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⚙️ **TABLE WARMER**, to keep food hot on the dining table, is a plastic base topped with a chromed metal grate which contains a smoke-proof, smudge-proof candle that burns six hours. The base easily accommodates any dish, pan or plate normally used in the home.

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⚙️ **FLUORESCENT LAMP** with the familiar color of incandescent bulbs is designed especially for use in homes and retail stores. It is claimed to have an increased efficiency of approximately 7% over corresponding wattage of standard white fluorescent lamps.

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⚙️ **COTTON COVER** with a mop fringe at its bottom fits over the straw of any household broom and converts it into a dusting mop for walls and ceilings. The washable bag-like cover is quickly snapped in place, and can be as easily removed.

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⚙️ **TRACTION PAD**, for use in starting an automobile on ice, is a small flat paper bag of sand with a tab of sandpaper or emery cloth stitched to one end. Placed in front of the wheel with the abrasive tab as far under it as possible, it is drawn under by the rotation of the wheel and the bag of sand is broken.

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⚙️ **VACUUM CLEANER**, shown in



the picture, comes with attachments for cleaning out-of-the-way places, and also attachments to permit its use in spraying insecticides, or liquid wax on wood-work or flooring. It has no dirty bag to empty; the gatherings are just poured out of a metal dust bowl.

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⚙️ **FISH LURE**, the shape and size of a minnow, contains a tiny battery, electric motor, and water-jet propulsion which gives it relatively slow motion. Imitation frogs and ducks with the same propulsion equipment are toys for children.

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⚙️ **CRIB ATTACHMENT**, a combination toy and exerciser for the baby that is fastened from side to side of the rails, has an upright animated figure, such as a chicken, with cords attached for the youngster to grasp. By pulling a cord, the figure is turned around on a pivot.

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⚙️ **AIR CUSHION** pad for gunstocks, recently patented, fits on the butt between it and the shoulder and eases the "kick" on the body when the gun is fired. It is the shape and size of the shoulder end of the gun and is held in place by a resilient boot that fits snugly the sides of the stock.

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