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USE YOUR SILVER to reflect the mellow wood tones of a fine sideboard. The one at the left is complemented by a graceful soup tureen, old-fashioned candelabra and a gleaming tray. By the way, soup tureens are coming back into favor and they make marvelous centerpieces with fruit or flowers.

USE YOUR SILVER to pick up the brilliant colors of a buffet supper table. On the table below the silver flower bowl, water pitcher and combination meat and vegetable platter mirror in their shining surfaces the gay hues of party foods, linens, glass and china. Rows of flatware add another gleaming note.

THE use of silver is a tradition that will never die. Its sheer beauty must always be a part of the well-appointed home. Too often, however, this lovely metal is hidden away in the closet and never used because the lady of the house finds it too hard to keep clean. Yet there is no decorative substitute for the satiny luster of silver—and it is really just as easy to keep clean as your best china. All it needs is to be used—every day and at every meal. Of course it will never wear out. The constant washing in good soap and water will keep it bright and then when you plan to entertain all your silver will be shining and ready for immediate use.

IT IS well, when choosing your silver, to pick out pieces that will have more than one use in your household—a dual-purpose bowl, for instance, that may hold flowers on the console table today and a vegetable salad tomorrow. Fortunately this is easy with the versatile designs of the present. Photographed at the left are three examples of dual-purpose silver. The asparagus dish becomes a server for other vegetables, salad or dessert by the removal of the sauce boat and rack. (The candlesticks crept into the picture because of their delightful square solidity.) The Georgian bowl can be used for centerpiece or sideboard arrangements of flowers or fruits or for serving salad. The divided vegetable dish has a cover which when inverted (and the knob unscrewed) will make another deep dish.

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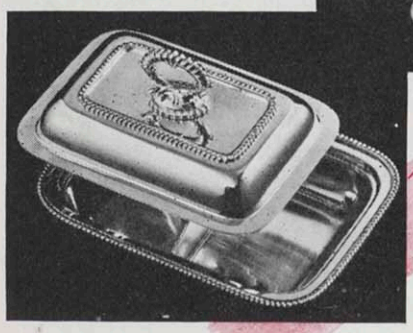

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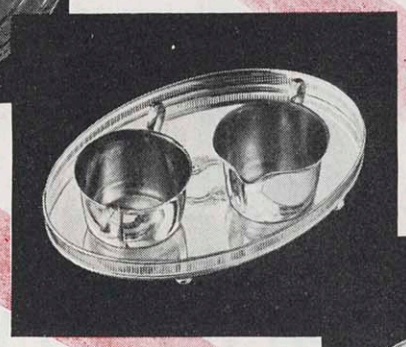
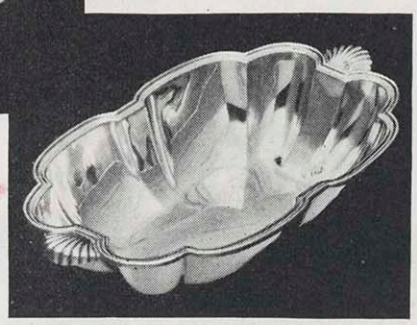
USE YOUR SILVER for gracious tea-time hospitality. Nothing is more inviting than a table set before a fireplace with the warm glow of the burning logs reflected in a shining silver service. The tea set and trays shown in the right-hand corner are simply designed with exquisitely fluted sides which catch the light.

USE YOUR SILVER to highlight the dignity of a formal dinner. The silver candlesticks and bowl on the table at the left catch the soft pink of the tablecloth and are in turn reflected in the large mirror plaque, making a brilliant centerpiece over which the conversation may flow pleasantly.

When you entertain you will find many uses for the pieces photographed below. The pitcher with charming leaf handle is also a beverage mixer. The relish dish becomes a meat platter when the glass lining is removed. The two-compartment mayonnaise bowl may be used without the inner glass bowl to hold small flowers or a pudding sauce. The tray of the sterling silver sugar and cream set is nice for passing cakes and sandwiches. The sterling silver bowl is delightful for fruit or flowers.

USE YOUR SILVER to individualize your table settings. Across the bottom of these pages are eight interesting patterns in flatware. Beginning on the opposite page, number one, in sterling silver, is classic in feeling. Numbers two and four are both more elaborate and would be good in rococo or Victorian settings. Number three is conservatively modern in feeling. Number five (below) is a simple design appropriate for any service. Number six in sterling is severely modern. Number seven, a floral motif with piercing, is a dainty pattern which suits the average dining-room. Number eight is reminiscent of the work of Danish silversmiths and would be an interesting note in a modern room, although its massive pierced decoration would fit well with the trend toward the baroque.





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