

HEY, MISTER!

If you must bed down in a home near the railroad station and find an inch of soot on your pillow in the morning, several companies have put on the market ventilators that filter dust and dirt from the air that enters your room while you sleep. The ventilators also keep out rain and snow. They are different sizes to fit "22"-28", 28"-34", and 34"-40" windows. Ask at your local department or hardware store. They can be found at not more than \$2 each.

Have you an old-fashioned kitchen with an unused chimney in it? By all means, make a hole (12"x18"), leaving two courses of brick, and removing two bricks on the next course for the draft. An iron door and frame can be used to close the opening when not in use. Arrange a basket grill to hold charcoal with a grating above, and have the little woman broil your steaks, crops and fish over a charcoal fire without smoke or smell. Just like out of doors. Most chimneys nowadays are unused, but why let them go to waste?

If you have a crawling baby in the house who is liable to go after light plugs, why not make a little wooden box to go over the outlets. A few pieces of ply wood, or even boards cut from an orange crate, and a handful of thin nails will do the trick.

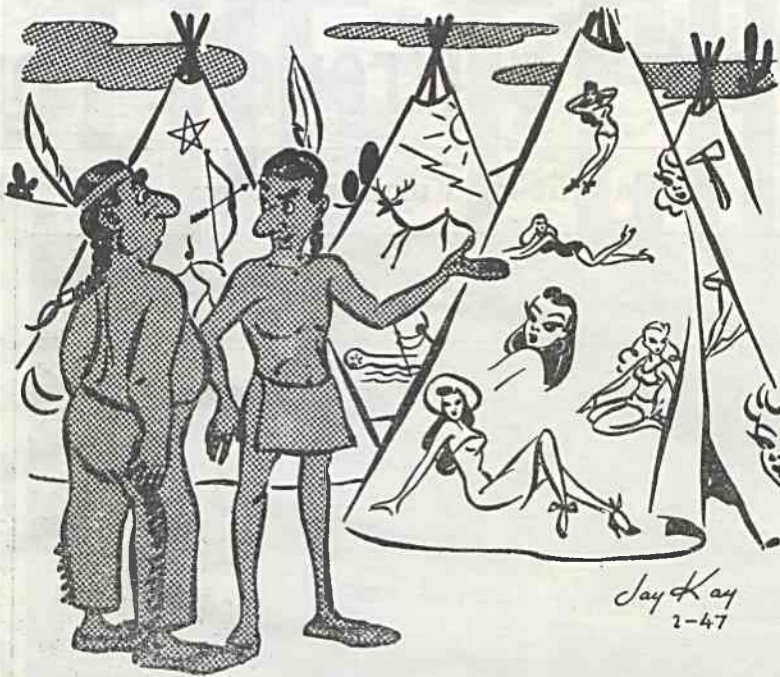
If the house needs dressing up and you have the urge to use paints, why not paint a bouquet on your screen doors in preparation for summer? If you're an artist you can draw the pattern in chalk or copy some flower print. If not, a piece of flowered wall paper can give you an idea for color combinations and size. I used four-hour enamel diluted with white to give various shades, and the trick is to fill in the holes in the screen solidly with paint. An old New England custom is to paint snow scenes with white paint on the front door screens—it should make you feel cooler just to look at them.

Have you tried spraying your dog's bed or sleeping corner with a 10 per cent solution of DDT? This practically insures him against fleas and scratching in the summer. Don't spray the animals directly because they might lick the stuff off and poison themselves. Also, try DDT on your wood piles to eliminate wood fleas.

Did you know that the best cooks in the world are men? There is something in a man's make-up which gives him a flare for special seasonings and food combinations which makes the humblest dish take on a party flavor. Why not take over the kitchen once a month and show your wife your latent arts in this direction. Get the kids to help you too. Anyone who can read can cook!

Have you an unused space under the stairs? A good idea is to cut a door there and use the extra room for storing card tables or rubbers. Snap clothespins tied together with tane or string, hung over hooks will hold pairs of rubbers or overshoes thus keeping them off the floor. Another suggestion is to cut and hinge a lower stair tread, using it for a storage box for baseball bats or umbrellas.

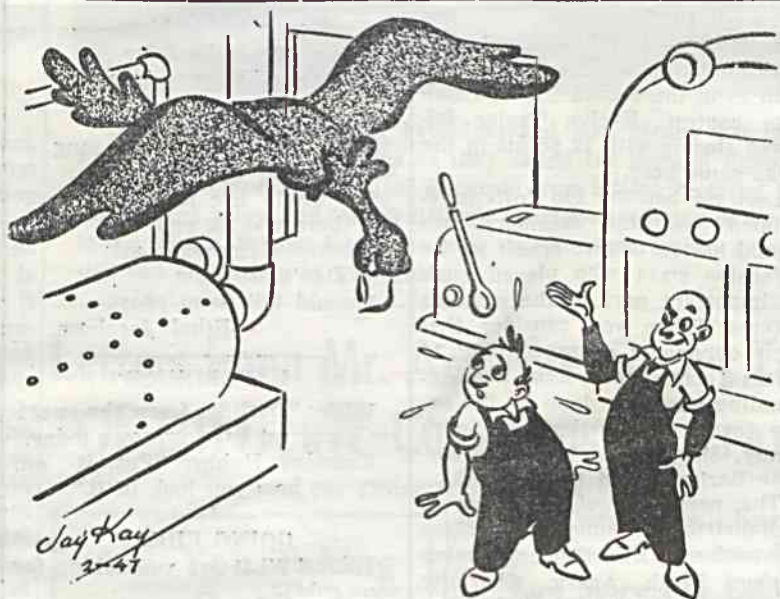
If you have a rug that skids, get



"THIS IS WIGWAM OF BRAVE WHO WAS IN ARMY... HIM LEARN MANY THINGS."



"THAT NEW MAN SORT OF 'PUTS ON THE DOG' AT LUNCH, DOESN'T HE?"



"OH, HE HOVERS OVER EVERY NEW MAN UNTIL HE FINDS WHETHER OR NOT THEY FOLLOW OUR SAFETY REGULATIONS."

your wife to sew a strip of oilcloth, shiny side down, to the edge of the rug.

How many of you have hit your thumb when trying to hammer a small tack? Do you know that a pair of small pliers will hold it in place while you sock it and keep it away from your tender paws?

OOPS!

He: "I see dark spots in front of my eyes."

She: "Good, let's park in one of them."

And then, there was the little moron who took his cap off his knee, to see if there was any beer in the joint.

Hobbies

Hobbies originated in England of the Middle Ages. It was then popular to produce funny antics with a dummy horse fitted around the middle of a man's body. The horse was called a hobyn. Thus, the word hobby originated.

To hoard money, or to sweat for a meager existence is boresome. A hobby breaks the nervous pressure of either heavy responsibilities or monotonous routine. Your nerves will love you if you have a hobby.

There are two kinds of hobbies—mental and physical. Mental hobbies are travel, stamp collecting, coin collecting, reading, etc. Physical hobbies are art, carpentry, carving, sculpturing, etc.

In choosing a hobby, find one suitable to your age, the time available, and the pocketbook. If your work is inside, try to choose an outside hobby. Ninety per cent of men prefer mechanical, electrical, or chemical hobbies. These have excellent carry-over value, and develop skills in other fields. Try a hobby, and if you do not like it try another.

The cost can be nothing or thousands of dollars. King George of England had a \$50,000 stamp collection. A pocket knife and a piece of white pine are the source of some fine work. If you are interested in animals, start mounting mice and not elephants. A cheap set of carving tools can produce more interesting and intricate work than expensive machinery.

Henry Ford's life work originated in mechanical hobbies. Ditmar of the New York Zoological Gardens, started by studying snakes.

A bred-in-the-bone hobbyist is usually an interesting person.

Dog students know length of the nose, circumference of the skull, and location of the eyes determine origin and purity of breed of dogs. A fish breeder will tell us about the lung fish which burrows into the bottom of dry lakes and lives until the next rainy season, and about the fish which climb trees.

Whittling is one of the least expensive and most interesting hobbies. It is also practical. Several men have carved guns and keys for use in escaping from jail.

Cabinet making is interesting, useful, and a source of considerable self-satisfaction. Embossing of metal or leather is an inexpensive and fascinating hobby, requiring only scraps of leather or flat metal, a hammer, and small metal tools. Bookbinding, glass blowing, and weaving are also popular among hobbyists.

Model making is very popular. Many special magazines are published especially for the model maker. Taxidermy is comparatively simple. The bird or animal is skinned, a clay model covered with paper mache is made, and the skin put over the model. Soap sculpture is a desirable and inexpensive hobby, assuming that some time America will again have a plentiful soap supply.

Get on your hobby horse and ride to a more enjoyable existence.

NO, NEVER?

"Hello, Gwendolyn. Whatcha doin' Saturday night?"

"I have a date."

"And next Saturday night?"

"I have a date."

"Hmm—how about the following Saturday night?"

"I have a date."

"Gawsh, woman—don't cha ever take a bath?"