

New Light Chairs

Among the newest products in furniture are ornamental French Colonial chairs made of ductile iron instead of metals traditionally considered lighter. New foundry techniques and continuing improvements in ductile iron metallurgy have made possible thin iron sections as light as other metals — and with cast iron's durability, strength, and superior decorative details

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Two-In-One Appliance Meets Every Cold Storage Problem

Fresh food, frozen food, family food, baby food—there's room for it all in the new electric refrigerator-freezer.

It's a good idea to store all the baby things together in one of the door shelves of the refrigerator section to make them easily accessible. Prepared formula, fruit juices, sterile water, puddings, jars of baby food that have been opened and recapped, vitamins, and medicines that require chilling can all go on one roomy door shelf.

All foods retain their quality longer in a new electric refrigerator-freezer than in units only a few years old. To make sure of top quality, follow these simple rules:

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible, since opening them lets warm air in, causing the unit to work harder to maintain the right temperature. To cut down on the number of times doors have to be opened, take out everything you need for meal-making at one time. Use a tray or assemble the items on a countertop. After a meal, put everything away at once, too, for the same reason. Meats deserve special attention. Always remove paper bags and butcher wrappings from fresh meat as soon as you bring it home. Store it immediately in the special meat compartment or in a shallow dish covered lightly with waxed paper or foil.

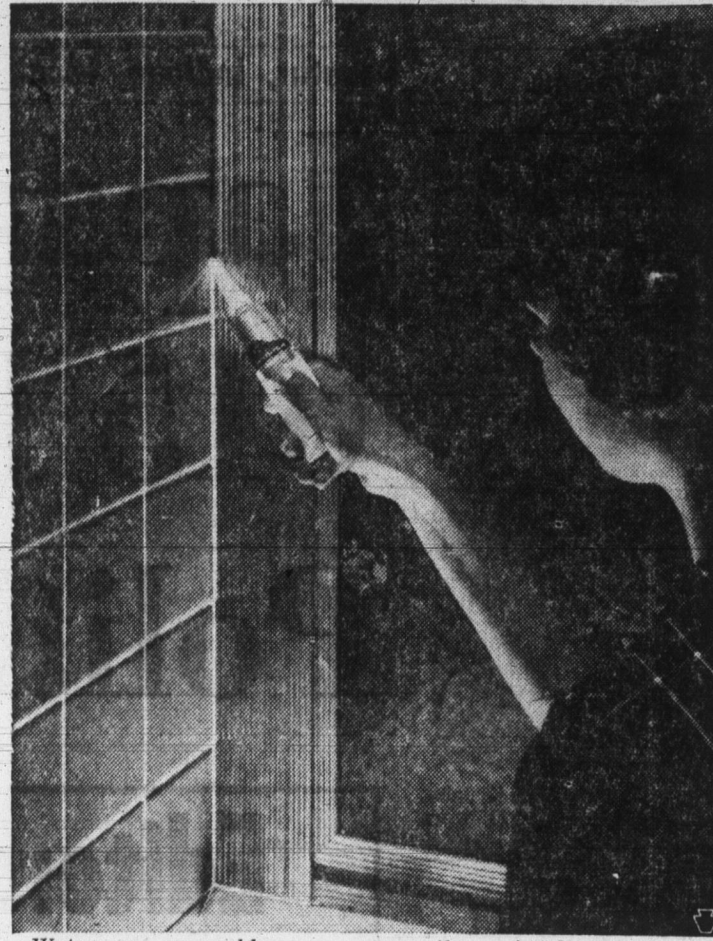


This electric refrigerator-freezer provides ample storage for baby foods and vitamins as well as for family meals and snacks. Handy door shelves make it easy to put all baby things together in one convenient place.

In hot weather, it's best to store fresh meat that's to be kept more than a day or two in the freezer section. In this case, it should be tightly wrapped in moisture-vapor-proof material such as plastic bags or freezer foil.

To avoid clutter, store unopened jars of pickles, olives, catsup, and cans or bottles of non-frozen fruit juices in a cupboard until it's time to chill them.

New Caulk Makes Repairs Easy and Long Lasting



Water seepage problems are among the easiest types of home repair jobs to delay — perhaps because they don't interfere with the immediate operation of the house, or because the job is a messy one, or because the repairs so seldom last as they should.

If you have such a problem on your "things to do" list and have had trouble in the past with repeated cracking of the caulk you used, here is the answer you've been looking for — an easy one and a lasting one. It's a new bathtub caulk developed by Dow Corning Corporation, a genuine Silastic silicone rubber rather than the putty type patching compound you're accustomed to using. This new product is completely waterproof, has excellent adhesive qualities, cannot shrink, leak or crack because it actually expands and contracts with temperature and humidity changes. The result is a durable, permanently flexible seal around shower stalls, tubs, tile, fixtures — wherever water may be a problem.

Equally important, this new sealing compound is so simple to use that now it's actually easier to put on the caulk than to put off the job. It comes in a convenient squeeze tube with a special applicator nozzle, and you need no other tools of any kind. Just cut off the nozzle at a 45° angle and push the tube slowly and at a uniform speed along the crack. The nozzle forces the caulk into the opening and smooths it, too, in one operation. The material is dry to the touch in a few minutes, is fully cured in 24 hours, and the finished job will have a sparkling white, porcelain-like look just like new.

Family Room Can Perform Many Ways

A well-planned family room can be part living room, part recreation room, part den, part sewing room, and part guest room.

"With the trend toward more informal living and increased leisure time, many families are designing a room to handle a wide range of activities," according to Robert Huff, home improvement director for Marlite paneling.

The family room should be planned for the entire family, and each member should help in the preliminary sessions that determine just what the room will be.

Here are various guideposts that Huff suggests for those planning a new family room:

- Provide sufficient storage space for books, records, games, and hobby equipment.
- Plan work areas that either pull out of the wall or fold up. This conserves valuable floor space.
- If someone in the family is handy with tools, a portion of the construction can be done at a considerable saving.
- Consult the local lumber dealer or experienced craftsman however, for the difficult and unusual jobs.
- Combine modern beauty and easy maintenance in the family room decor.

Huff points out that periodic decorating can be eliminated in the family room by installing plastic-finished Marlite wood-grain planks on the walls. Those planks can be damp-wiped clean; never need refinishing.

Marlite planks can be installed right over old walls, or over studs or furring strips. Washable ceiling blocks of the same plastic finished hardboard material also are available to provide an attractive, long-lasting ceiling.

Local lumber dealers carry Marlite paneling and matching moldings.

Calculator For Cooling Introduced

A new Air Conditioning Calculator recently made available to air conditioning contractors and professionals in the home building field will mean greater comfort at less cost for families building or buying air-conditioned homes.

The new calculator, developed by the National Mineral Wool Insulation Association, supplies a rapid and accurate method of calculating summer heat gain to ensure compliance with the FHA's new Minimum Property Standard on insulation for air-conditioned homes. It also shows readily how installing mineral wool beyond the amounts called for by FHA will cut both purchase price and operating costs of air-conditioning equipment.

Last year an Electric Comfort Calculator was introduced by NMWIA for use in specifying electric heating equipment for homes insulated with mineral wool. The new Air-Conditioning Calculator, which is similar, provides a virtually fool-proof method of determining the size of cooling equipment and the amount of mineral wool needed to provide maximum comfort at lowest cost.

Modernizing Older Cabin Can Be Fun

Many families have found that a "second home," a vacation cabin of their own, is a sound investment that brings increased fun, relaxation, and enjoyment of leisure hours.

Some have chosen to build new cabins. Others purchase older ones and then modernize them to fit their own requirements.

Taking a structurally sound but somewhat neglected building and transforming it into an attractive vacation home can be a very gratifying task.

Using modern materials, such a transformation can be enjoyable and a source of satisfaction to the home craftsman. For instance, interiors become bright, cheery and comfortable when dingy, cracked walls are covered with Masonite Royalcote wood-grained wall panels. They're easy to install and even easier for the homemaker to maintain, requiring only wiping with a damp cloth to keep clean.

Bare wood floors can be renovated by covering them with hardboard underlayment and then installing either attractive tile or linoleum flooring or even carpeting. The smooth Masonite underlayment covers the cracks and rough spots in the original floor and appreciably extends the life and beauty of the new.

Ideas on building a new second home of transforming an old one, plus methods of achieving your goals, can be obtained free by writing to the Home Service Bureau, 29 North Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois. Ask for "Your Second Home" booklet and information on woodgrain panels.

ADDING A ROOM?

If you plan to add a room to your home, make sure that it fits like a glove with your present architecture of you'll have a mishmash of odd lines.

New Gas Control Raises Heat Efficiency



ROOM AIR is heated by convection and radiation by a gas baseboard heater. That's right, gas! It's a new idea in heating with gas, and offers many advantages.

Ever try to heat a fringe area that you just couldn't reach without stretching the present system?

Or, perhaps you have thought of heating the attic or the newly-enclosed patio, but found that the expense of such a project was prohibitive.

Then here's good news, for now, heating a specific area — called zone heating — can be done inexpensively and effectively with gas heat. A new product — a vented gas baseboard heater with zone control — makes it possible.

A Chattanooga, Tenn., firm is on the market with a unit that is equipped with its own built-in thermostat, which boasts fingertip control. Heat can be regulated at a finger touch, to provide room comfort as desired.

Suburban Ventura is the unit's name. Its gas burner is contained in a specially engineered sealed combustion chamber, designed so that no room air is consumed or used. Fresh air for combustion is drawn in from outdoors through a compact exterior-vent cap by a small blower. Heated air is circulated from the heater by convection and radiation in an even pattern.

Products of combustion are vented directly from the sealed chamber through the wall to the outdoors.

The new way to heat offers the homeowner an answer to the "What to do about heating installation and expense" question.

There is no need to tear up floors or rip out walls. Connection to the gas supply is effected by snaking piping behind walls or floors to the point along the baseboard of the outside wall where the heater is to be located. Small, hidden apertures are made to make the connection to the heater.

The baseboard unit has a baked enamel finish, planned to blend with any decorating scheme. For cleaning and service, the front lifts off. The unit complies with national safety standards and is AGA approved for natural and LP gas.

Flow Improved in New Well Pumps

Flow has been improved and maintenance lessened in new submersible pumps, developed for deep and shallow water wells in home and farm service, through utilization of a new foundry process for casting the pump bowls.

The new process uses a thin shell of fine sand bonded with a new plastic to shape the interior of the pump.

Gray Iron Founders' Society engineers point out that producing high-grade cast iron pump bowls by shell core method provides ultra-smooth finishes in the interior sections or waterways. Self-priming pumps for a variety of home, farm, and industrial uses also utilize cast iron for their body, volute and impeller and for the casting of the gas engine or electric motor powering the pump.



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