

### Leather Cure Is Certain Aid For Dining Room Ills

By BETTY WELLES

My mother got a leather couch and two enormous leather chairs when she married—but tucked the bottom with knotted leather fringe. Bet the old-timers can guess my age to a T! We grew up with those friendly old pieces, though they spent their declining years in slip covers—not because they wore out but just because they went "out."

But styles have come around to leather again. This time though it's a much more interesting and versatile material than it used to be. It is available in the most delicious colors, ranging from white and pastels to the deep subtle tones. But best of all it has also acquired a



Remember the days of the leather couch!

practical finish that makes it almost stain-proof and easily kept clean. It's being used for dining table tops and buffets as well as for dressers and vanities. It is stunning as wall paneling, too—and of course for upholstery both colors and textures in leather are exciting.

If you can't manage real leather, don't snub some of the excellent imitations that are now on the market. They too are easily cleaned and available in an interesting range of colors. There's quite a vogue for reptile and ostrich leathers in upholstery too, but for practically their markings are usually stamped on the sturdier leathers such as cowhide.

Try the leather cure in the down-at-the-heels dining room. What wouldn't jade leather seats for the chairs do for the ivory-to-brown room? Or canary yellow seats in a white and maple room?

Or add one or a pair of leather covered chairs in the living room to break the monotony of fabric textures. French blue leather, for instance, to pull together a room that's predominantly brown, rust and gold. Or pale beige leather for the green and rust room. Or turquoise leather to go with a wine and gray ensemble. Or bright red leather in the room with pale-to-deep gray-blues.

One of the most attractive bedrooms I've seen about was in gray and coral and yellow with blond furniture.

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### MILK RACKETEER



Almost as contented as a cat in a creamery, this kitten has learned to meet the London milkman at the garden gate in this amusing fashion and get a lift back to its home.

### History of Inn Found Within Walls of 1760

WEST BROOKFIELD, MASS.—While tearing away the interior of Ye Olde Tavern, swept by fire, workmen found a history of the inn written nearly a half-century ago by the late George E. Messenger, former landlord. The history dated back to the founding of the inn in 1760 by its first landlord, David Hitchcock.

### QUEEN OF BEAUTY



Truly a queen is lovely Myrtilina Bessosa, who has been selected to reign over the annual Ponce de Leon carnival which is to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in February. This will be the 101st celebration of the festival named after the famed seker for the fountain of youth and first governor of Puerto Rico.

### Jungle Health Utopia Found In Northern Section of Brazil

#### Doctor Reports on Native Community With No Worries or Divorces.

NEW YORK.—A place where there is no worry, perhaps the last of its kind on earth, today gave civilization a startling medical message. The place: The jungle home of the Wai Wai Indians in northern Brazil. The message: These Indians have no heart disease, no high blood pressure, no cerebral hemorrhage. The messenger: Dr. William Hall Holden, chief surgeon of the American Museum of Natural History, who early this year made the first medical study of this possibly last of completely primitive peoples. Their immunity is not due to a different physical makeup. In a test which violated a sacred taboo, Dr. Holden discovered that they possess the same capacity for high blood pressure as other humans.

**Stone Age People.** The Wai Wai, he says, have a few steel knives, obtained from Indians nearer civilization. Otherwise they are still entirely a Stone Age people. Their home is the Sierra Akari mountains. He described four

months' travel to reach them in Natural History, the museum's publication.

"They live," he said, "in one of the densest jungles on earth, undisturbed by man. It is a country of peace and quiet, a literal lost world, a tropical fairyland."

When Dr. Holden and a single white companion, William G. Hassler, photographer, reached the Wai Wai, both medical tests and photography were welcomed. The villages were about a day's travel apart. This distance the Indians call a "short walk." Time has no meaning to them.

**Strong on the Dogs.** They live in large, communal houses, with conical roofs. Each holds 25 to 30 persons and 40 to 50 dogs. These "fairyland" dogs are reasonably quiet.

Dr. Holden took the blood pressures of the older people. Their ages he said, were uncertain, because they reckon years from one rainy season to the next, but they live to a ripe old age.

Analyzing the reasons, Dr. Holden declared: "The Wai Wais never have to worry how they will pay their grocer's bill. There are no telephones to drive them to distraction. A husband never worries about how he can buy his wife a new hat or dress. Their personal adornments are procured from the brilliantly plumaged birds that fly overhead; and as for clothes—they wear none."

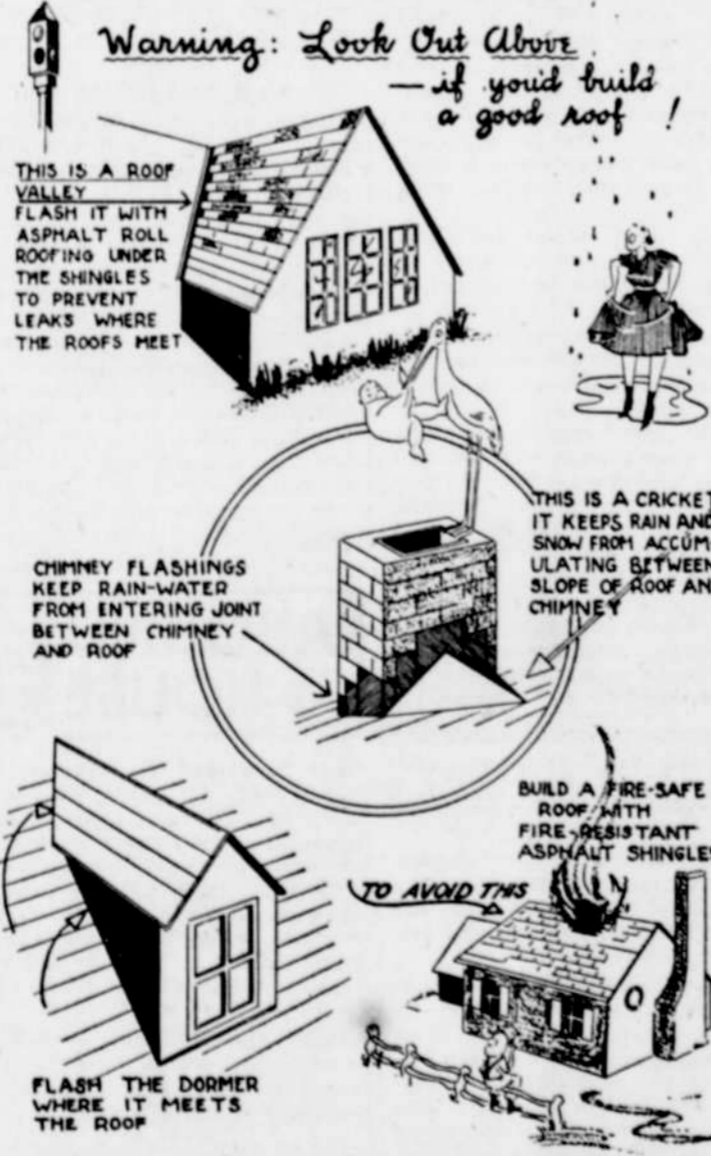
"There is no stock market to send one's blood pressure skyrocketing. These fortunate people are not forever dodging automobiles or watching red lights in their hurry to keep this appointment or that. There are no such things as being late for work or punching the time clock."

### DEER CAMP CHEF



Tennessee's governor, Gordon Browning, failed to bag a deer during the annual hunt in the Pisgah, N. C., forest, but he did help the camp cook. He claims his coffee is unbeatable.

### LET'S MAKE A HOME



### Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



#### "Tower of Terror"

HELLO EVERYBODY: You know, boys and girls, when I was a kid, listening to those Christmas-time tales about Santa Claus, there were two things I always used to wonder about. One was how could a big fellow like Santa get down that little bit of a chimney of ours, and the other was how he managed to come out through a fireplace with a fire burning in it without getting burned up himself.

Nobody ever did give me a good answer to the first of those questions, and I had to wait until today to get the dope on the second one from Barney Donaghey of New York City. And even the information Barney gave me doesn't help much. Barney pulled that Santa Claus act once. He came right down the chimney and went right through the fire in the fireplace and lived to tell the tale. But Barney doesn't know how he did it. He just did, that's all.

Now, in the first place it wasn't a chimney Barney got caught in, but one of those big towers in an oil refinery—which is a whole lot worse. The refinery was located at Aruba in the Dutch West Indies, and Barney was employed there as a welder. At its best that's a dangerous job in an oil refinery. An open flame is always risky when there's oil around, and a welder has to do his work with a mighty hot open flame.

#### Takes Every Safety Precaution.

On the night of November 6, 1929, Barney had a job to do on one of the big hundred foot towers, and he took every precaution possible. The weld he was to make was on the inside of the tower, 90 feet from the ground and 10 feet from the top. He had to climb up to that spot from the inside, through a mess of pipes and coils, but before he started he made a mental note of the fact that there was also a ladder running up the outside of that tower, to a manhole at the top. If anything went wrong—if sparks from his welding apparatus set fire to the oil down at the bottom, there was a way out.

But Barney wasn't going to start any fires if he could help it. To make doubly sure he took along a helper and left him at the opening at the bottom of the tower with instructions to watch for any sparks falling from above and put them out the minute they landed. When that was done he started climbing up to the spot where the welding was to be done.

"Up I climbed," says Barney, "and went right to work as fast as I could. I was working at night because it was cooler, but it was still



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plenty hot and I wanted to finish as soon as possible and get out in the air again. I worked steadily for about an hour, and then I noticed that a thick smoke was accumulating in the tower."

Barney noticed the smoke, but he didn't pay much attention to it. There are always fumes present around an oil well, and he figured that if anything had gone wrong down at the bottom his helper would have warned him long since. He was anxious to finish that job he was working on, and he was working at top speed. Working so absorbedly that he didn't pay any attention to anything else. He didn't even stop to take a glance down the shaft. And that absorption almost cost him his life.

#### Welder Light Saves His Life.

It was the light of his welder that saved him. Saved him by going out! As long as it was working the tower was bright as day. But suddenly it died—and then Barney noticed that it wasn't the only light in that tower. A bright red glow was coming up the long shaft from below. The bottom of the tower was on fire!

The first thing that entered Barney's mind was a question. Why hadn't his helper warned him? Loudly he shouted the helper's name. But there was no answer. At that moment Barney was more alarmed for his helper than for himself. There was that manhole at the top of the tower and the ladder leading down the side. He could get out that way. But if his helper didn't answer, something must have happened to him.

Barney started for the top. It took him hardly any time at all to climb that 10 feet and reach the upper manhole. But there, a surprise waited for him—a surprise that struck terror into Barney's heart. A beam of wood a foot square was blocking the opening!

"I couldn't get my hand through that opening, let alone my head," Barney says. "And I couldn't move the beam because there was a block and fall attached to it. There I was with the heavens above me and hell down below. But the heavens were out of my reach and what lay below was hell and no mistake."

But down was the only way Barney could go, so down he went. The blaze didn't look as though it were reaching far up the shaft. Maybe he had a chance after all.

"The farther down I went," says Barney, "the more scared I got. The smoke was thicker and the heat was terrific. For a moment I played with the idea of staying in the tower and waiting until the flames were discovered and put out. But in my heart I knew that wouldn't work. It was late at night. Supposing no one discovered the blaze? Suppose it spread and the whole place went up in flames? And beside that, I didn't know how long I could hold on in that hot, smoke-filled shaft. Suppose I passed out and fell in that fire unconscious!"

#### He Made a Drive for the Bottom Opening.

No—Barney knew he had to take his chances with that fire. On down he went. He was almost at the bottom, and the flames were licking up at his feet when he played his last card. He pulled his jumper over his head, and, with hands protected by his heavy gloves, he dropped into the midst of the blazing inferno and made a drive for the bottom opening!

One blast of heat, and then Barney was through the opening, his body hot and his clothes smoking. He landed sprawling—on something soft. Barney pulled the jumper off his head and took a look at that soft object. It was his helper—just waking up from a sound sleep.

"He jumped up," says Barney, "and took one look at me. And I haven't seen him since! When it was all over, there wasn't a single burn on my body. But just the same, I did no more work that night. I let the fire boys do the rest with the steam hose."

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#### Uses for Tung Oil

Chinese tung oil has the highest specific gravity of all known fatty oils, with the exception of castor oil. Its characteristic quality is the readiness with which it sets to a hard jelly on being heated for a time. Besides being used for paints and varnishes, it is also used for dyes and as a lubricant for motors. It is used in China for water-proofing paper.

#### Origin of Word 'Sybarite'

A "sybarite" is a self-indulgent person; a lover of ease and comfort. The inhabitants of Sybaris, in South Italy, were proverbial for their luxurious living and self-indulgence. A tale is told by Seneca of a Sybarite who complained that he could not rest comfortably at night, and being asked why, replied that he found a roseleaf doubled under him.

### How to Curtain a Group of Windows

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

"DEAR MRS. SPEARS: I want to tell you how much practical help I have received from both of your books. I have been sewing for years but these books have explained many points that I never understood before. I am now planning new draperies to dress my living room up a bit. One group of three windows is especially difficult as the davenport has to be placed in front of them. Can you give me a suggestion? I think I would like a plain valance without gathers or pleats across the top. How should this be made and hung? I have just



made a beige slipcover for the davenport with green piping and bands.—A. D. W."

I would use plain cream colored glass curtains for all three windows and overdrapes at the ends only. A striped material in tones of tan and green and blue would be nice for the draperies with a narrow fringe edging in green and tan or green and blue. A valance board at the top of the windows is essential when a plain valance is used. This board should be four inches wide and 1/2 inch thick. It is screwed in place with L brackets. Ordinary metal curtain rods are placed just under it for the glass curtains and side drapes. The plain valance should be long enough to fit around the ends of the board and should be about six inches deep finished. It should be stiffened with an interlining of crinoline, and an allowance should be made at the top for a tuck or fold to be tacked to the board as shown. Be sure to save this lesson as it is not in either of the books offered before.

NOTE: Mrs. Spears' Book 2—Gifts, Novelties and Embroidery has helped thousands of women to use odds and ends of materials and their spare time to make things to sell and to use. Book 1—SEWING for the Home Decorator, is full of inspiration for every homemaker. These books make delightful gifts. Mrs. Spears will autograph them on request. Books are 25 cents each. Crazy-quilt quilt leaflet is included free with every order for both books. Address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

### Coolidge's Tribute

Writing of the death of his mother, Calvin Coolidge said: "In an hour, she was gone. It was her thirty-ninth birthday. I was 12 years old. We laid her away in the blustering snows of March. The greatest grief that can come to a boy came to me. Life was never to be the same again. . . . Five years and 41 years later almost to a day, my sister and my father followed her. It always seemed to me that the boy I lost was her image."



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### From Within Us

We view the world with our own eyes each of us, and we make from the world within us the world which we see.—W. M. Thackeray.

### Sentinels of Health

Don't Neglect Them!

Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—constantly produces waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eye—fat tired, nervous, all worn out. Frequent scanty or burning passages may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance. The recognized and proper treatment is a diuretic medicine to help the kidneys get rid of excess poisonous body waste. Use Doan's Pills. They have had more than forty years of public approval. Are endorsed the country over. Insist on Doan's. Sold at all drug stores.

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### PARTIAL SUN AND MOON ECLIPSES PREDICTED FOR 1939

EVANSTON, ILL.—Partial eclipses of the sun and moon and two particularly bright meteoric showers will be visible in the United States during the year 1939, according to Dr. Oliver Lee, head of the department of astronomy at Northwestern university.

"There will be two eclipses of the sun and two of the moon during the year," Doctor Lee said. "An annual eclipse of the sun on April

19, beginning around 8:30 in the morning, will be partial in the United States. An annual eclipse is one occurring while the moon is so far away from the earth that a rim of the sun is visible even at the moment of maximum eclipse."

About midnight between October 27 and 28 there will be a partial eclipse of the moon, Doctor Lee said, which will be visible throughout the Americas. A total eclipse of

the moon on May 3 will be visible in the eastern hemisphere, and a total eclipse of the sun will occur on October 12, and will be seen as a partial eclipse from western Australia and South America's southern tip.

"The principal meteoric showers of the year," Doctor Lee said, "will be the Perseids on August 12, early in the morning in the northeastern sky, and the Leonids, which will be seen following midnight on

November 14 in the eastern sky." Meteoric showers, he explained, take their names from constellations in that part of the sky from which the showers seem to come. Other displays during the year will be the Lyrids, early in the evening in the northwest on April 20; the Orionids, late in the evening in the east on October 20, and the Andromids, high in the eastern sky all night on November 24.