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⚙️ **KITCHEN PAINT** is specially designed for application on household appliances. Available in five colors, the paint provides a high-gloss porcelain finish. A semi-gloss matching paint is also available for walls, woodwork and ceilings.

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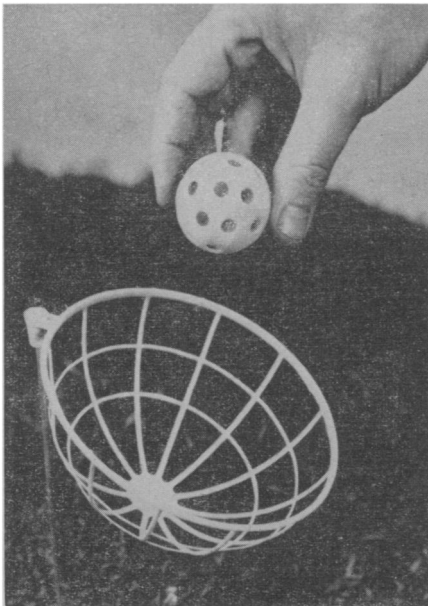
⚙️ **ICE HAMMER-CORKSCREW** affords the housewife a handy tool for this summer's increased beverage business. A German import, the vari-purpose tool has a hammer and bottle-opener head that screws on and off a leather-covered handle, revealing the corkscrew. The overall length of the kitchen gadget is 5¼ inches.

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⚙️ **LIGHTWEIGHT CHAIR** can be carried on picnics, to the beach or most anywhere in a compact carrying case. Weighing only five pounds, when folded the lounge chair measures 2½ by 6 by 26 inches long. The portable chair has an aluminum frame with the seat of water-repellent duck, and comes in a carrying case made of reinforced plastic.

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⚙️ **OFF-LINKS GOLF** game, shown in the picture, that can be played anywhere outdoors has three practice balls of different



colors and two target cups, all made of plastic. Scoring as in golf, the distance from the mesh pockets that are held off the ground by metal pins determines which club to use.

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⚙️ **WIRE SCULPTURE** kit is designed for hobbyists and craftsmen young and old. Just a few turns of the multi-colored covered copper wire around a wire skeleton produces wire art. Wire can be used with other items such as pipe cleaners and can be unwound and re-used.

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⚙️ **ENGINE LUBRICANT** for two- and four-cycle power mowers and outboards replaces motor oil. Described as preventing gumming of the motor during storage as well as the formation of acid and sludge, it is available in one-pint containers, for easy storage.

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⚙️ **TRANSPARENT UTILITY** box for fishermen, homemakers, hobbyists and mechanics keeps small items neatly assorted and readily visible. Molded of a clear butyrate plastic, the box measures 4 by 7 by 1½ inches. Lid hinges are made of rustproof metal.

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⚙️ **PLASTIC FILM** for temporary windows permits construction work to continue during bad weather. Thin, but tough and moisture resistant film made of polyethylene plastic protects materials and workmen against rain, snow, cold and strong wind. It also saves construction heating and lighting costs.

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Occupational accidents cost the United States business economy more than \$3,000,000,000 last year.

The world's largest transport helicopter is the 15-ton, 42-passenger YH-16 which has rotors on the front and rear.

A heater for airplane windshields has been developed that warms electrically and is sprayed on the glass in a sheet 1/20th of an inch thick.

Platelets, tiny cell fragments found in the blood, arrest bleeding by sticking to the edge of the wound and to each other until they pile up into a little cork that fills the hole.

The New York State Health Department urged hospitals to discontinue routine administration of oxygen to premature babies in an effort to cut down the cases of blindness in such children.

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