

Slip-Covered Boards Make Handy Screen

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

DO YOU need a screen to keep drafts from a child's bed? Or perhaps you would like to have a good-looking one to cut off the view from the dining room into the kitchen or from a bedroom into a bathroom? Well, here is an idea for that screen. Buy four well-seasoned boards each 1 foot wide; 1 inch thick and as long as the height you wish the screen to be; also 9 hinges of the 1-inch butt type used for cupboard doors.



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And, by the way, if you are interested in making a collection of fabric toys, complete directions for the Rag Baby on the floor are in Sewing Book No. 2. The Sleepy Time doll on the bed and the Bandanna doll on the shelf are in Book 4; the Stocking Cat is in Book 3. You will also find full directions for the crocheted rug in Book No. 3. Directions for the lamp shades are in Book No. 1. Send 10 cents in coin for each book desired. If you order four books I will include patterns and directions for three of my Favorite Early American quilts, FREE. The Kaleidoscope; the Whirl Wind and the Ann Rutledge. Send order to:

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FRENCH DESPERATE FOR
PLANES

WASHINGTON.—The French have been too proud to let the public know it, but they have been almost down on their knees before U. S. officials to beg, borrow, or buy more airplanes.

The French aviation situation is desperate. How many planes have been smashed is not definitely known—perhaps not even by the French themselves. But most of their air force on the western front has been put out of business. It is estimated that at least an equal number of Nazi planes have also crashed, but Germany started with about 18,000 planes, the French with about 2,000.

One big handicap to the French is that they were counting upon British air support. The original tactics were for the French to do the bulk of the land fighting, with the British reinforcing in the air. But this was before anyone realized that Hitler was going to break through the French lines and head straight for the channel.

Now Britain needs every plane she has for the home defense.

So desperate was the French plight that they wanted to buy any kind of plane, even those considered too old for the U. S. army. The war department estimates it has more than 1,500 out of date planes. However, the secretary of war issued an order no later than March 14 prohibiting the sale of surplus army material even to third parties who might conceivably sell them to France and England.

Latest Plane Purchases.

Meanwhile the delivery of airplanes already ordered by the French and British proceeds with tragic slowness. Here are the inside figures, illustrating how long it may take the United States to turn out 50,000 planes for itself:

Ordered by Allies	Delivered (through May 22)	Under-ordered
Airplanes	7,588	1,888
Motors	20,820	4,022
		16,798

BRAZIL, U. S. CONFER

Some of the most important state department conversations in Monroe Doctrine history are now progressing secretly with the Brazilian government.

They are aimed at protecting South America from Nazi invasion, particularly at preventing surprise air attacks against the Panama canal.

The discussions contemplate an air base in northern Brazil, and also probably a naval base. Actually these will not be called American air and naval bases. They will be called "co-operation" between the U. S. army air corps and the Brazilian army, also between the navies of the two countries.

Although not publicly announced, the air corps already is arranging to send a group of army airmen to Brazil to help train Brazilian aviators. In addition, they will also help to improve Brazilian airports, especially in north Brazil, and make them available to U. S. army planes—when and if.

All this goes back to the President's defense message to congress in which he pointed to the nearness of the African coast to Brazil—with in hopping distance for big bombers.

A glance at the map shows how close Brazil is to the Canary islands, owned by Fascist Spain, and reported to have been used as bases by German warships. Should the Nazis take over French and British possessions in Africa, Brazil would be extremely close to them. As a matter of fact, Germany does not have to take the allied colonies to be near Brazil; already she has titular right to the Belgian Congo.

Northern Brazil is sparsely populated and extremely wealthy. In it are vast rubber forests, iron ore deposits, cotton fields. It contains just what Germany needs.

Should Hitler shatter the United Kingdom, U. S. strategists believe northern Brazil would be his first objective in the Western hemisphere. Hence the hurried negotiations between the state department and the Brazilian embassy.

WAR SECRETARY WOODRING

If the President wants to get rid of War Secretary Harry Woodring, it looks as if he would have to blast. The nobby little Kansan is refusing any ordinary sops to vacate.

"Harry," Roosevelt propositioned recently, "how'd you like to be minister to Canada? That's a very important post and will become more so as things develop."

"No, thank you, Mr. President," was the quiet but firm reply. "The only diplomatic post I would consider is St. James."

POLITICAL CHAFF

The Republican National committee is making vigorous efforts to line up the Scandinavian vote, important in a dozen states. The John Ericsson Republican league, founded 30 years ago in honor of the inventor of the Monitor, first Union ironclad warship, is being rejuvenated. Principal speaker at the recent Ericsson league convention in Chicago was Senator Bob Taft.

The A. F. of L. is boiling with resentment because of Thurman Arnold's anti-trust prosecutions.

GENERAL JOHNSON Says:

Washington, D. C.
GESTURE WITH GOOD
SELECTIONS

The Knudsen-Stettinius-etcetera board is not a council of national defense. It is an advisory commission to the statutory council which is composed of Secretaries Woodring, Edison, Ickes, Wallace, Hopkins, and Perkins.

Only these New Dealers have authority. They, added to the New Dealers on the commission—Leon Henderson, Sidney Hillman, Chester Davis, William McReynolds and perhaps Harriet Elliott—make a total of 10 or 11 New Dealers.

There are only three non-New Dealers, Knudsen, Stettinius and Budd, and only the New Dealers have any power. Yet the setup is being widely represented as "non-political"—several commentators insisting that Knudsen was "nominated" by Republicans.

I don't know about that but I do know that this column—which is not Republican—began before anybody plugging to have him brought in months ago, and has frequently urged it since.

I fear the thing is just a gesture which won't work and perhaps wasn't intended to work. It starts just where we started in 1916 before we knew how and began two years blundering before we learned how. It includes not one single veteran of that effort. It studiously avoids every lesson of the past and stupidly repeats every blunder.

Yet it must in fairness be said that the selections are excellent. If World war experience is any in-



Biggest Hat in the Ring

—Carmack in Christian Science Monitor.

duction and these men should be given any authority, the metal people may howl at having their industries headed by the head of U. S. Steel and the other automobile companies may not care to be rounded up by the head of General Motors.

The New Dealers who like to scream: "Wall Street! Du Pont! Morgan!" at every patriotic effort by a business man, will find material for all three cries of anguish. In view of the splendid personalities here none of these objections is valid.

Subject to these qualifications these selections are so good that it will be a pleasure to find at least something to support in the defense effort which has been so fumbling and inefficient to date. Sometimes men can be so good that they can make even a bad plan and organization work.

A war psychology is growing in which much can be done by the three industrialists by mere suggestions and agreements among business men. Stettinius, Knudsen and Budd can do that as well as any three Americans alive—if Thurman Arnold will let them do it. This is a point of real importance.

Since the Supreme court decision in the hot-oil case it is dangerous to do anything by agreements in industry at the suggestion of the government. We need a statute validating such agreements for national defense when made at the demand of the President.

Because of the rift in the ranks of labor, there was no other possible choice but Sidney Hillman. He is brilliant, patriotic, co-operative and has the confidence of labor and of every industry with which he has dealt.

I brought Leon Henderson into this government from obscurity to an important post. I believe that he is too biased and pinkly partisan for his job in SEC and with the monopoly committee, but he will be, I think, ideal for this job.

Of course, Henry Wallace isn't going to let Chester Davis do anything in agriculture, any more than Mud-dom Sec will permit Sidney Hillman any initiative in labor, but Mr. Davis is, by all odds, the very best selection that could have been made.

I don't know the lady who is going to protect the consumers. It is a tough and almost impossible job. I do know all the rest of these selections, most of them intimately and well. From my experience from working with them under high pressure they are the cream of the current crop.

Whether we think this curious and illogical organizational contraption, which failed so dangerously in 1917, will work or not, it is at least a faltering step in the right direction. Everybody will wish it well.

Household News By Eleanor Howe



FOOD FOR THE FAMILY OR FOR GUESTS
(See Recipes Below)

It takes little imagination to evolve a good meal in summer. Whether you are planning a menu for the family or for guests, there's all the wealth of the world from which to choose!

There is fresh asparagus and home-grown berries, new potatoes, tiny green onions, and all the other tender green things from the garden.

Remember that sunshine and warm weather and foods with zestful flavor go together, and plan your menus around fresh-tasting fruits and vegetables, for they have winning ways with jaded appetites. There's the minted pineapple cup pictured above, that's a grand first course for a summer lunch or dinner; it's as refreshing as a cool breeze off the lake! There are fruit salads, too—cool and colorful as summer gardens; and vegetable plates, which, well arranged, have appetite-appeal galore. And, by the way, your calorie-conscious friends will bless you if you serve them, when you entertain the club, these refreshing, filling, but not too fattening combinations.

Plan your menus around some of the fresh and tempting recipes below, and when you serve a salad or vegetable for the main dish of the meal, serve with it some unusual bread, a beverage, and the simplest kind of dessert.

You'll find tested recipes for unusual bread and rolls to serve with summer meals, in my cook book, "Better Baking."

June Fruit Appetizer or Dessert.

Fresh pineapple
Fresh strawberries
Confectioners' sugar

Cut pineapple in 1/2-inch slices, unpeeled. Then cut each slice in wedge-shaped pieces. Wash strawberries, leaving the stems on them. Chill the fruits thoroughly, then on individual dessert plates arrange the pineapple wedges and the strawberries, in a ring around the plate. Place a mound of confectioners' sugar in the center of each plate, and serve at once.

Minted Pineapple Gems.

(Serves 4)

1 14-ounce can pineapple (spoon-size chunks)
4 tablespoons lime juice
1 teaspoon fresh mint (minced)

Arrange pineapple in fruit cocktail glasses. Combine lime juice and mint, and pour over the pineapple. Chill thoroughly before serving.

Hot Weather Vegetable Plate.

New potatoes browned in butter
Small whole beets rolled in mint
Spinach with hard cooked eggs
Nuttid squash
Green onions.

Parboil small pared potatoes in butter. Cook small, whole beets in boiling water until tender. Drain and peel. Add melted butter. Then roll buttered beets in chopped green mint. Cook spinach in salted water, drain, and season with salt, pepper and butter. Garnish dish with hard cooked egg white rings and top with rice egg yolks. Steam small summer squash until tender. Cut in halves, scoop out centers, and mash. Season with melted butter, salt and pepper. Sprinkle chopped nut meats over top. Arrange vegetables on individual plates and garnish with a sprig of parsley.

Fresh Asparagus With Lemon Butter Sauce.

(4 servings)

2 small bunches fresh asparagus (or 1 large bunch)
5 cups boiling water
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup butter

1 tablespoon lemon juice

Cut off lower parts of asparagus stalks as far down as they will snap. Discard, or use in soup. Tie stalks

If you're planning a club tea to bring the social season to a close, you'll want to read Eleanor Howe's column next week. She'll give you plans and recipes for a delightful summer tea. Be sure to watch for this column next week!

Fruit Salad Dressing.

2 egg yolks
1/2 cup strained honey
Juice of 1 lemon
Dash of salt
1 cup whipping cream

Place egg yolks, honey, lemon juice and salt in top of double boiler, and cook 1/2 hour, stirring frequently. Remove from heat, beat with a Dover egg beater, and cool. Whip cream and then pour the chilled honey mixture into the whipped cream, beating with Dover beater.

Baked Eggs in Tomato Cup.

(Serves 5-6)

6 tomatoes
Salt
Pepper
6 eggs
Buttered bread crumbs
Soft cheese (grated)

Scoop out tomato centers and sprinkle with salt. Place tomatoes in muffin pans. Break an egg into each tomato. Season, and top with buttered crumbs and cheese. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) until tomatoes are tender and eggs are set.

Orange Ice Box Cookies.

(Makes 5 dozen)

1 cup shortening
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1 egg
2 tablespoons orange juice
1 tablespoon orange rind (grated)
2 1/4 cups general purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup pecan nut meats (broken)

Cream shortening and add sugars slowly, while beating constantly. Add egg (well-beaten), orange juice and orange rind. Mix and sift flour, salt and soda together and add to the creamed mixture, together with the broken nut meats. Form in rolls in wax paper and chill overnight in refrigerator. Slice thin, place on greased baking sheet and bake in moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for 12 to 15 minutes.

Fruit Salad.

Toss together in a salad bowl 1 cup watermelon balls, 1 cup cantaloupe balls, 1 cup honey dew melon balls, 1 cup pitted red cherries. Add french dressing enough to coat all the fruits, and mix lightly. Serve on individual plates with two or three stalks of well-chilled french endive for garnish.

This Practical Cook Book Costs Only Ten Cents.

When you serve a salad or a vegetable plate as the main dish of your meal, serve with it delicious and unusual bread or rolls. You'll find tested recipes for different biscuits, muffins and bread in Eleanor Howe's inexpensive cook book, "Better Baking." There are recipes for apricot rolls, blueberry muffins and honey drop biscuit; and recipes for crusty peanut butter bread or date and nut bread to complete your salad meals.

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