

Porcelain—  
An Old Name  
In Cookware

Today's smartly-decorated porcelain boasts a 3,000-year tradition. Porcelain enamel was used more than 30 centuries ago to decorate jewelry, fine cases, and other art objects.

It was first used in a cooking utensil in this country about 1880, and its clean-looking finish and odor-free qualities quickly made it one of the most popular and economical of cookware materials.

THE NEWEST development in porcelain enamel is the introduction of a decorative design pattern fixed into the enamel, which provides a dramatic accent to cookware.

The new decorative treatment was originated for a line of gourmet cookware. These utensils appeal to brides as well as experienced cooks because they are as colorful and attractive at the table as they are useful in the kitchen.

After this treatment, the cookware has acquired the permanent, smooth finish that's known as porcelain enamel.

Like the porcelain enamel surface, the colorful decorations have a hard permanent finish that cannot fade, burn, scratch or wash off, even after prolonged use.

NATURE NOW

Mt. Ranier Has Respect  
Of All Within Its View

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON: Rainier, a towering ice-clad mountain, is the most superb landmark of the Pacific Northwest. Affectionately called "the mountain," viewpoint-conscious citizens pay dearly for homesites which command even a glimpse of its snow-capped summit.

LONG BEFORE Mt. Rainier came into existence tremendous volcanic action together with the formation of sandstone and shale of river and lake origin built up thousands of feet of sedimentary rock and lava.

Twenty-six active glaciers remain on Mt. Rainier. These, together with many others now extinct, have carved the deep basins and canyons, the faceted peaks and ridges, the lakes and waterfalls which we see today.

ALTHOUGH THIS was our fourth trip to Mt. Rainier over a period of 18 years, we were just as impressed with its beautiful and diverse flora as we were upon first seeing the park. Our road led through Ohanapecook entrance, past Spectacle Box Canyon and on to Paradise Valley.

THE DEEP, SOMBER forest through which we passed at the lower levels makes up the Humid Transition Zone which extends from the lowest elevation of the park (1,800 feet) to about 5,000 feet.

THE LOWLAND forest is awe-inspiring. Its trails carpeted by an accumulation of litter are soft and yielding to the tread.

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Along the highway where there is more sun grew such familiar plants as thistle, peary everlasting, golden rod, tansy and St. John's wort.

THERE IS NO distinct demarcation between the Humid Transition Zone and the Canadian Zone which reaches up to 5,000 feet. However, the great trees of the former gradually give way to several smaller species of fir, yellow cedar and western white pine.

THE HUDSONIAN Zone extends to 6,500 feet and is characterized at Paradise Valley by open sunlight sub-alpine meadows with a colorful display of flowering plants.

HERE THE FEW remaining trees of Alpine fir and mountain hemlock are dwarfed by the hazards of wind and weather. As we ascended the slope the tree line was plainly visible and the sharp peaks of neighboring ridges marked the horizon.

trail the great snow-capped peak of Mt. Rainier loomed in the foreground and we felt we were "most there." But this is a delusion and we were yet separated from its heights by the Arctic-Alpine Zone which lies above the tree-line. Here no plants grow except those which can produce cold-resistant seed and live in freezing temperatures. These are reserved for the eyes of him who climbs the mountain.



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Adventure Talk

George F. Pierrot (right), world traveler and television personality and Robert F. Bogan, Jr., executive director of the Community House, discuss speakers and subjects of worldwide interest that Pierrot has selected for the 1963-64 Birmingham Adventure Film Series which begins Nov. 1.

Meat Marketing Undergoes Change

The last 30 years have brought about as many changes in our meat supplies as fences brought to the old West. As consumer income has increased, more money has been spent for meat and meat quality has improved.

GRAIN FATTENED beef is tender beef which barely resembles that driven over the range to distant markets in the past.

CONSUMER PREFERENCE for lean pork has resulted in changes in both production and marketing of hogs. More lean type hogs, which have more muscle and less fat, are being produced and hogs are fed to a weight at which there is little or no excessive fat accumulation.

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