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☛ **COMPACT CAN CADDY** keeps cans of frozen juice, frozen and regular soups, and soft drinks neatly within finger-tip reach. The rust and chip resistant caddy made of white plastic-coated steel wire requires little space and can be placed in the freezer, refrigerator or on any shelf. Loaded from the top, the caddy dispenses up to 10 cans. It is available in three can sizes.

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☛ **LENS CLEANING TISSUE** cleans and at the same time prevents fogging and steaming of eyeglasses. Conveniently packaged in a pocket-size book, 3 x 4½ inches in size, the sheets are removed individually for use. The tissues will not scratch glass or plastic eyeglasses and can be used wet or dry. They are also offered for cleaning camera, microscope and other lenses.

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☛ **CHICK INCUBATOR** is fully automatic and useful for class study from elementary grades through college. The 24-egg incubator, equipped with a motor-driven egg turner and air circulating fan, requires no attendant. An adjustable thermostat maintains constant temperature and humidity control. Completely assembled, it comes ready to use. Included are a candling card, brooder equipment and operating manual.

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☛ **PORTABLE HAIR DRYER**, shown in photograph, is a professional-type dryer weighing less than eight pounds. Utilizing the conditioned-air principle, it requires no hair net or ear pads, and is safe to use for children. The adjustable hood, large enough for any hair style, raises or lowers to the desired level at the touch of a finger. The hood folds down to the base and snaps closed for storage.

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☛ **CORDLESS ELECTRIC CARVER** for formal serving as well as for cook-outs and daily use, makes carving roasts and meats quick and easy. The carver operates on two 1½-volt batteries enclosed in the handle of the knife. Provided with sharp stainless steel blades, the knife is also useful for slicing vegetables and bread. The set includes batteries and instructions.

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☛ **EXTENSION SPEAKER** makes possible console tones and volume for small transistor radios. The speaker, 12 x 5 inches and provided with a ten-foot cord, is plugged into the earphone jack of the radio and needs no additional power source or equipment. The system, also usable with tape recorders and television sets, is ideal for outdoor use.

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☛ **CONVERTIBLE COLOR FISH LURE** enables a fisherman to quickly change its color whenever he wishes and eliminates the need to buy a separate lure for each color and occasion. The body of the lure, made of transparent plastic, is hinged to open and close like a jack knife. To change colors, the lure is opened and the desired colored pattern insert slipped in. The set contains 100 inserts corrosion resistant in both fresh and salt water.

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• Doctors Are Reading •

Recovery of Fertility

► **FIVE MEN** who were sterile for more than two years as a result of a radiation accident at one of the Oak Ridge, Tenn., nuclear plants have recovered their ability to father children.

Possible effects of the radiation on future offspring cannot be predicted, however, an editorial in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 187:670, 1964, pointed out. The superficial shape of mature male sex cells studied since the men's recovery does not seem to be affected.

The men became sterile within nine months following an accident on June 16, 1958, in which eight men were injured. The five received the greatest amount of radiation—236 to 365 rads. At the time of the accident they were all married and had from one to four children each, but none has fathered a child since then.

Drs. John MacLeod, Robert S. Hotchkiss and Beecher W. Sitterson, all of New York, reported the findings in *JAMA*, 187:637, 1964.

Mental Illness Improves

Two out of three male patients with schizophrenia, the most common form of mental illness, were treated and released from Veterans Administration hospitals within nine months after admission, a three-year follow-up study of 588 veterans has shown.

The men had taken part in a three-month drug therapy study, which showed that: 22% left the hospital in six months, never

to return; almost one-third were released within four months; 66% were out of the hospital within three years; 90% left the hospital at one time or another.

This left ten percent who were therapeutic failures, four researchers reported in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*, 10:123, 1964. Drs. Lewis J. Sherman, Brockton, Mass., Edward C. Moseley, Perry Point, Md., Rosalie Ging, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Lawrence J. Bookbinder, Dearborn, Mich., reported the study.

Carrots Overrated

More than half the people in the United States have some kind of eye trouble, but eating carrots will not improve their vision.

Carrots contain vitamin A, but only a very small amount of it is needed. It is found in many of the foods we eat as well as in carrots, it was reported in *Today's Health*.

"Psychoquackery" Warning

About two-thirds of the states in this country have no laws to prevent anyone from hanging out a shingle and calling himself a psychologist, it was stated in *Today's Health*, 42:28, 1964. Nobody knows how many "psychoquacks" there are, but one study indicated that there were about 25,000 unqualified psychological practitioners in the U.S., taking in roughly \$375 million a year.

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