



Easy Entertaining

Entertaining at brunch is easy—it can be informal and calls for rather simple dishes.

Some weekend, try this brunch menu: broiled grapefruit, creamed chipped beef with sliced hard-cooked eggs, cranberry bran muffins, and plenty of good hot coffee.

Cranberry Bran Muffins
 3/4 cup sifted flour
 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup sugar
 1 egg, well beaten
 Sour milk may be substituted for sweet milk; add one-half teaspoon soda and decrease baking powder to two teaspoons.

Measure sifted flour, add baking powder, salt and sugar, and sift together. Combine egg and milk.
 Add to flour mixture, add shortening, and then mix only enough to dampen flour. Fold in cereal and cranberries. Spoon into greased muffin pans, filling each two-thirds full. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 15 to 20 minutes.
 Makes eight medium-sized muffins.

Cabinets Find Useful Place In Decor

Cabinets and chests, small in scale and real gems of the cabinet-maker's art, are finding useful places in living rooms these days. They replace lamp tables or become a central point of a seating group.

Italian, Spanish and French antiques from the late 17th and 18th Centuries were the prototypes for many of these small pieces. In the way of contemporary designers, heavy duty catching carvings are eliminated. Elegance is achieved with a discriminating selection of richly colored and figured hardwood veneers.

MATCHED VENEERS create graceful abstract designs on door and drawer fronts. One high fashion, Baroque, was famous for its bombe contour. Molding of modern cabinet grade plywood makes the graceful convex-concave lines of

Hosiery Spray

Well groomed ladies can now lengthen the life of their stockings with a new anti-run spray for nylon stockings. After hose are washed and dried, a thorough spray will coat the threads of the sheers, hosiery and protect them against possible runs. Treatment is given after each washing and the push-button preparation is non-toxic and harmless to the skin.

Painting Hints

You can make a room look larger by painting the baseboard the same color as your wall-to-wall carpeting. To protect the carpet, use a curved metal shield known as a painter's time saver or use the cardboard which laundries insert in men's shirts. You'll find it easier to apply paint with a roller than with a brush, and there are rollers with guards which will prevent paint from getting on the rug.

the adaptation possible at less than antique cost. Highlighted mahogany is the face veneer.

Performance, Value Critical In Carpet Padding Selection

Homemakers who have finally completed their selection of new carpeting find that their next question is: "What kind of padding should I buy?"

Though the use of good padding is vital to a completely satisfactory carpet installation, its selection is much simpler than picking out the carpet. The only factors to consider are the performance and value features.

CARPET PADDINGS are made of a variety of materials. They include felted hair or combination of jute and hair or all jute, sponge rubber, foam rubber and plastic foam products.

The felted hair paddings have long been the most popular underlay material. They are durable, resilient and cushiony, but at the same time, they give firm support to the carpet, helping it to resist bucking or giving away too easily under foot pressure.

THE ALL-HAIR PADS are free-

quently recommended as they are reasonably priced and are the most durable of the felted products. The jute-hair combinations are usually lower-priced than all-hair pads, though not so durable, and are considered good buys for short term installations.

All-jute padding, though cheapest, is the least durable and sometimes tends to mat under the carpet.

The felted paddings are made in various weights based on the number of ounces per square yard. They range from 32 to 86 ounces. Normally, a 40-ounce pad will be completely adequate for most areas in a home.

THE RUBBER paddings come in a variety of thicknesses and forms. Some have completely at surface, while others have a rippled or indented texture.

Most rubber paddings tend to be more springy or "bouncy" than the felted underlays.

Carpet installers feel that though

this feature is desirable to a degree, they generally recommend those rubber and felted pads which give firmer support to foot pressure than those which dip sharply or give away too easily.

THEY ALSO favor rubber paddings which feature a surface of burlap or scrim fabrics which are molded to one side.

These underlays are laid with the fabric side up, which permits the carpet to stretch tautly and evenly over the padding during installation.

In general, the better grades of rubber paddings are priced higher than the felted carpet cushions.

A good quality rubber pad will give long-term service and is mildew-proof, moth-proof and non-allergenic.

ANOTHER TYPE of padding is made of felted-hair impregnated with foam rubber. This underlay combines advantages of both the felted and rubber cushions.

Some carpets offered today have the padding bonded to the back. While some of these carpets are good values, do not be deceived by a loosely constructed carpet that seems thicker because of the padding attached.

ALL CARPET BUYERS should beware of falling into the trap of skimping on the carpet quality and attempt to compensate with a thick padding. Remember, the pile surface shows the wear of traffic—not the padding. Once the carpet wears out, all you will have left is expensive padding.

Useful Function

While shellac is seldom recommended these days for finishing furniture because of its sensitivity to alcohol and water, it still has a valuable function in some types of furniture refinishing. If you are planning to use a light enamel over a previously stained and varnished surface—and this goes for woodwork as well as furniture—a single coat of white shellac will prevent the stain from bleeding through the enamel and turning it pink.

Rural Shelters

Rural families should be interested in the fact engineers of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and State Land-Grant Universities have developed plans for a new, easy-to-build fruit and storage cellar that will also serve as a fallout shelter. The office of civil defense has the structure—reinforced concrete, covered by 3 feet of earth—offers excellent fallout radiation protection.



Custom Carpets

Would you like to have your monogrammed initials carved into the plush pile of your carpet—or your family crest designed in the surface yarns? Unusual designs and precise shading of color can be obtained in custom-

order rugs, now available from a number of leading carpet and rug manufacturers. The design shown in shades of periwinkle and brown on a white background is just one possibility.

New Culture Method Aids Lawns

A new development in lawn culture has been playing a hand in the quality of many lawns in Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Royal Oak.

The use of a liquid diet, which provides formula feeding, has developed vigorous and rapid growth of desired grasses. Lawn culturists maintain that a strong turf is the best guarantee against diseases, pest grasses and insects.

The new method of lawn feeding and care is a scientific application of liquid fertilizer through special equipment that even provides plants and grasses with the proper

amounts of 14 minerals they need for growth.

SPECIAL SPRAY equipment is used for lawn feeding, liming, and weed, crabgrass, insect and fungus control. Many of these applications, such as weed and crabgrass control, may be combined at one time with liquid fertilizing.

The late Louis Bromfield, author and agriculturist, was a leader in the development of this new liquid fertilizing technique. Much of the work was carried on at his Malabar Farms near Mansfield, O., before he died several years ago. Clifford H. Snyder, wealthy Pennsylvania coal operator, was the chief instigator in its development.

THE BASIC METHOD grew out of research and experimentation in 1949 with soluble fertilizers sprayed through a sprinkler system.

Bromfield and Snyder continued their research, in cooperation with agricultural scientists. Bromfield refers to the technique in his writings as "fertilization" — the simultaneous fertilizing and irrigating of growing plants.

Much interest in their work was shown by a Detroit area real estate broker who had decided that

"something should be done to improve the lawns" of the properties he was trying to sell.

Roy O. Simpson of Royal Oak heard about the work of Bromfield and Snyder and visited their farms in 1955. His interest continued to grow and resulted in his forming a spray service company in Royal Oak.

Snyder and Bromfield developed what is today the soluble mineralized plant food that Simpson uses in his spray applications on some 600 lawns in the Bloomfield Hills-Birmingham-Royal Oak area.

Boneless Turkeys

Boneless turkeys were a hit last Thanksgiving with homemakers who tried them. Some Oregon consumers were offered a choice of two kinds of boneless birds. One was rolled like a log with light and dark meat mixed. The second was molded into the shape of a turkey, with light and dark meat separated as in the regular turkey. To suit individual taste differences, most consumers said they liked to have the two meats separated. More than two-thirds of the homemakers surveyed bought boneless turkeys weighing less than six pounds.

Decorate Easter Eggs With Original Touch

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Easter egg dyeing can be a real adventure in originality for the children this year with the addition of materials like bits of ribbon and cloth, crepe paper, yarn and crayons.

The possibilities for creating "egg characters" by using scraps of materials are almost limitless. Crayons, paints or swatches of cloth can be used to put faces on the eggs. A little bit of yarn in the right places adds hairdos, mustaches or beards.

USE THE RIBBON to make bowties, hats or hair ribbons. Gathered crepe paper creates a stiff collar for a queen or a frilly one for a clown.

Make rings with construction paper and set the eggs in to keep them upright.

Humpty Dumpty is always a favorite and with a big smile, bow tie, crayon or cloth pants and legs, he is ready to sit "on the wall."

The Easter Bunny arrives with big eyes and mouth, paper ears and a few whiskers from a brush or broom.

ANOTHER POSSIBILITY calls for an egg placed sideways. To make a shark, add a mouth with jagged teeth, a small eye, a large fin at the top, small ones at the sides and a jagged tail.

A mouse with tiny ears, whiskers and a ribbon tail can also be made with an egg set on its side. There are hundreds of ideas which can be contrived and created. Why not make egg dyeing and decorating a family party this year?



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