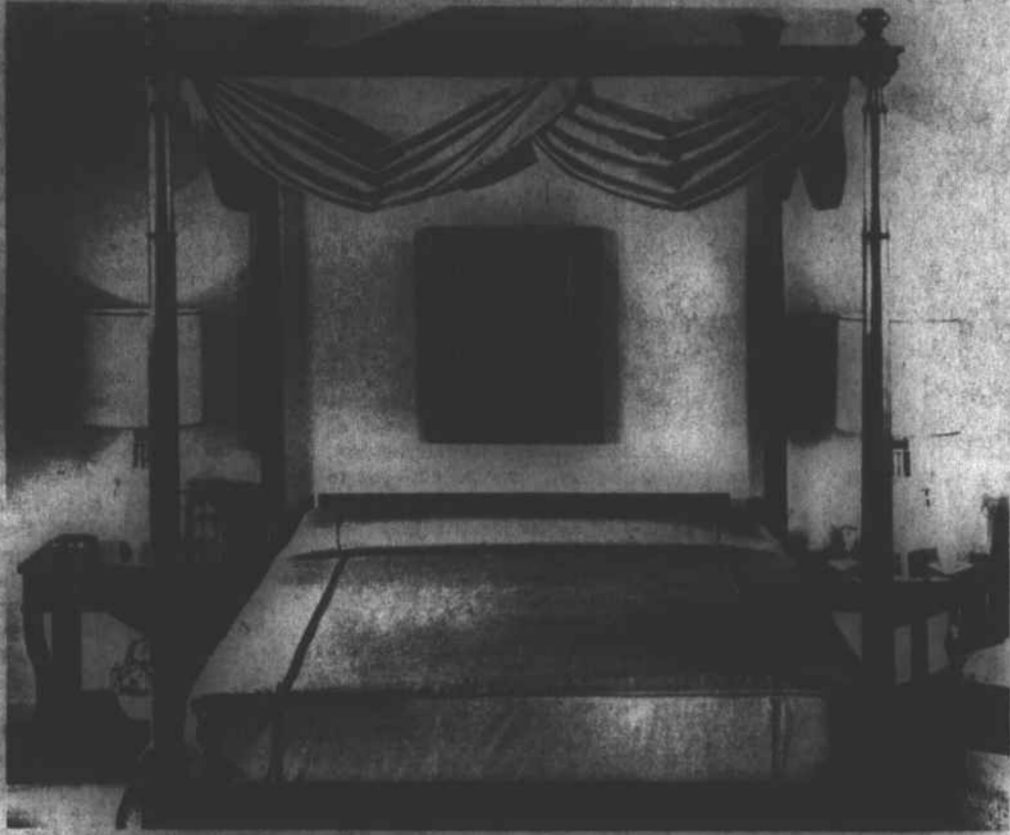


King-Size Goes Antique... Beautifully



A serene room helps no end when it is time to relax from the day's tensions. The classic simplicity of this French Empire design combines with the stretching room of the queen-size mattress to give a really good night's rest. Super-size bedding is available in almost every style to blend with or set off any decor.

Take a new look at that cherished antique highboy. It was invented to go with king-size beds.

Many people think people-size bedding is something new. Actually, some of the famous beds of the fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth centuries dwarf our king-size beds. The Great Bed of Ware, now in the

Victoria and Albert Museum in London, measures nearly twelve feet square and rises well over seven feet to the top of the canopy. In Stowe, a bed nine feet nine inches long and nine feet wide was used for the visit of Frederick, Prince of Wales. The record size could well be that of a bed made for the marriage of Philip the

Good of Burgundy and Isabel, daughter of John I of Portugal, in 1429. It was said to have been 18 feet long and 12 feet wide.

Even ordinary beds of the last centuries could be called king-size. In a day when most men were five-foot-four, a six-foot long bed offered true people-size comfort. To get the

same sleeping room, today's six-foot man has to have a mattress at least 80-inches long.

Because Colonial rooms were small so that they could be heated with only a fireplace, antique six-foot beds filled the room. If it were a double bed (and their double beds were approximately the same size as today's old-fashioned 54-inch by 75-inch bed that is rapidly being replaced) there was scarcely space for any other furniture.

Thus came the antique highboy. It stacked his chest of drawers on top of her chest of drawers to conserve floor space and make room for a good bed.

The famous cabinet makers of the Eighteenth Century believed the most important feature of any bedroom was the bed. So they designed beautiful beds, and scaled the rest of the bedroom pieces so they would fit.

It was not until the Victorian era that bedrooms became big and bedroom furniture heavier. Even then, New England houses tended to have their upstairs rooms small and unheated. To save space, the washstand doubled as a holder for toilet articles. The bachelor chest fit into a small area.

For the antique lover, today's king-size beds offer dramatic decorating possibilities. They are available with sturdy frames which do not require headboards or footboards. This gives you many opportunities for individualized draping or custom headboard treatments.

One decorator pushed a king-size bed against the wall, installed a brass hook such as those used for hanging lamps, and draped a canopy of fabric which echoed the graceful curves of the antique kidney-shaped dressing table.

Another bedroom decorator achieved a four-poster effect by hanging draperies from the ceiling at each corner of the king-size bed, gathering them with standard drapery department rosettes.

And for perfect coordination, still another decorator sewed four 84-inch draperies end to end to make a king-size dust ruffle which she attached to a queen-size, 80 x 60 inch sheet. She slipped the sheet between the mattress and box springs, and topped the whole effect with a queen-size spread. Result? A Colonial quilt-and-dust-ruffle bed, people-size.

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London Buns
1 egg
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¼ cup sugar
2 cups New Bisquick
2 tablespoons salad oil or melted butter
1 cup currants or raisins
½ cup candied fruit (3 ounces)
Heat oven to 400°. Grease 16 medium or 20 small muffin cups or use paper baking cups.
Blend all ingredients; beat vigorously ½ minute. Fill prepared muffin cups ¾ full. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Serve hot. Makes 16 medium or 20 small muffins.
Just for fun, serve these London Buns inside a gay Easter basket. Then pass the butter. (Jam's not necessary, but only you know your family's tastes.)

Baked Bacon Flatter
Heat oven to 400°. Allowing 2 slices per person, separate sliced bacon and arrange on rack in broiler pan. Allowing 1 or 2 slices per person, arrange sliced Canadian bacon on a rack in pan. (Do not overlap slices.) Bake until brown, about 10 minutes. Do not turn.

Half-Moon Salads
Cut half of a large honeydew melon into 12 slices; trim off rind. Pare and section 3 oranges. On 6 luncheon plates, arrange melon slices and orange sections on beds of lettuce. Garnish with parsley. 6 servings.

Coffee for the grownups, milk for the youngsters. And there. That should tide them over until the big Easter dinner.

Ask Dr. QUIZMEE

Dr. Quizmee, our information specialist, is happy to answer his readers' questions in his weekly column. All responses are verified by Funk & Wagnalls Standard Reference Encyclopedia.
David S. Asks about a proud tradition: "How did our Marine Corps get its start?"
The Corps goes back before the Revolutionary War. It evolved from two battalions authorized in 1775 by the Continental Congress.
Brian G. seems to be a little tongue-in-cheek when he writes: "Where do we get the expression 'chattering magpie'?"
Magpies are noisy birds belonging to the crow family. Their rasping call sounds like "cack, cack", mixed with a gabble and some whistling notes. We call gabbling people "chattering magpies" because their speech is like the birds' irritating sound.
Monteager Susan S. wonders: