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Most everyone is concerned about the energy crisis. We've been burning coal for 26 years. At first, we had a heatrola in the livingroom and a small stove in the kitchen. Eventually, we installed baseboard heat and stored the big square stove in our summer house. However, the kitchen range has never been taken out of the house. We always felt it was insurance against an

emergency.

Just now I shovel and carry about 12 tons of coal a year to our stoker-type furnace. We consider it cheap fuel.

But to get back to that used heatrola, which Allen got many years ago for two bags of potatoes, we decided it was a good time to sell it. We received many phone calls in reply to our advertisement and almost felt

bad when we were paid ten times the original price.

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When my husband, two sons and I went hunting for deer the first day of the season, the quiet of the woodland was abruptly shattered by the very loud noise of approaching aircraft.

Just a moment before, I was using my binoculars to watch a lone doe browsing nearby. It nibbled so daintily on leaves and twigs.


Then a huge helicopter with two large propellers frightened her away. This was followed by another helicopter which came closer to the tree against which I was standing. A few seconds later the third one flew tree-top level, directly over me.

For some reason, "Vietnam" was the first thing that popped into my mind.


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There are always two sides to everything. You might look at our discarded machinery and say it is "junk", or you could give it an elegant name like "depository of spare parts."

Lately we've been loading up some of it and selling it to a junkyard. However, no one except us could ever tell that some had been removed. It just seems to grow.



Ladies,
Have
You
Heard?



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Cranberries Are Sassamesh?
Despite her many literary contributions, the late Gertrude Stein is perhaps best remembered for writing "A rose is a rose is a rose..." Like Miss Stein's rose, the native American cranberry by any other name is still a cranberry even though some Indians called it "sassamesh."

In the nation's early days, all Indian tribes in cranberry-producing areas had their own words to describe the fruit—but each name reflected the cranberry's naturally acid taste.

"Sassamesh," for example, was the Narragansett Indian word meaning "sharp and cooling fruit." Cape Cod's Pequot tribe called the cranberry "i-bimi" which translated to "bitter fruit." To the Algonquians in Wisconsin, the cranberry was "atoqua," while the word used by the Chippewas was "A'nibibim." Indians of the Columbia River region in the Northwest Territory knew the cranberry as "soolabich."

So, regardless of the differing words, a cranberry "is a cranberry is a cranberry."

Cranberries, either fresh or processed into sauce, or jelly, or cranberry juice cocktail, are high

on the list of culinary treats during the Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday season. And they blend so well with many of the dishes traditionally served during this period.

Cranberries or "sassamesh"—either way they're delicious in mouth-watering treats like Cranberry Butter. It's easily prepared from the fresh berries and is excellent atop waffles and pancakes, or as an accent to hot muffins, biscuits, coffee cakes, and toast:

- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup butter or margarine

Simmer washed berries in sugar water until they burst. Continue cooking the cranberries until liquid is well thickened, then stir in brown sugar and butter or margarine. Serve hot or chilled.

Dress Making Made Easy

Need a new dress in a hurry? If you have the need, or urge, for a new dress and time is short, you can make a garment quickly with a quality look by following a few basic principles.

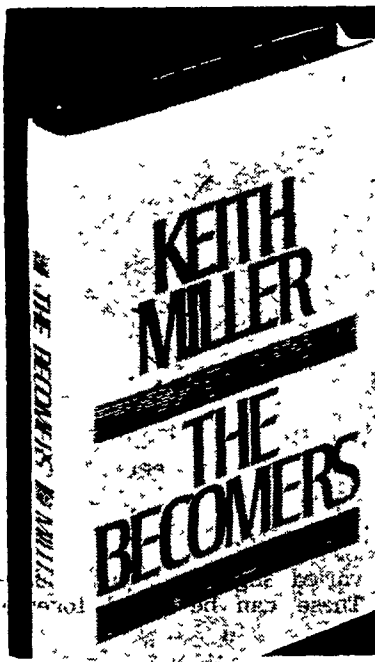
First look for a pattern with few design details and pattern pieces. Raglan or kimono sleeves are faster than set-in sleeves.

Choose a style with facings rather than bindings or fancy collars that may require hand work. Keep hand work to a minimum. Pin baste rather than hand baste, except at intricate points.

Do as much work as you can while the garment is still in its flat stage. For example, put pockets and trim on the front and the zipper and trim on the back joining side trim on the back before sewing side seams.

Find short cuts that will save you time in construction. But, don't sacrifice quality methods. Beautiful fabric will compensate for the simple details of the garment.

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open or close. Then she added three simple ginger-bread boys made out of one quarter inch plywood and measuring about eight inch by 10½ inch.

She used thumbtacks for their eyes, noses and buttons and pipe cleaners for their smiles, and hung them up with rick rack. Next she added bows which were made out of strips of unhemmed calico to several pegs. As a finishing touch she inserted a few greens. She suggested hanging candy canes on the remaining pegs to give to little holiday guests. Just imagine what a treat it would be if the gingerbread boys were actually cookies! What a splendid way to say Merry Christmas!

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