

GIL JORDAN SAYS:

## We Battle Constantly With Vegetable World

"If you ladies are satisfied to scrape, peel, hack and mess around with preparing fruits and vegetables the way your grandmothers did 50 years ago," the salesman said as he prepared to go into his demonstration at the Home Show, "then what I'm going to say will be of no interest to you."

With these opening remarks he took a simple looking gadget which had a saw-toothed edge on one side and a cutting blade on the other and quickly made rosettes out of radishes. Tossing these aside, he speared a large potato which, with lightning speed he cut into artistic shapes "for making French fries with personality."

MOVING FROM vegetables to fruits, this glib tongued worker whizzed out an apple, and with speed quicker than the eye removed the peel in one unbroken piece. Then as if this wasn't enough proof of his powers he plunged the instrument into the center of the apple and deftly removed the core, then with a couple of additional fast moves he cut the rest of the fruit into heart shaped pieces "just for kicks."

"Although this simple device costs but fifty cents during this introductory sale special," the salesman said as he concluded his demonstration, "after you've used it for just one day I couldn't buy it back for a fifty dollar bill. Why, it's just like having a full-time maid helping you in the kitchen."

SINCE FULL-time kitchen help is relatively expensive these days the Jordans were quick to avail themselves of one of these indispensable tools. And just let that fellow try and buy it back. This was a real find.

There's just one thing wrong. We can't make ours work. We can't even slice a banana with it, and heaven knows we've tried. Oh, well, our old paring knife still works pretty well so we aren't licked entirely.

My next experience with fast talking demonstrators occurred at the Flower Show. This fellow had a new twist for he was proving that housewives have been wasting money for years by throwing out fruits and vegetables when they cleaned their refrigerators. The smart thing to do was to convert the left-overs into a delicious drink through the use of a food blender.

TO PROVE his point he flicked on a switch and then tossed a whole orange in the blender. This was followed by a lemon, a half grape, fruit, a couple of bananas and a head of cabbage. "Nothing fancy,"

mind you," he assured the on-lookers, "you just throw in what you usually throw out." Next came a couple of eggs, shells and all, then a cucumber, a beet and a few stalks of rhubarb. "Now to give the drink just a little more flavor we need a little sugar," he said as he dumped in a small quantity. "And to make it a cooling drink let's add some ice cubes," was his final remark.

After the concoction had churned for a few minutes the salesman poured the contents of the blender into small paper cups which he passed around for sampling. With some misgivings I took a sip. "Eureka!" I shouted in ecstasy. "This is the most delicious drink I've tasted, and made from stuff we usually throw out."

THAT DID IT. I had to buy the blender even if it did mean parting with some dough I had earmarked for something else. But when you can make an exotic drink that tasted like something from the South Sea Islands why fight it?

"I've got a surprise," I told my wife when I arrived home. "Stay out of the kitchen until I make something for you."

Following the salesman's recipe as closely as possible I poured a glassful of the low-cost exotic

## Behind the Welcome Mat

by CORINNE ABATT

Our neighborhood youngsters occasionally get into some rather involved theological discussions. They usually center around comparing the unknown to the known — is God bigger than a building. Can He jump across an ocean. Can He run faster than a car?

One such discussion wound up with speculation on how a person gets to heaven. Several ventured to guess that it might be by jet, helicopter or rocket. Then one little fellow said quietly, "No, I

drink and brought it into the living room. My wife sipped it gingerly. "Art you trying to poison me?" she demanded. "I tasted it. No question about it," I replied candidly, as I headed for the bathroom to find a mouth-wash.

THERE'S NOTHING wrong with the blender for it accepts whatever you put into it. But the contents of my refrigerator didn't duplicate exactly the stuff used by the salesman. And besides, I forgot the ice cubes.

Between the kitchen gadget I saw demonstrated and the exotic drinks made by the blender I decided this just wasn't my year to get cute with the fruit and vegetable kingdom. Or as they used to say at the Edsel factory, you can't win 'em all.

don't think so. I think God just reaches down with His big hands and lifts you right up."

NEIGHBOR DORA Steele says that one of the nicest gifts she received for daughter, Paula Fran-

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ces, born last January, was a picture scrapbook.

The friend who made the gift clipped pictures from magazines and articles from the January newspapers to illustrate what life was like at the time the baby was born.

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newspaper story and picture of the Glenn orbital flight.

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EVERY ONCE in a while a conscientious parent intent on building good health and habits in his offspring gets the impression

that he is overshooting the mark. It came home to Jane and Tom Cappel one day when Jane was urging their son, Scott 5, to get outside for some fresh air. Scott's exasperated reply was, "Good food, lotta rest, warm clothes, fresh air—what do ya want me to do, grow up to be a giant?"

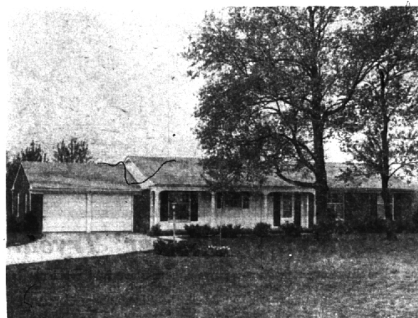
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