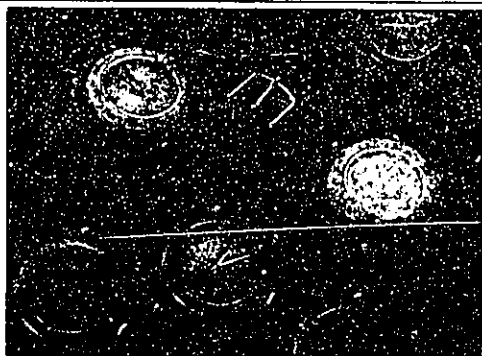


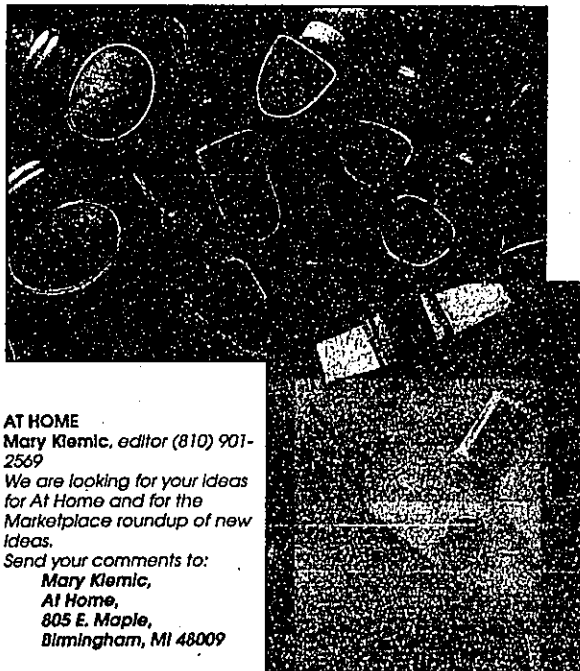


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Gem of an idea

Striking gold: Escapades, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin, presents a special selection of gold jewelry by Leelanau goldsmith Becky Thatcher through May 16. (A Becky Thatcher Designs representative will be in the store Mother's Day weekend.) Shop for Mother's Day, and enjoy the contemporary gold and silver designs inspired by the beauty of Leelanau's lakes, dunes, wildlife and sunsets. Thatcher specializes in unusual colored gemstones that she personally selects from worldwide sources including Bangkok and Hong Kong. She paints vivid images with gemstone beads, Lake Michigan beach stones and a wide range of ancient and modern beads from around the world. Gail Pittman's handpainted dishware and special gifts are also available. Call (810) 855-5856.



On time

From the birds: Inquisitive white birds rest on a clock, hand-carved from wood by Bird-N-Tree. The clock comes in various colors and styles to suit any home decor. Available for \$74.99 at Country Merchant, 535 Forest in Plymouth. Call (313) 454-5700.



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Little items, big sale

Many minis: These are just two of the 300 dolls and 700 pieces of furniture featured in the sale of a museum-quality miniature collection 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 2-3, at Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward in Royal Oak. Call (810) 549-0633. The 18th century harpsichord shown here is by Ralph Partelow of Colorado and the doll by Paulette Stinson of Indiana; the "Gone With the Wind" dolls are by Stinson. Many of the pieces, handcrafted on the standard of one inch to the actual foot, are by nationally known artisans. Among the area craftspeople whose work is featured are Sue Foucher of Farmington Hills and Elizabeth Storyk of West Bloomfield. The one-of-a-kind work of many of the artisans was displayed in the 1993 "Masterpieces in Miniature II" show co-sponsored by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association and Miniature Makers' Workshop.



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