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⚙️ **DISPOSAL CAN** with liner, for use in kitchen, bathroom or nursery, are both molded of polyethylene plastic. The can is opened and closed by foot and is light, leak-proof and rustproof. Available in red, yellow, pink, turquoise or blue, the can and liner can be cleaned with hot water and soap.

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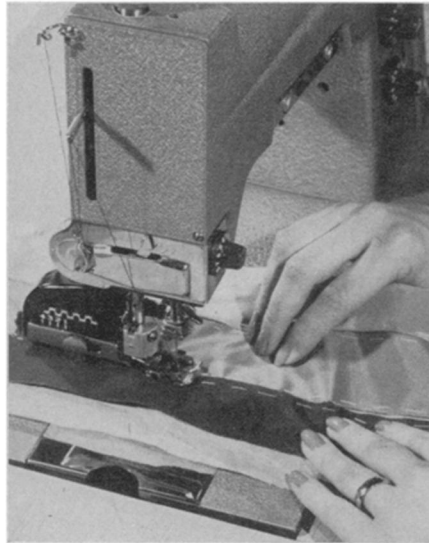
⚙️ **GEIGER COUNTER** with a new type tube is described as a serious challenger to scintillation counters. Increase in sensitivity is gained without loss of the Geiger counter's desirable characteristics. The tube can also be used interchangeably with the probe of any standard Geiger count rate meter.

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⚙️ **HOCKEY GAME** for indoor excitement is based on techniques developed by Swedish experts. The game includes five men and a goalie on each side. Each player can be moved backwards or forwards. Play is according to official hockey rules. Two to six persons can play.

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⚙️ **SEWING ATTACHMENT**, designed for multiple use by the home seamstress, is a decorative zigzagger. It makes a variety of decorative embroidery-like stitches and can also be used for blind-stitch hemming,



zigzagging and neat zigzag-stitch appliqueing. The attachment, shown in the photograph, is available for any make machine.

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⚙️ **METAL COATINGS** that give a chromium or gold leaf finish can be sprayed from a can. The metallic sprays are usable on both bare and worn surfaces. The

chromium-effect spray protects against rust and can be washed. Both sprays dry in five minutes and are available in 12-ounce cans.

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⚙️ **MATCHED TEMPLATES** in a set of four are made of dimensionally stable plastic. Designed for everyday drafting and engineering procedures, the kit consists of three master templates and one electronics "draft horse." The "draft horse" is said to contain the largest number of electronic symbols ever cut into a single template.

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⚙️ **MAGNETIC SOAP HOLDER** can be mounted to almost any surface without screws or nails. The holder consists of a plastic case with a built-in floating magnet, a small one-inch stainless steel disc and a capsule of adhesive. The disc is embedded in the soap and held firm to the case.

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⚙️ **MINIATURE VOLTAGE METER** can be used to trouble-shoot all electrical appliances or test unidentified electrical circuits. Measuring $1\frac{1}{8}$ by $1\frac{1}{8}$ by $\frac{7}{8}$ inches, the meter can be used indoors or outdoors and carried in the pocket.

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Do You Know?

Scientists estimate that enough *sediment* is deposited in one year in waters around New York to bury a city block to the depth of 50 Chrysler Buildings.

A new electrical *steel* is rolled so thin a strip two inches wide is 20 times thinner than a human hair; by weight it is literally worth more than gold.

For at least the past 50 years there have been no *illiterates* in Greenland; school attendance is compulsory and free between ages 7 and 14.

A medium dose of *radiation* reduces the population of microorganisms in food by over 80% and extends refrigerator shelf life appreciably.

Poison ivy, from six inches to three feet in height, is from the same plant family as the more likable cashew and pistachio nut trees.

The *Dutch elm disease* was so named because Dutch scientists were the first to study it.

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