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Among Ourselves

THIS is Volume 26, Number 1 in *BH&G* annals . . . and quite a package to mark the occasion. New furniture that almost stands up and does tricks . . . anniversary recipes to make your mouth water . . . a model house with a million dollars worth of ideas.

• The furniture of many functions (pages 35-40) is scarcely the product of a sudden flash of inspiration. *Ethel Brostrom* of our home furnishings department began wrestling with the idea almost two years ago. Assisted by *Joe Ratner* of our research department, studious prober of human likes and dislikes . . . *Designer Ed Wormley*, a chubby genius with an artist's touch and the ingenuity of a Rube Goldberg . . . *Photographer G. Suter*, slight, blond, and Swiss-born (we never did discover what the "G" stands for) . . . and our model, *Millie Harbison*, waitress at the Morganton (North Carolina) Cafe & Grill, and a good bet for Mr. Powers when he's down that way.

• Then there's Indiana Home, 1947 (pages 49-53) . . . with a bit of sly trickery, if *Sidney J. Harris* of the *Chicago Daily News* doesn't mind. The home was really built in about two weeks, in the huge auditorium of the Indianapolis Home Show . . . but given a realistic setting thru the magic of *Photographer Ken Hedrich*. This is how the house looked three days before the show opened:



• "Sex Goes to School in Oregon" (page 41) is a sequel to our debate of a year ago, "Should Our Schools Teach Sex?" The Oregon program seemed to us to be the country's outstanding example of sex education integrated with family life and hygiene education.

• When the *Ernest Lansings* bought the house on the cover (there's a story about it on page 46), they say it was so old it looked "like something left by the ebbing tide."

• *Landscape Architect Franz Lipp* solves a site-use problem in this issue (page 56). We've heard his pet aversion is tiny trees. "No buggy whips," he advises clients. "No buggy whips." We still want to ask Franz how to plant a tree in all its adult majesty.

• To create issues like this, *BH&G* gets around. Last year the editors traveled a total of 309,875 miles.

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