

Counter-Spy

Brighten Up Home With Curtains

Give Premises a Springlike Touch

By LOUISE FLETCHER
Times Woman's Editor
FOR HOMEMAKERS.

February brings the urge to yank spring inside the house a month or so before it makes its outdoor debut. It's too early to embark on a thorough spring housecleaning—but it's still possible to give the premises a springlike touch.

Fresh curtains alone may do the trick. Or, in the case of refurbishing the bathroom, fresh window curtains and a matching shower curtain.

At Sears, Roebuck they're showing some hand-painted Harmony House shower and window curtain sets (\$9.98) calculated to brighten any bathroom. These are in Lily Pond pattern on smooth Wataseal—easily washed and with permanent coloring.

The shower curtain is 72 by 72 inches; the window curtains, 27 by 54 inches. Colors are blue, yellow, mint green, frosted white and peach.

'Up in Bucks'

Homemakers "up in the bucks"—\$500 up, anyway—may choose another home-brightening expedient. That's what a pair of Dorothy Doughty model birds in Royal Worcester porcelain costs.



Doughty Model Cardinals

The Doughty birds, a pair of cardinals perched on orange blossom branches 11½ inches high, are at Charles Mayer's. The pair, the hen in quiet coloring and her mate in fiery plumage, are really collector's items worthy of a spot in a museum. The model birds are produced in limited editions.

Saves Space

IF PRE-SPRING housecleaning extends to bringing order into clothes closets, Sears, Roebuck are on deck with aids in that direction, too.

A top-notcher is the De Luxe Skirt Hanger which hangs six or more skirts neatly on one hanger—saving closet space. This way skirts are kept together for quick selection.

The hanger (\$1.49) is suspended from hook on door or wall, or from closet rod. It has a sturdy, electroplated metal frame (rust resistant), and smooth, strong plastic spring clips to keep the skirts securely tethered.

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Like a Fleecy Cloud for Spring, Summer



A FLEECY CLOUD has nothing on the downy softness of pastel fleece coats designed for spring and summer wear. This pair of coats from Strauss' makes effective use of fleece fabric. The one at the left, in tambourine pink, is a full wrap style with sweeping lapels, tie belt and deep pockets. Unpressed box pleats in back add to the generous greatcoat look. It is a Del-Paca model, which means that alpaca is mixed with the wool of the fabric. Brass buttons do the double-breasted fastening trick on the popcorn beige coat at right. This has slash pockets, a shawl collar and a gored back. Each coat is \$59.95. Dobbs hats worn with the coats are \$16.95 for the big two-tone affair of skirting felt and \$10 for the pink felt mushroom cloche. (By L. F.)

Blackwood on Bridge—

Rule of 11 Helps Play

Mrs. Keen
Is Aided

MRS. KEEN used the rule of 11 to guide her into the right defensive play in today's hand.

Mr. Meek's opening lead was the seven of spades. Anxious to finesse hearts as soon as possible, Mr. Abel tried to win the first trick in dummy by putting up the king of spades. Now, pretend you are Mrs. Keen and tell me what you would play. Cover up the South and West hands while I ask you some questions.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
Mr. Dale
S—K Q 6
H—Q J 10
D—A 9 8 6 2
C—9 3

WEST EAST
Mr. Meek Mrs. Keen
S—7 5 S—A 9 8 4
H—K 5 2 H—8 3
D—10 4 3 D—J 7 5
C—A 8 6 5 2 C—J 10 7 4

SOUTH
Mr. Abel
S—J 10 5 2
H—A 9 7 6 4
D—K Q
C—K Q

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 H Pass 2 D Pass
2 H Pass 4 H All Pass

Is Mr. Meek's lead a "fourth best"? Well, let's use the Rule of 11. He led the seven spot. Seven from 11 leaves four, which means there are four spades higher than the seven outside of Mr. Meek's hand. But you can see five higher than the seven in the East hand and dummy. No, the opening lead can't be fourth best.

Is it a singleton? If so, then Mr. Abel has five spades and with that many he surely would have bid the suit instead of merely bidding and rebidding hearts.

Hopes for Doubleton

Mrs. Keen figured, as you undoubtedly did, that the seven of spades was the top of a two or three-card holding. She hoped for the doubleton holding. She also hoped Mr. Meek could gain the lead before all his trumps were extracted.

So at trick one she did not play the ace of spades. She played the nine to try to encourage partner to lead the suit again, if he got in.

At trick two Mr. Abel finessed the queen of hearts. Mr. Meek won and led the three of spades. Having seen the deuce fall from the closed hand on the first trick, Mrs. Keen knew this was the partner's lowest, and, therefore, the last spade. So she won with the ace and returned a spade for Mr. Meek to ruff. Mr. Meek then laid down the ace of clubs for the setting trick.

Note that if Mrs. Keen had won the ace of spades at trick one Mr. Meek would never have got to trump the third round of the suit. After he won with the king of hearts, there would have been no way to reach his partner's hand.

New Yorkers Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schreiner have returned to New York after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Gardner, 1810 W. 26th St. They were honor guests at a dinner given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Leon David of Greenfield.

Eat Well for Less

Turkeys Are Still Plentiful

Good for Dinner, Good for Budget

By GAYNOR MADDOX
HEAVY TURKEYS are still in plentiful supply and offer a lot of fine meat at budget prices for a large family.

Serve them with other foods on the plentiful list for the sake of good eating plus budget comfort.

Begin your turkey dinner with grapefruit halves topped with orange-cranberry relish.

ORANGE-CRANBERRY RELISH

Four cups cranberries, two cups sugar; two oranges, quartered and seeded.

Put raw cranberries and oranges through food chopper. Add sugar and mix well. Chill in refrigerator a few hours before serving. Note: This relish will keep well in the refrigerator for several weeks.

Here's a Louisiana contribution to the turkey dinner:

YAM AND APPLE CASSEROLE

Peel four to five medium leftover baked or boiled sweet potatoes. Slice into buttered casserole in alternate layers with thinly sliced tart apples. Dot with butter or fortified margarine.

Mix three-fourths cup maple syrup, or breakfast blend of cane and maple, with one-fourth cup water and pour over yams and apples.

Cover and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) about 30 minutes. Remove cover and bake another 10 minutes.

Wednesday's Menu

BREAKFAST: Stewed prunes, ready-to-eat cereal, scrambled eggs, enriched toast, butter or fortified margarine, coffee, milk.

LUNCHEON: Crisp bacon, yam and apple casserole, whole wheat, bread, butter or fortified margarine, raisin-nut-oatmeal cookies, tea, milk.

PARTY DINNER: Grapefruit with orange-raspberry relish, roast turkey, nut stuffing, giblet gravy, baked potatoes, chopped spinach with sieved hard-cooked egg, assorted rolls, raw beet and lettuce salad, French dressing, prune pie with cream cheese and nut topping, coffee, milk.

Send questions on gardening to Mrs. Smith, The Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis 9.

Anne Cabot Album Offers Unique Sew-How

ABC's of Knitting Are Related

HERE'S a head-start, sneak-preview of the Anne Cabot Album! Forty pages of written sew-how for those who love creative work in the finger artistry of crocheting, knitting and embroidery.

The clear and easy instructions on the ABC of knit, crochet and embroidery stiches will bring you up-to-date in the event it's been a long time since you've taken any kind of needles in hand. And the gift instructions on Page 18 on how to knit a Breton sailor and an over-one-eye gray feather hat will help you lead the fashion parade this spring. They're easy to wear.

Centerpiece Dolly

Featured also as a gift pattern—centerpiece dolly and a crocheted bouquet for your table.

When you skim through the rest of the Anne Cabot Album, threads of ideas will soon be skipping through your crochet hook . . . and your knitting needles. But you won't stop there, because aren't there just dozens of places for an extra crocheted runner, or pieces for your favorite comfy-chair? And don't forget the knitted mittens for the youngsters, or the stuffed toys, just for fun.

Instructions Simple

Yes—knit, crochet, embroider or sew—the new 1950 Anne Cabot Album is for you. The ideas and pattern selections are unending and the instructions are simple and easy to follow.

Buy packs of needles and bobbins of thread and get set to make volumes of lovely hand-mades in your precious free hours because the album will make you want to do just that! From embroidered towels to cuddly kittens or just comfortable slippers, you won't stop until you've made them all.

You'll be delighted to thumb your way through this bright and cheerful album. It's modern as today and yet brimming with so many of those hand-made niceties that filled grandma's happy hours too.

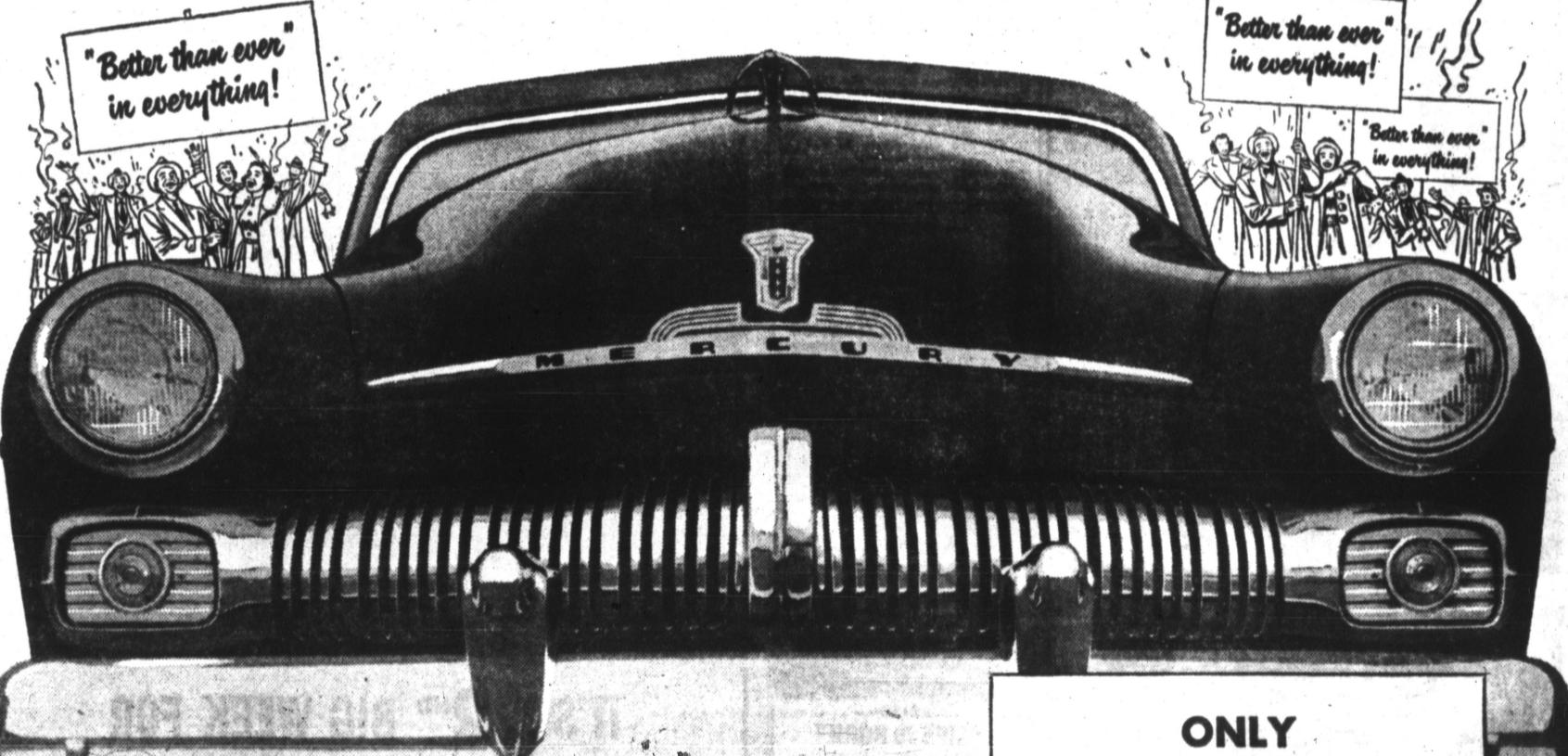
Alumnae Chapter Schedules Meeting

Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter, Beta Sigma Omicron Sorority, will meet for luncheon and a business meeting Saturday in the Illinois St. Fendrick's Restaurant.

During the afternoon, Mess. James Carl J. Weinhardt, H. F. Blasingham, Oliver S. Guo, L. Helmer, George Jo Mess and Josephine Duke Motley of NSAL will be the hostesses.

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