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SWEATER DRYER, adjustable without tools or thumbscrews to all popular sizes and styles, may be extended in body length, waist measurement, and sleeve length, and held extended by builtin tension springs. Rust-proof pins in the base hold the washed sweater in stretched position.

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PHOTOCOPIES of drawings or manuscripts can be made in a normally lighted room in a new rotary printer which uses green fluorescent tubes. A special paper on which the copies are made is photographically sensitive to green light, but only slightly so to ordinary electric light.

Science News Letter, February 16, 1946 HANDY HOLDER for hacksaw blades has a tubular handle with an extended grip nose for securing the working point of the blade. The ends of the handle are slotted to receive the inserted blade, and any length blade can be used. Science News Letter, February 16, 1946

STEEL STRAPPING made of a special alloy holds together boxes used to drop fragile cargo from airplanes without the use of parachutes. The elastic steel absorbs the shock without breaking. The box, three feet long and one foot square, has a laminated snub nose at each end. Contents are packed in ground paper.

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d LOUDSPEAKER, powerful enough to pierce the thunder of battle, has nine receivers and horns mounted on a common panel pivoted on a tripod so that it can be turned up or down, to right or left. Horns, tripod and operator are shown in the picture.

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COFFEE FLOAT, a wire-mesh tube to hold coffee grounds near the surface of the water in the pot, has two

air chambers at its ends to furnish buoyancy. The bubbling boiling water agitates the float and its contents, so that the coffee grounds are in constant contact with changing water.

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RAZOR BLADE sharpener, to whet the cutting edges of seven double-edged blades at one time, is a glass jar with nearly vertical sides and a removable cylinder fitted inside on whose outer surface the blades are attached. The cylinder holding the blades is rotated by a knob projecting from its top.

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