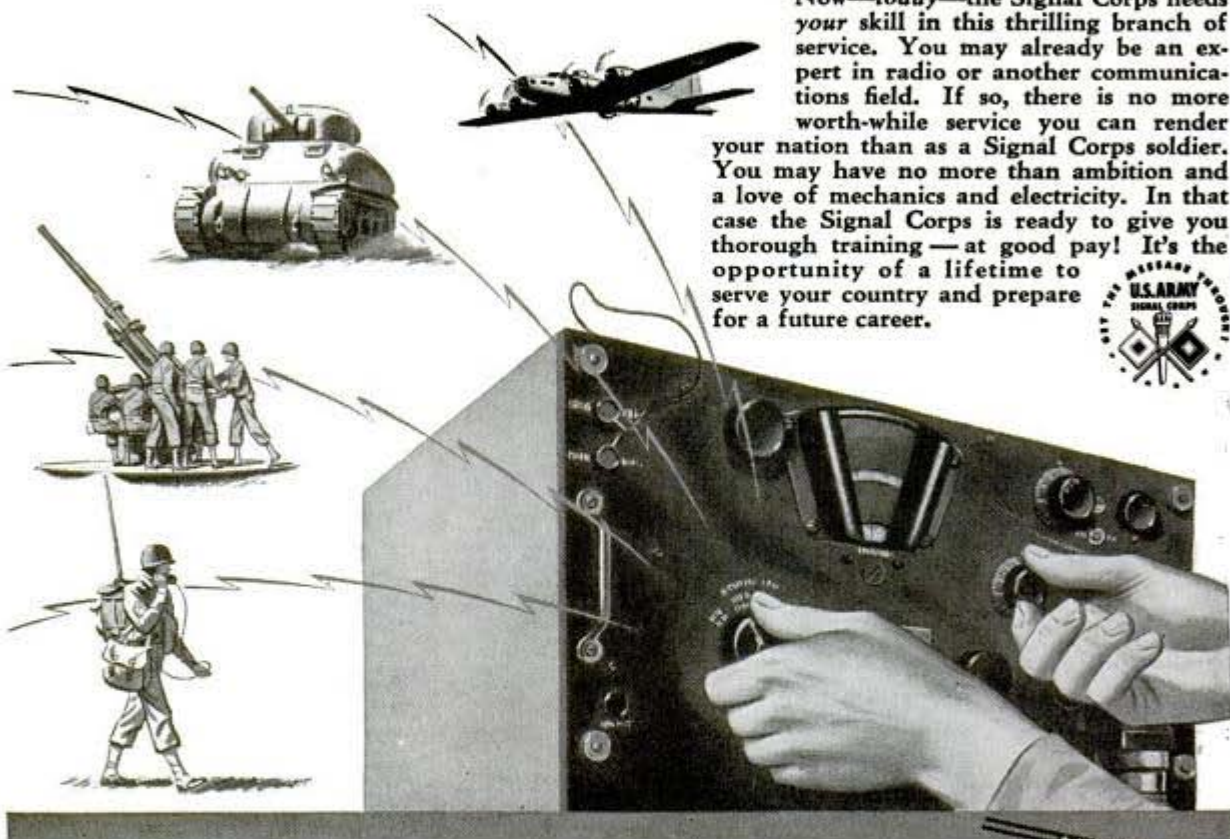


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## Life Aboard a Battlewagon

INSIDE the gun turret gears are whirling, 16-inch shells come from the handling room, then powder bagged in silk. All is ready. The captain's finger presses a button and a terrific blast shakes the blue-jacket's bones. This is the critical moment toward which everything aboard ship is pointed. Years of tradition, months of training, days of routine swabbing of decks, target practice and collision drill all lead to this climax. Lt. Commander John T. Tuthill, Jr., gives you a taste of "Life Aboard a Battlewagon" in the December issue.

## Your Victory Car

LOOKING for something radical in your postwar car, perhaps a molded plastic body with rear engine and transparent top? You may be disappointed. Brooks Stevens, industrial designer, in an article next month says taxes may bring your car down to "jeep" size, with an aluminum body, less ornamental chrome. But the rear-engine car, he thinks, will come later.

## Next Month

WHEN you read about it, it seems very glamorous to raid enemy supply columns, plant TNT under bridges and ski along timberline trails. But it's not pure glamor to pour out of a plane in enemy territory with a pocket full of TNT, caps and fuses—one of the jobs they give the "paraskis." Uncle Sam's mountain troopers are getting ready, and when it's time to plant the Stars and Stripes on Fujiyama, "They'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain." Read their story in the December issue.

## Lifesaving Plasma

THOUSANDS of American lives will be saved in this war by a new discovery. It is the discovery that blood plasma—the fluid that carries the blood cells through the body—can be dried, preserved as long as five years, and injected into the blood stream of a wounded, shocked or diseased patient regardless of his blood type. "Cheating Death With Blood," appearing next month, tells how your blood may save a soldier's life.

## Fooling Sky Spies

THIS may be a job you can do for the U.S.A. There are about 5,000 civilians studying and experimenting with camouflage to help conceal our military and industrial centers from enemy eyes in the sky. That's not enough. Only a beginning has been made. In the December issue an article, "Fooling the Spy in the Sky," sketches what has been and what must be done.

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## How Do You Use The Most Important Hours of Your Day?

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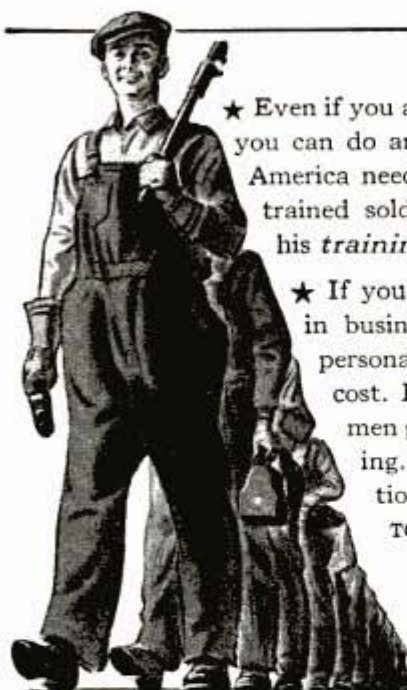
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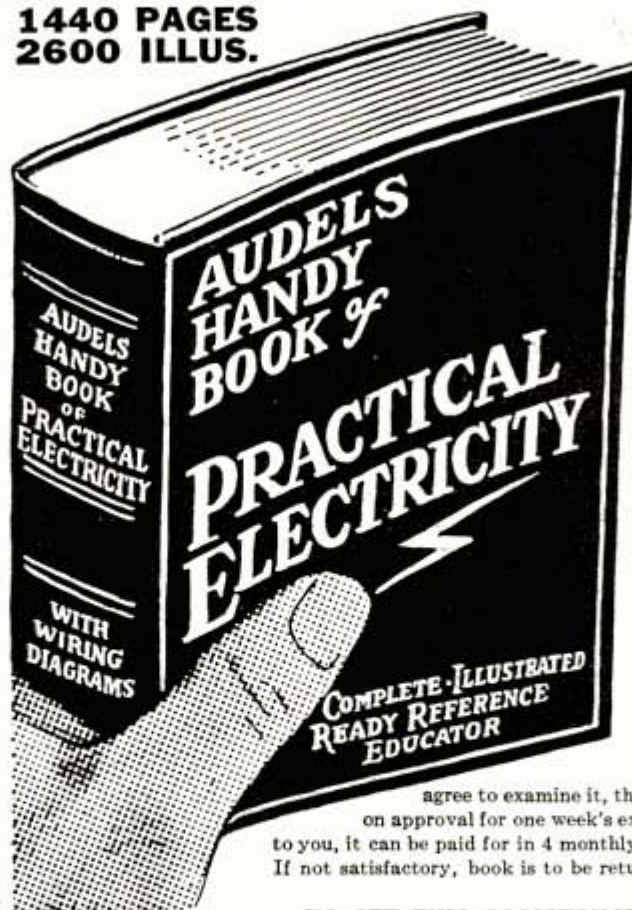
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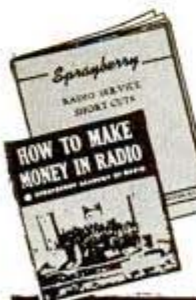
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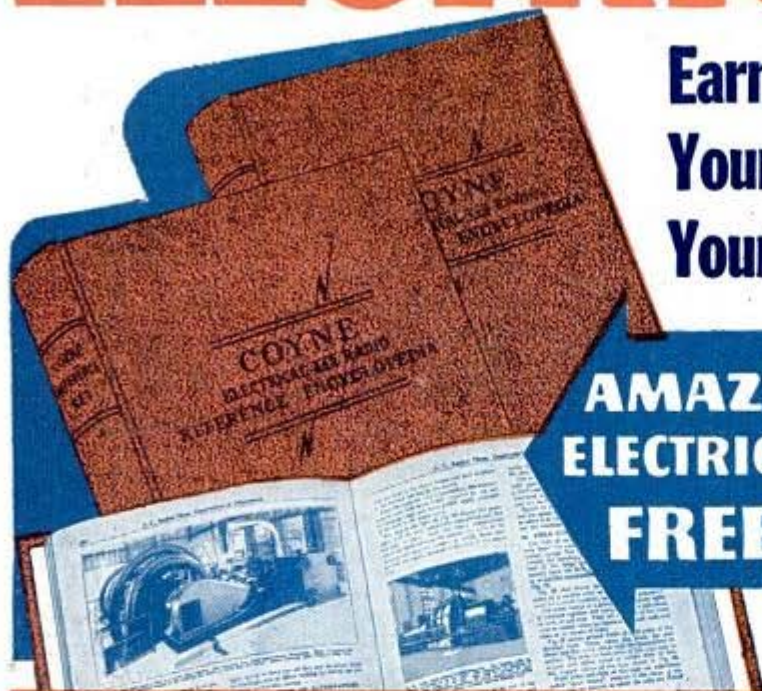
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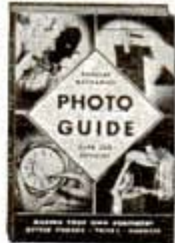
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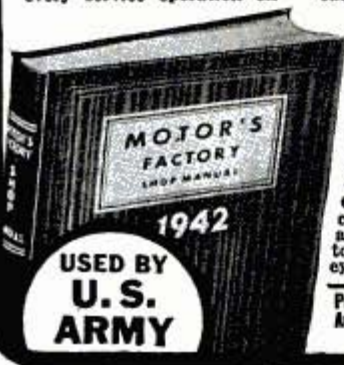
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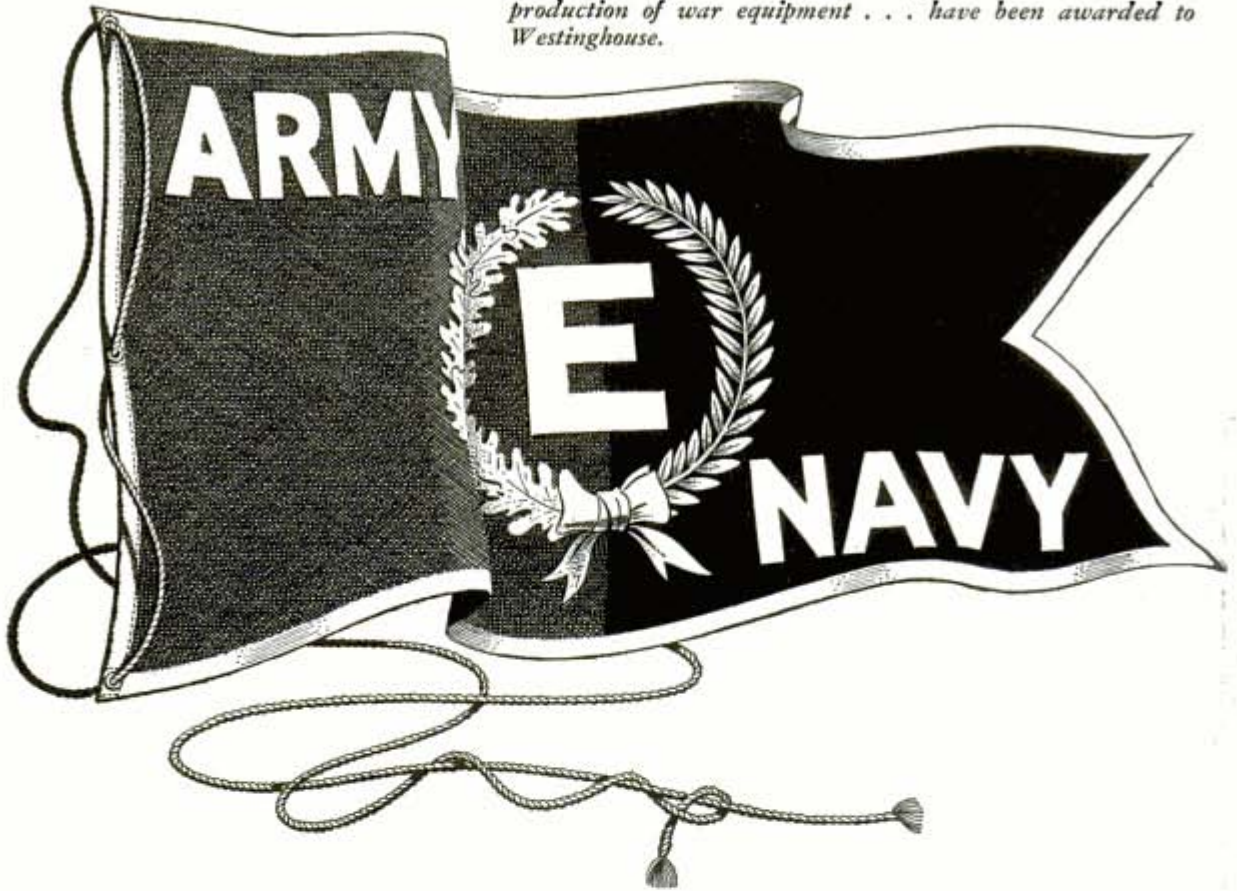
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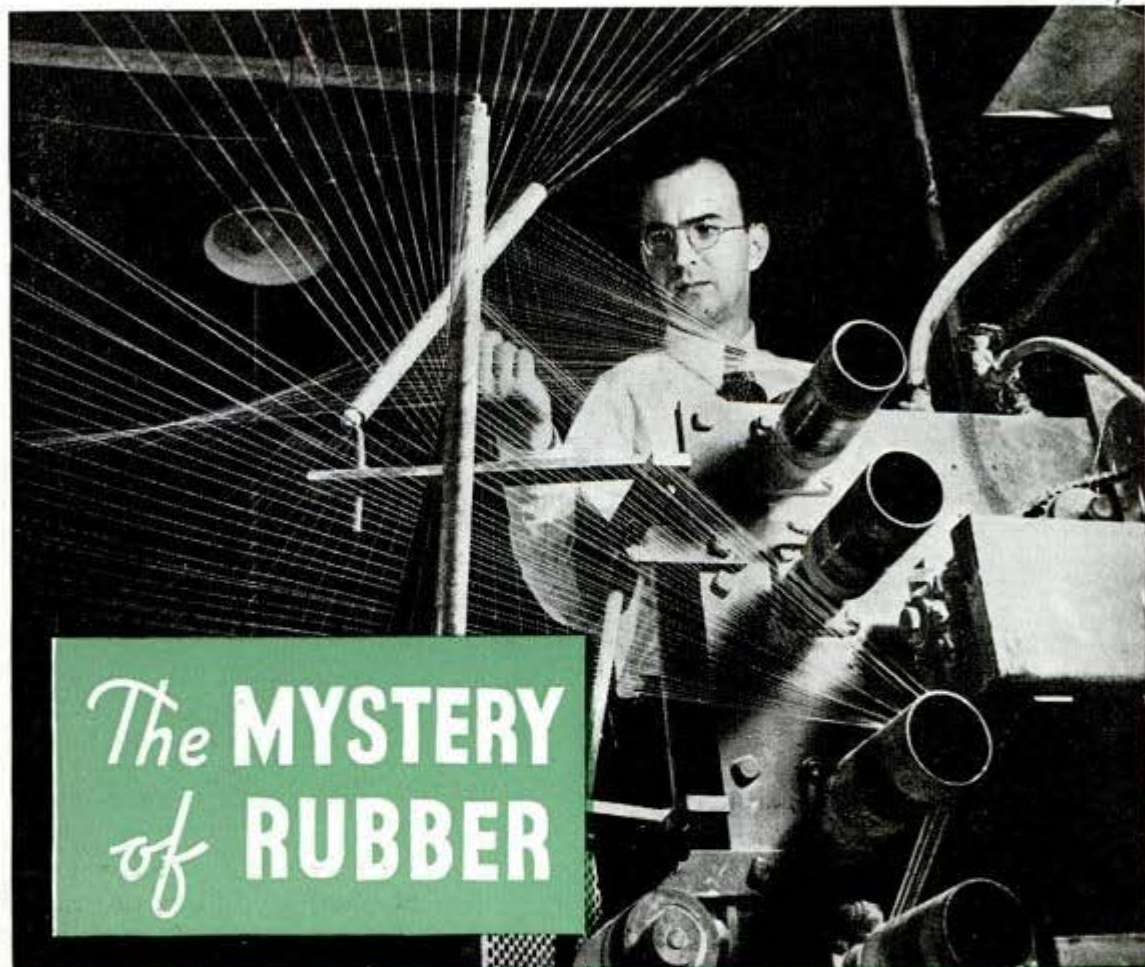
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## The MYSTERY of RUBBER

This weblike pattern is created by latex rubber thread recently made of synthetic rubber for first time

**T**HE present mounting emergency over our rubber supply has proved one fact in a hurry. Rubber is not only one of Nature's most useful gifts to mankind, but one of the most mysterious. With most of the civilized world stripped of the source of rubber from the rubber tree, some inventive genius, perhaps in a home workshop, may solve part of the mystery and produce rubber quickly and cheaply.

The truth is that with all of his scientific achievements, man has never created an ounce of rubber.

Fossils of rubber plants show that man

has had access to rubber for approximately 3,000,000 years. Archaeologists have dug up rubber balls 900 years old in Inca and Mayan ruins. Since the first written report on rubber was made to the French Academy in 1746 describing it as the astounding "tears of the weeping tree" of French Guiana in South America, millions of words have been written about rubber.

Yet the average person learns virtually all he ever knows about rubber by the time he reaches kindergarten—that it bounces, compresses, stretches and bends.

This might be excused by the compara-

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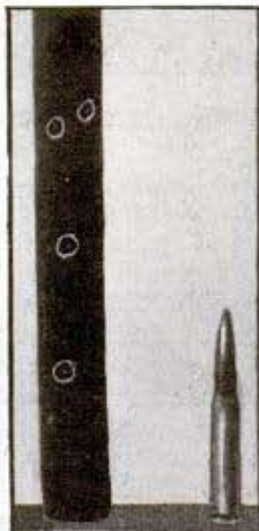
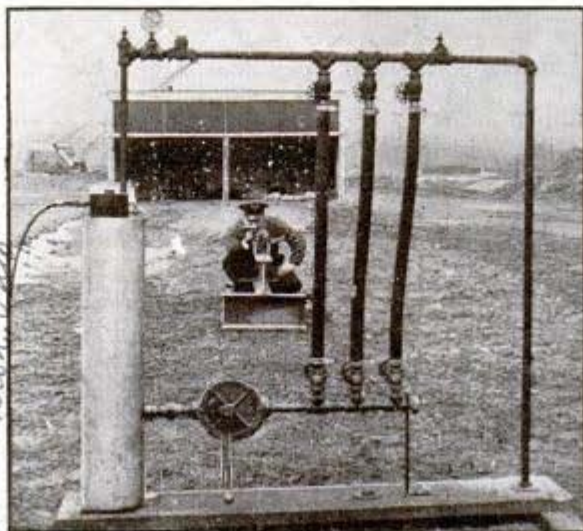


Pouring neoprene, synthetic rubber developed by Du Pont, into a vat. Basic raw materials are coal, limestone and salt



Above, testing samples of synthetic and natural rubber for their resistance to sunlight with a machine that produces ultraviolet light in laboratories of the U. S. Rubber Co. Synthetics show a high rate of resistance

Bullet-sealing hose is tested with machine gun on grounds of B. F. Goodrich Co. Small gauge at top shows loss of gas. Closeup, far right, shows size of holes made in hose and the 50 caliber bullet used for the tests



ble fact that there is not a scientist alive who can prove in simple language why rubber acts the interesting way it does. The nearest thing to an explanation is a theory, which sounds reasonable but may be untrue, that the molecules of rubber are shaped in spirals, something like bedsprings. Perhaps the resilient characteristics of rubber are caused by the tendency of these molecules to remain in the shape of bedsprings. Why they should want to, if they really do, is another mystery.

Perhaps some bright young mind knowing nothing about hydrocarbons, monomeric isoprene, polymerizing, protective colloids, antioxidants and other scientific rubber terms will find the key in a brand new application of heat. This solution might be based on the strange fact that Nature stubbornly grows rubber trees only in a torrid region of hot sunlight about 10 degrees on either side of the equator.

He will have to explain why the same heat is so destructive that automobile tires wear out more rapidly in summer than in winter, and why the same sunlight necessary to grow the tree will rot a rubber glove.

Another paradox he can tackle is the fact that a rubber tree must have plenty of air to live, yet air slowly destroys rubber; that rubber is impervious to soap and

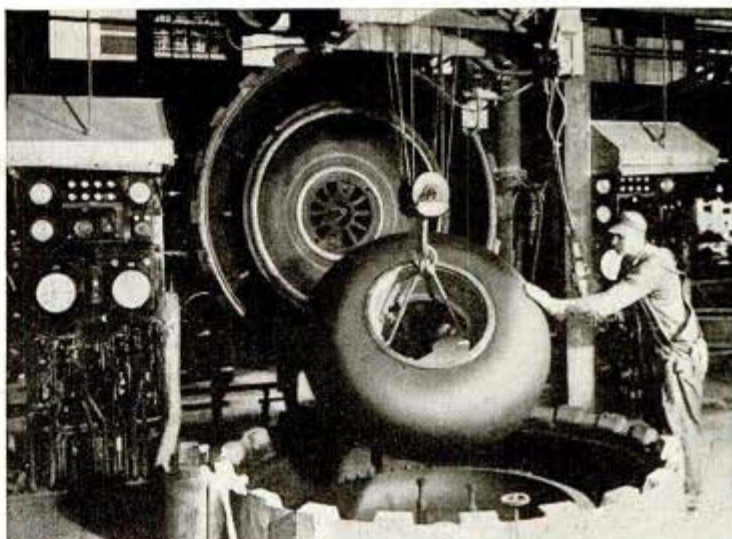
sheds water, yet it is reprocessed with soap and water.

He will have plenty of company in seeking his solution, for several hundred crack scientists and leading industrialists of America are devoting their energies in four directions: To produce real rubber by some quick method in a test tube. To discover means of rushing substitute rubber-bearing plants to maturity with increased yields. To find new, easily made synthetics and expand production on the good ones we have. And to make better rubber from rubber.

This last effort deals with the reclamation of scrap rubber. The puzzling problem here is that in made-over rubber the molecules lose some of their bounce every time they are processed. They become much less efficient, in contrast to reclaimed metals. This is because crude rubber is compounded with sulphur, carbon black, zinc oxide, and other chemicals when it is made into products. When the products are treated in the reclaiming process, a certain amount of the chemicals are retained. Further processing raises the percentage of foreign content instead of resulting in pure crude rubber.

Some of the factors in the rubber situation which seem to be mysteries are not mysteries at all.

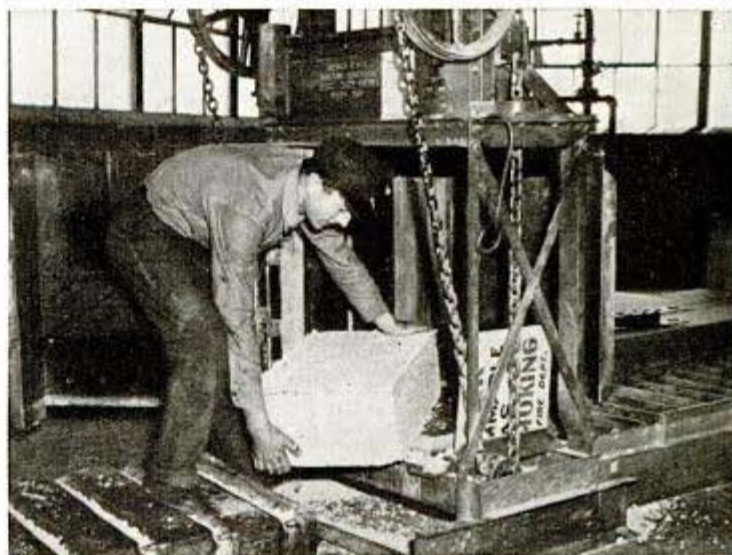
Why should wealthy America be without sufficient rubber? Because we did not lay up enough before the war, relying on our navy to keep trade routes open. Why don't we get our rubber from South America? Because scientific cultivation on plantations in the Far East cut prices until South

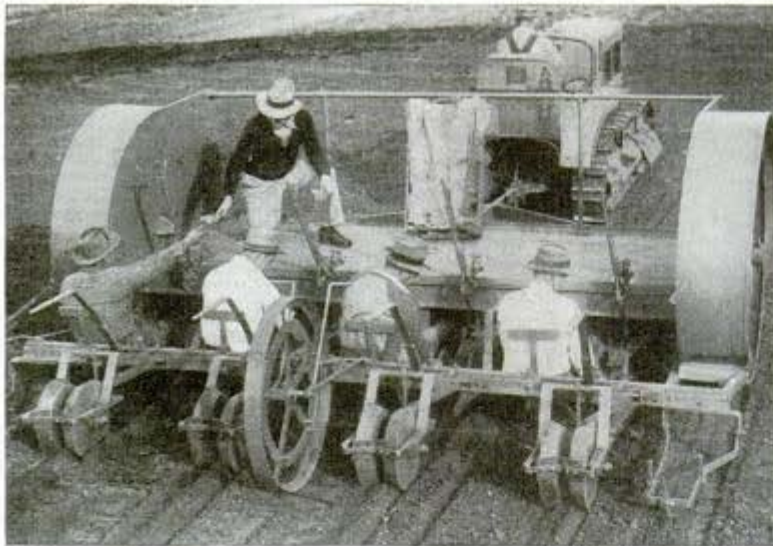


The rubber—300 pounds of it—in this bomber tire being lifted from the vulcanizer is one of the reasons there is none left over for civilians



Check and double check—this huge rubber pontoon float made for the U. S. Army must be flawless for its future role under hail of shells  
Workmen removing a "cake" of Chemigum, synthetic developed by the Goodyear Co., from a press. Cakes are converted into war materials





The four men seated at this machine can plant 240 guayule seedlings a minute. The machine prepares the hole and covers the new "rubber" plant

American rubber could not compete. Why can't we get raw rubber from wild trees as the Indian did before the white man cultivated it? Because wild trees grow far in the jungle hardly accessible by either cart or boat. Experimental boat-trucks which plow through water like tugs and clamber over banks like tanks are being manufactured in large numbers in New Orleans to negotiate the Orinoco and Amazon rivers seeking rubber from the estimated 300,000,000 trees.

Why don't we find other growing plants which produce rubber? We have and they flourish all around us. Edison tested 17,000 plants and found 250 useful ones. There are probably 150 more, some of them so common that you probably pass them on the way to work or to the store. Two are dandelions and goldenrod. Even milkweed exudes a rubbery fluid. But they must be tested, cultivated, improved, processed.

The latest sensational find bears the name *Cryptostegia Grandiflora*, which is being rushed into cultivation by the United States Rubber Company. It is found in Florida, California and Arizona and X-ray tests reveal it has a structure very much like that of *Hevea*, which is the familiar rub-

**Making artificial rubber in 10 seconds by coagulating latex with some acetic acid**

ber tree. Also being tested by the same company is *Fosteronia Floribunda*, a plant native to Central America. Both of these will yield an annual crop of rubber. Sources of both are limited at present.

Promising, too, is the shrub guayule, which grows in the Southwest. The Intercontinental Rubber Company and General Tire and Rubber Company have sponsored this development. But it takes about four years for the cultivated plant to grow to maturity and then it must be harvested

—plant, root and all—instead of yielding sap. It will help later on. Dozens of other plants are being examined by rubber companies and private investigators. A real find will bring a fortune and help the nation win the war.

Why have we failed to produce synthetic rubber in large commercial quantities?



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**Marking thousands of re-processed golf balls moving along final conveyor line**

Because there was no need to. Natural rubber was plentiful and, in recent years, not too expensive.

Why were synthetics developed at all? Because they were better for many purposes than natural rubber, just as Du Pont's nylon is better than Japanese silk. One important feature of synthetics is that they resist deterioration from oil, sunlight and oxygen.

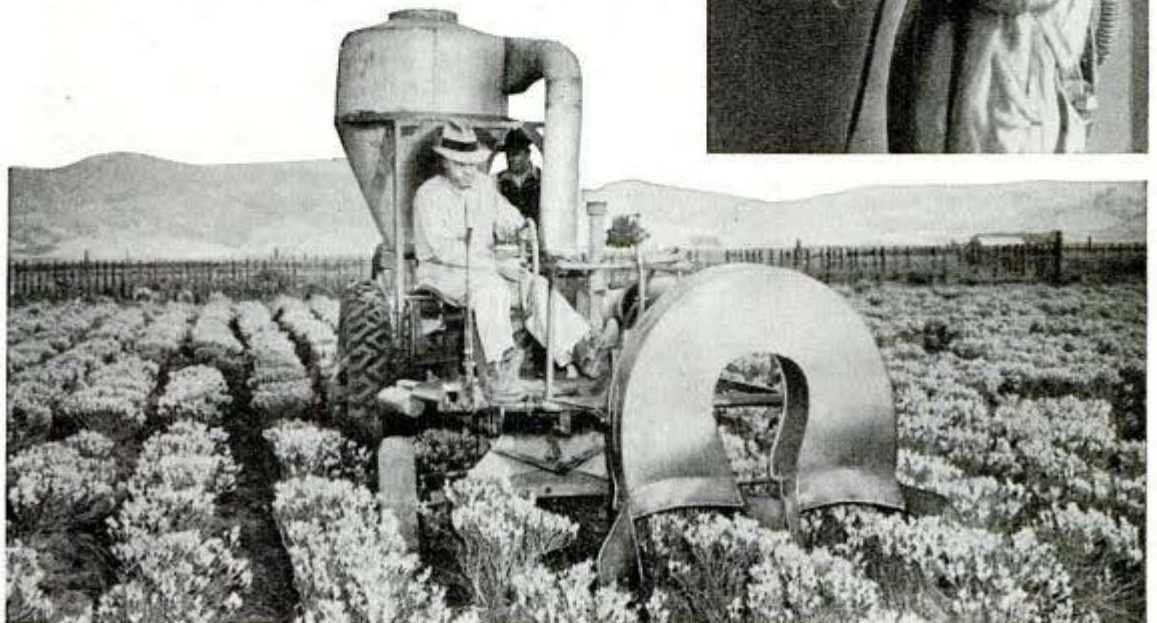
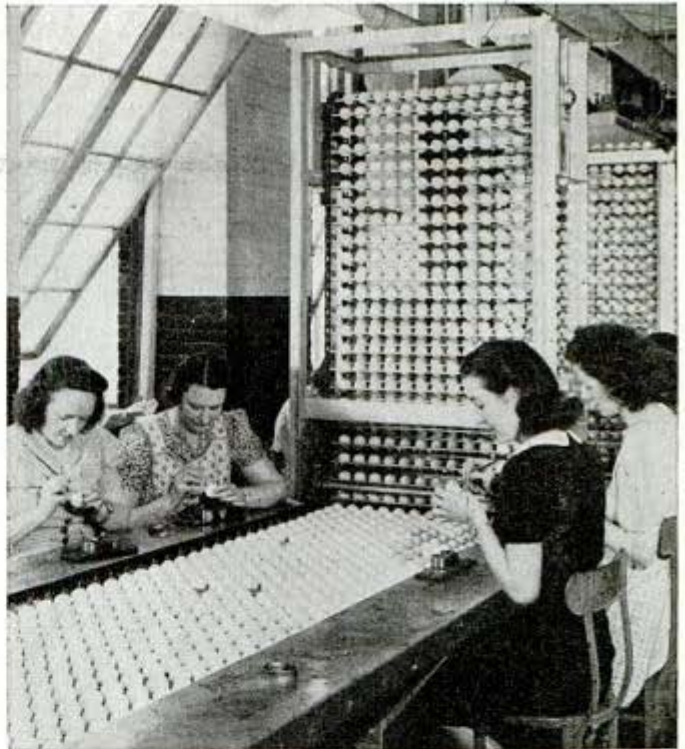
Why didn't synthetics replace natural rubber before the war? Because they were too costly to compete with it for general use, such as tires.

What are the basic ingredients of various synthetics? Coal, petroleum, natural gas and alcohol. The Department of Agriculture recently announced the addition of soy bean oil and corn oil substitutes which have already been developed to one-third the stretch of rubber and one-sixth the strength.

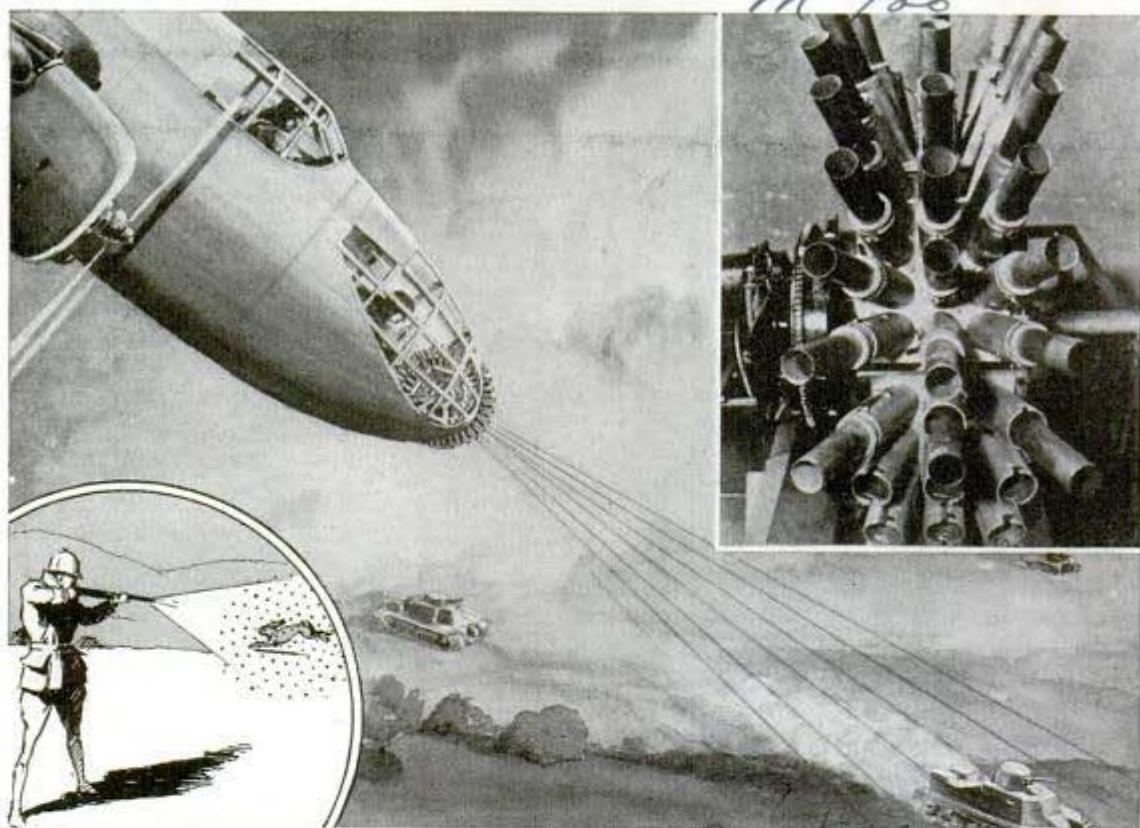
What are the leading synthetics? Ameripol, made by the B. F. Goodrich Co. Hycar, made by the Hycar Chemical Company, jointly owned by the B. F. Goodrich Co. and Phillips Petroleum Co. Butyl, developed by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Thiokol, made by the Dow Chemical Co.

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Resembling the mythical "Man from Mars" is the sandblaster at right whose equipment requires plenty of rubber. Below, gathering guayule seeds with vacuum process. Bin is behind driver



# Rocket Bomb, Antitank Shotgun Enter Air War



*R. M. Grant*

With a shotgun's effectiveness, multiple projector above sprays target with many shells at once; drawing shows how it may be used against tanks. Rocket bombs (left) dropped by German and Russian planes attain armor-piercing velocity, may replace the dive bomber

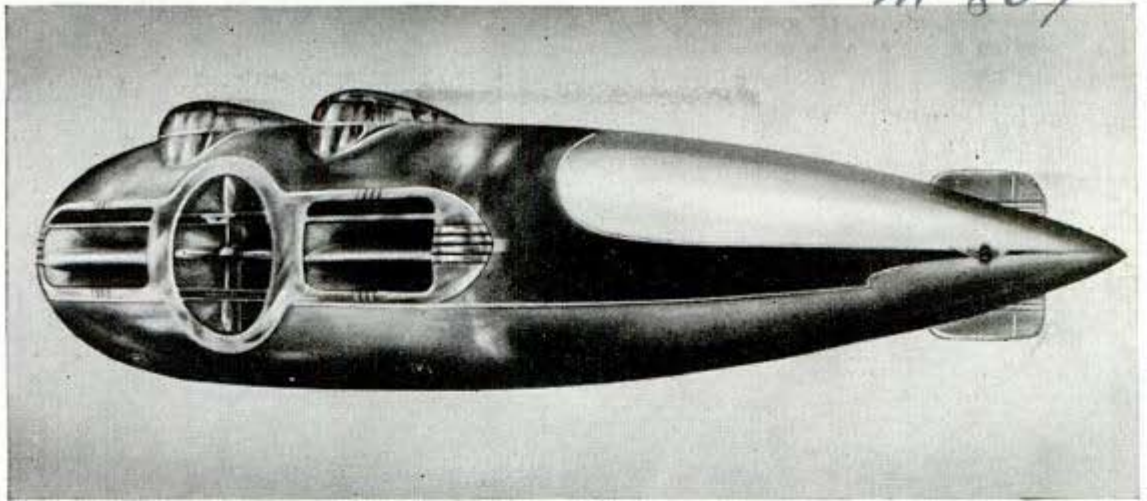
the ordinary gravity bomb. German planes used these rocket bombs in attacks on British ships in the Mediterranean, and the Russian air force is reported also to have used rocket bombs and several other rocket-type weapons. Aimed simply by pointing the plane at the target, the rocket bomb is understood to be quite accurate and may render the dive bomber obsolete. Another aerial weapon already in action is a multiple shell projector which sprays up to 20 or 30 big shells at once, with the effectiveness of a shotgun fired at a rabbit. Firing armor-piercing projectiles, it would be deadly against tanks and similar mobile targets. One "spray gun" of this type is adapted for firing solid shot, shrapnel, gas shells or flares; another rotary bomb thrower can fling 5,000 incendiaries a minute.

One of the really new weapons of this war, which made its appearance only recently, is the Fourth of July rocket in reverse. Instead of being fired into the sky, it is a rocket bomb dropped by a warplane, its self-propelling jet driving it earthward at a terrific velocity that gives it an armor-piercing force not attained by



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# Helium-Buoyed Plane Could Hover Over "Sub"



U-boats may be stalked by a plane like this, buoyed by helium so it could hover at 10 miles an hour

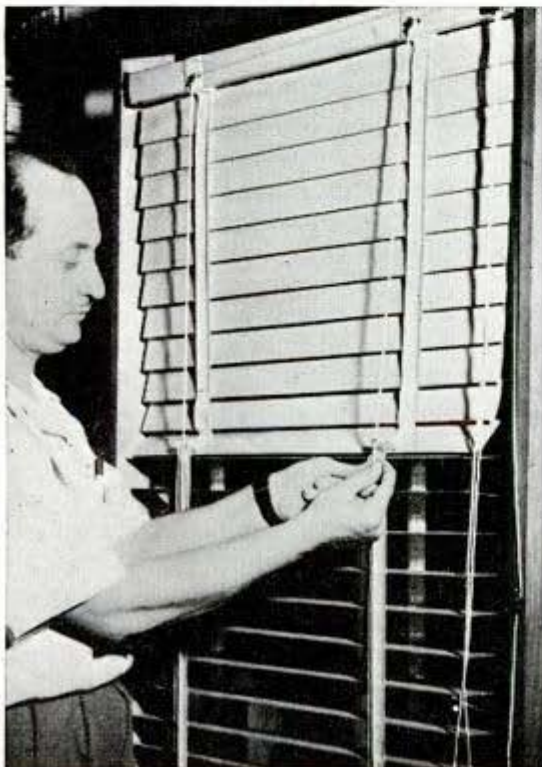
Among the many designs for warplanes submitted to a United States Senate Committee seeking means to end the submarine menace is the "Airwing," a plane 250 feet long, 250 feet wide and 69 feet deep. The craft would have its propellers buried

within an interior wind tunnel and carry helium containers to give it buoyancy. This would permit cruising at 10 miles an hour and it could hover over enemy submarines for better accuracy in bombing. Top speed of the ship would be 190 miles per hour.

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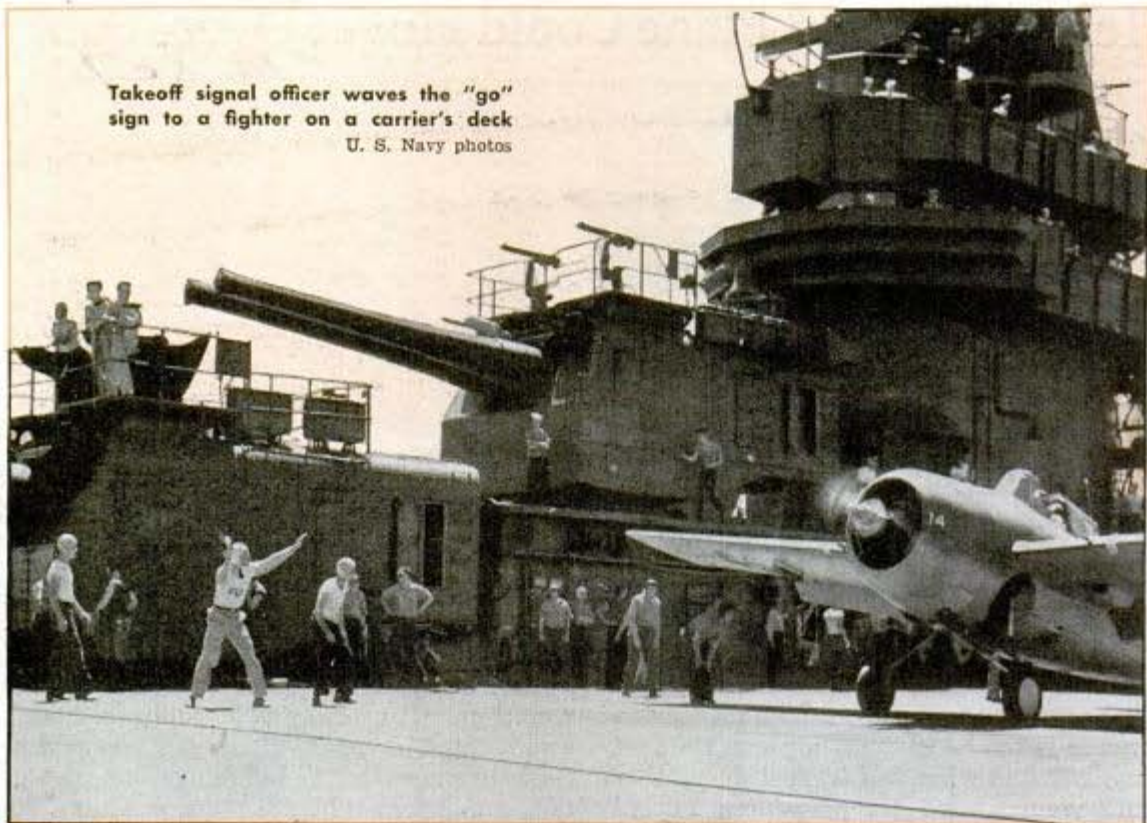
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Takeoff signal officer waves the "go" sign to a fighter on a carrier's deck  
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## The NAVY'S SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS

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By C. H. Woodward

Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

**D**URING the days of John Paul Jones the speedy frigate, with her heavy spars and billowy spread of canvas, was used both for fleet scouting and on important independent and daring "take-a-chance" missions. Her guns were always ready and her horny-handed sailors, with cutlasses in their teeth, were ever prepared to board and strike down the hull-scraping enemy.

Today America's naval picture is quite different. We now have, employed in similar service, huge powerful mobile airports steaming through the seas at express-train speed, with younger men on board operating aircraft destined to strike the enemy hundreds of miles away with bomb or torpedo.

A converted carrier's derrick retrieves a seaplane after flight launched by catapult





**Torpedo bombers taxi to the starting line on flight deck of an American carrier, ready for takeoff signal**

The modern aircraft carrier is both the far-seeing eye and the far-shooting gun of the Admiral who commands the fleet. With her planes she is able not only to obtain and report vital information, but also because of her advanced position, to strike swift blows early in the conflict. With balanced groups of aircraft on board, the carrier is veritably the striking fist of the fleet's air arm.

Carriers not only augment and support fleet gun power when heavy surface forces

meet, but long before the major units come into tactical contact, their scouting planes are sent out in advance to locate the enemy and maintain a constant flow of indispensable information to their respective fleet commanders regarding the composition, bearing, distance, course and speed of the opposing forces.

The air force which is able to gain control of the air (its principal mission) not only can deny similar information to the enemy air force, but also is in position to



Flaps down and propeller humming, a navy plane heads away for battle



After a snowstorm in northern waters a tractor plow and shovel gang have a big job clearing the deck. Runway and deck gear must be ready always

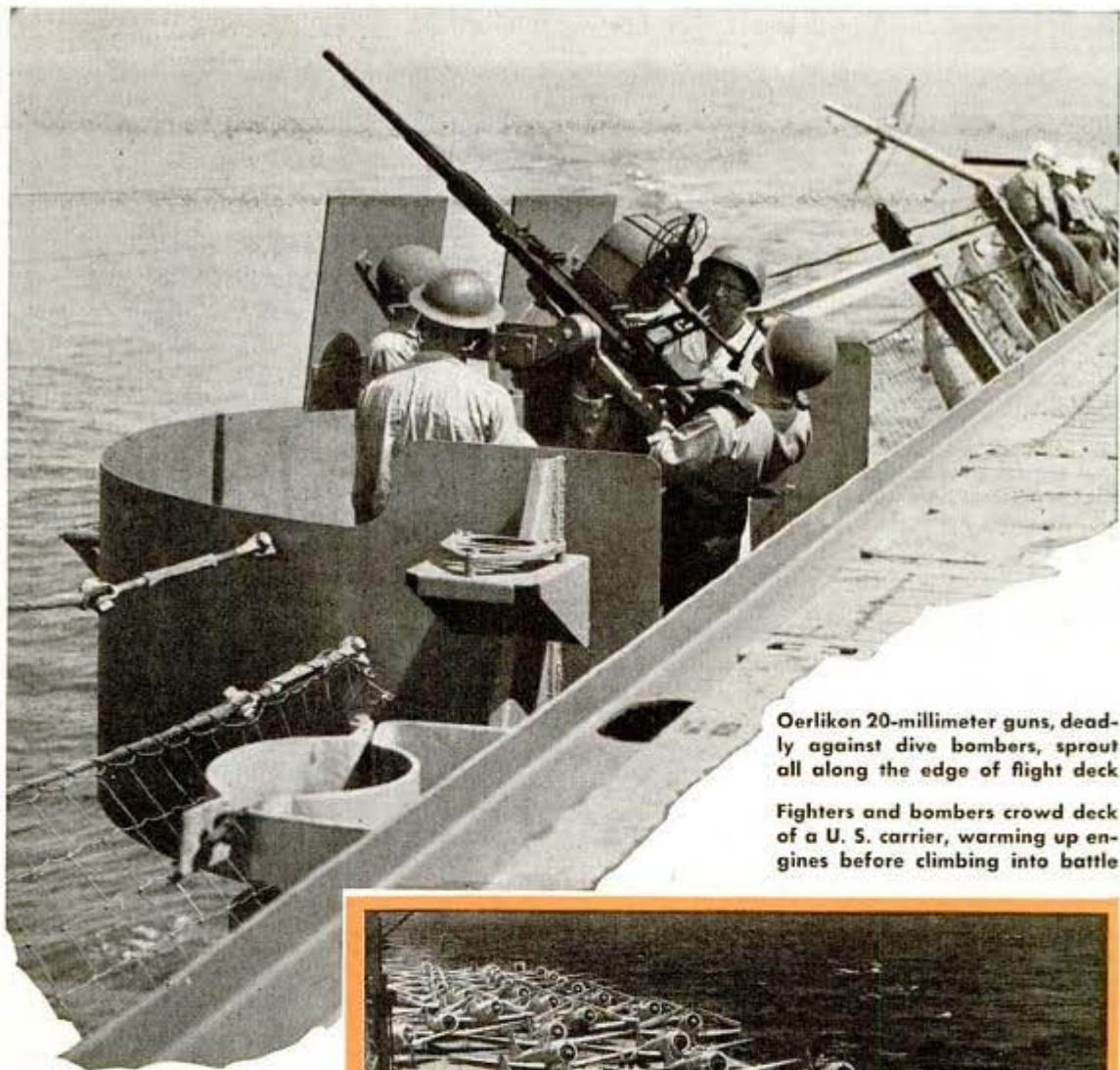
Along the deck rolls a navy dive bomber while another circles overhead awaiting a rendezvous with the mother ship when landing officer signals



attack enemy major ships with bombs and torpedoes while preventing similar attacks on his own main body. This requires aircraft in overwhelming numbers. Frequently there may be an exchange of blows between opposing fighting planes while the two main bodies are still hundreds of miles apart.

Among the more important strategic uses to which carriers have been put most frequently—and successfully—so far, are surprise raids against enemy shore installations at various far-flung Pacific outposts, and as striking forces against enemy ships. Anyone who looks at a map of that vast ocean can see the need for many carriers, as land-based planes do not have the range to be effective. It is for this reason the Navy Department obtained from Congress the authority and funds to more than double the carrier construction program.

The tremendous striking power of carriers has been fully demonstrated



Oerlikon 20-millimeter guns, deadly against dive bombers, sprout all along the edge of flight deck

Fighters and bombers crowd deck of a U. S. carrier, warming up engines before climbing into battle

in the present war. In several spectacular naval actions they have accomplished dramatic results and proved to be the most effective among the weapons used to date.

The Navy has never underestimated the importance of air power in sea warfare, where it plays an increasingly vital part, and has found ample confirmation of its views in the events of the past two years. This is particularly so since the attack on Pearl Harbor. From its inception naval aviation has been an indispensable and integral part of the fleet, working in conjunction with surface craft. The principal concentration of air striking power is

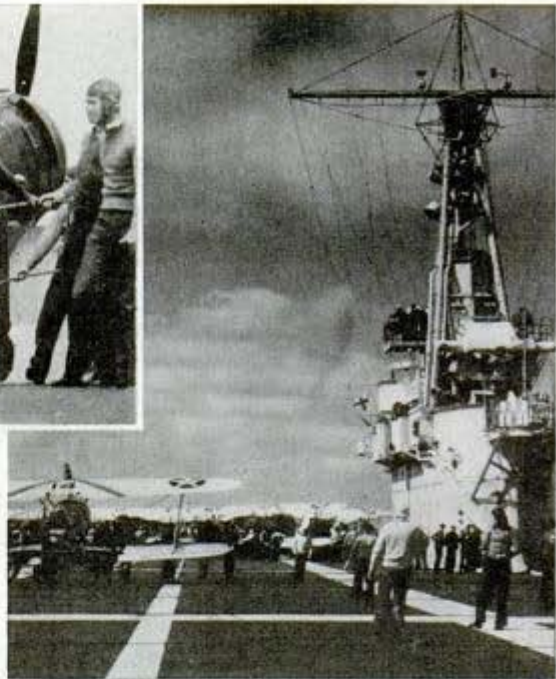


found in the Carrier Divisions, and our carriers have developed an efficiency of operation not yet attained abroad, even under pressure of war.

Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, in a recent address, stated that air power played the leading



Above, tense-faced navy airmen watch the fatal dive of a Japanese bomber that has just plunged into the sea after attempting a suicide crash on the carrier's deck. At right, the flight deck of the U.S.S. Ranger



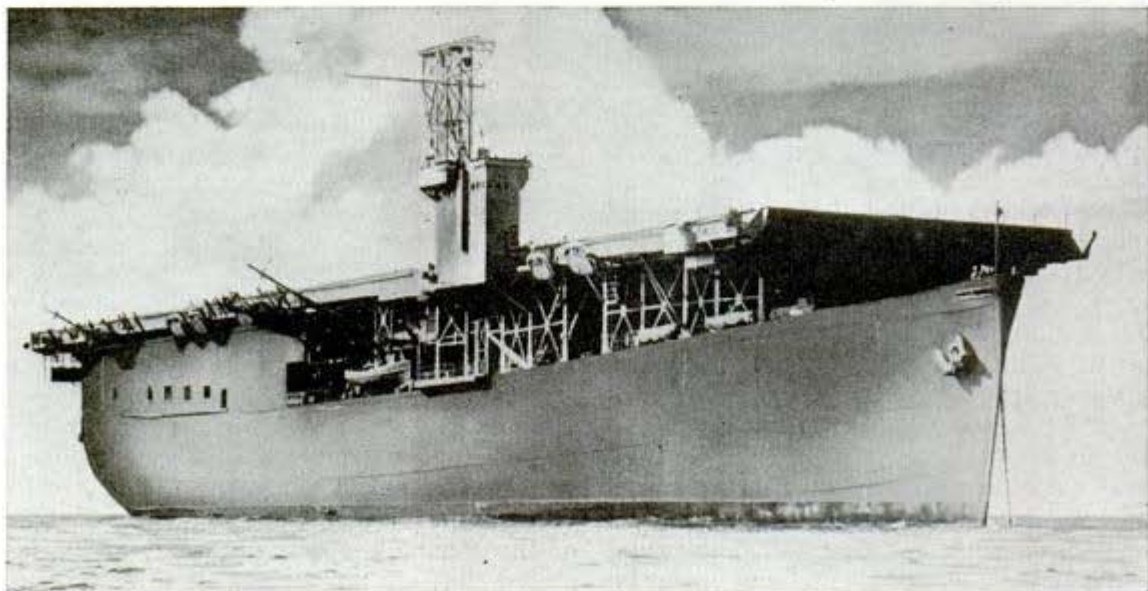
role in both the epic Coral Sea and Midway actions and prophesied that they "will continue to do so as the war progresses." He emphasized that enemy personnel losses in these two engagements were at least ten times greater than ours, and that plane losses were more or less in the same proportion.

A most amazing account of the Midway battle by Ensign G. H. Gay, a wounded eyewitness who participated in the attack, was released by Admiral Nimitz recently. Ensign Gay was pilot of one of the 15 planes belonging to Torpedo Squadron No. 8, which was operating on June 4. Prior to taking off, the Squadron Commander (Lt. Comdr. Waldron) announced that he was determined to "push home" the attack, which he did most effectively, though at

great cost. The squadron encountered heavy fighter opposition at a point 15 miles distant from three Japanese carriers and outside the enemy screen, there being three to four Japanese Zero planes to each American torpedo plane—more than could be handled.

As the attack proceeded the Japanese carriers maneuvered brilliantly, putting their sterns to the attack so that our planes were under both fighter attack and terrific anti-aircraft fire for approximately half an hour. Five of our planes succeeded in launching torpedoes, the others being shot

Converted into an aircraft carrier since the start of the war, the U.S.S. Charger was formerly a freighter



down before arriving at the firing point. Later the remaining five met a similar fate.

Ensign Gay—the only surviving officer of his squadron—scored one hit on one of the larger carriers before he was shot down (his rear seat man having been killed). So close was he to the Japanese ships, when he hit the water, he knew that if he inflated his rubber boat he would be spotted and strafed immediately. So he blew up his life preserver and clung to his rubber boat. Grabbing a seat cushion which floated by, he placed it over his head for concealment whenever enemy planes were near.

Ensign Gay witnessed the blowing up of the carrier Kaga and saw a Japanese cruiser shell the already heavily damaged carrier Akagi to sink her. In addition to seeing other wounded ships pass by, he also had a "fish-eye" view of several aerial



Banking astern its "flattop," a plane heads for home aboard the Ranger

combats between Japanese and American fighter planes. At twilight, Ensign Gay inflated his boat and, after drifting for ten hours, was picked up next morning by a PBY seaplane. Two rear-seat men from the same squadron were later rescued. The losses to this squadron were 14 officers and 13 enlisted men.

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Hiding beneath a cushion lest enemy planes spot him, Ensign G. H. Gay, U. S. N., witnessed this dramatic sight in the Midway battle—the Japanese carrier Kaga blowing up, while "orphaned" Jap planes wheeled helplessly around. Gay was the sole survivor of U. S. Torpedo Squadron No. 8



*Col. Allen Warren Elliott - 78 Ark Ave. N.Y.C.*

# A ROOMFUL of FURNITURE

*M 810*

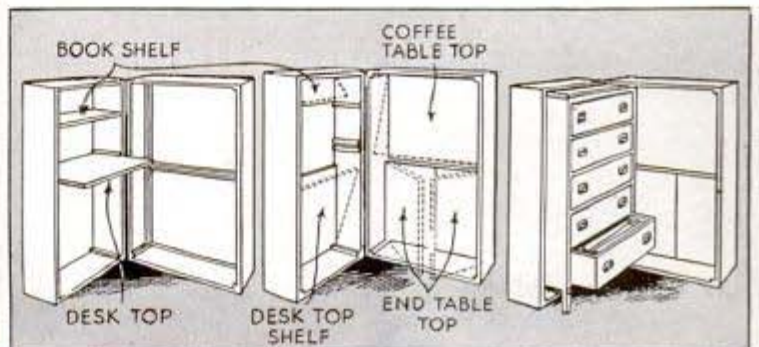


Houdini, the magician, might have inspired the designer of the box, above, which holds a whole roomful of furniture including a five-drawer chest, three tables, two chairs, a desk, rugs and bric-a-brac

Above, one of the collapsible twin chairs that are packed into drawers of chest along with pictures, lamps, rugs, slip covers, draperies, cushions and table legs. All articles, except the chest, fold into a minimum of space. Below, "moving" out of the chest into the one-room home



The Army officer and his wife have tea in their cheerful new home that was a bare room containing only bed frame and mattress when they moved in with their "magic" box a couple of hours before. The top of the coffee table in the foreground forms part of the original box, as shown in the diagram. The back and sides of the desk form the left part of framework for the packing box. The two end table tops also fit into the frame. All of the tops face inward

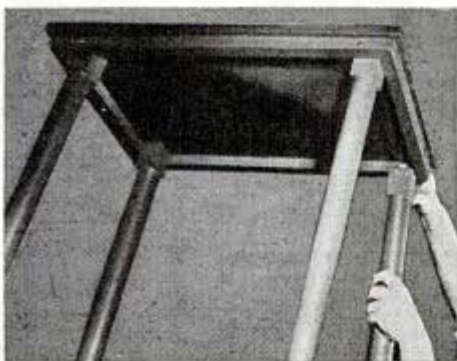




# in a **BOX**



The furnishings for this attractive room, with the exception of the chair at left, bed frame and mattress, were contained in a box 25 by 41½ by 52½ inches weighing 430 pounds. Out of view of the camera is the "carry-all" chest. The desk with a handy bookshelf hardly is recognizable as one side of packing box. Left, assembling lamp with a collapsible shade that fits into the chest. "Box" furniture is made in varied styles



Rugs are supplied in three pieces to facilitate packing them into the chest drawers. They can be used separately or sewed together. Left, fitting legs to the end table top to form a sturdy piece of furniture. This revolutionary method of packing furniture into a box which, itself, is part of the furnishings is expected to be a boon to military officers, college students, defense workers or others who move about on the job

*Int'l. News Photos, 326  
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## "Log Jam" in Obstacle Course Toughens Army Trainees

*m 678*



Log maze helps make fighters by building muscle and brawn

No ordinary obstacles will stump soldiers trained at Selfridge Field, Mich., for they repeatedly thread their way through a 220-yard course beset with obstacles to develop lithe and nimble bodies. Part of the obstacle course consists of a tangle of upright and crisscross logs that must be climbed over, squeezed through or crawled under to get into the clear, requiring the agility of a monkey. The course is dotted with hurdles, tunnels and broad jumps, and at many places a missed footing might mean a mud bath.

## Tin Machines Make Fiber Cans For Packing Dry Products

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Cans with fiber instead of tin bodies now can be turned out with the same machines that have been manufacturing metal containers. The fiber cans, produced by a new method being tested in actual operations by American Can Company, will be used for packing dry products heretofore put up in tins. In the manufacturing process, the fiber, cut into sheets of tin plate size

and lithographed on regular presses formerly used for lithographing designs on tin plate, is sheared and formed into container bodies. Machines now in use will seam the ends on the containers, and firms using the fiber cans will be able to run them through existing packaging machinery.

## Army Dentist Rolls 'Office' To Bedridden Patients

*See what a...*  
Soldiers in the station hospital at Fort Benning, Ga., are receiving dental attention with the aid of a compact cart equipped like a modern dental office. The "dentist's office on wheels" can be rolled from bed to bed or building to building by one man. Mounted on top of the cart is an electric drill, spotlight, sterilizer, air syringe and two spray bottles with plenty of space to spare for use as a work table. The interior contains compartments and drawers that hold the necessary instruments and supplies, including cement for fillings and clean linen. The cabinet is made of wood, Masonite and angle iron. It was designed by Maj. R. D. Watkins, chief of dental service at the hospital, after he noticed that many bedridden soldiers needed dental care.



Pushing dental cart along street on round of call's

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# COLOR in Your HOME

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Warmly colorful is this treatment of a room with leather wall panels and fireplace border and leather chairs, especially suited for a playroom or lounge. Sketches above and below suggest decorative use of color around a window and wall cabinet, the latter dropping open to lead a double life as breakfast table





To add a dash of color to the bedroom, this housewife has fashioned a fabric border for the mirror.

Transfers furnish bright patterns for many spots in the home. Here they are applied to kitchen linoleum

Meyercord Co. photo



## By Dr. Matthew Luckiesh

Director, Lighting Research Laboratory  
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COLOR VISION is more of a gift than a necessity. It represents the heaping measure in our marvelous heritage of vision. It bestows upon our surroundings—upon all creation—a magical drapery to be enjoyed. Our eyes are optical organs which reveal things to us. But they are also doorways of impressions which—if the doorway of our consciousness is open—make the world about us colorful or demand that it be colorful. Unfortunately many persons are mentally color-blind much of the time and as a consequence live in a colorless world. Color vision is useless unless we are color-conscious. Color is useless unless used. It is a complex subject but it can be mastered—but not without much conscious observation and many trials and perhaps many errors.

Color is the play and colors are the players. All the world's a stage—for color—and in our homes we have a free hand to produce the plays. These assume a variety of forms as extensive and as complex as human interpretations and responses. In casting the play one has myriad colors from which to choose suit-



able players. A cast may be large or small depending upon the purpose or opportunity. No part of a color play is without a suitable player or a group of them if need be. Dignity is available with an infinite variety of other characters. Frivolity, brilliancy, cheerfulness, mystery, sadness, quietude and a multitude of other parts are easily filled by a knowing producer from the myriad players available. And it is interesting and enjoyable to learn to become such a producer in your own home.

The power of a given color depends upon its area as well as upon its purity. Generally for restful environments, appropriate objectives for the rooms in which we spend much time intimately, the colors of areas such as walls should be subdued into tints or light shades of tints. The floor areas should be subdued into somewhat deeper shades and the ceilings should be very light in color. This is the distribution of brightnesses or values outdoors in Nature which are satisfying because they are natural. Against these extensive backgrounds more colorful objects, such as paintings, vases, draperies, rugs, furniture, are the furnishings. A great variety of colors may be harmoniously blended so as to be full of interest in detail and as a whole. What a relief such a room is from drabness of the Taupe Age which persisted for a century!

Upper left, a gay frame for bookcases—for mirror, window or closet shelf, too—is offered in adhesive "Trimz." Right, a screen of tinted glass. The table will help in selecting paints for light or dark room

**PERCENT OF LIGHT REFLECTED  
BY VARIOUS STANDARD COLORS**

WHITE (CASEIN)	90%
WHITE (FLAT)	84%
WHITE (EGGSHELL)	82%
WHITE (GLOSS)	81%
IVORY WHITE	79%
CREAM	74%
ALUMINUM	73%
IVORY TAN	67%
LIGHT GREEN	62%
YELLOW	60%
LIGHT GRAY	59%
BUFF	55%
LIGHT BLUE	52%
MEDIUM GREEN	49%
TAN	48%
MEDIUM BLUE	43%
ORANGE	40%
FRENCH GRAY	32%
DARK RED	14%
DARK GREEN	10%
DARK BLUE	9%
BLACK	2%

Courtesy of American-Marietta (Paints) Co.

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In choosing fabrics, remember the light source in your home. The same drapery material here changes tint under four types of electric lamps

Concealed lights throw warmth on draperies and Chinese screen, below

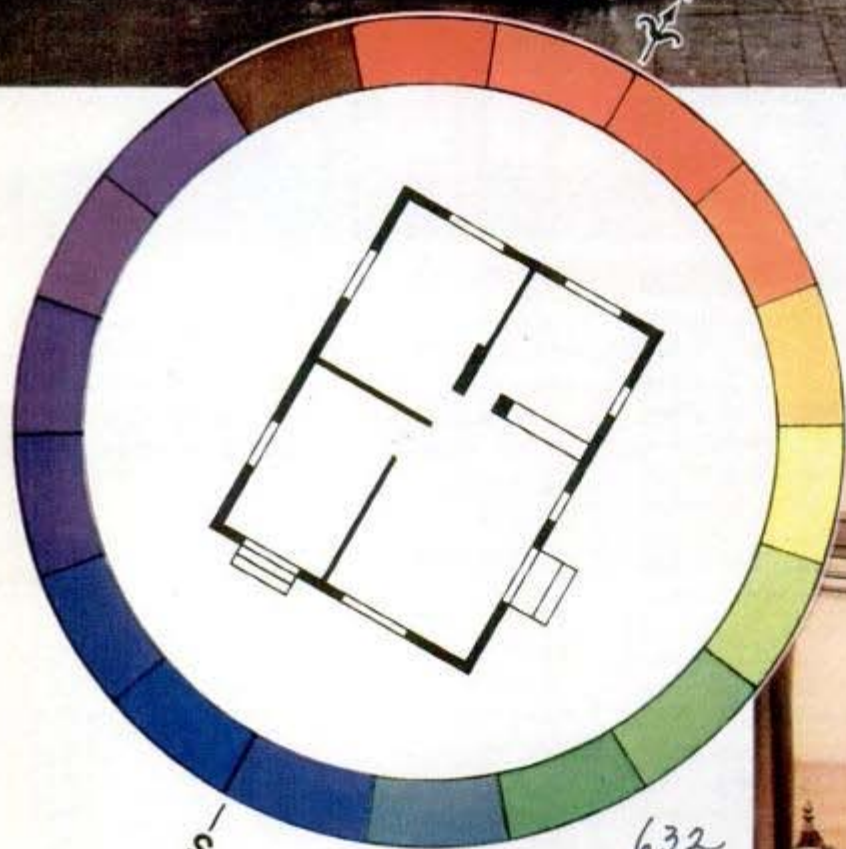


Chart from Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.  
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Place a sketch of your house in the color wheel, its south end toward the "S." This will guide you in selecting the best color for each room

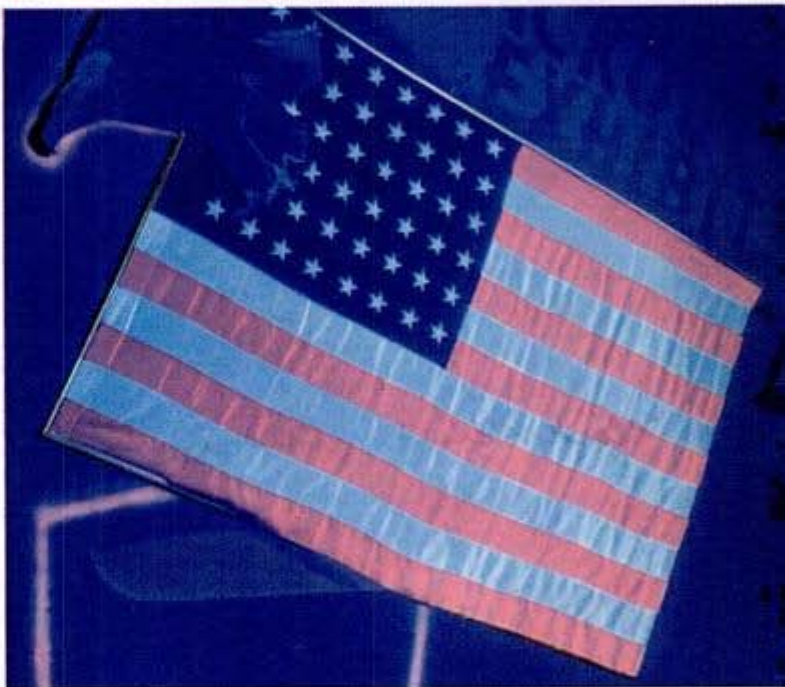


Light plays strange tricks with color. At the Chicago Lighting Institute this flag was first photographed under ordinary incandescent lighting (top), then its luminous fabric was excited by the rays of an ultraviolet lamp (below)

There is nothing to fear in color. Look at an Oriental rug and note that the variety of color is both harmless and appealing. But even this apparent maze of color is seen to possess system and a more or less defined background of color or colors. So should a home have a color system — perhaps vaguely as a whole but definitely in each room. The walls should be backgrounds for more colorful objects and furnishings. In a living room it may be a subdued color without pattern but with vague texture. Pattern has its place in rooms where less time is spent but even in these the walls and floors are primarily backgrounds to furnish the mood or atmosphere.

Although many colors have dual natures just as many human beings have, depending upon the situation, a few generalizations are possible. The most exciting color is orange bordering on red and this exciting influence extends throughout the regions of red-purple, crimson, scarlet, orange and yellow. The most cheerful

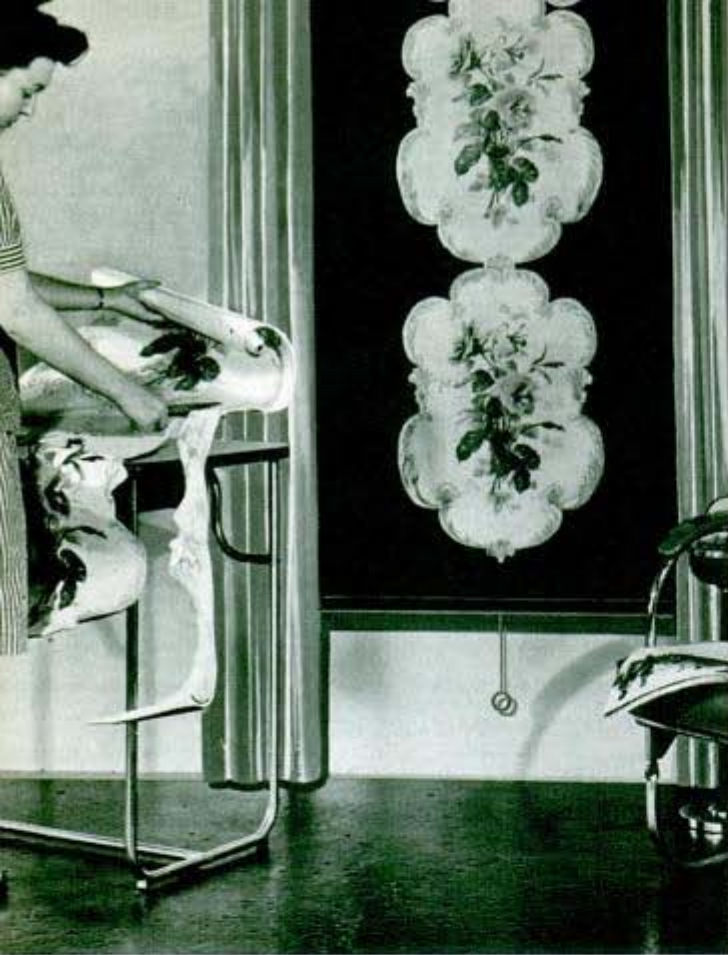
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“Plan-a-Room,” <sup>kit</sup> a miniature decorating kit, assists the home maker in visualizing furnishings in color

Examining samples of Flexglass in various colors. The twin columns, too, are of this sparkling glass





There can be color even in the blackout. Above, a black window shade is decorated by applying floral panels cut from a roll of wallpaper. Venetian blinds (below) can be had with attractive patterns in color

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color is yellow and this cheerful influence extends throughout the region from yellowish green to yellowish orange. The most tranquil color is green and this tranquilizing influence extends from yellow-green to blue or even to violet-blue. Violet is the region of subduing influence which extends into the purples but, of course, as all colors are reduced more and more into shades they are subdued and are of more subduing influence. Conversely as all colors are reduced more and more into tints their individual powers are diluted but a cheerful influence remains owing to their lightness. These powers or influences increase as their area increases. The purest colors can be used safely in small areas—a vase, or other relatively small ornament.

(A tint is produced by diluting a color with white which also lightens the color. A shade is produced by darkening the color with black. Reducing the amount of light on the color also produces a shade of the color.)

Two kinds of harmonies may be considered for a room as a whole. One is the harmony of approximate complementaries such as blue and yellow or blue-green and coral. The other is the harmony of colors more nearly alike such as yellow and orange, red and orange, green and yellow-green or blue and blue-green. The latter kind of harmony is generally less interesting or less lively than the former. For a home a complementary color scheme such as subdued blue-green and slightly subdued coral is more likely to result in an interesting colorful environment.

In choosing colors for the greater areas with which to live it is essential to distinguish between an inherent liking or preference for a color as considered by itself and our liking or preference for a color when it is associated with something and with other colors. A large group of young men and women were tested carefully in regard to their preference for various colors when not associated with anything else. Six principal colors of the spectrum ranked in this order: red, blue, violet, green, orange and yellow. Actually the men preferred blue most but red was a close second. The reverse was true of the women. However, it may be said that both men and women preferred the colors near the ends of the spectrum to those near the middle. This





CARPET COLOR	WALL COLOR	DRAPERY COLOR	DOMINANT UPHOLSTERY COLOR	SECONDARY UPHOLSTERY COLOR
BEIGE TO BROWN	Beige or Ivory	Peach	Brown	Green
	Blue	Rose	Burgundy	Blue
	Green	Gold or Beige	Cedar	Green
	Peach	Green	Cedar	Gold or Beige
	Rose	Turquoise	Burgundy	Beige
BLUE	Beige or Ivory	Rose	Burgundy	Beige
	Blue	Peach	Brown	Beige
	Peach	Beige	Cedar	Blue
	Rose	Blue	Mauve	Beige
	Grey	Rose	Burgundy	Gold or Beige
WINES	Beige or Ivory	Green	Gold	Wine
	Blue	Oyster	Blue	Gold
	Green	Wine	Gold	Green
	Rose	Turquoise	Gold	Beige
	Grey	Rose	Blue	Mauve
GREEN	Beige or Ivory	Green	Cedar	Beige or Gold
	Green	Peach	Cedar	Beige or Gold
	Peach	Beige	Brown	Cedar
	Rose	Green	Mauve	Grey
	Grey	Peach	Green	Gold
PEACH	Beige or Ivory	Green	Brown	Cedar
	Blue	Beige	Cedar	Gold
	Green	Cedar	Green	Beige
	Peach	Beige	Blue	Gold
	Grey	Peach	Green	Brown
ROSE	Beige or Ivory	Mauve	Turquoise	Beige
	Blue	Oyster	Mauve	Blue
	Green	Rose	Mauve	Gold
	Rose	Blue	Burgundy	Oyster
	Grey	Mauve	Turquoise	Oyster
TURQUOISE	Beige or Ivory	Peach	Brown	Beige
	Rose	Beige	Mauve	Blue
	Peach	Turquoise	Cedar	Beige
	Turquoise	Gold	Mauve	Beige
	Grey	Rose	Burgundy	Beige

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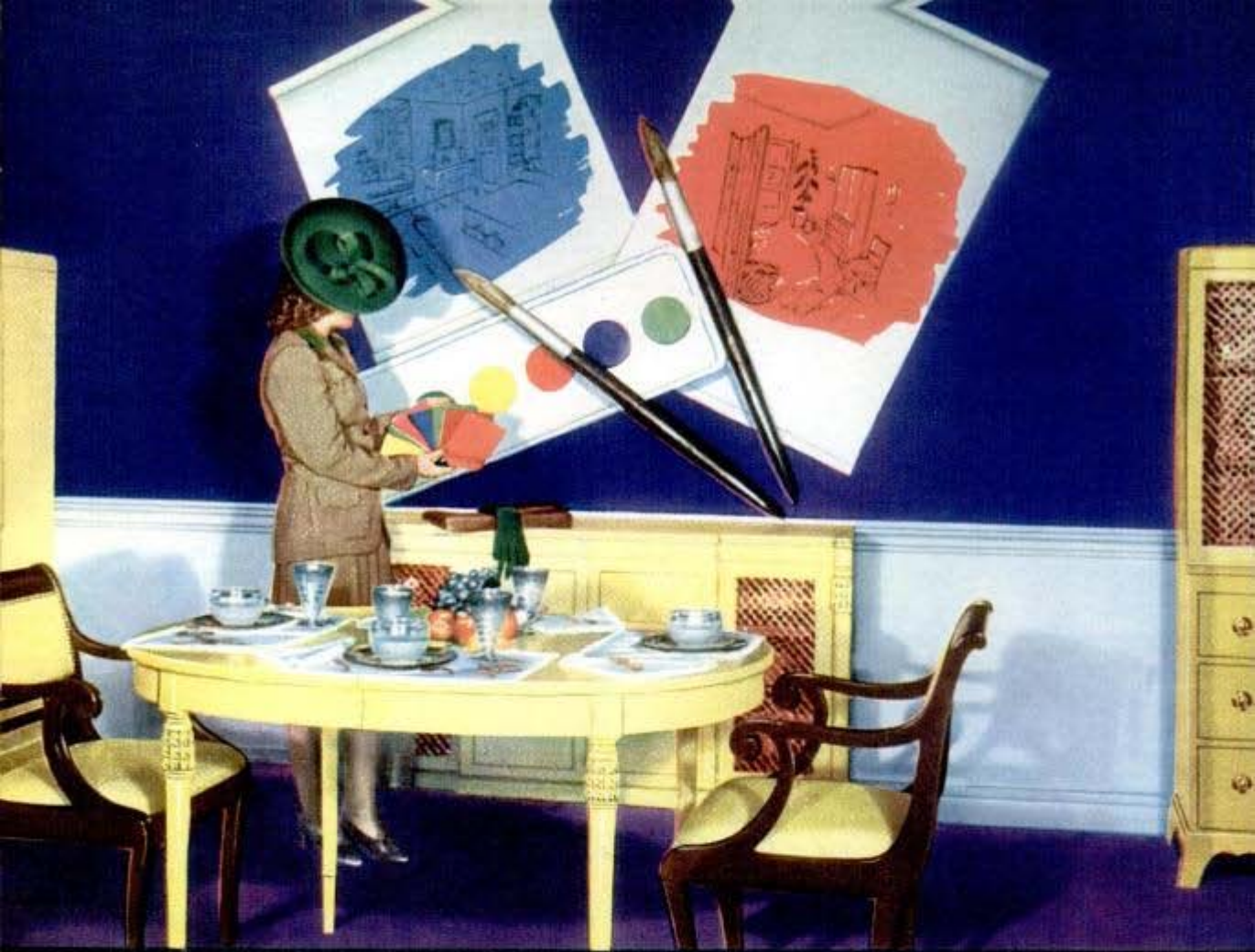
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A strip of patterned wallpaper laid on the back of a whatnot or china cabinet furnishes a gay background for amusing figures or china. The table (from Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co.) suggests harmonious colors for decorating

*140 Madison Ave, N.Y.C.*

remained true for tints and shades of the same colors. How contrary this fact is to the preference of colors when used in decorative schemes to live with! Almost the reverse is true where good taste dictates the colors to be used for large areas in the home. In other words our absolute color preference may safely guide us in the selection of an ornament such as a vase or painting but this primitive innate liking must be replaced by a relative color preference when selecting the colors to live with intimately and which are dominating in area.

In considering a color for an important area of a room such as walls or floor covering or even for an important item of furnishing such as draperies, a large painting, or a dominating piece of furniture one might have in mind the following characteristics of color: stimulating, subduing, vividness, attractiveness, appropriateness, distinctiveness, innate appeal, warmth, coolness, neutrality,



Photographed at Marshall Field & Co., Chicago

Colors must be blended in the home to please the eye, to add warmth or coolness, gaiety or quiet, to create the mood desired. Here a housewife studies color charts and samples of bright leathers

This is another method of quenching the gloom of the blackout—black drapery with pattern inside



novelty, realism, symbolism, usefulness, surface finish, practicability, and established usage. These characteristics overlap more or less but if a given color for a given purpose is diagnosed in this manner one is not very likely to make a great mistake in the selection of the color to suit the purpose in mind. Always remember in dealing with a decorator that you must live with the color and he does not. Good decorators put themselves in your position but some do not. Do not mistake temporary sensationalism and novelty for enduring satisfaction.

The appropriate color scheme for a home depends upon climate, exposure, character of the home and rooms, personality of the individuals and many other secondary factors. Often compromises are necessary. Generally north rooms should have warmer colors—shades and tints of colors on the yellow side of the middle of the spectrum. Southern exposures may well have cooler colors—tints and shades of green, blue-green, blue, violet, etc. As to personality, alert, conscious sparkling persons are quite in place in colorful environments.

Bernice Bowser and her associates have divided women into five color types: blond, brunette, redhead, brown hair and silver-gray. They have developed color-charts showing the range

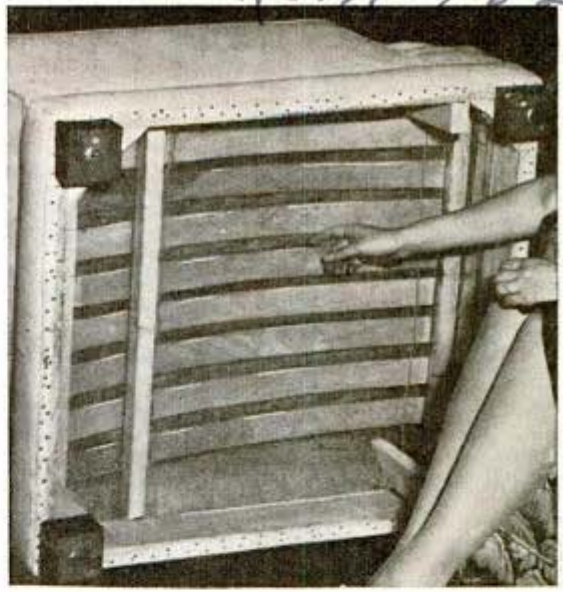
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# Wood Bats for Metal Around Your Home Plate

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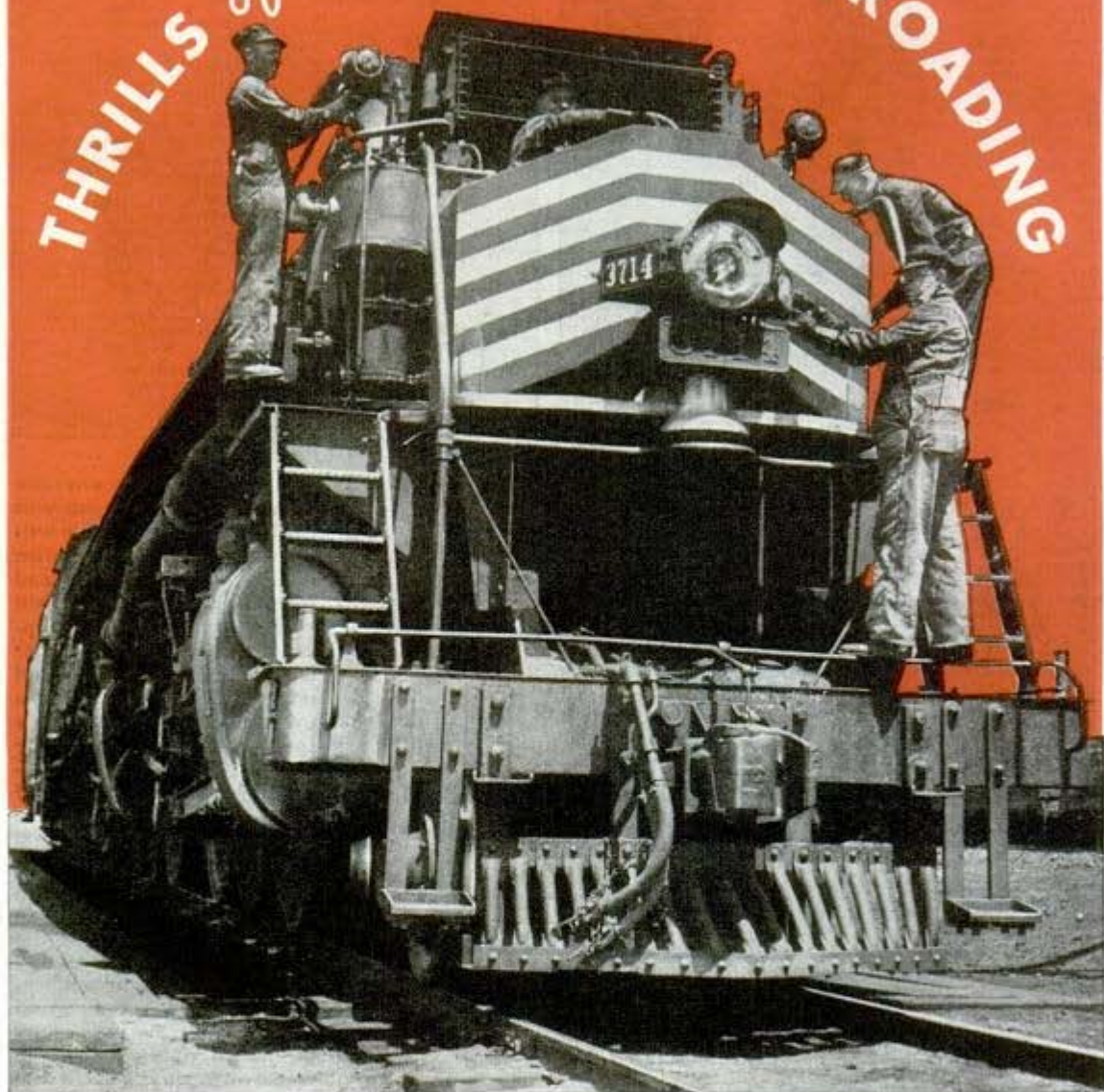
There wasn't much chrome available when America was getting its start, but there was plenty of wood. And America can do very nicely with wood today, now that chrome and other metals are on the "precious" list. The sink (upper left) has a counter of wood and a basin of porcelain, its only metal parts being the spout and piping and door hinges. One furniture manufacturer solved the problem of springs for a living room chair (upper right) by using highly resilient curved wooden slats instead of metal coils. The bent-tube chrome leg was so popular that furniture makers were loath to abandon it, so when the metal famine came, a wooden chair was designed (lower left) retaining the lines of the chrome chair. The wooden wagon can serve as a scooter and for shopping.



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# THRILLS of MOUNTAIN RAILROADING



Grooming the mountain giant for its 2,500-mile run over snow-covered passes, through gorges and tunnels

M 685

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**E**VER hear of an electric slide detector fence?

High in the Rockies, a chunk of granite the size of an automobile plunges down a mountainside and lands on a railroad track. A train is due around the curve in a few minutes but the engineer already knows that the rails are obstructed. When it fell, the rock automatically told the engineer to stop his train. It had plunged

through an electric slide detector fence, breaking a circuit that set the signals against the oncoming engine.

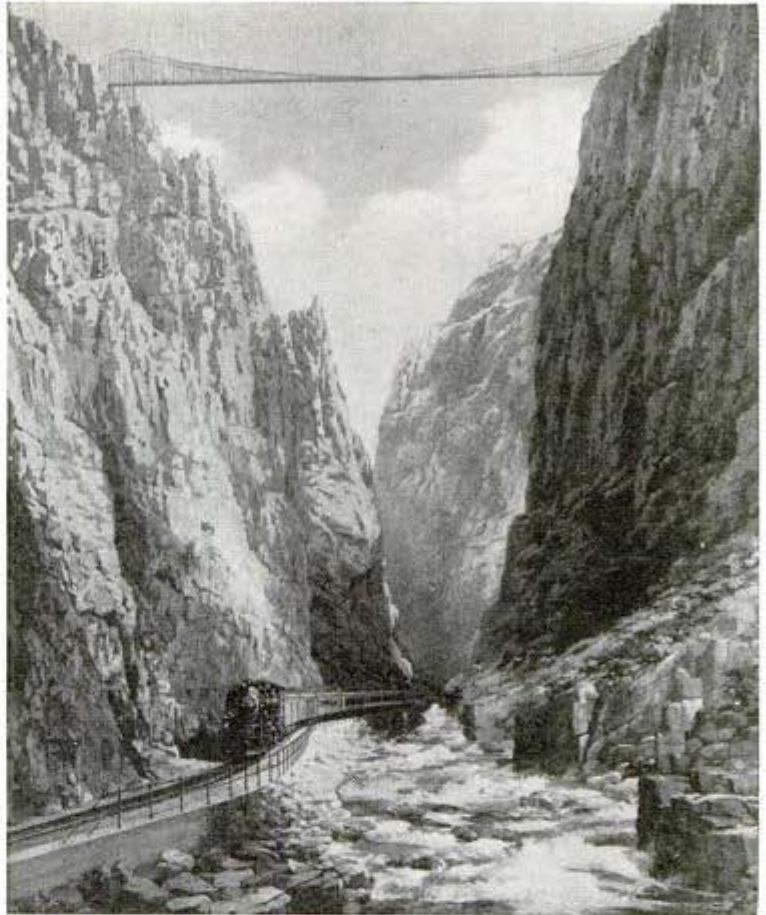
This device is one of the weapons that the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad uses in its never-ending fight against the mountains. Operating "through the Rockies and not around them," the D. & R. G. W. winds along the bottoms of narrow mountain gorges, crawls over

**Roaring through the Royal Gorge, which would hold Empire State Building under suspension bridge**

passes nine and ten thousand feet high, and crosses the continental divide through the six-mile Moffat Tunnel. Advertised in peacetime as the world's most scenic route, the railroad is now concentrating on the fast movement of war materials. Its main lines from Denver and Pueblo to Salt Lake City form vital links in our central transcontinental railroad system. About three quarters of all the molybdenum mined in the world moves over its rails from the mountain of ore in central Colorado.

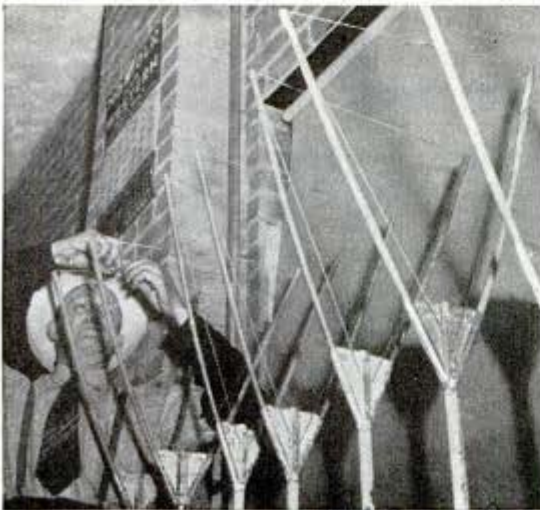
In spite of the country through which it operates it is a high speed, heavy duty railroad, using special engines and equipment for hauling big loads up steep grades. Its engines include great steam locomotives of 132,000 pounds tractive effort, and 5,400 horsepower Diesel engines that are specially supercharged for high altitude operation. It used to take 54 hours to haul a train of freight from Denver to Salt Lake City; now the same load is moved in 24 hours.

This line, too, is a connecting link between the past and present of railroading.

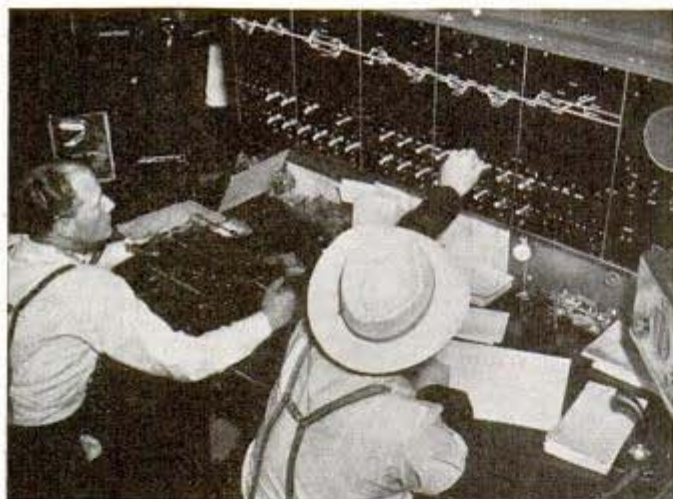


Seventy years ago it was a narrow gauge system and some of its feeder lines that crawl up to isolated mountain mining communities still use 3-foot narrow gauge track. Some of the original rails were manufactured in England, and some of the narrow gauge bridges are built of wrought iron instead of steel. On this railroad you can ride on a brand new Diesel-electric

Dispatcher attaching message on stick for crew; right, two engines pulling train before days of "giants"



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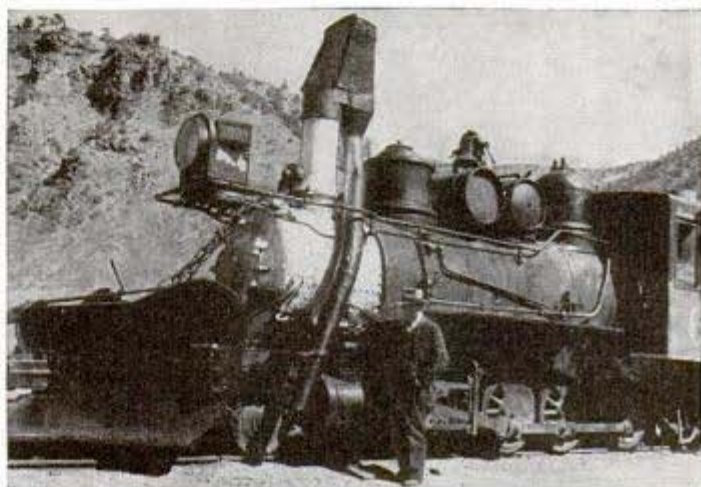
Lights on control board show train positions in mountain area



↑ Electric slide detector fence warns the engineer of landslide

Left, examining signals interlocked with the electric fence

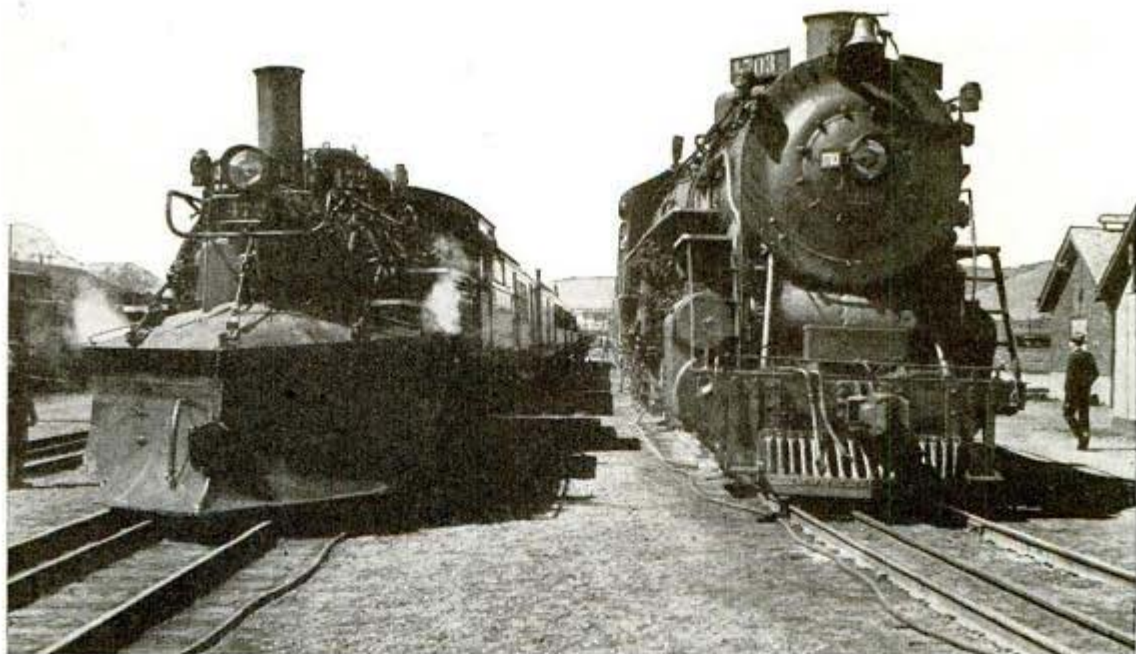
The old-type narrow gauge engine, below, has cinder collector



luxury streamliner and transfer from it to a puffing narrow gauge train. The narrow gauge coaches, built in 1880, have been modernized and even carry 110-volt current for your electric shaver. Some of the roadbed has three rails so that both narrow gauge and standard gauge equipment can use it. Over some parts of its route the line travels over solid beds of coal and oil shale. All but a short stretch of track on an entire division is ballasted with gold ore worth \$1,000 a mile, the slag from old mining smelters.

As much as 40 feet of snow a year falls on one mountain pass that the narrow gauge crosses, yet out in the desert on the main line to Salt Lake City summer temperatures rise as high as 110 degrees. The road fights the snow with big plows and with miles of snow sheds and snow fences. Some of the canyons have walls 1,000 feet high and in all such places where slides or falling rocks might cause trouble the roadbed is protected with electric slide detector fences.

Washouts in the mountains must always be guarded against. It has even happened, when miles of track have been rebuilt after a storm, that another washout tears the new track away even before the first train can cross. Out in the desert regions, "washins" are another difficulty. A cloudburst far away in the hills may wash sev-



**Narrow gauge engine, left, pauses beside a standard gauge locomotive. Three-rail tracks accommodate both**

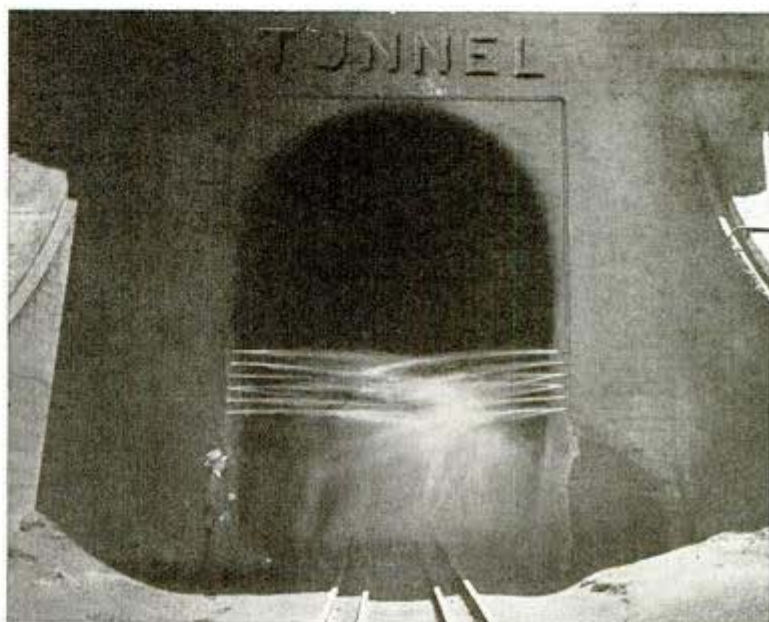
eral feet of dirt and debris over the rails, even though the weather along the railroad remains warm and clear. So when ominous clouds gather in some quarters, track patrolmen automatically make extra rounds. Without warning, desert creek beds that have been dry for five years may fill with a roaring flood of water. Some of the culverts under the roadbed are 15 feet in diameter to carry off such flash floods.

Repeated cloudburst trouble led the railroad men to build a long sturdy bridge right on top of the ground at one point. Then, when everything was completed and trains were moving across the bridge, they excavated a channel underneath the structure so that future flood waters could pass without doing harm. Such safety work as this has led to a record of 16 years of operation without a single passenger fatality. There are more than 2,000 bridges, as well as many miles of tunnels, in the 2,500 miles that the system covers.

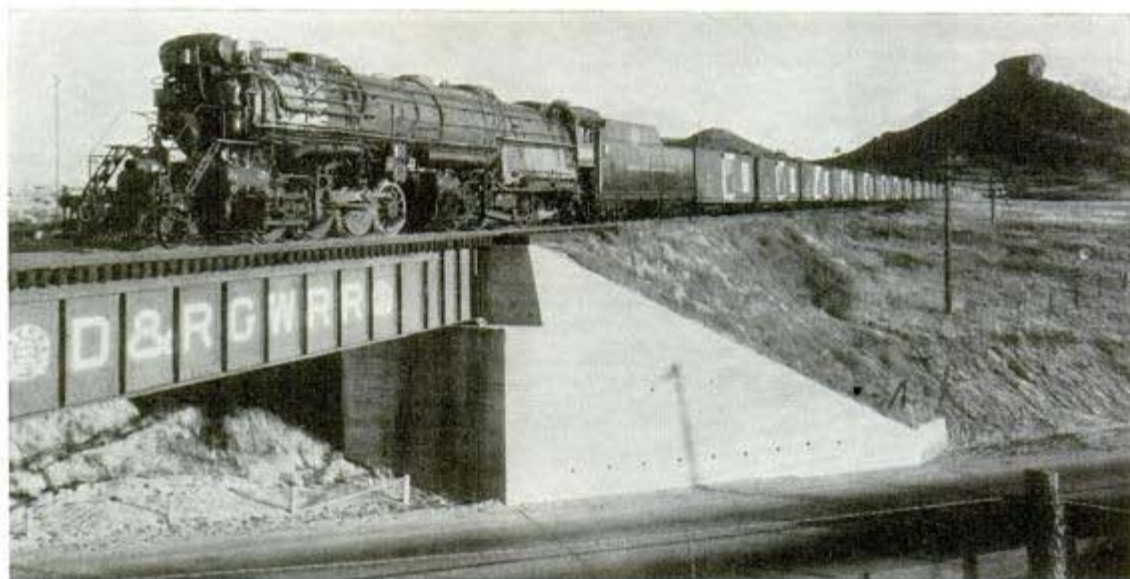
Keeping the great Moffat Tunnel in operation is a special job in itself. Instead of being level, the

tracks in the tunnel climb 50 feet from one portal, then descend 20 feet on the other slope. Passenger coaches, of course, are completely air conditioned, yet breathing respirators are issued to the engine crews for the six-mile trip through the heart of the mountain.

Condensation of engine steam precipitates the smoke and soot on passenger car windows, so these are automatically washed clean again by high power sprinklers as the train emerges from either portal. After a train has passed through, large ventilating fans go into operation



**Water jets wash dirt from cars as they leave the Moffat Tunnel**



**A big new mountain climber hauling a load of freight that would have required from three to five engines 20 years ago**



**Engineer opening the inspection door of fire box in cab of steam locomotive boasting 132,000 pounds of tractive effort**

**Making careful inspection of engine before setting out from Denver for Salt Lake City via lofty passes, tunnels, desert**



and remain on until the atmosphere clears to a point where an electric eye shuts the fans off. It may take 20 minutes to clear the tunnel of smoke.

Tons of cinders must be removed from the floor of the tunnel each year. Rail replacement is another job, since the tops of the rails are worn down a quarter of an inch a year, due to the corrosive action of the high humidity and the engine gases.

You rarely see a long stretch of straight track in the mountains. On one of its lines in southern Colorado the tracks wind in and out of New Mexico 18 times. One of the narrow gauge routes passes the same station three times as it winds back and forth up the side of a mountain. At one horseshoe curve, when the train is a long one, it almost seems that the engineer in front and the brakeman in the caboose can shake hands.

Half a century ago the narrow gauge engineers used the "smoke telegraph" to keep track of each other. That is, they slowed down when they saw the smoke of an approaching train. Today the D. & R. G. W. uses centralized traffic control systems at various points along its lines where traffic is heavy. Train orders that are passed to the engineers govern train movements over some parts of the system but



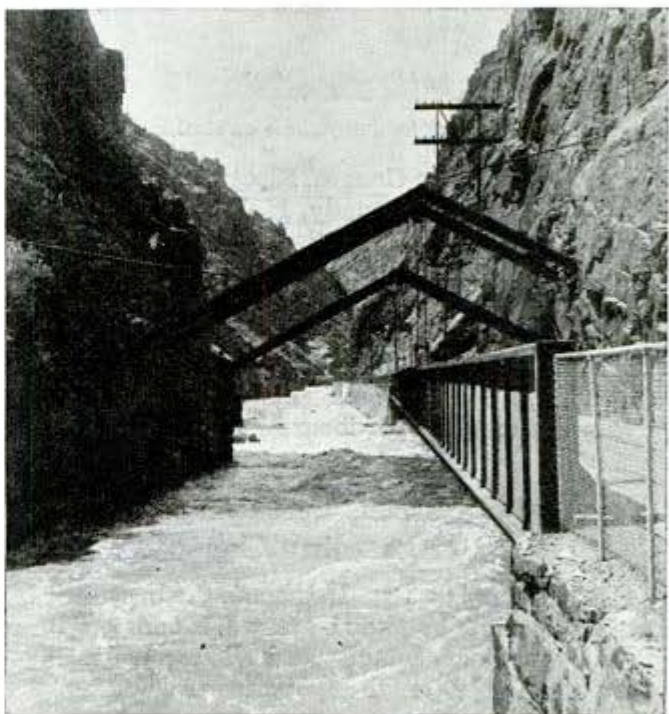
**In the cab of a huge steam locomotive, engineer guards lives of his passengers**

when an engineer moves into one of the C. T. C. areas he moves his train according to the block signals alone. These in turn are operated electrically from a central point. The dispatcher in charge has a track diagram in front of him with lights on the diagram that show the location of all trains. He controls all signals and movements with a few switches.

No other line in the United States operates under such a variety of extreme conditions. To help itself maintain "on schedule" performance the D. & R. G. W. has its own complete railroad laboratory where new designs are studied and where new materials and equipment are tested before they are put into service. Its metallurgical research men constantly look for better materials for fireboxes, its chemists study water, fuels and oils, and other engineers are steadily at work on equipment that will last longer under heavy use. In a sense, the entire D. & R. G. W. system is a laboratory for the rest of the country's railroads, since all the lines profit by what the mountain railroad learns in its laboratory and tests on its system.

**This hanging bridge, entirely unsupported from below, was built in Royal Gorge due to the steepness of the canyon wall**

**Below, four-power-car locomotive of the Diesel-electric type that cut 30 hours off the trip from Denver to Salt Lake City**



## Magnets Tack Up Notices On Steel Bulletin Board



Magnetic "thumbtacks" hold anywhere on steel board

In an office of the General Electric works laboratory, at Schenectady, N. Y., a steel partition serves as a bulletin board, but in place of the familiar thumbtack, small alnico magnets are used. Alnico—an alloy of aluminum, nickel, cobalt and iron—is the most powerful permanent magnet known, and the tiny magnets hold large pieces of paper and cardboard in place.

## 'Dry-Ice' Rifle Gets Cheap Power From Expanding Gas

Gas given off by Dry-Ice shoots the bullets from a rifle invented by Ray J. Monner of Denver, Colo., which the inventor has made available to the government. In



One load of Dry-Ice fires gun about 2,000 times

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crushed form, carbon dioxide exerts a constant pressure of about 1,170 pounds per square inch, and one magazine fires the gun about 2,000 times. With suitable modifications, the inventor says he can use this force in a way that will match the fire-power of any gun using powder for ammunition. On a single charge the gun is good for several days of shooting, the cost of which is estimated to be 20 percent of the cost of shooting with an orthodox weapon.

## Automatic Fertilizer Spreader Rolled on Lawn by Hand

Fertilizer may be spread evenly over the lawn with a perforated drum mounted on wheels which is rolled back and forth by



Insets show how spreader is put together and filled

hand. The fertilizer, loaded through a capped opening in one of the wheels, sifts through the perforations as the many-sided drum turns. The drum consists of heavy cardboard, while the wheels are of light-weight metal. A handle, attached to a wire frame, is used for pushing the spreader.

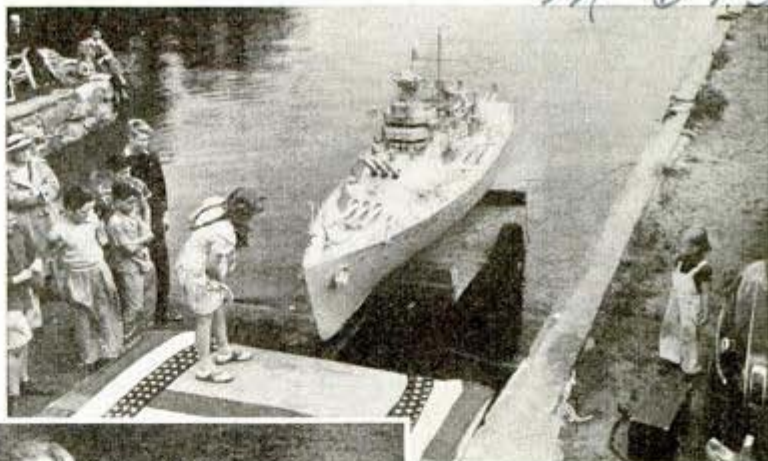
### AMERICAN RED CROSS PHOTO CONTEST

War Savings Bonds with a total value of \$5,125 at maturity are offered as prizes in a photo contest sponsored by the American Red Cross. The competition opens Oct. 1, closing Dec. 31. Entries must be hitherto unpublished photographs of Red Cross activities or symbolic of its spirit. For details write American Red Cross National Photographic Awards, 598 Madison Ave., New York.

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# 17-Foot Battleship Model Has Crew of Three

It was a real launching, even though only in miniature, when a 17-foot model of the U.S.S. Oklahoma rode out onto Sunapee Lake in New Hampshire. Built from U. S. Navy photographs by John A. Sargent of Littleton, Mass., the model is complete in all exterior details. The "battleship" has a beam of four feet,



*M 645*



Ceremony attended the launching of model of U.S.S. Oklahoma. Left, lifting top for entry

turrets controlled from within, small anti-aircraft guns mounted about the ship, and a catapult that can launch a model seaplane. It carries a crew of three at five miles an hour, driven by its own 1½-horsepower gasoline engine. Members of the crew lift away a section of the superstructure in order to enter the ship.

# "Sky Cradle" Carries Wounded Soldiers Across a River

British soldiers have a simple way to transport casualties across rivers where there is no bridge nor boat available. On a wire rope stretched across the water, the wounded man, cradled in a stretcher, is whisked to the far shore by means of pulleys and ropes, somewhat in the manner of a breeches buoy. The whole outfit is easy to carry, after it has been folded and packed, and can be assembled in 15 minutes.

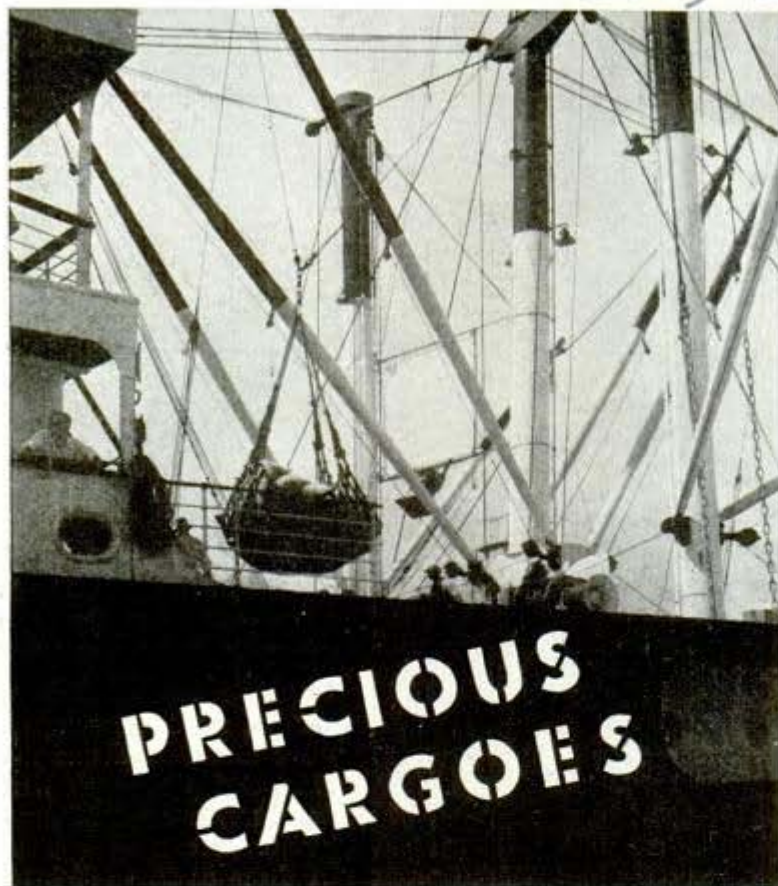
British troops pulling stretcher across stream with pulleys and ropes



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A net filled with cargo is lifted from hold of Grace Line ship

the night behind the blackout shades of the coastal dimout. There they scheme to get precious cargoes to far-flung battlefields. Some are in uniform and some in civilian garb—but they are servicemen all.

Our great unsung army is a relative handful of grim, overworked British and American shipping experts from steamship line executives down to stevedores and longshoremen. It is also an army of weather-beaten and sharp-eyed ship officers and their brave crews; pier superintendents and workers to whom an inch of cargo space is as valuable as a battlefield sector; gunners whose specialty is blasting submarines out of

ocean lanes. In Washington, it is the Navy, the Maritime Commission and Army Transportation Service, the War Shipping Administration and the Office of Defense Transportation, drawn in large part from the personnel which kept the United Nations' cargo and passenger ships plowing the oceans in peace.

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**By Philip B. Iglehart**

Vice-President of the Grace Line

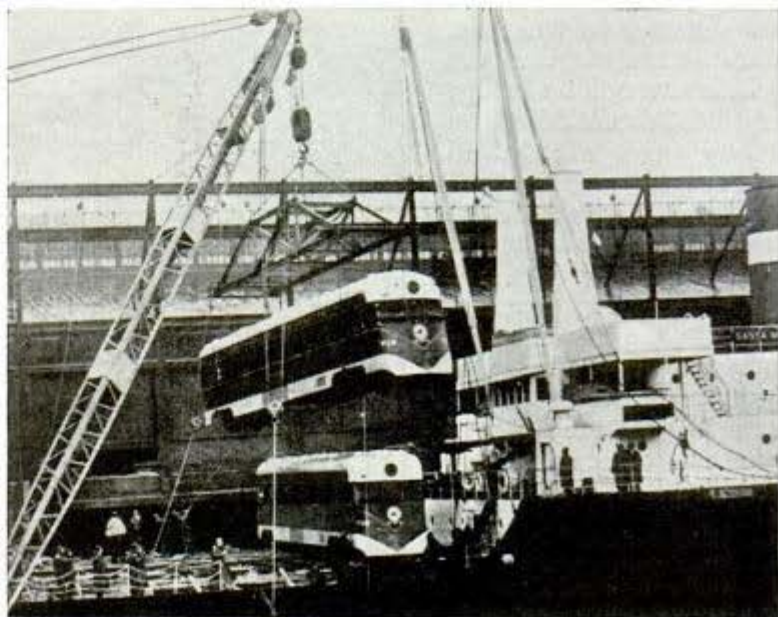
**T**HE most critical phase in the greatest war mankind has ever seen has been reached.

The battle of production is shaping up as a victory for the United Nations, thanks to America's industrial strength, mechanical ingenuity and assembly line technique.

Now the battle of transportation is on in deadly earnest.

Victory, defeat, or a stalemate depends on thin lines of drab cargo ships stretched across the restless wastes around the globe. And on thin lines of shipping specialists aboard the vessels, in the offices and on the piers where lights burn far into

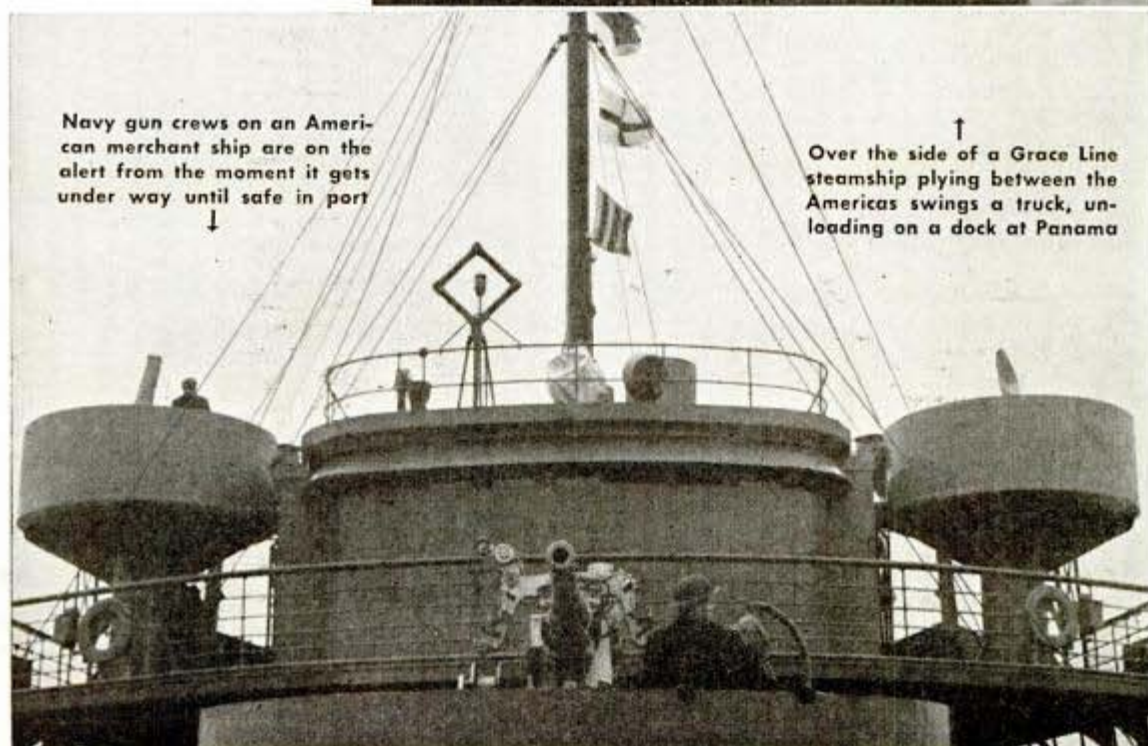
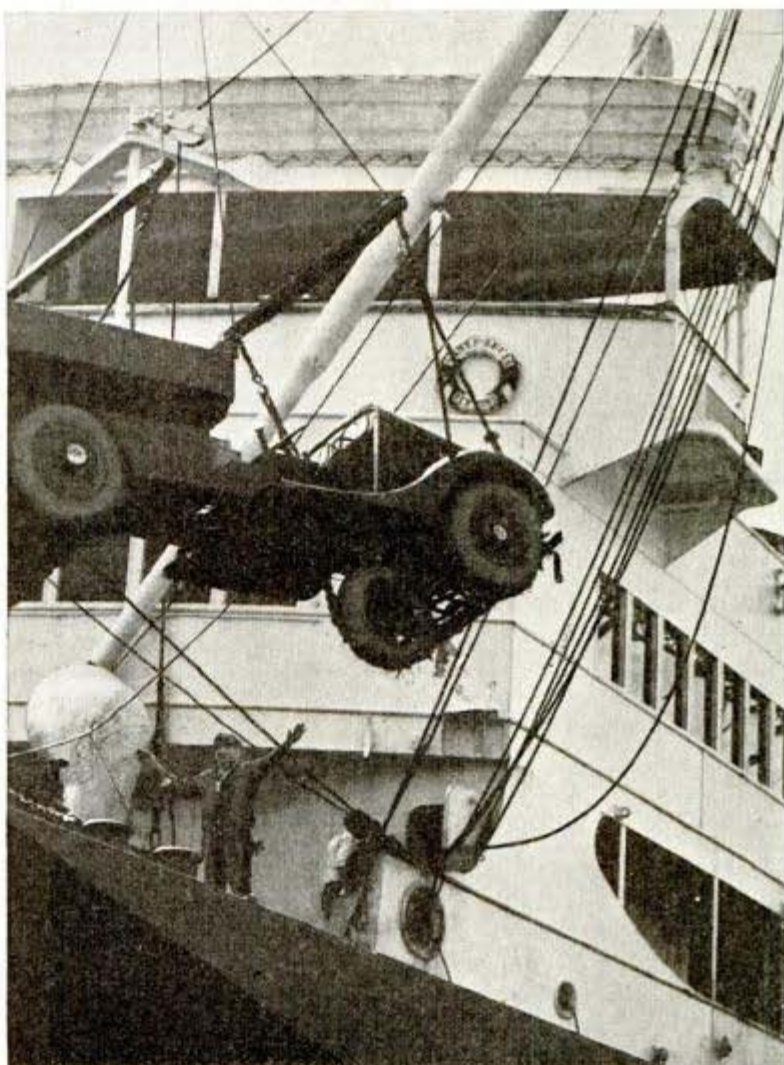
Street cars for South America are loaded at a New York pier  
Grace Line photos



For America's war policy is to go to sea, to search out the enemy wherever he may be and fight him there, rather than on our own land.

Efficient ship operation is as important as the more spectacular angles of ship protection and shipbuilding in this vast global war. Guns, tanks, food, supplies, fighter planes and troops cannot fly to widespread battlefronts. Production may surpass all expectations, but unless cargo space is built, protected and, finally, efficiently used, victory may be tragically delayed.

And one key phrase in this gigantic transportation struggle is a phrase the average American has never even heard—"quick turn-around." In everyday language this means cutting down the time the ship is in port between arrival and departure. Now that the



Navy gun crews on an American merchant ship are on the alert from the moment it gets under way until safe in port

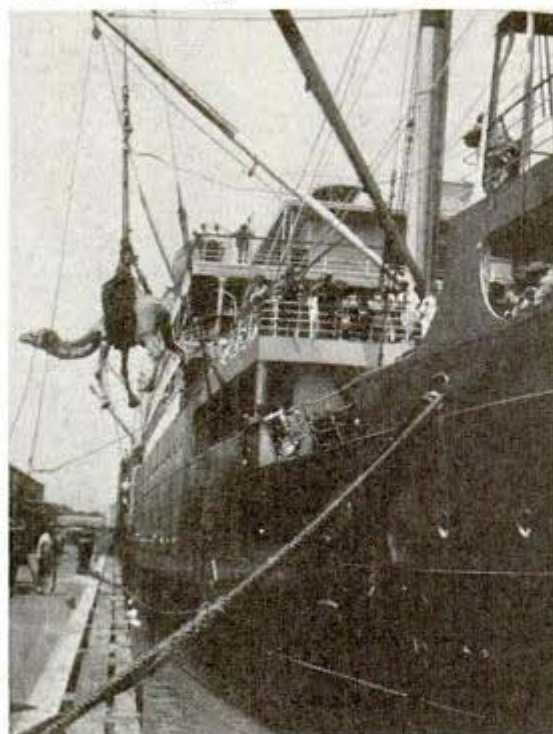


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Over the side of a Grace Line steamship plying between the Americas swings a truck, unloading on a dock at Panama



Crates of fruit from tropical America roll down the conveyor at New York, speeding a ship's turn-around

A camel in a sling joins a circus sailing from Peru



United States is the arsenal of democracy and must pour from its ports a great flow of vital material to its many allies, this commonplace phrase "quick turn-around" has great significance.

Day and night, in every port, cargo of every type swings aboard the drab freighters. It's a race against time. Men work long, hard, and feverishly. To the uninitiated, cargo seems to be dumped in pell-mell, helter-skelter. But in that seeming confusion there is a system as smoothly operated as the assembly line in a modern

aircraft plant. Ships arrive at an embarkation port. Long before they reach the dock, cargoes for distant war fronts—guns, tanks, planes, food-stuffs, clothing, machinery, munitions—have arrived by rail or truck at the embarkation port, where all are stored awaiting shipment.

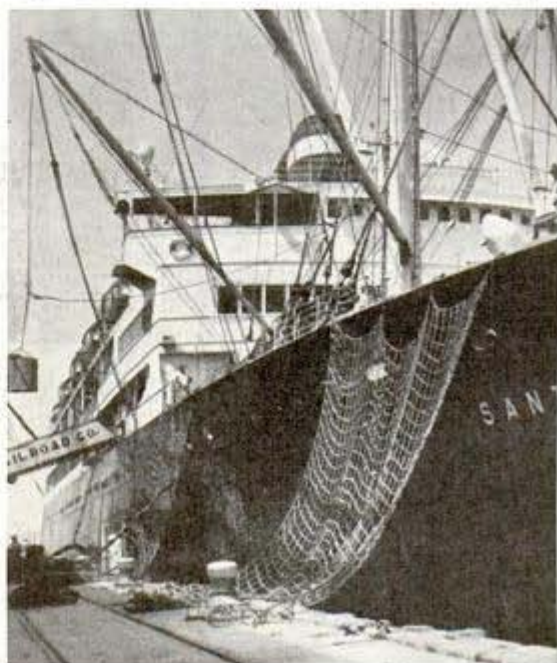
At this point, the shipping executives, longshoremen, stevedores and mates, take over.

The actual unloading and loading are done by the stevedore; he is no unskilled laborer doing his job by rule of thumb, but an important cog in the business of ocean shipping. Upon his skill depends, to a certain extent, the safety of the ship at sea. The stevedore directs the loading and unloading of the ship and has charge of positioning the cargo. On the other hand, longshoremen are laborers who work in the holds, on the pier, or on lighters, and who stow away the cargo.

The problem is not what comes out of a ship, but what goes in. Practically everyone in the organization has some part in solving this problem and the solution in essentials finally reaches the stevedore whose work then begins.

On the pier he must separate valuable

Net is stretched on dock to be filled with freight



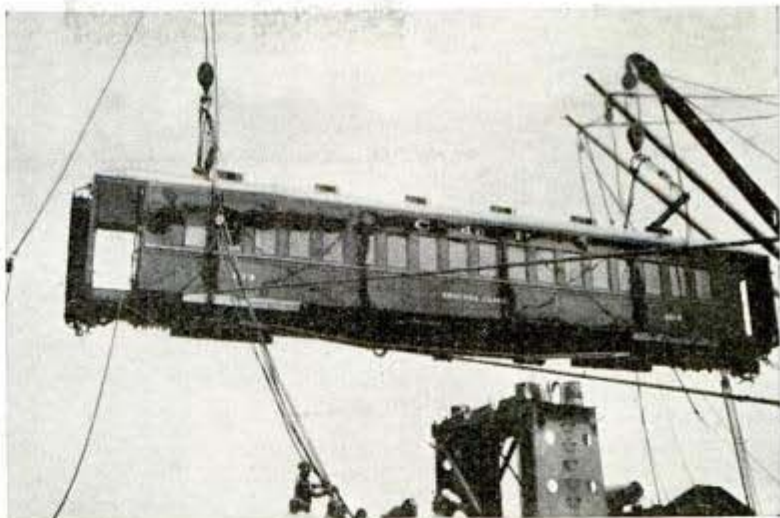
cargo and perishable shipments from the rest of the freight. The cargo is further divided into heavy and light cargo, into character cargo, such as "reefer" cargo which is freight kept under refrigeration, and according to port. Then the cargo is ready for loading.

Looking down into the hold of a ship is almost a dizzying stunt. As though in a deep well, men are working far below, swinging bulky machinery, copper ingots, or boxed automobile parts into position while the derrick booms swing high overhead. Each hold aboard Grace Line ships is divided into three sections: lower hold; next, 'tween deck; and last, next to the hatch, the cover of the hold, or the shelter deck. This is the general American below-deck plan. The English is: lower hold, orlop deck, 'tween deck, shelter deck.

Definite rules for loading ships have evolved from experience and common sense. Cargo is loaded with two requirements in mind—safety and accessibility. Cargo is a ballast, and improper loading will affect, dangerously, the balance of the ship. Poor loading will make the ship sluggish in rough weather, cause the ship to list dangerously in choppy seas because of shifting cargo, make the ship too heavy forward so that she buries herself in high seas, or too light and thus put an undue strain on the ship's hull. Heavy cargo goes into the lower hold, but some heavy cargo is also distributed between 'tween deck and shelter deck so that the ship will be neither too tender nor too stiff in rough weather.

For certain light cargo, rope or wire net slings are used for lowering; box and crate slings for heavier cargo; wire cables and chain for machinery and steel rails; canvas slings for bags and flour; barrel hooks for kegs, and so on. In some cases, automobiles are driven right into

**Gunners aboard a merchant ship get the range on a hostile craft**  
U. S. Navy photo



**Powerful cranes hoist a new railway car into ship**

**Colombian coffee for your table goes into a hold**





A ship's stability depends greatly on skill of the loaders. Here is an electric hoist working in the hold

the ship's hold through side ports; in other instances they are hoisted aboard by the ship's derricks.

In a ship loaded in New York for Valparaiso, Chile, cargo for the last port is loaded first, and that for the first port last. But not all shipments for one port are loaded into one hold, for this would slow up loading and discharging. Instead, shipments for Callao, Peru, will be distributed among as many holds as possible so that the maximum number of holds can be worked at one time, thus facilitating the unloading of the ship and reducing the number of man-hours of work.

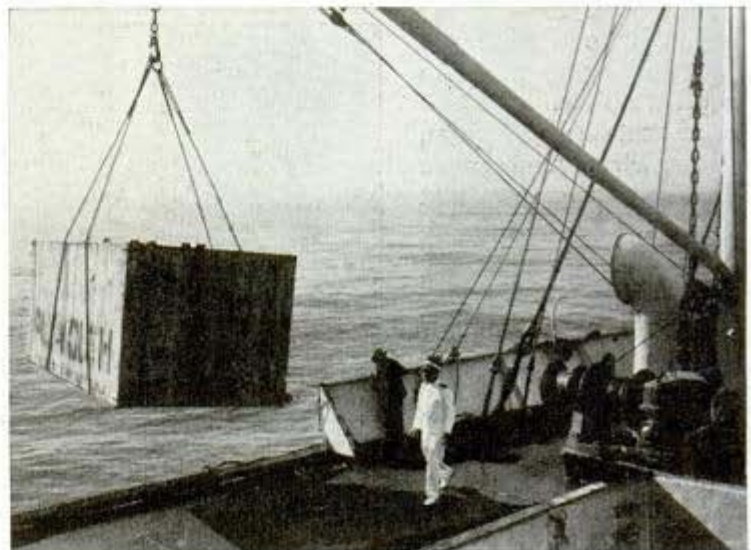
But regardless of the orderly loading of cargo according to ports of call, there are other trials and tribulations to vex the stevedore. Certain types of cargo cannot be placed together, certain cargoes must be isolated. The stevedore may tear his thinning hair, but these rules are inflexible.

All moist freight—or liquid—must be separated from dry goods, since moist freight tends to cause injury to cargo which must be



Special lights are rigged on a vessel putting out to sea in a convoy

A crated automobile emerges from a Grace Liner's hold at Chilean port



shipped dry. Oil and turpentine are never stowed in the same compartment with wool, flour, or sugar. However, cotton, a dry cargo, must be segregated from all other shipments and is usually protected with 'tween deck hatches, thoroughly secured. When damp, cotton is subject to spontaneous combustion. All freight of combustible nature is placed far from passenger and crew quarters, boilers and bulkheads.

Other freight also must be given special compartments. Certain moist cargo doesn't exude the pleasantest of odors, and must be stowed far away from green fruits, foods, and similar freight.

Aside from proper distribution to protect cargo from spoiling, mechanical precautions are taken. Certain freight, including foods, must be kept at fixed temperatures to prevent spoilage. Modern cargo ships are equipped with the finest of mechanical refrigeration so that perishables can be kept at the required temperatures throughout the

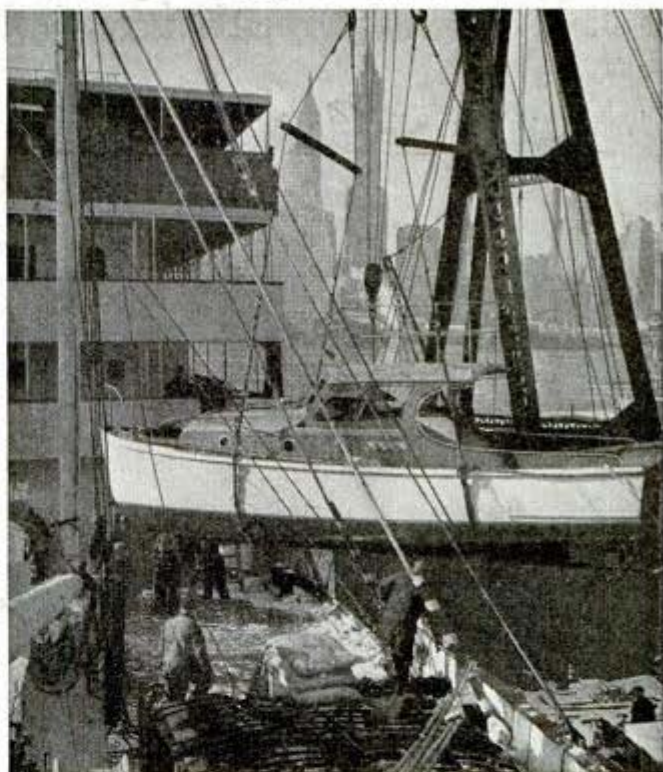


voyage. In the Chief Engineer's log room are gauges which keep a continual record of the temperatures in the ship's massive refrigerators and these data are regularly checked by assistant engineers in charge of the cooling apparatus.

As cargo is swung into place and stowed by longshoremen, the strictest precautions must be taken against shifting during rough weather. Listing, dangerous to ship and passengers, can result from two causes directly laid to loading—improper distribution of cargo; shifting of cargo during rough weather. The first cause is eliminated by proper loading at the pier, and the second is counteracted by correct stowage.

Simple devices are used to keep cargo in place. Carpenters make bulky cargoes solid. On top of the lower tiers of freight, "dunnage"—wood planking—is laid down as a flooring upon which the next tier is stowed. In empty spaces between articles are placed blocks of wood, "chocking," so that empty places are filled and each tier of freight becomes a solid mass. Freight such as barrel goods, rolls of paper, newsprint, and roofing are stowed in "head-up" position, which prevents sliding and acts as "dunnage" for other material.

Safeguarding ship and cargo by proper



A small fishing cruiser goes for a cruise aboard a big sister

stowage does not end the precautions against accident. There is ever present the fire hazard, and against this most dangerous of threats the modern cargo ship has arrayed a formidable variety of equipment. The most effective method of fighting such a fire today is by use of carbon dioxide. After closing all hold ventilators, the gas

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Boxed electrical apparatus jolts down 15 steps to test its bracing before shipping



Westinghouse photo

Sailors of the U. S. Navy man their 50-caliber machine guns while their warship patrols the ship lanes off Atlantic coast

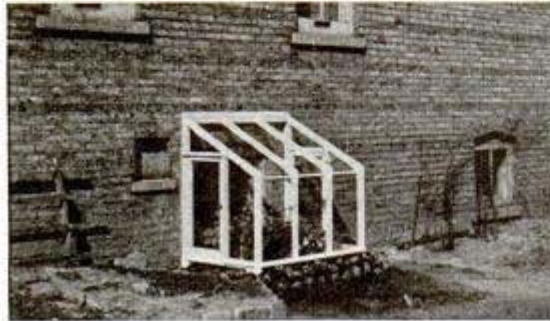
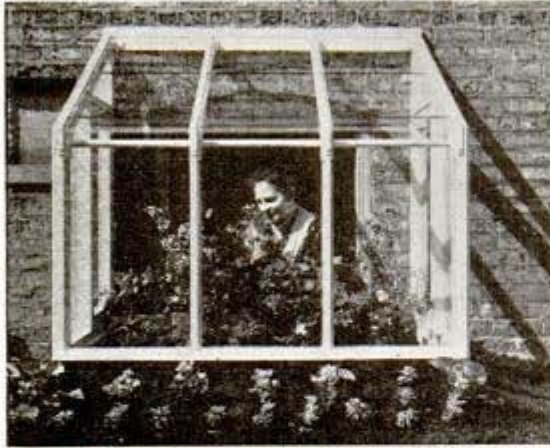


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## Cellar Window Greenhouse Grows Plants in Winter

*M 560*



Caring for flowers or vegetables in the window conservatory is accomplished without stepping outdoors

You can grow flowers, a few choice vegetables or early seedlings outside a basement window of your home in winter with an attractive conservatory that requires no foundation. The home greenhouse, which fits around a window is accessible from the basement or through a small door on the outside. An inexpensive kerosene stove or electric heater may be used to maintain the proper temperature.

## Roof Flashing Using No Metal Escapes Wartime Restraint

*M 644*



No priority rating is required for production of flashing for roofs that is made with a felt center instead of copper, and hence contains no strategic material. Bonded

on both sides by asphalt-saturated fabric to make it waterproof, tough and durable,

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the flashing is flexible and may be shaped by hand to fit the job without tearing or cracking. Its rough surface readily forms an adhesive bond with the mortar.

## Wool Put Up in Bales Like Hay To Solve Burlap Shortage

*M 670*

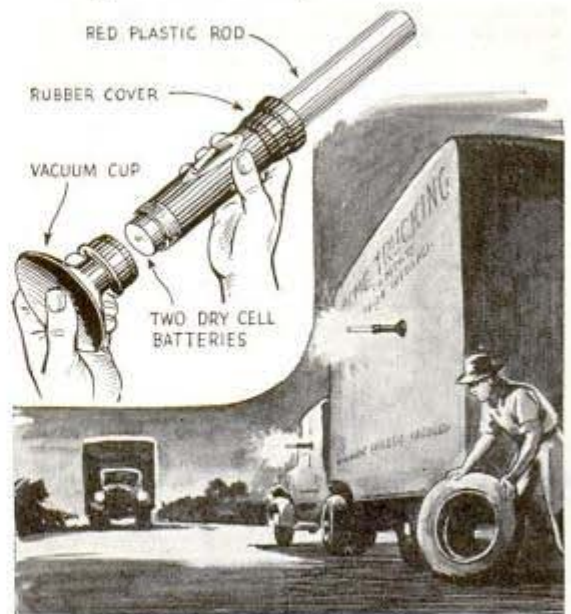
Wool growers in the west, threatened with an impending shortage of burlap, are experimenting with substitutes for the wool bags used at present. One of the most ingenious is a baling method tried at Deer Lodge, Mont. Six fleeces of the 1942 clip were successfully pressed into bales with an ordinary power hay baler, according to reports of Don Tavenner of the Williams and Pauly sheep ranch.

*cont. Glen Perrins, 1030 Darling St, Ogden Utah*

## Hand Signal-Light for Police Stands on Suction Base

*M 258*

Used as a hand signal or set up as a warning light, a flashlight fitted with a translucent plastic tube glows red when the bulb is turned on. One light may be held in each hand by an officer directing traffic after dark, making his signals plainly visible to drivers. At the base is a large rubber suction cup which will hold the light firmly on the body of a truck or car, or on the pavement beside it. Squad cars carry the lights for use as emergency warning signals on stalled or wrecked vehicles. The battery case is rubber covered, making the unit waterproof.



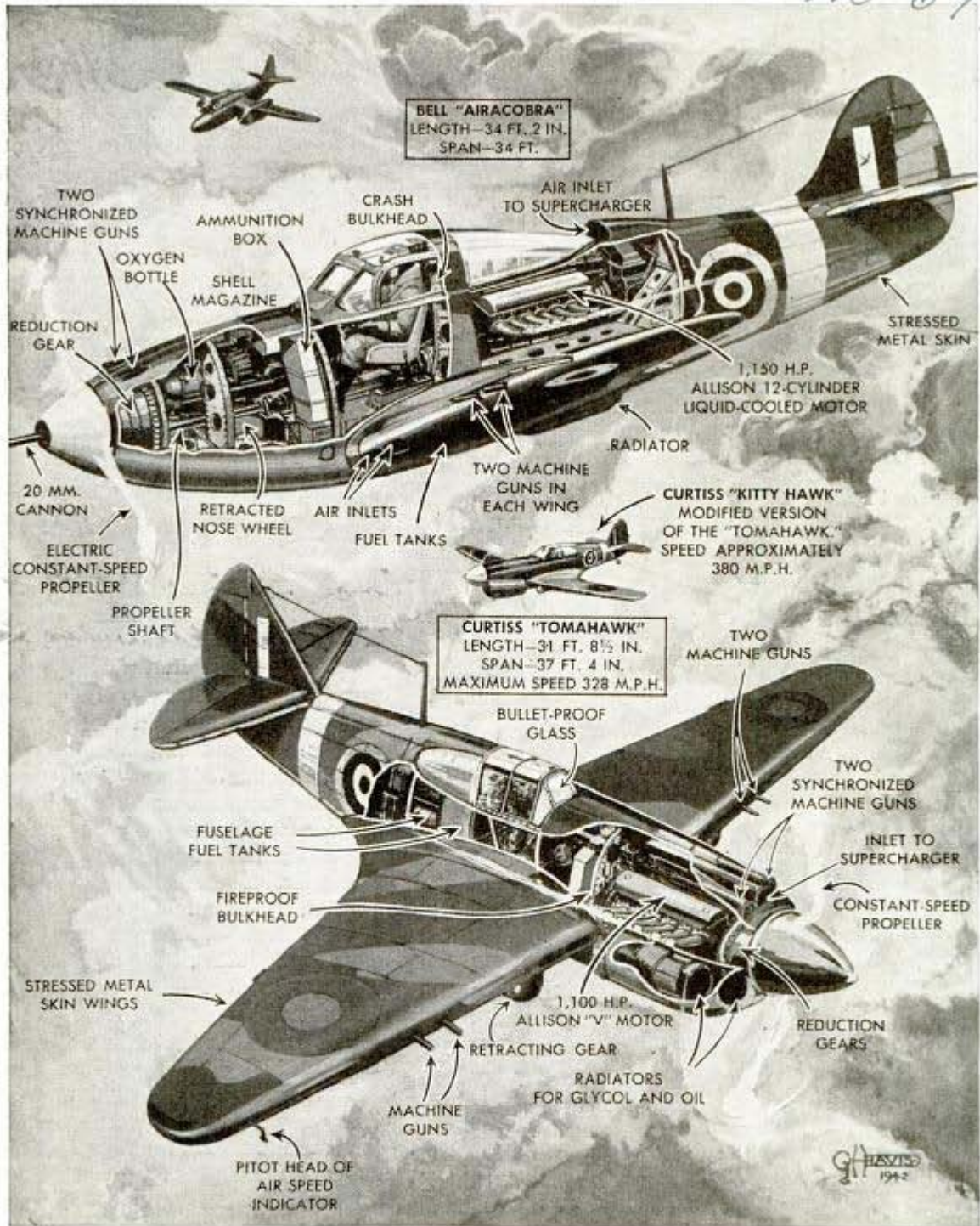
Red warning light is easily attached to stalled car

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Some of the outstanding features of two outstanding fighter planes "made in America" for the Royal Air Force are shown here. Both the Bell "Airacobra" and the Curtiss "Tomahawk" are powered by liquid-cooled Allison engines. The "Tomahawk" has four Browning machine guns in the wings and two guns synchronized to fire through the propeller; the "Kitty-

hawk," a later version, faster and more heavily armed, is sketched at the center. The "Airacobra" has a similar gun arrangement, plus a 20-mm. cannon in the nose. Its engine is behind the pilot, delivering power to the propeller by a shaft some 10 feet long and weighing 40 pounds. Its seven guns can fire 387 pounds of projectiles per minute.



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**PATROLLING  
UNCLE SAM'S  
DEADLINES**

*m 6/9*



ARMED men in autogiros, in boats, patrol cars, on horseback, on foot, and in tall watch towers are guarding our borders night and day.

In the northern woods a band of Border Patrol men may be cruising along the boundary. On the Great Lakes small boats are patrolling against smugglers. Along the Mexican border an autogiro may be hovering over a patch of mesquite; from a tower that overlooks the Rio Grande a guard dressed in the same uniform worn by the horsemen and aviators has his field glasses trained on a bend in the river. Someone is trying to cross, he decides and he picks up his radio microphone.

"T 3 to C 21. There's something going on down at the west end of the island. Look it over." Within a couple of minutes he sees the car that he called from its usual patrol racing down to the spot.

Today the Border Patrol, which was organized primarily to prevent aliens from entering the United States illegally, is also

Top, guarding a Mexican train at the border while Customs inspectors examine it. Below, patrolmen leave a sign on the desert to inform other trackers they have captured three aliens

*Ref: Senior Inspector, Border Patrol, Immigration Service*

doing its part to prevent spies and saboteurs from crossing our borders and to keep information of interest to the enemy from being carried out of the country. Hardly ever before in its colorful history, even during rum-running days when a gunfight a week was less than average, have members of the patrol been so busy.

Entering the United States by stealth looks easy on the map. Part of our southern border, for instance, is nothing but a shallow river that you can wade across in most seasons. From El Paso to San Diego the border is almost imaginary, marked only by a monument every few miles. The border is fenced only through the infrequent villages.

But a spy learns that it isn't as easy as it looks. Immigration men must find everything in order before a visitor can cross at a regular port of entry. Undercover men may have investigated him beforehand. Wading across the river or simply walking into the United States at some inland point seems easy but the sands of the south give him away. He can't conceal his tire prints or footprints. Some have tried walking only on stones or weeds but they haven't been able to fool the expert trackers of the Patrol. "Cutting sign" is a daily chore from coast to coast on the border and some of the Patrol trackers are so expert that they can tell you, from the footprints, at what point a man shifted his pack from one shoulder to the other.

One favorite stunt has been to cross the border



Border Patrol pilot and observer can fly slowly along their beat in an autogiro, hovering if necessary to make a close scrutiny of the ground



The international boundaries are fenced off in the more populated areas such as El Paso, where the guard at left is on watch at border fence

Below, the operator at El Paso central radio station listens to a report from the field. All patrol cars, airplanes and towers are radio-equipped





**Telegraph key on patrol-car instrument board is used for radio communication when car is too far from station for voice radio**

as soon as it gets dark and to head north at full speed, thus getting a 12-hour start over the trackers. All that means, usually, is that the trackers may have to camp out while they are on the trail because they won't return to headquarters until they have found their man. Even if he has managed to reach a road and has been picked up by a car he still isn't safe, because Border Patrol groups blockade all roads for miles behind the border, examining all strangers who come by.

The men on desert patrol use cars with big tires that will carry them across rough country and in some sections they use horses as well. On an ordinary day they start out before daybreak, possibly patrolling the border itself or possibly working the country a few miles this side of the

border. Occasionally an alien walks backward for a mile or two as he comes across in the expectation that his footprints, pointing the wrong way, will fool the patrol. But the patrolmen know all the tricks. The cars used on desert patrol are equipped with radio keys for code communication because frequently they prowl so far from their substations that ordinary voice radio won't carry.

Border guarding is a little different in populated areas such as El Paso where the Mexican town of Ciudad Juarez lies just across the river. Here a series of observation towers is used to watch for illegal activities. Some smart

stunts have been tried, but the watchmen know what to look for, such as the old trick of trying to get across while parties of swimmers are enjoying the river on a hot summer day. In the general confusion a swimmer from the Mexican side may cross the river with one shoe and lay it on the American bank. The other shoe comes over on the next trip, and gradually all his clothes are lying in a heap in the United States. All he has to do, when the rest of the swimmers come in and dress, is to join them, dress, and walk off. But anyone who tries this stunt walks right into the arms of a couple of Border Patrol men who have been tipped off by one of the tower guards.

Most of the people who try to cross our southern border are Mexican laborers in

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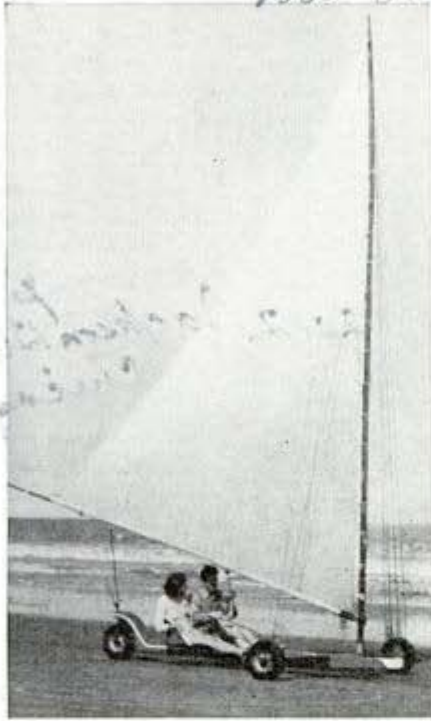
**Two mounted patrolmen, armed and dressed for rough work, scan the sands along the border for footprints**



# Sand Sailors Get Thrills at 40 Miles an Hour

*M. Whittaker*

*M 698*



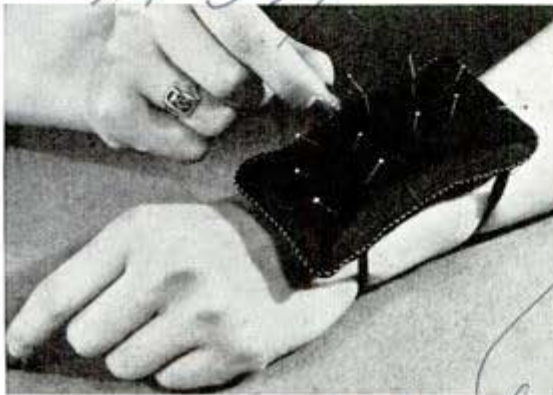
Racing along the beach at Sea Island, Ga., these two-seater sailboats on wheels require a good man at the tiller if the wind is stiff and the sand is hard-packed

With submarines lurking off shore, some salt water sailors have tied up their old boats and are finding excitement in the new sport of sand sailing. Lightweight boats, resembling ice boats more than the regulation sailing craft, can speed along a hard packed beach with the aid of a stiff breeze at 40 miles per hour. The boats have

a metal frame, three wheels, a seat for two and a single sail. A certain amount of skill is required at the tiller, for when the boats "come around" after a race down the beach an unwary sailor may find himself in the ocean or scraping up sand. At Sea Island, Ga., one of the centers of the sport, a fleet of eight boats thrills visitors with races.

## Handy Pincushion Is Held on Arm by Two Elastic Tapes

*M 377*



Worn on the forearm by means of two pieces of elastic tape, a pincushion is always within reach and leaves both hands free. It provides a convenient place to keep pins while fitting a dress, and can even be worn over the shoe when adjusting the length of another's dress. It may also be fastened to the sewing machine or sewing basket.

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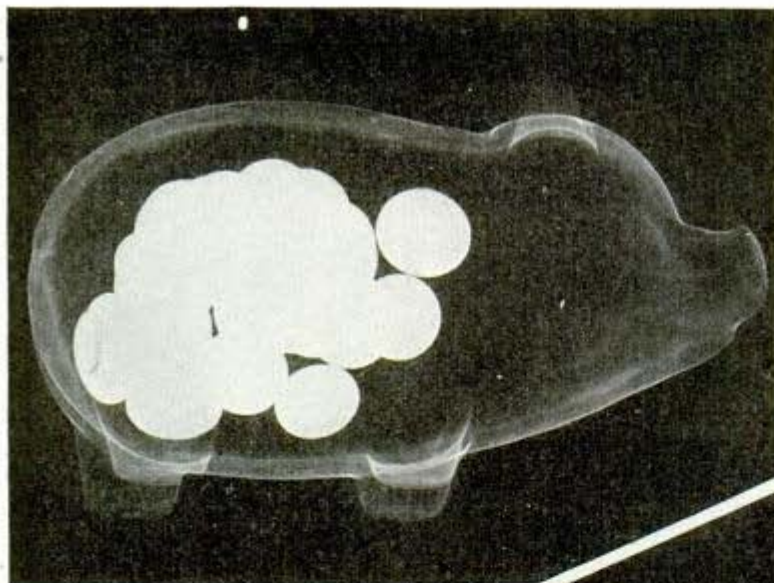
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# ONE WAY

When the radiographer—that's the man who operates an X-ray unit—turns his attention from bones and tissue to such familiar articles as a piggy bank, left, or toy train, below, he gets some unusual and artistic effects called "shadowgraphs." These pictures were made in the General Electric X-ray studios



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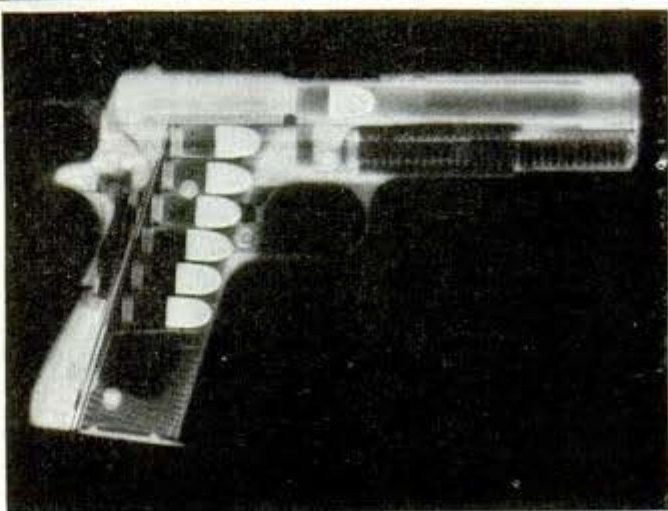
To make the shadowgraphs, a sensitized film in a light-tight holder is placed under the object with the X-ray tube above it. Some objects require a high voltage. The toy train took 95,000 volts, enough power to make a six-inch spark, for good results

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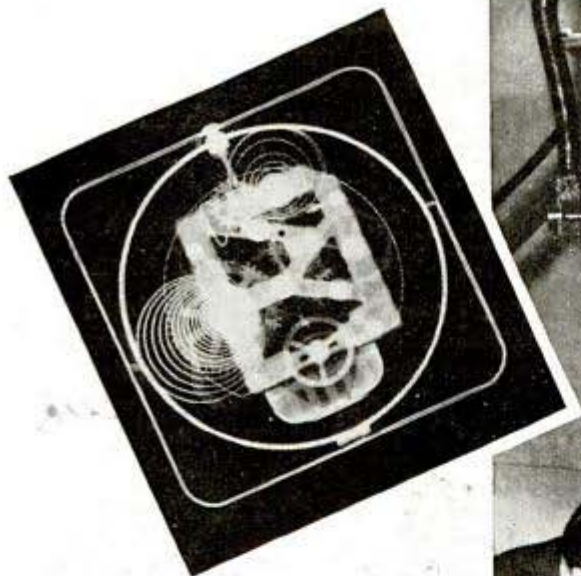
Left, flower shadows and various densities were recorded with only 17,000 volts. In the vase are three lilies, an orchid and fernery. Pictorial X-ray work is not easy for an amateur for no fixed rules or charts are available. The principal requirement is an experimental approach and the expert operator, familiar with densities of bone and tissue, must develop a new technique for materials such as pottery, steel, leather or cloth

Here is a .45 caliber automatic pistol in shadow form showing the inside mechanism. Note cartridge in the firing chamber, the six bullets in the clip reproduced in varying degrees of shadow. It took more than 180,000 volts to penetrate the steel in the gun. The voltages required here are small compared to that used by some huge X-ray units in use in war plants that can stab their rays through five-inch steel

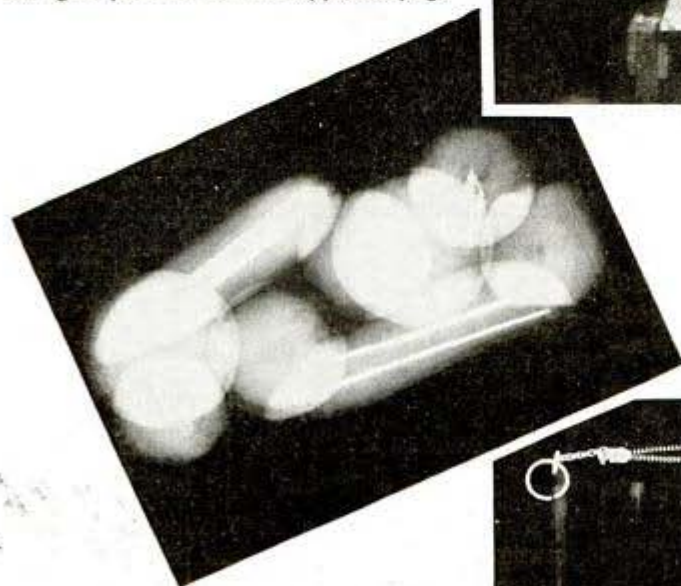




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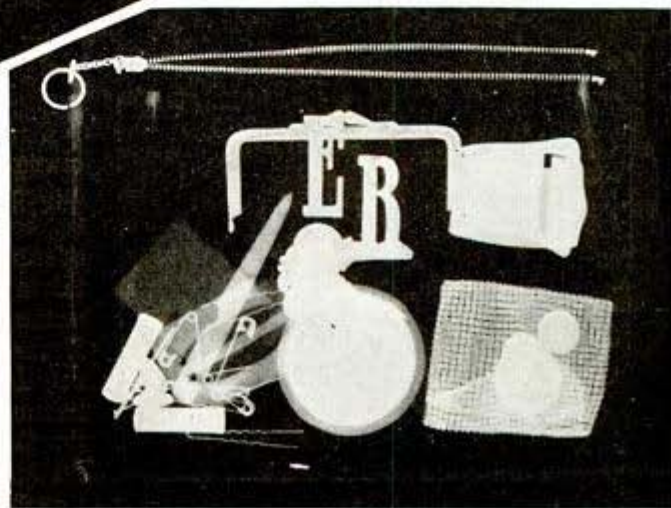


If you had "X-ray" eyes your alarm clock would look like the one shown above. All the large and small wheels and springs are plainly visible. The curved object at the bottom of the mechanism is the bell. Right, General Electric technicians are aligning an industrial X-ray unit to radiograph the gun pictured on the opposite page



Nothing is sacred from the all-revealing X-ray—even the heterogeneous contents of milady's purse revealed in shadowgraph at right. Look close and you'll see hairpins, open safety pins, ear rings, keys, a belt buckle, nail file, coin purse, compact, mirror and lipstick. When the rays were discovered in 1895 by Prof. Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, he named them for the unknown quantity—X. The wave lengths are shorter than space between atoms in steel

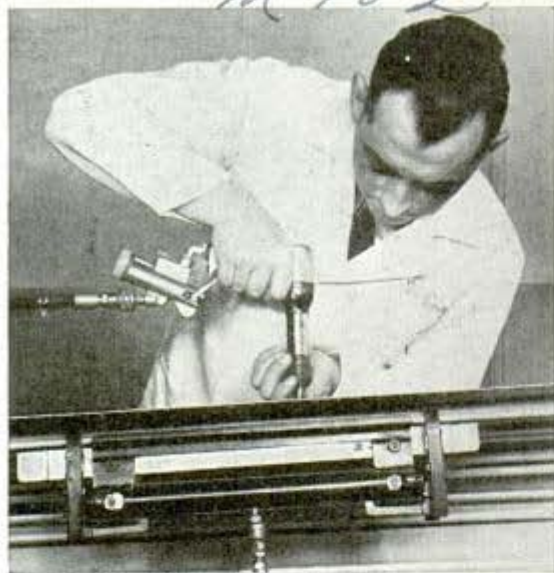
Left, this surrealistic effect was produced by X-raying a package such as might be mailed by confederates to a criminal seeking to escape from prison. The package shows saw blades and a file concealed in two bananas and a razor blade inserted in an apple. Many prison authorities use the X-ray for examining incoming packages, which saves opening boxes and reveals items hidden from human eyes



Murray Corp. of Amer.  
7700 Russell St. Detroit, Mich

## Racket of Riveter Is Silenced By Automatic Bucking Bar

M 702



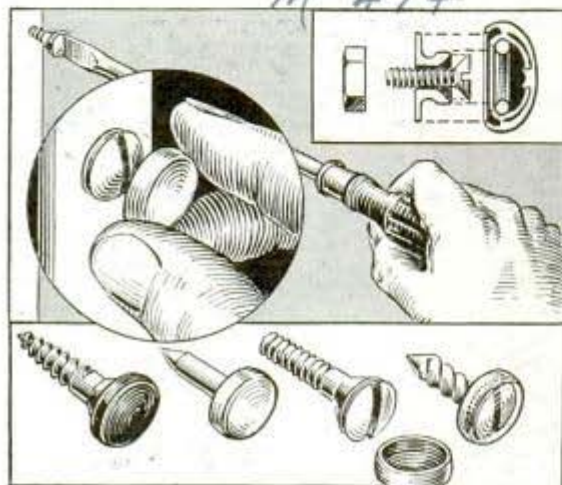
One-man machine speeds riveting in armament plant

Armament work is speeded and noise of riveting is eliminated by an automatic bucking bar that bucks and aligns rivets without the services of a second person. Said to increase riveting efficiency by 52 percent, the automatic bucking bar permits several riveters to work simultaneously on the same assembly without removing the device from the fixture.

## Snap-On Cap for Screw Heads Made in Colored Plastic

Snap-on plastic caps to fit screw and nail heads may be obtained in colors to match woodwork or harmonize with any decora-

M 474



Plastic cap snaps on screw head to prevent tampering

48 Empire Nation Co  
107 E 29 St, N.Y.C.

tive scheme. Metal caps with a silver finish are also available. Larger metal covers resembling a rivet or bolt head are made for wood or machine screws. They are said to be useful in preventing the theft of equipment in public places for they spin around when tampered with and are not easily pried off.

## V-Prong Rake Pulls Crab Grass Without Injuring Lawn

M 640

Tough crab grass may be removed with a special rake having V-shaped tines with V-shaped slots between them, designed to



Blades of lawn grass slip through the V-shaped slots

grasp the crab grass blades and yank them out but letting the lawn grass slip through undamaged. The harder the pull, the tighter are the grass blades held, yet its use does no injury to the lawn, according to the manufacturer.

## Tubeless Tire for Big Trucks Has Special Air Lock

M 796

Development of a revolutionary pneumatic tire that requires no inner tube is expected to save vast amounts of priceless rubber. Air is held in the casing with a specially designed locking member that takes the place of the tube and flap combination. The new tire, invented by Frank Herzegh of the B. F. Goodrich Company, requires no special tools for mounting. If it becomes deflated it can be repaired quickly. Tests conducted by the company under all sorts of road conditions reveal that the tire is adaptable to war or civilian use.

Akron, Ohio

*press assen. 50 Rockefeller Plaza, N.Y.C.*

# Giant Wire-Cutters Snip Path to Speed Infantry

*M 306*

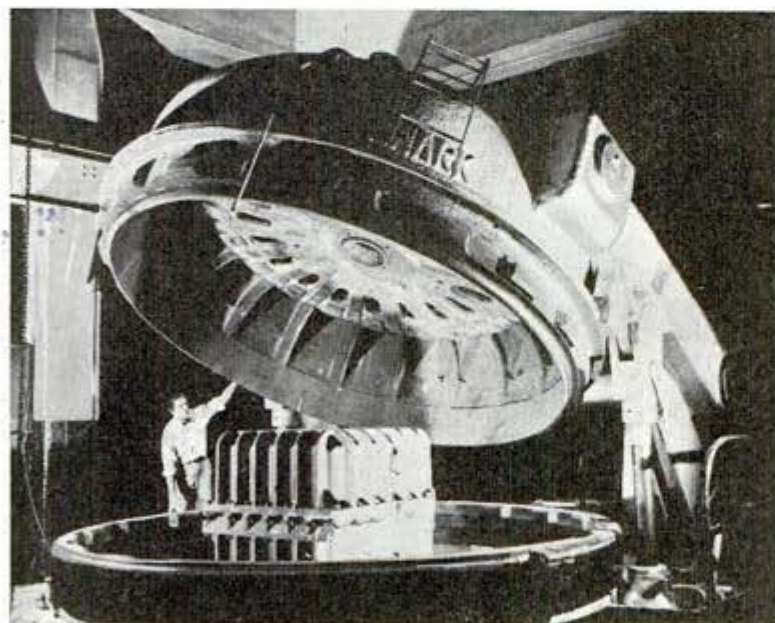
United States Army engineers use special wire-cutters to clear a path through barbed wire entanglements for the infantry. They handle the big steel clippers with heavy riveted gloves. The wire-cutters were added to the engineers' equipment after their successful operation during maneuvers.



Big steel clippers bite their way through barbed wire as Army engineers clear a path for advancing troops. Note the heavy gloves and rifles within easy reach

# Huge Vulcanizer Closes Its Jaws to "Cook" Rubber Tank

*M 541*



Looking like a huge clam, the world's largest vulcanizing unit is turning out selfsealing gasoline tanks for America's combat planes. Molds containing the rubber tanks are placed in the mouth of the vulcanizer, the big cover is closed and heat is then applied. Before the war this giant machine was used to vulcanize tires for earth-moving machinery.

*Army - New pictures are 461. 8 am. N.Y.C.*

Raising the cover of this big vulcanizing unit—the world's largest—reveals mold containing selfsealing gas tank for bombers

# "Beat the Heat" Pills Taken by Workers Contain Essential Vitamins

*M 672*

By taking doses of vitamin C in tablet form, workmen can stave off attacks of heat prostration and thus save many hours and days now lost to industry. These "beat the heat" pills, physicians of the Du Pont company's medical division have found, effectively protect against heat cramps and prostration even in temperatures above 100

degrees and oppressively high humidity. The procedure is to give, twice each day, a tablet consisting of 50 milligrams of vitamin C and 250 international units of B-1, plus other B vitamins. The tablets replace vitamin C drained from the body in perspiration in the same way that salt is sometimes taken to replace salt likewise lost.

*Wilmington, Del*

# BOOM TOWN *in the* BIG CITY



This was Boom Town—New York's Rockefeller Center—before the dim-out. Now all's dark above 15th floor *in 563*

• Roots wrapped in burlap, a 50-foot elm moves into the Center



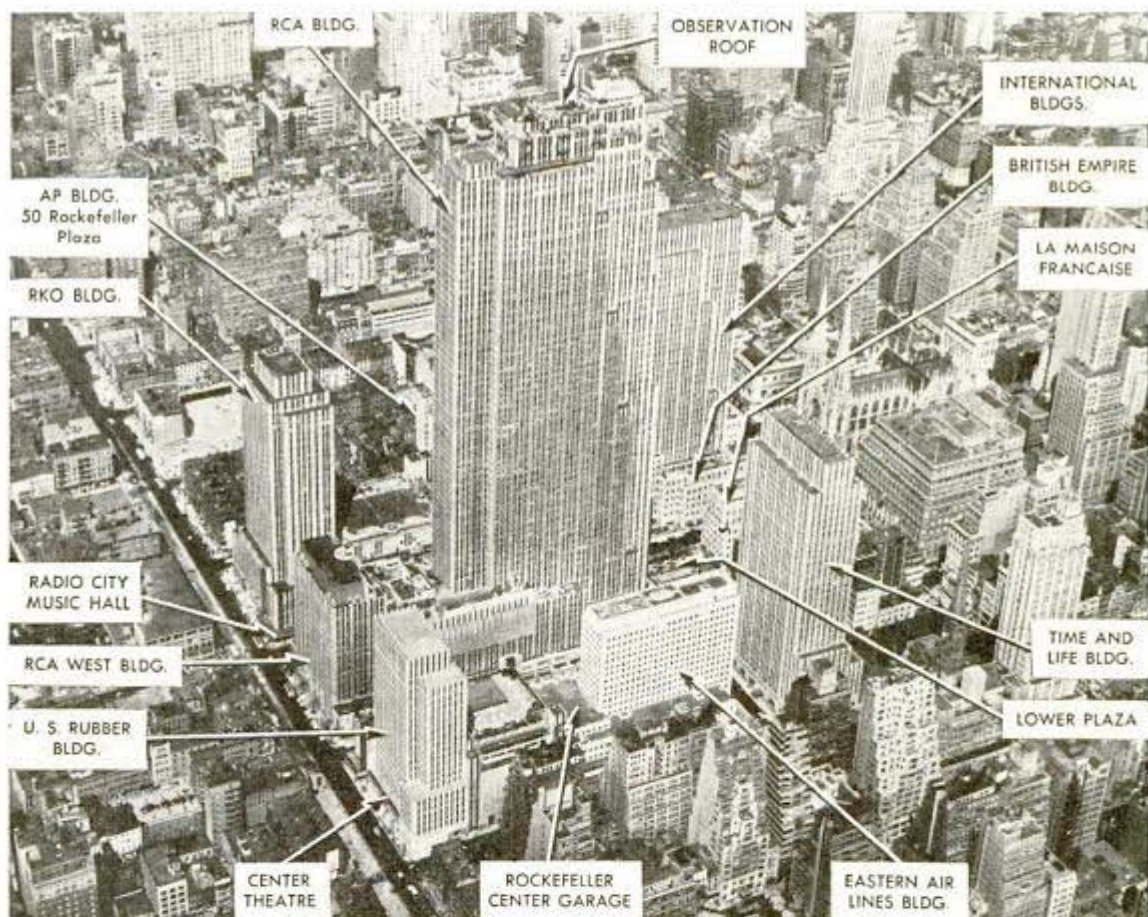
By Allen Warren Elliott

*343 7 Park Ave, NYC*

**T**O FEEL the throb of Uncle Sam's war pulse, step into that towering stone and steel wonder of the business world, Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Here in this twelve-acre "city within a city" something new has developed in the business life of civilians. White collar work and executive ability have gone on a 24-hour-a-day basis. Typewriters click the clock around, just like shell-loading machines in an arsenal. Twelve o'clock is still lunch time for hungry throngs, but it's twelve midnight as well as noon. After the "dim out" which screens telltale night lights from the fifteenth floors up, hundreds of workers hit the street, homeward bound at dawn.

The result of this expansion is that the most daring real estate venture in the world's history—a



Thomas Airviews photo

These are the principal buildings in Boom Town, looking northeast, with Sixth Avenue on the left side

\$100,000,000 project started in the midst of the depression—has proved to be one of the most successful. The fourteen office buildings are now nearing the bulging point.

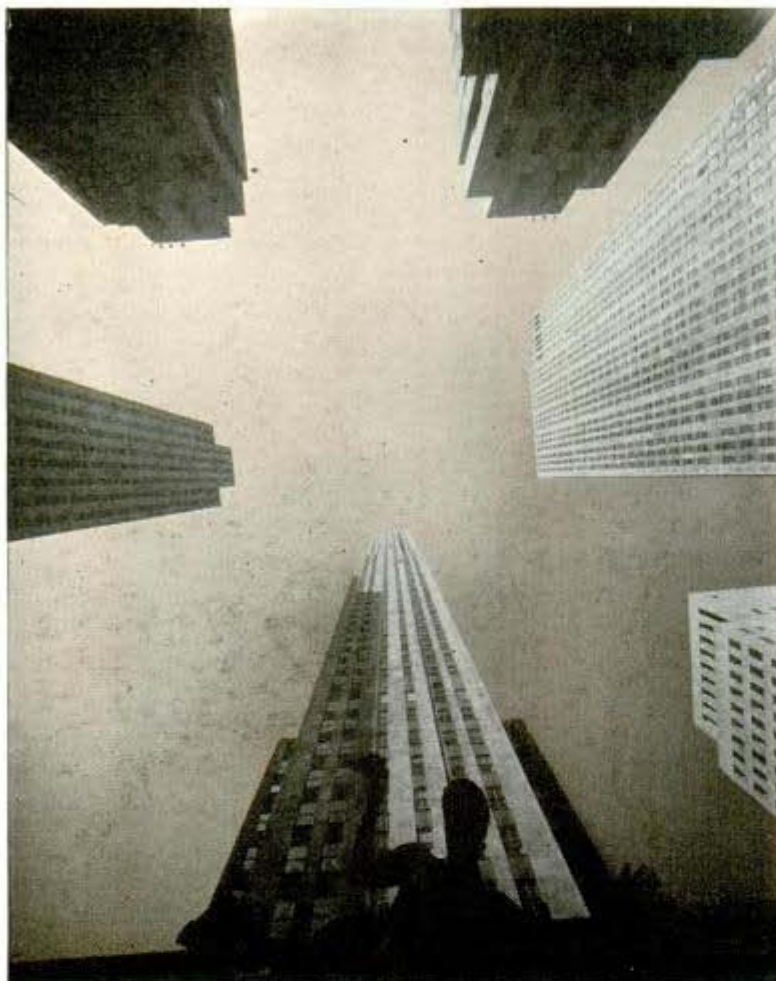
Rockefeller Center is a veritable boom town in the big city.

So essential are the commodities and services handled on the 5,290,717 square feet of floor space piled on the twelve precious acres that the nation's war effort would be measurably slowed if the great community of commerce were wiped out—which is impossible, of course, unless New York City were leveled by the enemy.

Rubber? One rubber corporation alone occupies more than ten floors of a 20-story skyscraper. Railroads? Thirteen have offices in the Center. Oil companies? Twelve. Foreign consulates? There are nineteen

Looking aloft, just off Fifth Avenue, at a flight of bombers





A special lens captured this unusual view of Rockefeller Center

listed. Air lines? Four. Banks? Eight. And so the list continues with broadcasting stations, world-wide news services, magazine publishers and a host of others adding to their rent, payrolls and light bills as war adds to their problems and hours of operation. Their rent notices alone total about \$12,000,000 a year.

In the most up-to-date three square blocks in the world, 26,000 tenant and building employes use more electricity than cities like Omaha. The electrical load is equivalent to the pulling power of an army of horses filling a wide street, six teams abreast, for a distance of  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles. In Rockefeller Center there are over 21,000 telephones, more than enough for a community like Kansas City, Kans. There are more than 125,000 visitors daily to the fourteen buildings, bringing a novel transportation problem, because it is vertical instead of horizontal. That means elevators.

This special nozzle was developed at the Center to speed up the vacuum-cleaning of the Venetian blinds



There are 200 elevators in Boom Town. They handle approximately 270,000 passenger rides a day. At peak service, as high as 67 passengers a minute are taken care of in a bank of eight elevators. The high rise elevators in the RCA Building, the largest, travel 1,400 feet a minute and can cover the distance from the street floor to the 65th floor in 37 seconds. Going at full speed it takes  $3\frac{1}{2}$  floors to start them and seven floors to stop them. It is estimated that, when operating on a full schedule, the elevators in the RCA Building alone cover a total of 1,500 miles daily—a distance equal to that between New York City and Fort Worth, Tex.

The 200 Rockefeller Center cars could carry 4,000 persons at once. If the shafts of all these elevators were stacked on top of one another they

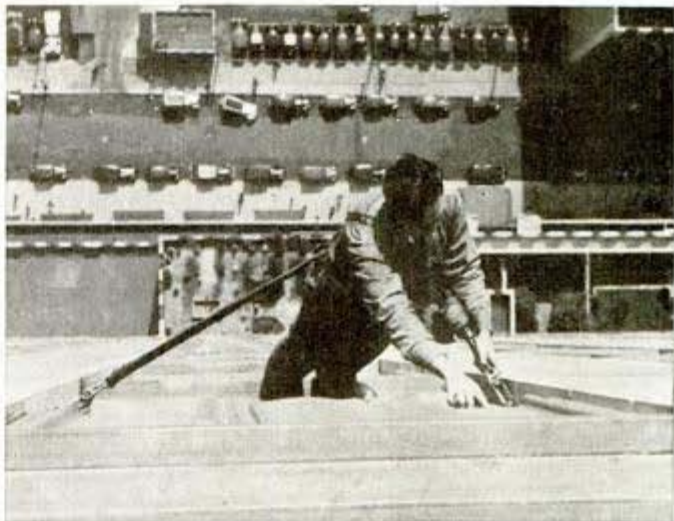
would reach ten miles into the air. They require about 300 operators and 50 mechanics.

Fortunately, in the event of enemy air raids Boom Town is one of the safest places in New York City. Experts who have studied the effect of bombing raids agree that the exteriors of the steel and stone office buildings offer exceptional factors of protection. But the management of Rockefeller Center has not been resting on that. For many months, under the guidance of the Office of Civilian Defense, it has been making an intensive study of the most effective air raid precautions and their application to the Center, which has been set apart by the authorities as a separate air raid protection zone.

Within the employe ranks, air raid wardens have been appointed and have been receiving thorough instructions. Many materials to aid in the protection of Rockefeller Center have been bought. In addition to 9,000 bags, filled with sand, these include stirrup pumps, metal water containers and metal pails. Despite the Center's more than ample water supply system, with strategically located tanks, as well as tap connections throughout office, shop and other areas—at least one emergency container has been placed on every floor and filled with water. This water is to be used in stirrup pumps in case of emergency.

In the event of actual air raids, occupants of the four top floors in any building are instructed to proceed immediately by way of the building stairways to various floors somewhat lower, and assemble as close to the central part of these floors as possible. Occupants of all floors below the four top ones are told to assemble in the central areas, each on his own floor. They must remain there until the "all clear" signal is sounded.

Shop keepers on street and mezzanine levels, at the time of an air raid alarm, have been cautioned to turn out all lights, close their



It takes 25 cleaners to shine the 21,292 windows twice a month



Above Prometheus, god of fire, rises the 853-foot RCA building

Looking down one of the 800-foot elevator shafts in the 70-story RCA tower. These elevators travel at 1,400 feet per minute





A guard rolls one of the canvas curtains installed on all Boom Town shop windows to stop flying fragments in case of bombing. Below, every floor has an "A.R.P." station with sand bags, a large can of water and lanterns. There are 9,000 sand bags ready



Every one of the 1,850 employes of Rockefeller Center has been fingerprinted and photographed as protection against sabotage and for possible identification as war casualties



premises and go to the Concourse level, below ground, where they are told to stay away from all exposed exterior walls.

Every pane of window glass in the two miles of shops has been provided with a special canvas curtain to stop fragments if bomb blasts crash through the lower floors. Larger windows have heavy fabric screens. Hospital windows have steel curtains. The Rockefeller Center hospital has been selected by the Emergency Medical Service of the Office of Civilian Defense as a casualty station, which will function as an intermediate station between medical field units and hospitals in the event of emergency needs for medical services.

All air raid alarms will be given by means of existing fire alarm gongs located on each floor of the Center's office buildings. The air raid signal is approximately 50 rapid, continuous, evenly spaced gong strokes over a 30-second period. The all-clear signal, marking the end of the alarm is a series of two gong strokes, with a marked pause between each pair of strokes.

Should some special condition due to the war confine one of these crowds of daily visitors to the boundaries of Boom Town, they would find available every convenience any modern city affords, except for a place to sleep. One rule of Rockefeller Center is that no one sleeps on these twelve acres.

The throngs would have access to 22 restaurants, three theaters, a post office and telegraph center, a gymnasium, and four barber shops, three beauty salons as well as a steam bath. There are even sixteen bootblacks to shine their shoes.

A maze of underground passages and



rooms, which even include a bonded storage warehouse, would not only provide additional air raid protection, but would enable them to pass freely from one building to another during an emergency.

In fact, Boom Town could probably take care of thousands of refugees from the surrounding fashionable neighborhood for the group of buildings really deserves the adjective "colossal," as these statistics show:

More than 300,000,000 pounds of steam are used each year to heat and cool Rockefeller Center. This amount of steam would heat 2,000 six-room houses for one year.

The air-conditioning system is the largest for comfort in the world. Its total tonnage of nearly 8,000 tons would be sufficient to provide almost three million square feet of surface for ice skating. It would be valuable in case of a gas attack. There are 21,292 windows in the Center. A crew of 25 window



Above the Information Desk at RCA Building entrance is a mural by Jose Maria Sert depicting man's triumphs through mental and physical labors



cleaners and two foremen clean all windows and ventilators twice a month, spending an average of eight minutes on each.

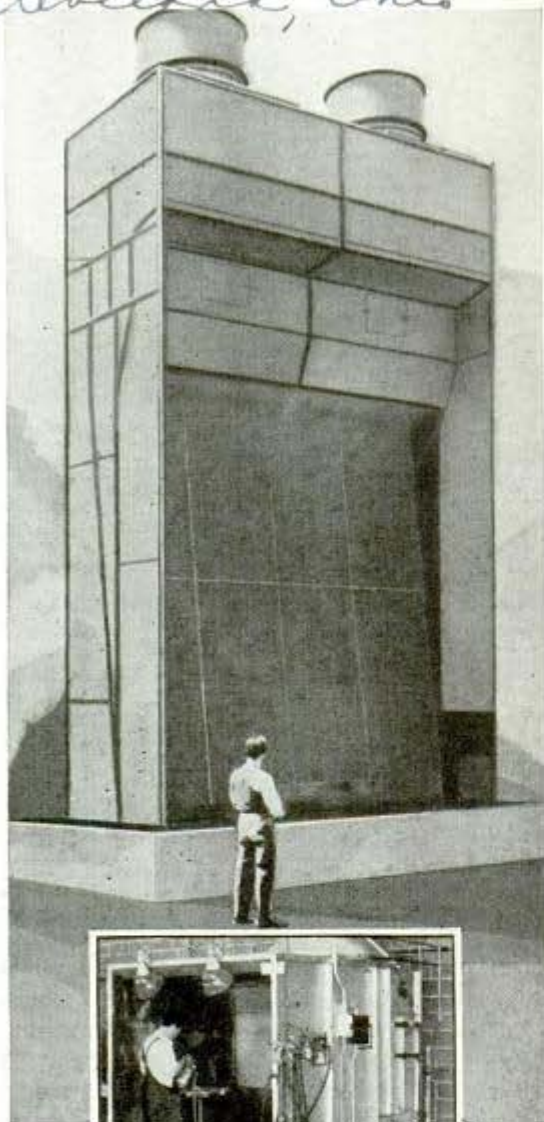
Every night 800,000 square feet of carpet are cleaned. Every month the cleaning division uses 600 razor blades to remove paint from glass and chewing gum from floors, 1,000 pounds of alkaline cleaner, 2,800 pounds of liquid soap, 180 gallons of disinfectant, 110 gallons of brass polish, one ton of rags and 100 pounds of steel wool. Nine hundred bags, weighing 150 tons, of waste paper are gathered from various offices in a month.

Rockefeller Center's exterior and interior decorations include more than a hundred murals and sculptures by world-famous artists and sculptors. No comparable assembly of large-scale works of art can be found elsewhere outside of museums or government buildings.

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On observation roof a guide explains the astrophane, miniature planetarium and model of the universe

1934.7 Feature Service  
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**Spray Booth for Bombers**  
 Is Largest in World  
 Cleveland, Ohio



One section of new booth, top; ordinary booth, below

Mass production of large bombers will get another boost with the completion of the world's largest spray booth in one of the aircraft plants. It will be 152 feet long, 100 feet wide and 31 feet high. Big bombers can be wheeled into the booth for painting. The booth is made of eight compartments assembled in pairs with movable partitions between them. This sectional construction provides for one booth with 15,200 square feet of floor space or for several smaller booths large enough to accommodate a bomber's fuselage. Each com-

partment is equipped with a wash curtain with huge fans to draw air through a waterfall. With the entire installation in operation 192,000 gallons of water will fall in one hour and fans will move 496,000 cubic feet of air per minute to protect workmen against spray vapors.

### One Rat Whisker Makes Brush Used for Fine Painting

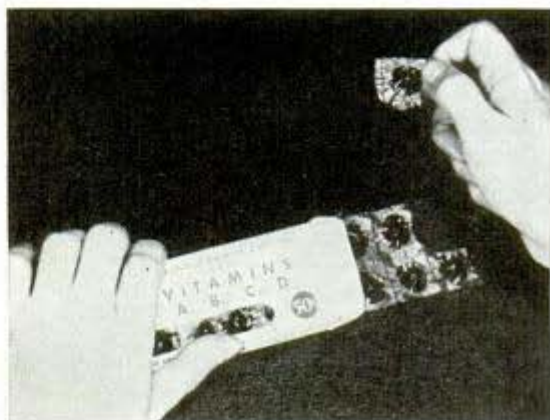
Among oddities about brushes are the following: A single rat whisker is used to make brushes for fine oil painting; "camel's hair" brushes are generally made from squirrel's hair because camel's hair would make a mediocre brush; hog bristles make the finest paint brushes because they split into "flags" at the tips and as the brush wears down they travel down the bristle holding the paint and spreading it evenly. Unusual materials from which brushes are made include nylon, rice root, bamboo, rubber, hair from the inner side of an ox's ear, and ordinary grass, according to G. O. Rowland of the Osborn Manufacturing Company in Cleveland.

5401 Hamilton Ave.

### Cellophane Sheets Lock Pills In Separate Safety "Cells"

Vitamin capsules are protected from contamination with a Cellophane wrapping that provides individual containers which can be torn off one at a time. The wrapper is made by pressing two sheets of Cellophane together with a rough die so that the sheets become meshed around each capsule. The meshed surface, like the perforations around a postage stamp, keeps the capsule enclosed after it is detached for individual servings.

M 730



Vitamin capsules are torn off like postage stamps

Ni-V Vitamin caps  
 366 Madison Ave, N.Y.C.



**T**HIS land of the free and home of the brave will soon be a three-shift nation. The brave—America's soldiers, sailors and marines—are already fighting 24 hours a day somewhere on the globe. The free—that includes the rest of us—will soon be making industry click around the clock, pouring out weapons, ammunition and supplies for the armed forces.

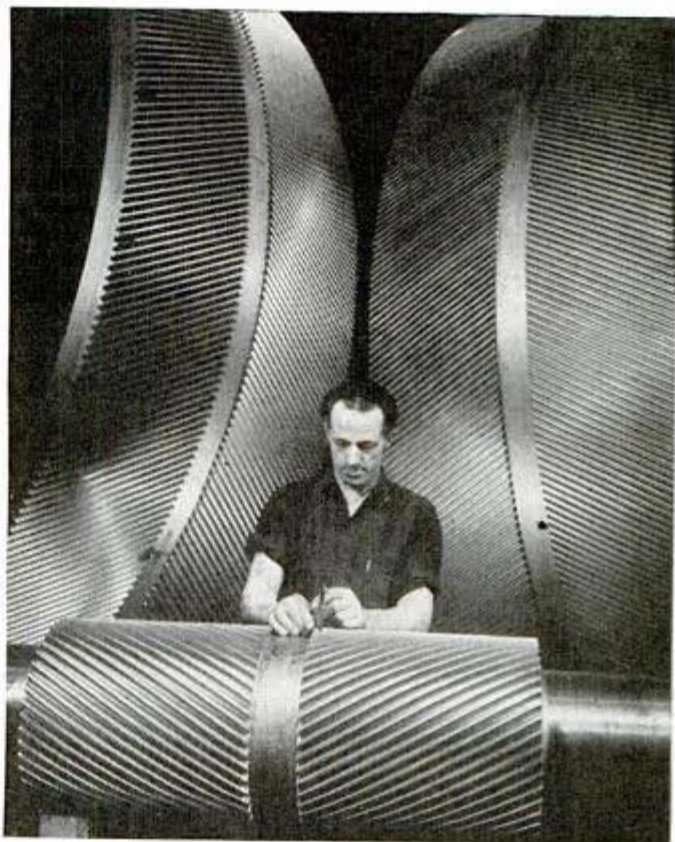
By the end of the year there will be about 4,200,000 armed fighters wearing Uncle Sam's colors. This will require some 17,500,000 war contract workers alone, a recent government survey showed. The survey also indicated that approximately 9,000,000 more Americans would have to go into war work next year. This may land you on the night shift.

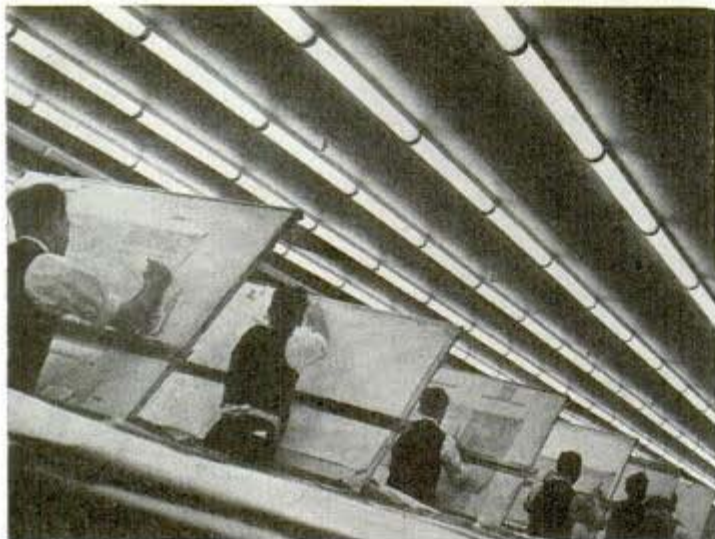
In other words, if you are a man able to work and are not already in a war job, or a civilian job necessary in wartime, or on a farm, you may be working in a war plant in 1943.

The chances are conservatively

Airacobras for the Army roll by night along the assembly line at the Bell Aircraft plant

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Below, a worker on the night shift inspects mighty gears in the General Electric factory





"Daylight" around the clock is supplied by one-third of a mile of fluorescent lamps in large drafting room of a Westinghouse plant.



Two members of the shift whose day starts at midnight are assembling landing field floodlights—beacons for the "night shift" fliers. War traffic keeps airline offices humming at night. Below, United Air Lines pilots conferring with a dispatcher at LaGuardia Field



one in ten that you will be on a night shift at least part of the time because some plants rotate shifts. Even if you are now a daytime worker in a defense plant you may be shifted to the night crew so a woman can take your daytime task.

There are not enough machines to keep all of the workers on a single shift, eight-hour-day basis. There are not enough roads, automobiles, street cars, buses and subways to handle two great traffic jams, morning and evening. There are already more than 51,000,000 wage earners moving back and forth every day.

Millions of us will have to go on the night shift.

This means breakfast around 3 p.m. or 11 p.m. It means supper around 1 a.m. or 9 a.m. It means learning to sleep amid daytime noises. It means getting accustomed to that strange and often melancholy feeling of being out of step with the rest of the world which every night worker experiences. It brings new problems affecting the eyes, the nerves, family life, the accident rate. It can bring a lot of fun, too, among other things.

And it already affects hundreds of thousands of workers who have no connection with war industries. Storekeepers, restaurant employes, theater men, physicians, teachers, radio station staffs, trolley and bus operators, railroad and airline personnel have also added to the "graveyard crews," "swing shifters" and "night owl" gangs.

In cities like Los Angeles, scores of stores, even groceries, operate 24 hours a day and housewives complain that "swing shift wives," who have adjusted their schedule to that of their husbands, are getting the pick of fruits and vegetables by being early birds.

In communities like Buffalo,

the biggest radio stations operate all night and speeches and daytime events are re-broadcast for war workers during the early morning hours. In Schenectady and other cities, bowling alleys and billiard rooms run all night and movies open at 10 a.m.

Railroads and air lines are feeling the pressure of war traffic. Businessmen and government officials are packing night trains and planes. Forty additional Pullman cars carry about 1,000 more businessmen every night than were carried before the war on the New York-Washington run.

Employment experts are just learning how important and complex the mass night shift problem really is. It's all so new that some angles are still mysteries of cause and effect.

They are sure of one thing: that you probably won't like the idea when it is first suggested to you. Few do. The reasons given are always indefinite, but mostly stem from the average man's habit psychology and the vague feeling that it is better to go along with the crowd. After a few months on the night shift it won't make much difference to about half of the workers. Some prefer a late "trick" on the job, especially in summer.

The group that likes night work consists of those active persons who have learned that every day can be a holiday with opportunities to hunt, fish, golf, play baseball or tennis, and hike in the open. They have also found that theaters are cheaper and less crowded in the afternoons. They have discovered that seats are easier to find on trolleys and buses. Restaurants are not so packed. Some have started gardens and others raise chickens. They say that the topsy-turvy arrangement of eating and sleeping hours be-



These 315-pound bolts will join two sections of a steel shaft for a giant generator. The night workman just finished painting bolts



Doctors of the night shift working in the first-aid station at the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. Some call it the "MacArthur shift." Below, this pistol team of General Electric employees prefers the night shift because it gives them plenty of time for daylight practice





Testing 16-inch searchlight, above, the Westinghouse engineer uses glass shield to protect his eyes as he adjusts filaments of the powerful lamp

Right, guard at Bell Aircraft plant stops a night employe at the gates for a look at his photo pass and the company button workers must wear

Pattern makers of the night shift in the Westinghouse foundry at Trafford, Pa., execute a blueprint design before shaping mold for steel casting



comes routine after a while. But they claim you never lose that eerie feeling of loneliness when you find yourself on a deserted street after midnight, or at dawn. They miss long evenings with the family.

Insurance companies report that you are more likely to be injured on the night shift, but National Safety Council experts examined the accident frequency rates in 12 war industry plants and found no large variation between night and day figures.

Any increase in accidents is traced to upset nerves, eye strain and fatigue which often plague members of the night shift. The general cause is lack of sound sleep which can be temporary, while life is being readjusted, or permanent if the worker finds too many pleasant things to do in the daytime or "overworks" at play. Several companies have given their night shift employes posters to hang on their doors

which read: "Quiet—War Worker Asleep."

Some companies find more men report at the first-aid room on the night side. In the order of frequency, their complaints are stomach disorders, headaches and eye strain. Investigation revealed that many of these symptoms were the result of overwork by men who had picked up part-time day jobs.

Production records usually show a slight let-down in efficiency figures on the night shift. Much of this in the past has not been the fault of the workers, but comes from the fact that executives and veteran employes prefer day jobs. This leaves the night shift with less competent direction, more new employes and ragged working plans.

Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company was one of the first to recog-

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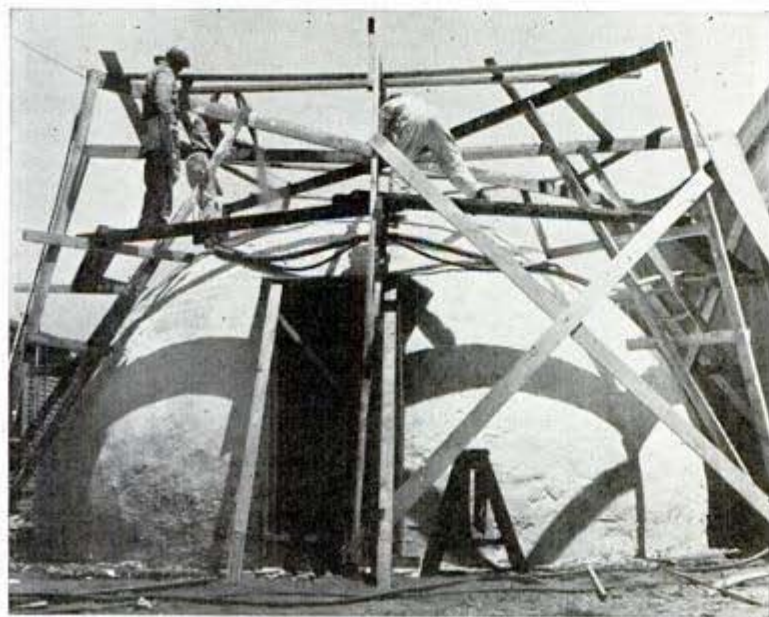
## Molded "Shell" Makes Lightweight Plane Body

Airplane fuselages so light that a girl can pick up the shell of a completed half-section are molded of thin wood-veneer strips laminated with plastics, which can be bent or curved into virtually any shape possible with metal. The process starts with a wooden mold made in the dimension of the fuselage, into which slots are cut where ribs are wanted. Strips of plywood are placed in these slots, and the whole surface is covered with thin layers of veneer which is then treated with thermo-setting glue. This form goes into a pressure tank where it is "cooked" with steam while the pressure is exerted equally at every point of surface. The process is said to be fast and cheap.

Lightness of "half-shell" for a plane fuselage, molded of wood and plastic, is evidenced by girl carrying it overhead



## Cotton Replaces Rubber Balloon in Making Bomb Shelter



m 754  
Cotton muslin is being substituted for rubber in making balloons used in forming cement "igloos" for bomb shelters. The balloon is inflated with air to the size desired and then the outside is sprayed with successive layers of asphalt, gypsum, balsam wool and several inches of gunite, an extremely tough cement.

Balloons used as forms in erecting cement domes for bomb shelters are now made of cotton muslin so rubber can be saved for vital war needs

Some newspaper  
461-500-1000



Deepest secrecy surrounds the identities and activities of members of America's only civilian "commandos" composed of professional and business men expertly trained to handle any variety of uprising or disaster. Always at the call of the sheriff of a county in Ohio, these "commandos anonymous" are armed and kept in readiness to strike swiftly, seize an objective and guard it until United States Army units or other authorities take over. At top and right, men demonstrate how they take cover in approaching a stronghold to wrest it from the grasp of saboteurs, or to surprise an enemy military unit



Individual members of the organization supply their own equipment and they drill at irregular intervals so their operations may be conducted free from spying eyes. They can be summoned speedily by secret methods of communication, thus making it extremely difficult for fifth columnists and saboteurs to disrupt or interfere with their strategical plans. Group, left, is receiving instructions from leader before moving into a make-believe attack. Faces of men in pictures have been redrawn in order to baffle any attempt at identification

cont. J. P. Leggett, Capt. Air Corps, Air Service Command, Wright Field, Dayton



Right, member of the comandos anonymous pointing to hits on target made by his comrades, all of whom must be crack shots, as well as proficient wielders of the bayonet. They know, too, from repeated practice, the fine points of stepping into an emergency and swiftly interrupting the plans of vandals and saboteurs. If an explosion occurs, they leave that scene to the control of police and firemen, moving to other points of danger to cut off any hostile maneuvers bent on crippling defense factories, power systems or other vital centers. Thus, while local officers are engaged in one sector, the secret "army" halts spread of terrorism elsewhere



At maximum alert, the comandos advance with rifles at high port in position to fire or use bayonets (below), and begin to form a skirmish line (right) as they jump ditch preparing to close in upon their objective. This illustrates their unity of action in protecting important points in the county



Below, a member of this new link between the civil and military authorities has taken cover to look down the sights of his rifle at the enemy



*Dist: Mandel Bros  
State & Madison, Chicago*

## Fireproof Blackout Shade Hangs Over Curtains

*M 519*



Shade is put up by fastening end cords over nails

Made of heavy, black paper which is flameproof, a blackout shade is designed to hang over curtains. Wooden rods attached to either end have cords to be fastened on hooks or nails above and below the window. The shades are made in sizes to cover completely curtains and windows of average measurement.

## Slots in Cedar Chest Drawers Circulate Moth-Repellant

Moth-repellant odor in a cedar chest fitted with drawers is given a better chance

*M 758*



Cedar drawer with slots permits circulation of air

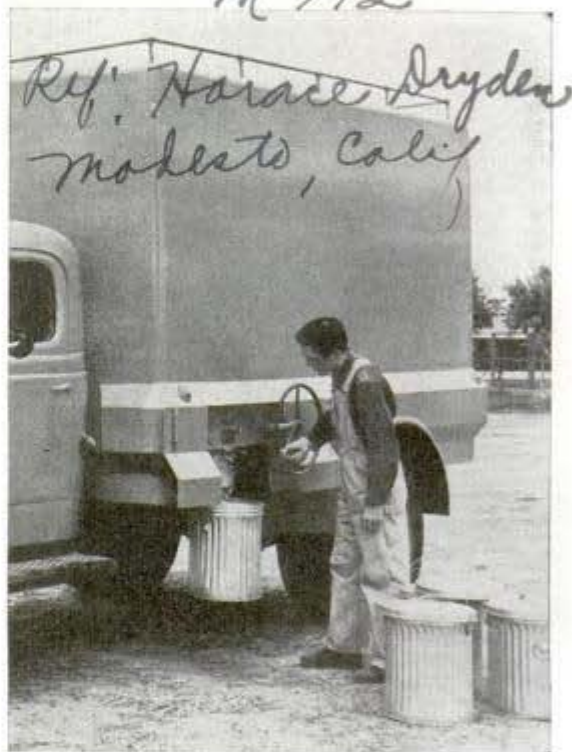
64 *Cavalier Corp  
Chattanooga, Tenn.*

to circulate by patented slots cut in the bottom of each drawer. Cedar drawers of ordinary design, when their surfaces are covered by the contents, prevent free circulation and thus lower the efficiency. A three-drawer "stow-away" chest, with a lock on the side that controls all the drawers, has six slots in each drawer-bottom that permit the cedar odor to pervade all parts of the chest.

## Poultry Feed Flows From Truck Like Water From Spigot

Besides saving the work of handling poultry feed in sacks, a special feed truck developed by a poultryman of Modesto, Calif., provides a sanitary method of haul-

*M 742*



Worm gear in truck help draw feed into metal cans

ing from the mill to poultry houses on the ranch. A worm gear in the truck body makes it possible to draw out the entire five tons of poultry feed as from a spigot. In making periodical rounds of the poultry houses with a truck, the feed is run into clean galvanized containers from which it is used for direct feeding. This does away with carting 100 sacks of grain on each trip from the mill.

☞ To learn where to buy commercial products described in these pages, see the index.

## Ships in Convoy Quit Radio for Sign Language

Visible signals instead of radio with its telltale ether waves are used for communication between ships in a convoy. The man on signal duty sends a message via sign language, "reads" the answer from the signal man on another ship and relays it by means of a microphone to officers' headquarters on his own ship.

Shielding his eyes from the sun, the man on signal duty reads a message sent from nearby ship in convoy and relays it by microphone to officers' headquarters — almost as quick as telltale radio



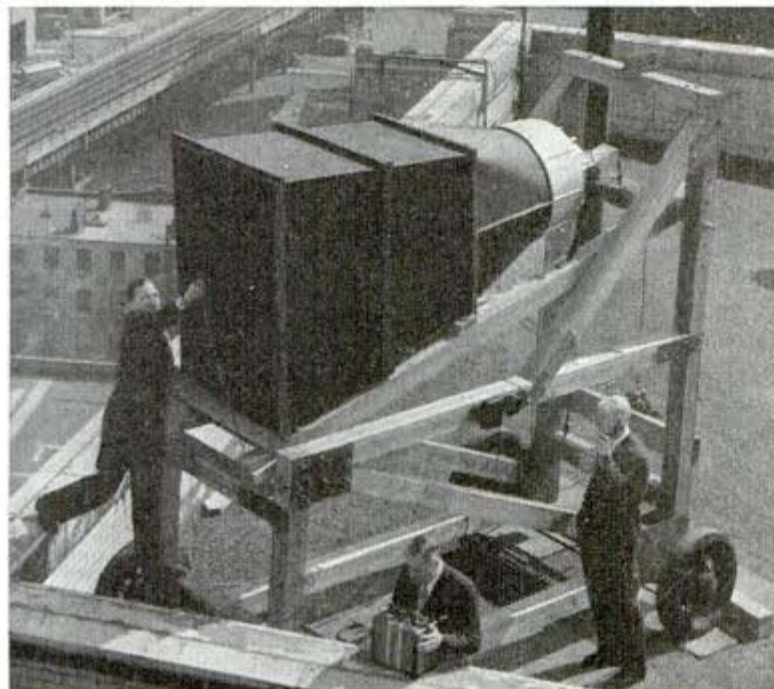
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## Air Raid Signals Test "Sound Shadow" Cast by Building

To chart the "sound shadows" created by tall buildings when the blast of an air raid siren reverberates among them was the aim of recent investigations at the Bell Telephone laboratories in New York City. For the sound source, investigators placed

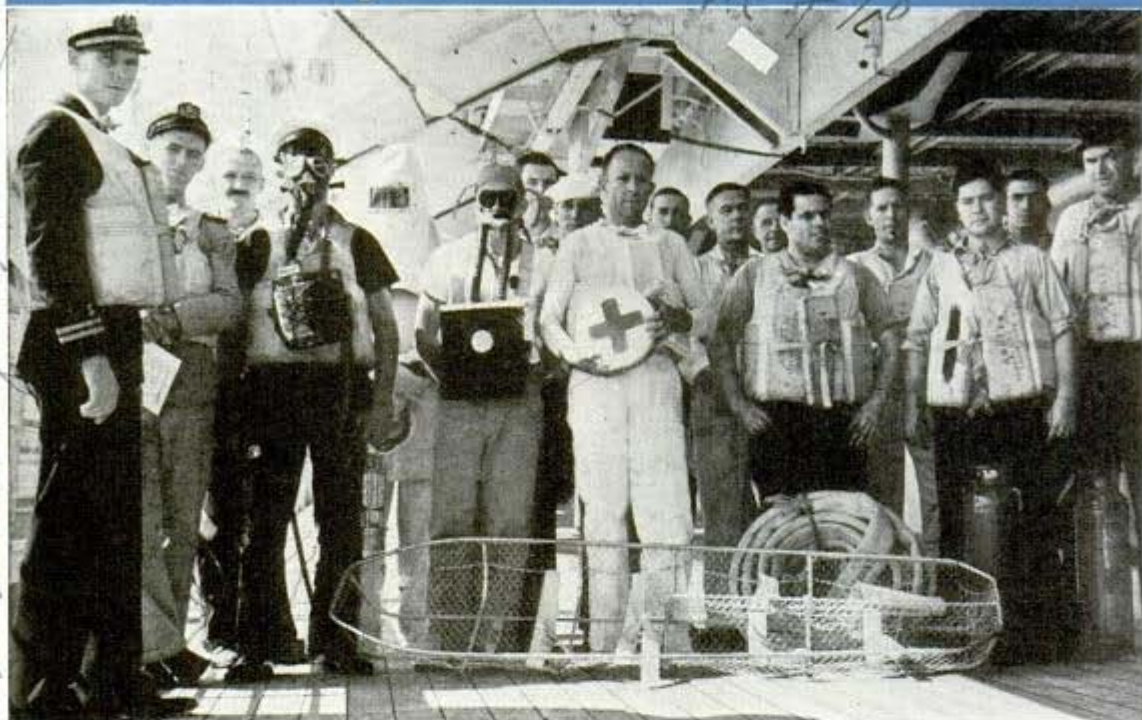
a tone generator, a power amplifier and a "bull horn" on the roof of the laboratories building. Crews observing the sound reception were stationed at various nearby points. Results showed the sound intensity on top of the National Biscuit building was

about 100 decibels, and in the street below about 10 decibels lower. A drop of six decibels means that the sound has lost about one-half its intensity or loudness. In the "acoustic shadow" of one tall building in the vicinity the intensity was reduced about 15 decibels, but behind another building it was found the level was raised by reflected sound.



Loud blast from "bull horn" on roof of Bell Telephone laboratories building reverberated among New York buildings in tests to determine the effect of tall structures on siren signals used in giving air raid warnings

# HEROES of the ENGINE ROOMS



An emergency squad ready to battle disaster at sea

Entering engine room through double-door air lock



**T**HERE'S no warning, down in the engine room, when a torpedo strikes home. Everything collapses in a sudden, frightful concussion.

Hull plates rip apart, iron rivets fly through the air like bullets, and gratings and ladders tumble down on the engines. Steam lines and the fuel and water lines snap and burst. The engineers and firemen on duty rarely have a chance to save themselves. They are caught in the middle, between the deadly, scalding steam, and the tons of water that pour in through the hole in the ship's side. A torpedo travels under water and makes a hole that may be 20 feet across. The engine room fills up almost instantly.

The men who operate the engines of our merchant ships are among the unsung heroes of the war. There are from 15 to 30 men in the engine room department of a ship and a minimum of three or four are always on duty. A torpedo may never hit, or one may strike without warning in the next moment, yet the firemen and oilers must perform their duties as calmly as if they were in port. More than ever before, they must maintain the engines at full efficiency. No one knows when the telegraph needle will swing over to "full speed" and

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**Tugs rescuing lumber boat that has been torpedoed by an Axis submarine, but manages to stay afloat with bilge pumps working at full capacity. After repairs in port it will again brave the U-boats**

the voice tube from the bridge will beg for every extra revolution they can get.

Ship sinkings have been running at a high rate but the totals are low compared to the hundreds of American vessels that are operating in all parts of the world.

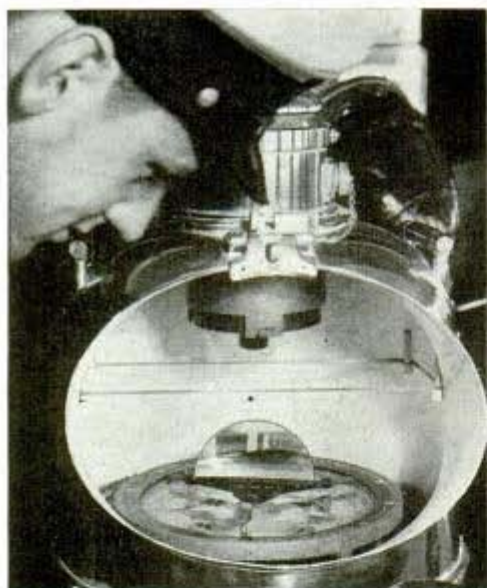
Even on an uneventful voyage the engine room crew takes a beating these days. Ordinary temperatures in the fire rooms and engine rooms run up to 110 degrees, but now at night the men work in temperatures that range up to 125 degrees. Sky lights must be battened down and portholes closed at dusk to prevent light escaping from the ship. The reduced ventilation increases the temperature down below.

A submarine aims its torpedoes at the engine room space because such a hit usually dooms the ship. Even a vessel that is entirely loaded with lumber may sink if the engine room is struck. The lumber may be so green that its buoyancy isn't enough to float the weight of the hull and engines. A

hit in one of the cargo spaces isn't always so bad. As long as the pumps can operate, the ship may float. Then, if the deck gunners can chase the submarine away or sink it, the ship may make port. Usually this will call for superhuman work by the engi-



**Happy engine room officer answers bridge signal marking end of a successful voyage**



Studying the magnetic compass installed in the wheelhouse of an American merchant ship



One of Uncle Sam's merchant mariners makes sure that the reduction gear at end of propeller shaft is "ship shape"

neers because the propeller shaft may have been bent and the engines may be pushed out of line. Valves and fittings will probably leak and sea water may be mixed with the fuel oil. The rest of the trip will be a battle against big odds.

Some of our newest and largest merchant ships have pressure fire rooms that you enter through an air lock, closing one door behind you before opening another to prevent the air pressure from dropping. These fire rooms are cool to work in but they have their own special danger. Any sort of puncture, even from a shell, lets the air rush out through the hole so fast that the flames in the boiler furnaces are sucked out into the working spaces.

An underwater mine is rarely as damag-

ing as a torpedo, but a bomb may be worse. Even a "near miss" can put a ship out of service. Exploding in the water 100 feet away, the bomb's force may spring the plates on one side of the ship, bend the shaft out of line, and crack some of the machinery. Maybe the damage can be repaired, maybe not. A bomb that hits the vessel may penetrate several decks before exploding, turning the ship's interior into a wreck. There is at least one instance in which a bomb dropped from high altitude crashed through a ship's decks, pierced the bottom, and exploded in the water under the ship, caving the ship's bottom upward and sinking it without loss of life.

Oil tankers are the special prey of the U-boats. But such ships don't always catch fire when hit. One may even stay afloat because of its buoyant cargo. Once a torpedo blast broke a tanker in two and later on the after end, including the engine room, was safely towed to port.

Even though our merchant seaman escape from a sinking ship with their lives they may be in for a rough time. There may have been no time to



Antiaircraft crew on transport in convoy is ready to give enemy planes a hot reception. Man at right phones: "Foe Sighted"

launch the lifeboats, or the boats may have been damaged by shell-fire. Many ships now carry life rafts, built up of oil drums and scaffolding, suspended in the rigging. One slash of a knife and the raft slides over the rail. Then the men jump overboard and swim to it. They may be rescued in a few hours, or a few days, or a few weeks. Even a few hours is a tormenting hardship because the rafts have no protection from the elements. Waves sweep over the improvised structures and the sun and rain beat down on the men.

Still, the fight to carry precious cargoes across the oceans isn't as one-sided as it has been. Our merchant ships are now armed and can defend themselves with half a chance. One gun crew blew up a U-boat's periscope before a second torpedo struck their ship, and another gun crew caught a submarine when it was surfacing and sank it. Submarines like to strike at night when the gun crews can't sight them. In the daytime they get between their targets and the sun so that the gun crews find it hard to sight the periscope on the glistening waves. A ship is safest in convoy and now that the Navy is receiving more new fighting ships it has been able to increase its convoy protection with the result that more and more merchant ships are being guarded by destroyers that can detect and locate enemy submarines under water and either destroy them or make it so hot that their torpedoes go astray.

In the meantime the engineers of the merchant vessels are doing all they can ahead of time to minimize the damage that might be caused if a torpedo should strike. Rope ladders are hung down into the engine and fire rooms for emergency use if the permanent ladders are carried away. Such a hit might spring bulkheads, jamming watertight doors so that they could not be closed, so all watertight doors are now kept closed at all times except when someone must pass through.

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**Danger is the business of these officers in the wheelhouse of a Standard Oil tanker. Torpedoes may strike any moment**



**Lighting the fire in steam boiler in ship's fire room. The firemen are ever alert for the word: "Full speed. Sub sighted"**

**Man with the oxygen mask is coming up from engine room through escape hatch. He's a member of emergency squad**



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## "Woolworth" Tommy Gun Built at Low Cost

*M 7 35*



Sub-machine gun produced at high speed for British

"The Woolworth Tommy Gun" is what British soldiers call the Sten sub-machine gun, which earned its nickname from the high speed and low cost at which it is being mass-produced. This gun is being issued at a fast rate to the British Home Guard and men in the army.

## Pilots Play Electric Quiz Game Scoring Their Accuracy

*M 703*

Naval aviation cadets can test their ability to identify ships and aircraft with a push-button quizzer patterned after the popular pinball game. Developed by the



Push-button quizzer for naval aviation cadets tests speed and accuracy in identifying ships and aircraft

Bureau of Aeronautics, the "automatic rater" may be rigged up to give instruction in aerology, nomenclature and navy regulations, as well as providing certain types of psychological tests. At pressure of a certain button, the machine displays a card containing a question, which the player studies carefully. Then he chooses one of a variety of answers shown and presses the corresponding button. Following each answer the panel flashes either the word "correct" or "incorrect." On completion of the test, the player is scored automatically on the accuracy of his answers and the speed of his decisions. He is allowed a certain number of seconds to give each answer, and for each extra second thereafter the machine deducts a point from his score. There are ten questions, each one correctly answered allowing 20 points.

## 'Yardstick' Measures Grain in Bin And Computes It in Bushels

*M 598*



Special measuring stick, marked in tenths, reveals bushels in bin by multiplying the three dimensions

The number of bushels of grain in a given bin can be calculated quickly with a special stick, graduated into tenths. To find its capacity, the bin is measured in length, breadth and depth, counting the full length of the stick as one unit and the fractions in tenths. The product obtained by multiplying these three dimensions gives the number of bushels of ear corn in the bin. If the contents are shelled corn or small grain, the product should be multiplied by two to get the number of bushels.

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# "Hole-in-One Club" Appears at Hobby Show



The feat that most golfers dream about—a hole in one—is made easy by the practice club, above, that carries a "cup" in the head of the stick. If the swing is perfect the ball lodges in the cup. When the swing is out of line, a stout cord keeps the ball from going far.

Left, market basket made of a paper bag and a supporting device that can be carried in pocket



Welcomed by persons troubled with raising and lowering windows, is a simple pulley arrangement, above, that does job quickly



A "mystery server" rises from the top of the tipless table, right, when you press a button, eliminating the need for waiters. Food may be placed on the shelves of the server from an aperture in the wall, or the server can be operated from a basement kitchen. The inventions on this page were exhibited in New York at an exposition given by the American Hobby Federation

# FOR REAL DISCOMFORT..



From stone age cave to modern home is a long distance, yet the 1942 house is a far from perfect machine for living. It isn't the cost, it's the upkeep. Why, for example, must floors be continually waxed? Why not a permanent finish?

which will help to shape and improve the conditions in the new world which is to be.

The home of tomorrow can be designed as a unit, and now is the time to start working on the blueprints. Present-day houses grew like Topsy in an age-long progression of refinements and changes from the days of the caveman. We used to have bare floors to stand on, but then we made some money and somebody invented a nice, soft carpet which somebody else had to vacuum clean every day and then clean the vacuum cleaner. We used to wear hair shirts and homespun pants, but now we have to have fresh linen once a day—somebody has to wash it and iron it.

Thus, through our great industrial efficiency, we have greatly increased our standard of living, meaning the quantity of consumer goods available—but, we have also greatly increased the effort of living at home. For a while this was supportable because we could get servants cheaply. But with the decrease in the higher income brackets and increases in lower income brackets, we find the servants disappearing. Tomorrow there will be no servants, so let us design for this and be prepared.

At my own modern house, when you drive up to the front door, the first thing

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EACH of us in his own way is preoccupied with only one thought—let us win this war. But some day this war will end.

When peace comes we will have progressed more than halfway through a world revolution and yet we have no plans for accommodating ourselves to the new world in which we will most certainly be living. It is up to America's designers to start work now on the design of material things

# "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME"



you notice is that the house needs a coat of paint. Can't we design an exterior finish that won't require new paint every two or three years?

The roof on my house is like most roofs; it's in pretty good condition, but there are a few shingles missing. To replace them is a major project requiring skill and time. Can't we design a roof that will perform just as well, but either stick together longer or grow old more gracefully and not cost so much to replace? To get into my house, you have to have a key which allows you to push open a door fitted



Home is really too dangerous a place to live in. Step into the livingroom and you're in peril of taking a header on a loose rug

Electric wires trailing on the floor to trip you are no credit to our efficiency. And why not abolish dust? Someone will find a way





with elaborate and highly polished brass fixtures. Some mysterious person keeps this brass polished. Can't we design door knobs that work a little easier and make them of a material that doesn't have to be polished like your Sunday go-to-meeting shoes?

Walk in my front door and start turning on the lights. One of the first things you do is trip over the floor lamps with which we have all replaced the gaudy gingerbread wall fixtures of the previous decade. Can't we design illumination that will be part of the house itself and which at the



**You spend a couple of hundred dollars for a roof; in a few years shingles need replacing or patching. They should last longer**



**Many modern kitchens are so tiny you knock a kettle off the stove every time you turn around. The old-fashioned kitchen was so big you walked for miles**

flick of a switch, or better still, by self-operation, flood a room with scientific light? Perhaps in certain rooms we can so accurately simulate daylight as to give us all the benefits of a winter in Florida right in our house. I shave by the light of a sun lamp—it is good, and good for you.

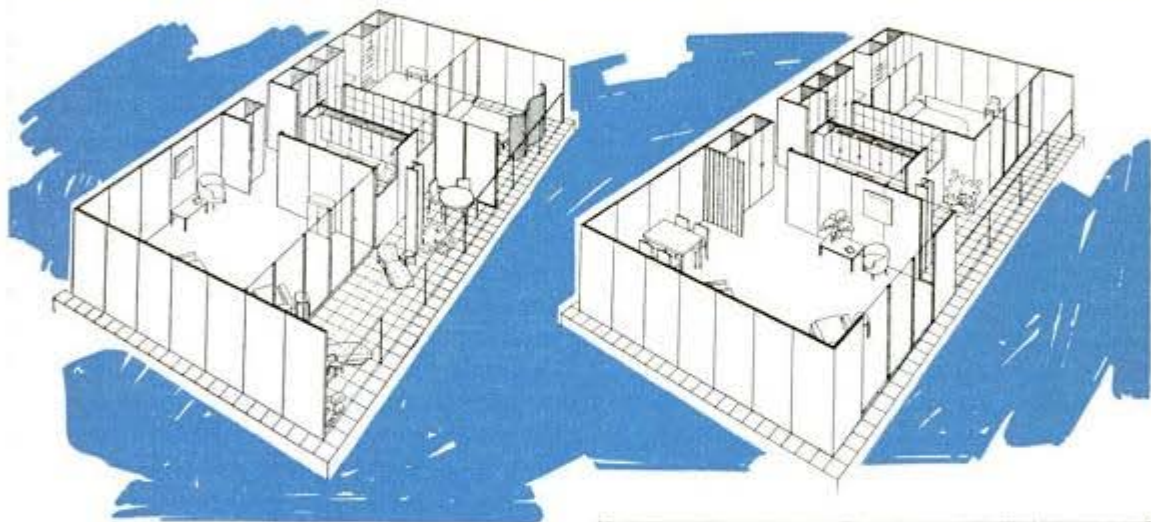
The next thing we do is sit down on a chair. At last we are comfortable; that is, we were until we felt a draft. Why do we have to build a house as a shell and then fill it with insulation and weatherstripping? It seems to me that we ought to be able to design a house of materials which already exist that have structural building strength and high insulation qualities in themselves. Why do we have to have windows that open, creating a draft? Can't we design a simple system of air-flow which will give us all the fresh air we need?

If we sit on the chair and look around, we see that the place needs dusting. Where did the dust come from? Most of it comes in the window, so let us do away with windows that open, and cut down the dust. It is cold, so we light a fire in the fireplace and turn up the thermostat. The fire makes us red hot, even though most of the heat goes up the chimney. Can't we design a fireplace that gets more heat value out of the fire—because firewood is expensive? And, the heat from the fireplace shuts off the

Windows have become a habit that we tolerate despite the inevitable drafts and the heat loss in winter

thermostat so that the rest of the house is cold. Can't we solve this problem?

I shudder to think of the problem of assembling a full meal in a modern house. If it is a big house, you walk miles in the process. If it is a small house, you bruise your hips and scrape your shins dodging the myriad mechanical gadgets that clutter up a kitchen. The more efficient the house, the worse off you are. You neatly sidestep the new home-size commercial laundry only to receive a full body block thrown at you by the dishwashing machine which causes you to trip and fall, throwing both hands and the contents thereof into the new garbage disposal unit. Can't we design a system of home utilities which are part of the house and constitute a single unit which takes care of all the heating,



Future homes may consist of room units that can be interchanged. In the apartment above, exterior walls are moved inward (left) for the summer. Another job that should be abolished is the polishing of brass

cooking, cleaning, washing, bathing and toiletries?

For my money, I would like to find a house at any price which is a real satisfactory machine to live in. We have 99 and 44/100 percent of all the materials on hand with which to create such a scientific and completely designed establishment.

The only two things we definitely know about the houses of the future are that they must be low priced and we will need millions of them.

The processes of redistribution of income which have been going on for over ten years will continue—by which we mean,





**Draperies make frequent and regular trips to the wash, and Venetian blinds catch an appalling amount of dirt. Can't someone plan a better way to live?**

in specific terms, that tomorrow and until further notice the market for all products will be concentrated in what is now the \$2,000 to \$5,000 annual income bracket. It is a reasonable opinion that the war, with its heavy taxation, will speed the process of cutting down top incomes and raising bottom incomes so that the \$2,000—\$5,000 bloc will represent the mass income.

At the same time we are involved in a process of geographic redistribution of people. Here in the United States, long before the war was even thought of, our cen-

**Dusting and scrubbing must give way to time for living in an efficient home. All building materials should have inherent insulating qualities**



**A thermostat is a wonderful thing if left alone. You warm up by the fireplace, turn down the thermostat and the rest of the folks in the house are chilled**

ter of population was moving south and west. Now, with the impetus of war, we are continuing this trend and beginning a process of decentralization. The war may teach us the lesson that it is unsafe to live in concentrated cities. So we should think in terms of designing for a decentralized mass market.

So now we come to a more concrete idea of the designer's assignment. It is something like this: Go design a house for a mass market to meet the demands of the people in today's two thousand to five thousand dollar a year income bracket that does the following things:

First, it will be a machine to live in that will be a thing of satisfaction; a house to

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## "Pint-Size" Tractor Handles Like Baby Carriage

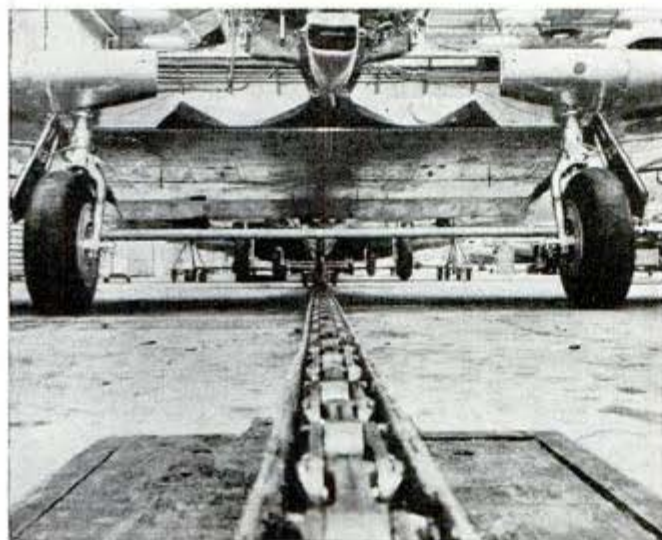
One of the non-military groups vital to England's war effort is the women's land army helping to produce crops for food at home as well as on the battle fronts of its far-flung empire. To lighten her task, the farmerette operates "pint-size" tractors for plowing, towing and countless other farm duties. The tractor uses very little fuel and is said to handle as easily as a baby carriage.

Heavy work in the field for England's farmerettes is performed by small-size tractors that operate at the touch of levers, requiring little energy of women who drive them



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## Planes Move in Endless Stream on Assembly Conveyor



Airplanes entering the last lap of their "growing up" process at a plant of North American Aviation, Inc., are towed backward for best working convenience by a power driven conveyor moving near the floor level. In this final phase of assembly, reached by the planes only after they have received fuselages and center sections, the last electrical equipment and engines and propellers are installed. Then the ships are delivered to the flight-test ramp.

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Airplanes nearing completion are pulled backward along assembly line by conveyor moving near floor level

## "Tommy Gun" for Canadian Paratroops Weighs Only Seven Pounds

Already in mass production, Canada's newest weapon is an all-metal sub-machine gun that weighs only seven pounds. It is designed for use by parachute troops. The gun, which proved to be accurate and deadly on the testing grounds, is somewhat similar to the American "tommy gun."

Names and addresses of makers or sellers of commercial products described in this magazine are listed in the Where-to-Buy-It index. Write to them for additional information and be sure to Say You Saw It in Popular Mechanics.



Canadian soldier takes aim with newest weapon for parachute troops—"featherweight" sub-machine gun

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# ALL DRESSED UP for WAR

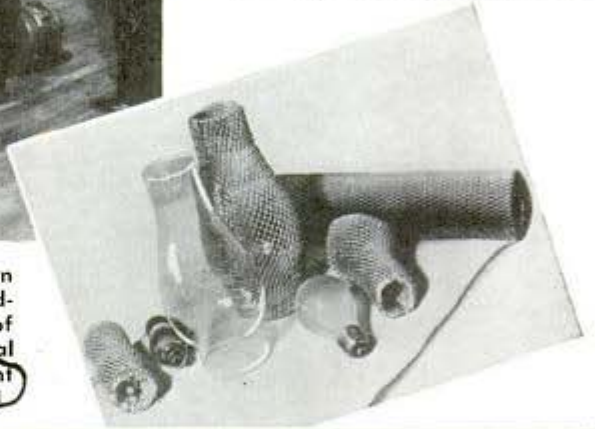
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You're not only wrapped up pretty thoroughly in this war, but because of it you and your household effects and war goods are wrapped up in new materials. Shipping space is at a premium and packaging must be compact. Metal packaging, especially tin, must be replaced by glass or fiber. On these pages are a few examples of the changes taking place. At the left, Westinghouse research men put a new container to a test of strength. It is made of a reinforced corrugated paperboard, and saves twenty percent in weight as compared with the box previously used. In many instances, the war has given the incentive for development of new materials and methods that are proving to be better than the old

Kraft paper stock expanded into a honeycomb pattern as shown at right was developed by the Research Products Corporation at Madison, Wis., for shipment of fragile articles, especially glass. To provide a tight seal for fiber can replacing metal container the airtight string-under-label arrangement below was devised



Right, screwing a cap over the composition-lined inner lid which permits the use of an ordinary coffee jar for preserving fruits or vegetables. No rubber rings are necessary

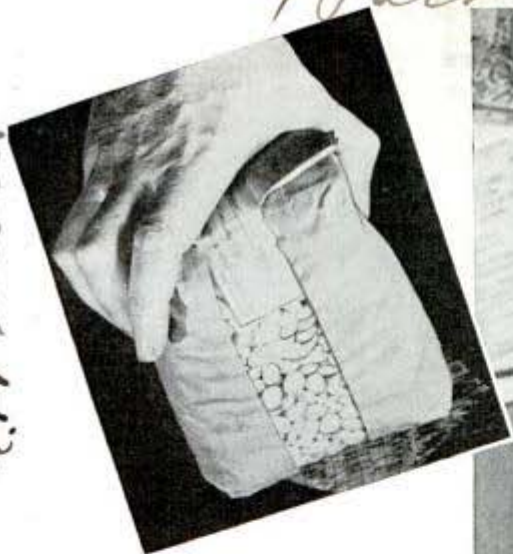


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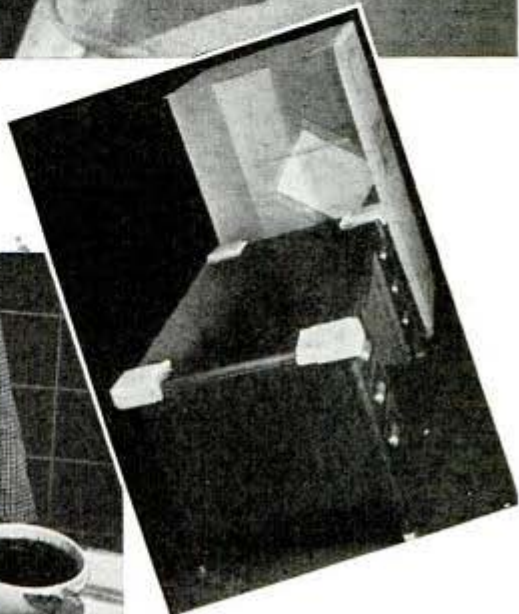
Your dried beans may not come home in the fancy cardboard package you are accustomed to, but for a while at least they will be available in the "goldfish" container shown above, a paper bag with transparent window that permits the buyer to inspect the goods—which is, incidentally, a sales help for the grocer

The leatherette package worn over the arm, at right, won a prize in an All-America Package Competition. It is economical in use of materials, for it serves originally as a sales package for beauty preparations, and afterward as a purse. And in a season of small hats, it can even serve as a hat box for traveling



Modern Packaging

The growing demand for diversified foods was back of the packaging innovation shown below. The half wrapped in dark paper is a small loaf of whole wheat bread, while a similar loaf of white bread comes in the light wrapper at the left. The twin loaves are wrapped separately and sold as one in two-color outer wrapping



The corrugated case for shipping desks, above, has cotton wadding on the corners. The fiber package prevents marring finish or breaking legs, saves 10 percent in packing costs, cuts packing time from 24 to 8 minutes, reduces fire hazard



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## Yardstick for "Weighing" Paper Tells Pounds by Depth of Pile



Handy stick 'weighs' either newspapers or magazines

Stacked magazines and old newspapers can be "weighed" with a yardstick which provides a graduated scale relative to height. One edge is calibrated for magazines, the other for newspapers. The yardstick is held upright beside a stack of papers to read the weight. On the opposite side the ruler gives information for your "victory" garden. Fifty-six vegetables are listed with instructions for spacing the rows and depth of planting.

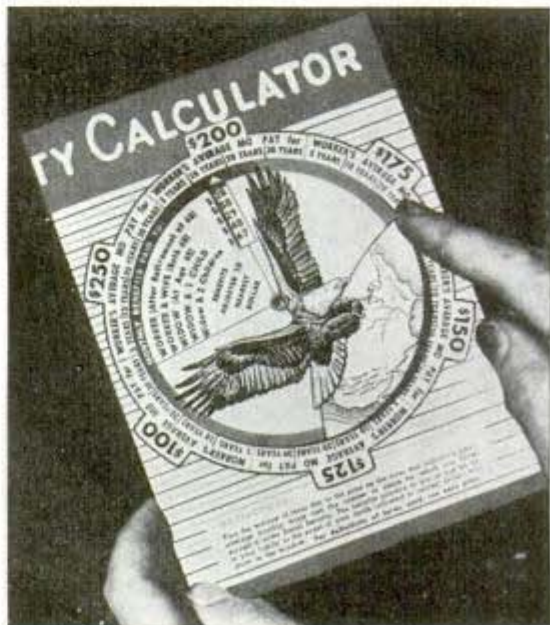
## 'Weatherman' Warns of Moisture In Heat-Treating Furnace

Standing watch over the moisture content of gases 1,000 times as dry as the air of an average sunny day, an electronic "weatherman" records as little as 4/1,000 of one percent water vapor in furnace gases used in heat-hardening tough steel parts for airplanes, tanks and guns. In the heat-treating process close check of moisture is essential because the flow of wet gas for only a few minutes might ruin a whole batch of carefully machined parts by softening and rusting their surfaces. The "automatic dew-point recorder," developed at Westinghouse Research Laboratories, contains a new electronic tube similar to a radio rectifier tube which transforms al-

ternating current to direct current, except that the radio tube contains no gases, while gas from the furnace flows continuously through the recorder's tube. As long as the gas remains dry, electrons flow steadily from the tube's filament to a metal plate and produce an unvarying electric current; but when water vapor enters, the electric current is reduced by electrons adhering to the water's oxygen atoms. A meter measuring the flow of current indicates the moisture in the gas.

## Dial Tells Monthly Payments Of Social Security Benefits

Quick calculation of social security benefits is possible with a chart that shows at a glance the amount of cash payable after 5, 10, 20 and 30 years on incomes averaging \$100, \$125, \$150, \$175, \$200 and \$250 per month over these periods. For instance, if a worker retires at the age of 65 after earning an average of \$200 for 10 years, a pointer on the dial is turned to the 10-year period under the \$200 bracket. A window in the dial then indicates that the worker would receive \$38 per month, he and his wife, both 65, would receive \$58, his widow (at 65) \$29, his widow (at any age) and one child \$48, or his widow and two children would receive \$67 per month. In the same way, information regarding monthly payments can be found under each wage bracket. Figures are adjusted to the nearest dollar.



Dial calculates monthly social security payments

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# Bomb-Fire Wagon Is "Tailored" to Fit Building

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Getting ready for incendiary bombs, should enemy flyers break through, mechanics in the maintenance department of Carson Pirie Scott and company, one of Chicago's large department stores, have built and outfitted a fire wagon that can negotiate any passageway, doorway or elevator in the store. Balanced on two wheels from an Austin car, the cart can be moved about easily by one man. It has a Ford front axle cut down to the desired size, and a couple of tin cans make hub caps. Despite its small size, the vehicle has its own 30-gallon water tank and a compressor supplying five to 65 pounds pressure, for spraying fire bombs. The spraying hose, 50 feet long, uses a nozzle adjustable from a fine foglike spray to a concentrated stream. There is also a 50-



Two wheeled cart completely equipped to fight fires and aid the injured

foot filling hose. Among equipment carried in pairs are stretchers, gas masks, asbestos gloves, fire extinguishers, sand buckets and electric lanterns. Other equipment includes a first aid kit and tools.

# Perfect Swing of Golf Machine Reveals Need for Rhythm

M 647

Good golfers develop as great a rhythmic sense as accomplished pianists, according to Robert Winthrop Adams, Boston engi-

neer, who has invented a machine with a perfect golf swing to prove it. The machine is enclosed in a wooden box with a white cardboard face against which a small club, like the hand on a clock, swings in rhythm and at perfect angles. The club is controlled by cogs and levers run by a small motor. In making the machine—a six-year job—the inventor studied slow motion pictures of Bobby Jones' swing and had an artist trace the position of Jones' club at various key points during the swing.

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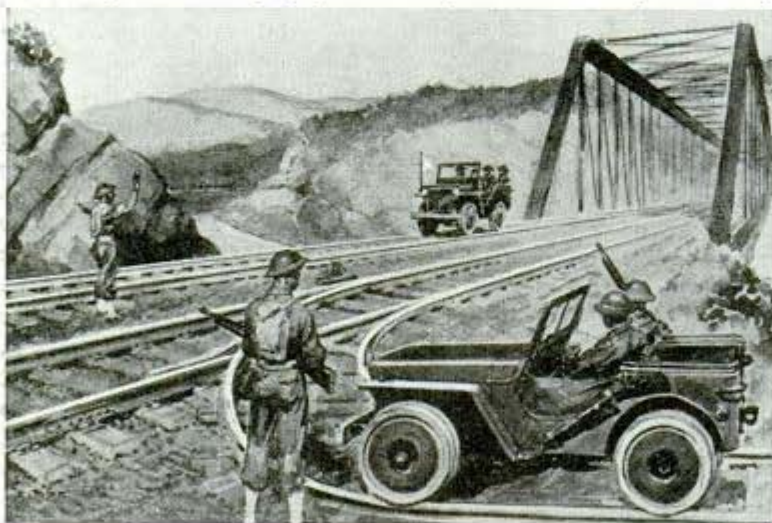
The golf machine mounted on the table does everything a good golfer should do except shout "Fore!" Small club on face traces a perfect swing

# MIRACLE *on* WHEELS



Here's Uncle Sam's blitz buggy, errand boy, maid-of-all-work, the jeep; its four-wheel drive takes any dare

With flanged wheels, a jeep patrols and performs scout duty on railways



the eyes of leg-weary soldiers, hurrying officers and harassed technical men, its drab and insignificant outlines are as beautiful as the swan's.

Army men call the jeep a miracle on wheels. Already the jeep has undergone its baptism of fire and has emerged with combat service stripes. That's the word that has filtered in from the United Nations forces around the globe, from India, from Burma, from Libya, from Iceland and from Australia, tucked away

**W**HEN the final score of this war of wings and wheels is added up, one large item on the credit side where America's gains are listed will be that fast-moving, hard-hitting blitz buggy—the jeep.

So versatile has this automotive jack-of-all-trades become that another use for the squat little cross between an automobile and a mule is probably being thought up by some army technician while you are reading this.

Call it an ugly duckling if you will; in

in official communiques, or in the statements of men who have returned. These read like a citation of valor for the little car which started out under the undignified title of "belly-flopper," a mere platform on wheels driven by a gasoline engine and intended to carry two soldiers lying prone with a machine gun.

They say it can scramble over rough country better than a horse. Cross streams. Climb rocky terrain. Beat down barbed wire entanglements. Dodge through for-

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**It really can't fly, but on rough terrain  
the jeep spends considerable time in air**

ests. Hit more than 60 miles an hour on any solid road.

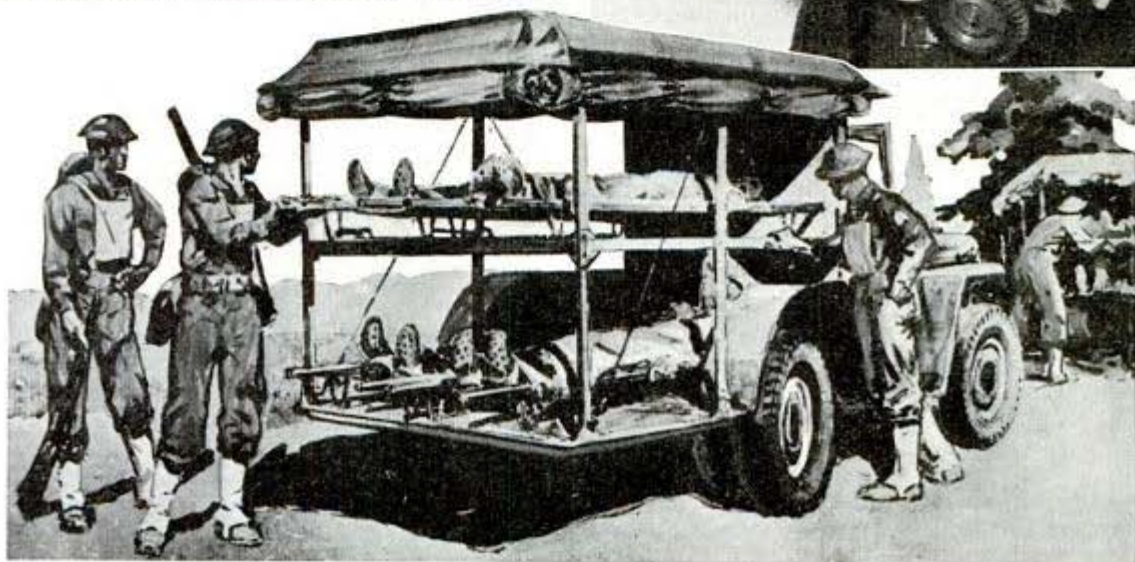
Its eight speeds and four-wheel drive can carry a full load up a 65-degree grade, turn in a circle 30 feet in diameter, tilt sidewise to an angle of 55 degrees without turning over, and raise a merry rumpus with anything that gets in sight of its machine guns. And it has a low silhouette which, together with camouflage and army lusterless paint, makes it easy to conceal in almost any terrain.

Reports from Chungking say a jeep was the first motor vehicle to conquer the towering heights and dense jungles of a new India-China route supplanting the Burma road.

In Australia our soldiers were given the difficult task of laying an underground cable at an airdrome without interrupting field operations. It should have taken several days. But the jeep sped in, hitched to a plow and the ditch was dug at 10 miles an hour. Behind it came another jeep, towing a reel of cable, and next a third jeep pulling a roller that covered the cable and flattened the ground. The job was finished in two hours while Australians gaped.

In China the British forces are using them for liaison work behind the lines. With their four-wheel drive, it is reported, the jeeps can bounce over the roughest rice paddies and plunge across irrigation

**Right, model of the "miracle on wheels"; below, jeep with wheelbase extended a foot is ambulance for four**





Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.

Doing a bit of sand-blasting on a Florida dune in maneuvers

ditches. They are excellent for night patrol work and for towing smashed planes from bomb-pocked airfields.

The rear guard at Rangoon was evacuated to Lashio in jeeps. They rolled along the bumpy roads at 40 to 50 miles per hour, and pulled many a three-ton lorry from the ditches along the way.

They say it will transport up to seven soldiers and its engine hood makes a swell place to sleep. It is used by soldiers to run errands and by generals to run battles. With a few additions, it makes an excellent field ambulance that will haul four wounded men. It can operate closer to the front line than regular ambulances because of its very low silhouette.

In a battle the jeep is used as weapon carrier. With a .30- or .50-caliber machine gun mounted on it, it becomes a mobile and effective weapon against ground troops or planes. It will pull a 37-mm. antitank gun around

While tanks make a frontal advance on a village, jeeps dart in for surprise attack on flank

without a groan. It can be carried around on the back of a truck like a papoose, or inside a plane, like a baby kangaroo.

Known variously as "jeep," "peep," as "reconnaissance car" or "quad car," the new unit is officially "a quarter-ton, 4-by-4 truck" and was intended to replace motorcycle-sidecar pieces and enable military strategists to bridge the gap between heavy advance units and infantry. It is built from a design by Willys-Overland.

Basic in the design is the Willys commercial car power plant, with special carburetor and manifold, developing 61 horsepower at 3,800 r.p.m. The engine's cooling capacity has been highly developed. The radiator is protected by an extra heavy grill. The engine is protected from mud and dust by a special heavy duty oil bath air cleaner.

Application of the engine's power through four-wheel-drive mechanism gives the car unusual pulling ability on slippery roads and in deep mud, snow or sand. The regular transmission gears, three forward and one in reverse, are operated from the remote control gearshift lever on the steering column. A special gear box giving an additional 2 to 1 reduction is brought into operation when a special transmission lever is thrown forward, so it is possible to obtain a total of six forward speeds and 2 in reverse. Another lever on the transfer case permits selection of either 4 wheel drive or rear wheel drive only.



The special levers are so arranged that it is impossible to use rear wheel drive alone when the 2 to 1 reduction is in use, preventing the wheel slippage which would occur if this increased power were applied to rear wheels only.

Designed to use either low grade or high grade gasoline, the car's 12-gallon fuel tank under the rear seat provides a high speed cruising radius of 175 miles or better on a single tankful of gas.

Employing a short wheelbase of only 80 inches, it has exceptional road clearance, and at the same time an exceptionally low center of gravity. A heavy steel plate protects the oil pan from contact with rocks and hummocks; a similar plate protects the transmission.

The body, built of heavy gauge steel throughout, provides two folding seats in front and a rear single seat which can on occasion accommodate two persons. Two side seats, over the rear wheels, and sturdy flat topped front fenders can carry additional passengers in an emergency. In addition to regular headlamps the car has special black-out headlamps such as were developed for use on Army trucks. The headlamps are provided with steel brush guards to protect them against contact with brush and tree branches. A compartment in the dash accommodates light tools. Two special compartments beside the rear seat are available for chains and tools or ammunition. The car carries a fire extin-



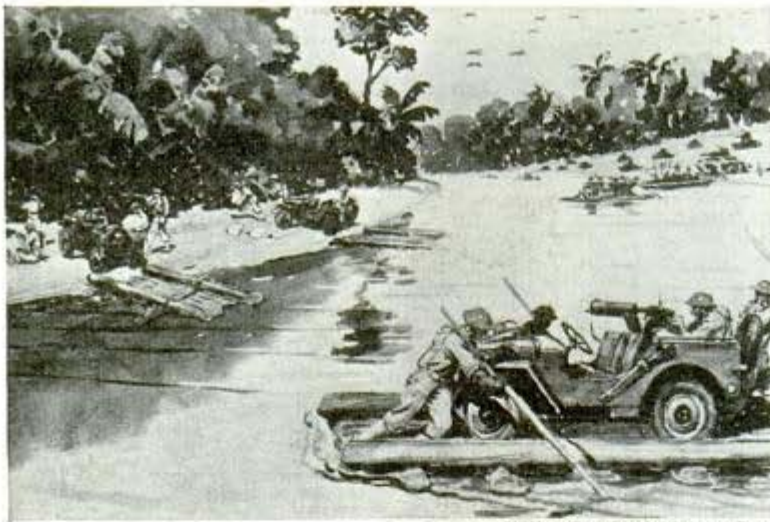
Another member of the jeep family is the Crosley "bull pup," 1,000-pound scout car here being lifted aboard cargo plane for a ride to Marine post

Jaunty jeeps sprint across the battleground to lay a smoke screen for a tank attack. The little buggies can take an amazing lot of punishment



A young fellow with a future, the jeep hopes to take up farming after the war. Below, it pulls a lime spreader at six miles an hour in a test





Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.

Helping to establish a bridge-head at a river crossing, blitz buggies are ferried on rafts

car provide convenient hand grips for manual assistance in case the car gets into difficulties.

Variable rate rear springs provide comfortable riding qualities when the car is running light. Their supplementary spring leaves automatically come into action to pick up the added weight when a load is increased.

The reconnaissance car

has heavy disk wheels and tires of special Army design, and heavy duty, double action adjustable shock absorbers. Both axles are full floating type with special universal joints.

Because this setup differs considerably

guisher, and has brackets for other emergency equipment.

A railing around the rear gives passengers a means of holding on in rough travel. The same railing can be adjusted to a vertical position to provide a rear support for a waterproof canvas that may be attached to the top of the windshield for cover in bad weather. The windshield itself can be folded forward over the hood permitting a clear field of fire in all directions for rifles or machine gun.

Two hooks on the front and a sturdy pintlehook at the rear equip the car for haulage jobs. Two handles on each side of the

**Doughboys in Iceland converted the jeep at right into a snug sedan for the winter. Below, the other extreme—a jeep used as supply car refuels a tank on the desert**



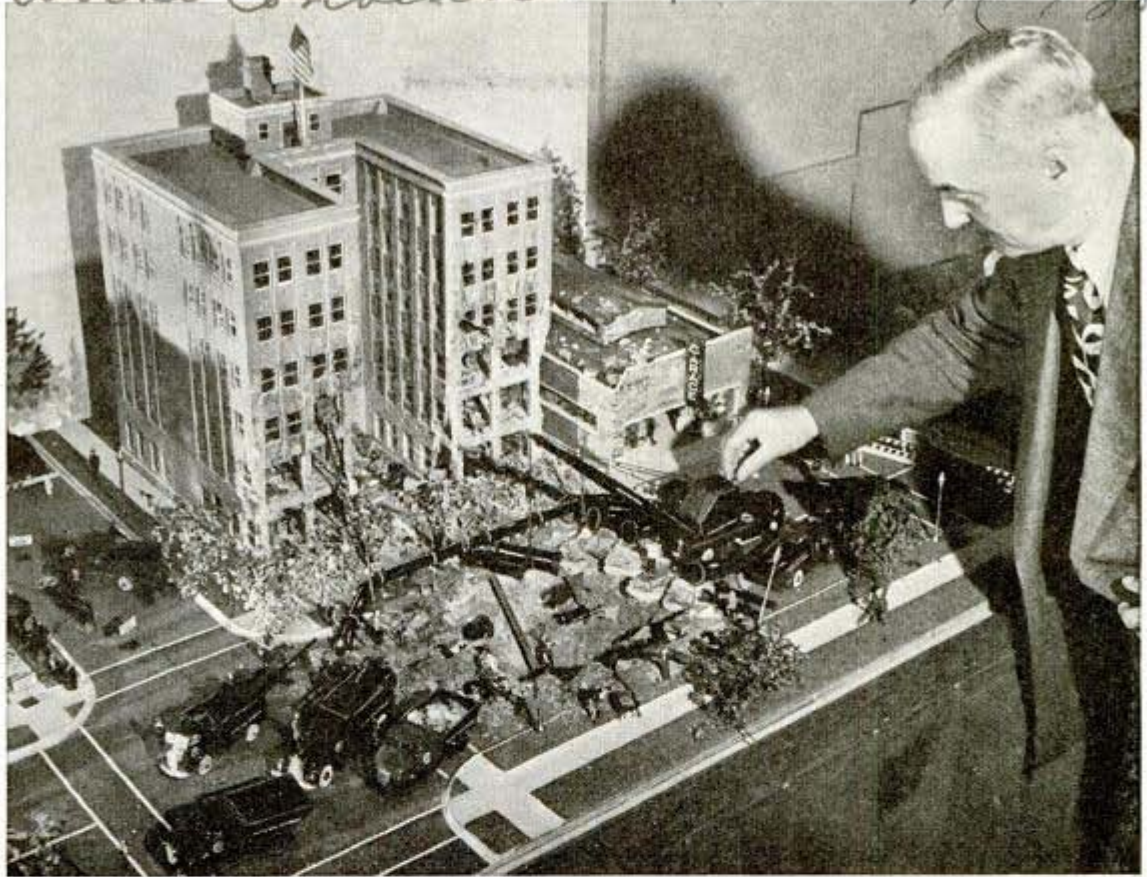
from an ordinary automobile, the Army is training a special crew of "trouble shooters" to keep its speedy and tough jeeps in top condition. Road service men from auto plants have been dispatched to Army training centers throughout the country to conduct special courses among soldiers assigned to mechanized units.

Engineers at the huge Willys plant, where thousands of these iron

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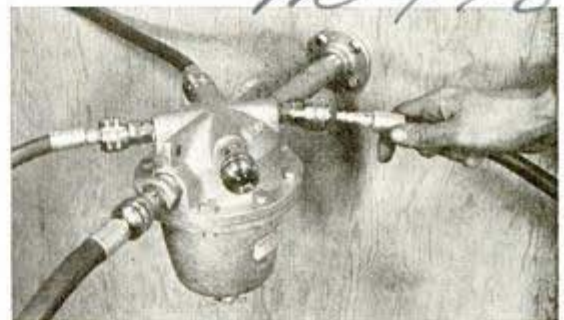
Model of a Chicago street after an air raid shows how water mains would be routed around deep bomb crater

If a 2,000-pound bomb should fall in a Chicago street, causing damage to the water supply system and the underground network of sewers, electric conduits and gas lines, city crews will be on the job in a jiffy making emergency repairs. Engineers in the division of waterworks design, Department of Public Works, built a scale model of a street scene showing a crater dug by a ton of TNT that landed on a boulevard before a six-story apartment building

which was partly demolished. Maintenance crews from the water pipe extension division are shown making permanent repairs after they have cleaned the debris from the crater and installed a by-pass main above the street level. Gas lines are plugged and sewer pipes clogged with sand bags. The model also shows that a gas bomb has exploded near the apartment building and a decontamination squad is neutralizing and mopping up poison gas.

### Plug-In Filter for Pneumatic-Tool Line Keeps the Dirt Out of Tools

Excessive wear to pneumatic tools can be prevented with an air filter that keeps dust, rust, scale, oil and water from entering the mechanism of the tools. It is connected to the compressor air line, and centrifugal action of the air within the filter throws off  $\frac{9}{10}$  of the dirt and moisture, and the other  $\frac{1}{10}$  is filtered out by a special glove. Besides cleaning the air, the filter provides a plug-in feature for the tools as convenient as electrical outlets, serving several tools at one time.



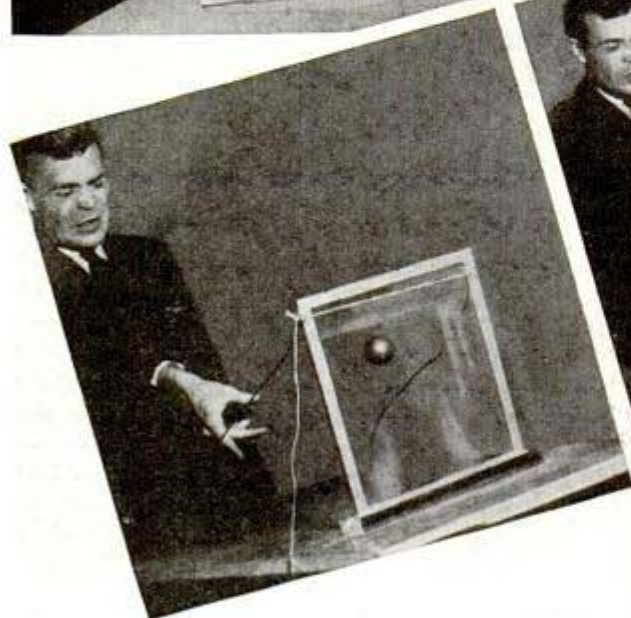
Plugging in filter to serve several tools at once

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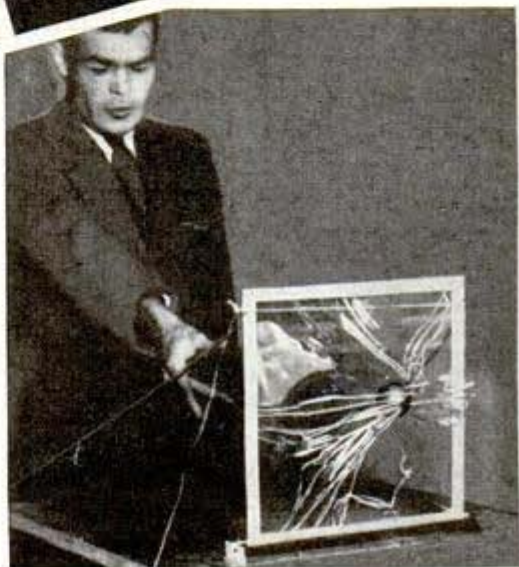
# BOMB PROTECTION



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There's little difference between flying glass and bullets, as the English people discovered in the early days of the Nazi aerial blitz when 82 percent of the casualties were caused by broken glass instead of direct bomb hits. To combat the hazard, a London druggist developed a transparent plastic that is painted on glass like varnish and prevents shattering. The product, called Garinol, is made with a secret formula including a synthetic resin base. When applied to glass, the surface of the plastic dries, but the underlayer that has contact with the glass remains soft and sticky. This rubbery underlayer holds the pieces of glass together when a window is broken. The photographs on these pages, made at the speed of 1/30,000 second, were taken during a demonstration at the Museum of Science and Industry in New York City. The young lady at the left is painting one side of a pane of glass with Garinol which will become firm in about two days. For heavy plate glass, two coatings are required



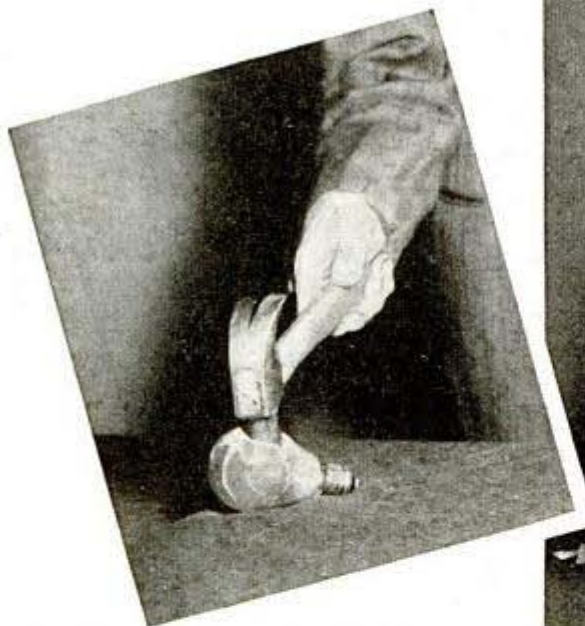
The two center pictures show what happens when a metal ball is hurled against a pane of untreated glass mounted in a frame. The ball penetrates the pane, shattering it into thousands of flying pieces. At right, the demonstrator hurls the same ball through a similar piece of glass that has been coated with the protecting plastic. The speed camera has caught the ball at the split second of penetration. Cracks in the glass appear and the pane bulges as if it were made of rubber. The ball goes through the glass, but the plastic prevents shattering and the broken pieces snap back into place. Just across the way on the next page the same pane of glass is shown after the ball has gone through. The broken bits have snapped back together intact and still transparent



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# PAINTED on Your WINDOW

Cracking down on an electric light bulb with a hammer produces a "pop" and a shattering of fine particles of glass—as the uncomfortable demonstrator, at right, discovers. When a light bulb is treated with the "brush on" protection first and then struck with a hammer, the result, below, is less sensational, but safer. Bulbs can be crushed safely in the hands after coating



Picking up treated globe that has been crushed (lower right) shows that no pieces have scattered. It can be wadded up like a handkerchief for safe disposal. Other experiments with the plastic revealed that an incendiary bomb can be dropped on a piece of treated glass without breaking it. The glass only cracks and bends. In treating windows, the plastic is applied only on the inside. Scores of uses for Garinol, in peacetime as well as in war, were seen in tests



## Cloth Hood Dims Flashlight For Use in Blackout

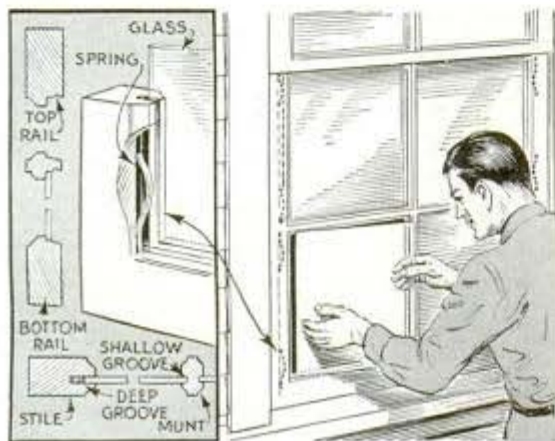


Hood slips over end of any flashlight and is held in place with an elastic band; cloth prevents glare

To dim the bright beam of an ordinary flashlight so it may be used safely during a blackout, a diffusing hood made of a fabric slips over the lens. An elastic band sewed into the edge of the hood stretches to fit easily over the end of any size lamp.

## Puttyless Sash Has Built-In Spring To Snap Glass in Place

New window glass can be snapped into place quickly without the use of putty or any tools, in a puttyless sash now available. The sash has grooves in the upright

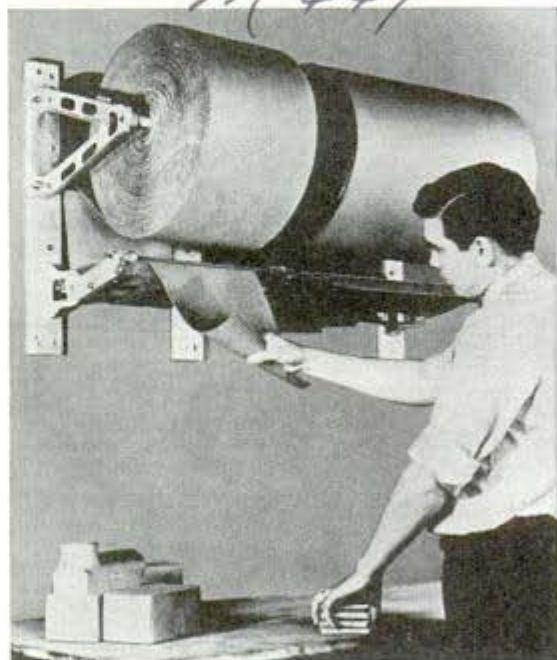


Grooved sash has a spring in one side to hold pane

members at both sides, one of which is equipped with springs to receive and hold the glass firmly. To insert a pane of glass, it is pushed against the springs until deep enough to slide into the opposite groove, which is a bit shallower, and the back pressure of the springs then forces it into the shallow groove. At the top and bottom, the glass rests firmly against wood rails so water and wind cannot penetrate easily. Sash of this type is recommended for garages and farm buildings such as barns, and may be used on cottages where the climate is not too cold.

## Dispenser of Corrugated Paper Cuts Wrapping to Fit

Products of various sizes may be wrapped for mailing in packages that need no "fill" with the aid of a dispenser for corrugated paper recently introduced. The dispenser supplies the shipper with the



Machine eliminates need for large stock of cartons

correct lengths of paper, eliminates the need for keeping a large assortment of different-sized cartons on hand and saves thousands of pounds of paper formerly used for stuffing. An automatic brake prevents tangling or slipping and holds the paper at the edge of the cutter.

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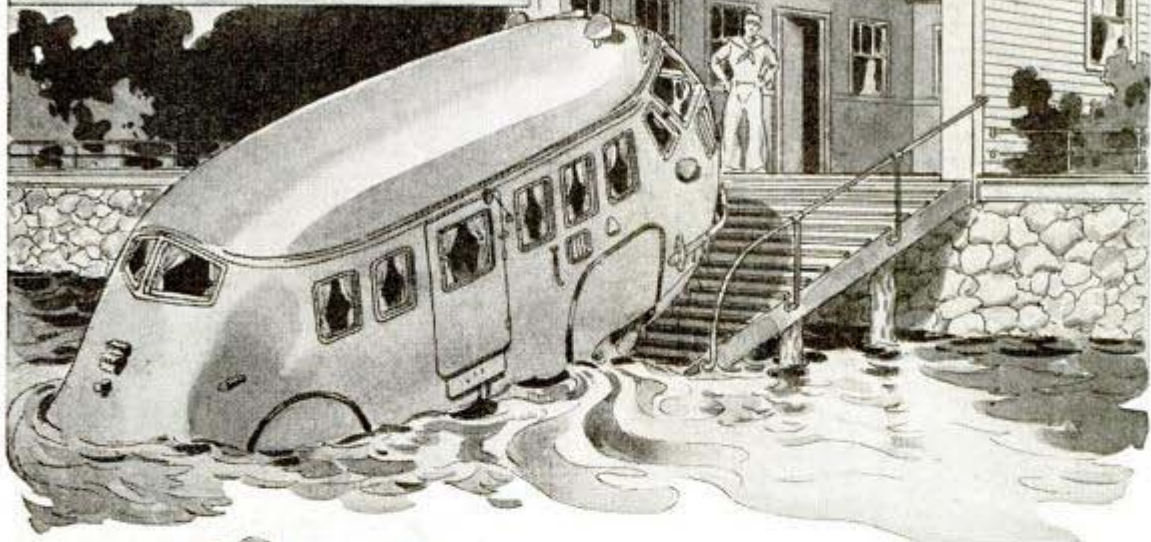
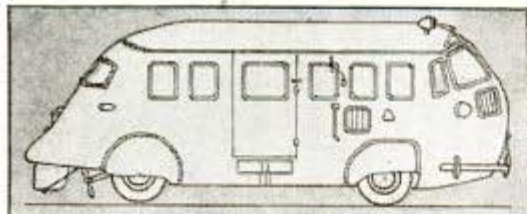
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**Buoyant Amphibian Car Is Among New Patents** *Cal*

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The amphibian car, above, was patented by a Kansas inventor; its propeller can be seen just behind the rear wheels in the inset sketch. When driven into the water it is kept afloat by its buoyant tanks. At left, a convertible tandem bicycle with two sets of pedals driving the rear wheel, over which is an extra seat. Like the other articles on this page, the bike is newly patented and no information as to its availability can be furnished interested purchasers

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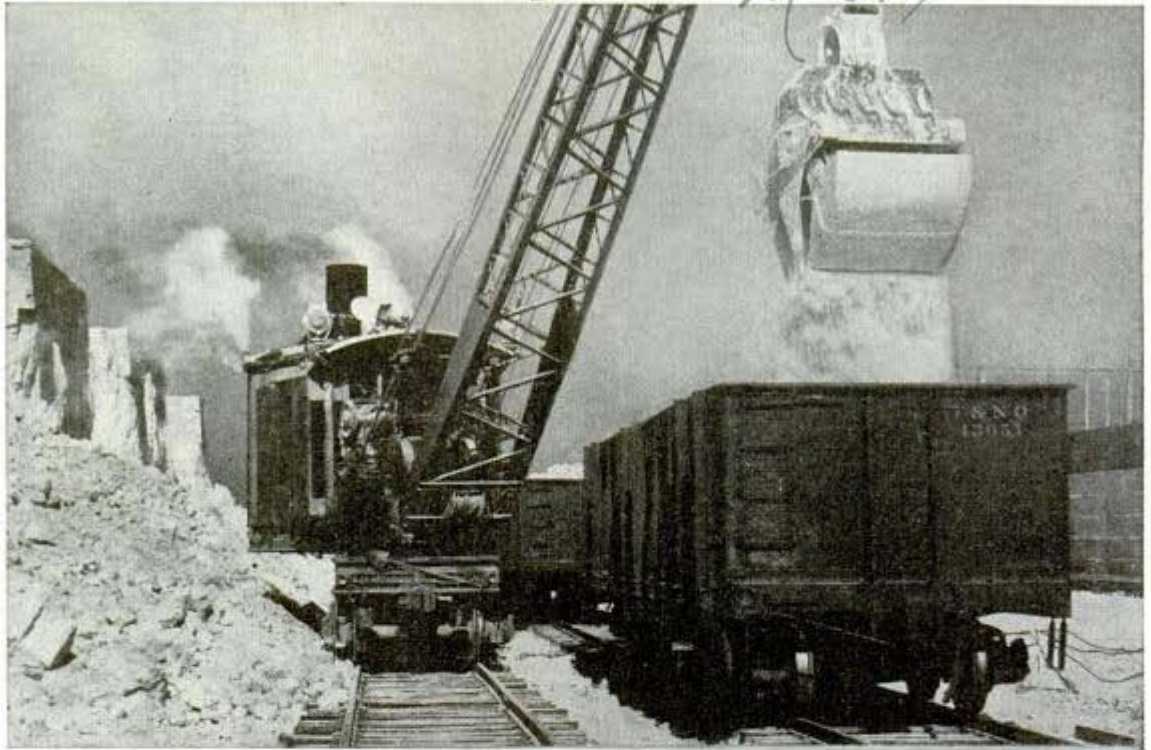


To record transactions, such as cashing a check, and identify persons involved, an automatic-starting motion picture camera is positioned to film scene including date, time and indicator showing number of the transaction

*Jos. Allen Madden, 91  
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# LIQUID GOLD *for* WAR *or* PEACE



Loading sulphur onto railroad cars from a million-pound "brick" for shipment to plants where it will be converted to sulphuric acid, the lifeblood of war industries turning out planes, ships, guns

By Wayne Whittaker

THE pilot banks his plane, points downward to what looks like three giant gold bricks glistening in the Texas sunshine and shouts over his shoulder:

"That's sulphur!"

The passenger drops his magazine, glances down at the yellow "bricks" a quarter of a mile in length and shouts back:

"Must be a million tons of the stuff there.

Enough to last us a hundred years."

The passenger is understating it. The exact figures on American sulphur production and ready stockpiles are a close military secret. But the public would be pleasantly surprised by them, for the United States, dependent during the first World War on foreign sources of this vi-

Seventy miles of pipe carry hot water, steam and air into deep sulphur mine in Texas

tal raw material, has since developed a great source of its own.

Sulphur is taken as much for granted as free matches with a package of cigarettes. But it is as vital to both war and peace as are zinc, aluminum, copper and tin.

Without sulphur, Uncle Sam's "big four" in war production—ships, planes, tanks and guns—would stop sliding down the



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Hot molten sulphur flowing from mine into six-acre vat to form solid "cliffs" like those in background

ways and rolling from assembly lines, for sulphur is one of the primary raw materials of industry in war and peace. It is vital for the production of steel, rubber, all types of petroleum products including high octane gasoline, explosives and hundreds of other articles from the casing for a sausage to the miracle drug, sulfanilamide.

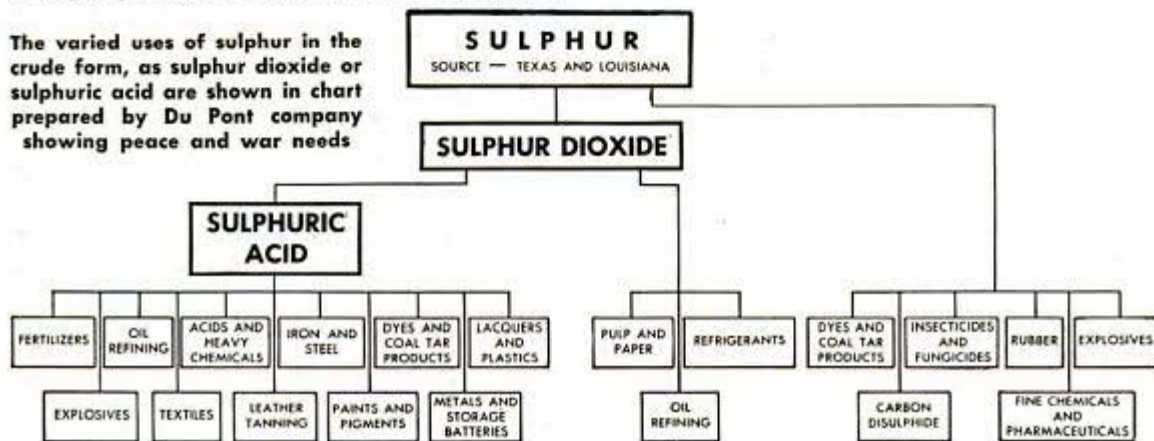
Two thirds of the crude sulphur produced is consumed in the form of sulphuric acid and the total amount used each year is an unflinching "barometer" for American industry. Requirements of industry in 1941 were 11,040,000 tons of the acid.

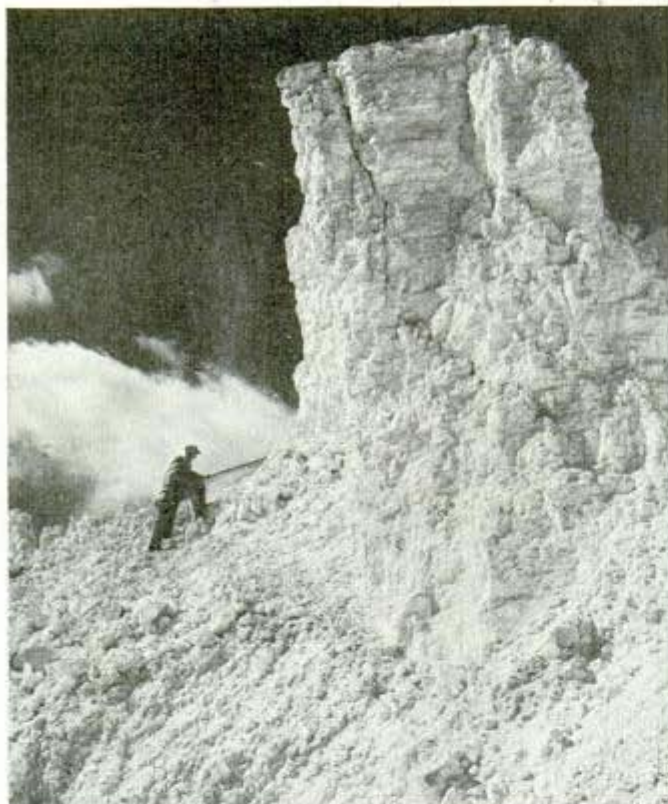
A big American bomber roaring its way through the sky to strike at Jap bases in the Pacific or a concentration of German tanks in the African desert owes much of its effectiveness to sulphur. Far fetched?



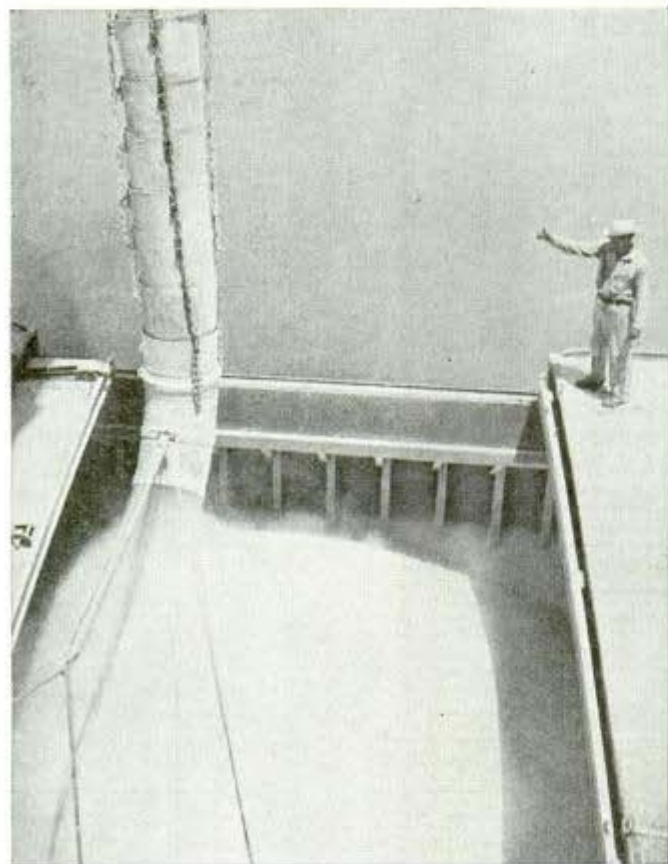
Conveyor belt carrying sulphur into "weigh house" at a gulf port where thousands of tons are shipped

The varied uses of sulphur in the crude form, as sulphur dioxide or sulphuric acid are shown in chart prepared by Du Pont company showing peace and war needs





Drilling a hole for a charge of explosive that will break up the storage pile so it can be loaded in cars by huge shovels. Below, a golden stream of sulphur dust flows through spout from weigh house to load a Mississippi River barge in Louisiana.



Not if you consider that every ounce of steel in the plane was "pickled" or de-scaled by sulphuric acid; that engine castings and crucial parts demanding lightness were molded of magnesium with the help of sulphuric acid; that the engine's mountings, hose, and tires on the plane were made of rubber that can only be vulcanized into a tough product with crude sulphur; that the heavy plane would never have been able to rise a foot off the ground without the high octane fuel produced by the cracking of petroleum with sulphuric acid.

These are only a few of the uses of sulphur in a bomber, fighter or patrol plane. Those glistening yellow "bricks" along the gulf coast helped put the kick in those deadly "eggs" resting in the bomb bay. Film for the telescopic cameras, special fabric for the pilot's suit, gas masks, medicinals, lubricants that flow smoothly in the stratosphere, and even the paper on which the map of enemy territory is drawn—all are stepchildren of sulphur and chemical genius.

When the sulphur industry boasts that it helps run all mechanized war equipment—in fact, everything that rolls, floats or flies—it isn't fooling.

Helping win wars and amazing mankind with its multitude of uses has been a habit of sulphur during its recorded history of 4,000 years. Ancient writings reveal that pagan priests used it in ceremonies—probably for its ethereal blue flame and pungent odor—and that one of its first practical uses was as a bleaching agent for cloth. It was also used centuries ago for making gunpowder, fumigants, paints and medicine.

Early conquerors were willing to risk the lives of their men to obtain sulphur to mix with saltpeter and charcoal for gunpowder. In 1519, Cortez sent a party of 10 men to climb the 17,500-foot crater of Popocatepetl near Mexico City in quest of the prized mineral. They found great quantities of it



Control center at a power plant for a Texas mine governs all operations—heating, and pumping water, forcing air in pipes

sublimated along the rim. Sulphur's rare quality of sublimation—its vapor turns into a solid when cooled—is the reason for many volcanic deposits. Popocatepetl is a source of sulphur today, but for some strange reason the deposit was neglected for 300 years after the mining expedition organized by Cortez.

Uncle Sam could chuckle at the predicament of Cortez if he were to fly over our rich sulphur mines, or wells, on the gulf coast of Texas and Louisiana. There is plenty for every need, both military and civilian. He would shiver a little, too, at the recollection of the desperate plight of American industry in World War I when we depended largely on foreign supplies.

Although the yellow mineral was first discovered in the United States in 1865 by prospectors drilling for oil in Calcasieu Parish, La., it was many years before American ingenuity devised a way of bringing it to the surface. Most foreign deposits are shallow and lend themselves to conventional mining methods. American deposits that cap salt domes were found to be from 500 to 1,500 feet deep and guarded by layers of quicksand and pockets of deadly gases.

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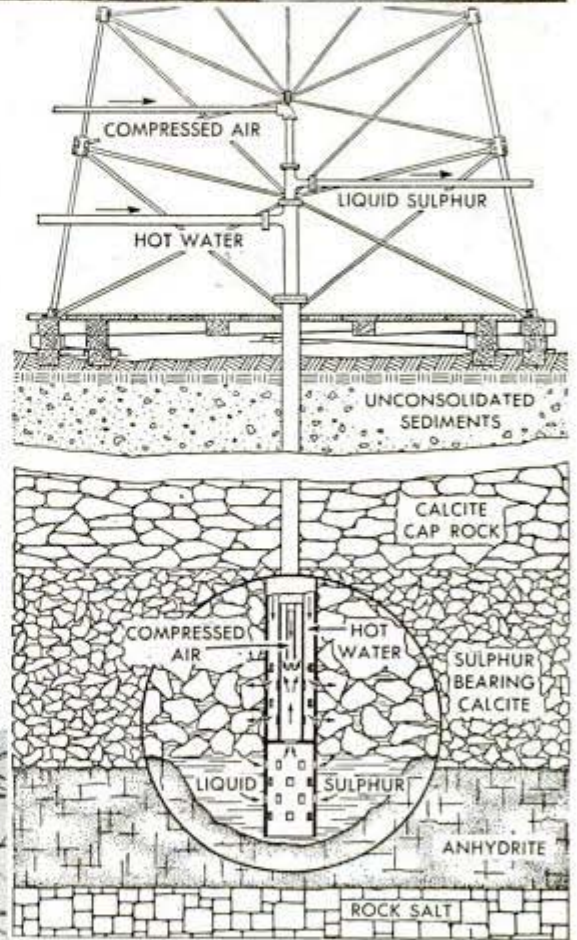
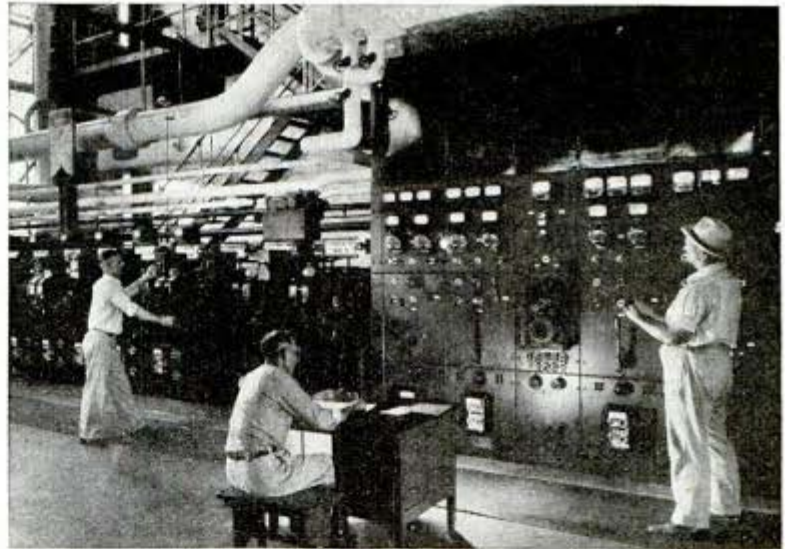
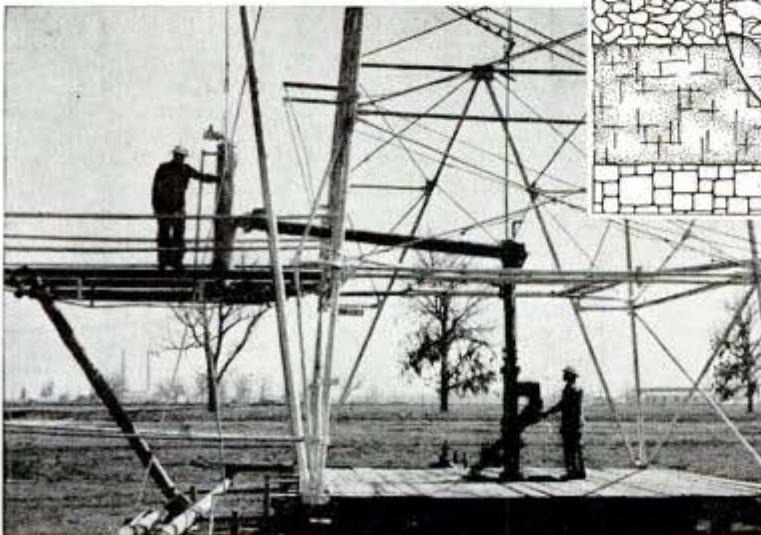


Diagram shows intricate Frasch process of mining of sulphur as a liquid by melting it far below the surface and pumping it out

Surface equipment at a sulphur mine gives it the appearance of an oil field with derricks and pumps. Compressed air helps to raise sulphur after it is melted by water heated to 325 degrees F.



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2036 So. Michigan, Chicago*

## Vacuum Cup Supports Pipe On Windshield or Dash

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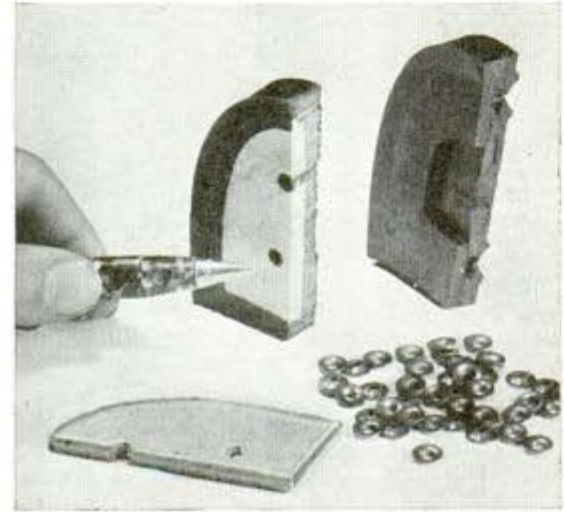


Rubber holder for pipe or cigar is handy while driving a car, or at work requiring use of both hands

If you need a convenient holder for pipe or cigar while motoring, a small rubber holder can be firmly attached to the windshield or dashboard with a vacuum cup. The holder has a rubber lip which opens to grip the object to be held.

## Heels Made With Wooden Cores Save Rubber and Steel

At an enormous saving of rubber, as well as steel, heels hereafter may be fashioned with a core of wood, requiring about one



Wooden insert in heel saves rubber needed for war

and one-quarter ounces less rubber compound per pair for the standard one-half inch size. The wood insert is a good grade of maple which is plentiful, and the manufacturing process is inexpensive. Officials of B. F. Goodrich Company estimate that this heel, if used on all the 150,000,000 pairs of men's and boys' shoes produced annually, would save more than 5,000 tons of compounded rubber, besides about 850 tons of steel which has been used in the metal washer inserts necessary in the former types.

*Akron, Ohio*

## Self-Lighting Cane for Blackouts Cannot Throw Light Upward

Lighting automatically <sup>M 590</sup> only when inverted, a blackout cane meets the need of civilian defense workers since it cannot be made to throw a beam of light upward. In-



Inverting cane turns on light in handle which automatically turns off when the stick is held upright

stalled in the handle, the flashlight makes contact by means of a sliding battery. When the stick is carried in walking position, the bulb remains unlighted, but invert the cane, pointing the handle downward, and the battery slides into contact with the bulb and on goes the light. A frosted lens softens the glow. Theater ushers can use the cane in their work. **\$1.50**

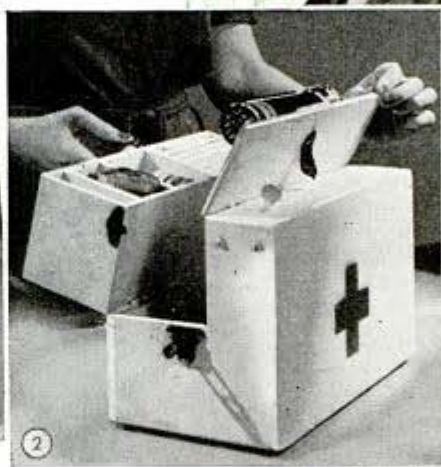
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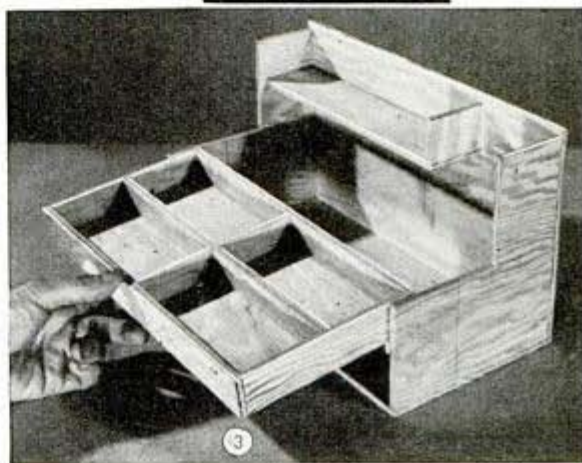
# The CRAFTSMAN

## Civilian Defense Workers' +FIRST-AID KIT+



ANYONE whose duties in civilian-defense work require administration of first aid should have a compact, easy-to-carry kit with sufficient space for all recommended supplies, arranged most conveniently for instant use. This one, made of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood, was designed especially to meet such requirements, and has a number of added features such as an adjustable clip, which holds a flashlight in any position to throw light on a patient or into the case, as in Fig. 1; a built-in warning or call bell, Fig. 7, which is useful during blackouts, and a removable tray for small items, as shown in Fig. 3. As you can see from Figs. 1 to 3, the construction of the case is such that the partitioned sections permit an orderly arrangement, and the method of opening the case prevents the contents from falling out.

Dimensions of the case shown in the photos are given in Fig. 6, but these may differ somewhat depending on the equipment and supplies used. For this reason





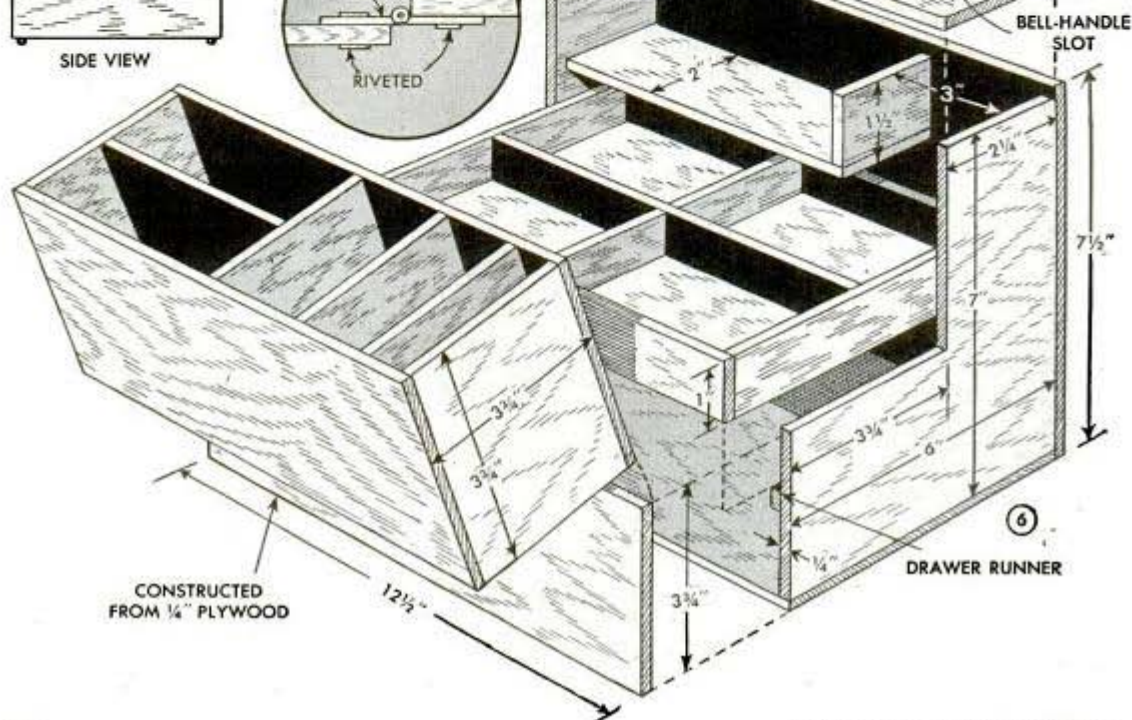
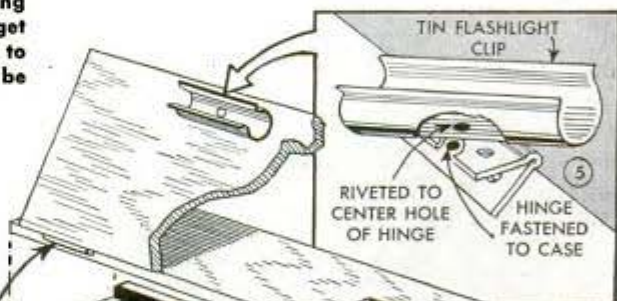
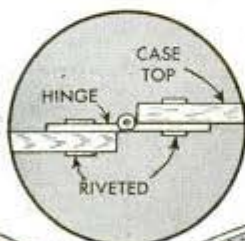
As the dimensions of your kit may vary, depending on the equipment available, it is advisable to get these first. The adjustable clip enables the worker to direct the flashlight in any direction and it can be left in the clip when the case is closed

it is best to purchase your supplies first. The following list was obtained from both Red-Cross manuals on first aid and from experienced first-aid instructors: Twelve 1-in. compresses on adhesive; two or more 3-in. bandage compresses; sterile gauze, 1 sq. yd.; 3-in. gauze squares; one triangular bandage; a roll of adhesive tape; six iodine ampoules, or mild tincture of iodine in rubber-stoppered bottle; a tube of tannic-acid jelly; aromatic spirits of ammonia; a medicine dropper, preferably in a stoppered vial; tweezers; scissors; small drinking glass; needles and matches for sterilizing same; forceps; thermometer (clinical); olive oil; sodium bicarbonate; alcohol.

After cutting to size the pieces of plywood, preferably of the waterproof variety, they are put together with a few brads and waterproof plastic glue for maximum strength. A number of hinges, clasps and a handle with fastening plates will be needed, which may be stripped from an old piece of luggage that is no longer in use.



BINDING HINGES PERMIT FLASHLIGHT COVER TO REMAIN IN ANY SET POSITION



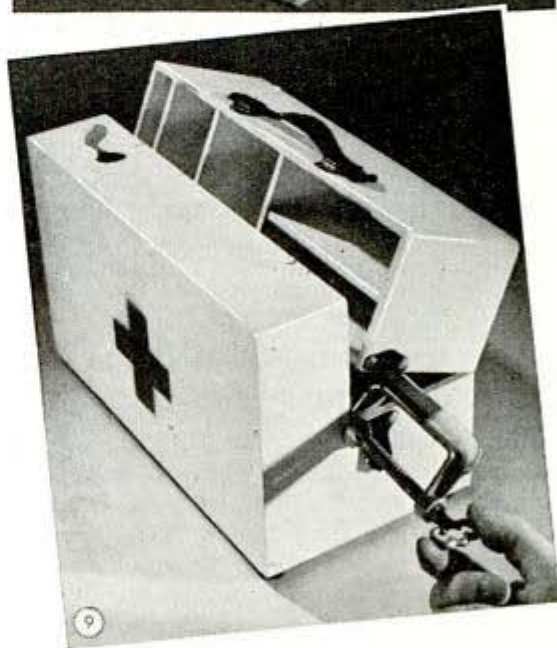
CONSTRUCTED FROM 1/4" PLYWOOD

DRAWER RUNNER



The hinged parts are attached with tubular rivets and washers as shown in Fig. 8, before the case is finished, but the locking clasps and handle plates are added after finishing. In attaching the clasps, the rivets can be squeezed down tightly by means of a C-clamp as shown in Fig. 9. Note from Fig. 4, that the partitioned top is hinged to the side piece before the latter is attached permanently to the rest of the case.

An ordinary bicycle bell is mounted tightly against the side of the case so that the latter will act as a sounding board to intensify the sound, Fig. 7. The thumb lever of the bell projects through the top of the case to be available at all times. A piece of sheet metal or a broom clip can be used as a flashlight holder, the clip being riveted to turn on a small butt hinge, which in turn is riveted to the partition as detailed in Fig. 5. The rivet that holds the flashlight clip to the hinge, as well as the hinge itself and the hinges on which the partition swings, should be made to bind so that the parts remain in the position in which they are adjusted. Hinges can be made to bind by simply squeezing them in a vise. A small leather tab is riveted to the partition as can be seen in Fig. 2, so that it can be lifted conveniently after opening the case. The flashlight can be turned, raised or lowered in any direction, or it can be removed from the clip. However, it can be left in the clip when the case is closed. It may be advisable to cement one



or two thicknesses of red Cellophane to the lens of the flashlight to reduce the intensity of illumination during blackouts.

## Pencil Mark on Finger Guide of Jig Saw Aids in Cutting True Curves

If you have difficulty in cutting true curves with a jig saw, try this simple method of guiding the work: First, insert the widest blade practical before starting to cut pieces such as chair rockers, which have long sweeping curves. Next, make a pencil mark on the wire finger guard of

the saw directly in front of the blade. If the saw lacks such a guard, an improvised wire pointer  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. in front of the blade will serve the same purpose. Now, saw as usual, but keep the guide line on the work directly under the guard mark or pointer.

—E. C. Henthorn, Norfolk, Nebr.

## Belting Used as Shock Absorber On Edge of Boat Dock

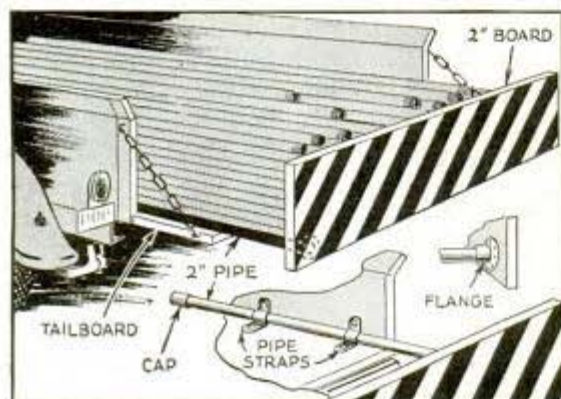


After attaching a strip of canvas belting to the edge of your boat dock in wave-like fashion, you won't have to worry about receiving a stiff jolt or scratching the planking on a small craft when bringing it up to the dock. In addition to providing a better cushioning effect than sections of auto tires commonly used for the purpose, such bumpers also give a neater finish.

—Dale R. Van Horn, Lincoln, Nebr.

## Adjustable Bumper on Truck Bed Protects Ends of Long Loads

If you haul lumber or pipe, here's an adjustable rear bumper that will help prevent shifting of the load as well as warn other drivers of their length. The bumper is made of two pieces of pipe which fit into flanges screwed to a 2-in. board that is striped with black and white paint. Pipe



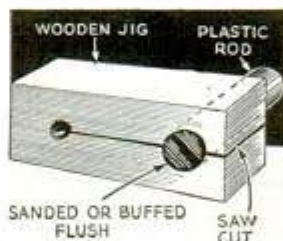
straps fastened securely to the truck body serve as guides while a cap on the end of each pipe prevents the assembly from being pulled entirely out.

## Cotton Wad Under Pan of Trap Aids in Quick Tripping

When making dry-land sets where a steel trap is to be covered with loose soil, leaves, or other fine material, the covering is likely to work under the pan of the trap and prevent its closing when tripped. To avoid this, one trapper places a piece of loosely wadded cotton under the pan as indicated. This allows the trap to spring easily under the animal's weight.



## Jig to Sand Plastic Rods

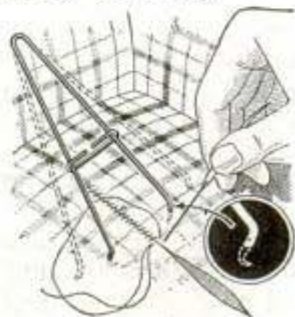


In order to avoid difficulty in buffing the ends of plastic rods without having them chip along their edges, one craftsman made up this simple jig which eliminates the trouble. It is made from a block of wood as indicated, and when the rods are gripped in it they can be held squarely and with uniform pressure against the sanding or buffing wheels.

—Paul H. Smith, Norfolk, Mass.

## Tongs Close Tear in Upholstery And Grip It for Sewing

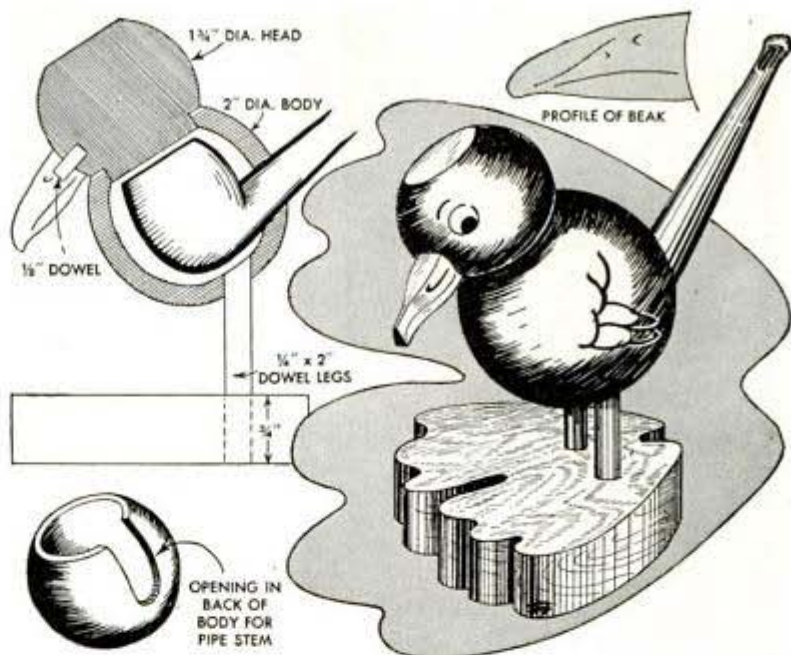
To close a tear in upholstery and hold it for sewing, one workman employs a pair of tongs made from stout spring wire. These have small hooks formed on the ends to engage the fabric at either side of the tear so that the latter can be closed. The sliding loop on the tongs is then pushed down to hold them securely.



# Birdlike Pipe Holder Utilizes Stem as Tail

Made of walnut, this pipe holder is neat enough to grace any desk. The body is made from a 2 by 2 by 2½-in. piece of stock, which is glued to a wood faceplate for turning to shape. The finished body should be 2 in. in diameter and 2½ in. deep. It is bored out to fit the individual pipe. A similar procedure is followed in turning the removable head, which is 1¾ in. in diameter and 1¾ in. deep, while the neck, which is turned as an extension of the head, is ¾ in. long. A section is cut out of the back of the body to take the pipe stem as indicated. Feet are jigsawed from ¾-in. walnut, and the legs are walnut dowels set in holes drilled into the body at a slight angle. The beak is whittled and sanded to shape, and is doweled to the head. If desired, the holder can be weighted by recessing the underside of the feet to take a piece of lead.

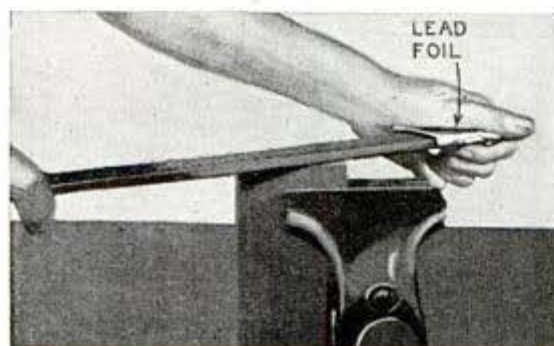
—Elma Waltner, Hurley, S. Dak.



## Foil Grip on End of Rasp or File Protects Your Hand

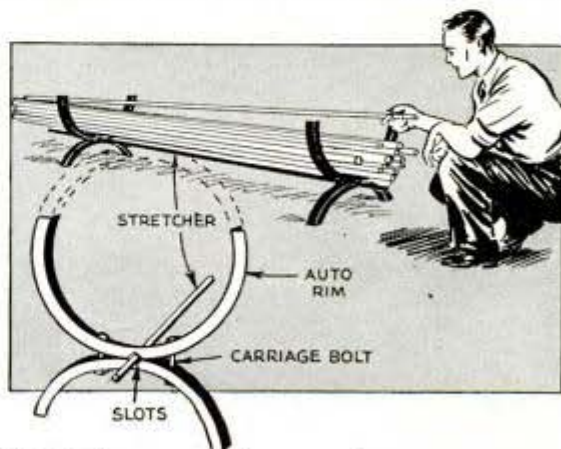
Wrapped tightly around the end of a file or wood rasp, a strip of lead foil serves as a comfortable hand grip when using the tool for long periods of time. It is unnecessary to tie or wire the foil in place as the soft metal presses firmly into the file teeth, which hold it in place when the grip of your hand is released.

—W. C. Wilhite, Carlinville, Ill.



## Demountable Rims Form Cradle For Pipe or Long Rods

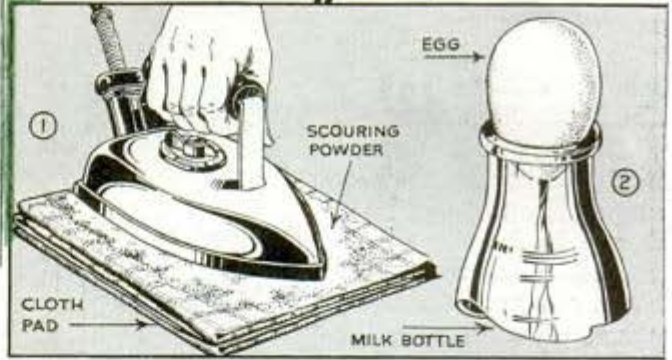
Storing pipe or long rods neatly can be done inexpensively by using two demountable auto rims to form adjustable holders. The rims are first cut as shown, after which the parts are drilled for carriage bolts to



hold them together so that one section serves as the legs and the other provides a circular holder for the pipe. A loose-fitting stretcher keeps the ends of the holder in alignment and permits adjustment to accommodate stock of various lengths.

☐ For your extra guest room put a shelf with a mirror above it on the back of the door. Also put hooks to hang clothes on the same side.

# Solving HOME

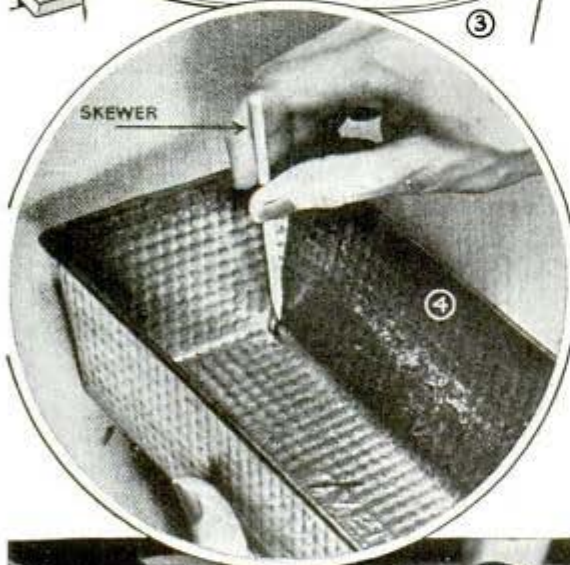


1. While ironing, the bottom of an iron can be kept smooth if you get into the habit of frequently rubbing it over a cloth pad that has been sprinkled with scouring powder. This method is better than using a wad of steel wool to remove accumulated coatings

2. Those who have occasion to "blow" eggs to use the shells for making novel party favors and similar articles will find an ordinary milk bottle especially handy as the mouth is just the right size to hold the eggs in the right position while they are draining

3. A couple of screw hooks in a washboard, engaging holes punched just below the rim of a washtub, will keep the board at hand yet permit it to be swung out of the way between jobs. The hooks also prevent the board from slipping while being used

4. When cleaning a bread or cake pan, avoid using the point of a knife to dislodge particles from the corners, which is hard on both the knife and the pan. It's better to use a wooden skewer or any small stick that is similarly pointed, for this purpose



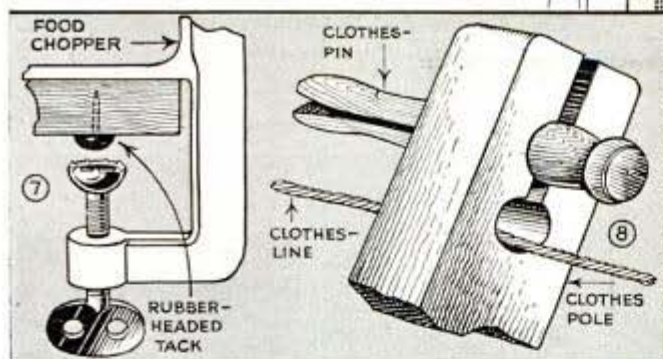
5. It's easy to distribute French dressing uniformly over salad by using a ten-cent clothes sprinkler of the type shown. When finished, the sprinkler can be inserted in a hot-water faucet and cleaned quickly



6. Half of a rubber ball, which is punched and slipped on a nail-polish bottle provides a non-tipping base. You then can insert the brush with one hand without holding the bottle with the other



# PROBLEMS

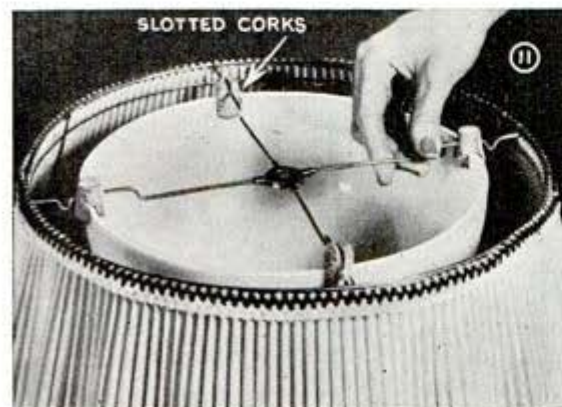
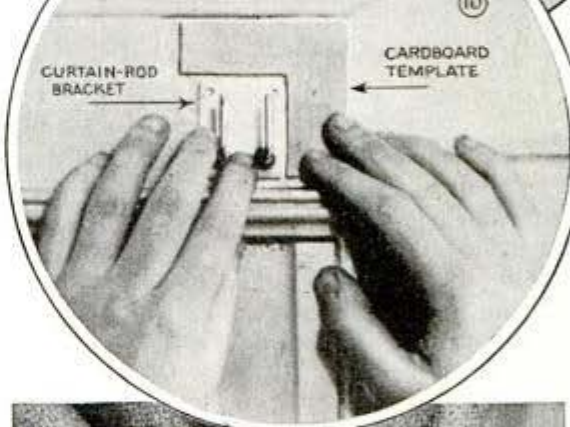


7. If the clamping screw of your food chopper has a cupped end, a rubber-headed tack on the underside of a table will prevent it from working loose. Locate the tack so that it will engage the cupped end when the chopper is in contact with the table edge

8. Clothesline props that have the ends notched and drilled as shown to accommodate ordinary clothespins can be "locked" on the line, which will effectively prevent them from falling on the ground and becoming soiled on a windy day

9. A good way to prevent a door mat from being kicked out of place and still make it easy to remove for cleaning, is to use a couple of large battery clips. These are attached directly to the door sill by means of screw eyes as shown in the detail

10. Where a number of windows are to be fitted with curtain rods, you'll save considerable time in locating the exact position of the curtain-rod brackets so they will be mounted uniformly on all of the windows, if you use a simple cardboard template

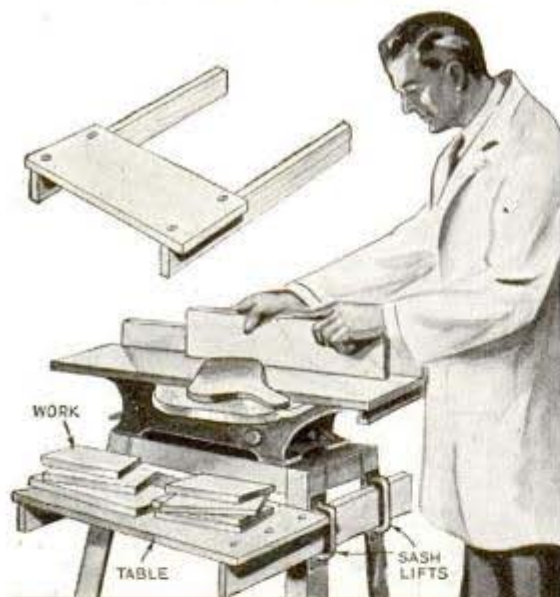


11. To keep a lamp shade of the type shown securely on an inverted reflector, slot the top and bottom of four corks and press them on the reflector rim and also on the wire cross members of the shade



12. Unusual drapery tiebacks can be had by making up chains from celluloid poultry leg bands, which are available in a number of sizes and bright colors, enabling you to make an appropriate selection

## Small Table on Side of Jointer Holds Pieces of Work



You'll find this small table handy to hold small pieces of work to be finished on your jointer. It slips into four sash lifts, which are bolted to the legs of the jointer stand.

## Preparing Concrete for Painting

To neutralize lime salts in new or untreated concrete floors, apply a solution of zinc sulphate, 3 lbs., per gallon of water. If the floor has a hardened surface so paint cannot anchor, apply an etching solution of muriatic acid, 1 part and water, 10 parts (by volume). This is put on after the neutralizing application. After allowing the acid to act for a couple of hours, wash the concrete thoroughly in order to remove all traces of acid. When dry, apply thin paint. It is better to put on two thin coats than one heavy coat. Use special concrete paint.

## Knotted String Spaces Quilt Ties

In order to space ties when making quilts or comforters, one housewife uses a knot-



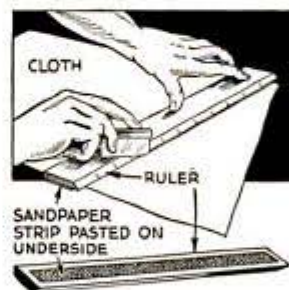
ted string with rubber bands and barbless hooks at the ends. The hooks engage the cloth to stretch the string across the quilt and are easy to move ahead as each row of ties is completed, the ties being spaced according to the knots.

## Mucilage Brush on Oilcan Spout Serves as Acid Applicator

A handy applicator for soldering acid on roofing or eavestrough jobs can be made by forcing a mucilage brush over an oilcan spout so that it fits in place snugly. If too long, the brush handle can be cut off, after which the seam in it is closed by soldering so that the acid will flow out through the bristles.



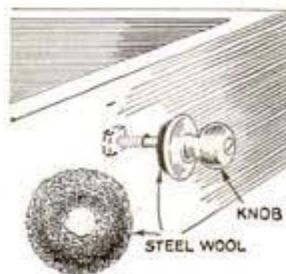
## Sandpaper Holds Ruler on Cloth While Cutting With Razor



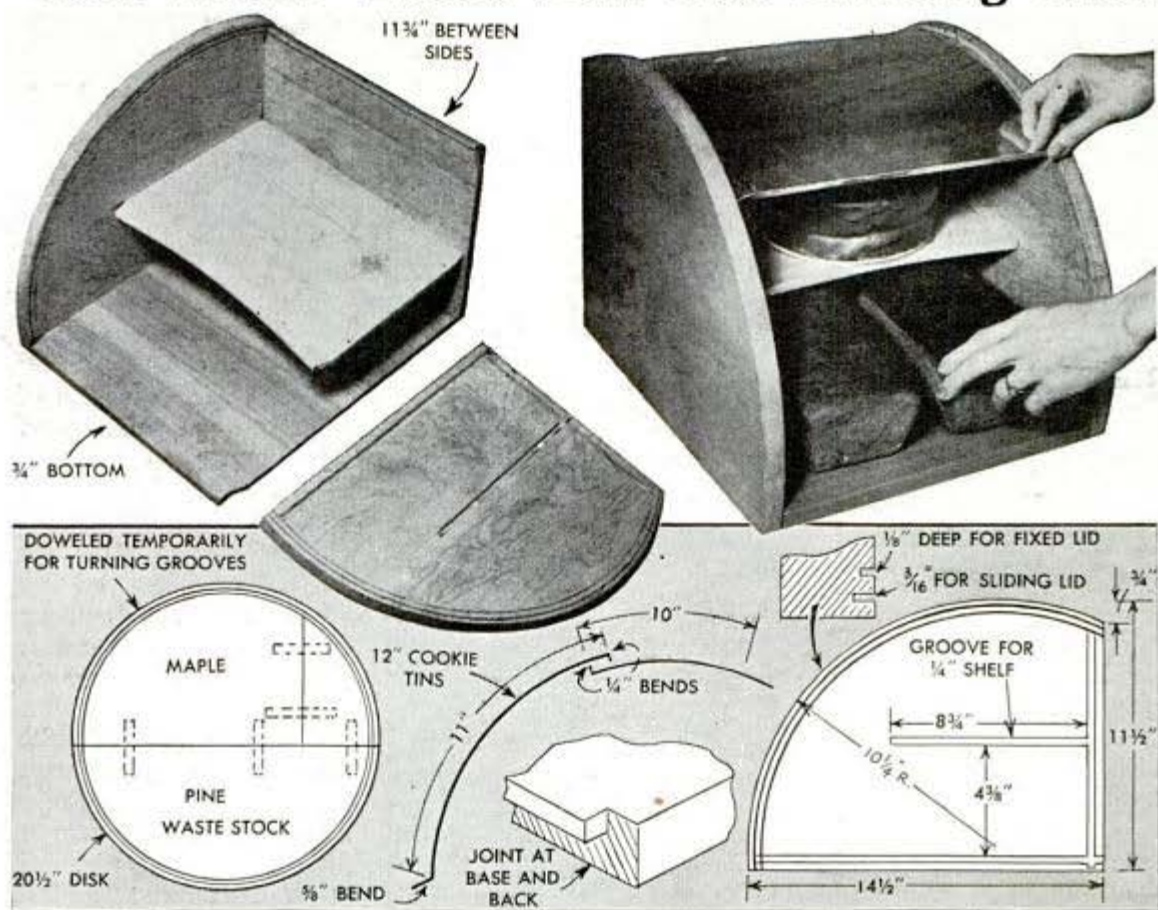
Cutting a large quantity of cloth into pennant-shaped pieces for printing advertising banners was a slow and costly process for one workman who was using a pair of scissors for the purpose. To speed up the job, he cut a strip of sandpaper and glued it onto a ruler. This was then used as a straightedge to guide a razor blade in cutting the cloth quickly and with little effort.

## Keeping a Drawer Knob Tight

If a drawer knob has a tendency to loosen, it can be kept tight by slipping a washer formed of steel wool over the bolt between the knob and the drawer front. When the knob is tightened against the wool, it will provide enough friction and tension to keep the knob from turning and loosening.



# "Roll Front" Bread Box Has Dividing Shelf



Here is a bread box that may be placed on a shelf or fastened directly to a wall. Its unusual construction makes it an interesting lathe-and-saw project. Maple is the best wood to use, with birch as a second choice. A side for the box is made by doweling the stock to pieces of scrap pine as shown, then roughly sawing the assembly to a circular shape, and finally mounting it in the lathe to turn the groove for the two-part metal cover. This produces a right-hand side. To obtain a duplicate left-hand or facing side requires reversing the second disk on the faceplate for grooving. A piece of hacksaw blade ground to a chisel edge will produce a suitable groove. The grooves for the bottom, back and shelf are made blind at the curved edge by stopping the dado cuts and finishing with a chisel. In fitting the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. shelf, leave an opening at the back so that crumbs may drop to the bottom and facilitate cleaning. A couple of cookie sheets, if available, can be utilized to form the top and sliding cover, or bright tin salvaged from a large can will do. By placing the metal on a thick cloth pad, a

common rolling pin, or other round object, will be found helpful in curving it to fit the grooves. A coat or two of shellac, applied inside and out, will make it possible to clean the box by wiping it with a damp cloth without raising the grain.

## Flour Sacks Slipped Over Posts Make Quickly Removed Signs

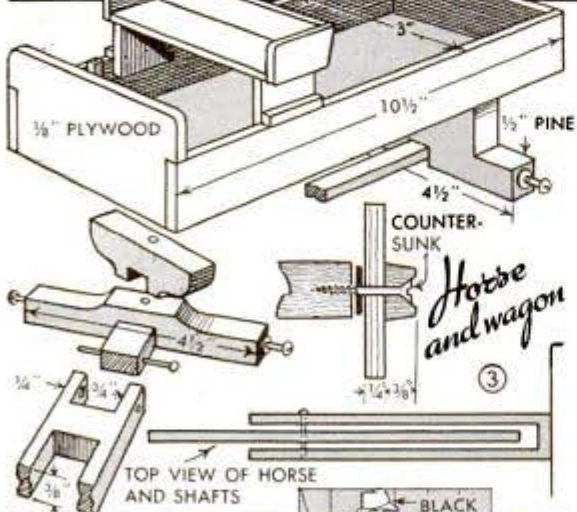
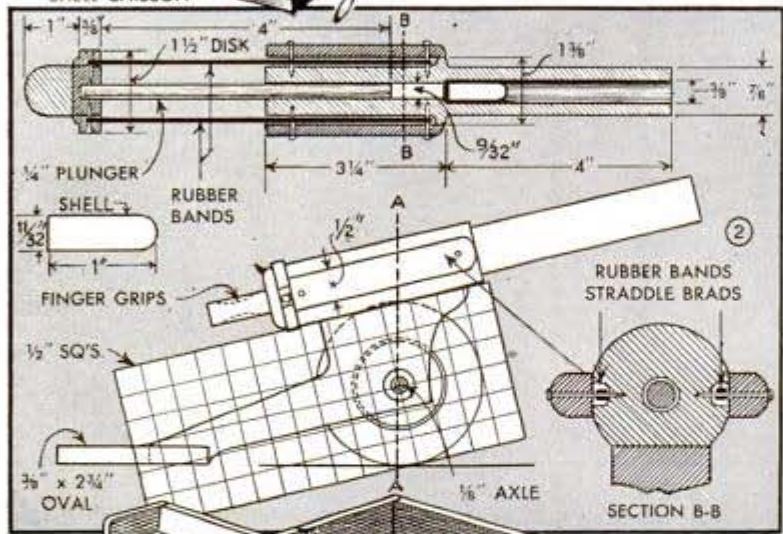
A cheap and efficient roadside sign that may be erected or removed in a moment can be made from a discarded flour sack. The lettering is painted on the sack after it is slipped over the top of a couple of small stakes driven into the ground at the desired location. The stakes should be spaced far enough apart so that the sack will be fully spread.



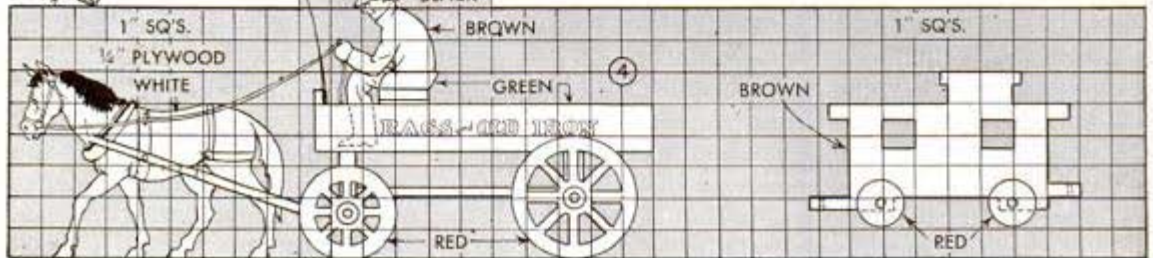
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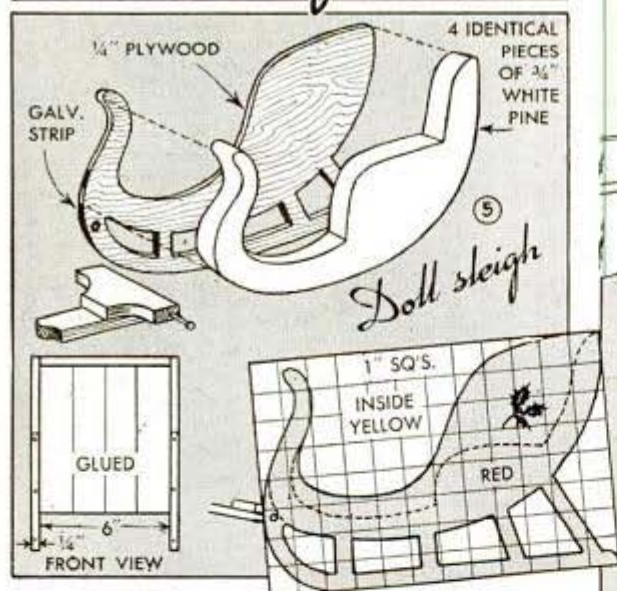
SCRAPS of wood, a few brads, screws, bits of tubing and paint are about all you need to make these interesting wooden toys. Any boy will feel like a real soldier when he knocks out the enemy with the howitzer shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The gun shoots a wooden projectile which has a rounded nose, so that it does little damage even in a direct hit. Rubber bands are attached to a plunger or firing pin and work in grooves along the side of the barrel where they straddle brads at the forward end that hold the imitation recoil cylinders in place. If drills available are not long enough for boring out the barrel, it can be made in two pieces, slotting each half through the center with a gouge, then smoothing and truing the bore with sandpaper wrapped on a dowel. When these operations are finished, the two pieces are glued together so that the two slots form a round hole through which the shell passes.



With the collection of scrap materials now so important, the junk collector's horse and wagon in Figs. 3 and 4 will be appropriate in teaching the children to gather these materials. It can be made



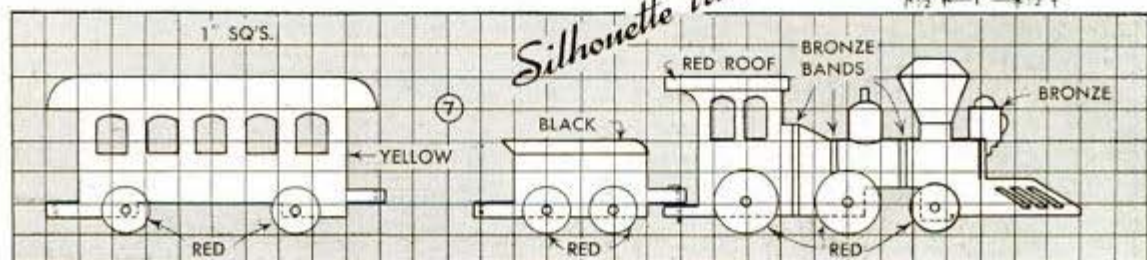
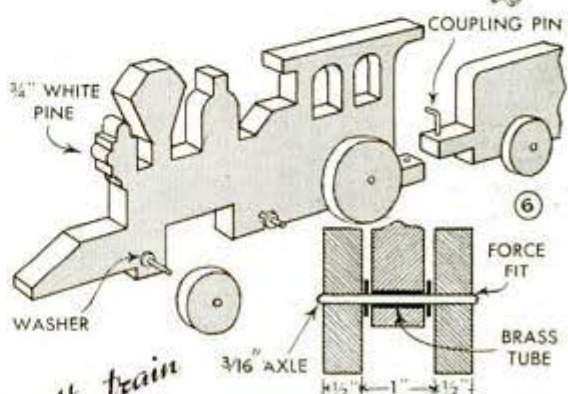
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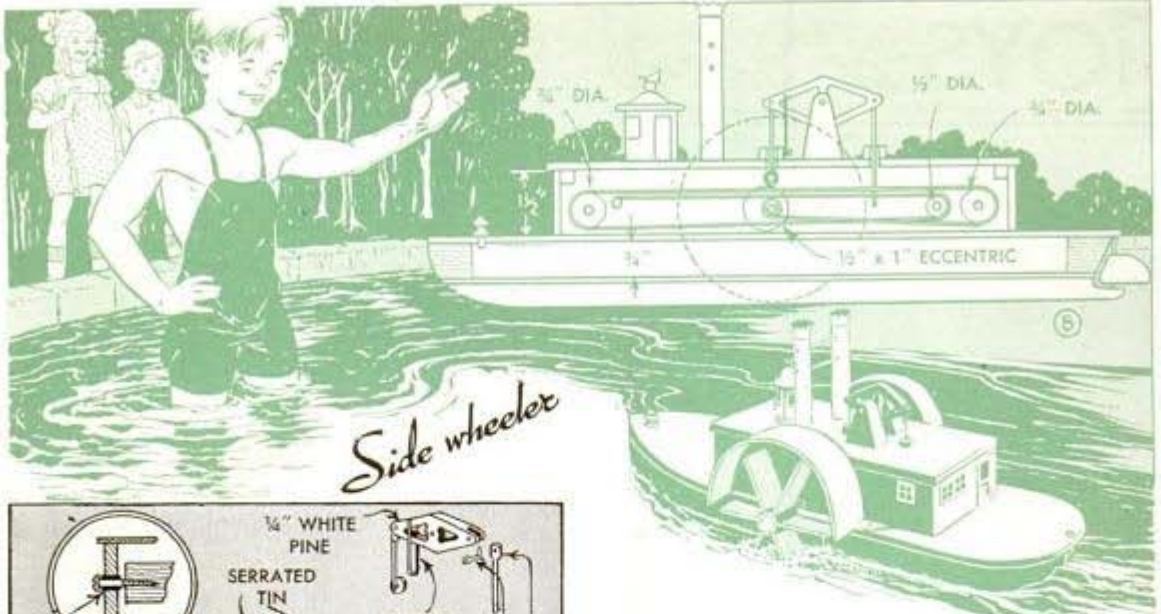


quite appealing to the eye as the toy lends itself to a lively color scheme as indicated.

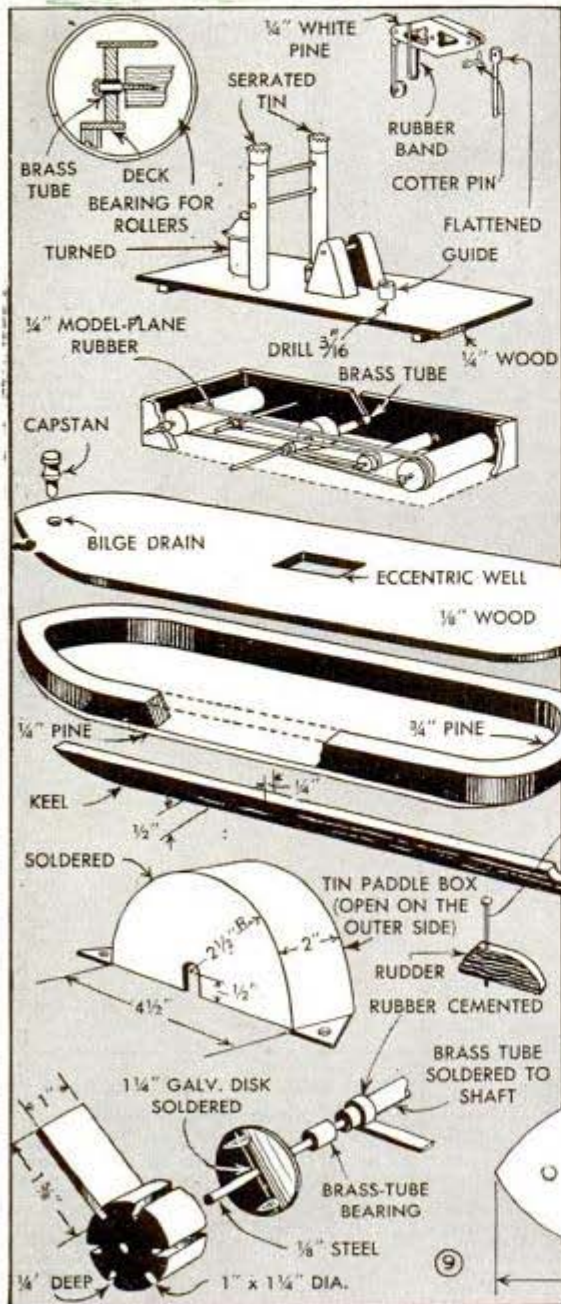
A doll sleigh like the one in Fig. 5 will thrill the young feminine members of your family. A coping or jigsaw will enable you to cut the six pieces that form the sleigh. Sides are complete with runners, and the seat, floor and dash are built up of four pieces, which are glued together. A tongue for pulling the sleigh is pivoted between the runners at the front end. If available, strips of thin metal can be used as shoes for the runners.

Designed after models of Civil-war time, the train in Figs. 6 and 7 will stand a lot of rough handling. Making it is a job for the jigsaw and by stacking your stock, you can cut out material for two or three trains at one time. Be sure to cut the wood so that the grain runs lengthwise of the train as this will help prevent parts from splitting off easily. By duplicating passenger cars, a long express train can be made. The wheels are best turned in a lathe, although you can make them with a saw and sand-



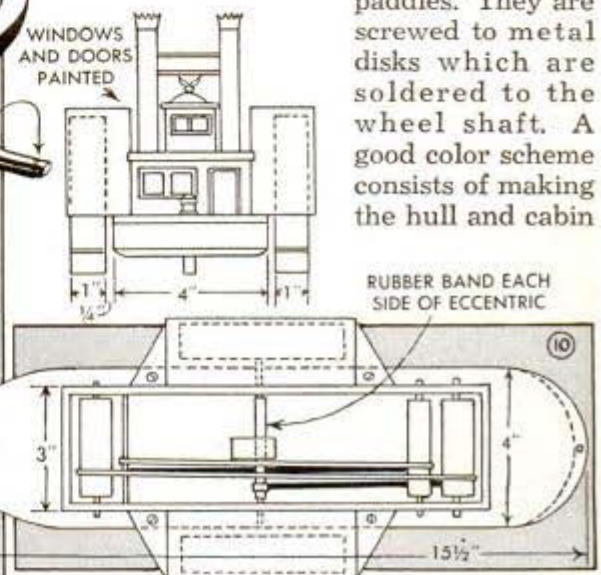


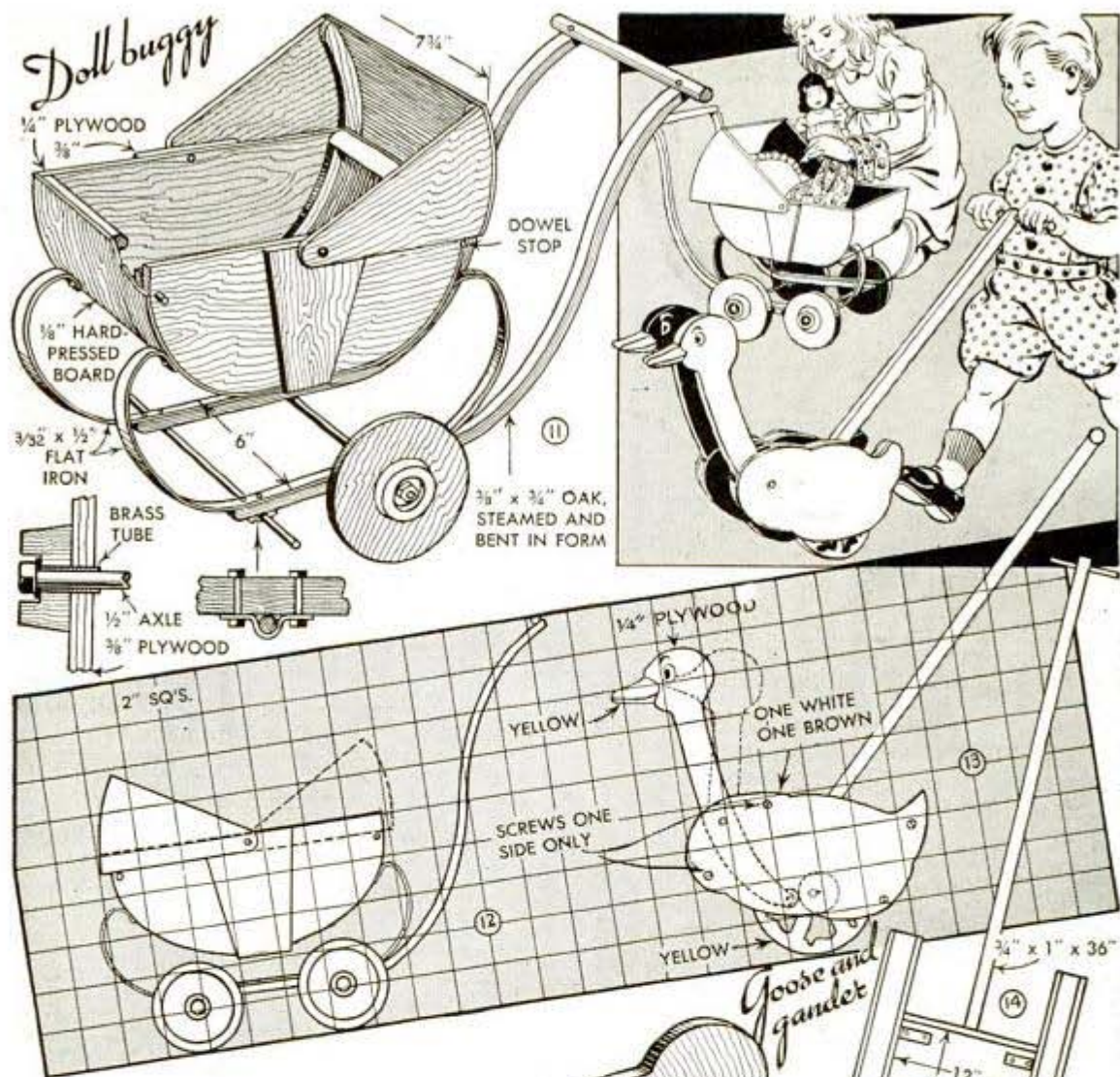
# Side wheeler



paper. They are fixed to an axle which passes through a tube in the car body to serve as a bearing. The simple couplings between cars can be manipulated by a very young child.

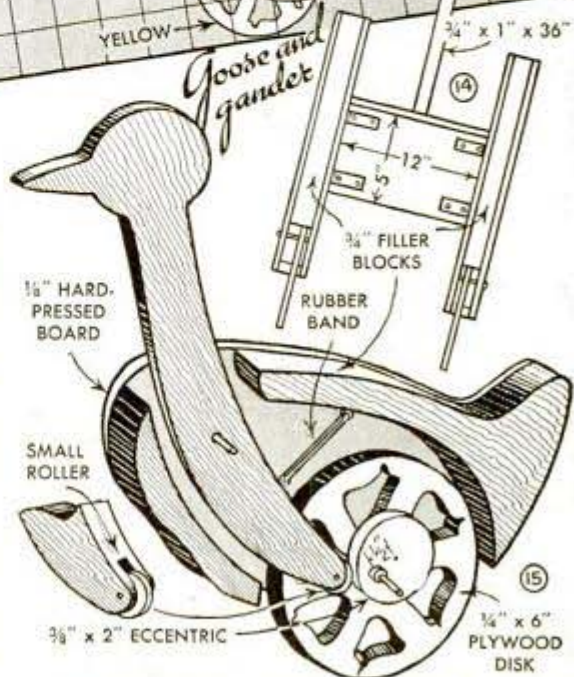
Figs. 8, 9 and 10 show a side-wheeler river boat that will delight the heart of the young sailor in your family. It is powered by rubber bands, which exert a direct pull on a drive shaft instead of being twisted as in a model airplane. The cutaway view shows how the bands are run over rollers to reduce friction and to get the maximum power to the drive shaft. For lightness, the central section of the hull is sawed out, and a deck and bottom of thin material are glued on. Paddle-wheel hubs are wood turnings slotted to take the paddles. They are screwed to metal disks which are soldered to the wheel shaft. A good color scheme consists of making the hull and cabin





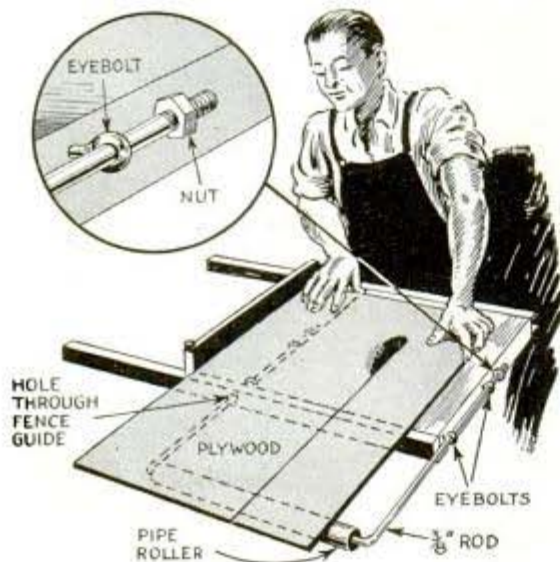
white with red below the water line and on the rudder, paddle boxes and walking beam. If the deck is varnished in natural wood with the top of the cabin painted gray, and the smokestacks black with bronze on the fluted tops, you will have a pleasing combination.

Designed along the lines of an English perambulator, the doll carriage in Figs. 11 and 12 can be made almost any size desired by enlarging the dimensions given. Wooden wheels are shown, but some taken from a discarded scooter or other toy can be used. The springs are shaped from light flat iron and the handles are steamed and bent to shape over a wooden form. The entire job can be made of plywood or hard-pressed board if a wood framework is made heavy enough to receive small screws. Note that the hubs are counterbored so that the projecting axles or nuts cannot damage furniture or woodwork in the home.



When pushed along a sidewalk or over a floor, the pair of geese in Figs. 13, 14 and 15 move their heads back and forth in a realistic manner, while bright yellow legs keep stepping along briskly. The latter are circular to avoid a bumping motion.

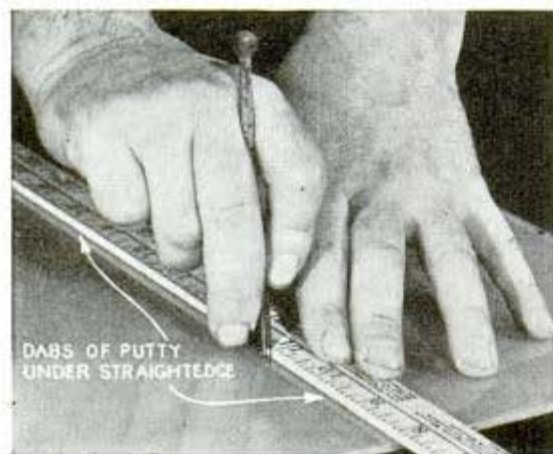
## Extension on Saw Table to Rip Large Plywood Panels



The difficulty of supporting a large piece of work on the table of a small circular saw can be overcome by using this simple table extension. It consists of a length of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. rod bent to a wide U-shape and fitted with a pipe roller at the closed end. Eye bolts at opposite edges of the table provide guides in which to slide the extension in or out to reduce or increase its length.—Robert Clark, Chicago.

## Ruler Anchored by Dabs of Putty When Cutting Glass Panes

After trying several methods to keep a ruler or straightedge from slipping while cutting panes of glass, one glazier found



that the simplest one for all practical purposes is to use dabs of putty. A very small piece placed at either end will provide all

the friction necessary to keep the ruler in place while operating the cutter.

—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

## Make Your Own Rubber Belts To Drive Models

Inability to purchase small rubber belts for toys and models led one hobbyist to make his own by the following method: First, a belt core is made



by wrapping several turns of string or thread over the pulleys to be belted, tying the ends together with silk thread at different locations to avoid producing a large knot. Then the core is dipped into a thick paste of plastic rubber putty such as is sold for mending shoes, thinning the putty with benzol to make a semi-liquid paste.

—Roger Dunwell, Freeport, Ill.

## Drawing Board Bottle Holder

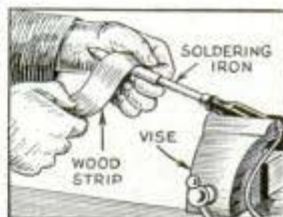


A simple holder for an ink bottle on your drawing board can be made in a jiffy by bending a short length of wire to the shape shown. It is

inserted into a hole drilled near one of the upper corners of the board. The looped wire fits over the neck of the bottle to hold it in place.

## Soldering Iron Helps in Bending Thin Strips of Wood

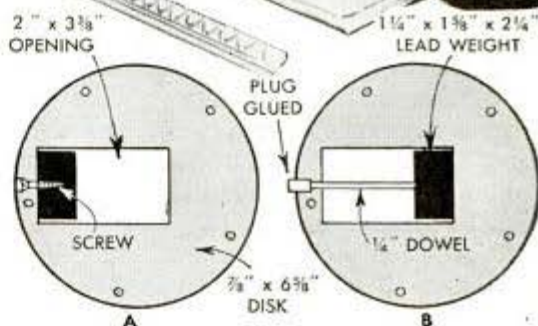
Modelmakers and others who often have thin pieces of wood to bend can adapt the method used by a violin maker for shaping thin wood.



A heavy-duty soldering iron, clamped in a vise, provides heat for bending. The wood strips are moved back and forth over the element part of the iron, gradually exerting downward pressure on the work until it takes the desired shape.



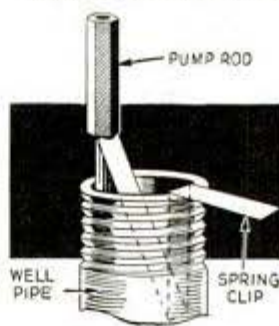
# Weighted Wood Rollers Make Novel Bookends



These bookends look like they would roll off a table, but a counterbalancing weight cleverly concealed in each one prevents this and causes the rollers to exert a strong push against the books to keep them in position. It is necessary, of course, to place the weighted portion next to the books. For each roller, four wooden disks are turned to the dimensions given, after which compartments for the weights are jigsawed in the two inner ones. Each compartment should be large enough to take a 2-lb. weight, lead if available, and permit the weight to slide freely. The latter is secured temporarily in the center of the inside disks with a dowel as at B to facilitate sanding and finishing of the bookends in the lathe. After assembling the roller, a chuck is made from a disk 9 in. in diameter and 2 in. thick by turning a recess in it large enough to take the assembly, yet fitting snugly enough to hold it for turning the edges uniformly, and for sanding and shellacking. One side of the roller is finished, after which it is reversed and the remaining side sanded. Now, the plug that holds the dowel is bored out and the dowel is removed, allowing the weight to slide

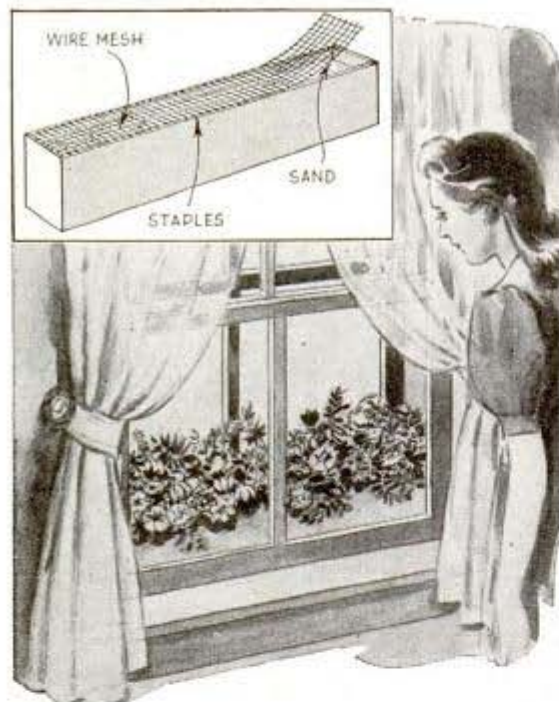
toward the outer surface where it is secured by a screw as at A. This is counter-sunk and hidden by a plug, which is sanded down and finished to match the roller.

## Spring Clip Holds Pump Rods



When a well pump has to be pulled for repairing the cylinder, one mechanic uses spring clips to keep the pump rods in place as the pipe lengths are taken apart. Each clip is bent to the shape shown and placed in the pipe with one end under the pump-rod coupling.

## Winter Garden Between Window And Storm Sash



To brighten your windows during the winter months, you can have "flower gardens" between the storm sash and windows. Dried blossoms, berries, seed pods, grasses and sprays of silvery leaves will remain intact throughout the season and, unlike green plants, need no attention. To install a garden, make a box 6 or 8 in. high to fit between the window and sash. Paint it, fill it with sand and then fasten coarse wire mesh on top. Run the flower stems through the wire and into the sand to keep them in a vertical position. Many attractive compositions may be worked out.

—Bess Livings, Batavia, Ill.

## Duck Call From Jar Cover

I have had excellent results in hunting ducks by using a call consisting of an ordinary fruit-jar cover and a bolt. In use, the

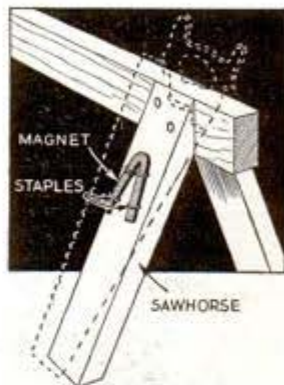


threaded portion of the bolt is moved back and forth over the edge of the lid as shown in the photo, keeping the lid cupped in your palm to amplify the sound. With a little practice, you will be surprised how closely you can imitate a duck call.

—Wm. Guschl, Milwaukee, Wis.

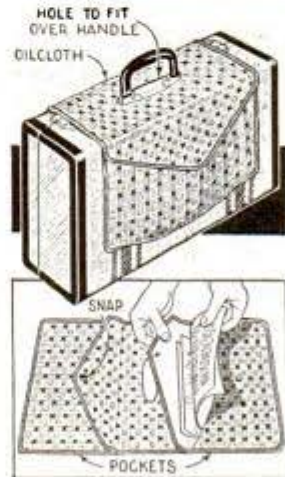
## Magnet Holds Saw on Sawhorse

Stapled to one leg of sawhorse as indicated, a large magnet taken from an old discarded magneto keeps the saw conveniently at hand. Instead of leaning the saw against a sawhorse as is often done when not in use, it is leaned against the leg on which the magnet is attached, the latter keeping it from being knocked down accidentally.



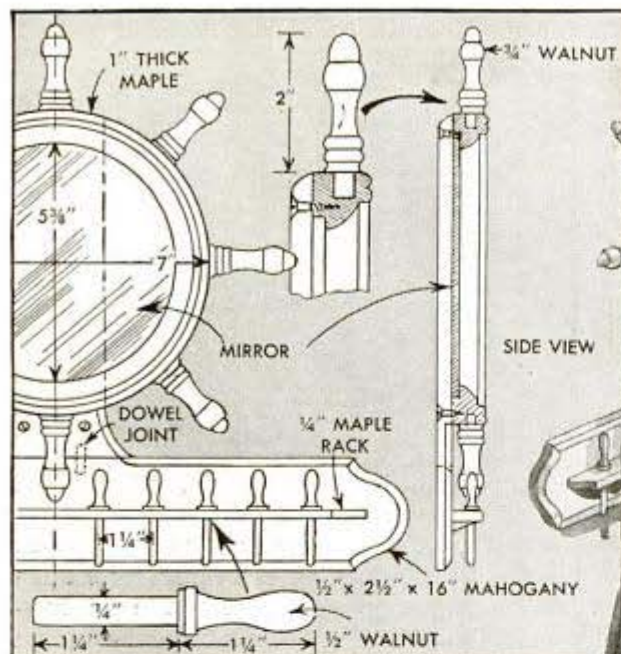
## Oilcloth Saddlebags on Suitcase Provide Extra Carrying Space

After packing his suitcase with clothing for a few days' vacation, one college student found that there was no room for stationery and other articles he wished to take. He solved the problem by making saddlebags from a piece of oilcloth. These were cut to hang over the sides of the suitcase, a hole being made in the center section to slip over the handle and prevent slipping. All edges were taped and the pockets were fitted with snaps.



☛ If you are setting out hardy chrysanthemums this fall remember that they prefer a rich, well-drained garden soil. To have the best of success with these plants they should have a pint of liquid manure or nitrate-of-soda solution each week after the buds are formed.

## Neckties Are "Belayed" to This Nautical Rack



Combining maple with walnut gives pleasing contrast to this novel tie rack. The backing piece to which the turned mirror frame and the belaying-pin rack are attached, can be shaped from a single piece of plywood, or two pieces of solid stock doweled together as indicated. Turning the rabbet in the back of the mirror frame will require the work to be chucked, after shaping and beading the front. Such a chuck consists of a scrap block recessed on the lathe to permit the frame to be pressed snugly into it. A disk of cardboard placed behind the mirror glass when fastening the

frame to the backing piece, will protect the silver. Finish the rack natural by first filling the grain of the walnut parts, then shellacking the complete job and finally applying a coat or two of wax or varnish. —Chas. Lincoln, Jr., Morehead City, N. C.

## Spiral Pins Hold Tidy Sets on Your Upholstered Furniture



Fastening a tidy securely to an upholstered chair is no problem if you use a pin that has been bent spirally so that it can be turned into the fabric. Pins with colored heads add a decorative effect; and a pair of pliers is used to bend the pin around a nail, thus making a coil, as indicated in the detail. The turns of the spiral part of the pin can be stretched to space them as desired after the pin has been bent to shape. —Opie Read, Jr., Chicago.

☐ Examine the carving carefully when you buy carved-mahogany furniture. Smoothly finished carving, clean cut and fine in detail is a sign of careful workmanship and superior furniture.

# KEEPING YOUR



Simple typewriter upkeep so your old machine will do during suspension of production. Tells importance of cleaning, where to lubricate, ways to save the vital platen and other parts; also, how minor repairs are made to keep the machine in tip-top working order

**Y**OUR typewriter can be made to last for a long time if you will give it some regular attention to keep it clean and in serviceable condition. Dust is an abrasive that will increase the wear at all moving points besides clogging narrow passages and making the moving parts work harder and slower or causing them to stick. If the typewriter is in constant use, a daily brushing as in Fig. 5 is advisable to avoid this trouble. Be sure to remove the accumulation of dirt from erasures, which falls on the keys and gets into the working parts. A narrow bottle-cleaning brush is handy for this purpose. A more thorough cleaning is recommended once a week. Then, in addition to the usual brushing, dirt and gum should be removed from between the type bars with a pipe-stem cleaner as in Fig. 2. Dirt from the type faces can be lifted out by type



as a bellows, holding a small cardboard or metal tube in the gathered mouth of the bag to concentrate and direct the stream of air. When the typewriter is not in use, the cover always should be replaced as in Fig. 4.

Old age will cause a rubber platen shell to become smooth, but it also may be glazed due to an accumulation of gum and dirt. Carbon tetrachloride or ordinary rubbing alcohol applied with a soft cloth will re-

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move dirt and fine sandpaper will roughen a platen, when the rubber is hard and smooth. Sometimes a platen shell becomes loose on the core, which is generally made of wood. This can be cured by driving a short, headless brad through the shell and into the wood, as in Fig. 1. Do this near the end of the roll where it will not interfere with typing. Aged and hardened platens quickly wear both ribbons and type faces. To preserve a platen, make it a practice to use an extra sheet of paper underneath the typing paper.

Slipping of paper may be due to the habit of repeatedly jerking the paper from the machine, which wears the rollers and platen smooth. Another cause is lack of lubrication of the feed rollers—the small rubber rollers under the platen. Apply a little nongumming oil to the end bearings, being careful not to let it get on the rubber as oil will rot it. A good applicator is a pipe-stem cleaner used as in Fig. 9. Lubricate the platen bearings, the ribbon advance ratchet and other points where wear can be expected.

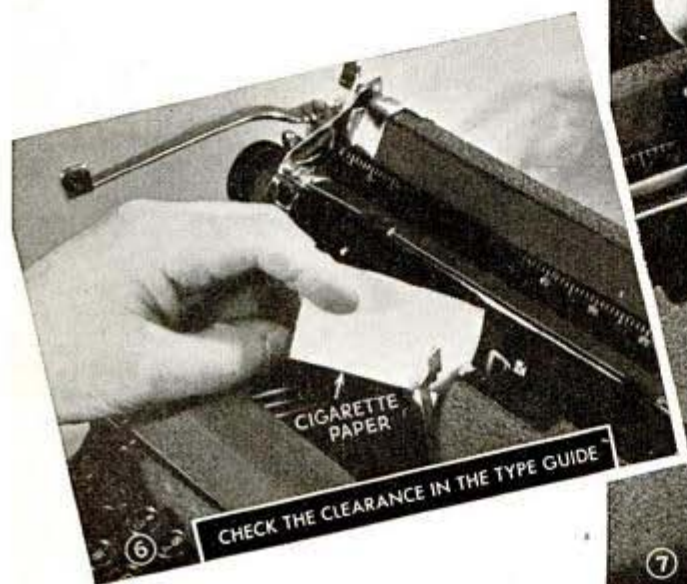
When two keys are struck at one time, the type bars jam in the guide. If this is repeated frequently the bars may be bent so that the type faces will be out of align-



ALWAYS REPLACE THE COVER



USE BOTTLE BRUSH FOR HARD-TO-REACH PLACES



CIGARETTE PAPER  
CHECK THE CLEARANCE IN THE TYPE GUIDE



BE CAREFUL IN ALIGNING BENT TYPE BARS



ment. To check if the type crowds over toward either side of the guide, hold a piece of cigarette paper in place as shown in Fig. 6; the type should just clear it on each side. If the type has been bent sideways it will be necessary to bend it back carefully, using two pairs of pliers as in Fig. 7. However, unless you are a fairly good mechanic, it would be best to have troubles of this nature remedied by a trained typewriter repairman. This is particularly true if some of the letters are out of line vertically, as a special tool is required to correct this condition.

Check to make sure that the ribbon

moves at each stroke of a key, as a new ribbon can be ruined quickly if this is not the case. The ribbon-forwarding mechanism is operated by means of a small ratchet as indicated in Fig. 10. If it does not operate, it may be bent slightly. Adjust it with a pair of long-nose pliers until satisfactory operation is obtained. The newer typewriters are provided with key-tension control—"touch control"; if your machine does not have this, and if the tension is too loose or too tight, look underneath the machine for adjusting screws. There is usually one for each type bar. Each one must be loosened or tightened exactly the same as the others in order to maintain evenness of touch.

When the rubber feet of a typewriter become hard and smooth, and you cannot replace them, it may be advisable to cut disks from composition stick-on shoe soles and cement them over the smooth feet as shown in Fig. 8.

## Dustpan Provides Handy Holder For Paint Cans and Brushes

You won't have to worry about spilling paint or varnish on the rug or floor when touching up woodwork, if a holder of the type shown is used. It consists of an old dustpan to which are soldered two can lids that the paint cans are placed in to prevent them from slipping. Also, the surface of the pan provides plenty of space to lay brushes when not in use and the handle makes it a simple matter to pick up the paint and brushes and carry them safely from one room to another.



## Bucket Bail Holds Mop Handle



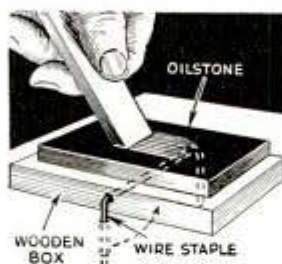
It is a simple matter to keep your mop handle in a vertical position in a scrub bucket when the mop is not in use if the bail is bent in the center as indicated. Bending the bail permits it

to be lowered with the mop handle between it and the side of the bucket.

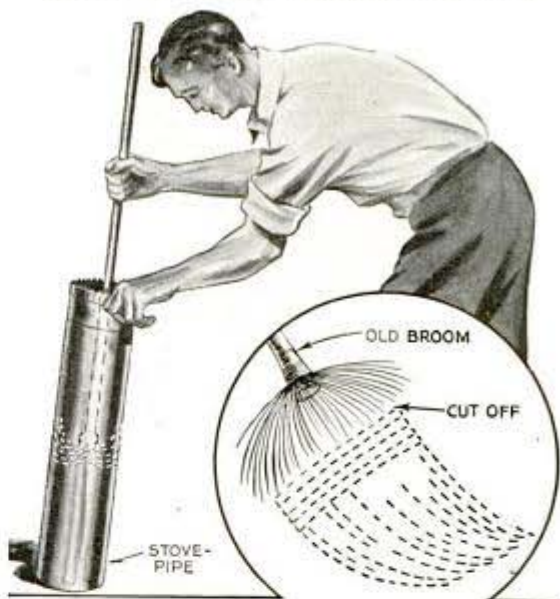
## Oilstone Is Held in Position By Wide Staple

You can have both hands free to hold a tool while sharpening it on an oilstone if you provide the stone with a wide wire staple inserted through the base.

When using the stone, the legs of the staple are inserted in small holes drilled the proper distance apart in your bench top.

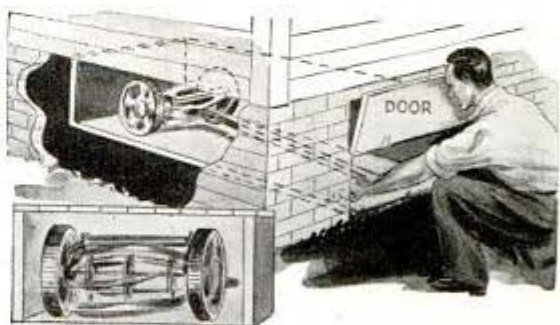


## Old Broom Cut Off at Binding Makes Good Stovepipe Brush



When you have some stovepipe to clean, just take an old broom and cut it off above the binding so that the straws can spread. The remaining part of the broom can be used as a swab to remove the soot.

## Lawnmower Stored Under Floor Removed From Outside House



Instead of taking my lawnmower up and down basement steps every time it was used, I rigged up the storage arrangement shown. This was done by boxing-in between the floor joists and then cutting an opening in the foundation directly in front of the box so that the mower could be put in or removed from outside.

—Roy O. Nupp, Cleveland, Ohio.

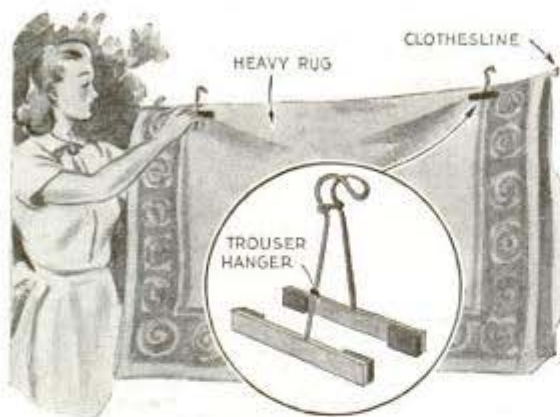
## Sticking of Wringer Rollers Avoided With Cardboard

Just before you stop the washing machine, cut a piece of cardboard to a length approximating that of the wringer rollers and run it between them as indicated. This will prevent the rollers from sticking. This precaution is especially helpful if the machine must stand idle for some time. Also, don't forget to release the pressure on the rollers.—W. C. Lammey, Sandwich, Ill.



Remove grease and grime from mahogany furniture with a cloth wrung out in lukewarm water to which a little pure soap has been added. Dry with a soft cloth, wiping lightly with the grain of the wood.

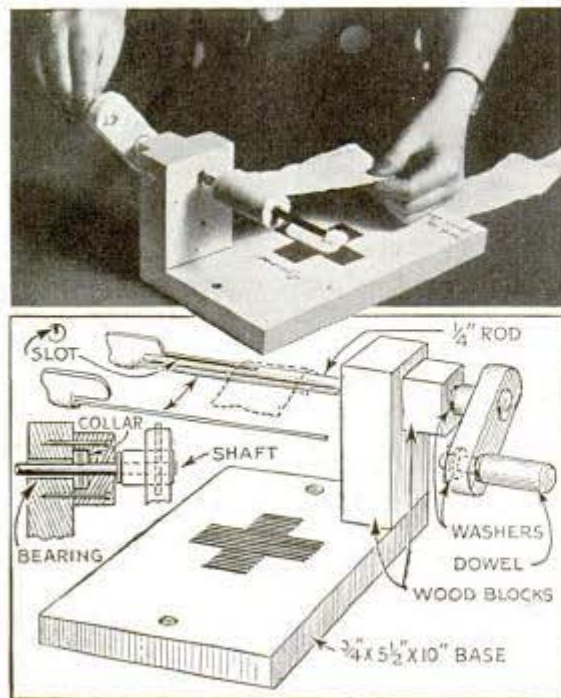
## Heavy Rugs Held on Clothesline By Two Trouser Hangers



If you have found common clothespins too small for holding heavy rugs on the clothesline, try a couple of trouser hangers of the type shown. These not only hold the rug securely, but the felt pads with which they generally are provided eliminate the usual marks made on the pile by tight-fitting clothespins.

## Simple Winder Speeds Production Of Bandages by Red Cross

A simple bandage winder used by a California Chapter of the Red Cross has enabled four women to do the work of twelve in less than half the time. Made from scrap parts, it is assembled quickly by first attaching a supporting upright to the base.



This is then drilled to receive a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. spindle which is slotted and fitted with a handle as shown. Note that the spacer block between the handle and support is counter-bored to receive a pinned collar that must be in place before the block is attached permanently. Although this is a neat way of keeping the spindle from sliding from one side to the other, a washer and pin on the opposite side of the support would also serve the same purpose.

—A. C. Morden, Azusa, Calif.

## Short Dowel in Flower Frog To Lift It From Bowl

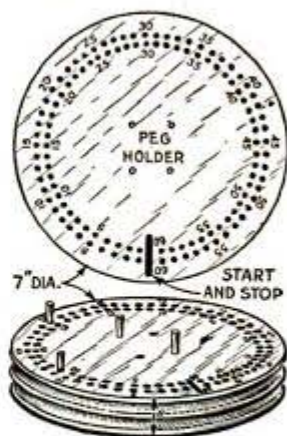
When cut flowers are displayed in a frog, the entire assembly can be lifted easily without disarranging the flowers when you wish to change the water or clean the bowl, by providing the frog with a handle. This can be made by driving a length of wood dowel tightly into a hole in the center of the frog. The dowel can be painted green or stained green to make it inconspicuous among the leaves and stems of the flowers.



## Round Cribbage Board Stored In Small Space

Here's a novel cribbage board that is easy to read, and every fifth hole is numbered to help avoid errors when totaling the points. It can be made any thickness or diameter desired, and makes a very attractive board when inlaid. There are two rings of 60 holes each near the outer edge to mark scores, and four holes in the center to serve as peg holders. Felt is glued to the bottom of the board to protect the varnished surface of the table.

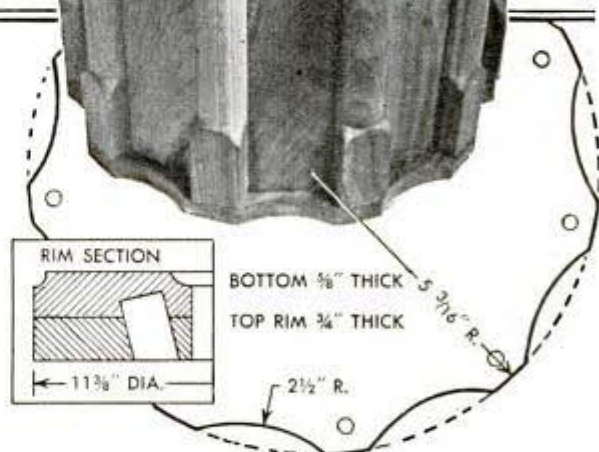
—J. O. Devau, Derby Line, Vt.







THE long neglected wastebasket comes into its own in this well-designed style, which makes it a thing of beauty as well as utility. Furthermore, it can be made of material to match the room furnishings, thus giving the basket the appearance of a piece of furniture instead of just a container to receive waste paper. It is composed of ten turnings, ten thin panels which fit into grooves dadoed into the sides of the turnings at an angle of  $73^\circ$ , a ring for the top and a scalloped disk for the bottom. When forming the turnings, the stock is mounted slightly off center. This results in each turning having one flat side, which is placed on the inside of the basket so that the inner surfaces of the turnings carry out the flat appearance of the panels. Tenons formed on the ends of the turnings fit into holes bored in the top ring and bottom disk. The ring is strengthened by sawing it into four thin layers, which are glued together with the grain of alternate layers running in opposite directions. As the basket is assembled without nails or screws, be sure all joints fit snugly and are glued carefully.



RIM RESAWED AND PIECES GLUED BACK TO BACK AT RIGHT ANGLES

## Barrel Used as Pipe Holder On an Emergency Job

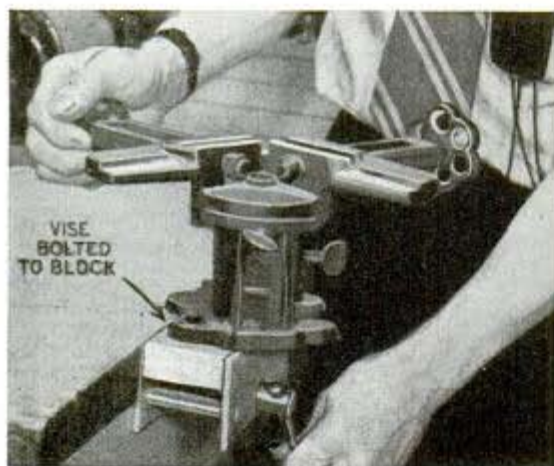


When I was called on an emergency plumbing job, I had some pipe to thread and no pipe vise was available for holding it. I solved the problem by laying the die stock across the top of an open barrel as shown. The pipe was inserted into the die and then was turned with a pipe wrench to thread it. Any barrel with one end removed will do for this purpose.

—Arthur Wentzell, Halifax, N. S., Can.

## Picture-Framing Vise Has Block To Clamp It in Bench Vise

An easy way to handle a picture-framing vise when it is not used often enough to warrant fastening it permanently to the workbench, is to bolt it to a wood block, such as a piece of 2 by 4-in. stock, which can be clamped in your bench vise. In this way, the framing vise can be held securely,

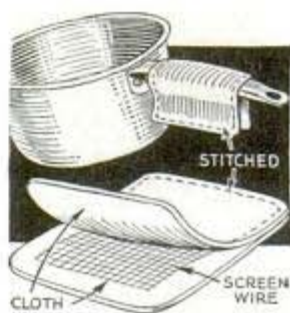


yet it can be set up or removed in a minute for storage, thus saving bench space.

—W. F. Messenger, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

## Wire Inside Cloth Pot Holder Shapes It to Handle

To make a cloth pot holder stay in place on the handle of a utensil where it would be convenient when needed, one lady stitched a square of screen wire between the cloth thicknesses of the pad. In this way, the wire will make the holder remain in the desired shape.



## Heel Improves L-Clamp Bolt



An L-clamp bolt used on a drill press and face-plate can be improved by the addition of a Y-shaped heel of the type shown. This helps prevent any tendency of the bolt to spring away from the work. The heel is an easy fit on the

bolt; the upper edge of the hole is chamfered.—Chas. H. Willey, Penacook, N. H.

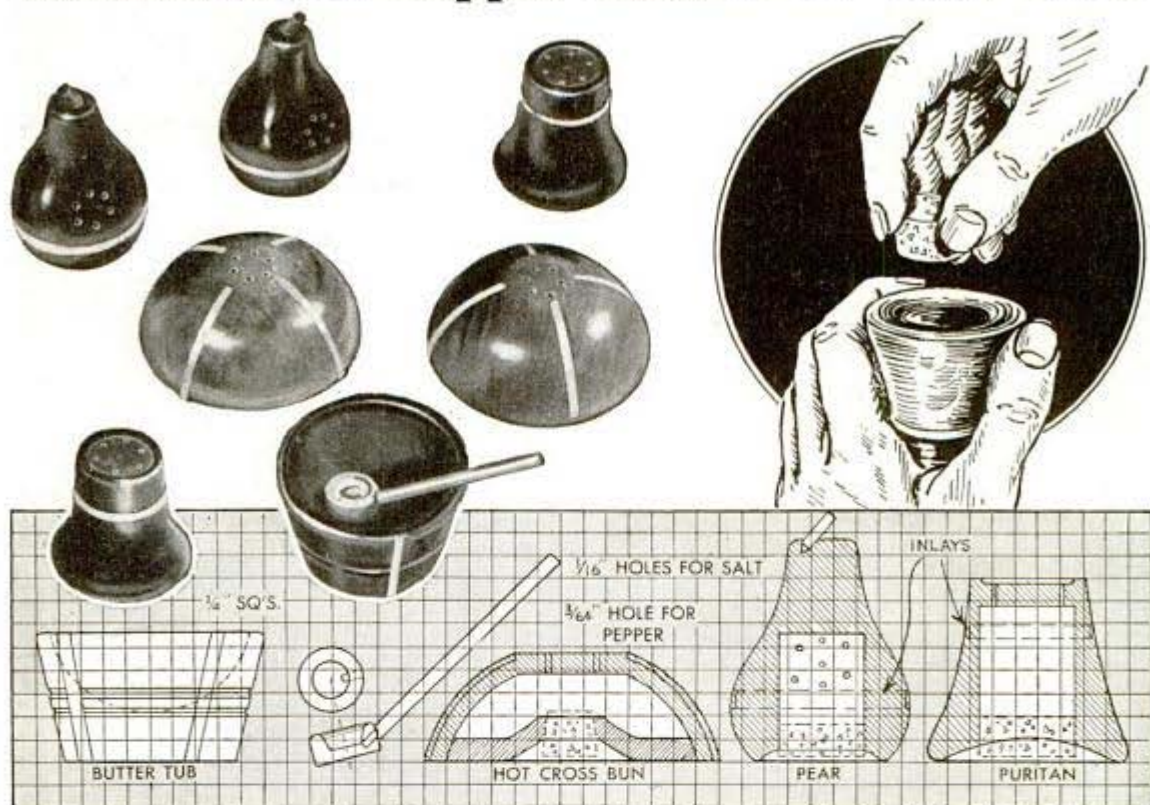
## Gum Removed From Clothing By Using an Ice Cube

While ice often is used to chill and harden chewing gum on clothing, it is impractical to use the ice on fabrics that may be stained by water. For such fabrics,

one cleaner places the ice in a tin cup and applies this to the gum. Care should be taken to wipe moisture from the cup before placing it on the garment. If moisture collects rapidly, place a sheet of wax paper between the cup and the gum.



## Novel Salt and Pepper Shakers for Your Table



Reminiscent of the charm and simplicity of early New England, these novel salt and pepper shakers can be turned from mahogany or other hardwood. Note that the pear set is complete even to the stems, and contrasting inlay strips provide a neat touch to all pieces. Sugar or salt can be kept in the "butter tub" and taken out with a little ladle, which is also detailed. Openings for cork stoppers in the shakers are tapered slightly to assure a tight fit, and

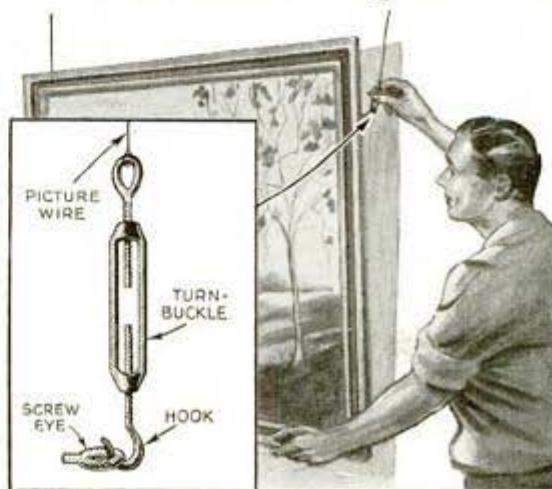
holes for salt and pepper can be drilled in S and P shapes for quick identification, if desired. Inlay grooves are made in most pieces when in the lathe, but those in the hot-cross bun and butter-tub designs are filed, chiseled or cut with a motorized hand tool. If the material is available, clear plastic can be used for the inlay strips, or the job can be simplified by filling the grooves with plastic wood.

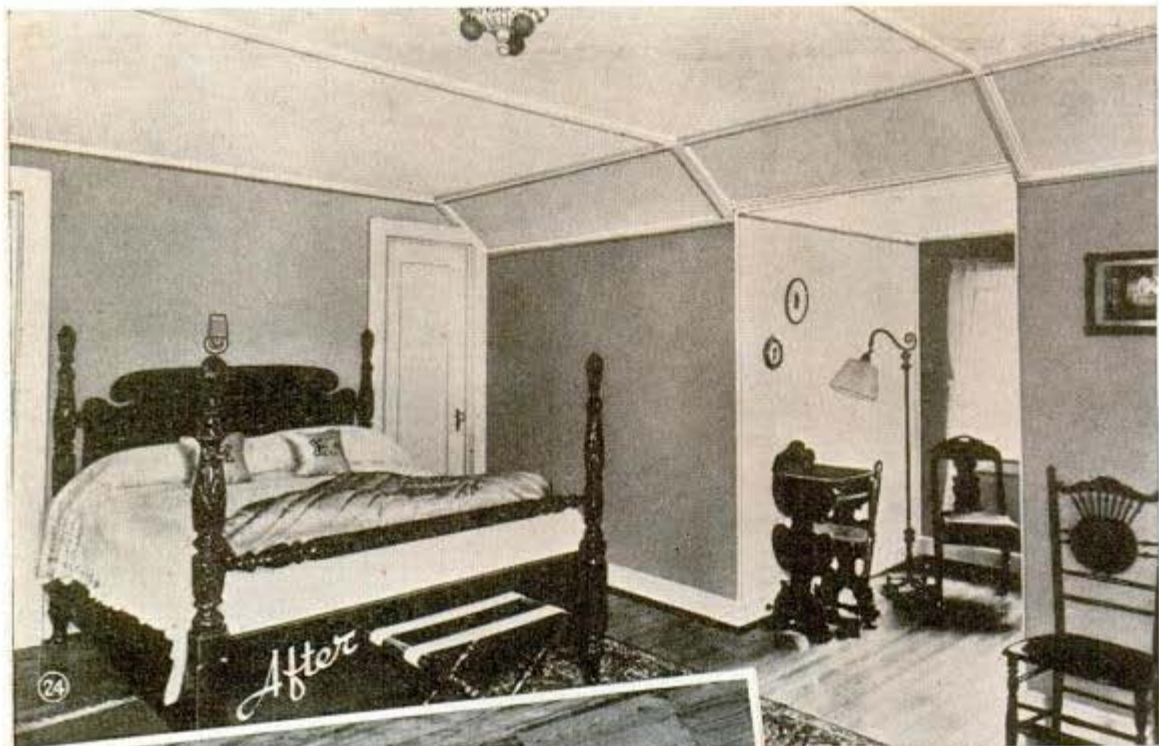
—Bruce MacIntosh, S. Braintree, Mass.

## Turnbuckles Provide Quick Method of Leveling Picture

When hanging large pictures from molding by means of two cords or wires, the trouble of getting them to hang level led one home owner to use small turnbuckles. One eye of each turnbuckle is opened to hook on a screw eye on the frame, and the picture wire is tied to the other eye. Adjusting the turnbuckles quickly levels the picture, and being directly behind the picture, they are almost concealed from view.

Women faced with the problem of wearing low shoes in high-heeled galoshes can solve it by having a shoemaker cut leather lifts to fit into the heels of the galoshes.

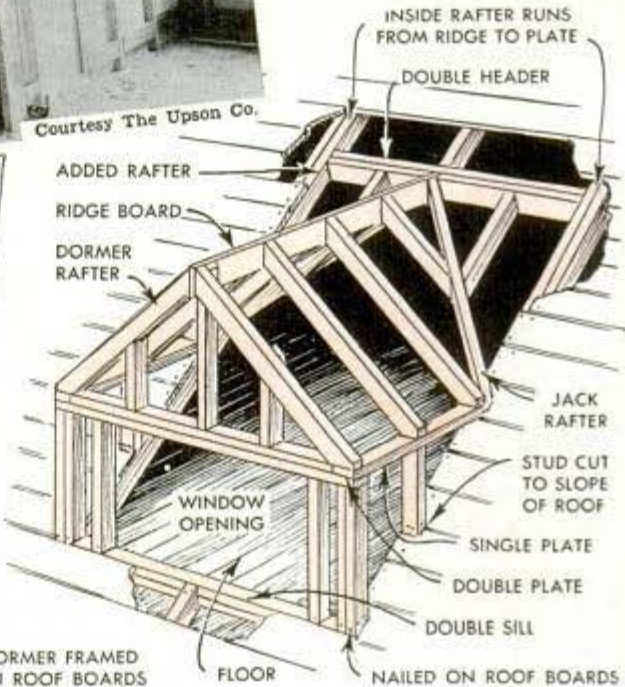
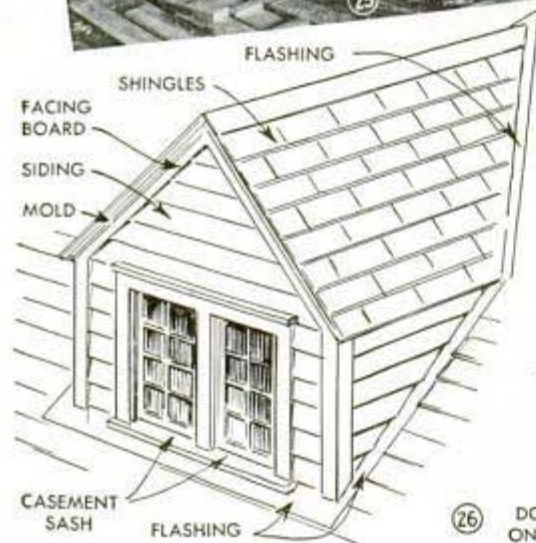




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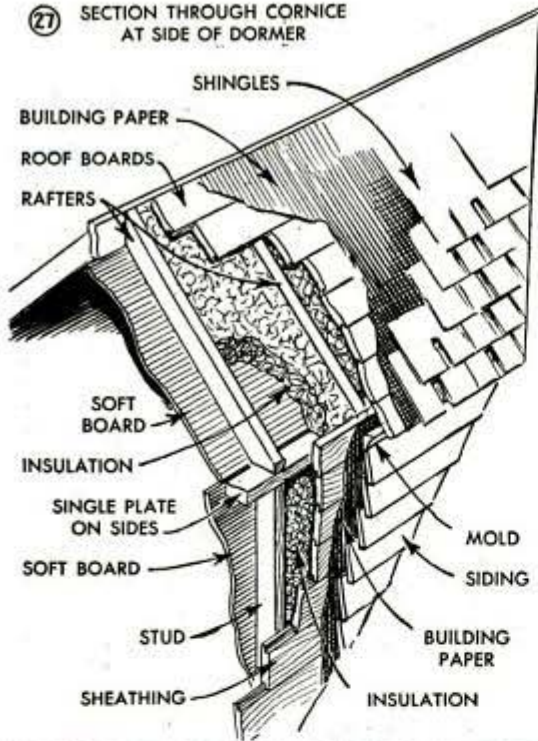
Bedrooms built in wasted attic space at relatively low cost relieve crowded quarters for large families and provide extra income for small families. In most cases only readily available materials are used, and the work can be done by any handyman

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26 DORMER FRAMED ON ROOF BOARDS

(27) SECTION THROUGH CORNICE AT SIDE OF DORMER



## ROOMS *in the* ATTIC

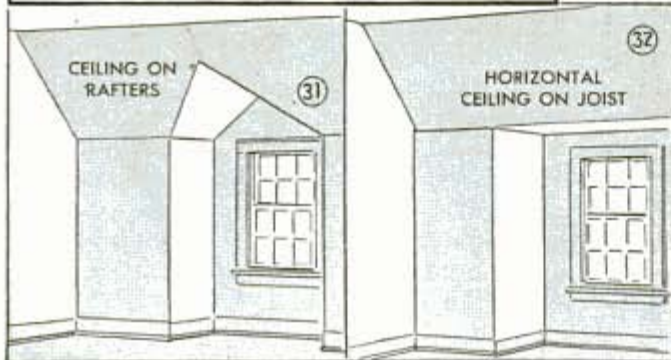
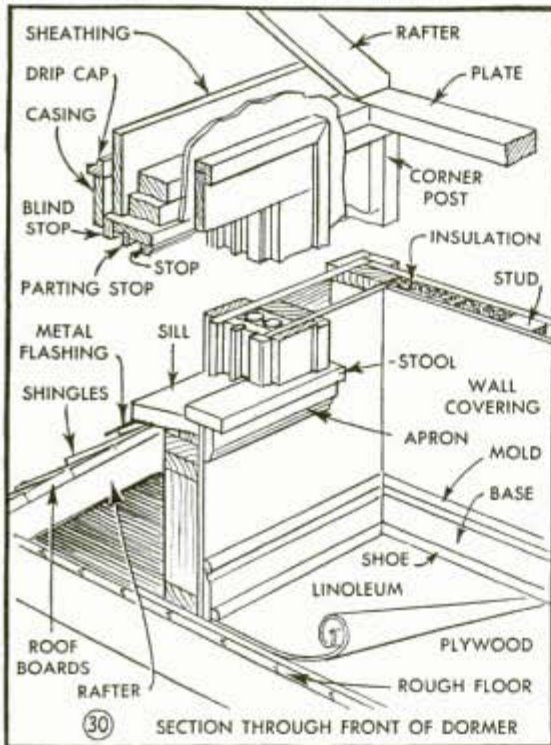
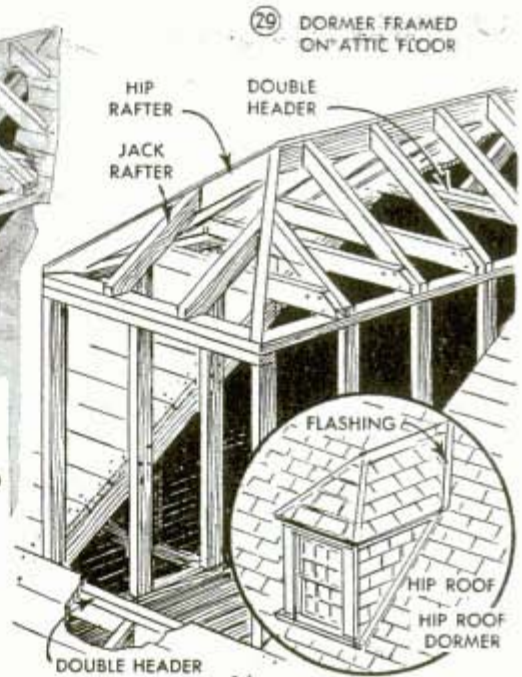
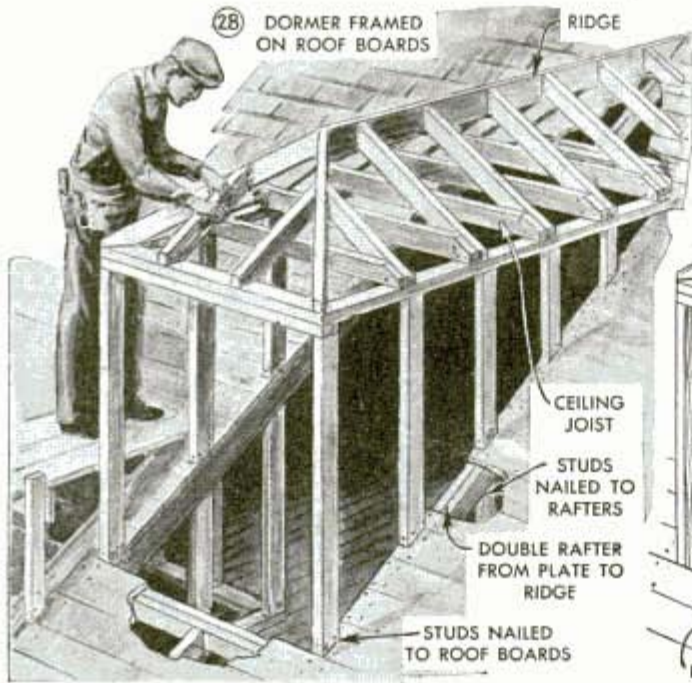
TO ASSURE adequate light and ventilation for spare rooms finished in an attic as described last month, often it is necessary to install dormers in the roof. Even when the house already has dormers, they may have to be enlarged to make the rooms livable. An example of what can be done in building a spacious attic room is shown in Fig. 24; the framing, before wall coverings were added, is shown in Fig. 25.

**Gable-roof dormers:** The addition of two or more dormers to a house is not difficult, and is only a relatively expensive job. They are of two general types, gable and shed roof. Gable dormers usually are only one or two windows wide, while shed-roof dormers, in effect, raise part of the roof and may be used to provide additional vertical wall space as well as several windows. The dormers should conform to the general style of the house, have similar eaves and window divisions and, if possible, the ridges should strike at least 1 ft. below the ridge of the main roof. Also, window sills should be at least 20 in. above the floor. Fig. 26 shows a common type of gable-roof dormer and the method of framing. It is general practice in remodeling to frame dormers right on the roof. Width of

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the dormer usually is determined by the location of the rafters which come down at the sides. These are doubled by spiking timbers of the same size from the plate to the ridge. After this has been done, a scaffold is erected to the eaves and the shingles are removed carefully from the roof over an area about 1 ft. wider than the proposed dormer. Then the roof boards are sawed out along the inside line of the doubled rafters.

Next, the corner posts, studs and plates are spiked into place on the roof boards, directly over the timbers, followed by the rafters and ridge. Note that the rafters under the dormer are sawed off and replaced by a double header at the top and bottom. Fig. 27 shows a section through the side of the finished dormer with the usual siding, paper and sheathing on the outside, insulation in the walls and ceiling, and one of the types of wallboards, in lieu of plaster, on the inside. A hip-roofed house should have dormer roofs to match as shown in Fig. 28. If the dormer is only a single window wide, double corner posts often are omitted and the studs set flat. Ceiling joists are optional, as explained later. The framing, except for the hip at



the front of the roof, is similar to the gable type in other respects. Fig. 29 shows an alternate method in which the dormer is framed inside the opening and spiked to the rafters.

**Shed-roof dormers:** These are simple to frame and generally are made large. They may be used on any house, especially at the back where they do not detract from an attractive roof line. Fig. 35 shows a typical four-window dormer. These dormers may be framed on the roof as previously described, but because they usually are large, most builders frame them inside, as in Fig. 34. In most cases they are high enough on the roof so that the dormer ceiling is on a level with the ceiling of the room as shown in Fig. 36. This is quite an advantage as it makes the area covered by the dormer actually part of the room. Fig. 37 shows a section of a typical shed-roof dormer framed with a plate and with the studs set on edge. This method is preferred by some builders, especially for large dormers. Also, setting the studs on edge provides more space for insulation. Fig. 30 shows a typical window section in a dormer, giving the relation between the rough framing, window frame, walls, floor, casing and baseboard. The ceiling of gable and hip-roof dormers may be finished directly on the underside of the rafters, Fig. 31, or may be

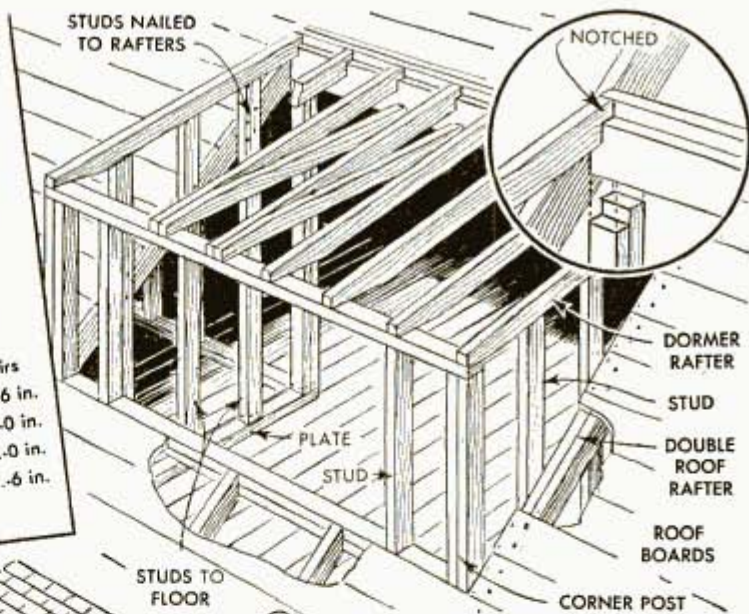
### 33 STOCK WINDOW SIZES

#### Two-light, check-rail type

Glass size	Opening size
20 x 24 in.	2 ft.-0 in. x 4 ft.-6 in.
24 x 24 in.	2 ft.-4 in. x 4 ft.-6 in.
24 x 26 in.	2 ft.-4 in. x 4 ft.-10 in.
26 x 26 in.	2 ft.-6 in. x 4 ft.-10 in.
28 x 26 in.	2 ft.-8 in. x 4 ft.-10 in.
28 x 28 in.	2 ft.-8 in. x 5 ft.-2 in.
30 x 28 in.	2 ft.-10 in. x 5 ft.-2 in.

#### Casement type

Average-size openings for sash in pairs	
2 ft.-8 in. x 2 ft.-6 in.	3 ft.-0 in. x 3 ft.-6 in.
2 ft.-8 in. x 3 ft.-0 in.	3 ft.-0 in. x 4 ft.-0 in.
2 ft.-8 in. x 3 ft.-6 in.	3 ft.-4 in. x 3 ft.-0 in.
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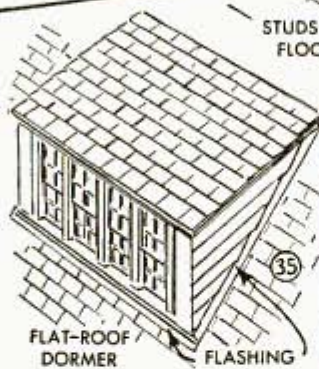
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dropped and made horizontal by means of ceiling furring, Fig. 32.

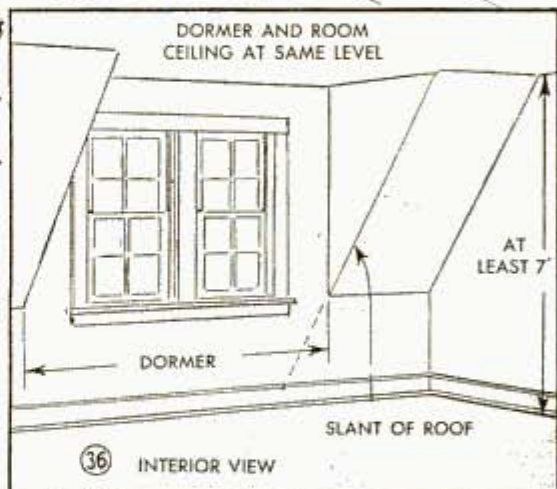
**Windows:** Two types of windows are in common use, the check-rail or two-sash type and the casement or hinged window.

Windows generally are listed by the size of the panes of glass and the number of panes in both sash. For example a 2L-20 by 24 window would have a single pane of 20 by 24-in. glass in each sash. The first dimension for the glass is the width, the second the height. Windows come in standard sizes based on the glass, which is cut in even inches. Both or only the upper sash may be divided vertically, or both may be divided vertically and horizontally by means of muntins or dividing bars. Two or more complete windows in a single frame are called mullion windows. Fig. 33 lists the stock sizes of windows that are most suitable for dormers. Because of variations in millwork practice, it is advisable to purchase the frames in advance and from them determine the size of the stud opening. Closets, storage cupboards, chests of drawers, book shelves, built-in beds, etc., can be worked in under the eaves and at the ends of dormers as in Fig. 39, and thus further increase the usable space.

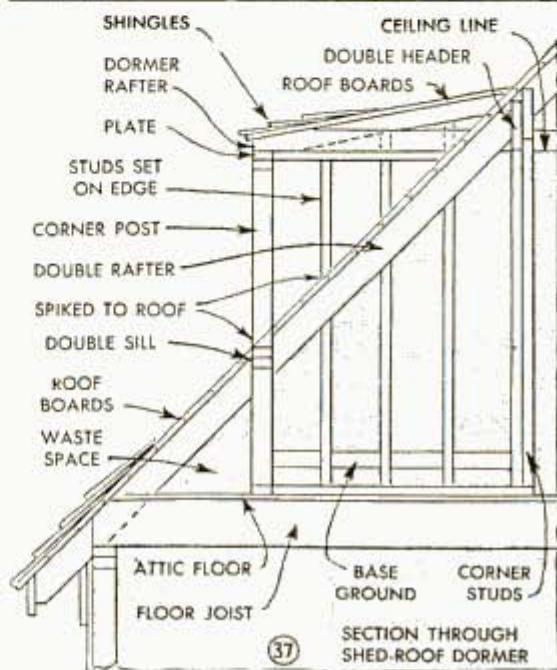
**Insulation:** Adequate insulation of the attic is essential for year-round utilization of attic space. Fig. 40 shows the two common methods of insulating an attic in which



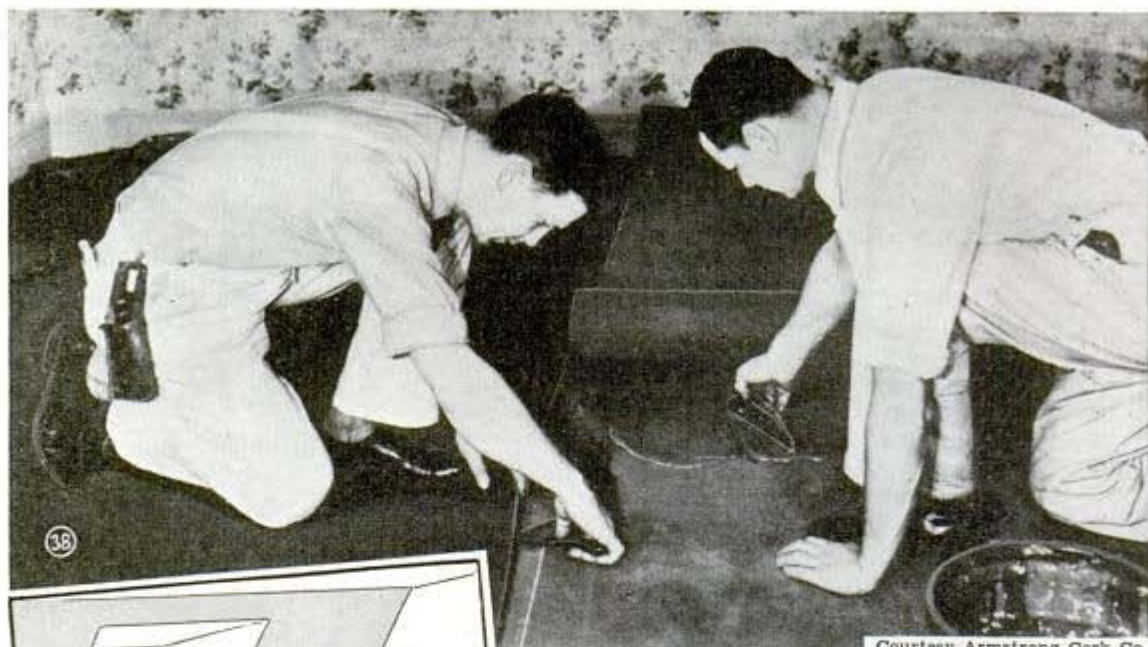
35 FLAT-ROOF DORMER FLASHING



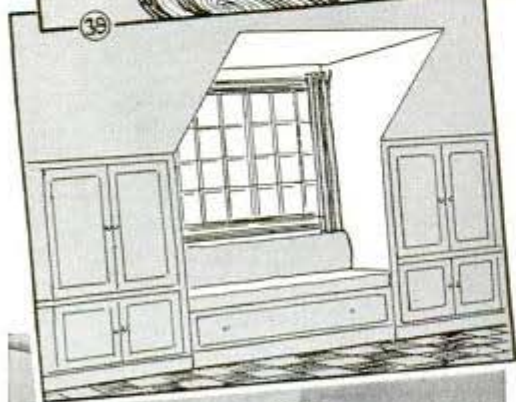
36 INTERIOR VIEW



37 SECTION THROUGH SHED-ROOF DORMER



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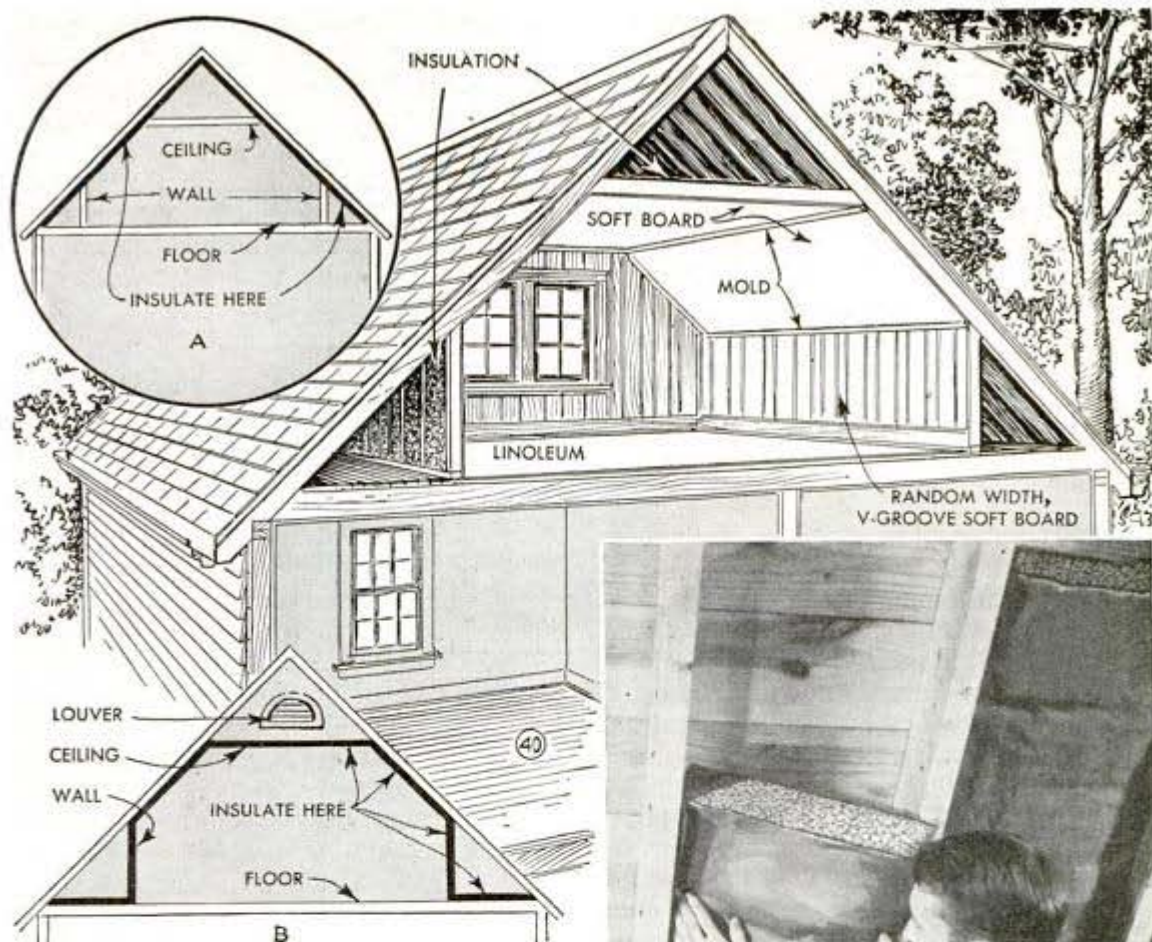


rooms are finished off. Insulating the area indicated at B provides for ventilation above the ceiling. For hip roofs, ventilators cannot be provided, so the usual practice is to insulate as shown at A and provide for ventilation in the area above the ceiling by means of a grill or indirect opening in the room ceiling. Insulation material put up in bats is the most convenient and effective for this type of job as in Fig. 41.

**Heating:** Most heating plants are adequate to provide for one or two additional sleeping rooms, especially after the attic has been insulated. Pipes for hot-water or steam radiators generally can be run up through some inside partition wall. The usual practice is to make the pipe in two or more lengths and start one up before coupling on the next. The expansion tank of a hot-water system will have to be moved above the radiator level in the attic. Hot-air ducts can be carried up through a partition from the basement, as they are made in convenient sections which fit between the studs. The use of gas heating appliances in bedrooms and bathrooms is forbidden in the building codes of many cities because of the danger from suffocation should the flame be extinguished accidentally.

**Flooring:** Most attics are floored with second or third grade softwood, which if reasonably smooth and level, may be painted. Linoleum, however, makes an ideal floor covering for this purpose. It is less expensive than good quality hardwood flooring, avoids the hazardous vibration caused by nailing the flooring down and produces a beautiful, one-piece floor. Assuming that the wood floor is reasonably smooth, the first step is to put down a layer





of lining felt over the entire area, cementing it with linoleum adhesive. The felt is covered with a layer of the same adhesive and the linoleum applied over it as shown in Fig. 38. Sandbags, or other heavy objects should be used to hold the linoleum down at the joints and edges until dry, and care must be taken to roll the entire surface to assure contact at all points. The lining felt takes up the expansion and contraction of the wood floor, and also provides additional warmth, quiet and cushioning between the boards and linoleum. The latter is available in a wide variety of beautiful colors, patterns and grades, and if it is of good quality and is laid correctly and cared for properly, it will last for many years. Should your floor be rough and un-

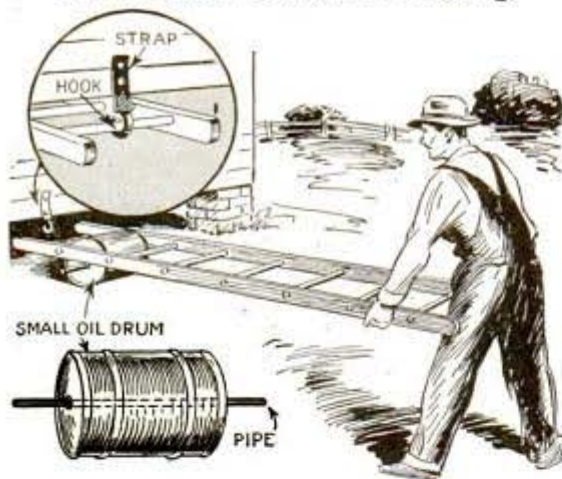
even it may be necessary to cover the surface before applying linoleum. Plywood panels are ideal and inexpensive for this purpose, although you can use other materials, such as hard-pressed boards. Use the material in as large panels as obtainable and thus have the minimum number of joints under the linoleum.

## Hints on How to Care for Phonograph Records to Make Them Last

To get the best results and prolong the life of phonograph records, "break-in" all new ones by using a new steel needle each time the record is played for at least the first three times. Always wipe the record with a brush before and after using it. This prevents dust from collecting in the grooves

and damaging them. Keeping the records in an album or in the envelopes in which they are purchased provides protection against scratching and the collection of dust. If you like organ recordings, try using only fiber needles on them after the breaking-in period.

## Drum Roller Simplifies Storing Of Ladder Under Building



Farmers and others who store long ladders under a building, will find they can be slid into place easily by using a roller. This consists of a small oil drum, the ends of which are provided with holes to receive a pipe or broomstick axle. In use, one end of the ladder is dropped over the drum so that both sides rest on the pipe, which permits the ladder to be rolled in place. A strap-supported hook fastened to the side of the building holds the projecting end off the ground.

## Letter File Is Held on the Desk By Bookends

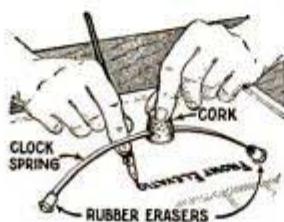


A letter file can be kept conveniently in a vertical position on your desk by placing it between a couple of bookends. A strong rubber band slipped over the bookends as shown, will keep them pressed

tightly against the sides of the file yet permit it to be inserted or removed quickly.

## Simple Spreader for Tracing Cloth

A spreader that will automatically keep tracing cloth stretched taut while lettering, can be made from a length of clock-



spring, a cork and a couple of pencil erasers of the slip-on type. The spring is inserted through the cork, which serves as a finger grip, and the erasers are impaled on the ends. In use, the spreader is placed over the desired position on the tracing cloth, after which downward pressure on the cork grip causes the erasers on the end of the spring to spread outward and pull the cloth taut.

## Avoiding Soot on Utensils

If you dislike using your kitchen utensils over an open fire outdoors because soot collects on them and is difficult to remove, rub soap on the outside of each utensil before using it. When this is done, any accumulation of soot on the soap can be rubbed off easily.—Benj. Nielsen, Aurora, Nebr.



## Vacuum Cups Provide Containers For Mixing Water Colors

Small vacuum cups of the type shown will serve nicely as auxiliary mixing trays



for water colors. If the closed ends of the cups are slit, they can be slipped over the edges of the water-color box. When not needed, the cups take very little space.

Ⓚ A good, natural antiseptic is the soft, liquid pitch of the fir and pine trees. It is easily collected with an eye dropper from the blisters and pitch pockets of the trees.

# Exposed Pipe Concealed by Attractive Shelves

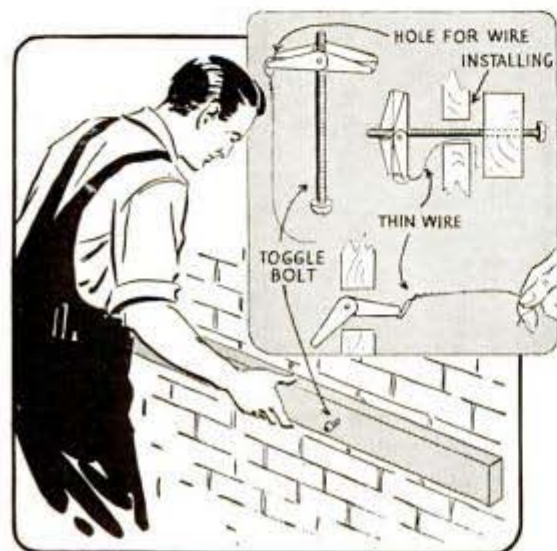
In a large living room, an exposed pipe was concealed effectively by boxing it with a three-sided wooden trough which was used as the "backbone" of an attractive book or whatnot shelf. In addition to being useful for holding books and bric-a-brac, the unit also helps to improve the appearance of a stretch of unbroken wall space. Two pieces of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood were used for the back, which was nailed to the shelves and pipe boxing. After assembling the entire unit on the floor, it was set in place and held securely by four long screws driven through the back and into the wall studs. Finishing consisted of two coats of paint in harmony with the color scheme of the room and its furnishings. However, the unit could be stained and varnished to match woodwork, if desired. In small rooms where storage space is limited, hinging the front of the base would also provide a handy place to keep small items.



## Wire Attached to Toggle Bolt Permits Removing It Later

As toggle bolts are designed without regard to their future removal, either you must damage the wall to remove the toggle or leave it inside. A practical means of removing such a bolt after it has served its purpose is to attach a length of thin wire

to the toggle. This extends through the hole and is tucked under the work being held. To remove the bolt, it is unscrewed completely after which the toggle can be withdrawn endwise by pulling on the wire that prevented it from falling down inside.

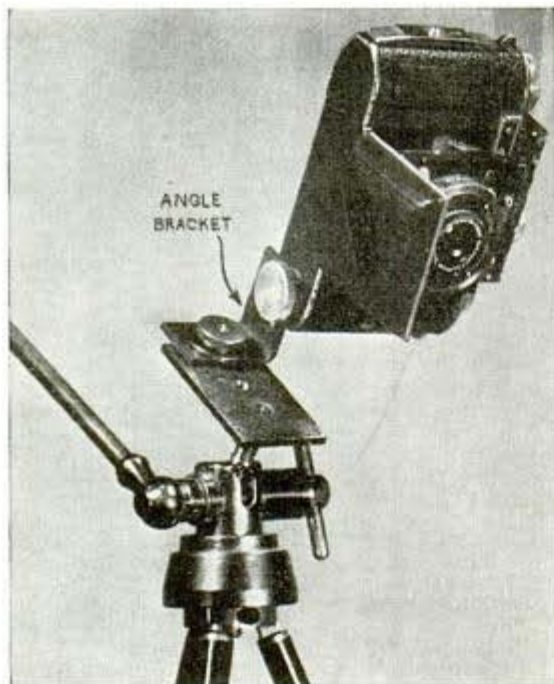


## Solder Aids in Bending Tubing Without Kinking It

When it is necessary to make a sharp bend in copper tubing, the danger of kinking it shut can be avoided by wrapping the tube with wire solder. For a  $90^\circ$  bend in  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. dia. tubing, at least 5 in. of it should be wrapped and held tight while bending, after which the solder can be either unwound or slipped off the end and saved for future use.

☐ To make tulips and other bulbs, that require freezing, bloom in warm climates, keep them in the freezing compartment of a mechanical refrigerator for a few days before setting them in the ground.

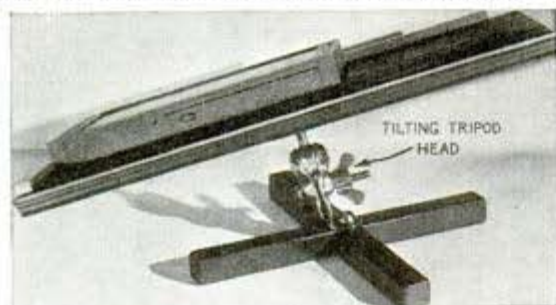
## Angle Bracket on Tilting Head Gives Greater Flexibility



As there is no means on my tilting tripod head to hold a camera vertically, I use a small angle bracket which makes this possible. One leg of the bracket is attached to the tilting head and the camera is fastened to the other leg as shown in the photo.—Louis Hochman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Enlarging Easel on Tripod Head Tilts to Correct Distortion

Distortion in negatives often can be corrected by tilting the easel while an enlargement is being made. A way to make it easy to tilt the easel at an angle and hold it there is to mount it on a tilting tripod head. A small tilting head like the one shown can be fastened to two pieces of wood joined together at the centers to form a base. The tripod socket on the easel is mounted flush with the bottom surface so it will not interfere with its normal use.



## Photo Print and Negative Drier Is Easy to Make

Utilizing standard ferrotype plates for the sides of this drier makes it possible to dry both negatives and prints at the same time, as the heated air, which is circulated in order to dry negatives on the inside, also warms the metal sides to hasten the drying of prints that are squeegeed to the outside. The cutaway view in Fig. 1 and the diagram in Fig. 4 show how the asbestos-lined heating compartment is wired to a small fan and an element of the toaster type, which is supported by insulators attached to a vented metal or plywood partition. If the latter is used, it should be set flush in rabbets to permit the hinged compartment to butt tightly. The fan is wired independently of the element so that when the temperature rises above 160 degrees, as indicated by a thermometer provided at the bottom of the negative compartment, the element can be switched off. The fan blades may have to be cut down somewhat to fit within the space. Muslin drop curtains serve the double purpose of absorbing water and preventing the prints from falling off. Small paper clamps slipped on curtain rods or dowels as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, are used to hold negatives. Spring clothespins could also be used. A friction cupboard catch mortised in abutting edges keeps the case closed tightly and a check chain prevents breakage of the dairy-type thermometer, which protrudes through the side of the case as shown in Fig. 3. U-shaped brackets attached to overhang the curved sides of the case serve as feet to support the drier horizontally when applying prints.—Myron Levee, Chicago.

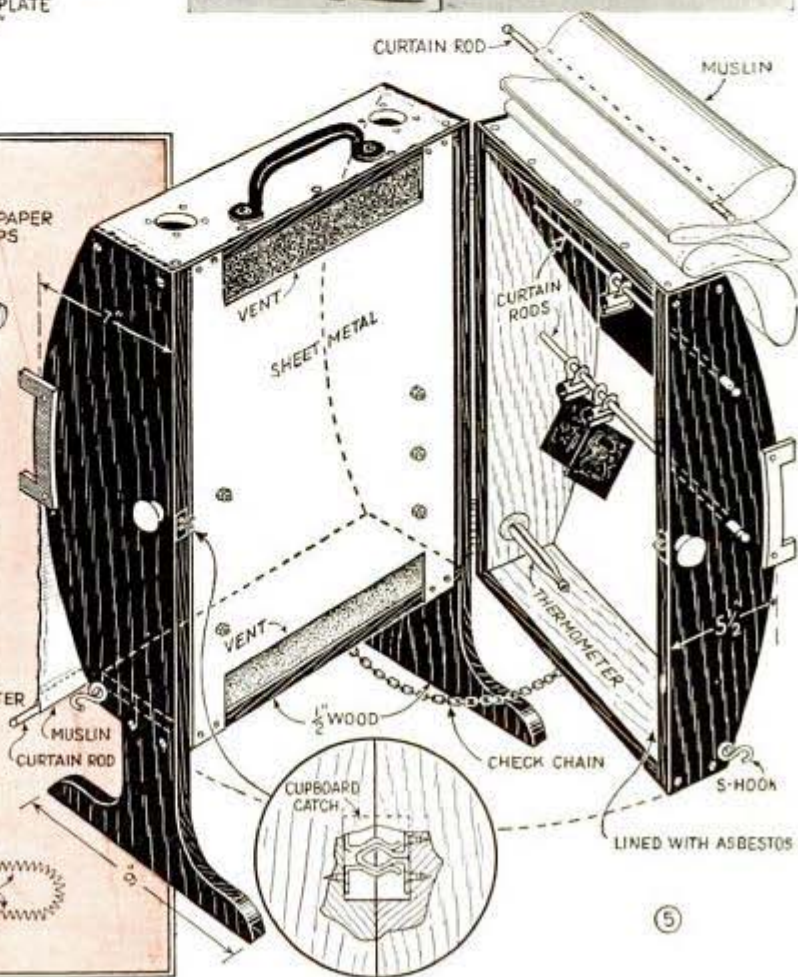
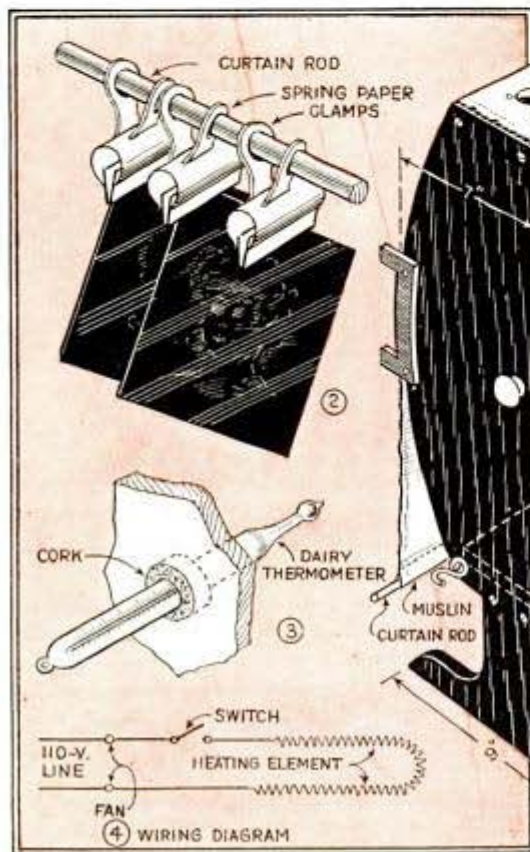
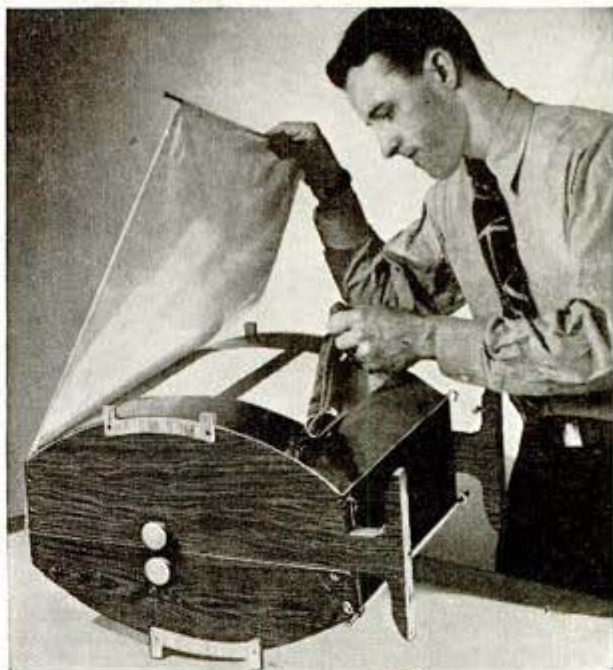
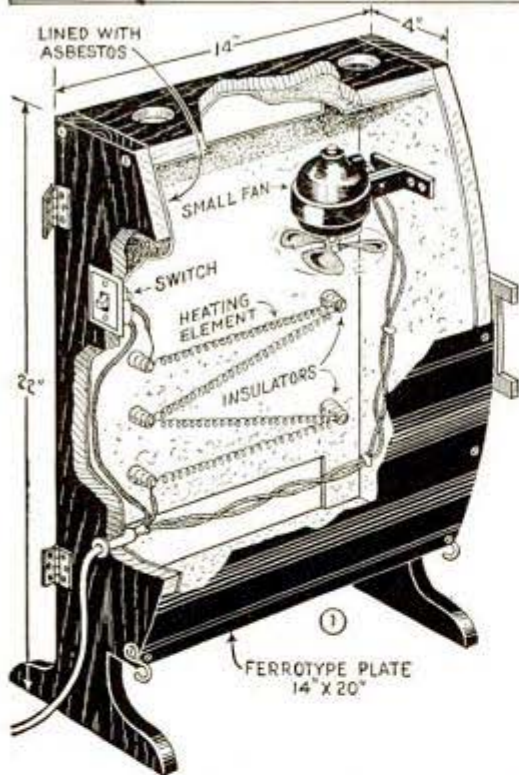
## Black Spots Kept Off Enlargement By Stippling With Pencil

Black spots on photographic enlargements, caused by minute pinholes in the negative, can be made to blend with the surrounding parts of the print by stippling the spot on the paper with a soft lead pencil while the enlargement is being exposed. The pencil marks hold back some of the light, making the spot gray instead of black. The stippling should be done rapidly and from all sides to make sure that no impression of the hand or the pencil is left on the print.

—Mae Blacker Freeman, Chicago.

*Fan circulates air in this . . . . .*

# PRINT-and-NEGATIVE DRIER



## Dowel and Clothespin Keep Film Submerged in Solution

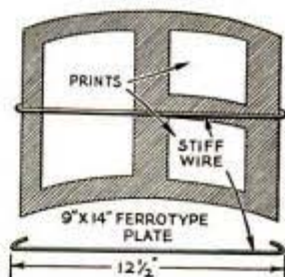


A length of dowel rod glued in a hole in one leg of a spring clothespin, which can be clamped to the side of a tray, will hold roll film submerged in the developing solu-

tion. This makes it possible to use a small amount of developer in a shallow tray and it is easy to remove the assembly when the tray is used for another purpose.

## Wire Hook Curves Ferrotyping Tin So It Will Stand on Edge

Ferrotyping plates will stand upright while prints are drying if each plate is provided with a wire hook, as shown. The distance between the hooks is slightly less than the length of the ferrotyping plate, holding it in a slight curve. For a 14-in. plate, the hooks should be about 12½ in. apart.



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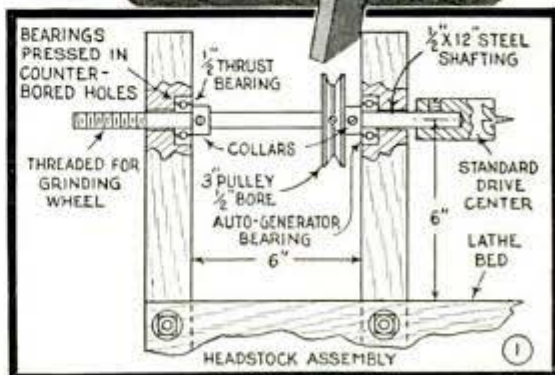
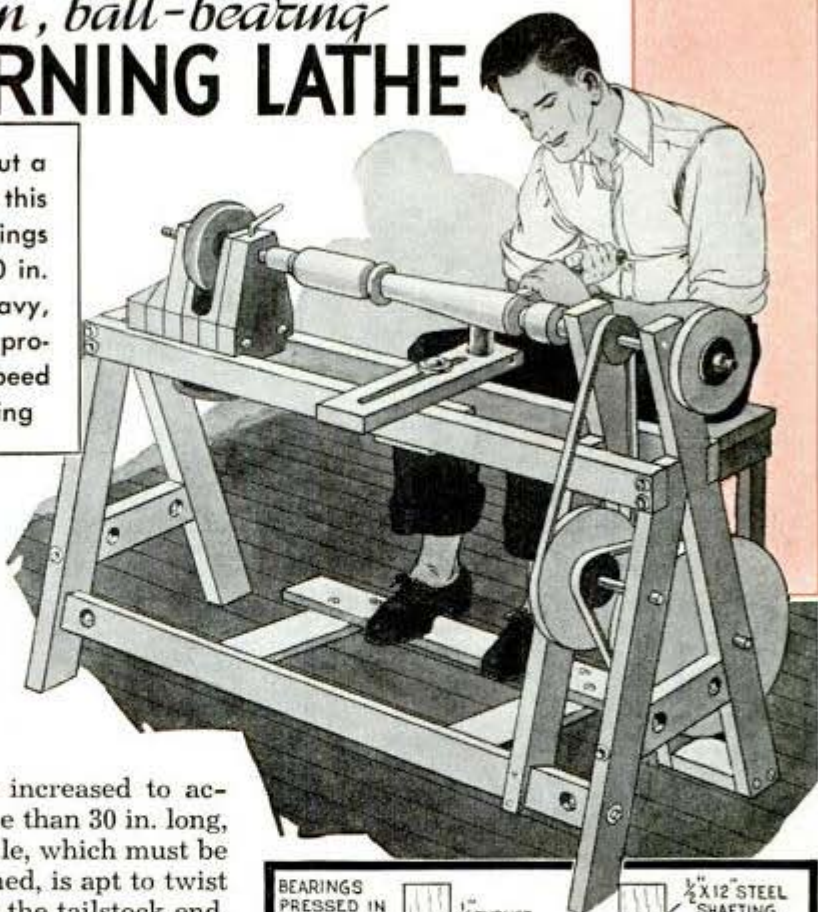
# SHOP NOTES

## Treadle-driven, ball-bearing WOODTURNING LATHE

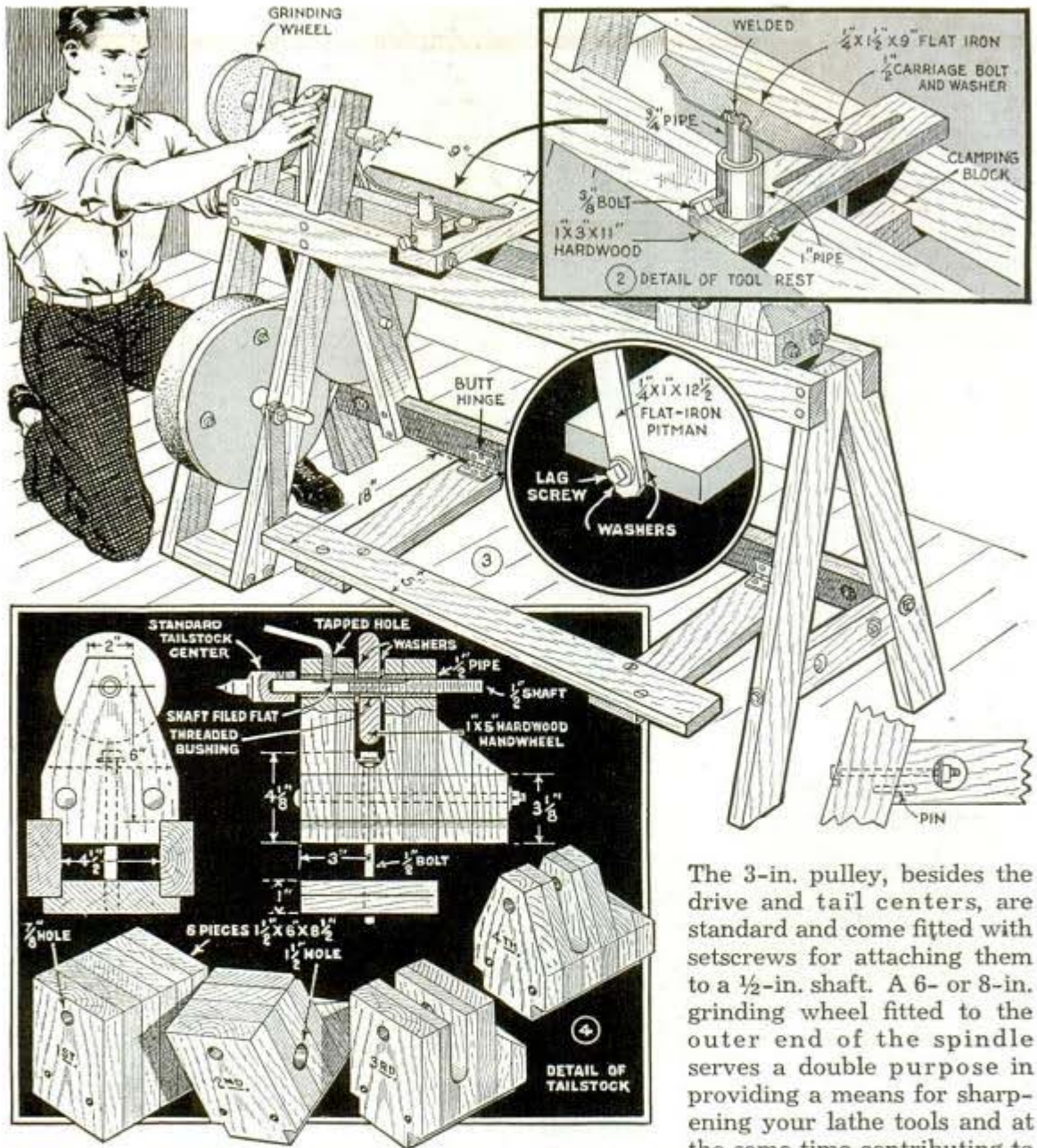
You need not go without a lathe as you can make this sturdy one of wood. Swings 12 in. over bed and 30 in. between centers. A heavy, balanced countershaft provides uniform spindle speed with moderate pedaling

By W. C. Leckey

WITH the exception of turned wooden pulleys and the form to cast a flywheel, you can build this efficient treadle lathe with a few hand tools. Distance between centers can be increased to accommodate turnings more than 30 in. long, but in doing so, the treadle, which must be correspondingly lengthened, is apt to twist when pedaling is done at the tailstock end. Spindle height is such to enable one to pedal the lathe from either a standing or sitting position. Approximately 100 downward strokes of the treadle per minute will give a spindle speed recommended for turning. Common 2-by-4-in. fir stock is satisfactory for the stand. Side and front views in Fig. 8 give the correct length to cut each member. Note how the headstock is incorporated in the twin front legs. Except for fastening the bed pieces, the type of assembly shown to the right of Fig. 3 is used throughout, which permits tightening joints that may become loose. The small pin indicated is provided to keep the members in line when drawing up the bolts. Endless V-beltting or round leather



belting, joined, will do to rig the countershaft. As no tension adjustment is provided, it will be necessary, if an endless belt is used to drive the headstock spindle, to vary the position of the rear countershaft pulley to be able to stretch the belt snugly



over it. Belt dressing can be used if slip-page develops.

Ball bearings in both the headstock and countershaft make the lathe exceptionally smooth running and are preferred to bronze bearings, although Ford model-T spindle body bushings can be used if you are unable to secure ball bearings. Fig. 1 details the headstock. The holes for the bearings must be centered an equal distance above the bed and counterbored on facing sides to provide a press fit for the bearings. An auto-generator bearing will do for the inner bearing, but the outer one should be of the type to take end thrust when pressure is applied by the tailstock.

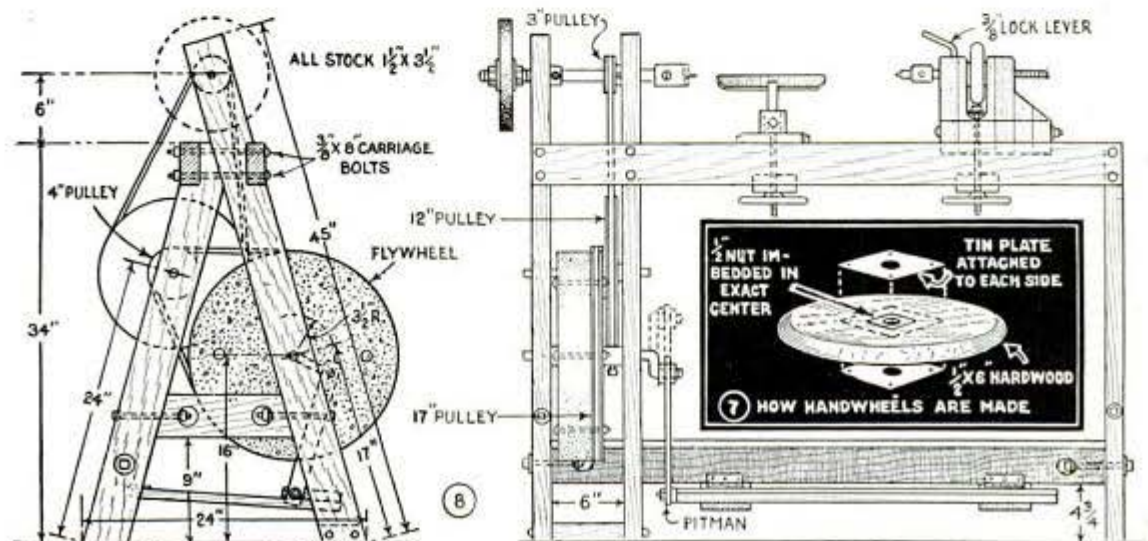
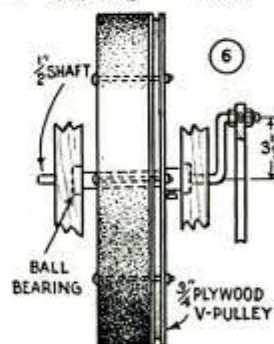
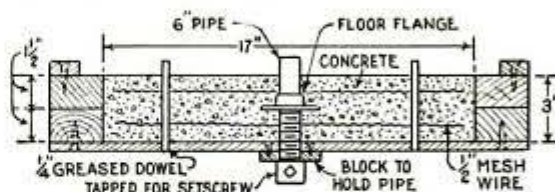
the momentum. Collars are used against each bearing to take up end play.

The flywheel detailed in Figs. 5 and 6 provides the necessary momentum to keep the spindle turning at a uniform speed. Extra care must be used in centering the hub to have the flywheel run fairly true. About the easiest way to do this is to first mark a 17-in. circle on the plywood bottom of the form by which it can be centered when fastening it in place with screws. Then a hole is drilled in the exact center to take the 1/2-in. pipe hub snugly. A cleat across the top of the form holds the upper end of the pipe in position, while at the bottom a small block and a coupling



are used. The pipe should extend about  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. above the top of the form. As the drive pulley is fastened directly to the flywheel, greased dowels are placed in the form to provide bolt holes for this in the casting. Use a fairly rich aggregate consisting of cement, 1 part, sharp sand, 3 parts, and place pieces of wire mesh in the form as the pouring progresses to reinforce the work. Allow the concrete to set several days until fully cured. The flywheel is fastened to the pitman crank by a setscrew tapped in the coupling. Note in Fig. 8 that the point of fastening the pitman to the treadle should be directly in line with the flywheel shaft. Bearings for the countershaft assembly are fitted the same as those in the headstock. Plywood is best for the countershaft pulleys, the two rear ones being turned and grooved separately, screwed together and pinned to their shaft. Here collars are used as before to take up end play.

Fig. 4 details the tailstock and shows the progressive steps to follow in shaping the glued-up block. The spindle hole, which is bored while the block is still square, is bushed on each side of the handwheel opening with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. pipe nipple to receive a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. threaded shaft. Note that one side of the shaft is filed flat for the end of the lock lever which keeps the spindle from turning when being advanced or withdrawn by the handwheel. The latter is of wood and has a threaded bushing imbedded in its center to fit the spindle. Washers center it in the opening. Both tailstock and tool rest clamp in place by handwheels fitted below the bed as shown in Figs. 7 and 8. The tool rest and holder are made according to Fig. 2. The post socket, which consists of a 1-in. pipe nipple inside a coupling, is anchored to the base by boring a hole in the latter to take the coupling snugly and then drilling crosswise through both for a  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. carriage bolt.



## Handles on Legs of Power Tools Make Them Easy to Carry



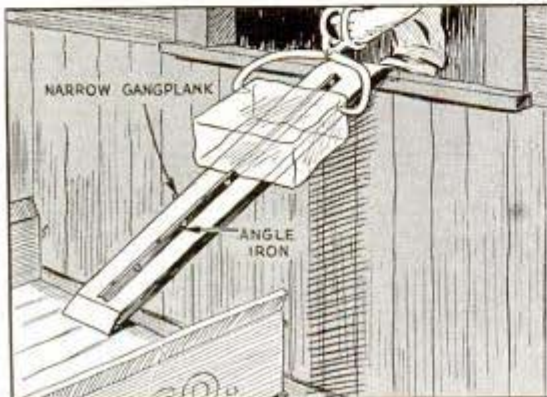
One workman who wanted to use small power tools on various jobs away from the shop, devised this simple method of carrying them. Sash lifts were bolted to the legs of each tool stand so that wooden strips could be slipped through them to provide handles as indicated.

## Eliminating Use of Paper Clips

A number of large offices are making carbon copies of answers to letters on the backs of the original letters. This saves staples and paper clips and greatly increases the amount of space in the files.

## Ice Cakes Centered on Gangplank By Length of Angle Iron

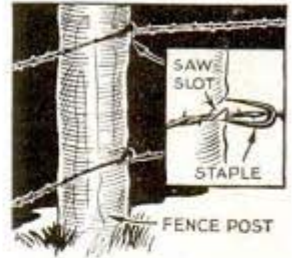
To avoid building a wide, heavy gangplank for loading large cakes of ice from a storage building, one workman used a single narrow plank, which was strength-



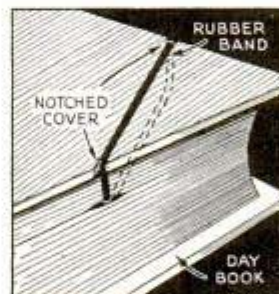
ened with a brace of angle iron. When centered on this incline, any large cake may be handled safely as the iron cuts into the ice to keep it from shifting.

## Slots in Hilltop Fence Posts Take Strain Off Staples

When a wire fence runs up over the top of a hill, and difficulty is experienced in keeping staples in the posts because the tightly-stretched wire pulling downward tends to remove them, try the following method of preventing this trouble. Slot the sides of the post and put the wires in them, driving the staples over the wires. The downward pull of the wires comes on the slots instead of the staples.



## Rubber Band Used as Book Mark



In order to mark a certain page of a day book so that it can be closed and opened at the same page repeatedly, one clerk notched the cover and snapped a rubber band over the notches. The

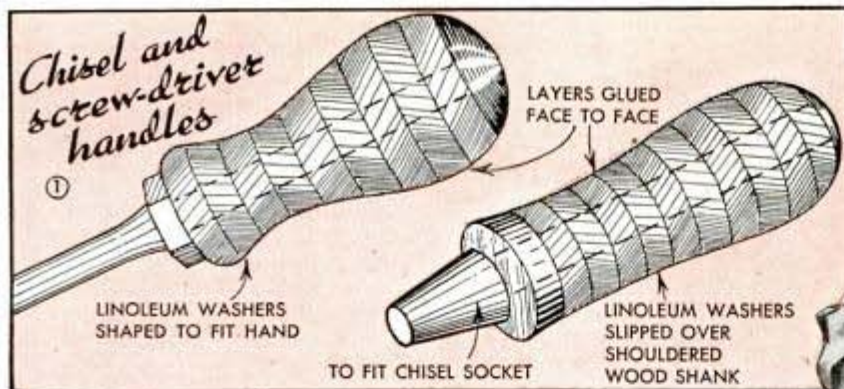
band can be slipped over the corner of the pages to mark the desired location.

## Diagram on Restaurant Check Shows Position of Patron

Noticing that his waitresses sometimes served the wrong orders when more than one patron was sitting at one table, a restaurant owner had squares printed on the order checks, marking the four sides



by directions as indicated. Then, when a waitress took an order, the patron's place at the table was checked on the square.

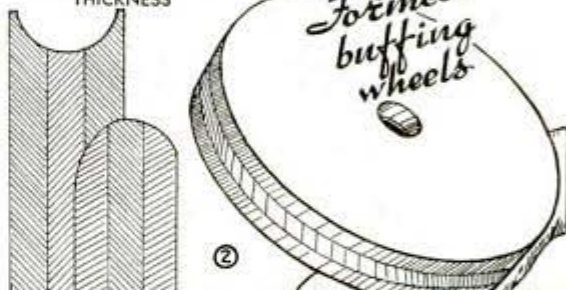


## Shop uses for SCRAP LINOLEUM

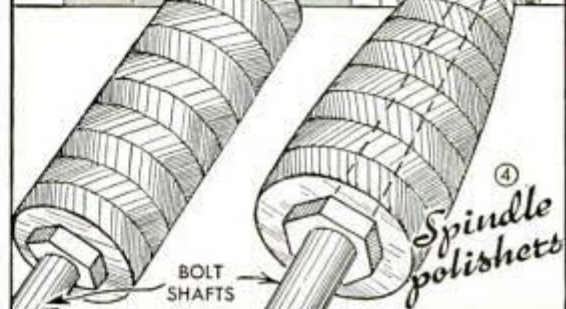
SCRAP pieces of thick linoleum, that can be had for little or nothing, provide an excellent material which lends itself to many useful applications in the home shop. For example, wood hand clamps can be made non-marring by facing the jaws with linoleum. These "pads" may be glued to the jaws, or simply kept handy for insertion when the work requires their use. Such slip-on pads may also be used on vise jaws. Serviceable screwdriver and chisel handles, custom shaped to fit the hand, can be built up from linoleum "washers" as shown in Fig. 1, coating them with cement and slipping them over a shouldered wooden shaft. By retaining the centering marks on the ends of the shaft, the handle can be remounted for shaping in the lathe with a sharp chisel, or with a medium rasp, if done by hand.

Specially shaped buffing and polishing wheels, suitable for use on work requiring hard felt or walrus-hide buffers, can be built up in both disk and spindle types as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. Here it is best to shave off the burlap backing before gluing the layers together, so that it will not later produce a ridge which would scratch the work. For polishing, the periphery of the wheel is coated with hot hide glue and rolled in abrasive grains; whereas in buffing, the wheel is charged, while under power, with pumice, tripoli or other cake polishing rouge. For sanding concave or convex moldings, as in Fig. 3, sanding blocks of built-up linoleum will be found superior to wood. Being softer and somewhat flexible, they reduce paper wear considerably.—Clyde Baker, Kansas City, Mo.

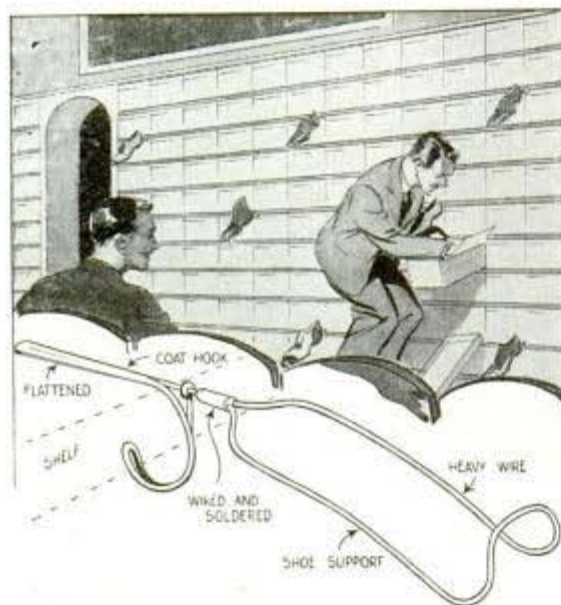
GLUED UP TO DESIRED THICKNESS



SHAPED TO FIT CONTOUR OF WORK



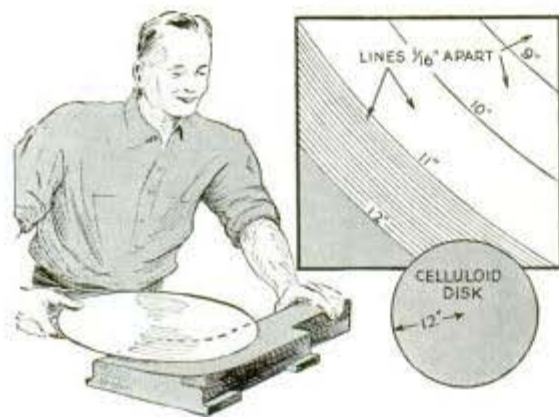
## Shoe-Display Racks on Shelves Hold a Sample of Each Style



To aid his customers in selecting shoes, one merchant displays a sample of each style on the shelves directly in front of his fitting seats. The shoes are set on individual racks made from coat hooks and wire coat hangers, bent and soldered together as shown. The racks slip on the shelves and require no special framework.

## Circle Gauge Measures Radii Of Irregular Work

It is often necessary in our shop to make drawings, layouts or new patterns from old castings. To facilitate determining the radii of the work, we use a circle gauge of the type shown. It consists of a transparent celluloid disk which is scribed with concentric circle lines spaced  $\frac{1}{16}$  in. apart. The lines are made visible by rubbing a drop or two of black paint over the disk and then

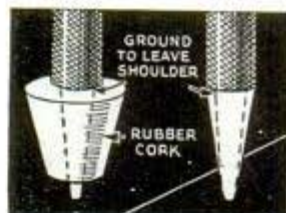


immediately wiping it off. This procedure makes the lines black but leaves the remaining part of the disk transparent. By placing the gauge in position on the work, it is easy to match the radius of the work with one of the scribed circles.

—Arthur Jennings, Derry, Pa.

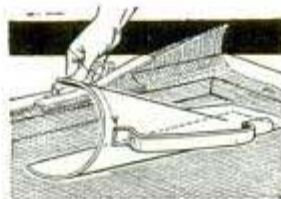
## Punch Prevented From Sticking By Rubber Depth Gauge

In order to keep his metal punch from sticking, a workman ground the tapered end to provide a shoulder at the point indicated, and then drilled a rubber stopper to fit over the end.



Resting against the shoulder, the stopper gauges the depth to which the punch may be driven, and the rebound of the rubber keeps the punch from sticking in the hole.

## Tool Folds Edges of Screen Wire To Avoid Injuring Hands



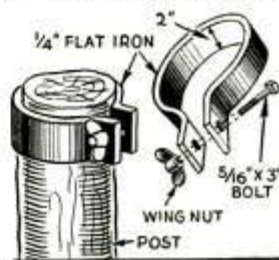
When making door and window screens, one carpenter uses this simple tool to fold over the ragged edges of the screen

wire to make them smooth and avoid injuring the hands. The tool is made from a piece of sheet metal bent as shown and provided with a handle. In use, the edge of the wire is rolled slightly, then started into the tool, after which pulling the tool along folds the wire over tightly.

—Fred W. Schneider, Towaco, N. J.

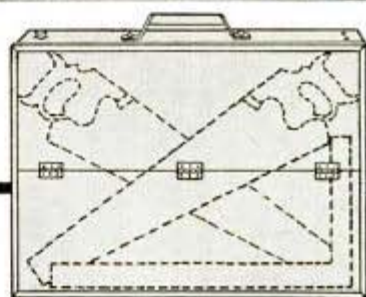
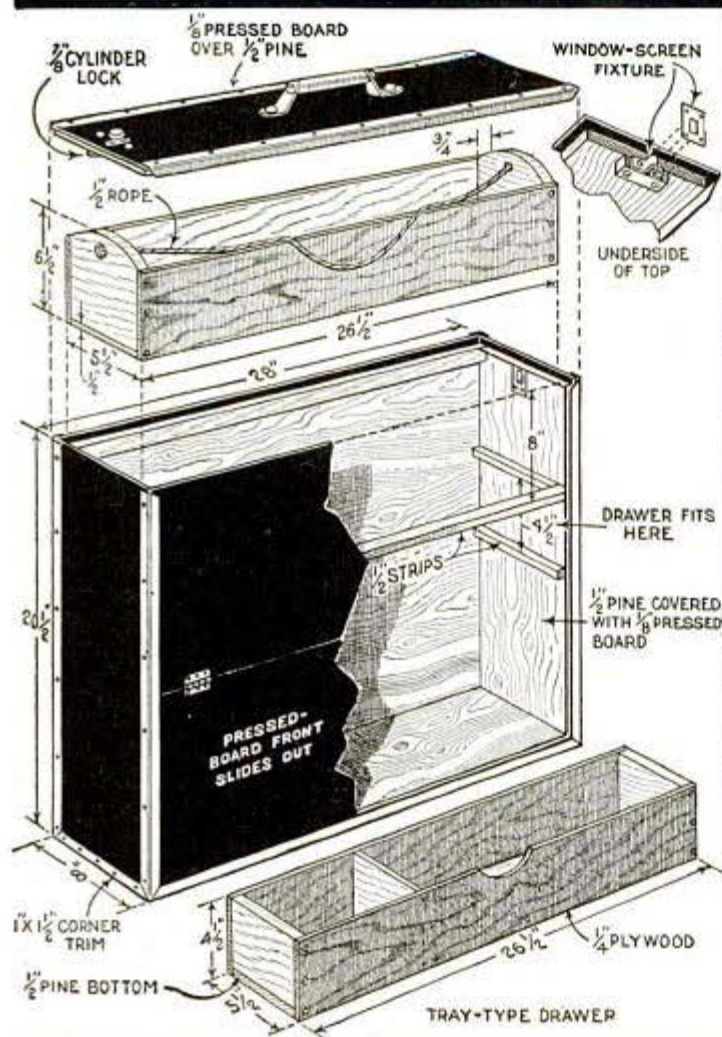
## Adjustable Ring at Top of Posts Prevents Damage When Driving

Wishing to keep sharpened posts and stakes from splitting at the top when they are driven into hard ground with a sledge, one farmer uses a ring clamp of heavy flat iron.



This slips over the post and tightens with a wing nut as shown.

# A Luggage-Type Tool Chest for Woodworkers



Carried like a suitcase, this rugged tool chest is especially suitable for carpenters who must ship their tools from job to job. The chest is long enough to take several hand saws diagonally across the back behind the trays, and is high enough to take the tongue of a full-size carpenter's square. Where it is necessary to check your tools a long distance by bus or train, be sure to tie the heaviest ones with strong cord attached to screw eyes in the bottom. Construction of the chest is more or less conventional except for the front. After the bulk of the chest has been assembled, the trim is set so that the front panel may be slid into place. Being hinged in the center, the panel may be half removed, turned over and rested on the partly opened tray. This makes all tools readily accessible. The upper tray can be used to carry around on

the job with the various tools needed. All joints should be reinforced with waterproof glue and metal corner trim should be applied to outside edges.

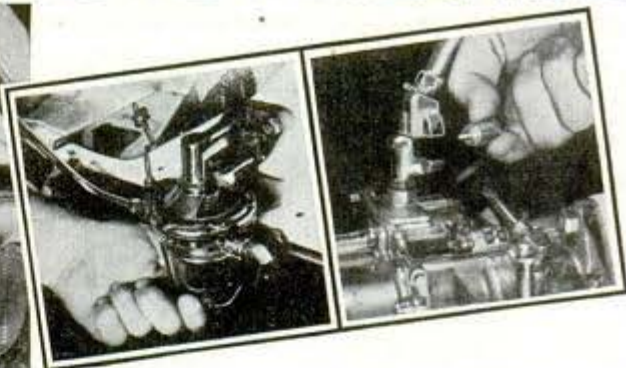
—Keith Vining, Daytona Beach, Fla.

## How to Eliminate Gophers Easily

After traps, water and poison had failed to get rid of a number of gophers, I used moth balls, which eliminated them entirely. In using these, I found it important to open the hole carefully and clean it as far down as possible. Six or seven moth balls are then dropped in, after which the hole is covered so that no light will be admitted.

—E. L. Camp, Los Angeles, Calif.

# MORE MILEAGE



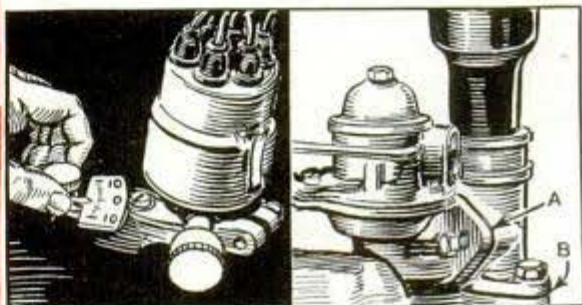
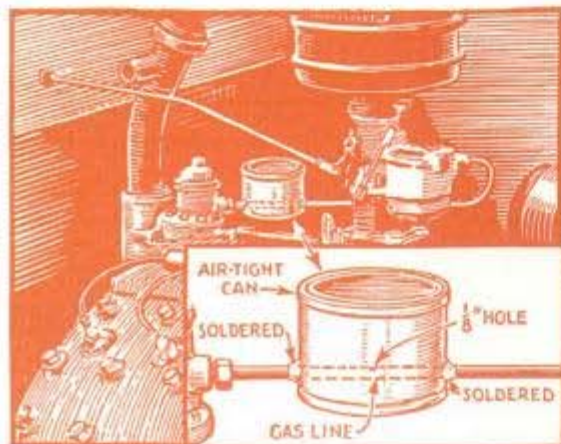
Keeping the sediment bowl and strainers in the fuel line clean helps assure easy starting and saves gasoline. Over-choking delivers raw gas into the motor where it is unburned and is ejected out the exhaust

By James R. Ward

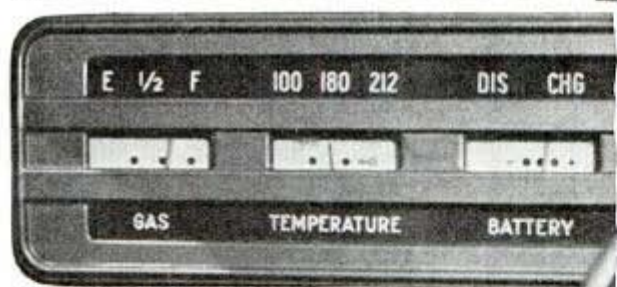
**A**LTHOUGH any of the gas-saving ideas presented here may not mean much individually, the total savings effected by all of them may mean thirty or forty extra miles of driving for each tank of gas. For instance, driving at speeds under 50 m.p.h., and avoiding the habit of accelerating rapidly from a standstill will go a long way toward conserving gas. Rapid acceleration may consume enough gas to have moved the car twice a given distance had acceleration been slow. Likewise, sudden stopping wastes momentum that took gas to build up. Excessive use of first and second gears consumes gas unnecessarily because the motor runs faster and uses more gas per mile than when driven in third or high speed. This is especially true

A battery that is kept in good condition starts the motor quickly and gives a hot ignition spark to fire the fuel charge without waste. In some cases, an air chamber, consisting of an airtight can in the fuel line between the carburetor and pump, has been found to save gas by smoothing out pump pulsations so uniform fuel pressure is maintained at the carburetor

Maximum gas mileage depends a lot on a correctly adjusted spark, which is controlled on most cars by a device known under various names, such as "Gaselector," "Octane Selector," etc. A setting as close as possible to the "advance" end of the scale without causing a knock or ping in the motor is the most economical. On some cars, lowering the fuel-pump pressure aids in saving gas. Often this can be accomplished by shortening the pump stroke, by adding a 1/16-in. gasket at either A or B as shown below



# on LESS GAS



You can't "drive by your instruments," of course, but an occasional glance at them may forewarn you of a condition that will result in excessive gas consumption, such as incorrect motor temperature, oil pressure, charging rate, and the amount of fuel in the tank. A full tank may spill fuel and one with only a few gallons in it allows excessive vaporization

of "stop-and-go" driving in a city where gears must be changed frequently, often several times in a few blocks.

Besides these driving habits there are other things to keep in mind, such as filling the tank to a point where gas may leak out the vent when the car is in motion. On the other hand, keeping too little gas in the tank allows it to vaporize and escape through the vent. Over-choking of the motor and excessive use of the starter as well as "pumping" the accelerator pedal are all habits that result in wasting gas.

Then there is the mechanical condition of the car to consider. It is not the major breakage of parts or misadjustments that waste gas, because we make the necessary repairs immediately. Instead, the gas robbers are the hidden things that affect the car's operation very little. For example, crankcase oil that is heavier than required causes unnecessary drag on the moving parts. The same is true of an incorrectly lubricated chassis, dragging brakes and incorrect wheel alignment. All mean extra power that requires gas to produce.

The condition of the motor, fuel, cooling and electrical systems also has a bearing on gas consumption. A motor with worn piston rings, or valves that do not seat correctly, loses much of its power through the crankcase or exhaust system, thus requiring a larger fuel charge to produce the required power. A carburetor that is adjusted incorrectly may waste several ounces out of every tank of gas consumed. Or, a carburetor with the float level too high may cause an excessively rich fuel mixture. Similarly, a fuel pump that delivers



One way to save gasoline, especially in cold weather, is to depress the clutch pedal before cranking the motor. With the clutch disengaged, the motor will start more easily and less gas will be wasted

the gas under too great a pressure will cause too rich a mixture.

Many of us would be greatly surprised if we realized the amount of fuel wasted by an electrical system that was not in top condition, yet seemed to be working all right. It requires a hot, fat spark inside the combustion chamber to fire the fuel charge efficiently. Corroded or misadjusted spark-plug electrodes may cause sluggish firing of the fuel, which results in loss of power and high gas consumption. The same is true of burned and pitted distributor points, worn distributor rotors, loose or corroded wire connections, weak ignition coils or batteries, etc. All these affect the



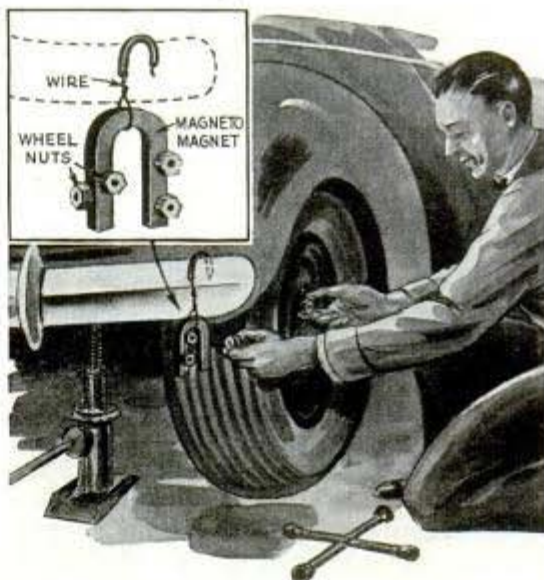
Gas lost through leaky fuel-line joints does not produce power

strength of the spark in the combustion chamber.

Remember that the condition of the cooling system of the car has a definite bearing on the amount of gas it consumes. Every motor operates most economically at a certain temperature. If the cooling system is not working properly, permitting the temperature to raise or lower, motor efficiency is reduced and an excessive amount of gas is consumed. Keep the cooling system clean and be sure that the thermostats are set correctly.

## Magnet Hooks on Bumper of Auto to Hold Wheel Nuts

There is no possibility of a wheel nut being misplaced when removing a tire if you use this simple holder. It consists of a magnet from an old magneto which is fitted with a wire hook to hang on the car bumper. As the nuts are removed from the wheel they are placed against the magnet which holds them until they are needed.



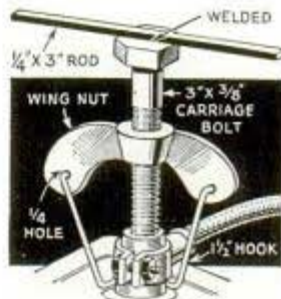
## Puncture in Inner Tube Marked With Indelible Pencil

After locating a puncture in an inner tube by submerging it in water, one mechanic marks the position of the hole with an indelible pencil by circling it and then drawing a cross over it. The wet tube causes the mark to stand out sharply. The pencil is kept in a coil spring soldered to the end of the water tank.



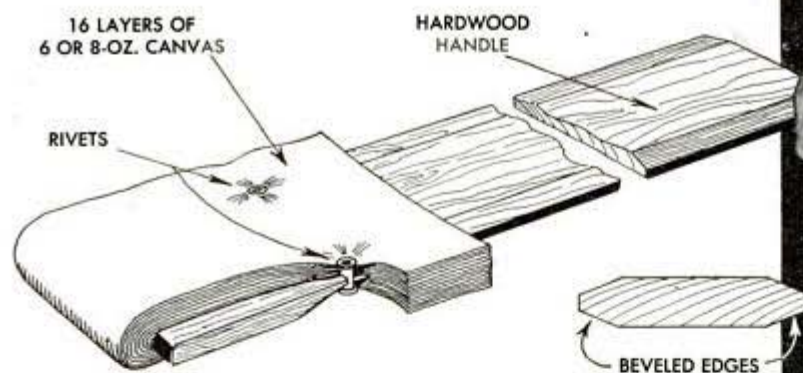
## Battery Cables Removed Quickly With This Simple Puller

If you have trouble removing corroded battery cables, here's a simple puller that will do the trick easily. It consists of a  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. bolt and wing nut to which are fitted two small hooks that slip under the cable clamp. In use, the wing nut is held stationary with one hand while the other hand is used to turn the bolt by means of a short rod which is welded to the head of the bolt as shown.





# Motor Commutator Cleaned With Canvas Wiper



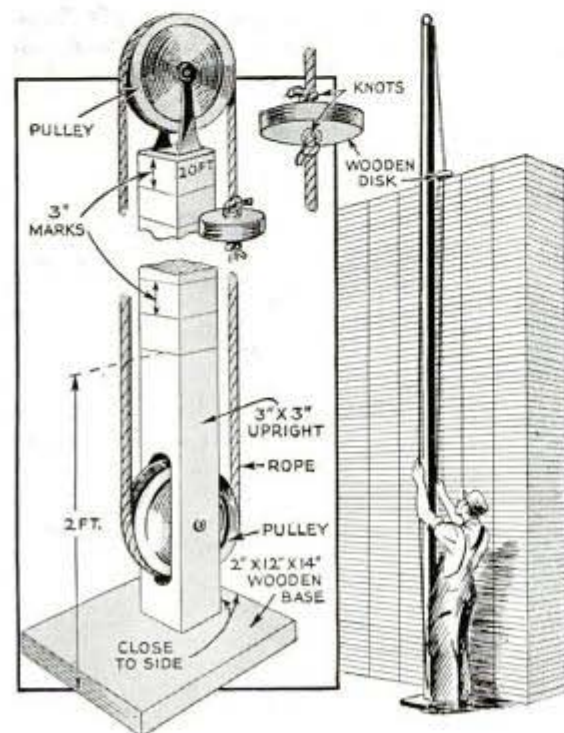
Use of a canvas wiper of the type shown has been found to be one of the best ways of maintaining the surfaces of motor or generator commutators, especially where large motors or generators are operated continuously. If applied at regular periods, the wiper will keep a commutator free of dust and grease indefinitely. The wiper is made by riveting several layers of canvas over the end of a length of thin hardwood, which serves as a handle. The first three or four layers can be removed as they become dirty, after which all the canvas should be renewed.



# Measuring Pole Aids in Taking Inventory of Lumber Yard

To save time in determining the amount of stock on hand, a lumber company uses this pole to measure large stacks of lumber quickly. It consists of a long piece of 3 by

3-in. stock, which is attached to a strong base and has small pulleys at the ends. The pole is marked off in 3-in. graduations, starting 2 ft. from the underside of the base. Measuring is done by a small rope, which is run over the pulleys and the ends tied to a wooden disk, thus making the rope endless. In use, the pole is held vertically against a stack of lumber, and the disk is moved down snugly on top of the stack. Then, holding the rope tightly against the pole so that the disk cannot move, the pole is lowered and the height of the stack noted as indicated by the position of the disk against the calibrated surface of the pole. From this data, the number of pieces or the number of board feet in the stack can be computed quickly.



## Tinfoil as Spacing Material

Printers will find that tinfoil, folded into strips about  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. wide, is excellent material for spacing out irregular forms of type. The foil molds itself into any irregularities, providing a firm lockup and helping prevent workups on the press.

—George A. Dagnall, Syracuse, N. Y.

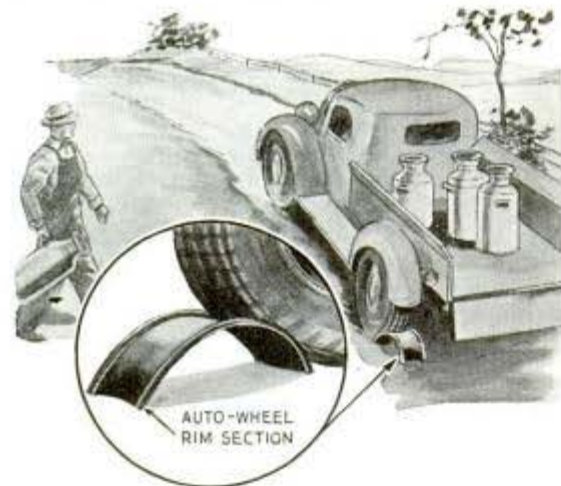
## Angle-Iron Steps on Wagon Box Make Climbing in Easy



Anyone whose work makes it necessary to climb in and out of a high wagon box repeatedly, knows how tiring it can become. To make this easier, one farmer cut two 8-in. lengths from a piece of 2 by 2-in. angle iron and bolted them to the center or "second" box, one being placed inside and one length outside the box. In this position, the steps do not interfere in any way with the removal of the sideboards.

## Auto Wheel Rim Used as Chock To Hold Truck on Hill

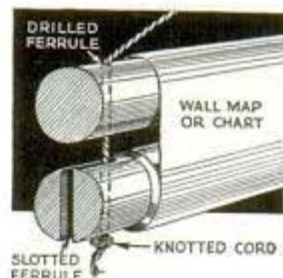
The driver of a milk truck who often had to leave his truck parked on a hillside avoided any possibility of the truck moving by using a chock made from a quarter section of an old auto wheel. Such a chock is light in weight and much easier to handle than a wood block or a stone of suffi-



cient size. The chock can be carried in the truck conveniently where it takes little space and is ready for instant use.

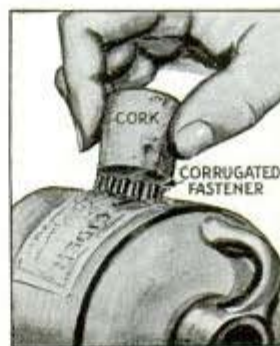
## Map on Wall Is Kept Rolled Up By Cord and Slotted Ferrules

To keep wall maps or charts rolled up out of the way, yet available for instant use, one school teacher drilled the ferrule ends of the upper roller for



hanging cords and slotted the ferruled ends of the lower roller so that the knotted cord ends could be pulled into them. Thus the map could be rolled up and the cord slipped into the slots of the lower roller.

## Label Scraper for Shipping Clerk



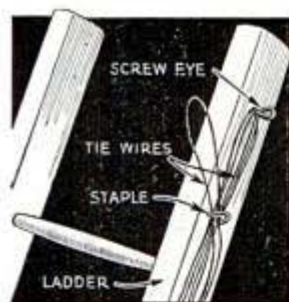
A shipping clerk who often had to scrape off old labels from boxes and other containers, found that a corrugated fastener was ideal for the purpose. The fastener is merely pushed into the small end of a large cork which then serves as a handle. The fastener is better than a knife for this purpose because it will make several deep scratches with one swipe across the label.

## Trees Protected Against Rabbits

One orchardist claims that it is unnecessary to wrap small trees to keep rabbits and other animals from damaging them. Instead, he applies liberal coatings of fish oil to the tree trunks. The oil should be applied in cool weather when it is thicker so that a heavier coating can be applied.



## Screw Eye and Staple on Ladder Hold Eavestrough Tie Wires



When putting new eavestroughs on a home, one tinsmith keeps tie wires for them conveniently at hand by fastening them to one side of his ladder. This is done by driving

a staple part way into the ladder and then just above it driving in a screw eye. In use the lacquered tie wires are run through the staple and slipped over the screw eye thus making them easy to remove.

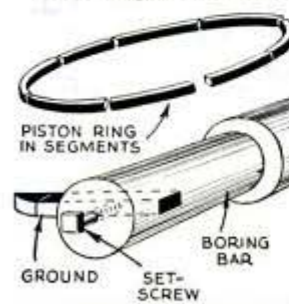
## Light Guidelines on Showcards Made With Mimeograph Stylus

Instead of using a pencil to outline lettering and designs on showcards and then being obliged to erase them, one artist uses a ball-pointed mimeograph stylus in place of the pencil.



This scores the card stock with smooth grooves which are sufficiently visible for the artist to follow, yet scarcely apparent to a casual observer.

## Boring Bits From Piston Rings



Broken into sections as indicated, an old autopiston ring can be converted into several boring bits for use on small lathes. The rings are very hard, and when ground to shape will stand

up well. Other worn out parts of a car can be used too, such as valves, stems, etc.

—Private Erwin Plavec, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

☐ Solid wood desk or table tops can be prevented from warping by making saw kerfs 6 in. apart on the underside.

## Cultivator Shovel Used as Tool For Peeling Green Logs

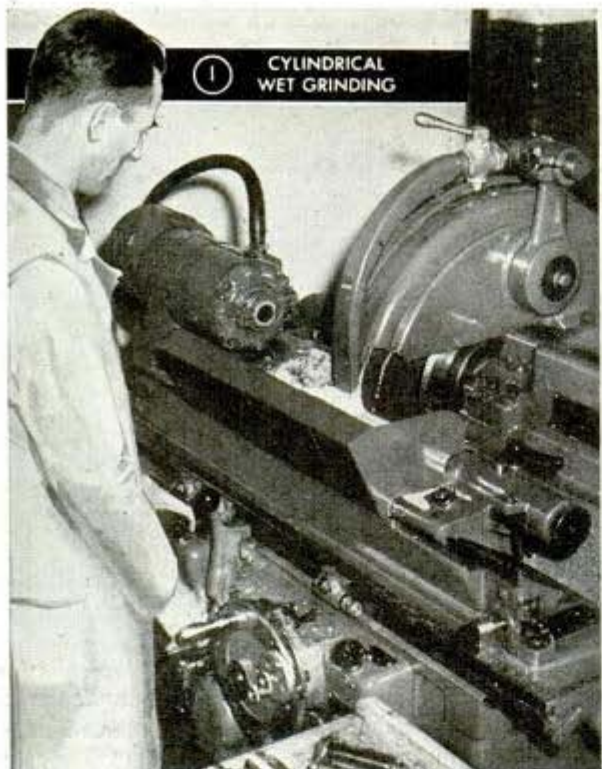


Needing a tool to remove the bark from a number of green logs, a workman fashioned one from a discarded cultivator shovel and a length of pipe as indicated. The pipe served as a handle for the shovel, the point of which was forced easily between the bark and the log.

## Sunflower Stalks Left Standing To Provide a Snow Fence

To keep snow from drifting and blocking his yards and drives, one farmer plants sunflowers in strips along the ends of the fields near the barn. The strips consist of three rows, the plants alternating 20 in. apart each way. In the fall when the ripened heads are harvested the stalks are left standing, providing an effective snow fence.





# Basic Hints on

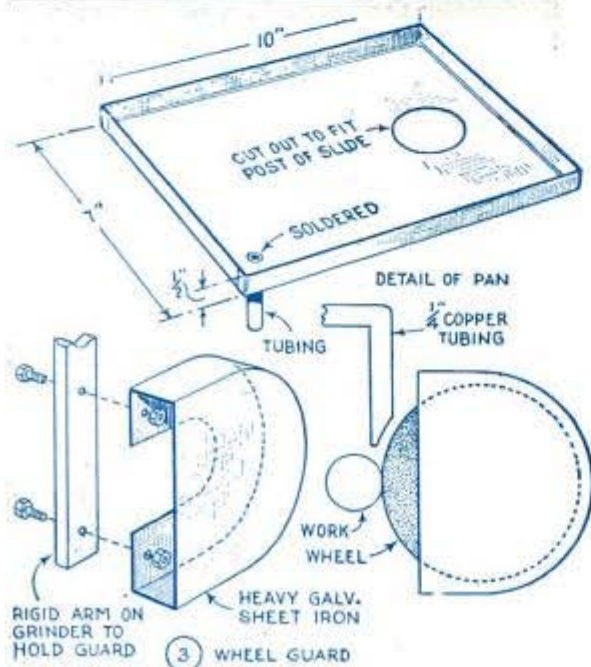
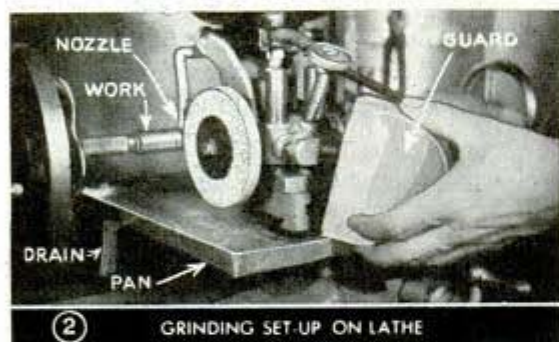
By H. J. Chamberland

IN A PREVIOUS article on the subject of precision grinding, various types of grinders, their purposes, and their methods of operation were covered so that the average machine-shop apprentice could obtain the highlights of grinding practice. This article is intended to give the apprentice information so that he can get some experience in small grinding and lapping jobs, besides furnishing him with some basic data of value in grinding and lapping procedure.

**Grinding as a finishing process:** Originally, grinding machines were used principally to true work that had been distorted by hardening; but today grinding is the most economical process of finishing parts with extreme

accuracy, largely because it takes less time than any other method. Cylindrical grinding machines, of which an example is shown in Fig. 1, are used to grind cylindrical and tapered work, having provisions for depth of feed, automatic stop, control of cutting speed, automatic crossfeed, application of cutting oil or coolant on the work while grinding, etc.

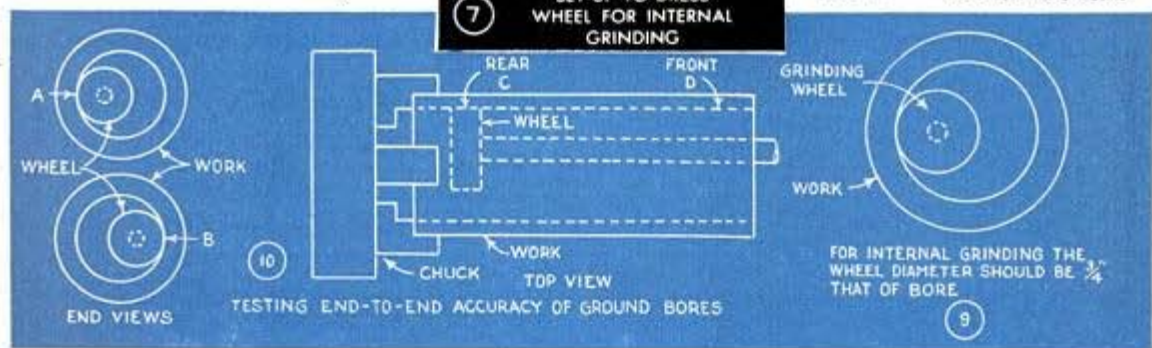
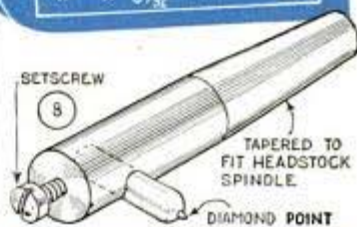
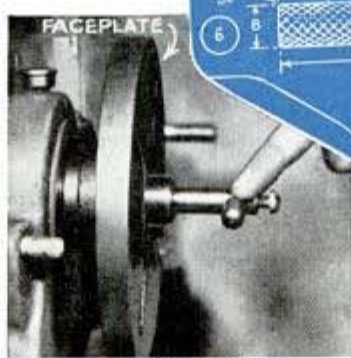
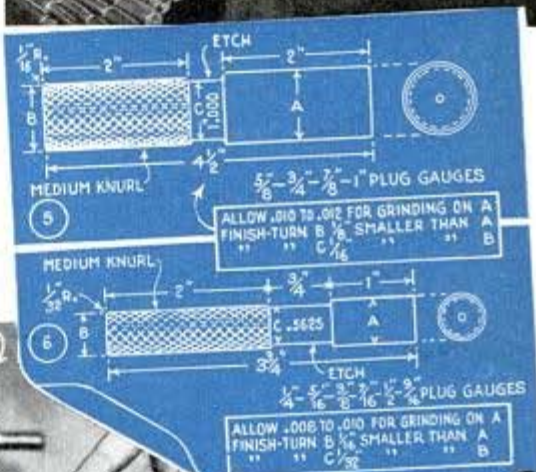
**Wet-grinding set-up for lathe:** Considerable experience in cylindrical grinding can be obtained by any apprentice who can rig up and use a tool-post grinder on an ordinary bench metal-turning lathe as shown in Fig. 2. As a coolant is helpful and often essential, it is advisable to provide a nozzle and splash guard over the wheel, and a drainage pan below the wheel as shown in Fig. 3. Exact sizes of the parts, of course, are variable and depend on your particular type and make of lathe. The pan is slipped over the tool post of the cross-feed slide, and a water-tight assembly is provided when the compound swivel is tightened in position. Fig. 2 shows a view of the set-up with the wheel guard removed. The nozzle is held on the front of the grinder vertical slide. The coolant is carried to the nozzle through a rubber tube, which connects to a container, such as a 5-gal. can, placed behind the lathe at a suitable height above

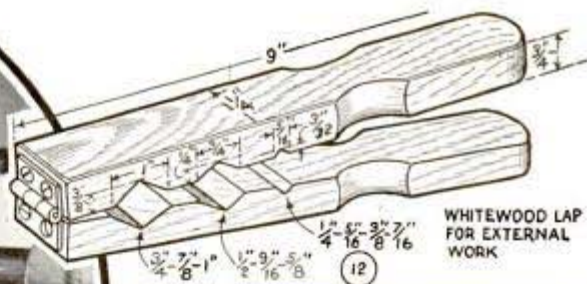


# GRINDING *and* LAPPING

the work. A valve at the container, or other device to constrict the rubber tubing is necessary to control the flow of the coolant and to be able to shut off the stream when necessary. A good coolant for grinding on such a set-up is made by dissolving sal soda, 4 oz., coal-tar disinfectant, 1 oz., and water, 4½ gal. The flow can be regulated so that this amount of coolant will last from 1 to 1½ hrs. before the supply container runs empty. Then, after the coolant has served its purpose, and has run out of the tray into another container placed in the rear or under the lathe, it can be used over and over again. However, a suitable filter or screen should be provided in the drainage line to keep particles of metal out of the liquid that runs to the lower container. Or, the liquid can be siphoned out of the lower container after standing undisturbed for 24 hrs., which enables the metal particles to settle to the bottom. If this is done, the lower portion of the liquid containing the metal should be discarded.

**Making plug gauges:** As every machinist should have a set of plug gauges for checking internal diameters of holes, the job of making a set of these is an ideal project for the apprentice as this gives him an opportunity to become familiar with grinding and lapping technique. Figs. 5 and 6 give the shape, size and dimension of ten plug gauges, which will fill the average needs. The correct grinding wheel for the job is important and as no single wheel can answer all purposes, the chart, Fig. 16, pertaining to the selection of grinding wheels, should be consulted freely.

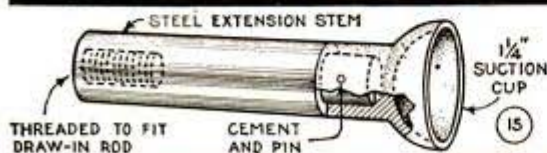
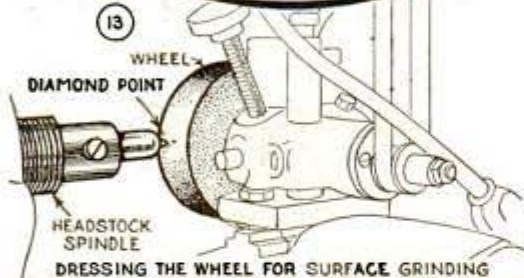




**Gauges are rough-ground:** After the gauges have been turned to approximate size, they are hardened and then the holes to take the centers are polished, after which the centers of the lathe are reground—the tailstock center last. To grind the surface of the gauges, the wheel must be dressed

properly because in tool-post grinding, there must be complete parallelism between the wheel face and the surface of the work. You should dress the wheel by means of a diamond nib set crosswise into a length of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stock, mounted between centers. This is the most efficient method of dressing a wheel for grinding work held between centers. In proceeding to rough-grind the gauges, use just enough coolant to prevent heat. Grind to plus (a little over) .003 in. over the finish sizes. In this operation, the primary object is to grind straight and concentric rather than to produce a very fine finish.

**Aging the gauges artificially:** Unlike other machine-shop tools, gauges must undergo a certain treatment called aging or seasoning. This is highly important in order to assure that, regardless of any change in temperature, the tools will return to their finish dimensions at a temperature of 68 to 70 degrees F. In cases where it is impossible to allow a period of from 3 to 6 months for aging, tool steel can be aged artificially. The procedure is to dip the gauges into ice water first and then into boiling water as illustrated in Fig. 4. Each immersion should last about 30 sec-

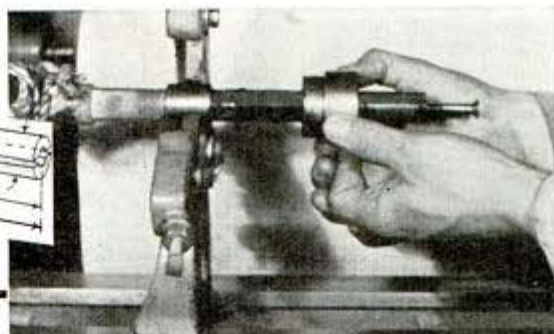
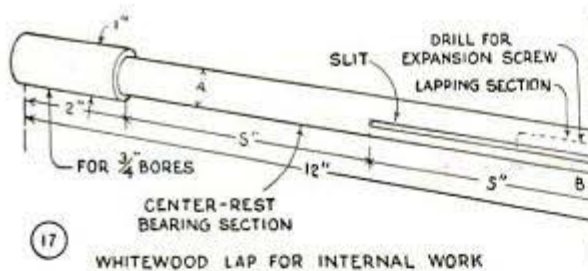


(16) SELECTION OF GRINDING WHEELS TO SUIT WORK FOR GENERAL SHOP USE

Grinding Operation	Hardened Steels	Soft Steel	Cast Iron	Brass	Bronze	Aluminum	Glass	Hard Woods
Cylindrical	38-46-L	38-46-N	37-36-J	37-36-K	37-46-K	37-30-J	37-36-J	37-24-K
Internal	38-60-J	38-46-L	37-46-J	37-36-J	38-60-J	37-46-K	37-60-H	37-24-K
Surface	38-36-H	38-36-L	37-30-J	37-24-H	37-24-H	38-46-H	37-100-N	37-24-K

PERIPHERAL SPEEDS—4500 TO 5000 S.F.P.M.

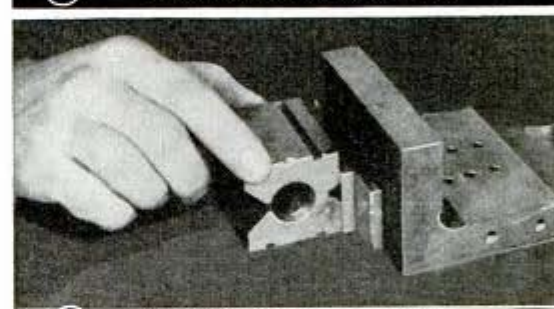
NOTE: Above recommendations given by one manufacturer. Similar combinations are available in other makes. For surface grinders having direct-drive, ball-bearing spindles, select wheel one grade harder than given in chart. Grinding wheels are harder in alphabetical order.



18 LAPPING BORE OF DRILL BUSHING



19 LAPPING SIDE OF PARALLEL BLOCK



20 BLOCKS ARE LAPPED TOGETHER



21 WELL-LAPPED SIZING BLOCKS WILL ADHERE TO EACH OTHER

onds and the cycle should be repeated twenty or thirty times. Then the work should be set away for 48 hrs., in a place where the temperature is constant between 68 and 70 degrees F.

**Gauges are finish-ground:** When finish-grinding the gauges, the speed should be slow and the feed light, allowing no more than .0005 in. and no less than .0003 in. for lapping. See that the temperature of the coolant and the air in the workshop is about 65 degrees F. while finish-grinding.

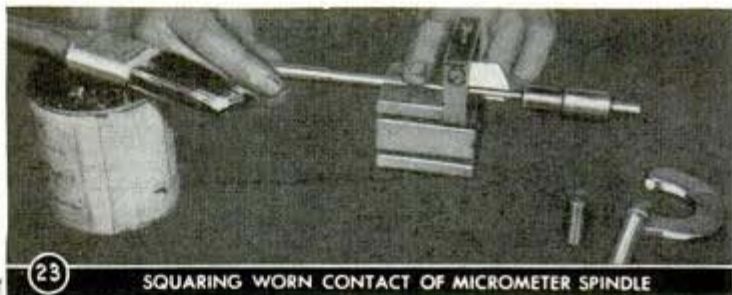
**Tips on internal grinding:** Before continuing with the procedure of lapping the gauges, a few miscellaneous tips about grinding in general will be given here, rather than return to this subject later. For internal grinding no coolant is used. Best results are obtainable when the wheel diameter is close to three-quarters that of the bore, and there is sufficient wheel-to-work contact surface. See Fig. 9. The wheel should be dressed properly from the headstock as in Fig. 7, with the tool shown in Fig. 8. After removing a small amount of stock from surface A, Fig. 10, check the bore to see if the cut is straight. Then feed the wheel across to surface B, barely contacting the center of the bore to spark slightly, after which the wheel is traversed the entire length of the work. If there is a heavier spark at front D, the bore is tapered, being large at location C. This condition can be vice versa.

**Rotary surface grinding:** For surface grinding on a faceplate as in Fig. 14, where the grinding wheel travels parallel to the surface of the faceplate, you should dress the wheel as shown in Fig. 13. This is similar to the arrangement shown in Fig. 7, except that the diamond nib is held in the

22 SELECTION OF FINISHING COMPOUNDS FOR GENERAL SHOP USE

MATERIAL	TYPES OF COMPOUND		
	NO LIMIT SIZE	TO REMOVE .0005 to .001 in.	TO REMOVE .0005 in. or less
Hardened Steels	1st R.7-Coarse 2d R.7-Medium 3d R.7-Fine	1st R.7-Medium 2d R.7-Fine	R.7-Fine only
Soft Steels	1st W.7-Coarse 2d W.7-Medium 3d W.7-Fine	1st W.7-Medium 2d W.7-Fine	W.7-Fine only
All Soft Metals	1st G.7-Coarse 2d G.7-Medium 3d G.7-Fine	1st G.7-Medium 2d G.7-Fine	G.7-Fine only
For Extra-Fine Finish on Any Surface	Remove last .0001 in. with H-41-Medium and obtain mirror-like finish with A-50-Medium		

Note: Above recommendations are given by one manufacturer. Similar mixtures are available in other makes.



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SQUARING WORN CONTACT OF MICROMETER SPINDLE



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SQUARING WORN CONTACT OF ANVIL WITH IMPROVED ALIGNING SLEEVE

opposite plane. Fig. 15 shows how a suction cup is used to hold work on a faceplate when other methods of holding it are neither available nor advisable. You simply fit a steel stem to a vacuum cup such as used to lap automobile-motor valves. Insert the assembly into the spindle and pull in with the draw-in rod. By pressing the cup against a smooth surface and using a common household spring scale, you will discover a resisting pull of 10 lbs. for a 1¼-in. cup. Always spot-grind the plate lightly before proceeding, and if the work is rather heavy, adjust it and flow a dash of quick-setting liquid solder on all four sides.

**Lapping methods:** At its best a ground finish looks like a series of hills and valleys when magnified. While not so apparent to the naked eye, these minute imperfections can be removed by lapping, which can be done as well in the basement as in any well-equipped tool room. The requirements are a good lapping tool or lap, a compound suitable for the job, and some patience. The compound must be about

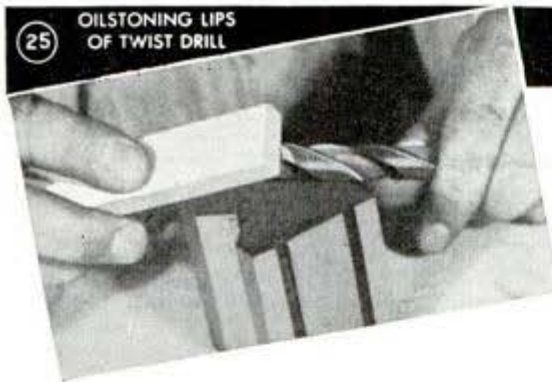
the same hardness as the material to be lapped, but, the lap must be considerably softer than the material. Finishing compounds are scientifically prepared and homemade concoctions should be avoided. A single mixture will not serve all needs and therefore the data chart on the selection of finishing compounds for general shop use, Fig. 22, should be followed carefully. Whitewood makes the best and most economical lap. Amateurs should use only fine compounds until they are acquainted with their rapid-cutting properties.

**Cylindrical lapping:** A universal lap that will serve for the entire set of plug gauges is shown in Fig. 12. Start with a large gauge, apply the compound generously to it and also to the lap, and proceed as shown in Fig. 11. The speed should be about 300 r.p.m. and the lap should traverse the work slowly and with light pressure. Check frequently for size and finish, and use a hot, strong solution of washing powder to clean all surfaces, wiping them with a piece of cheesecloth.

**Internal lapping:** Fig. 17 shows a white-wood lap for internal lapping. It should be a snug fit in the bore. One end is slit and fitted with a wood screw to expand it. In use the lap is mounted between centers being driven by a dog and supported by a center rest, using a steel bushing for a bearing as shown in Fig. 18. Then the compound is applied to both the lap and bore. The work is fed slowly, using an oscillating movement and constantly changing the position of the bore with relation to the lap. In Fig. 18, a drill bushing is being lapped with a spindle speed of 300 r.p.m.

**To lap two parallel surfaces:** It's an easy matter to lap the surfaces of two parallel blocks by first lapping one side of each on a surface plate. Most of the plate is covered with compound and one side of each block is lapped as shown in Fig. 19. Use a circular movement and keep changing the location of contact. Then the two blocks are lapped together with their previously



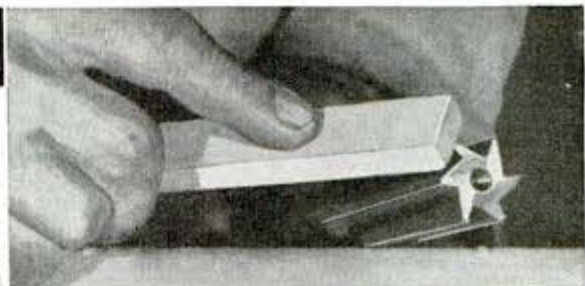


25 OILSTONING LIPS OF TWIST DRILL

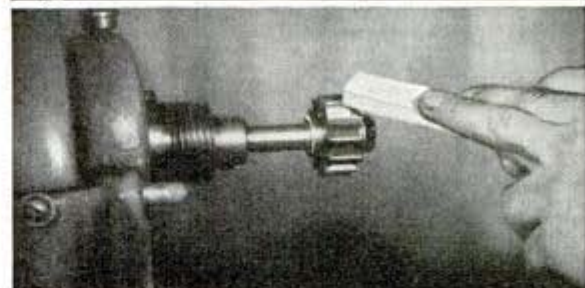
lapped surfaces set against a V-block and an angle plate respectively as in Fig. 20. In this way both surfaces of each block will be parallel. When small blocks are well lapped, they can be wrung together so that they will adhere to each other as in Fig. 21.

**Lapping worn micrometer contact points:** A micrometer may be adjusted to read correctly but this does not mean that it will measure accurately, as the contacts on the spindle and the anvil may be worn. You can easily correct this error as follows: Remove the spindle and clamp it to a V-block as shown in Fig. 23. Use a thin piece of paper to raise the spindle slightly and then lap the end to the squared end of a piece of drill rod. Replace the spindle in the micrometer frame, and with a small sleeve bored blind to fit on the spindle, lap the end of the anvil as in Fig. 24. Use sufficient pressure and oscillating movement in each case.

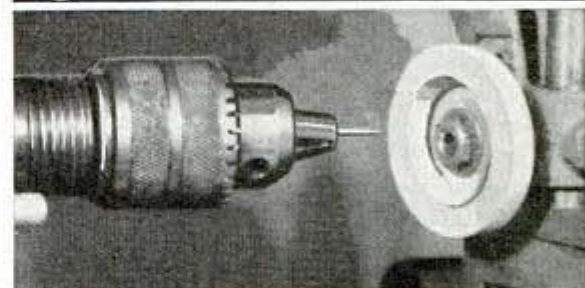
**Oilstoning metal-cutting tools:** Oilstoning is really another form of lapping. By oilstoning the lips of twist drills as in Fig. 25, you can increase the feed and speed, and get more holes between grinds. If the chamfered corners of reamers are oilstoned



26 —THE CHAMFER CORNERS OF A REAMER,



27 —THE EDGES OF MILLING CUTTER,

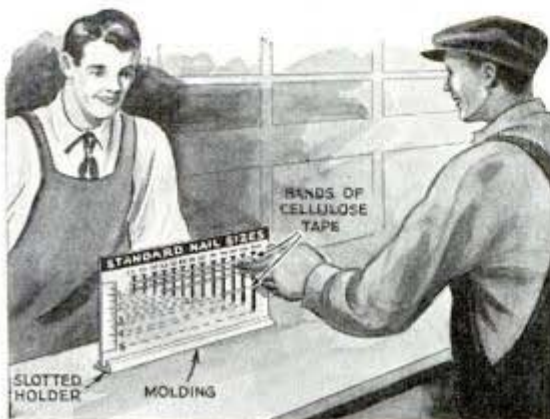


28 —AND, THE POINT OF A SCRIBER

as in Fig. 26, they will produce a mirror-like finish when reaming in brass or bronze. An oilstone also will remove fine, impregnated chips from the edges of a milling cutter as shown in Fig. 27. The best way to smooth down a sharp point, such as that of a scriber, is to make use of a grinder and a wheel oilstone as shown in Fig. 28.

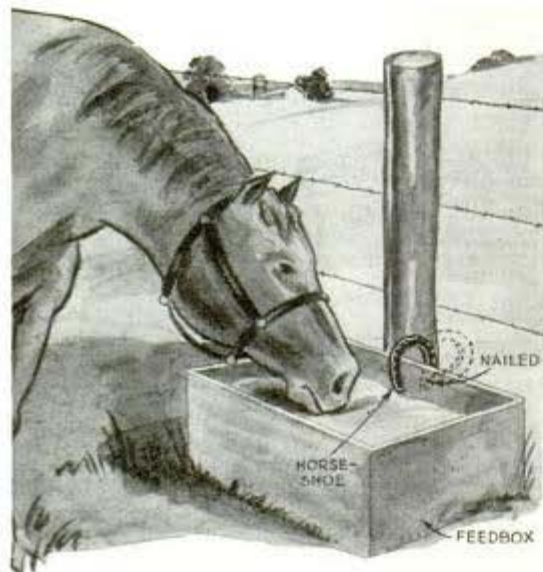
**Next Month: Machining With Turrets**

## Chart Aids Customer in Selecting the Correct Size of Nail



To enable inexperienced customers to select quickly the correct sizes of nails needed for their work, one hardware dealer uses a display chart of the type shown. Nails of the most common sizes are taped to a cardboard with the penny size marked directly above them. At the left end of the chart is a scale marked off in divisions of  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. with dotted lines running from the lower ends of the nails to the scale. In this way, the customer can glance at the chart and order the correct size of nail for the job he plans to do.

## Horseshoe Pivoted to Fence Post Anchors Outdoor Feedbox



When an animal is fed in an open box outdoors, it can be kept from upsetting the box by using a horseshoe pivoted at one end to a post or stake. This permits the box to be removed easily for cleaning, yet keeps it securely in place when turned over the box edge.

## Simple Reamer for Sheet Metal



four sharp edges. One end of the tool serves as a handle while the other is being used.

This reamer is just the thing for enlarging holes in sheet metal. Made from a 12-in. length of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. tool steel, the reamer is tapered at both ends, each one being of a different size. The tapered portions should be ground square to provide

## Safety Pins Hold Sign on Screen

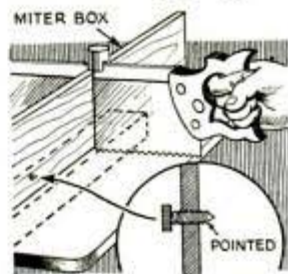
Owners of markets, stores and shops who have frequent occasion to display small signs on their screen doors will



find that ordinary safety pins provide ideal fastening devices. When pinned to the screen in the positions indicated, they hold each corner of the sign securely.

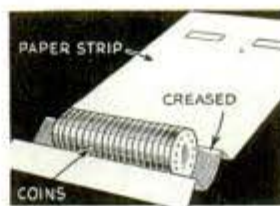
## Spike Point in Back of Miter Box Keeps Work From Slipping

Small strips of wood will not slip out of position when cutting them in a miter box if you drill and tap a small hole through the back of the box and insert a



small pointed screw as indicated. The pointed end should just project through the back. By pressing the positioned work against the point of the screw, it will not slip when the cut is started.

## Creased Wrapper Holds Coins For Easy Rolling



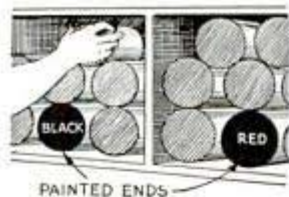
To avoid the difficulty of holding a stack of small coins together for rolling them in a paper strip, one cashier suggests that the strip be creased at the end as shown. This provides a stiff trough in which the coin stack may be held in correct alignment.

## Gun to Form Pattern Fillets

Wax for pattern fillets is best prepared in the form of slender sticks from  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. according to the work at hand. The wax sticks are made easily in a pressure gun assembled from a pipe nipple and two caps. The nipple is reamed smooth inside and a steel piston or plunger is fitted inside to force the wax out. Cartridges of wax can be prepared for quick insertion into the gun by melting it into paper tubes of suitable size.



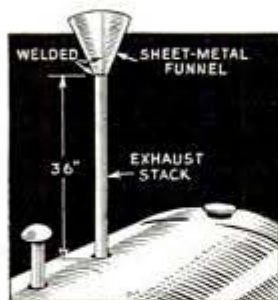
## Paint Color Shown on Container



To aid his customers in selecting the color of paint they desire, one dealer stacks the various colors in different piles on his shelves and then paints the bottom of one can in each pile. In this way, a customer can pick the color desired without the dealer taking the time to show a color chart and wait while the customer makes his selection.—John Krill, Youngstown, O.

## 'Megaphone' on Tractor Exhaust Eases Throb of Engine

After enduring the pounding exhaust of a heavy tractor engine for long intervals, one driver welded a sheet-metal funnel to the top of a high exhaust stack. This eased the pounding throb of the engine and at the same time caused no back pressure, which is an objectionable feature of a conventional muffler on a heavy-duty engine. The flaring top of the tall exhaust stack deflects the sound upward and away from the driver.



## Oiled Paper Protects Plow Against Rusting



Experiencing the usual trouble in removing heavy grease used to protect a plow moldboard against rust, one farmer coated the polished surface with light machine oil and then pressed sheets of oiled paper into contact with the surface. The paper adheres tightly to the metal, yet is stripped off easily when the plow is to be used again.

When papering a room, cut the paper about 2 in. beyond the corners, then either butt or lap the next piece, and you will have no trouble with wrinkles.

## Paper Stapler Closes Small Holes In Filled Grain Sacks



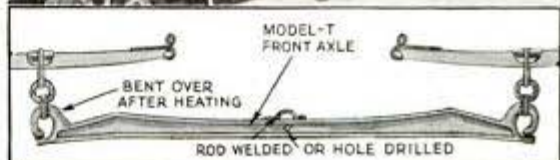
Operators of grinding mills and others who handle large quantities of sack feed will find an ordinary paper stapler handy to close small holes in sacks without emptying them. This quick repair is made by bringing the torn edges together and then turning a portion of them under, after which several staples are clinched along the opening to close it effectively as shown.

—Pio Panieri, Roslyn, Wash.

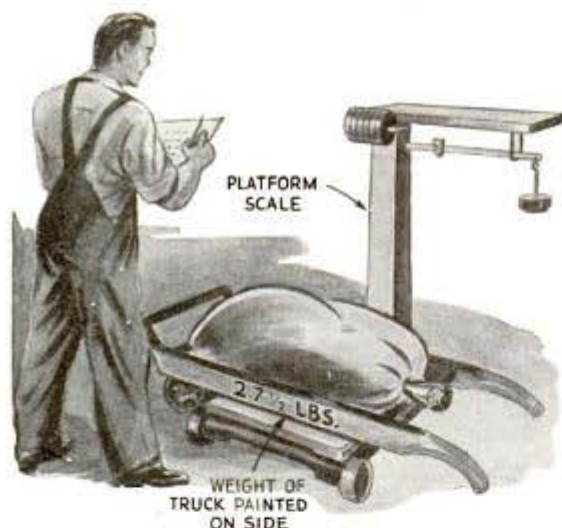
## Strong Doubletree Is Assembled From Model-T Front Axle

When hauling large logs and other heavy loads over mountainous roads, my team broke many doubletrees, which led me to assemble one from an old car axle that has lasted over three years. Being approximately the same length as an ordinary doubletree, all I had to do was slip the singletree links over the axle ends and bend them down after heating. A U-shaped rod flattened at the ends and welded to the axle holds the pin in place.

—Joe W. Back, Dubois, Wyo.



## Weights Painted on Hand Trucks Save Time in Checking Loads

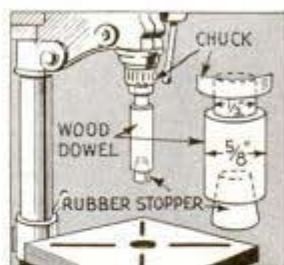


In a warehouse where hand trucks of various sizes were used, one merchant saved the labor of lifting the load onto and off platform scales by simply painting the weights of the empty trucks on the side rails. This permitted the workman to lower the truck on the scale platform, deduct its

weight from that shown on the scale and thus quickly determine the weight of the load on the truck.

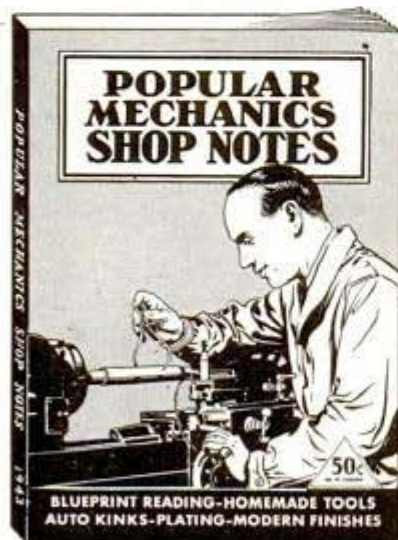
## Easy Way to Put Machine Finish On Metal Surface

To put a machine finish on metal, try using a rubber stopper instead of a wood dowel or brass rod. The stopper should be about  $\frac{5}{8}$  in. in diameter at one end and tapered at the other end to fit into the chuck of the drill press. Another method is to use a short length of broomstick, turned down



with a tapered hole at the other end to take the stopper. Silicon carbide of about 120 grain is mixed with light machine oil and applied to the end of the stopper. You will find that the flexible rubber stopper enables you to produce a better pattern.

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# RADIO



## First Aid Suggestions for Your Radio Sets

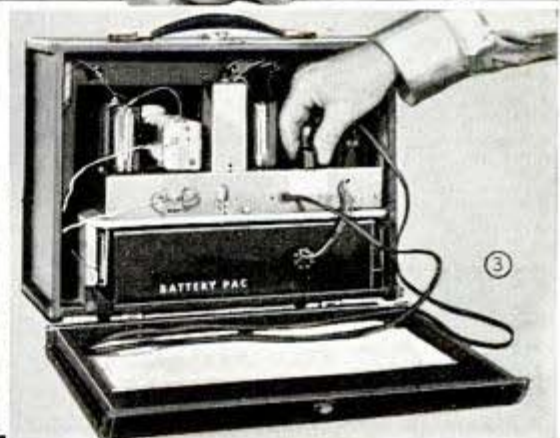
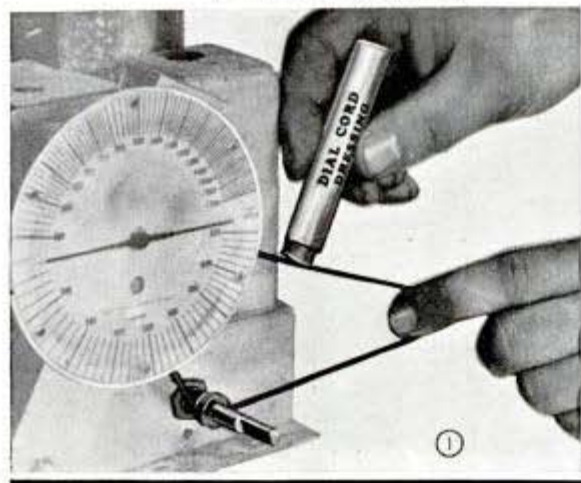
### PART VI

**F**IRST aid suggestions should always deal with the prevention of accidents. If your set is an a.c.-d.c. type, a ground lead never should be connected directly to the chassis of the receiver. If an external ground is considered necessary with a set of this type, a .1 mfd. 400-volt paper-type condenser must be connected in series with the ground lead. In sets that already include such a condenser, this second series condenser will add extra safety. Never ground any set on a gas pipe.

Antenna leads should not be connected to a radiator or water pipe; to do so probably will mean a burned-out antenna coil. Even though a protective series condenser is used it is bad practice and the slightly raised volume does not compensate for the greatly increased background noise.

Slipping dial cords are a common source of trouble that can be correctly quickly with a little crushed rosin or by applying a dial-cord dressing stick as shown in photo No. 1. All portable dry batteries such as illustrated in photos 2 and 3 should be tested under proper load, with a battery tester and voltmeter specially designed for that purpose in order to obtain a correct reading. All dealers and servicemen use a meter similar to

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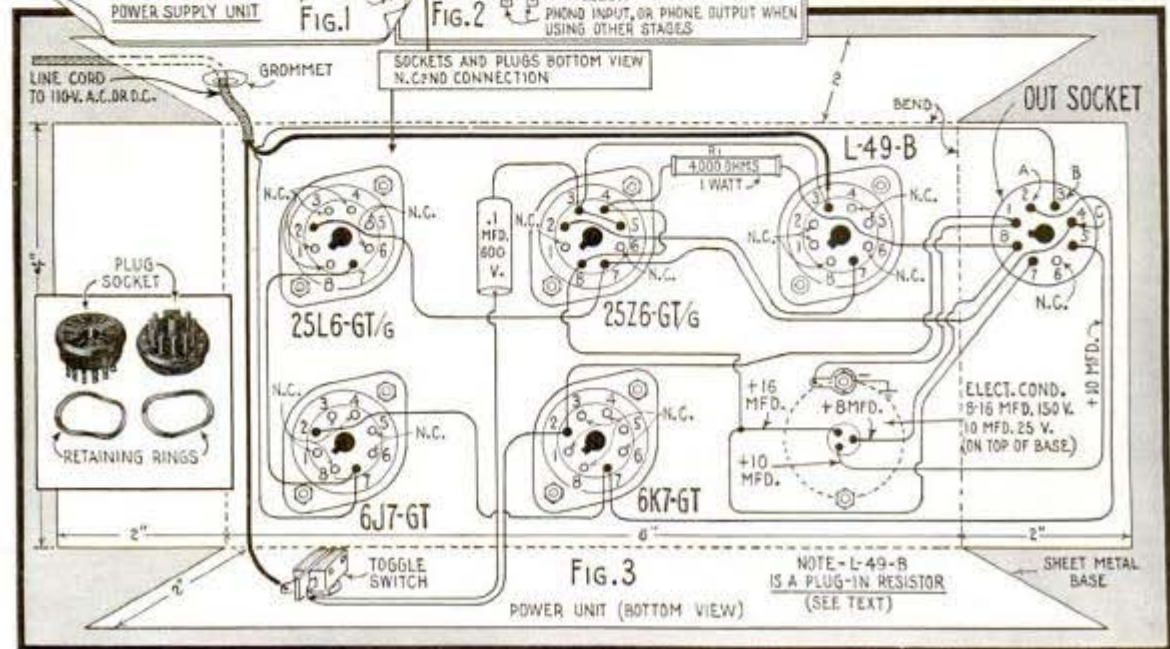
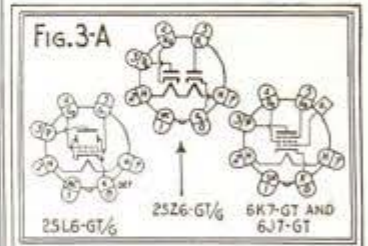
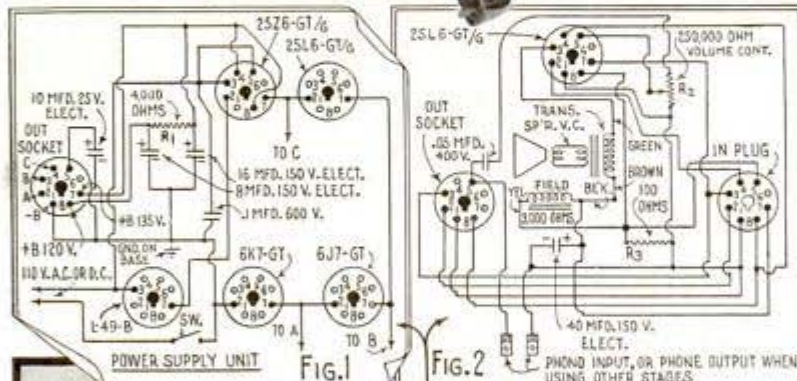
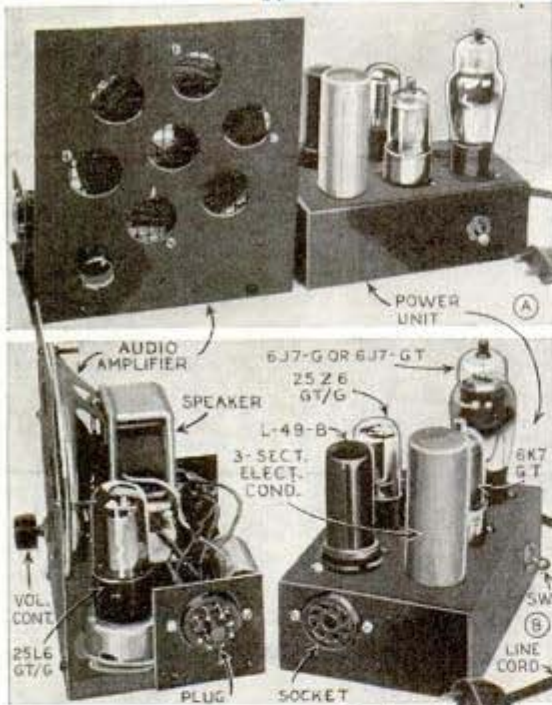




# FOUR-UNIT A.C.-D.C.

By M. N. Beitman

THIS is a practical progressive layout built in four distinct sections which plug together to make a good inexpensive 4-tube T.R.F. broadcast receiver. It consists of an a.c.-d.c. power unit which may be built first and used as a B-eliminator in connection with other sets, for classroom experiments, and for tests, or, combined with the audio unit it makes a phono amplifier. If you plan to construct the additional sections, the tubes used in the audio, detector and R.F. sections will serve to reduce the 110-volt line supply for the 25Z6-GT/G tube used as a rectifier in the power unit. If you wish to build the power unit only, a single 300-ohm, 25-watt wire-wound resistor can be used to replace all of the extra tubes including the ballast tube L-49-B. As this is primarily a construction article for the student and experimenter, the parts values are not critical.



# STUDENT RECEIVER

## PART I—POWER SUPPLY AND AUDIO AMPLIFIER UNITS

Condensers may vary to twice the indicated values, or a junk box condenser of half the specified capacity will serve.

The schematic circuit diagram for the power unit appears in Fig. 1, and the simplified wiring diagram is shown in Fig. 3. It will be noted that the various voltages are brought out to an octal socket mounted on one side of the scrap metal base detailed in Fig. 3; all socket holes are  $1\frac{1}{8}$  in. in diameter. Care must be taken that the connections made to this "out" socket are just as shown as the same continuity is maintained in the additional units by means of plug and socket connectors. The audio, amplifier, detector and R.F. units are assembled on small wood baseboards, with the plug and socket connectors mounted on metal brackets screwed to the sides of the baseboards, the connectors being mounted at a uniform height so that the units may be plugged together as shown in photos A, B and C. Fig. 3-A shows bottom views of the standard tube socket connections for the tubes specified.

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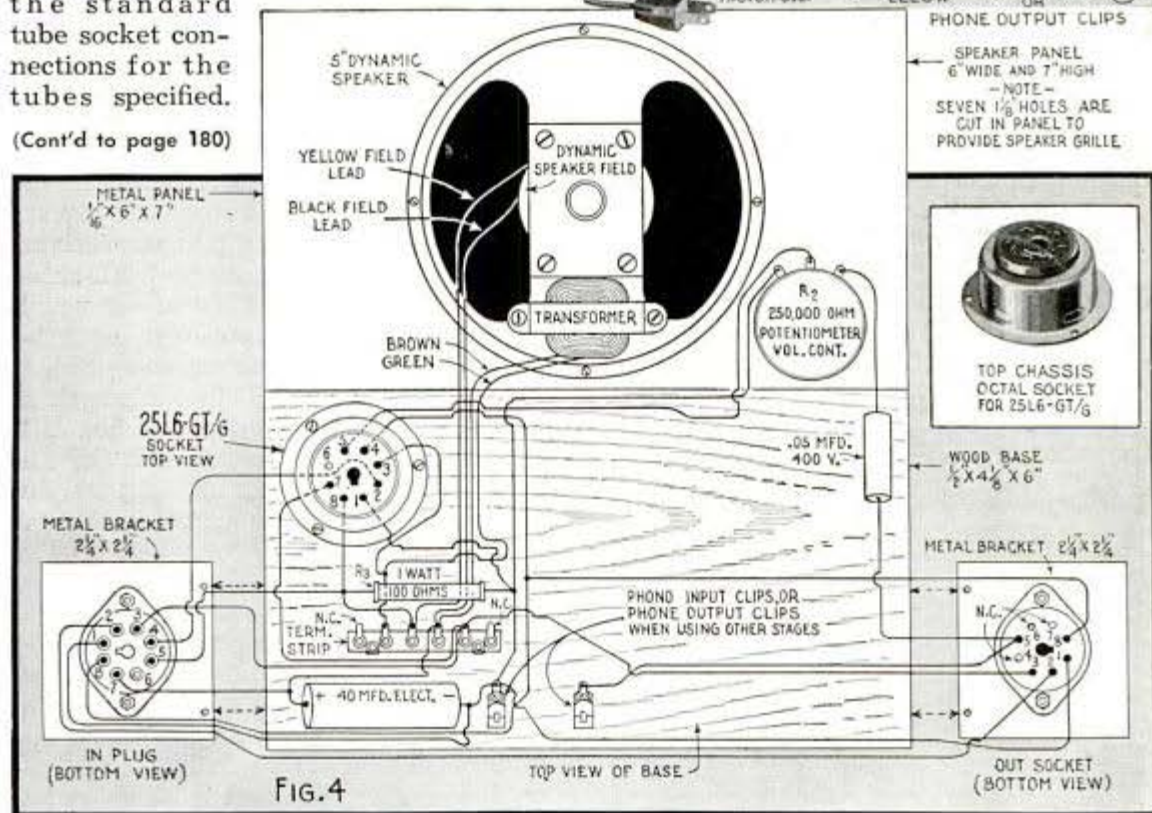
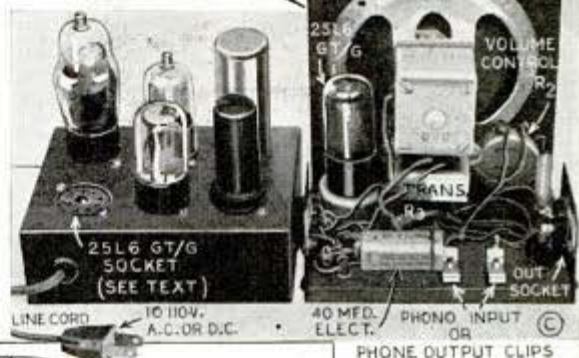


FIG. 4

# Compact A.C.-D.C. Set in Kit Form for Schools



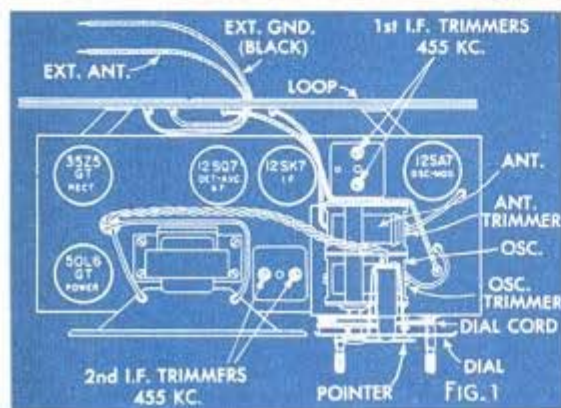
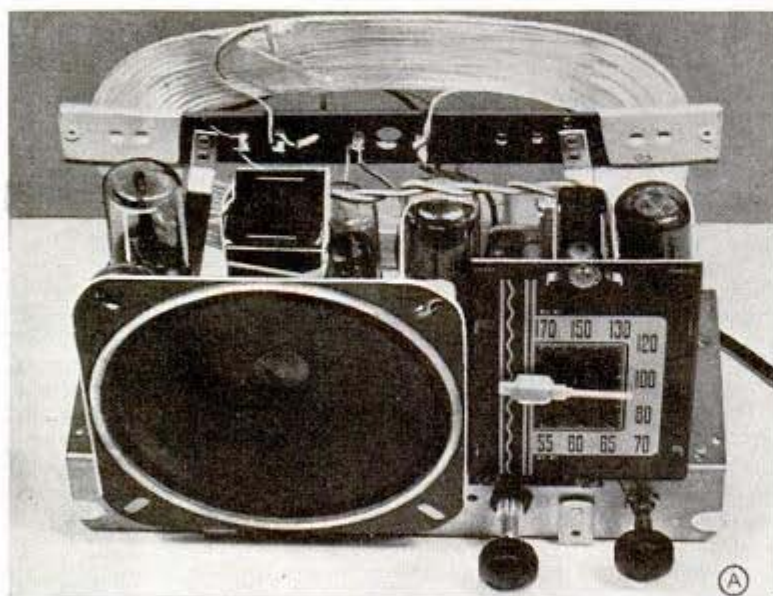
ANY a.c.-d.c. super of the ultra-compact midget type provides an inexpensive means for practical classroom study and service training. Small receivers of this type have been made by the million and are used in many homes as a personal or auxiliary set. They therefore constitute a large portion of the average serviceman's "patients." However, when properly designed they do give long and satisfactory performance, considering their low cost.

Although a large number of discarded sets of this type are available for student use, the circuit data is not always obtainable and they usually find their way into the junk box of used parts. The 5-tube kit illustrated is one of several student kits, available from radio mail order houses, that include circuit diagrams, assembly details and notes on operation that are useful to advancing students and classroom instructors. This unit includes a loop antenna, beam-power output, automatic volume control and a 10 to 1 ratio tuning dial. The frequency range is from 540 to 1730 kilocycles and it operates on 105-125 volts either a.c. or d.c.. Photo A shows the completed chassis, and the general layout details appear in Fig. 1.

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Although this is a modern and unusually well designed midget receiver in every respect, it is subject to most of the usual midget a.c.-d.c. set ailments due to space saving and parts limitations, thus making it a practical

"guinea pig" for the student and experimenter. Necessary confining of parts in small space means excessive generation of heat, and this is the principal enemy of any a.c.-d.c. set of the so-called "midget" or "compact" variety. Knowing this, the student or serviceman looks for defective filter condensers that have dried out. Other parts, such as carbon resistors, may warm up and change value to an extent where they become useless; these defects however, are easily remedied with standard replacement parts.



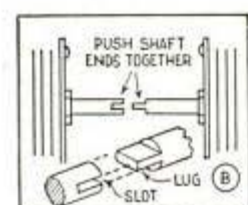
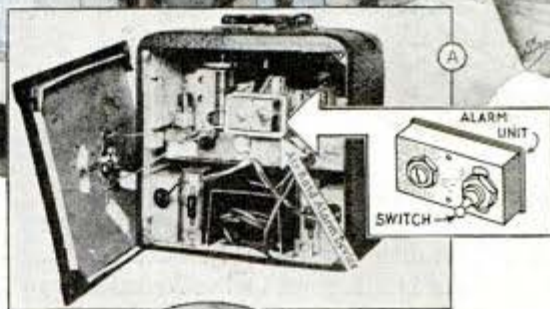


# Helpful RADIO SUGGESTIONS

(A) Air raid alarm unit easily installed in any type of radio set, table model or console, automatically sounds a loud siren-like tone when the radio station to which the set is tuned goes off the air at the first warning of attack. Switched on or off as required, it does not interfere with the operation of the receiver and no changes in wiring are necessary



(B) When no coupling is available, variable condensers may be ganged as shown; select condensers with right and left rotation and file the shafts as indicated. Further capacity matching is done with the usual padding condensers. (C) Handy antenna unit in compact form that may be placed behind the set or under a rug. It is 1/2 in. thick, 3 in. wide and 7 1/4 in. long. A 5-ft. lead wire connects to the antenna post on the set. Eliminates long flexible "roll up" antenna commonly used with older midget and small table models



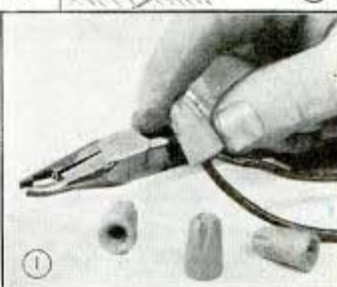
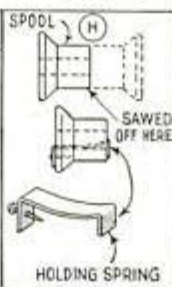
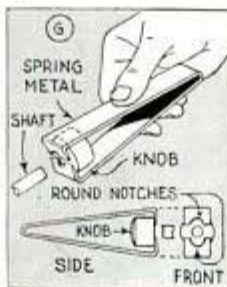
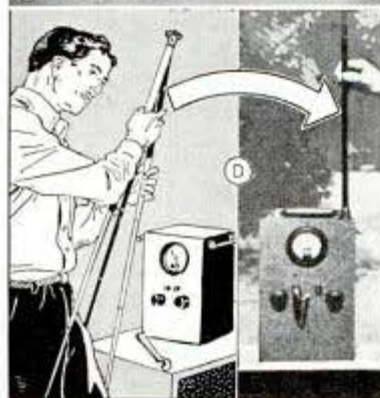
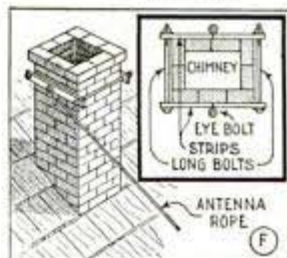
(D) One leg from a metal telescoping camera tripod makes a good antenna for portable radio equipment where an adjustable rod antenna is required. Porcelain stand-off insulators may be used for mounting



(E) Plastic replaces the metal shell in this inverted type chassis mounting tubular electrolytic condenser supplied single or multiple in a wide range of capacities and working voltages



(F) Sturdy chimney bracket for supporting a receiving antenna; paint to match bricks. (G) Homemade knob puller removes tight-fitting "push-on" control knobs. (H) Half of spool used as an emergency substitute for a lost or broken "push-on" knob; the piece of spring metal bears against the flat side of the shaft. (I) "Screw-on" wire connectors join twisted wires without solder or tape



## Radio on Tricycle Carryall



In addition to a headlight, spotlight, bell, siren, rear-view mirror and carryall compartment this utility tricycle for delivering groceries and merchandise is equipped with an auto radio powered by a small 6-volt storage battery fastened behind the seat. A fish-pole auto antenna is mounted on one side of the carryall compartment at left rear but does not appear in the photo. The receiver is attached to the handlebars and front fender by means of metal strips.

## Electronic Key Is Semi-Automatic



Electronically operated, this "bug" key of advanced design is manipulated by the operator in the same manner as mechanical keys of the "bug" type. However, with this electronic key

the speed of sending is continuously adjustable even during the course of transmission by a single control knob on the front panel. Pressing the paddle to the right produces a continuous series of dots and to the left a continuous series of dashes.

At all speeds the correct proportion between dots, spaces and dashes is preserved regardless of operating peculiarities.

## Portable Vacuum Tube Voltmeter

Rugged and in convenient portable form, this test meter is claimed to give accurate measurements throughout the entire audio frequency range, including the ultra-high audio frequencies. It operates on a.c. or batteries.



## Panoramic Short-Wave Reception

Panoramic reception will be introduced when short-wave equipment is again available for civilian use. Combined with communications receivers such as this SX-28, traffic density is visual 50 kc. each side of a station to which the set is tuned.



Blueprints covering simplified radio construction articles in this and past issues are available for 25c each. Many popular tested circuits for beginners, students and experimenters may be built with used parts. Detailed material lists can be obtained from Popular Mechanics Radio Department upon receipt of postage.

**NEXT MONTH—Four-Unit A.C.-D.C. Student Receiver—Part 2.** Detector and R.F. amplifier stages are added to the power supply unit and audio-amplifier stage described for construction in this issue, completing the 4-tube T.R.F. set. Also—**A Pure Tone A.C.-D.C. Safety Code Oscillator;** and **First Aid for Home Receivers.**

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Early efforts to mine the sulphur met with disaster. Shafts caved in and daring miners lost their lives. Scores of unorthodox methods—including freezing quicksand with ammonia pipes—were tried, but the sulphur remained locked in the earth.

America seemed destined for dependence on foreign supplies—supplies which today adequately care for the needs of our enemies—until Dr. Herman Frasch, a scientist prominent in the early history of the petroleum industry, conceived the revolutionary idea of mining sulphur as a liquid.

They—the scientific "they" of the early 1890's—laughed at him. Dr. Frasch ignored their ridicule and went ahead with his scheme to melt the mineral under ground with superheated water and then pump it to the surface through pipes. In 1895 the first melted sulphur flowed from the earth.

Virtually all American sulphur is produced by the Frasch process. Derricks of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company and the Freeport Sulphur Company, the largest producers, give the mines the appearance of oil fields. The mining equipment includes a "nest" of pipes, placed one within the other, extending down to the sulphur deposit. Water brought to a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit, under pressure, is forced into the mine. The sulphur melts and sinks to the bottom of the well. Water and air pressure lift it to the surface where it is discharged into steam-heated vats and pumped to huge bins where it hardens into mountainous bricks.

The development of the sulphur industry is allied with the growth of the petroleum and steel industries. Sulphuric acid was first used to refine kerosene in 1859. Since then the acid, sulphur dioxide and even crude sulphur have been used as purifying agents in cracking processes.

The great demand for sulphuric acid by the steel industry started in 1890 with the production of tin plate and the galvanizing of metal. Last year the industry used 1,450,000 tons of the acid as a cleaning and de-scaling agent. The rapid growth of the automobile industry had a tremendous effect on the production of oil products and sheet steel with corresponding demands on the sulphur industry. There are many other peacetime uses of sulphur. In 1941,

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about 2,500,000 tons of sulphuric acid were used in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizers. Farmers also depend on crude sulphur as a source of various insecticides.

Sulphur entered the pulp and paper industry in 1866 when it was discovered that wood pulp could be made by cooking chips in water containing calcium or magnesium bisulphite. Today about 250 pounds of sulphur are consumed in the production of one ton of sulphite pulp. The pulp, a standard raw material for the paper industry, is also used in the manufacture of Cellophane, related materials including casing for sausages, and such synthetic fibers as rayon. The manufacture of plastics, synthetic rubber or safety glass is dependent on chemicals with a sulphur base.

Other articles sulphur helps to produce, long accepted in everyday life, are photographic film, matches, celluloid, paint and varnish, glycerin, sugar, soda, ink, shoe polish, food preservatives, dye stuffs, rat poison, fire extinguishers, cements, resin, refrigerants and scores of others. It is estimated that the rubber industry alone manufactured 32,000 articles containing sulphur before production was curbed.

As distant as the poles are the uses of sulphur in TNT and sulfanilamide on the battlefields. Sulphur drugs are saving lives and limbs by the hundreds every day on both the war and home fronts. At Pearl Harbor alone scores of lives were saved by the prompt administration of sulfanilamide and sulfathiazole to the wounded.

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# Patrolling Uncle Sam's Deadlines

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search of better jobs. Even these must be prevented from entering, otherwise other aliens and smugglers would take advantage of the laxity. In an effort to seal the borders against all traffic the Patrol has been doubled in size during the last several years, the result being that few aliens now try to cross the border because of the virtual certainty that they will be caught. Those who do try it, these days, are likely to be smugglers or enemy aliens who have worked out their plans carefully ahead of time. Such plans rarely succeed. In the true desert areas such a person can hardly carry water and food enough to carry him to safety. In the more populated areas, ranchers and cattlemen are on the lookout, ready to report strangers who have no business in the district.

Members of the Border Patrol can tell thrilling stories of their adventures but there is a lot of hard work attached to their jobs. Many people wouldn't last a week on the border. Long hours of horseback riding under the hot sun, days or nights "staked out" in the brush waiting for a suspected smuggler to cross, possibly pitched battles after dark with the patrolmen using tracer bullets to help find their targets, are all part of their life. In spite of the heat, sometimes, they must wear thick underwear and protective netting around their heads to ward off mosquitoes while on river duty. They may return in a few

hours when they go on patrol, or it may be a couple of days before they report back.

You could pass the physical examination of any airplane pilot and still not be physically eligible for the patrol, so stiff are the requirements for the service. Your personal history and background must stand the sharpest scrutiny. Then you must go to school for 30 days, at the El Paso headquarters. Included among the subjects studied by the men undergoing training at the school are Spanish, radio code, criminal investigation, "sign cutting" and tracking, self defense and methods of disarming an opponent, and mastery of the numerous weapons that the Patrol uses, including revolvers, rifles, carbines, riot guns, and submachine guns.

Once you go on active duty it will be months or years before you acquire all the abilities of a veteran of the border. For a long time you will travel in company with an experienced man who knows how to handle every sort of situation. And you'll learn to grin at yourself when, as has happened a couple of times, you spend long hot hours carefully following some vague footprints leading north from the border, only to find that they pass within a few yards of the corral where you saddled your horse before daybreak that morning, and that if you had only sat on the corral fence for a while the alien would have walked right into your hands.

## "Electric Eyes" Serve as Traffic Cop in Mile-Long Utah Tunnel

Traffic is controlled in a single-lane 6,000-foot tunnel in Utah with electronic tubes, better known as "electric eyes." They allow traffic to enter at one end for three minutes and, when the tunnel is clear, from the other end for the same time. If a laggard lingers in the tunnel, or a car

breaks down, an alarm sounds. The eye at one end counts the cars that go in and the eye at the other end "checks" them out. Before reversing traffic flow, the two eyes must register equal numbers of cars. The system was designed and installed by the General Electric company.

## Peppermint Oil Supplies Menthol Formerly Imported From the Orient

Menthol, the medicinal chemical formerly imported from China and Japan, is being extracted from American peppermint oil. New methods of refining the oil have opened up a large domestic market. Last year 500,000 pounds of menthol were used in this country and it is estimated that it would require at least 1,000,000 pounds

of oil to yield that amount of menthol. Farmers in Indiana and Michigan produced 80 percent of last year's crop and the balance was grown in Oregon and Washington. One refining plan calls for the extraction of only the excess menthol, leaving the residual oil for use as flavoring by toothpaste and chewing gum manufacturers.

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## For Real Discomfort—"There's No Place Like Home"

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which we can return after a day of work and in which we will be able to relax and really live.

Let us build that house as a unit with all the utilities included as part of the house and not additions to it. For instance, let us make the house have, as a part of it, a central utility unit built in, which, in one plant, provides heat, hot water, refrigeration, bath and toilet facilities, dishwashing and laundry, and perhaps communications. All this sounds like the old prefabricated home idea again. Our house may be—we can't guess—but prefabrication is a result, not a cause for design.

We may eliminate work through the use of materials and utilities which don't require work. Eliminate polishing, dusting, scrubbing and waxing, and the need for constant refinishing. Let us concentrate on this factor because if we don't we will be all worn out with the work of living.

Let us do some original designing in the field of illumination and make this a part of the house—as much a part of the house itself as the front door.

We should be able to build a house like a Thermos bottle so that without effort you can keep it warm in winter and cool in summer, and keep out dust all year 'round.

Some original research in the use of materials must be done. One of my designer friends has inspired me to this thought by his use of the phrase "materials that grow old gracefully." This is a valuable idea because it means eliminating work. Let us see if we can't design and specify materials which are impervious to the minor wear and tear of daily living.

Finally, having designed this "satisfactory machine to live in" and tested it and proved to our own satisfaction that it represents a real advance in the design of dwelling units, let us start designing it all over again to take in three more important elements—

The designed use of the latest developments in raw materials such as light stainless metals, inert plastics, resin-bonded plywoods, malleable plastic pipes and conduits, Plexiglas and innumerable other things which are being developed now for war purposes.



Then, let us design houses in "appearance packages" along lines which have been proven to be irresistible to the consumers' eyes.

Then, let us work out whole community plans based on the development of complete community centers with all the social and marketing utilities so necessary to the business of living a pleasant life. Let us work out the design of our future communities so that a fellow can grow a few flowers if he wants to and maybe have a tiny patch of radishes or other vegetables so that he can indulge in man's favorite dream of being a farmer, but let us design this so that the hobby of having a few flowers and radishes doesn't entail all the labor of a forty-hour week.

And for those who would prefer to design interiors, let us design home furnishings along traditional, friendly lines but let us make them:

First, do the job; after all, a chair is a chair and ought to look like one and ought to sit like one.


Let us eliminate simulated eye appeal. For years we have kept ourselves busy designing furniture that appealed purely because it had a concealed ash tray or some other useless contraption that wouldn't work. Let us, for the love of Mike, get away from "waterfall front." The world is sick of picking up things that have slipped to the floor.

And, finally, let us design draperies that drape and at the same time let us eliminate draperies that look like Grandmother's wedding dress warmed over for breakfast. Let us make hangings to conceal things like window shades mechanically perfect and, "just in case," let us make them provide a perfect blackout.

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## On the Night Shift

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nize the need for top flight brains on the night shift after its motor division plants went from 20 to 45 percent on night work.

"Night shifts previously had been operating as auxiliaries to the day forces, carrying out instructions left by day supervisors," says R. W. Owens, manager of this division.

"We did four things to maintain smooth-running production in the expanded night shifts. The percentage of older, experienced workers on the night crews was increased; supervisors were provided in each section where the increased personnel necessitated that procedure; production organization assistants were assigned to aid the supervisors, and the number of night shift inspectors was stepped up."

The unexpected part of the change was that when veteran employes were asked to upset their habits and take the night shift to help win the war they seemed to be happy to do so, feeling that if they couldn't fight, at least they could sacrifice something for the war effort. One company posted a sign: "Men Wanted to Work the MacArthur Shift—Midnight to 8 a.m."

General Electric Company, also a pioneer in all-out war production, found that whatever discomfort the night shift brought to employes, it affected principally the second shift which goes to work around 3 p.m. This shift lost the evening recreational opportunities. To counteract this, the company's \$400,000 clubhouse was thrown open at 8 a.m., movies were encouraged to open at 10 a.m. Opportunities for baseball, basketball, tennis, boxing, wrestling, bowling, and other sports were increased for the night shifts.

In recognition of the problems of the up-to-about-midnight shift, a Buffalo movie theater was induced to give a special weekly show every Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock.

In the same city, many night workers are permitted to operate radios on the job. Bell Aircraft Corporation is encouraging night workers to go to school in the daytime. Municipally operated vocational schools are working three shifts, too, and hundreds of men on the night shift are taking courses. Bell Aircraft employes also have their own daytime flying club, while

others belong to the Buffalo Soaring Society. Pullman-Standard plant employes in Hammond, Ind., hold dances which run from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. so that all three shifts can attend.

The Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria has increased its personnel, and much of the expansion was made on the night shifts. Many employes have felt that expansion of night shifts provides more jobs and greater opportunity. Night employes have the same medical, safety and cafeteria facilities that day employes enjoy. Second and third shift employes have their own basketball and softball leagues, playing three mornings a week. They also have several bowling leagues which operate during the morning hours, and a roller skating organization.

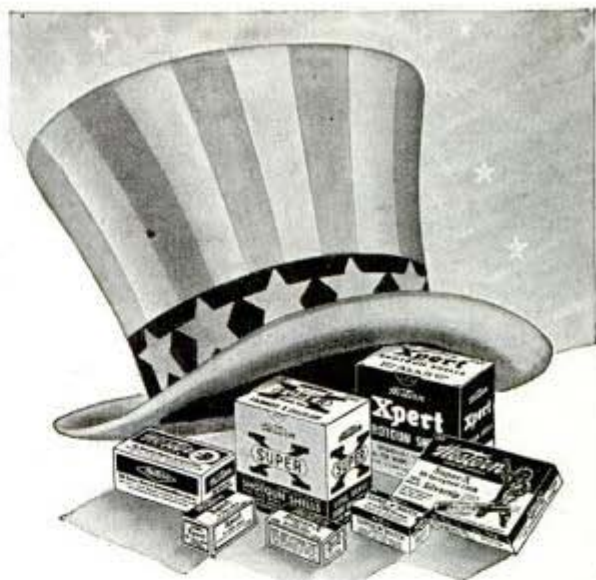
Plant managers are making a special effort to provide good food for the night shifts. Westinghouse has "calorie carts" which provide snacks for night workers. At the Wright Aeronautical Corporation plant, 17 mobile lunch wagons trundle through the aisles at night with hot lunches. North American Aviation handles its night shift feeding problem with a "travelunch" cafeteria system of mobile canteens that take hot, nourishing food through the plant.

The Springfield, Mass., American Red Cross chapter has set up a hot lunch canteen service for plants lacking such facilities. In the dark hours before dawn—when efficiency is lowest—volunteer Red Cross canteen service workers are on duty at four o'clock serving hot soup, milk, sandwiches and coffee to workers on the midnight shift at the huge government arsenal.

Westinghouse has tackled the eye strain problem with research on fluorescent lighting. Du Pont has worked out a system of painting which cuts accidents, eliminates errors and eases eye strain by what is called "three dimensional seeing" which highlights the important parts of a machine and subdues the rest.

Research is under way along dozens of lines to make life easier for millions of Americans when they go on the night shift.

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## The Mystery of Rubber

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Neoprene, made by the Du Pont Co. Chemigum, made by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Buna-S and Buna-N, made by the United States Rubber Co. and the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

Are synthetics good enough to replace real rubber entirely when volume is adequate to supply all needs? As yet, there isn't enough absolute laboratory or service test evidence to support an unqualified "yes" to that, but the speedup that the war pressure has given to rubber technology gives every evidence of solving the remaining problems in short order.

The Ameripol tire that B. F. Goodrich brought out in June, 1940, used that synthetic to replace 50 percent of the natural rubber content. Thousands of these tires were bought by car owners and more than 200 American corporations willing to pay the necessarily higher price to help speed the development of synthetic rubber as a "national insurance policy."

Reports from these operators, and from the company's own testing program, show that these tires gave service comparable to tires made entirely of natural rubber.

With all these companies producing synthetic rubber, why is there a shortage? Because of the tremendous difficulties in getting the necessary steel, chemicals and trained manpower to expand plants.

Will the shortage be felt severely? It certainly will unless rigid conservation of rubber is practiced by everyone. Army tanks have been switched back from rubber to steel treads, cutting their speed and boosting vibration. One spare tire is being removed from each army truck. Soldiers are getting oil treated raincoats instead of rubber. There will be no more tires for ordinary civilian use until late in 1944 or early in 1945.

Every plane, ship, train, and every vehicle which forms a part of the mechanized force needs rubber or a synthetic. A medium tank needs 500 pounds, a small pontoon bridge 1,000 pounds, the gas tank for a flying fortress 500 pounds, a battleship 75,000 to 150,000 pounds, a bomber's tire 300 pounds, a gas mask three-quarters of a pound, and a large bomber 1,250 pounds. Huge excavation truck tires used on army

projects stand 9½ feet in height and weigh nearly 3,500 pounds without tubes.

Some of the vital products containing rubber are blimps and barrage balloons, oxygen masks for fliers, bullet-sealing gasoline hose for bombers, life vests for navy fliers, rubber boats, life belts, surgeons' gloves, and de-icers for airplanes. There are hundreds more.

The obvious stop-gap to provide these is reclaiming scrap rubber and several dozen plants are busy at this.

For this purpose an average tire weighing 28.7 pounds yields 25 pounds of rubber, and 1,494,375,000 pounds came from this source in a somewhat normal year, 1941. About 100 pounds of rubber can be reclaimed from 140 pounds of inner tubing, or 175 pounds of hot-water bags, or 165 pounds of such articles as bathing caps and shoes. Fifty feet of garden hose will make an inflatable life raft; a month's supply of baby pants would provide enough rubber for 2,800 rubber rafts; seven car tires will make one bomber tire; two old tires will make a new one for a jeep; two old inner tubes will make three army gas masks, and three discarded rubbers will make an overshoe for a soldier.

The rubber shortage has naturally stimulated the minds of inventors and thousands of suggestions flood the rubber, oil and chemical companies every week, as well as government bureaus. Not one in a hundred is practical. Some recent developments hold promise, like a tire shoe of carpetlike texture, or the substitution of beef bladders for rubber bags in gas masks.

Some lucky inventors are likely to strike it rich in rubber. The greatest single advance in the history of rubber—vulcanizing—came about through the combination of a forgetful experimenter, a pot of rubber latex and a hot kitchen stove.

### Silver Replaces Scarce Metals In Electrical Apparatus

Almost every motor, generator, transformer and other apparatus made by the General Electric Company now contains a small amount of silver. The precious metal is used in place of tin, copper and other scarce materials. In 1940 the company used 1,000,000 pounds of tin; this year, despite doubled production, the amount will be the same due to increased use of silver.



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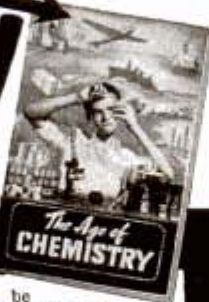


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## Miracle on Wheels

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broncos are rolling down assembly lines once devoted to automobiles, believe the jeep's uses are still relatively unexplored. Some of the uses proposed are: a portable power-plant for aircraft searchlights; a smoke screen spreader to cover a tank attack; a mobile dump truck for filling holes made by enemy bombers on airfield runways; a field radio car; a field telephone exchange; a mobile anti-aircraft unit to protect land convoys and combat parachute troops; a water supply car to service desert outposts; a medical unit for front-line surgery and first-aid; a fuel supply car for tanks; a food supply unit for front-line fighters; a mobile combat unit for protecting bridges and railroad junctions; an auxiliary fire fighting unit; and a mobile air-compressor to pump up deflated tires.

"Although the 'belly-flopper' may be considered the forerunner of the jeep," says Joseph W. Frazer, president of Willys-Overland Motors, "it actually was similar only insofar as it was a light, low-slung vehicle, but it provoked thought and we were asked to bid on an entirely new type of vehicle. We never saw anything like it before and it only existed in a 1/8-in. size sketch, which called for a gross weight not to exceed 1,400 pounds and must be capable of carrying a 625 pound load.

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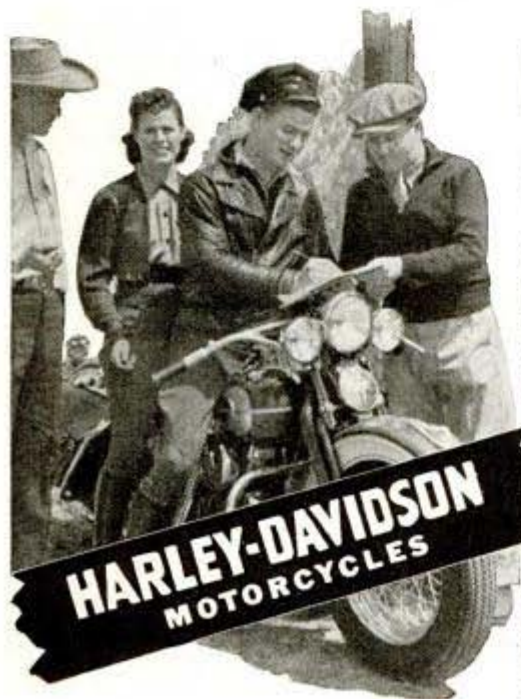
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# Color in Your Home

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of the color spectrum suitable for each type. This approach is exceedingly useful to women in helping them to understand color and to choose color for cosmetics, clothes and their own boudoir. Some companies dealing in home furnishings are applying this approach for decoration and furnishing of the home. Perhaps a husband will say that the home has other purposes besides being a setting for a wife of a certain color type. The question is very pertinent and legitimate. In such cases the best solution is to try to produce a colorful environment which is as appropriate as a suitable compromise of all factors can be—and give the wife all the concessions possible in doing so. After all the woman is more important than the man in relation to color in the home. In a sense, the woman wears a room.

Incidentally, artificial illuminants are now available which simulate natural daylight. The woman should apply make-up for use in the daytime under an artificial daylight if natural light is unavailable. Make-up for night-time offers no problem.

Light and lighting have powerful overall influences upon the color scheme of a home and they possess mobility which fixed color schemes do not. Great mistakes are made in selecting colors under natural daylight which are to be lived with more generally under artificial light. These teach the lesson that actually the "color is in the light and not in the object." Artificial light produces subtle effects, many of which are felt rather than seen. Now there is available a variety of artificial illuminants from the coldness of daylight-fluorescent lamps to the extreme warmth of fluorescent-tungsten lamps. Generally the "warmer" light of tungsten-filament lamps satisfies the entrenched association of a warm yellowish tint with artificial light. However, a gradual shift is taking place toward whiter light and less colorful lamp shades as whiter artificial light has become available. But there is little excuse for choosing shades for portable lamps and for fixtures on the cold side of white such as bluish or greenish. They are far more suitable if they are on the warm side of white such as eggshell, ecru, peach, etc.

In indirect lighting subtle tints are imparted to the light by the reflection from

colored surfaces. Thus a cream-tinted ceiling imparts warmth to the color of the light. However, this method of coloring the light need not stop at subtle effects. Here and there in a room, an alcove or a niche more colorful ceilings and walls can color the reflected light markedly—and if appropriate—with interesting effects. Concealed reflecting surfaces can be used in this manner to tint the light.

In special lighting effects of tints and colors, artificial light reveals its unique characteristic of mobility. The lighting effect, however subtle or colorful, can be created instantly with the snap of a switch. For a special occasion or for as long a period as desired the lighting effect may radiate interest and charm. When it is no longer desired it disappears with the snap of a switch. This mobility is not only unique but highly desirable for it permits the use of powerful, theatrical, and even exotic color and lighting effects which would not be tolerated if they had to be lived with continually. On the other hand many appropriate subtle effects of tinted and colored lighting can be superposed upon the regular lighting and be lived with continually.

Lamps may be placed behind cornices over windows and a shower of glorified sunlight (straw color) or of glorified moonlight (rich blue) may be showered down the draperies. Windows in basement rooms or imitation windows elsewhere may be covered with grills, shutters or venetian blinds behind which artificial light sources are installed. A niche in a wall or on the stairway may be covered with a stained glass or may contain a statue, vase or crystal ornament. An aquarium becomes more fascinating under concealed light ingeniously applied. Concealed sources of light bring them to life. Beautiful plaques of crystal glass set in the wall become gems of light and color. In many such applications the new fluorescent lamps which produce "daylight," "white," "soft-white" and various colors efficiently are particularly useful.

Small spotlights are now available by placing a reflector tungsten lamp in a socket. Colored lenses readily snap on these lamps. A variety of lighting tools is avail-

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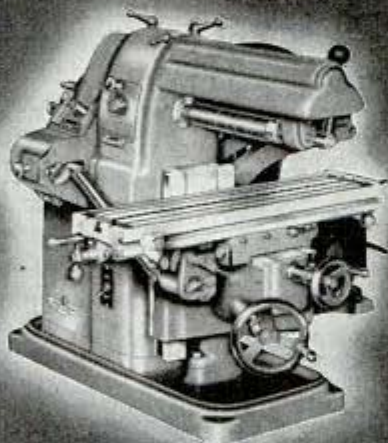
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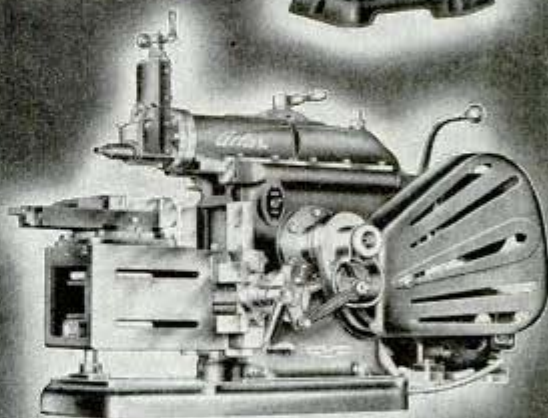


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able to make it easy for anyone who will give some thought and feeling to the possibilities of tinted and colored light in making a home interesting. These lighting effects may flood the entire room, the windows or a portion of a wall or they may be confined to an ornament or group of them. They may extend as far as desired or be confined to a night light. And they may extend outdoors into the garden.

Everywhere there is opportunity for taste, interest, charm, mystery, and symbolism covering the entire range from the realistic to the abstract and from the subtlest effects which are merely felt, to those which are subtly seen, and to those powerful ones which surprise and fascinate. Light is a master sculptor. Artificial light supplies crystals and jewels with their brilliance. The painter's palette is drab compared with the purity and brilliance of colored light. Many new light sources and lighting tools are now available. Artificial light as a powerful medium of expression should help in the rescue of civilization from the drabness of the century-long Taupe Age which only recently has been appreciably invaded by color and colors.

### The Navy's Seven-League Boots

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To show Ensign Gay's mettle, upon returning to his ship he requested of his commanding officer that Torpedo Squadron No. 8 be reorganized and that he be ordered back to duty with it. This may be done. At any rate, that famous but ill-fated squadron is still officially in commission.

The design of every naval vessel is necessarily a compromise between conflicting factors, among which the most important are: protection (armor), armament (guns), speed and cruising radius (fuel capacity). In the case of carriers, two other points which must be fully considered are: the varying mission of carriers and the number of planes to be carried together with the necessary aviation facilities.

In a general comparison between American and Japanese carriers we find the capacity of the latter to be less, per ship, while speed is about the same. Though little is known of Japanese armor protection, because of the reinforced flight decks and heavier side plating along the waterlines,

our carriers are considered to be tougher. According to "Jane's Fighting Ships" the Japanese had, at the start of the war, 9 carriers with the following characteristics:

No.	Tonnage	Speed	Normal Capacity
2	17,000	30 knots	45 aircraft
3	10,500	30 knots	30-40 aircraft
1	7,000	25 knots	24 aircraft
2	26,900	23-28 knots	50-60 aircraft
1	7,400	25 knots	25 aircraft

The Akagi and Kaga (26,900 tons) were originally designed as a battle cruiser and a battleship, respectively, but as result of the Washington Limitation of Arms Treaty (1921) were converted to aircraft carriers as were our Lexington and Saratoga (both originally designed as battle cruisers). The Asage underwent a complete overhaul 1937-39.

Because of the smaller size of Japanese ship-borne planes, it is believed that the carrying capacities of the various carriers are considerably more than indicated in the above table, perhaps almost equal to the capacities of American carriers.

The seven American carriers, at the beginning of the war, and their characteristics, as reported by Jane, are:

No.	Tonnage	Speed	Normal Capacity
1	14,500	29 knots	72 aircraft
3	19,900	34 knots	81 aircraft
1	14,700	30 knots	72 aircraft
2	33,000	33 knots	83-90 aircraft

Counting out the Lexington, lost in the Coral Sea, and the Yorktown, put out of action at Midway, this leaves five carriers in service. However, a new 25,000-ton carrier (Essex), first to be launched since December 7, 1941, slid down the ways on July 31. Ten others of this type are under construction. These latter are in addition to those recently authorized in the 200,000-ton expansion carrier program.

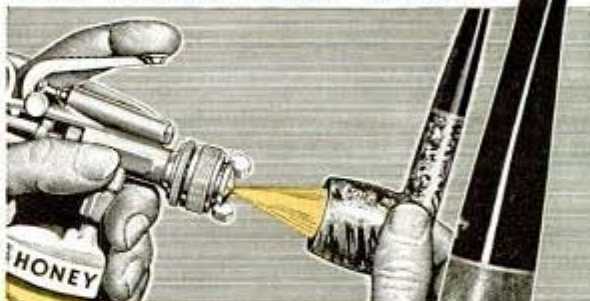
In addition several merchant ships of the Maritime Commission C-3 type ("Mormacmail," now U.S.S. Long Island) were taken over last year for conversion into auxiliary "escort" carriers, for use primarily in convoy duty. These are vessels of 7,800 tons with speed of 16 knots, carry-

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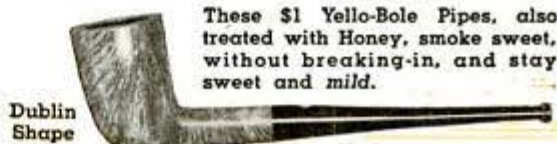
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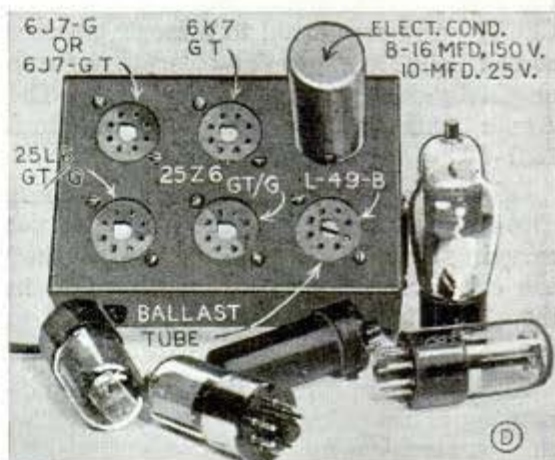
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## Four-Unit A.C.-D.C. Receiver

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When the power unit is completed it is a good idea to test the output if a suitable B-eliminator voltmeter is available. Referring to schematic circuit diagram Fig. 1, it will be noted that the 120-volt positive B output is filtered, and positive B 135 volts is not. Photos D and E show top and bottom views of the completed power unit.

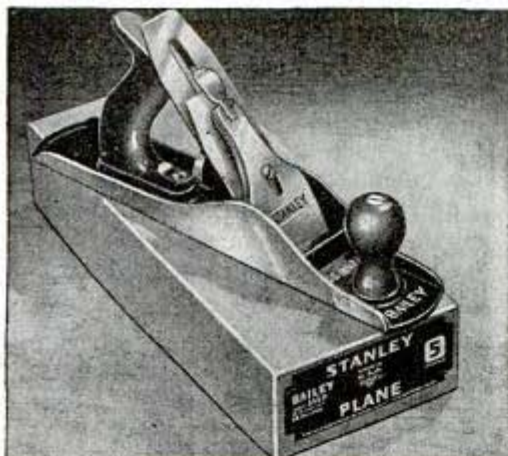
The schematic circuit diagram for the audio unit appears in Fig. 2, and the simplified wiring diagram in Fig. 4. Dimensions are given in Fig. 4 for the wood base-



board and metal front panel. The top chassis type octal socket for the 25L6-GT/G audio tube is the Amphenol type ACS8; however, any octal wafer-type socket may be used instead merely by mounting it on  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. bushings to support it above the baseboard. The connections are shown looking directly down on the top of the socket. The "out" socket is a bottom view looking directly at the terminal connections on the underside. The "in" plug is also shown as a bottom view, with this important difference: the connections are shown looking at the ends of the prongs and considering the prongs as on the bottom side. A 5-in. dynamic speaker with a 3,000-ohm field and output transformer to match a type 25L6 tube, is mounted on the front panel together with the volume control  $R_2$  which is an audio taper type. The speaker grill is formed by cutting seven  $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. holes in the pattern shown; this is backed with a piece of large mesh screen wire. The blueprint number will be R-309 but this blueprint will not be available un-

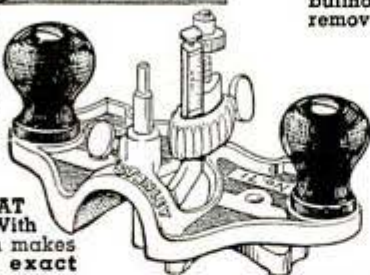
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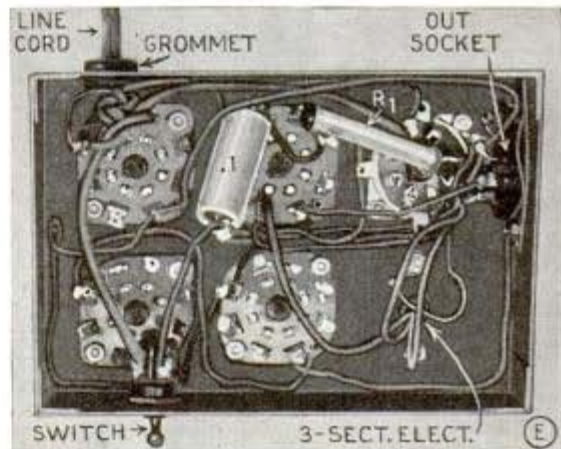
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are made automatically. To test, advance the volume control and touch the Fahnestock clips with a finger; a loud buzz should be heard. A phonograph pick-up (crystal or magnetic) may be connected to these clips and the two units will serve as a complete phono amplifier.

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## First Aid for Radio Sets

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the one shown in photo No. 2; older heavy-duty test meters may shorten the life of these batteries.

Portable sets, like the one shown in photo 3, designed to operate either from batteries, 110-volt a.c. or 110-volt d.c. electric circuits, shift from batteries to all electric operation either by means of a switch or by plugging the line cord plug in or out of a receptacle on the rear of the chassis as indicated in the photo. If this type of receiver is to be operated on battery be sure that the power cord plug is pushed all the way down in the receptacle. When not in operation for any length of time it is a good idea to remove the plug so as to protect the life of the batteries in case the set should be turned on accidentally.

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## Precious Cargoes

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valves are opened from the engine room or the bridge and the carbon dioxide pours into the holds, smothering the fire.

Fortunately for the nation in time of stress, shipping companies installed modern mechanical devices for cargo handling on piers and ships in time of peace.

These devices include lift trucks which carry, pile and lift merchandise, platform and towing trucks, modern electric cranes, platform skids, chutes which slide cargo downward to pier or into vessel, and conveyor belts for handling cargo like bananas.

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## Heroes of the Engine Rooms

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Cast iron fittings, pipe connections, and valve bodies might be cracked or broken in an enemy attack, and a helpful remedy has been to encase such fittings in boxes that are poured full of concrete. On some ships cargo nets are hung over the sides at all times so that the crews can escape over them to the rafts in case of an "abandon ship" order, and on most ships, all crew members are required to wear life belts.

Whenever an enemy craft of any sort is sighted, orders go down to the engine room to start the fire pumps going. Thus the crew can immediately battle any fire that starts on board. If the ship is hit, the bilge pumps are brought to full capacity at once.

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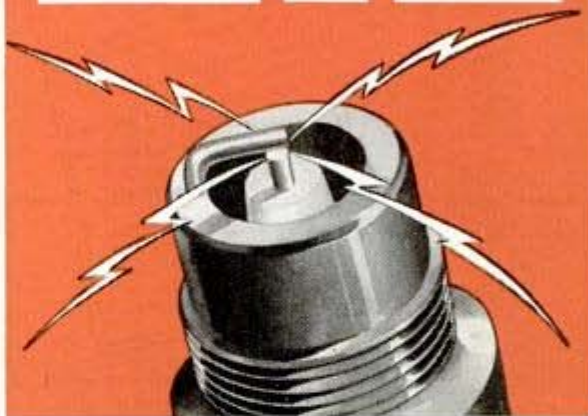
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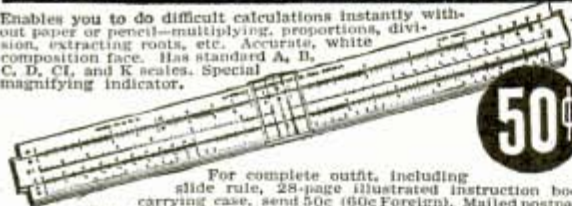
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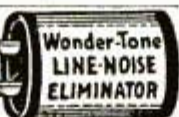


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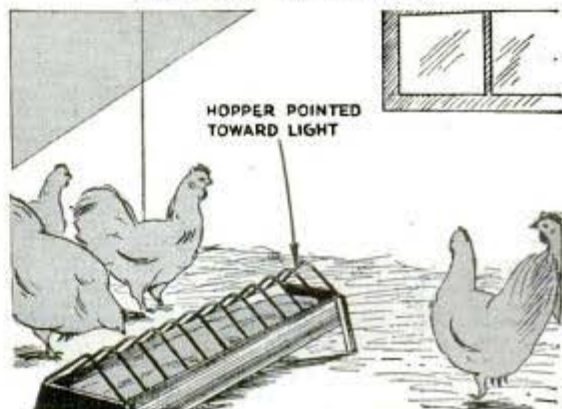


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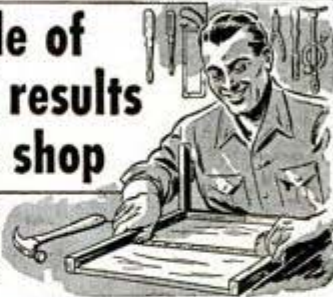


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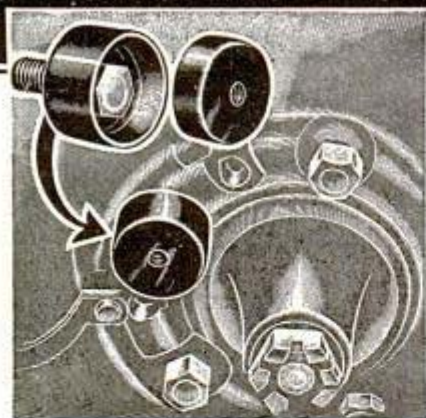
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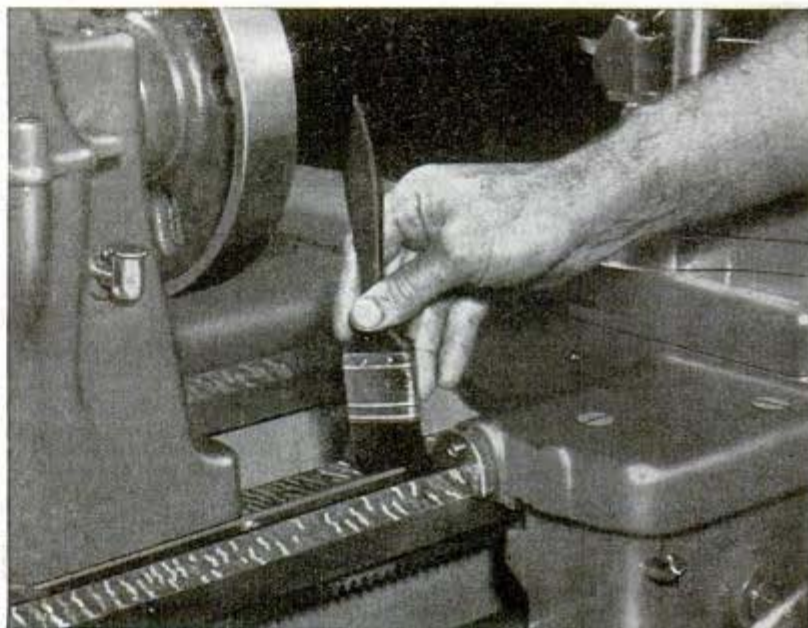
Unless brushed away frequently, the scale, grit and fine chips produced by the cutting tool mix with the oil on the bed ways, dovetails and other bearing surfaces, forming a dirty sludge. Because this dirt is abrasive, it increases friction and causes wear wherever it is allowed to collect.

Obviously, this retards production, shortens machine life, and makes it hard for the operator to maintain exacting tolerances. And when chips work under the tailstock or saddle, or into the spindle taper, the accuracy of the lathe may be seriously impaired.

### Encourage the Operator

A good way to keep your lathes clean is to encourage each operator to take care of his own machine. Let him know that you appreciate his interest and effort. Explain how easy it is to spot a good machinist by the way he takes care of his lathe. Urge him to take pride in keeping his lathe clean, free from dirt and chips. He will have greater respect for his job and will unconsciously become a more careful workman.

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for brushing away loose dirt and chips. Compressed air is not so good because it may blow dirt and chips into oil holes and bearings. Pliers are handy for pulling long steel shavings away from the machine. A clean cloth can be used, after brushing, to remove the last traces of dust and grit. A little oil on the cloth will prevent rust from forming on the finished surfaces of the machine.

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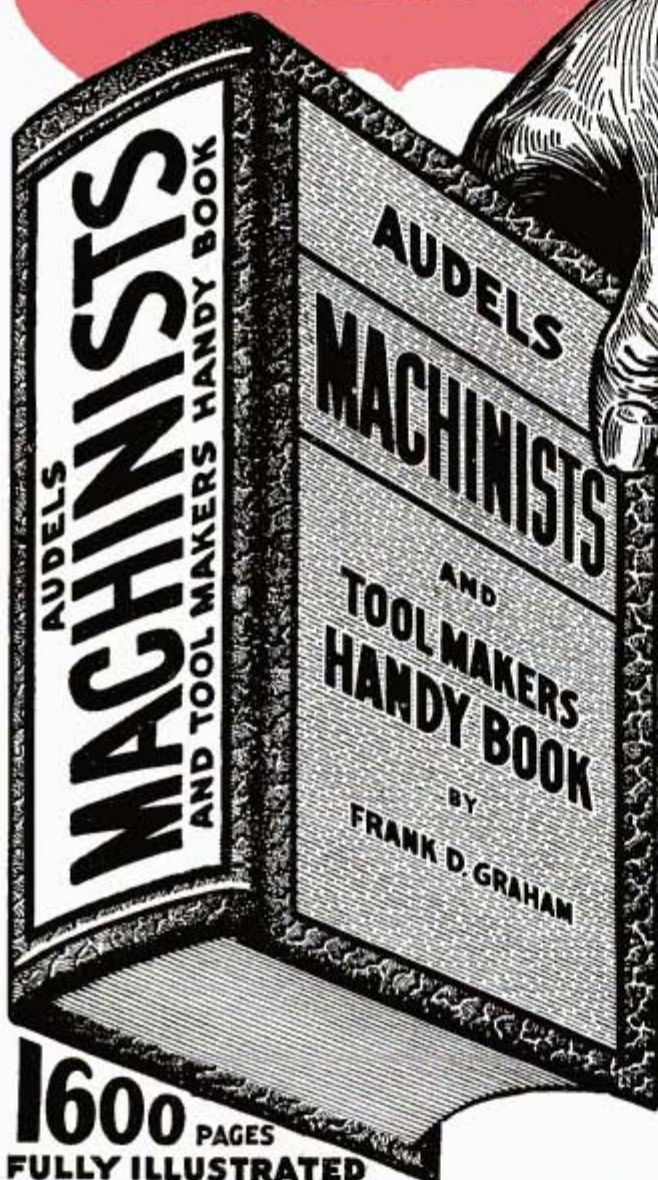
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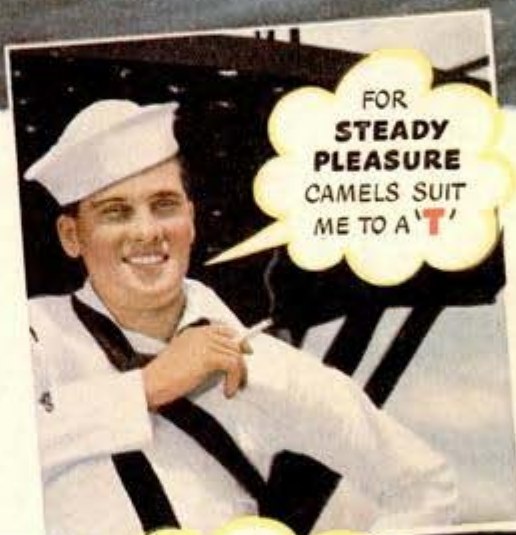
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