

House That Talks Prevents Crime

HOW many times have you read this story? A man goes out and leaves his wife and baby daughter alone in the house. He has left them alone many times before and nothing has happened. But this time, when he returns, he finds the battered body of his wife on the floor, his baby brutally murdered and all his valuables stolen. Some time, while he was away, the doorbell rang and his wife went to answer it, unaware of the horror that lay beyond the threshold. If only there had been some way for her to ask who was there before she opened it. But she didn't think of that for she was quite sure it was some friend dropping in for a visit. This time, however, it was a stranger, perhaps a maniac, perhaps an escaped convict or a sex-slayer. But regardless of the details the real causes of tragedies of this type are always the same. If only women had some way of learning the identity of their callers before opening the door they and their children would be safe.

YOU have read this story many times, but did you know that something has been done to prevent these horrible crimes? Dictograph Products Company, long a leader in the communication field, has solved this important problem with its Dictograph Door-master, a system which makes it unnecessary for a housewife to open either the front or back doors before learning the identity of her caller.

IT works like this: When a visitor rings a doorbell the housewife picks up a conveniently located hand-set or wall type phone inside the house and asks, "Who's there?" Her voice is carried by wires to a combination microphone-loudspeaker unit nesting in

the doorjamb and there it is clearly reproduced. The visitor, who uses no phone to listen and need not even place his mouth to the

transmitter when replying, answers her inquiry in a normal tone of voice. Only when the housewife is assured that the visitor is a friend or a person on legitimate business does she open the door.

Death Entered This Door— While her husband was away, Mary Case of Queens, Long Island, answered the doorbell shown above. As a result she was brutally murdered.

IN several of the illustrations on this page Ethel Shutta, glamorous star of stage and screen, wife of the popular band leader, George Olsen, shows how the Door-master operates. Miss Shutta believes the device can prevent many horrible crimes in homes throughout the country. In private life she is intensely interested in problems of the home and her own charming house is protected with this home communication system.

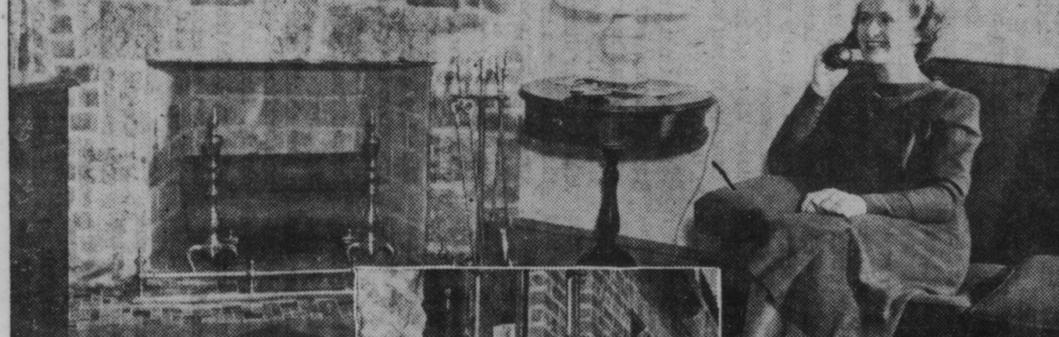
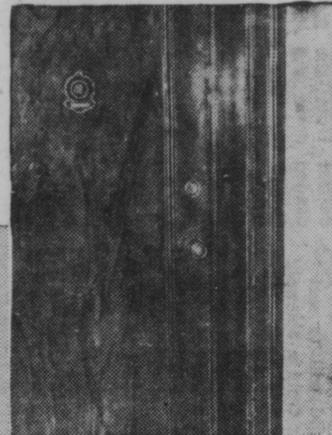
"THE wave of crimes currently taking place in suburban homes," she declares, "is not altogether the result of an increase in the criminal element. It is partially caused by criminal negligence on the part of householders. Common sense should tell everyone to take whatever safeguards science and engineering can offer to see that the home is proof against such visitations."

MISS SHUTTA is only one of the many women who have found that the Door-master gives them an assurance of safety, according to F. E. Moskovics, chairman of the executive committee of Dictograph Products Co., Inc. "Women who, on occasion, must leave their children at home alone are particularly grateful for the Door-master," he said, explaining that it gives them relief from worry. When they leave home, he pointed out, they know their children will admit no strangers and will be safe on their return.

ONE of the greatest comforts of the Door-master, however, has nothing to do with protection, but rather adds a modern note of convenience to the home. It can be installed to connect any part of the house with any other. This saves many tiresome trips up and down stairs as the housewife may talk to her servants or children in other parts of the house without leaving her room. This enables her to give orders and get information quickly and effortlessly. No doubt the time will soon come when the Door-master will be as widely used in homes as telephones and electric lights are today.



Miss Shutta demonstrates the room-to-room communication system which enables her to talk to servants or children in other parts of the house, thus saving many tiresome steps.



In These Pictures Ethel Shutta Shows How Door-master Operates.

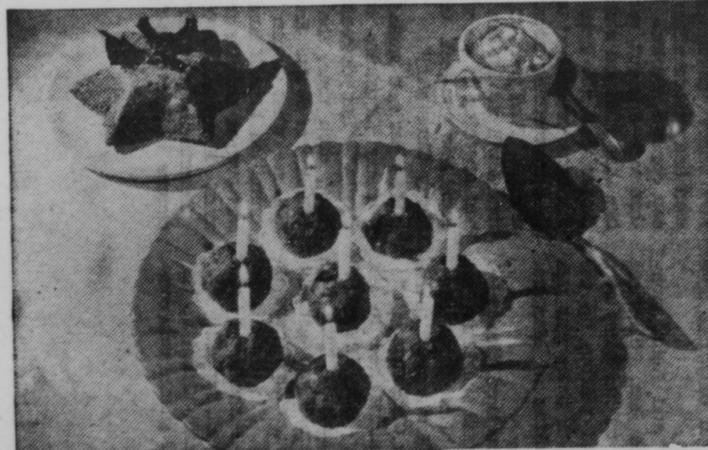
When the doorbell rings Miss Shutta picks up a hand-set from her living room table and asks "Who's there?"

Plum Pudding with Butter Sauce

Plum pudding for Christmas! With foamy butter sauce or hard sauce, what a delicious dessert! Made with butter, eggs and plenty of fruits and nuts, plum pudding can be kept over a long period. The very lovely custom of bringing in the Christmas plum pudding covered with burning alcohol is a delightful variation. Small candles on individual pud-

ding suggest that you give the pudding in the glass custard cups, wrapped and tied with gay Christmas ribbons.

Cover the tops of the molds with waxed or oiled paper and fasten securely. Steam the pudding 3 to 3½ hours. Reheat by steaming ½ hour just before serving. Foamy butter sauce or hard sauce is a tempting accompaniment.



dings proclaim the Christmas season.

Here is a generous recipe:

1 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup butter
4 eggs, beaten
2½ cups dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup of flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1½ cups raisins
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup sliced candied orange peel

Sift flour and measure and sift with baking powder, seasonings and salt into a bowl. Add fruit and nuts and mix to coat with flour. Cream butter, add sugar gradually and beaten eggs. Stir in flour, fruit mixture and bread-crumbs and mix thoroughly. Pour into paper-lined molds.

You can steam the pudding in large molds or in individual oven-glass custard cups. For gifts, we

FOAMY BUTTER SAUCE

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter
2 teaspoons milk
1 egg, beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Stir the sugar, butter and milk together in a saucepan over low heat until well blended. Keep warm. Just before serving add the beaten egg and vanilla and stir well.

HARD SAUCE

1/4 cup butter
3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon hot water
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Cream butter and add sugar gradually. Add vanilla and stir until creamy. Stir in a few drops of hot water at a time to prevent sauce separating. Pile lightly in a bowl and chill. Serves 4. Garnish with nut meats, candied cherries or sprinkle with nutmeg or cinnamon. Some like to add ¼ cup of whipping cream to make it light and fluffy.

The visitor outside hears Ethel Shutta's voice from a combination microphone-loudspeaker in the doorjamb. The caller answers in a natural tone of voice without speaking into any mouthpiece. Only when the caller has been identified is she admitted.

Should Wives Work?

Mrs. Roosevelt Says Yes, Rather Than Be Idle.

In her answer to the question "Should Wives Work?" Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in an article in the current issue of a leading national magazine says that it is unfortunate that women should so often have to work to have material security, but that work for a married woman is better than idleness amid poverty.

She tells of an instance when she dined with a young couple, both of whom had employment at \$25 a week. She indicated that their joint employment alone did not make for the success of their marriage, but that it was successful because "after dinner the husband put on an apron and helped wash the dishes."

Mrs. Roosevelt expresses approval of labor laws which in most States abolish or modify a condition where women may work on night shifts in factories, meet their husbands on the way to take up the day shift and go home to take care of her house, prepare meals and catch a few winks of sleep while their children play unwatched and uncared for.

DRESS UP THE BIRD

The royal turkey or any of his cousins, the goose, duck or little fat hen, will appear in a blaze of glory when the platter on which

do cinnamon apple halves, topped with crushed pineapple. Even the old standby cranberries, either jellied or in a sauce, will take on



he resides is garnished with pineapple slices cooked gently first in butter, with currant jelly added later. Raspberry and mint jelly are also good to use for this purpose.

Appetite ticklers indeed are the deviled slices of pineapple. These are made by combining one tablespoon brown sugar and ½ tablespoon of catsup. Spread this mixture on rings of pineapple and broil for a few minutes. These are delicious with roast beef, ham, and fowl.

Small baked apples with their hollowed centers filled with crushed pineapple will add allure to any holiday meat course. So

a new flare when pineapple tidbits are added to the cooked berries.

Its different and new to serve crushed pineapple in nests of mashed sweet potatoes or squash. Use these as garnishes on the meat platter if it is large enough so that the decoration does not become a hazard for the carver.

With all these fine suggestions to vary the sameness of traditional foods at holiday time you will have a store of good ideas tucked away for use throughout the year and individuality will be yours with a minimum of time and labor to be spent.