

Here's a New Wrinkle On Beauty 'Miracle'

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A woman speaking to a small group of her East Side friends recently informed them that she had made use of a brand-new 'find' in Munich which had, absolutely, erased from her face and neck every sign of a wrinkle and had wiped away many birthdays in just a matter of a short exposure with this particular doctor.

"You should all urge your wealthy husbands to buy you a jet ticket right away so you, too, can be wrinkle-free!" she told her entranced audience, as was reported by the press.

Unless this unique plan included her husband, might not tiny complications arise? Descending the steps of the jet, without a wrinkle showing anywhere on the face or neck, might not her Joe have the awful desire to run and hide behind the check-out counter upon seeing his mate of 25 or 30 years so gosh-darn youthful?

"GEE, HONEY, you look grand!" But when he attempted to plant a smacker on her countenance, wouldn't she be obliged (in view of what the whole program had set him back) to warn:

"Darling, if you don't mind. Here, take my hand; it's the same." And what about the hands? Does the treatment tend to them? Somehow, no cream has yet been invented to wipe away the years here. Or, does a woman who's had her face lifted keep her hands in gloves most of the time?

"I hope you told your company you won't be home for a few days. We're going to start right now, as of tonight, and we're not gonna miss a spot in this great big town!" And she'd probably confide to him, as the taxi whisked them away, that she physically felt like a 19-year-old. "Oh, Joe! I can't explain to you how I feel, like a colt."

What about of Joe? What if he compares himself to a work horse which had seen many a hard day out in the fighting field? After a few weeks, wouldn't friction arise every time he refused to kick up his heels with her in some good old adolescent fun?

GOING SHOPPING with her daughter (maybe a married girl with a couple of offsprings), unhappiness might occur if the clerk referred to them as sisters. "Actually, Mom, you make me feel ancient. You really do!" the child might confess out in the car afterwards. And how would the grandchildren react?

"Boy! The other kids have got

old Grandmas. We don't. Say, you are our grandmas, aren't you?" could be their worry.

When playing bride with her gang each Tuesday, they might either outbid her every time or else plead with her to give them the price and location where her miracle took place. And finally:

If the Reaper did make a call for her, suddenly, wouldn't it seem as if it'd be a stark tragedy? "She was far too young to die. Not a wrinkle showing anywhere on her face or neck," her friends, plus kin, might lament.

Are wrinkles such horrible things? Personally, I've learned to accept and come to "terms" with 'em. It'd be a strange existence without them. Or, am I just consoling myself? I declare I'm not. I'm used to the things by now!

It Takes Time To Save Time With Nuances

A new automatic appliance can seem complicated—until you learn to use it.

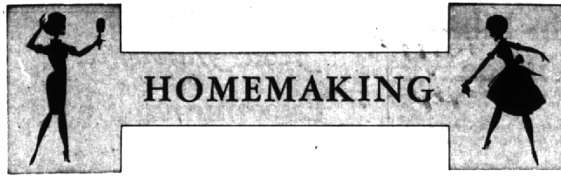
This is what Georgianne Baker, home management specialist at Michigan State University, tells homemakers who ask questions about using new home equipment.

Miss Baker explains that you need three things to get a job done: your body, your mind and the right tool or appliance. Until you learn to use the tool, your body and mind are still doing most of the work. Once you've mastered the tool, however, it eventually takes over the greater share of the job.

SHE POINTS out that one of the things equipment can do is help you form routines to make work go more smoothly and quickly. This suggests that you must analyze your own work habits in relation to equipment before you buy.

"Homemakers who find it difficult to change their work habits, probably should buy equipment similar to equipment they already have," Miss Baker cautions.

"Getting used to new equipment may cause stresses and strains that really aren't 'worth it all' for some women. "Others really enjoy the challenge and fun of experimenting with an appliance of more advanced design."



HOMEMAKING

You Can Express Yourself Through Choice in Furniture

Listen to your furniture! It has a way of telling you about its personality. If you are aware of this, your furniture can become a tool for your own self-expression.

When decorating your home, listen to what the design, color and arrangement of furniture say. Patricia Klobe, Michigan State University home furnishing specialist, says,

"Furnishings range from the outspoken and bold to the quiet and timid," she points out. FURNITURE personality, she says, is determined largely by the line and form of each piece. For example, modern furnishings are streamlined and uncluttered. They often appeal to people who want an individual and sophisticated look. Others might consider it too cold and clinical.

"American Colonial has a warm and friendly air," the specialist says. "Not only is it easy to use in decorating, but it can also be arranged to create a formal, semi-formal or informal feeling. You may like the 'collector' look that can be achieved with this style, or you might feel that it is too quaint, might feel that it is too quaint."

"FORMAL graciousness and old-world elegance are attributes of the traditional Sheraton, Hepplewhite and Chippendale styles. Their rich fabrics and exquisite carvings may appeal to your romantic side or fill your need for an authentic, inherited look. On the other hand, you may think they are too elaborate and formal."

Styles such as the mission type or English manor are independent and offer a chance for self-expression, Miss Klobe points out. The finished look is tailored and simple, steering away from anything ornate.

"OFTEN YOUR choice of furniture will be determined by much more than your design preference," the specialist adds.

"The size of your home, the ages of family members and their special interests and the amount of money you wish to spend must all be considered," she says.

Miss Klobe maintains that color is also important because furniture is often the second largest color area in the room. For example,

you can create a spacious feeling by blending furnishings with the background, or you may emphasize something special by creating contrast, such as placing a red sofa against a white wall.

"FURNITURE CAN 'invite' your guests to join in the conversation, or it can make them feel out of place," Miss Klobe explains. "The success of a room depends largely upon the arrangement you use."

"Chairs should usually be placed

in groups rather than by themselves in far corners," she says. "Remember to keep conversation groupings away from traffic lanes and to place tables and lamps nearby for convenience and comfort. Large pieces, such as a sofa and chairs, help give your room unity when they are placed parallel to walls rather than at angles."

Parallel lines create a rhythmic movement throughout the room according to Miss Klobe.



A Spanish Touch

The colorful heritage of Old Mexico, which has already exerted a dramatic influence on the design of modern fashions, fabrics and decorative accessories, may be found in the field of contemporary American furniture. Designed by John Keal of Brown-Saltman of California, the hexagonal coffee table is distinguished by an unusual turned-leg motif and the use of a marble surface.

Melt Ice, Snow on Driveway

For centuries, poets have described snow as nature's greatest beauty.

The homeowner who finds himself confronted with sidewalk and driveway that need shoveling, however, may take a different view. To him, snow is a nuisance—something to be disposed of as quickly and as easily as possible. For quick and easy disposal of snow, there is a hydronic snow removal system.

With this kind of system, says the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau, your house heating boiler will melt the snow and ice.

THIS IS HOW it is done—assuming that you have a hot water heating boiler in your home. The contractor will check the boiler for capacity. Chances are that it has the reserve heating ability to melt snow. Most boilers have.

If this is the case, water from the boiler is piped to a "heat exchanger." The heat exchanger heats an anti-freeze solution which is then circulated by means of a small electric pump through pipe coils embedded in the walks and driveways.

From then on, just a flick of a switch prior to or during a snowfall will keep your driveway and walk completely clear of snow and ice.

Experienced plumbing-heating contractors can give accurate operation and cost details about any such system.

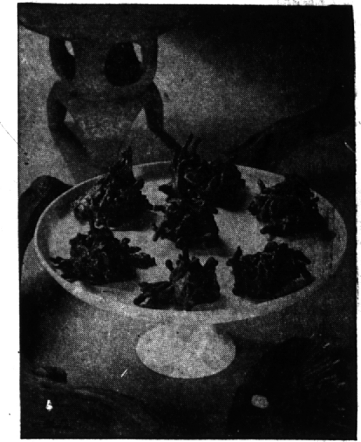
Wall Decoration May 'Affect' Size

A room that is small and narrow needs a little help. Begin by selecting a simplified color scheme. A profusion of colors is detrimental, makes the room appear even smaller than it is.

Paint or wallpaper ceiling in color darker than the walls. Avoid use of high-back furniture or high headboard for bed. Headboard should be low, slightly wider than bed.

EMPHASIZE the horizontal in selection of bedspreads and furniture coverings. If corner cabinets or book cases are used, they should be neither too wide nor too deep. Walk-in wardrobes, several inches from the floor, accentuate the horizontal lines.

The illusion of depth may be accentuated somewhat by use of dimensional wallpaper mural across back wall and extending a few feet around corners.



Chow Candy Clusters

Searching for a different theme for parties or gatherings of bridge and supper groups?

Why not wish your guests Happy New Year, Chinese style?

You'll be right in season, for the Chinese New Year began Friday, when Chinese everywhere welcomed the Year of the Rabbit, 4661 by the ancient Chinese calendar. Any occasion within a month after the advent of the New Year will be appropriate since the event is observed for that length of time.

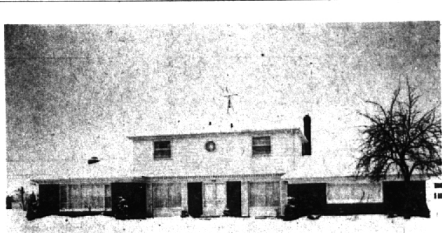
MIX LOTS of fresh green salad combined with fresh fruits and kumquats. Peaches, signifying congratulations, and fortune cookies, along with tea help round out a menu.

For the finale, serve one of the special sweets that the Chinese usually offer guests and relatives who visit during this holiday. Among them are coconut curls, preserved kumquats, lotus, watermelon and north melon seeds, candied pineapple and orange peel and lichee nuts. Or a Westernized version called "Chow Candy Clusters" which combines crunchy chow mein noodles with chocolate and butterscotch chips and cashews or peanuts.

CHOW CANDY CLUSTERS

- 2 packages (6 oz. each) chocolate chips
- 2 packages (6 oz. each) butterscotch chips
- 2 cans (3 oz. each) fancy chow mein noodles
- 1/2 cup cashews or peanuts
- Combine chocolate and butterscotch chips in heavy saucepan. Melt over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in chow mein noodles. Add 1/4 cup cashews or peanuts, if desired.
- Mix quickly to coat chow mein noodles. Dip out teaspoonfuls on wax paper; cool.

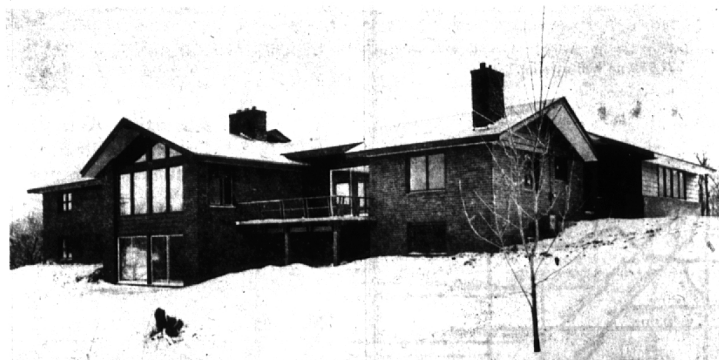
For variations, use all chocolate, all butterscotch or all lemon chips.



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