



Summer Living

Picture window living is the latest design advancement in the nation's growing number of summer homes. The large glass areas provide easy upkeep and make the relaxing change of scene part of the living area itself. Where cottages can double as winter ski headquarters or a hunting lodge insulated glass windows provide added comfort and fuel savings.

Furnishings Are More Subtle and Substantial

Furniture more substantial in scale, more subtle in detailing and more subdued in color and finishes will dominate the American market in the months ahead.

This, at any rate, seems the conclusion to be drawn from the new collection which is the work of two West Coast designers. The new items represent a significant new trend away from the Scandinavian influence with greater emphasis on elegance, proportion and comfort.

Occasional tables include a correlated grouping of two coffee tables, end table, lamp table and two occasional tables, all utilizing the same square-U leg treatment and designed to meet a variety of needs at relatively modest prices.

A NEW DOMINO table, generally merchandised in groups of four, will feature curved corners, heavy detailing and a hand-decorated ceramic tile top imported from West Germany.

The star of the collection is an enormous coffee table with a top of hand painted underglaze tiles designed and hand-set by a California artist and muralist. Because this is a custom piece, fashioned to

New Ranges Cook Meals At a Touch

If it's too hot to cook, don't! Let an automatic electric range do it for you, while you get out of the kitchen.

You can prepare a complete oven meal—meat, vegetables and dessert—put it in the electric oven, set the automatic controls, and leave.

The oven will go on at the set time, cook at the set temperature and turn off automatically after the set length of time.

YOU'LL FIND that when you come home the kitchen won't be sweltering from escaped oven heat.

Electric ovens are thoroughly insulated at top, bottom and sides to keep heat inside where it belongs—cooking the food, not the family.

Surface cooking units of the new automatic electric ranges also help keep the kitchen cool. Since the electric element is in contact with the pot or pan, heat is transferred directly into the food, not out at the sides to heat the kitchen.

In addition, some electric elements can be adjusted at the push of a button to one of three different-sized areas of heat to fit small, medium, or large pans.

order by the artist, customers may commission the design of the tiles in colors of their own choice.

A mobile service "Magicart" has a formica top which divides in the center, each half sliding outward on a steel track to reveal an electric hot-tray.

Planned especially for al fresco entertaining, it provides ample room for dishes, bottles and other storage requirements and is set on casters to allow it to be moved easily about dining-room or patio.

THE NEW DINING-ROOM and bedroom ensembles will both feature the new "solid look" obtained by dispensing with applied pulls and hardware and using instead a special molding at the top and bottom of each drawer which offers a concealed finger-grip.

A recessed separator bar between each drawer, finished in an antiqued texture, will add accent color.

The bedroom grouping includes a treasure chest with plastic drawers concealed behind a sliding door; a 12-drawer Mr. and Mrs. chest; a man's roll-top desk chest; a panel bed with free standing commode; and a storage headboard with adjustable top and integrated commode.

TWO TABLES, one round and one rectangular, both of which can be extended to seat 12 people, provide the nucleus of the dining room grouping. Other pieces include a buffet and deck, side chair and arm chair.

A new "Black Pearl" finish—a dark smoky ebony that reveals the grain of the walnut—is being offered this year. Soft-rubbed and with a deep sheen, it promises to provide a popular accent color for new decorative schemes.

Several interesting pieces all reflect a classic simplicity of line and detailing that is almost Spenser in its feeling.

A graceful desk, with a single file drawer, as well as pencil and stationery drawers, features a unique round pull in contrasting wood. As companion pieces, he has designed a large, handsomely rugged coffee table with solid sides and a solid slab wood top; a matching end table; a vanity desk with companion mirror and bench; and a storage cabinet which is also available with fitted front panel and sliding record changer to provide a hi-fi music center.

Accompanying the cabinet is a deck with open shelves or, if preferred, fitted with glass doors. All pieces in the collection are of American black walnut.

Cast Iron Is Good for Appliances

Many persons think of cast iron as a hard, brittle material that breaks easily. But it's not true.

Cast irons—especially cast gray and ductile irons—today are among the toughest, most durable, and versatile materials known.

Because of these characteristics, they make the homemaker's life easier and household tasks less time-consuming.

Many household appliances operate efficiently and trouble-free for years because their important parts are made of cast iron. The refrigerator is a good example. Its heart is the compressor, with a body made of cast iron that resists millions of piston strokes without failing or requiring maintenance.

THE SAME IS true of electric mixers, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners, clothes washers and dryers, sewing machines and other equipment. Their dependability rests on cast iron components that seemingly never wear out.

In older days, cast iron often was brittle. Some types today are purposely made so they will break under certain degrees of stress, when a broken part is preferable to a bent or distorted one.

Developments in metallurgy and casting techniques of gray and ductile iron, the most widely used cast irons, now make it possible to cast gray irons with a wide range of physical qualities to do a variety of jobs.

Gray irons with tensile strength exceeding 60,000 pounds per square inch can be produced and ductile iron strengths far exceed that.

IN ADDITION, because of their great fluidity, molten gray and ductile iron can be poured into intricate shapes impossible to achieve only a few years ago.

Thus, they have many applications around the home and decorative as well as useful items are being made of cast irons. Cast irons that aren't brittle!

Gals, Combine Gardening and Beauty Bonus

The same "green thumb" that makes your garden beautiful can help you be more beautiful too. With a little planning, the hours you spend in the garden this summer will pay off in a beauty bonus that will last long after the last of the flowers have withered.

First step: Outfit a beauty basket to keep handy in the place you store your garden supplies. Your beauty basket should contain a pair of heavy-duty rubber gloves, your favorite face cream, a rich hand cream, a space-saver box of tissues, skin freshener, sunglasses, and head scarf or straw sun hat.

Second step: Before going out into the garden, gently apply face cream in smooth upward strokes. Remove excess cream with a tissue, leaving a light film on the face. The warmth of the sun as you garden helps the cream penetrate deep into your skin.

THIRD STEP: Apply hand softener to hands, wrists and elbows. Be lavish—especially around cuticles and the backs of the hand. Do not remove excess cream but put on rubber gloves.

Fourth step: Don sunglasses to protect eyes from glare and ward off squint lines. Tie scarf over hair. Harsh sunlight will dry and damage normal hair, and tinted hair actually changes color and becomes noticeably harsh and brittle if sunburned.

Fifth step: Attend to the garden while your "green thumb" beauty routine works wonders with your complexion. When the gardening is done, tissue off remaining face cream and follow with a cooling splash of skin freshener.



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