

ALUMINUM FOIL



You can make a flower holder of any size or shape with a wad of aluminum foil.

Does the Darndest Things

A "must" in every woman's kitchen, it's also a boon to handy man, camper

AS WE DROVE UP to a friend's suburban home recently, I was surprised to see strips of aluminum foil dangling in front of an expansive picture window.



"It's for the birds," my host said—and he wasn't trying to be facetious.

He told me that the early-morning sunrays obscure the glass pane and that several birds recently had flown headlong into it and were killed or injured. My bird-loving friend solved the problem by hanging up strips of foil, which glittered in the sunlight, thus warning the birds there was an obstacle they couldn't fly through.

It wasn't long after this incident that *FAMILY WEEKLY* ran an article ("We Escaped from a 'White Dungeon,'" June 16, 1963) in which small-boat owners were advised to carry aluminum foil as a safety measure. In case they got lost in fog, the foil—spread out on the deck—would show up clearly on Coast Guard radar and hasten rescue.

These unusual uses for aluminum foil set me off on a search for other offbeat ways of utilizing this common household product.

A young college student who spends his vacations camping told me that foil makes outdoor living easier. He no longer burdens himself with bulky camping utensils; instead, he carries an extra supply of aluminum foil and some coat hangers—and makes his own utensils!

If he wants a cup, he simply takes a square of foil and molds it around his fist or a can. When he's through, he doesn't wash or pack it but merely throws it away.

To make a cooking pot or a frying pan, he takes a double layer of foil and molds it to the desired size. Then he bends

