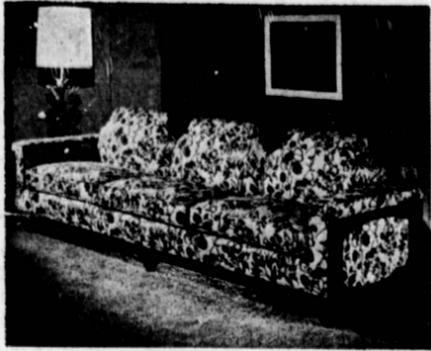


Early American Styling Reflects Past Heritage



A STRONG ORIENTAL ATMOSPHERE is displayed in an 8' sofa with a notched silhouette and exposed black wood side and base frame. A silky floral in vivid Oriental hues is used as covering. (Quality)

In these days of daring space travel, there is a certain comfort in remembering our ancestors. Back in America's youthful days, they had their own problems while traveling into the unknown... but they succeeded in the long run.

Perhaps this is one reason for the continued great popularity of early American and provincial furnishings. Whatever the cause, this type of decor is warm, inviting, easy to live with, and popular. Happy, too, the taste for early American furniture is an easy one to indulge, for there is a tremendous selection available.

Classics in this field are such features as spindle turnings, antique brass hardware, and scalloped effects. New is the addition of colored fixtures instead of staying with natural maple or fruitwoods. New, too, is the introduction in some lines of a subtle Mediterranean influence... not inconsistent when we recall that the first settlements made by Europeans in North America were by the Spaniards, and that the Spanish Armada had to be overcome before certain areas could be permanently settled.

AN EXAMPLE of early American with Mediterranean touches is an informal dining group in a maple finish. An octagonal table is supported by four turned legs, heavier at the base, which rest on a shaped platform. Chairs are ladderback with square turnings on back and legs. Storage pieces are detailed with handcarved effects, including a spool-work lattice at the bottom of the china cabinet deck's glass doors.

A classic of early Americana is the massive cannon ball bed. The large posts with round turnings give this bed sturdy construction for long and hard use to which the early settlers put their furniture; now such a bed is a furniture heirloom to be passed from generation to generation.

To accompany fine early American furniture and create the nostalgic atmosphere of long ago, add harmonizing accessories. A grandfather clock, similar to many which were carried across the plains from the original family homes, is a traditional accessory in the early American home.

scalloped fan are also widely seen. These are combined in a new spindle wall clock which is a simulated wood reproduction of a hand-carved original. Finished in mellow fruitwood tone, it is available with eight-day key wind movement or with battery-powered electronic movement. Matching plaques may be obtained.

The eagle, one of the oldest known decorative themes, has a special significance to Americans. A handsome 41-inch spread eagle wall plaque finished in Roman gold or fruitwood with multi-color accents is available in simulated "weathered" wood. Another eagle graces a Roman-umbered clock, with a design suggested by a late 18th century girandole. Harmonizing bootjack sconces accented with brass are available.

A clever and unusual accessory is a pert little Revolutionary soldier, carved of red cedar and brightly colored.

NEW PATTERN
A new and improved polypropylene fiber is used to create a carpet pattern called "Graceleigh," offered in sixteen colors.



SOFT, FLUFFY, AND RESILIENT! Not a cloud, but this looped carpeting, which our Space Girl finds great for relaxing. The colors are as tempting as the texture of this carpet, too—rich in earthtones or Renaissance moods.

Everything Has Place In Chests

Storage always seems to be a problem for the American family, especially nowadays, with the multitude of hobbies, collections, and activities in which each member of the group is usually involved. "Where to put it?" has become the home question of the day.

As usual, however, necessity has been the mother of invention. There is an answer to the home storage problem... even if you are not blessed with a huge house, complete with attic. The new furniture offers tremendous storage possibilities... lots of stow-space combined with handsome appearance, for your decor.

A dramatic 5-drawer chest of Appalachian oak in a hand-rubbed oiled finish has a hard-carved look. Although part of a complete bedroom grouping, which includes two other storage pieces, the chest would be at home in almost any part of the house. It would be an attractive hall piece, for example, topped with a pair of candles, or a piece of statuary. In the living or dining room, a favorite painting might hang behind it. All this and good storage, too! The chest measures a roomy 40-inches wide x 18-inches deep x 46-inches high.

IF THE Mediterranean style doesn't suit your home, you might find an answer to your storage problems in a graceful hand-rubbed cherry grain chest-on-chest. The bandsawn front, carved post with cabriole leg, and fully sculptured base rail give an authentic French provincial detail to this practical piece with 5 drawers.

For handsome living room storage, a commode designed by Michael Lennard provides a capacious 28-inches x 26-inches x 18-inches high piece which also serves as an elegant end table or lamp stand. Of solid birch in a hand-rubbed fruitwood, antique white, or avocado green finish, it features a rope molding around top and bottom. Delicately carved intaglio grillework screens the gold leaf door panels.

A WORLD of storage space for the bedroom is offered in a hooded armoire — its hood an authentic carryover from the time when homes were so poorly heated that a protruding hood on the armoire was used to block drafts when one changed clothes.



LIKE THE SPACE GIRL, this contemporary chair designed by William Dorff, has soft, sculptured lines in combination with its up-to-the-minute look. (Wincraft)



TEXTURED JACQUARD IN WARM TONES enhances the Mediterranean heritage of this dramatic sofa. Pattern and coloring of the fabric adds importance to the exposed wood construction of the piece. (Quality)



MEDITERRANEAN TOUCHES ARE EVIDENT in this informal Early American dining collection. Turned wood decorative accents on the cabinet's glass-fronted doors, and the square-turned leg and back supports on the chairs lend this old-world flavor to the group, which includes an expandable octagonal table. (Calcraft)

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