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Among Ourselves

Women in the *BH&G* Tasting-Test Kitchen probably have nightmares. Think what could happen. Two million homemakers are cooking a stew. Their faith in the *BH&G* recipe is unwavering. That $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of salt seems like a lot, but in it goes. Horrors! It should have been $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon. Some such thought guided two of the girls while they studiously worked out a recipe for coffee concentrate. They had tested it, using sugar. But sugar is hard to come by. Could it be made with sirup instead?

It seemed like a simple conversion. So to save materials, the girls tried to work the equation out on paper. They wanted to keep the degree of sweetness the same, as well as the strength of the coffee and the amount of finished liquid. But even with the aid of the staff's "expert" mathematicians, the paper calculations weren't to be trusted.

They finally got the answer in the old-fashioned way—by trying it and tasting it.

Names make news, as any good city editor will tell you. There are names you know in the feature headlined "Backgrounds Off-White" (page 36).

One of the homes shown is that of June Vincent. If you're a movie fan, you've seen her on the screen. She's been out of the limelight recently—long enough to have a baby. But her newest film, a mystery named "Black Angel," is being well treated by the critics.

Another name of a "Backgrounds Off-White" homeowner, that of Billy Wilder, might not be so familiar to you. But his work is. He's a playwright, and with Charles Brackett produced scripts for such film stoppers as "The Lost Weekend" and "Double Indemnity."

Third member of the "Backgrounds Off-White" quartet is Mrs. E. T. Meredith, Sr., wife of the founder of *BH&G*. Now living quietly on a farm near Des Moines, she recalls the days when she helped mail the infant magazine, some 25 years ago.

Fourth home shown is that of Bob Sarnoff, son of General David Sarnoff, president of RCA. The Des Moines Sarnoffs bring together the accumulated charm of many places where they have lived—[Turn to page 130]

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