

Day Near When Women Can Repair Own Appliances

Is the day near when women will repair their own major kitchen appliances — washing machines, dish washers, dryers? It is possible, admits appliance engineer John C. Martin, who says we get closer to that goal as manufacturers continue to reduce need for the servicing of machines.

Service men may not melt as ice men did when refrigeration replaced the ice box, but they certainly have less to do.

Along those lines Martin illustrated by showing the newest advance in agitator-type washing machines — unit minus pulleys, belts, crank case, oil pump.

The whole idea of liquid lubrication has been a problem from a service standpoint, he said.

WOMEN ARE superior to men in assembling precision parts, and as a matter of fact they are a lot cleverer about them than most engineers give them credit for.

"So I guess they could do repairs. Some of them do now. I've known long time trying to design products the way I thought they ought to be."

"We design them the way they ought to be," he explained. "One helpful gizmo used by service men in the last three years has been a small instrument — analysis tool that plugs into the washing machine and registers the exact trouble on light indicators."

"That way the service man doesn't need to take the machine apart to find a small problem. He can fix it right in the house, he says."

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Playroom Window Treatment Gives Room A Lift From Patio

Is your house short a playroom? Take a look at the possibility for winter enjoyment that your screened-in patio offers.

Most patios fall into the "screened space" category during cold winter weather. The cost of making this space over into an outdoor playroom can be considerably less than finishing an attic or basement.

Converting a screened-in patio into a playroom involves replacing the screen panels with glass panels and adding heat.

The sturdy aluminum patio cover will keep out winter wind, rain and snow just as it fended off the sun during the summer.

Sufficient warmth may usually be obtained without having to alter the home's heating system.

Electric or gas heaters now on the market can do an excellent job of warming the playroom comfortably.

Winter sun provides a lot more warmth than people realize, even on the coldest day.

Although the job of the patio cover is to provide shade during the summer, in most northern locations it will permit the rays of the winter sun, which hit at a considerably lower angle, to enter and warm the patio.

Designing an old-fashioned window with radiators below it, are Joanne Western, with fabric, canvas or metal mesh inserts concealing storage units. A window shade laminated with glass in our fabric in nylon and lemon yellow floral pattern has scalloped and fringed trim, with matching cornice called a "Topper."

Designer Richard Himmel

Moving Bills Deductible Under Law

If you've landed a new job that requires a long distance move, make sure you keep records of your moving and travel expenses. Under the new Federal Tax Law of 1964, such expenses are deductible.

Previously, an employee could deduct from gross income any money received from a company as reimbursement for the cost of moving to a new location.

Now, deductions can cover the moving costs of a new employee and his family plus meals, transportation and lodging en route to his new destination even if such costs are not reimbursed by the company.

To be eligible for the deductions, a new employee must work in the new area during 39 of the 42 weeks that follow his arrival at a new principal place of work.

Further information on the new tax provisions can be obtained at your local Internal Revenue Office.

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Bathhouse Popular

Home swimming pools are increasingly popular in summer. The degree of comfort and enjoyment from backyard bathing can be greatly increased by simple means.

Some people like to sun themselves between the shades while others prefer the shade. In either instance, a wood deck will come in handy because of its high insulation value.

One use, suggested by the Southern Pine Association, is for walkway and running surface around the pool. The wood does not reflect heat and you can absorb the sun's rays in comparative comfort.

A second use is for roof covering of a poolside patio. Wood decking two inches thick. The insulation this represents shields bathers effectively and prevents penetration by heat into shaded areas.

As a roof for a poolside patio, it is supported by horizontal beams attached to widely spaced posts. Roofing materials are applied to the top of the simple structure. Spaces between posts can be glassed in, if desired, and the enclosed area air conditioned. Because of its high strength and natural beauty, Southern pine lumber is well adapted to the system.

With the deck walkway and sunning surface, the lumber is constantly exposed to the elements and also close to the ground.

In such instances, the lumber should be pressure treated with chemical preservatives. It is thus immunized against insect attack and severe exposure.

If there is room for one, it is in to have a backyard bathhouse where swimmers may change when entering or leaving the pool. With this device, the house floors are not tracked by wet feet. Such a facility can be readily constructed by competent handymen with standard items of lumber available from retail dealers.

Heat With Oil? It's Convenient

Many oil companies offer "keep full" service for homes with oil-fired furnaces today. Under this arrangement, the oil tank is filled automatically on a regular basis.

In areas where this service is not available, however, the homeowner must check the oil supply himself and reorder when needed. Oil tanks usually have gauges for this purpose, pointing out American Furnace Company. If the gauge sticks, jar it loose by rapping the side of the tank nearby.

New Marble Wall Finish Is Popular

Marble chips are being "shot from guns" in a new wall finishing process. Called marblecrete, the new concept has become popular in the United States, Australia and Germany.

In the new process plasterers use rock guns to fire colored or white chips into the final coat of white portland cement stucco. Often a clear glaze is then applied to the wall. This makes the wall easy to wash with plain water.

Weatherproof and never needing paint, marblecrete has been used for schools, stores, houses, churches, apartment buildings and factories.

Besides marble, the "shot from guns" process has been used with quartz, glass and ordinary pebbles.

Outdoor Faucets Stop Inconvenience

Many older homes are short of outdoor faucets. This deficiency makes it necessary to drag long lengths of hose to various parts of the lawn and garden for sprinkling. Usually because of the inconvenience involved, not all areas get the water they require.

Call a reputable plumbing contractor for an estimate on the installation of additional faucets.

Questions On Hydronics Answered

Thinking about modernizing your house? If you are, you'll probably have some questions about home heating and cooling.

To answer these, and other questions, the National Better Heating-Cooling Council, information center of the hydronic (hot water) heating and cooling industry here, offers a guide designed for the housewife titled, "Remodel Your Home With Hydronics."

The 16-page color booklet explains why hydronics is especially suitable for modernization in older houses, with diagrams showing how finger-size tubing is easily "snaked" through wall spaces or through old ducts and pipes for a neater, completely concealed installation.

One section of the booklet illustrates the optional extras that a homeowner can have with hydronics, including zone heating, snow melting, swimming pool heating and greenhouse heating. Also illustrated are a variety of methods for summer cooling.

The booklet may be obtained by sending 10 cents to the National Better Heating-Cooling Council, 250 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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