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A Monthly Review of the Latest Tools and Materials for the Handyman

**FIREBIRD ELECTRIC HEATER**

THE Firebird is a new low consumption heater retailing at £3 19s. 2d. and manufactured by the Carron Company of Carron, Falkirk, Stirlingshire. The overall dimensions are 13½ in. high × 13 in. wide and the weight is 6½ lb. Heat is scientifically distributed by patent deflection. It is obtainable in "Carrontine" cream and gold colour finishes.

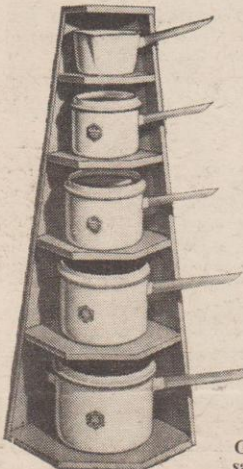
**Firecrest Rainmaker**

GARDENERS will be glad to know of a new, easy and efficient way of watering flower beds, lawns, etc. The latest type of garden hose, made of 25ft. of alkathene, sprays water left and right every 18 in. along its entire length and can water 250 sq. ft. at one time. Manufactured by Windolite Ltd., of Harlow, Essex, this lightweight hose retails at £1 15s. and is guaranteed for fifteen years.

**Saucepan Stand**

THE Green Arrow saucepan stand shown here is made of metal in a choice of white, cream, green, red or blue enamel finish. Shaped to hang or stand in a corner of the kitchen. It holds five different sized saucepans and is 35 in. high. Manufactured by Willet & Robinson Ltd., of Maidstone, Kent, price £2 0s. 6d., obtainable at or through most of the leading hardware shops and departmental stores.

Green Arrow saucepan stand.



FOLLOWING our review of their Dragonfly personal fan, Jones & Stevens Ltd., of Long Lane, Littlemore, Oxford, have manufactured a kitchen extractor fan in answer to many readers' enquiries, price £3 17s. 6d. It is easy to fit in a window or wall and quickly extracts cooking odours and stops condensation. The overall size is 8½ in. diameter and has been designed for all household A.C. mains voltages. The Minex fan is supplied complete with necessary fixing gaskets, screws, etc.

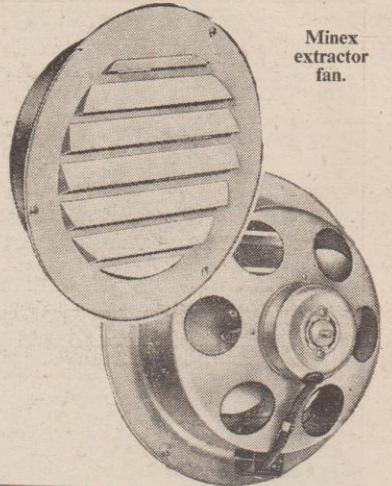
**Asbestos Partition Board**

TURNERS ASBESTOS CEMENT CO., LTD., of Trafford Park, Manchester, 17, are now marketing "Turnall" partition board which has a high asbestos content and provides an attractive combination of strength, flexibility and consequent usefulness. It is a compressed product available in a standard size of 8ft. × 4ft. with finished thickness of ½ in. and can be safely and easily curved to a radius of less than 12 in.

**Wrought Iron Ware**

THE new "Chase" range of decorative wrought iron accessories is available in cream, black and gilt finishes. Prices range from 18s. for an outside wall bracket and £1 5s. 3d. for a coat hanger to

**MINEX EXTRACTOR FAN**



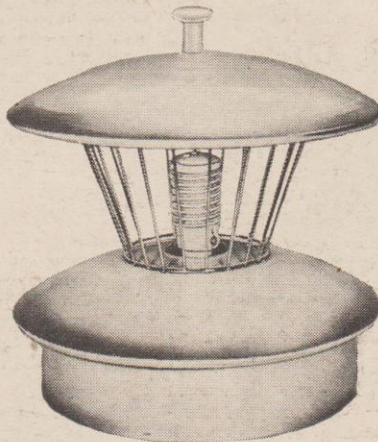
Minex extractor fan.

£5 13s. 5d. for a large six-holder plant stand. A cheaper range is also being marketed. Your local retailer can obtain full information and supplies from Athol Engineering Ltd., 445-449, Moseley Road, Birmingham, 12, the well-known spanner and tool manufacturers.

and various embroidered designs. They are obtainable from most leading London stores and throughout the country. Manufacturers are Commercial Plastics Ltd., of 1, Avery Row, Grosvenor Street, London, W.1, and prices are as follows: 45 in. × 45 in., 4s. 11d.; 54 in. × 54 in., 5s. 11d.; 72 in. × 54 in., 8s. 11d.

**Needleloom Carpet**

"PREMIER" Needleloom carpet is a new quality in the Illmond "Double Life" needleloom by E. Illingworth & Co. (Bradford) Ltd., Bradford, Yorks, which contains a blended proportion of hardwearing fibres made by new techniques and machinery. It is available in peacock blue, cossack green, chestnut, oatmeal, cherry, mistletoe, French grey, blossom, royal blue and maroon and produced in three widths, 36 in., 54 in., and 108 in. and also as seamless squares in a number of different sizes. The approximate retail price is £1 13s. 6d. per yard 54 in. wide. This material can be cut quite easily with a pair of shears and no sewing, seaming or binding of any kind is necessary. The rubber backing, too, makes it both moth and damp proof, and an underlay is not entirely essential. There is also an Illmond "Double Life" needleloom at a lower price with a hair and wool content. This is available in 36 in., 54 in. and 108 in. widths.



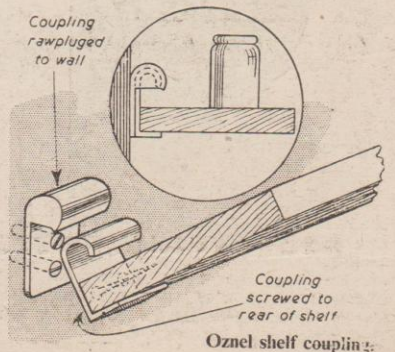
Firebird electric heater.

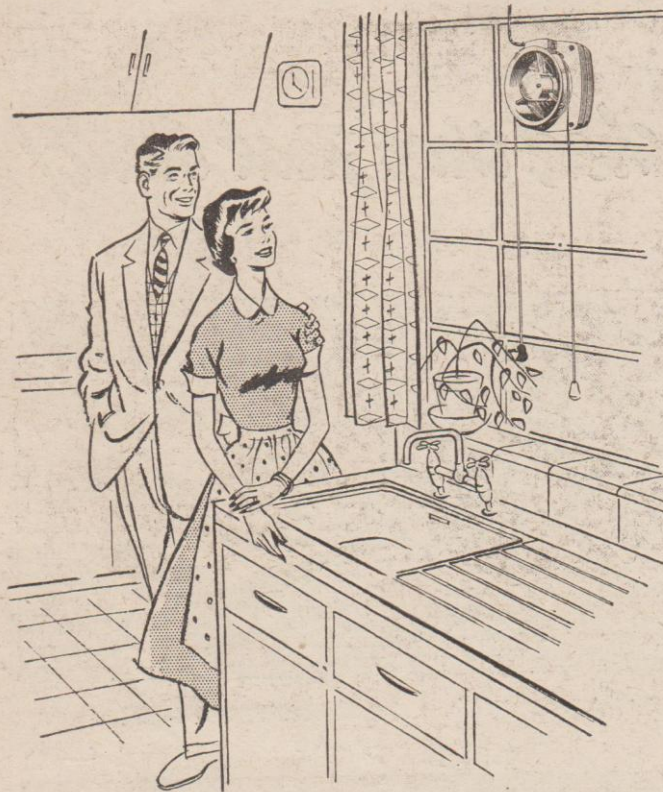
**Polythene Table Cloths**

"FABRILON" polythene table cloths are being marketed in six colours, white, champagne, green, blue, pink and yellow,

**OZNEL SHELF COUPLING**

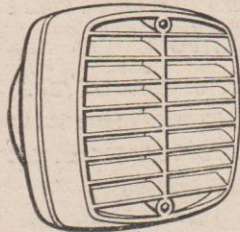
A SIMPLE method of supporting shelves and pelmets with the minimum of trouble has been evolved by Oznel Couplings Ltd., of 65, High Street, Sutton, Surrey. Our illustration shows how this gadget works. Part A is screwed to the wall, part B to the shelf. Slide part B into part A and the couplings interlock. To unlock, lift the shelf upwards. The actual size is 1 15/16 in. high, 1 ¼ in. wide. The arc is 15/16 in. in diameter and they are designed to take ¼ in. to 1 in. thickness of wood. Designed for shelves up to 6 ¼ in. wide, and bearing weight up to 26-30 lb., price 3s. 9d. for one set of couplings.





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cuts decorating costs  
*besides keeping the kitchen fresh*

With an Xpelair in the kitchen you have less condensation . . . far less damage to paintwork through walls running wet. The Xpelair whisks away steamy heat before it condenses. It removes cooking smells, gives quick relief from tiresome heat. Its shutter seals out draught when the fan is switched off. Neat, too! The Xpelair has a new style outlet grille, unobtrusive, neat, pleasing.



*Prices with shutter from £11.3.0;  
without shutter from £8.0.0.  
See the Xpelair at all good  
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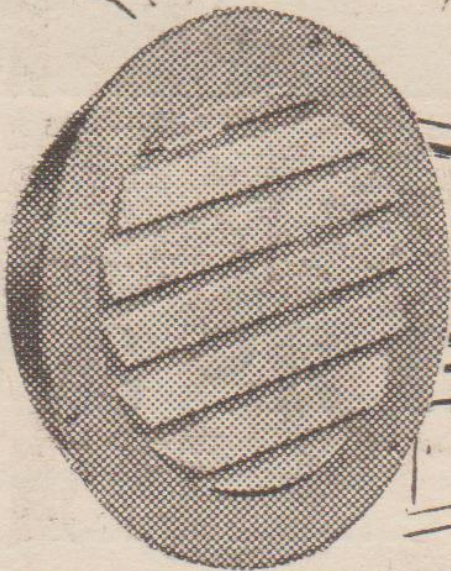
**XPELAIR**  
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**Here's an Extractor Fan  
that's easy to fit!**

The Minex Extractor Fan is ideal for the handyman. It fits to fit in window or wall, consumes only 30 watts, costs 77/6. It silently and swiftly extracts cooking odours, stops condensation, ensures clean, fresh air.



- Sealed oil impregnated bearings — no maintenance required.
- For all household A.C. Mains voltages.
- Overall size 12" diameter.
- Supplied with necessary fixing gaskets, screws etc.

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