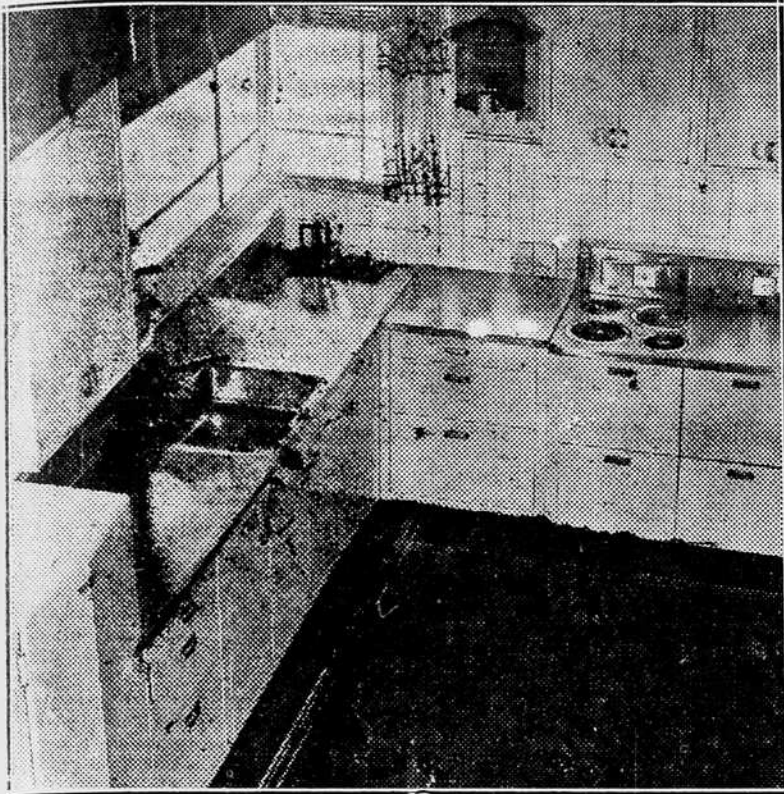


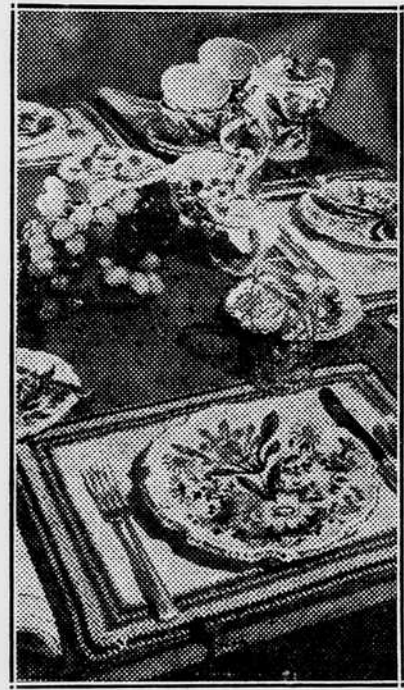
# Fashion News for Your Home

## The Kitchen Becomes A "Guest Room"



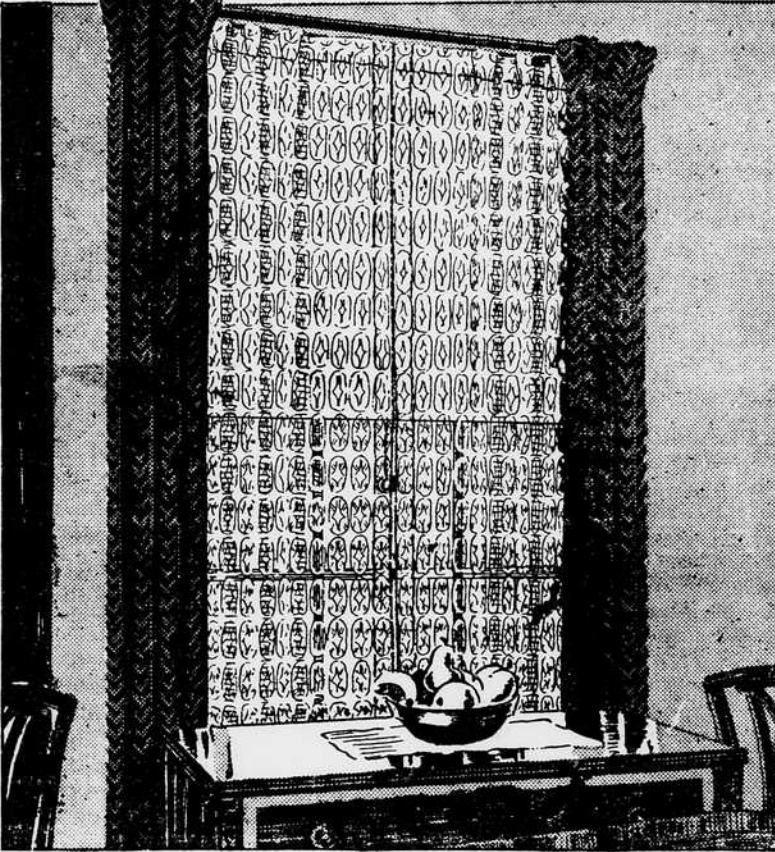
Here are the days when the kitchen door was shut against visitors. Planning, perfect balancing of equipment and the use of modern materials such as silvery monel sinks and work surfaces have brought new concepts of utility and beauty. Literally, the kitchen has become another guest room where visitors are not only welcomed, but entertained.

## COLORFUL CROCHET BRIGHTENS TABLE



Dress up the informal luncheon or breakfast table with this Italian mat set of linen, with a deep border of colorful mercerized crochet. With gay pottery and colored glassware, it makes a cheery and hospitable table. Crocheted luncheon sets do not need frequent laundering. When necessary, however, they wash well and seldom have to be ironed.

## Lace Net Curtains Add Soft Beauty to the Room



Graceful, soft and feminine lines in home decoration are very much in fashion these days. A charming way to get softness and grace into the decorating of your windows is to hang lace net curtains in full folds right over the window pane, using a fresh cloth window shade or Venetian blinds under the curtains.

The open and airy weaves of these curtains are as feminine as can be, so your windows will be right in fashion. And the open weaves let in all of the light and air that you can wish, while making a misty veil in a pretty pattern for the windows, adding to the attractiveness of the entire room. For the new season there are hundreds of lovely new designs in the American-made curtains. Some are very simple in open-mesh or small novelty designs. Others are wide-open in weave in exquisite lace patterns. Some are rugged and sturdy looking, others as dainty as can be in appearance. So whatever the kind of home that you have, you can find textures and designs to suit you and your home. For Spring and Summer some women like to hang glass curtains without using over-drapes, feeling that the windows have an especially cool look this way. Other women like to use both the curtains and over-drapes, selecting cool looking fabrics, such as chintzes, for the draperies hung at the side of the curtains. Skilled American craftsmen weave and finish these lace net curtains so that they hang well, launder well, and last a long, long time. And when it comes to "How much do they cost?" you can rest easy about that. You can find many of them in inexpensive prices as well as at the higher prices, in your favorite stores.

## RANDOM HINTS TO A BUSY HOUSEWIFE

To a busy woman, no matter how much she may love to sew, the necessary bit of sewing drudgery like mending and darning become a burden. But even these time-consuming housewifely chores can be simplified if you know some of the tricks and short cuts.

For instance, when you are mending a fine material, rub your hands frequently with a cake of magnesia; this will keep them from perspiring and soiling the cloth. If you have to darn a jagged hole in a small boy's woolen trousers, and have no suitable patch stuff, sew a piece of net under the hole and darn back and forth over it, taking loose stitches to allow for the elasticity of the material.

You know, of course, that thread should always be chosen slightly darker than the fabric on which you are to work, as it will appear lighter when the stitches are in. Probably the best general short cut of all in sewing, to save time, energy and frayed nerves, is to choose only the best thread, and be sure it is bolfast. A good six-cord thread, made with a cable twist for extra strength, will save split seams and hanging hems, and a bolfast thread will face the wash-tub without a tremor.

Spring is a fine time of year, but every woman thinks with dismay of spring housecleaning—rugs to be cleaned, furniture to be renovated, curtains to be washed, floors to be refinished. Science is doing its best to relieve busy women of some of this yearly drudgery. For the limited income, small one-room air conditioning units are available which will eliminate the dust and grime and keep the moisture of the air at such a point that furniture and floors will not dry out and warp. A recent survey by an air conditioning institute showed that a bottle of dirt, filtered from an apartment house in a residential district of New York City contained oil, wood chlorides, salt, silica, coke, rock, plaster, fibres of wool and cotton, human hair and splinters of steel. Pleasant breathing, is it not?

## A Blind Reader



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . . Miss Frances Wright, 8 years old and blind, reads a Braille book during a Congressional hearing on a bill to aid the nation's physically handicapped.

## Prefers Her Pipe



LOS ANGELES . . . Mrs. Abigail Leffingwell, 98 years young, is a firm believer in things modern, as her new "permanent" indicates. When it comes to smoking, though, she prefers the old corn cob pipe.

## Standard Oil Employee



BAYONNE, N. J. . . . For the past eighteen months, Minnie the Cat, has received a pay check of \$3.20 a month as official mouser for the refinery. She spends it for milk and salmon to supplement her mouse diet.

## Mileage Hints

By J. P. Winchester, Supervisor of Motor Vehicle Equipment, Race Marketers. SLEDDOM does the motorist take any more than passing interest in his car's cooling system. But the minute the motor becomes overheated, he investigates it. More often than not he finds the trouble could easily have been prevented. A slack fan belt often causes overheating. Motorists should realize how important it is to keep the fan working smoothly. It is largely responsible for cooling the motor. Either they should make the adjustment themselves or have a mechanic do this minor job. Another simple preventive step is to lubricate the ball bearings in the fan mechanism now and then. Many motorists unintentionally interfere with cooling systems by placing obstructions in front of radiators. They probably do not realize that they are reducing the free penetration of air through the radiator when they fasten license tags, shields, and other objects; but they are. It is the flow of air sucked through the radiator cores by the fan that keeps the water cooled. Any interference with the air supply necessarily reduces the efficiency of the cooling system.

## Tips On Shopping



Labels on upholstery often serve as guideposts to the quality of the furniture itself.

Smart shoppers are learning to look for the hidden signs that reveal the actual value of a piece of furniture.

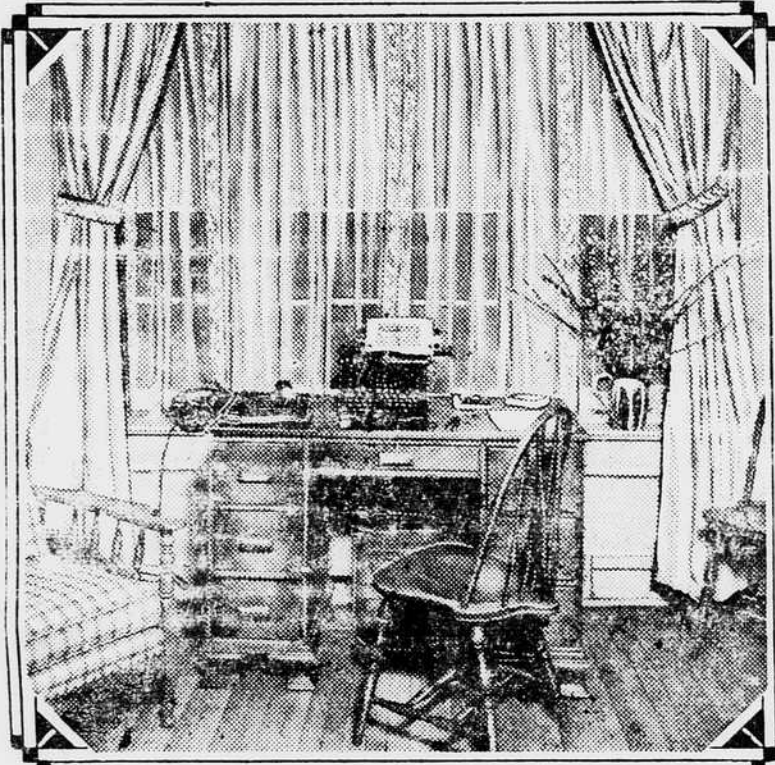
It may be hard to tell the quality of a sofa from the exterior, but not if you know where to look. For example, the upholstery alone may tell its story—if a good quality mohair velvet is used, it's a safe assumption that the internal construction is also good.

Look for the shield-shaped U. S. Bureau of Standards tag somewhere on the upholstery. Only mohair velvet that meets the bureau's rigid standards of quality can display this tag.

Likewise, under the cushions you should find the manufacturer's label and a mothproof guarantee. A good mohair velvet is guaranteed mothproof for five years, and a maker always puts his name on his work when he is proud of it. If the tags aren't there—ask questions!

These little points may mean years of life in your furniture.

## Cloth Window Shades Lend Themselves To Triple Windows



By Bettina J. Vigleze

THIS photograph was taken in the combined studio living-room of a noted beauty editor. Since she writes for four magazines, she selected her apartment for light, and then placed her maple desk against triple windows.

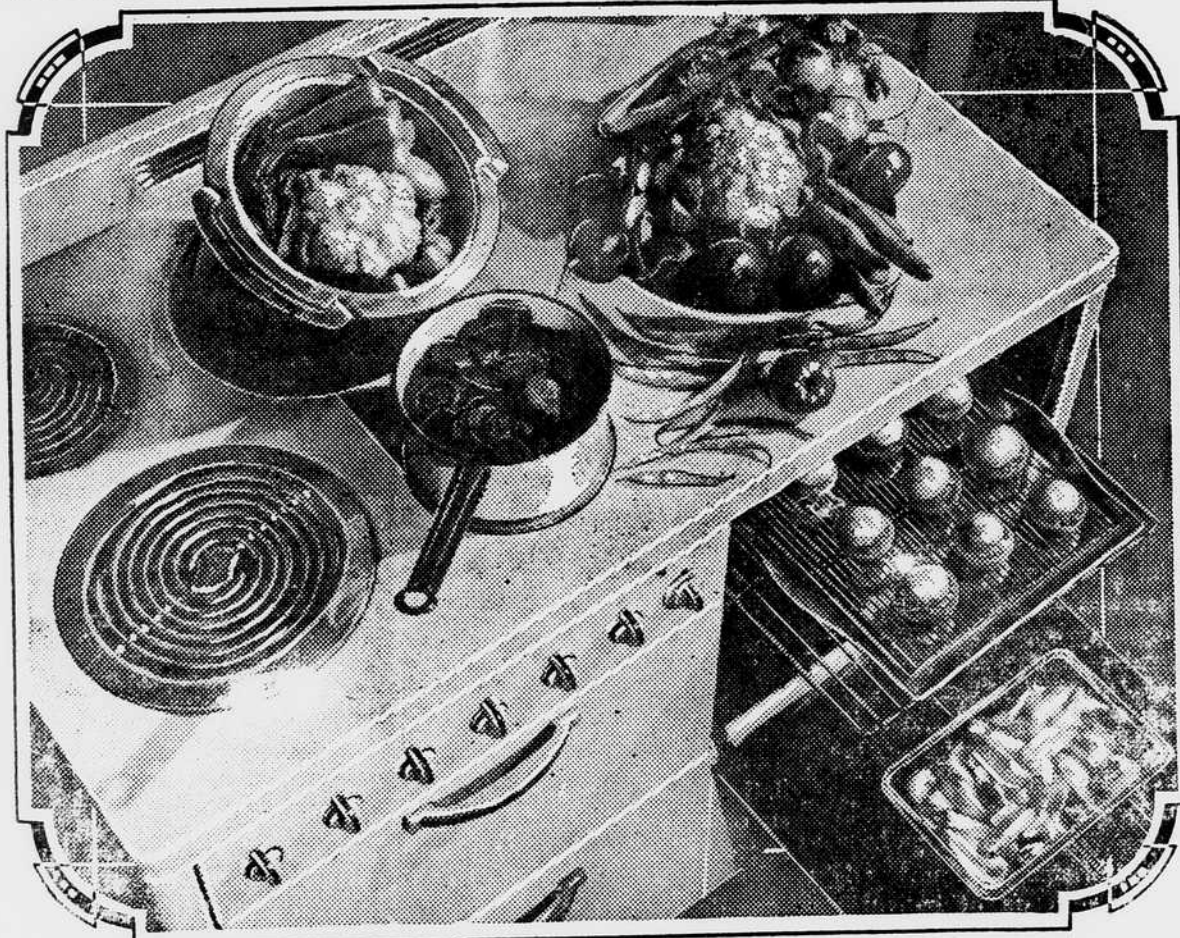
She decided to hang her windows with sheer cream net curtains, and cream color window shades. She went brightly ahead and selected lemon yellow chintz for her draperies and ordered them bound in brown. Her large maple arm chair is covered in lemon yellow with brown stripes. In short she has ensembled her windows!

More and more smart women today have realized that fresh cloth window shades are the most important and least expensive to buy. As in this young lady's case she knew that an excellent shade would

last her for years (many have been known to last from five to twelve years) and always keep its good appearance. She knew too that shades of this type won't crumple up with rain storms, or steam from bathroom and kitchen. Nor will they get full of "pin holes" as does a cheap shade.

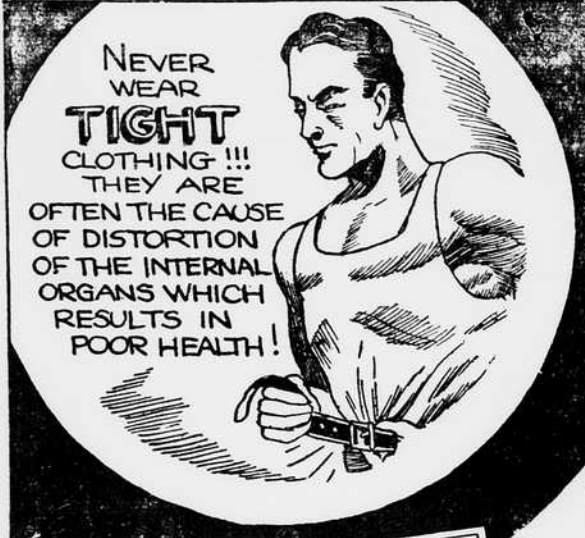
Then, too, there is so much news about color in shades to harmonize with the entire tonal scheme of the various rooms. You can order at your local shade shop, or at your favorite department store such lovely shades as rich cornflower blue, poppy or old rusty rose, the very palest of boudoir colors, delicate pink, soft apple greens, Larkspur blue. Striped shades in a modern "Vogue" design also a new tweedtone pattern. You'll be seeing them on the windows of the very smartest homes in your community this spring!

## ELECTRIC RANGE PROVIDES 13 VEGETABLE COOKERY PROCESSES



Thirteen different methods of cooking vegetables are provided by the Hotpoint electric range. On the flat hi-speed calrod unit vegetables are steamed, boiled, sauteed or French-fried. The roomy depths of the thrift cooker produce steamed, baked, waterless-cooked and French-fried vegetables. In the miracle griddle-broiler, vegetables are smokeless-broiled; also reheated or "finished off" while meat is being broiled. The heat, moisture controlled Hotpoint oven produces baked, steamed and oven fried vegetables. Now, is there any excuse for vegetable snobbery?

## YOUR HEALTH COMES FIRST!!!



## OUR PUZZLE CORNER

