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THE TREND in kitchens today is toward beauty as well as convenience.

Attractive hanging storage, which puts utensils within easy reach of work surfaces, is becoming increasingly popular. Here, decorative ceramic wall tiles form a colorful background for a handsome matched set of lightweight, easy-to-handle aluminum cookware. And matched cookware of the same material makes cooking easier. Cooking times and temperatures are more readily. Aluminum's fast, even heating is another aid to the cook.

Beware of Bargains In Purchasing Seed

To avoid poor quality lawn seed, read the seed label and beware of "bargains."

Carter M. Harrison, Michigan State University crop scientist, says labeling laws help protect against purchases of poor quality seed—that which contains a high percentage of coarse haygrass instead of perennials such as Kentucky bluegrass or fine leaved fescues.

"Labeling regulations require that good varieties be labeled as 'fine textured grasses' while the inferior rough species must be listed as 'coarse kind,'" advises Harrison. "This provides

On the Lawn

WITH LARRY LAWRENCE

I get more mail in Spring than any other time. Most people don't think much about lawns and gardens in Winter. But, with the first robin, there's a strong biological urge to get busy on the lawn. And one writer in every two asks: "What do I do first?"

A wide open question. Yet I've found that most lawns respond to the same basic feed-weed-seed treatment. Every lawn, without exception, needs Turf Builder. Use the double rate if the turf has been weakened by last summer's drought—or if you want to get ahead of your neighbor.

As to weeds, they're not active yet, but this is the time to get down a crabgrass barrier such as Halts or Halts Plus, to stop it before it gets started.

One great advantage of these particular controls is that they are compatible with seeding. You can do everything the same morning or afternoon in fact. When it comes to renovating or seeding new areas, there's a new brand on the market this year that you might look into—Turfmark. It contains the now famous Windsor, the mutation grass discovered by Scotts. It has a rich color, stands up better in drought and needs less cutting. What more could you ask for?

Textured Walls

Decorators like using western red cedar siding boards for walls in a boy's room. Textured wood wears well, has masculine quality.

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New Pull-Out Oven Shown at Home Builders Meeting

An oven that pulls out for easy, stand-up cleaning highlights a new compact built-in electric range.

The new range, with glass oven door, was shown for the first time at the National Association of Home Builders exposition in Chicago.

Just as builders have liked the easy, quick installation of the compact range, home-makers will like the easier cleaning made possible by the addition of the pull-out oven.

Equipped with four fast-heating surface units and a spacious undercounter oven, the new range can be installed in any 33-inch width, standard depth cabinet, or suspended in an opening between cabinets. It's installed quickly because opening dimensions are not critical.

A generous overhang on the range top, plus a wide trim at sides and bottom cover seams in the cabinet opening. A clean, uncluttered appearance and a snug, custom fit are assured with any type or style of cabinetry arrangement. Once positioned, the range is easily secured by four thumb screws.

There is an attractive square-edged fillgree pattern on the see-through glass door. A newly styled door handle, covered with a smart and durable wood-grained vinyl, is similar in appearance to those on most 1965 refrigerators.

The range has no control panel at the rear. Instead, controls

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