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⚙️ **WRITING FLUID** cannot be removed from paper even though it has been made invisible by eradication or water damage. The ink contains a luminescent additive that shows up under ultraviolet light. It is designed primarily for protecting business documents.

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⚙️ **SKYLIGHT PANEL** is made of a glass fiber reinforced plastic. Designed for use in skylights, sidelights and window panes, the building panel is described as erosion resistant. It is the product of six years of research.

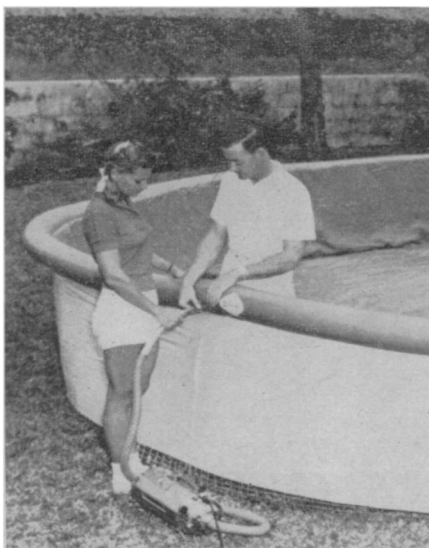
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⚙️ **CONTACT CEMENT** for decorating lamps, mirrors or furniture can be used with any fabric, plastic or leather. The liquid adhesive is brushed on to a wood, metal or glass surface and allowed to dry for 30 minutes. Decorative materials will stick to it instantaneously.

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⚙️ **HIDDEN DRAWING BOARD** folds away into the center drawer of a desk and pops out when desired. The drawing-board unit can be bolted or screwed to any conventional desk or table top. It is available in two sizes and three colors.

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⚙️ **CIRCULAR POOL**, shown in the photograph, can be set up by two persons in a few hours and requires no excavating. The ready-made pool has a wire fence and a plastic liner that fits onto the fence. The plastic bumper is blown up with a portable vacuum cleaner and the pool filled with water. It can be stored in two cartons.

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⚙️ **WOOD RULE** has special markings on its reverse side that permit anyone to lay out rafters without a framing square. The six-foot-long, folding carpenter's aid can also be used for finding the rise of a roof.

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⚙️ **U-BEND SCREWDRIVER** is designed for industrial or home use. It has a swivel handle and features a unique U-bend in its shaft for faster performance. The screwdriver also has a no-slip tip.

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⚙️ **AUTO PLATFORM** to keep baby safe in the back seat converts the rear seat into a play pen. The platform is suspended from the front seat and level with the rear seat. It will telescope to make rear seat space for a passenger, and can also substitute for a luggage carrier or table.

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Do You Know?

Asparagus is a perennial crop and may be productive for from 15 to 20 years.

The American aircraft industry produced about 13,000 *planes* during 1955.

A *hydrogen bomb* shock wave racing across Chicago at 1,000 mph would destroy property values at a rate of a billion dollars a second.

Tea growers in India are using an American *miticide* to control foliage-eating red spider mites.

The rubber industry uses more than 80,000 tons of *sulfur* annually.

Yellow fever was first diagnosed in the Americas but it may well have originated in Africa.

The only creatures to resist mastery by man, except perhaps for a few of the rodents, have been *insects*.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service operates 91 *fish hatcheries*.

Hypericum, a common ornamental shrub weed often called St. John's wort, yields a substance which, when purified, may prove as effective as penicillin.

At least 25,000,000 Africans are suffering from *yaws*.

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