Window Shopping Tour Reveals Host of Trick Utensils and Gadgets

Old Standbys of the Kitchen Become Modernized, and There's Many a New Help

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THERE'S no doubt of it, along about this time of year woman's favorite outdoor sport is —window shopping! And what a host of things we find to draw the dollars and dimes out of our purses.

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The allure lies not alone in gay print frocks and frothy evening dresses—we expect that—but when prosaic tools like spatulas and ice picks become intriguing, what is a poor girl to do but—buy, buy, buy!

Beauty combined with the utilitarian seems to be the keynote of the tools of the homemaker's trade. Spatula, mixing spoon, fork and sieve appear with conical handles; ice picks, choppers and the like with a gay knob neatly balanced atop the "business end." And with all their attractiveness, there is such a lightness and balance to the implement that it's like a feather in one's hand.

And the colors! There's green, a lovely lettuce green. A soft yellow like sunbeams, a cherry red that adds the touch to the kitchen that lipstick does to milady. Speaking of color, the rubber sink accessories in color are something to talk about. Drainboard mat, plate scraper, sink strainer, and there's even a dustpan. I've seen these in red, black and sort of an ivory. There seems to be no wear-out to them.

Of course you've seen the enamel pots, quite heavy and with a steam-seal type of cover, that come in colors that fairly make one's mouth water. They're built on modernistic lines and have measurement indicators inside, so that you no longer cook by guesswork.

STREAMLINES, TOO

Aluminum utensils are more beautiful than ever. I've always loved their shining beauty. But what with streamlining taking the country by storm, they appear now with streamline handles, a bit of smartness added to their efficiency. Another important feature with one line is the perfectly smooth bottom, omitting the old-time circular ridge that made cleaning a bit difficult. Rounded corners are an aid, also.

While we're on the subject, do be watching for the new glass saucepan designed for top-of-the-stove cooking. It comes with a removable handle. With a slight pressure of the thumb you have a glass baking dish for use in the oven or on the table. Any fuel may be used. And any type of cookery except deep-fat frying. It's so much fun to be able to see the food cooking, and a joy to know it's cooking.

A kitchen stool which is actually comfortable has two little steps that fold up when not in use. It's sturdy enough to support the weightiest reacher-upper. Comes in nice colors, but I saw one painted to order t'other day—brown with a white polka-dot trim. It was lovely.

There's a combination small floor brush and dustpan that's the trickiest thing for brushing up a few crumbs. No bending. No propping it up. It stands alone.

PASTRY CLOTH

Why I think of it now I don't know (unless it is that I'm hungry for rhubarb pie), but there's a pastry cloth that betters the canvas and white ribbed cotton stocking-with-its-foot-cut-off alliance I have long advocated. There are little rubber suction cups attached to each corner of the hemmed canvas cloth. These hold the cloth perfectly smooth to any kind of smooth surface, tile, metal, porcelain and the like. Of course there's the stockingette cover for the rolling pin, giving it a padded effect, s'posed to be a boon to husbands!

Actually, Emaline, this type of thing means that the meshes of the cloth hold the flour, releasing it as needed. You just naturally can't work too much flour in as you do with the floured-board method. And of course you just roll the whole thing up when you're through with it.

Leaving the kitchen a minute (or are we?), the newest thing I've seen is a lamb's-wool brush for cleaning Venetian blinds. First it appeared with a short handle, about like the average duster. Now it comes with a longer handle so that you reach up instead of climbing.

The nicest thing I can think of right now, outside of a new hat, is to have Venetian blinds, which most folks are putting in their living rooms, in my kitchen. They're decorative, cool-looking, and let the light in while keeping sun and glare out. I'd have them in white with red bandings. But then you know my failing for red. Or will before long. There's nothing like red to lend gaiety to the kitchen.

AND GADGETS

There are gadgets galore. My pet of the moment is a bean stringer that snips off the ends as well as slicing them. A potato projector, shall we call it, keeps you at a safe distance from hot spots in connection with potatoes and beets, flipping over chops, et cetera (as you'll find out). Yours but to jab and squeeze.

A cheese board and cutter, diminutive as it is, provides thin slices of your favorite cheese with no effort at all. Grand for the buffet table.

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Egg baskets are gay in color, neat in design. Vegetable bins are designed for households given to potatoes, carrots, onions and such, though a bachelor household could use one as a filing cabinet for lemons and for mail.

There's the ice-cube cutter designed for use with the ice refrigerator, and a freezing tray for desserts and salads that does a grand job of it in this same household necessity, which by the way, has been dressed up so much that you can't tell it from its rival sister, the automatic refrigerator.

There are shelvings and gay oilcloth covers, pottery and quaint prints, towelings and pot holders, painted shelves and cannister sets, cabinets, and—but why go on? You're missing half the fun, just a-listening. Slip on your new spring sailor with its snood (new, ah yes!), or last year's felt, and come with me—window shopping!

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HAWAIIAN TARTS

HAWAIIAN Tarts: Drain a No. 2½ can of sliced pineapple. Roll pastry fairly thin. Cut in rounds about same size as pineapple. Prick and bake until golden brown. When cool, put together sandwich fashion with pineapple slice as the filling. Beat together 4 egg whites, add ½ cup sugar, a drop or two of almond extract, and fold in ⅓ cup coconut. Frost the tarts with this mixture. Place on cookie sheet and brown in a slow oven (300 degrees) about 15 minutes. Serves 8.

Handy New Utensil

New is the design of this aluminum soup kettle, which is also handy when preserving days roll around. Rounded corners and smart handles are distinctive touches.

Cooks' Kitchen Tours

Conducted by Virginia Ross

ORANGE and sherry gelatine is smart enough for company dessert. To a package of lemon flavored gelatine, add 1 cup of boiling water. When it is dissolved and fairly cool, add ¾ cup orange juice and 3 or 4 tablespoons of sherry. Chill. Unmold and serve with whipped cream.

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For Angels-on-Horseback, wrap bacon around a fat oyster, skewer on with a toothpick and broil until the bacon is cooked. Serve on toast strips.

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A bridge luncheon dish that's sure to please is made by placing on a luncheon plate a thin slice of cold cooked ham, surrounded with watercress. On the ham, put a slice of pineapple. Cream together a package of cream cheese, ½ teaspoon onion juice or minced onion, a bit of cream, some minced parsley. Shape into small balls. Place on the pineapple. Serve with crisp little wafers, a gelatine dessert and coffee.

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Baking powder biscuit seasoned with poultry seasoning (½ teaspoon added to about 2 cups of flour or mix) makes a grand topping for a tasty meat pie.

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You can keep egg yolks for several days in the refrigerator if they're in a closely covered jar. Several thicknesses of waxed paper fastened on tightly with a rubber band make a fine cover.

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To dice onion easily and quickly, make several cuts into the top of the onion, then several more at right angles, like a checkerboard. Then as you slice the onion, the little dice are already cut and more of the onion juice is saved.

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Some people like to keep a slice of fresh bread in the container with their soft cookies so they won't dry out. Others say that an orange placed in the cooky jar gives an unusual flavor and does the trick as well.

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Just for a change, use honey instead of sugar to sweeten your next baked custard. Same amount.

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Brown sugar added to the breakfast rolled oats gives an unusual and ever so good flavor. Add a few chopped dates, too.

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Use chopped prunes instead of raisins in cakes or cookies. They sometimes require a slight amount of steaming.

Five Star Dish Of The Week

CARAMEL DUMPLINGS

Mix together in a 1½-quart saucepan
2 tablespoons butter
1½ cups brown sugar
1½ cups boiling water
⅛ teaspoon salt. Boil gently 5 minutes

For the dough, sift together
1¼ cups sifted flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
⅓ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt

Cut in 2 tablespoons butter. Add
⅓ cup milk and
½ teaspoon vanilla

Mix thoroughly and drop by rounding teaspoonfuls into the boiling caramel sauce. Cover tightly. Then boil gently over a very low heat for 20 minutes, without removing the cover! Serve immediately.

(Clip this and paste on a three-by-five card to add to your file of usable recipes.)

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GUIDE of the STARS

By LAURIE PRATT

SUNDAY: An unusually good day. Energy is abundant, opportunity arrives and the whole world is in tune. But in the late afternoon and evening, be careful in relations with occupational superiors; do not ask favors.

MONDAY: Go ahead full steam. Start new business ventures. Contact strangers and welcome unexpected openings. You may have to work hard, but it will lead to pleasant places.

TUESDAY: Inspirational and creative. Business affairs connected with elders or those plans which have been hanging fire can be satisfactorily concluded this morning. The afternoon requires caution; avoid impulse, haste and quarrels.

WEDNESDAY: Morning fair. Rest of day will bring unexpected obstacles and change of plans. Stick to routine.

THURSDAY: You can accomplish much with the aid of others, but today and the rest of the week do not favor the start of important ventures. Plan rather than execute.

FRIDAY: Extraordinary and mysterious happenings in the world around this period. Today is good for romance and for meeting strangers. You can make a final break with an old bad habit or condition today.

SATURDAY: Restless and unreliable. Hold everything. But this is still a good day for finishing up old work.

CHILDREN BORN THIS WEEK

CHILDREN born the week of March 15 (this year only) have the following life prospects, according to astrology:

SUNDAY: A child of exceptional good fortune. Poetic, prophetic; an original, sensitive mind. A world traveler with much interest in religion and philosophy.

MONDAY: This child will have an unusually successful business career, with many unexpected strokes of luck. Gain through strangers and the general public. An intuitive mind; a capable and dependable nature.

TUESDAY: A child born today would succeed in the motion-picture industry or a business connected with his father or elderly people. Pioneering abilities; a curious blend of caution and rash impulse in the nature.

WEDNESDAY: A career connected with large corporations is indicated. An original and independent nature, demanding much freedom and scope for his individuality.

THURSDAY: Dramatic and musical gifts. Friends play an important role in the life. A co-operative, sympathetic nature.

FRIDAY: Fortunate in love; platonic ideals. A mystical mind. The life will be divided into periods of seclusion and great activity.

SATURDAY: A child of destiny; a pioneer, reformer or leader of men. Ahead of his race, he will have an inner courage born of self-knowledge. An extraordinarily rich and complex mind.

FASHION TIPS

BY MISCHA

International Authority on Women's Attire

The questions of color in the costume, always of paramount importance to the well-dressed woman, is dealt with here by Mischa, the international fashion authority, whose instructive articles appear in this magazine weekly.

IN planning her wardrobe, the woman has a number of important points to consider. Balance and harmony are two outstanding phases in the problem of being smartly and correctly attired.

All colors used must, through the very fact that they are together, achieve a balance. This is true with regard to both coolness and warmth. If wisely used, green, violet, and orange, will be harmonious in their relationship.

Skillfully blended colors in printed or woven fabrics are an excellent medium through which to attain harmony.

COLOR CONTRAST

A striking contrast is attained through the use of two decidedly different hues; one a warm color, the other cool. This combination may not be becoming if both colors used are of equal brightness, since the effect is apt to be too bold for use in the average costume. However, the accent color may be vivid providing that the basic hue is somewhat grayed. Green-blue and orange, yellow and blue, or blue-green and red, are a few examples of this type contrast.

Accent on opposite colors is of great value, since in this way many women are enabled to use colors, in their dress, which otherwise might be unflattering to their personality.

Some women do not appear at their best in cool colors. This type, through employment of the above described contrasts, may discover that blue, orange and yellow are becoming when used near the face.

If the woman desires to use three or even four colors, she should be sure that they are all widely different in character. In this way, one color will supply what another lacks. The only exception to this rule being in the case of neighboring or analogous colors.

BALANCE OF COLOR

Materials of metallic character are not kind to the face or figure and caution is advised in the use of such fabrics. The same care is necessary in the use of blue and green by persons with sallow skin. Brown or tan is also unflattering when worn by individuals with imperfect or sallow complexions. This is also true if the eyes are lacking in brilliancy.

Balance is a term which is applied to a combination of contrasting colors. We cite as examples, black and white, blue and orange, and red and green.

Similarity in intensity and area is necessary in order to balance color in harmony. In the event that dissimilar tones are employed, the intensity must vary in immense proportion to the area.

We are all familiar with the effect of a very strong individual upon a person of weak character. The colorless person becomes weaker due to the contrast. This same rule holds true in the realm of color. A deep, striking color against a paler color of the same hue only succeeds in making the latter color weaker.

This all-over figured pattern is this season's smartest mode. The large, full sleeve adds a soft, feminine touch to the otherwise very simple, straight lines of the gown.

Dead white is most trying to anyone, with the possible exception of those fortunate ones who possess flawless skin. White, worn by anyone but these excepted few, should have a cream or pink tint.

Two-toned effects are most becoming for the pre-maturely gray woman. This aim may be obtained either by putting color over color or by selecting fabrics where the brilliant tone is the one interwoven.

Kitchen Technique

By Virginia Ross

PANCAKE sausage rolls for Sunday morning breakfast or a simple supper: Cook pancakes a little larger than usual. When done, place one link sausage, fried a golden brown, on each pancake and roll up. Serve at once with warm maple syrup or honey in which butter has been melted.

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Saute canned apricot halves in a little white wine. Serve as a garnish for veal shoulder roast.

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For a hasty supper serve canned chili con carne, heated through, in a rice ring.

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Celery stuffed with anchovy-cheese mix. Blend together 1 package of cream cheese, 3 teaspoons anchovy paste. Fill hollows of celery with this. Serve chilled.

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Slice canned corned beef hash, brown in butter. Place each slice on a round of buttered toast. Top with a poached egg. Pour over all white sauce to which has been added 2 teaspoons prepared mustard.

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Did you ever, in baking apples, place a maraschino cherry on top with some of the juice poured into the center of the apple? Cinnamon candies are good, too, in the center.

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For a hasty cake filling try spreading apricot, date or fig jam between the layers and topping the cake with powdered sugar (sifted on), or with jam and coconut.

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