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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Plum Pudding Dog is A Dalmatian

Of all the ridiculous names anyone ever coined to describe a certain breed of dog, the record must certainly go to that master of misnomers who named one the "Plum Pudding" dog. It's difficult to think of a dog having any similarities with a plum pudding, either in color, shape, action or appearance.

Perhaps this inconsistency can be softened somewhat by remembering that the very rich, edible plum pudding actually never did contain any plums, unless by another grammatical liberty we might mean a raisin or a hunk of citron. With even less reason this so-called "plum pudding" dog was saddled with another meaningless name, "spotted dick," which is just as ridiculous when, along with other names, it is applied to what is technically a Dalmatian. These beautiful animals, almost as large as greyhounds, are believed to have originated in Dalmatia, a part of Austria, near the city Venice.

Every European Country
Although the dog's heritage is often disputed—writings as well as paintings of antiquity of many European, Asiatic and African countries, seem to lay claim to some part of the dog's early origin. Like a roving gypsy, the Dalmatian was at one time found in just about every European country.

The dog's beauty, a snow white coat on which a generous sprinkling of black dots appear, make the plum pudding dog one of the most attractive of canines. Along with the dog's attractiveness,

is its kindly and gentle disposition, intelligence and inherent devotion to its master; so it was only natural that it should have found a receptive home in the new world. At one time, in America, it was very fashionable to own a Dalmatian.

Back at the turn of the century, the horse-drawn fire engine clanged through the city streets, and those old engines usually carried more than fire fighting equipment and firemen—along with them went the "Fire House Dog," as the plum pudding dog was called. There was a deep affinity between the horse and this dog, so much in fact, the dog was renamed again and called the "coach-dog" or "carriage dog."

Some people claimed the fire horse was more tractable when the fire house dog was in attendance. About that time, too, every fashionable carriage also carried a "coach dog."

Many Remember
There are many people who still remember well the beautiful dog with the black polka-dots on its white coat, sitting proudly on the seat of the old horse-drawn carriage. Too, they remember how very round the black spots were, and that they never seemed to intermingle, no black spot touched any other black spot.

Now, of course, the carriages are gone, so too are the horse-drawn fire engines of yesteryear. The "plum pudding" dog is less popular today and, in time, he too may disappear from the every changing scene.
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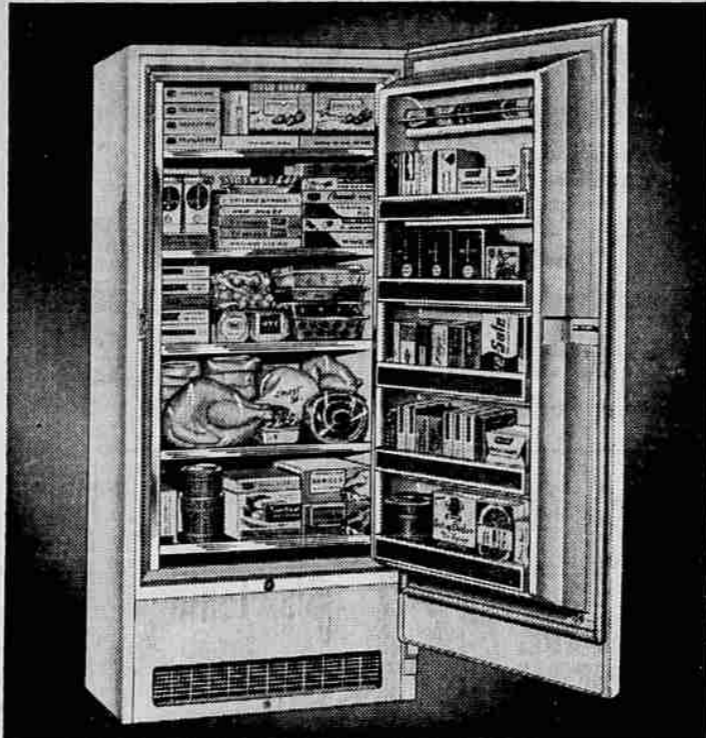
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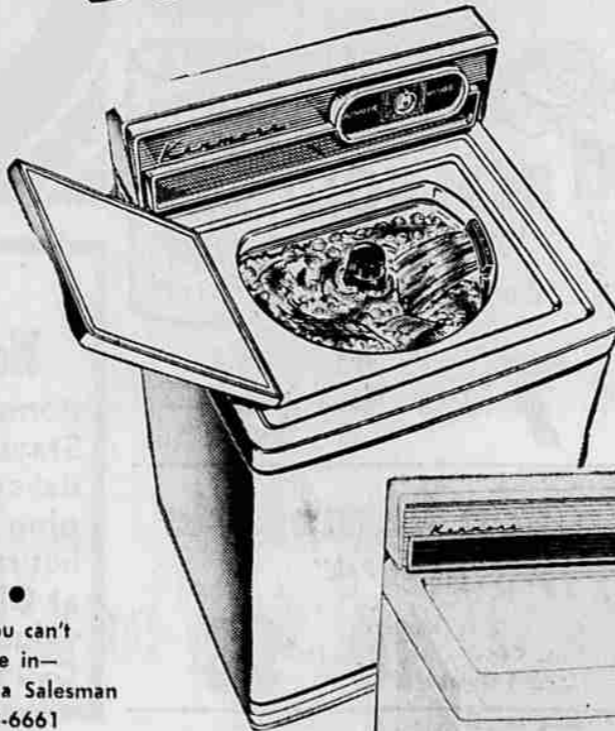
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