



ROCKY SANTA CLAUS - In pathetic contrast to the rollicking figure of fun expected of St. Nick, this department store Santa Claus, using a cane to totter to work in New York in the early morning chill, appears just barely able to make the scene. It's an even bet, however, that when he's surrounded by tinsel and toys and the bright faces of children, some of those years will melt away and he'll be in there sparkling as usual. (UPI Telephoto)

Surface of Moon Likened to Slag

New York - (Science Service) - A Russian astronomer is convinced the moon's surface is composed of a porous material that resembles slag from volcanoes but that results when the rocks of the lunar crust are smashed by meteors.

Prof. N. N. Sytinskaya of the Main Astronomical Observatory of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences reported that his conclusion is based on "photometric, colorimetric and polarimetric investigations of the moon." It was made before the recent Russian moon shots, one of which landed on the moon and the other of which circled the moon to take photographs of the previously unseen side.

Prof. Sytinskaya said that the lunar atmosphere, if it exists at all, is so extremely thin that even very tiny micro-meteorites reach the surface with velocities sufficiently high to cause explosions.

New Method Found For Making Compound

Chicago (Science Service) - A new method for preparing fluorine compounds by radiation may result in less expensive production of fluorine compounds and lead to the discovery of more materials. Discovered by Dr. Paul Feng at the Armour Research Foundation of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, the method involves exposing a mixture of aromatic hydrocarbons and fluorocarbons to high energy radiation, such as that from nuclear reactors, accelerators, X-rays or gamma rays. Fluorine compounds created can be separated by standard laboratory methods. Dr. Feng's process may be valuable in the munitions field and in the improvement of lubricating, hydraulic fluids, and plastic materials.

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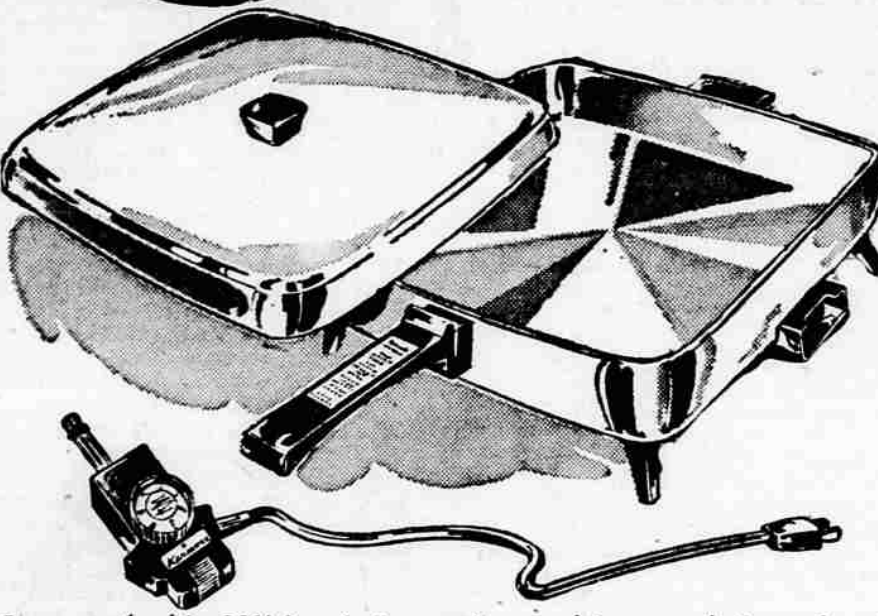
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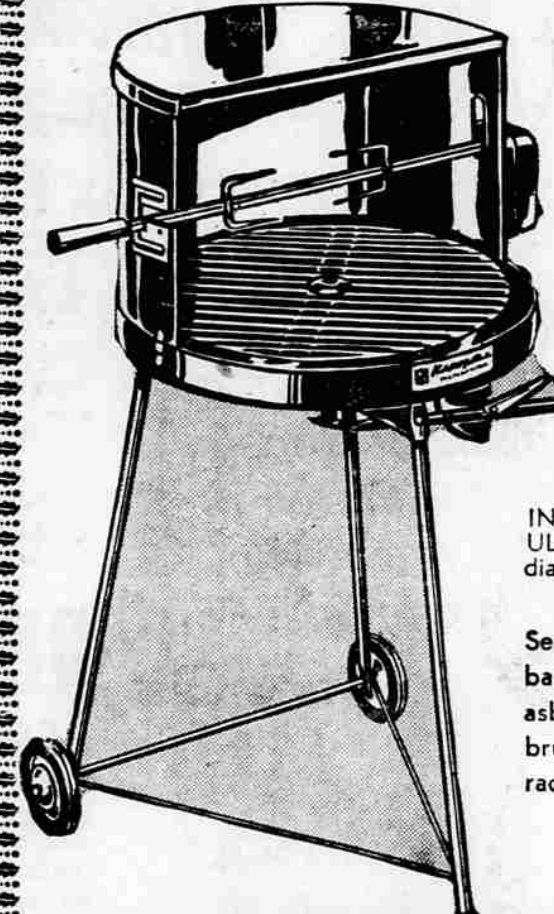
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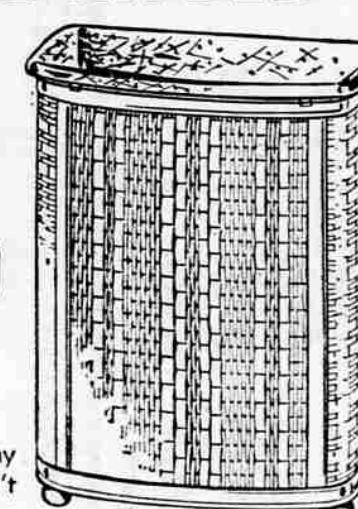
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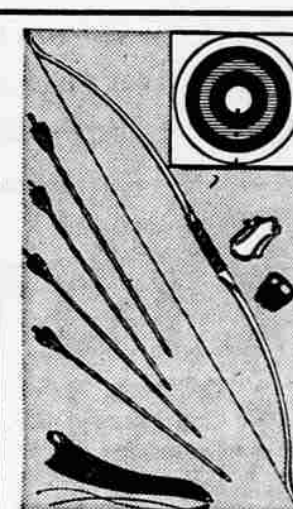
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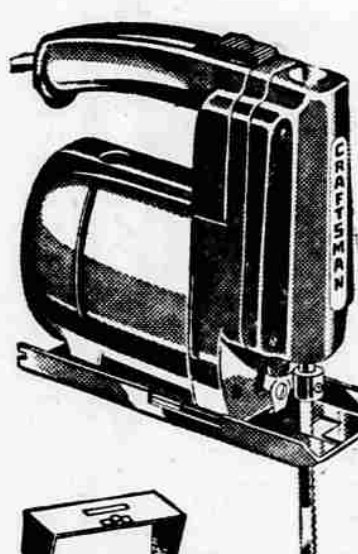
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