## ·New Machines And Gadgets·

PORTABLE REFRIGERATOR for picnics uses dry-ice as a refrigerant. The small trunk-like box has compartments for food, one compartment for the solid carbon dioxide, and another in which water is frozen into ice cubes. Suitable ducts for the flow of the carbon dioxide gas are provided.

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MINIATURE MOTORS for the model airplane builder are true pulsejet engines weighing one pound. A fuel nozzle mixes air and gasoline in a combustible mixture which enters the combustion chamber through a valve and is ignited by heat remaining from previous explosions. Battery, coil and spark plug give starting ignition.

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NIGHT LIGHT, to illuminate the face of a clock or other objects, is a flat, polished plate on which the objects are set, and which has tiny neon tubes inserted under hoods on one edge. The light is not strong enough to disturb sleep.

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BOWLING PIN that whistles when traveling after being struck, has a higher center of gravity and added resilience. It is the ordinary pin with a hole bored upward from the center of its base, and a small air passage from this to the neck of the pin. The large hole contains cork or other resilient material.

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Depth PLASTIC SHIELD that fits over the body, as shown in the picture, stimulates breathing by artificially raising and lowering the chest. The entire unit, with two extra shields of different sizes, is portable and can be operated by one person. It is a lightweight "iron lung."

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\*\* KITCHEN SCRAPER, to clean pots and pans, uses the familiar scalloped edge bottle cap as a tool. It consists of a knob handle attached to an enlarged base which has a cavity on its lower side into which a cap fits tightly.

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FRUIT PICKER'S apparatus is an arched frame mounted on wheels, large enough to straddle a tree, and light enough to be pushed from tree to tree. Movable ladders are attached to the frame and can be swung around the tree where needed.

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