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Underwriters' Laboratories inspectors make frequent, unannounced visits to all plants in which UL-listed asphalt shingles are made. Left, inspector checks weight of a sample bundle of shingles. Right, UL representative inspects for uniformity of mineral surfacing. Shingles not listed by the UL are not subject to the same control.

What's the use of having a toaster that's safe if it won't toast bread? This is the kind of question Underwriters' Laboratories takes into consideration in setting standards for the many products it tests for safety. As a result, the UL label, widely recognized as a symbol of safety, also indicates that the product does the job it's supposed to do. Take asphalt shingles, for example. Those that bear the UL label (not all asphalt shingles do) have passed a series of rigorous tests for

safety. When subjected to flames and firebrands in carefully controlled laboratory tests they must resist fire and be able to check its spread. But the UL label on asphalt shingles means more than this. It can be used only on shingles manufactured to the UL's exacting specifications.

UL inspectors make frequent, unannounced visits to the manufacturing plants to observe production and to conduct more than a dozen tests on the materials used in the shingle manufacture.

Basement Drains
During heavy rains, water will sometimes enter the basement through the basement floor drain. This can be prevented by having a length of pipe of the proper diameter threaded so that it can be screwed into the floor drain and thus provide you a sort of "well" over your drain, instead of a "lake" in your basement.

Tough Roofs Take Today's Rough Wear

It takes a tougher roof today to resist "sunburn" than it did in days gone by. That's why wise home owners specify asphalt shingles that wear the Underwriters' Laboratories label on every package.

A sunburned roof can be as bad for a house as sunburned skin is for you. It looks bad and doesn't do a good job of protecting what's underneath.

Overexposure to the sun, which causes pain and peeling in a person and premature wear in asphalt shingles, is more of a problem than it ever was. One reason is that the low slope of today's roofs results in a more direct assault on the roof from the ultra-violet rays of the sun. High winds, beating rain, and hail also do more damage to low-slope roofs.

Roofs today also suffer more from cold in winter and heat in summer because houses are better insulated than in former years. Insulation in attic floors or ceilings keeps summer heat right under the roof, and in winter the roof remains cold because the insulation prevents house heat from rising.

These extremes of temperature call for higher-quality roofing. Asphalt shingles bearing the UL label meet Underwriters' Laboratories requirements for fire resistance and quality. Shingles that do not have the UL label may look the same but have not been subject to this rigorous UL testing and inspection.

BRUSH CLEANER

Messy paint brushes soaked in full-strength pine oil household cleaner and rinsed in clear water will be clean and soft.



TROPICAL MOTIF is featured in this distinctive basement recreation room. The straw-hut theme of the refreshment bar is carried out in the bamboo posts and raffia backs of the stools. Floor is random arrangement of vinyl asbestos tile by Kentile.

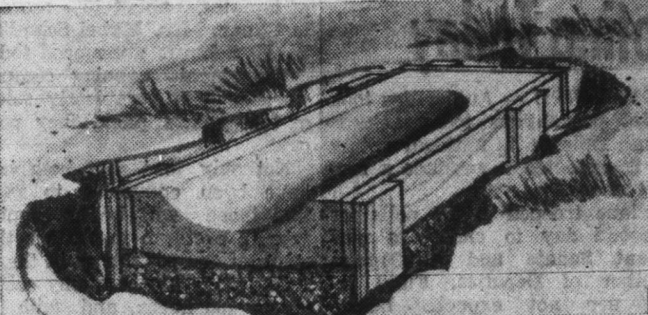
UL LABEL—Your Guardian

Did you know that even incubators for premature babies carry the Underwriters' Laboratories label? It's the symbol of protection for the precious occupants.

And did you know that thousands of other products besides your electric blanket, lamp, toaster, and coffee maker pass rigid tests to earn the UL label—things such as gypsum wall-board, glass bricks, concrete blocks, and some asphalt shingles.

If you're shopping for a new roof or buying a house, look for shingles with the UL label—it means they've passed strict laboratory tests and been checked during production to assure "reasonable satisfaction" with performance as well as safety.

DOWNSPOUT GUTTERS



A concrete gutter, leading water from downspouts away from the house, will reduce soil erosion. Such a gutter can be formed easily by digging a trench in the soil of the desired gutter length, 12 inches wide and about 6 inches deep. Concrete is then placed in the trench and dip-shaped with pointed shovel, tile or similar round item.

Concrete for the gutter need not be a matter of measuring and mixing the proper amounts of sand, gravel and cement. You can save a good deal of time and trouble by using Sakrete Concrete Mix, a ready mixed, ready-to-use product sold by most hardware, lumber and building material dealers. Mix water into the dry material as directed to provide a strong concrete mixture, ready for use.

Gallivanting About Galvanizing

For Indoor Gardener

Save time and effort by placing several potted plants in a galvanized steel tub and then watering them from above. The excess water and dirt will collect in the tub, easing the cleanup and watering problem for the indoor gardener.

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Protect Grass Seed

Store grass seed and other garden materials in covered galvanized steel garbage cans. The close-fitting covers and durable zinc finish protect the contents from attack by moisture or rodents.

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Handy Charcoal

This year keep your charcoal in a galvanized steel coal hod or pail. Both are easy to carry, and they can be painted to serve as a colorful barbecue grill accessory. Galvanized fire shovels also are handy for carrying charcoal and ashes.

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Camping Equipment

Include a galvanized steel laundry tub or utility basket on your list of camping supplies. Pack the tub or basket with supplies, and keep it in the trunk of the car on the trip. At the camp site, it may be used for washing, bathing and carrying water or fire wood.

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Versatile Pail

Durable galvanized steel pails are a good "catch all" for the home handyman. They can be used for carrying nails, screws and small tools. Steel pails also can be used to mix cement, putty and paint. The convenient handle enables the handyman to hang the pail on a ladder.

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Use Sprinkling Can

Flowers and vegetables, which require sufficient water and protection against destructive insects, often pose a problem for gardeners. A galvanized steel sprinkling can has a wide, perforated nozzle that is ideal for flowers and vegetables. It discharges a soft spray that cannot harm fragile plants. Insecticides will not damage the galvanized steel sprinklers.

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Inexpensive Sand Box

Many families use an inexpensive galvanized steel laundry tub for a sand box. Filled with sand, it makes a good play area for the children. When emptied, the tub is easy to carry from one place to another. It even can be kept in the basement when the weather cools.

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Mix Paint in Pail

Use a galvanized steel pail rather than the original can when mixing paint. The pail will easily hold a gallon of paint and still have room for mixing.

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Eliminate Bare Spots

To eliminate bare spots on the lawn, mix a handful of grass seed with four parts of peat moss in a galvanized steel pail. The peat moss holds moisture, helping the seed to germinate. The moisture, however, will not affect the pail.

TOOL STORAGE TIP

Thoroughly cleaning shovels, hoes and other garden tools after the season and coating them with good paste wax will not only prevent rusting, and attract less dirt and grime than oil.

REPAIRING SIDEWALKS

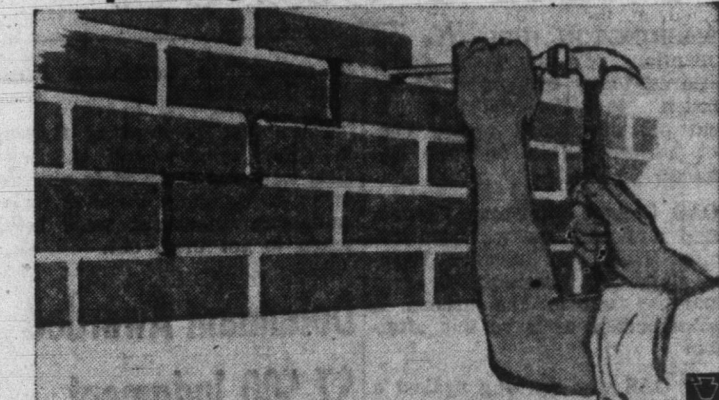


Sub-grade failure under sidewalks, freezing, or poorly proportioned job mixed concrete are three common causes of cracked, broken, or scaling sidewalks and driveways. Repairing of cracks or replacement of full sections at an early stage is desirable. In addition to being unsightly, they cause accidents for which the property owner is liable. Law suits are not pleasant and they're costly.

Sidewalk repairs can be a pleasant spare time job. Premixed cement and concrete materials, which are ready to use with the addition of water, are sold by the sack by most building material, lumber and hardware stores. To repair cracks, cut a groove in the walk where cracked about one inch wide and two inches deep. Wash out loose concrete with hose, brush away

free water and while still damp, tamp in a stiff mixture of mortar. Sakrete is an excellent and well-known material for this use. Finish in one hour with wood float or steel trowel. To replace full sections, remove concrete and break up for use as base. Frame sides with 2 x 4's. Fill with Sakrete Concrete Mix and level with a straight edged board long enough to extend across the form. In about one hour, smooth the surface with a wood float. Move float over the surface with light pressure in a half arc motion. Finish with a steel trowel if smooth finish is desired. As trowel is moved over surface, hold the edge up slightly. If surface becomes too dry for easy troweling, sprinkle lightly with water. Finish the job by rounding off edges with edging tool.

Repairing Loose Mortar Joints



Loose or cracked mortar in brick or block work permits water to enter and cause interior wall damage. In time, this damage can be severe, so it's wise to make repairs when the defects first appear. Fortunately, you can do the job quickly, easily and inexpensively—thanks to ready mixed materials available at most hardware stores, lumber and building material dealers.

The first step in repairing is to clean out loose or cracked mortar with cold chisel or screw driver. Flush out the opening with hose. While joint is still damp, fill with mortar. Press

the mortar firmly to be sure no cavities remain. This is called tuck pointing and an excellent material to use is Sakrete Mortar Mix. It comes in easy-to-handle sacks and is ready for use with the addition of water. After filling cavity, scrape off excess mortar and finish joint to match rest of the wall. This is easy to do with a jointing tool or a flat or rounded stick—depending on joint to be matched. Finally, after about five minutes, brush across joint to remove excess mortar then finish again with jointing tool. This is the easiest, best and most economical way to repair faulty masonry work.

Copper and Brass

Copper or brass can be cleaned with a paste made up of equal parts of table salt and flour, and vinegar as the combining agent. Rub on the metal, let dry, then remove with hot, soapy water. If the metal is in particularly bad shape, apply the paste more generously, and allow to remain for several hours before removing it.

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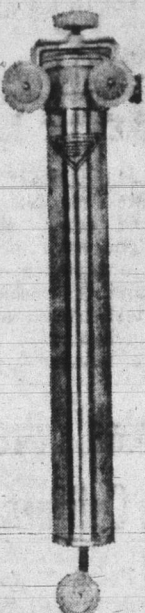
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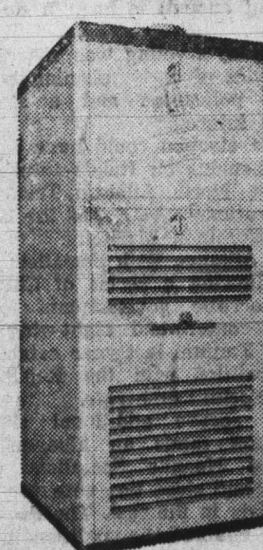
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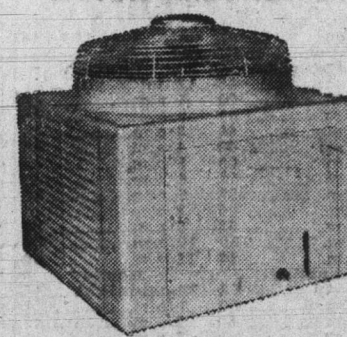
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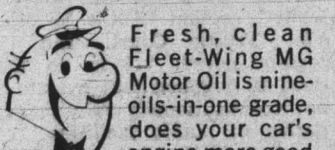
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