

More for Your Money

Gadget Collections Demonstrate Many New Ways to Peel a Potato

By Sue Gardner

Gadget fanciers are in a class by themselves. Many of them collect household gadgets like other people collect antiques. Instead of accumulating early American bottles, they have an array of can openers that could do for a whole community of new brides.



Being a gadget fancier myself, I can sympathize with the householder who feels a magnetic force drawing him to a counter of gadgets. There's something about a new way of peeling a potato or a better egg beater that fascinates me. I've just been looking over some of the new gadget collections soon to be in your local stores and it seems that for every household task there is a fancier, if not faster way of doing it in the new products.

Take this little matter of preparing a potato for cooking. I thought when I found that little razor-edged slit device for peeling potatoes with a minimum of waste, I had the last word in peelers. But suppose I wanted to make French fried potatoes? Do I stand and cut up those potatoes by hand?

Potato Cutters
Of course not, because there is a special invention for cutting potatoes into French fried size. This little device has two decks; the top a cross bar cutting section, and the lower deck a wooden board. You put a peeled potato between the two decks, pull down the handles and — presto! — just the right size strips for French fries. Now, if you want shoestring potatoes, you use another cutter and scrape it over the potato. For waffle style, there is a third cutter.

Talking of cutting tools, there are many more ways than one to slice a piece of cheese. The old style slicers have a fine wire on a frame, but the newer ones cut and serve in one. A slit in the flat serving part allows a slice of cheese to come through and it is ready for serving.

I never thought there were so many tearless onion choppers until I looked into the matter. When I learned how to cook, I was told to peel an onion under water to save that eye stinging. Now, you can put an onion into a jar or cup, cover it with a top that has a center plunger ending in sharp metal teeth, and by pulling up and down a knob, you have minced onions. There are dozens of new shredders and grinders as well as special saw cutters, my preference being for the rotary types that might mean an extra part to wash, but keep sharp edges far from your fingers.

The grapefruit cutters and corers almost make a collection by themselves. You are bound to like the combination

types that core and section the fruit. Another handy gadget is a stringbean slicer that divides each bean into four parts.

Baking Aids
Home bakers have inspired many inventions. From one handed rolling pins to egg crackers, the gadgets are many. The children will love the new baking tins in the shape of Easter bunnies. Wedding bell tins make lovely center piece cakes for showers. Cookie shapes are more unusual than ever and you can get them for many party themes. A most practical cookie jar is a tall canister with a secret formula in a cover compartment that keeps cookies fresh for many weeks.

My favorite meat baster looks like a syringe with a heat resistant glass tube that allows you to draw up the gravy and spray it over the meat or fowl while it is roasting.

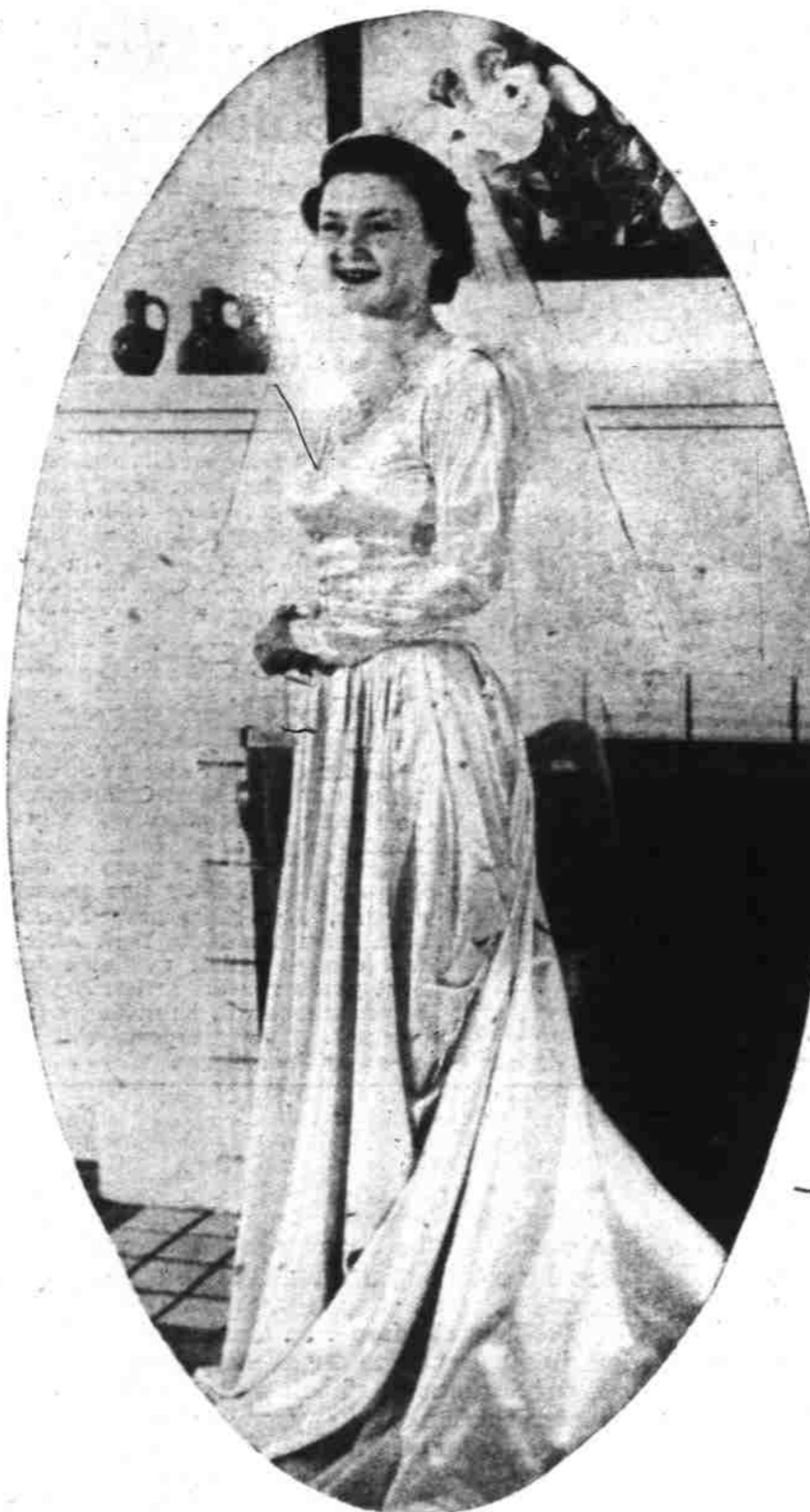
One of the most highly specialized gadgets I have seen is a re-slicer that cuts one slice of bread in two for melba toast. There are new toast racks, too, in the collections.

Space Savers
For small kitchens, the space saving devices are very helpful. Many of my friends are doing over their kitchen closets and covering the doors with holders of all kinds. The cleanser racks keep all your soap powders and cleansing fluids handy. Much more room is available when you put all your pot covers on a door holder. Problems of shelving space for dishes can be solved with the use of cup and plate racks. Instead of stacking different size plates on top of each other, you put them, rim up, in a rack and can select any size easily. Cup hangers come wheel shaped with six hooks to a wheel for attaching to the top of your shelf.

Bathroom fixtures become more elaborate each season. There are a half dozen stocking hangers that protect your nylons from snags. Bar and loop towel racks are available in all colors and materials. For a handy, yet neat spot to put your bowl brush, there is a container that comes in all colors to match your bathroom and can be used as an attractive touch beside your hamper.

Moving on to the bar, you will find the new corkscrews and bottle openers gayer and more intricate than ever. The latest models are variations on the idea of a corkscrew within a frame that fits over the top of the bottle. For the champagne taste, there is a wooden corkscrew highly polished and self-pulling, that is certainly a conversation piece. Bottle openers come in wall types and fancy handle varieties to match any kitchen or bar collection. Among the gift items for bars, there is a barber shop quartet of figures atop corks, a matching pretzel holders, and pourers that measure one jigger at a time.

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Pictured in her ice blue satin gown and veil is Mrs. William A. Green, who was Shirlee Reimann, daughter of the Leo D. Reimanns, before her marriage on March 24 at the First Baptist church. The groom is the son of Lester M. Green of Portland. The couple will live in Eugene. (Jesten-Miller photo).

Dr. Kirkendall Will Speak

Oregon State college mothers will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Salem Memorial hospital chapel with the husbands bidden as special guests. Prof. Lester A. Kirkendall, associate professor of family relations study at Oregon State college, will be the guest speaker and his subject will be "Marriage and Family Life on a College Campus, 1950 Style."

Mrs. Dave Brown is the hostess, chairman and assisting are Mrs. John Beakey, Mrs. Derral Jones, Mrs. Chester Zumwalt and Mrs. F. Bruce Crandall.

Travelers to Show Color Pictures

A combined meeting of the AAUW travel, international relations and recent graduate groups will be held Tuesday night in the Carrier room of the First Methodist church at 8 o'clock. The meeting is open to all members of the groups, husbands and guests.

The program will feature colored motion pictures taken by Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Woodcock of Corvallis during a five months tour of Europe. The pictures include the northern European countries, Switzerland, Italy, festivals, a royal parade, flowers, gardens and scenery. Mrs. Woodcock will do the commenting.

Woman's Club Hears Speakers At Meeting

During the business meeting of the Salem Woman's club Friday, Miss Gertrude Acheson, executive director of the YWCA, spoke of some of the problems of the girls living away from home, the place of the YWCA in the community, and the activities of the Y.

Delegates were elected to attend the 38th biennial convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs, to be held in Portland, April 20, 21, and 22. The president, Mrs. George Alling is a delegate.

Elected were Mrs. Howard Hunsaker, Miss Ida Mae Smith, Mrs. Gregory Haefliger, Mrs. Grant C. Rogers, Mrs. Merle D. Travis. Alternates elected: Mrs. Luke Johnston, Mrs. Charles A. Cole, Mrs. David Cameron, Mrs. Lawrence Osterman, Mrs. E. A. Lee.

Mrs. G. Haefliger presented Mrs. Frank A. Hrubetz who sang two numbers and was accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Barker.

Mrs. Norman Huffman, who had made a trip to Turkey on an archaeological expedition, gave a talk on her experiences, while Dr. Huffman showed colored pictures to illustrate her talk.

The following social hour was in charge of Mrs. J. N. Chambers and Mrs. Clifton Mudd, assisted by Mrs. Saul Janz, Mrs. Frank Myers, Mrs. David Cameron, Mrs. E. A. Linden, Mrs. J. C. Perry, Mrs. Harry Lucas, Mrs. J. M. Devers and Mrs. Fred Kirby poured at a table centered with an arrangement of pink camellias, on a lace cloth made by Mrs. Chambers.

The usual Tuesday meeting has been cancelled.

Towe-Dunlap Wedding Held

SILVERTON—At a beautiful spring wedding at Immanuel Lutheran church Saturday night at 8 o'clock Miss Betty Eunice Towe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Towe, 224 Mill street, Silverton, became the bride of James Riley Dunlap, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Dunlap, of 6423 S. E. 19th avenue, Portland.

Baskets of yellow and white snapdragons and daffodils decorated the chancel where the Rev. S. L. Almlie read the ceremony.

Soloist was Phillip Green with Mrs. Arthur Dahl as organist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white slipper satin fashioned with a bertha collar of lace and marquisette, and a full court train. The fingertip imported illusion veil was held in place with a crown of orange blossoms. The bride carried a prayer book topped by two white orchids.

Miss Georgie Towe, sister of the bride, in pastel yellow marquisette and lace bodice, full marquisette skirt and cap sleeves and with matching hat, was maid of honor. She carried green carnations.

Bridesmaids were Miss Jeanne Clough, Canyonville, Mrs. Leslie Weatherill, St. Paul, Mrs. Robert Huffman of Portland and Mrs. Eugene Olson of Portland, who all wore pastel green marquisette with matching hats and carrying yellow carnations.

Morton Saks of Eugene was best man and ushers were Floyd Moore of Salem, Robert Huffman of Portland, Richard Maxwell, Ray Farley, Elvin Hale and Robert Kherli, all of Portland.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Towe wore brown crepe with a corsage of yellow roses and Mrs. Dunlap wore blue lace with pink roses.

At the reception held in the church social rooms, Mrs. A. G. Towe of Seattle poured and Mrs. Albert Furrue, Silverton presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. C. J. Towe cut the cake and Mrs. Morton Saks of Eugene was in charge of the guest book. Assisting were Miss Patricia Rice, Miss Marjorie Tugle, Mrs. W. Dale Lamar, Mrs. Lloyd Larsen, Mrs. A. J. McCannell, Mrs. Albert Larson, Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mrs. R. A. Fish, Mrs. W. Clark Bachman, Mrs. Sheldon Johnson all of Silverton and Miss Karen Maxwell and Robert Greenwood of Portland.

For going away, the bride chose a navy blue suit with blue and red accessories with her white orchid corsage pinned to her coat. Following a wedding trip to the coast, the couple will make their home at Portland.

The Dabblers will meet Thursday at 7:30 o'clock with Mrs. William Sanders, 1230 Fairview avenue. Miss Hennings, art teacher in Salem will instruct in painting on glass.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war and auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Avis Perrine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin, 2330 South Church st., for a no-host dinner at 6:30 o'clock. A business session will follow.

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