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Chatting ...

with M. H. B.

IF I COULD MAKE my coldbelogged brain work a little better this week-end, I'd be worrying. For this week-end is the one time Christmas does not look attractive. It is the time when I finally assemble my shopping list and things to buy and do for family and household before the big day arrives. And it looks formidable. With luck this time next week my spirits will be lighter. For by then I hope I'll have a goodly number of items crossed off the list . As with everything else, the worrying is far worse than the actual doing .

No one will deny, however, this is a particularly busy time for housewives, for the home is the focal point of the Christmas festivities It's always interesting to hear women discussing housework and not a few of them admit there are easier, more stimulating careers . . .

■ I READ AN ARTICLE the other day by Dr. Jenny I. Rowntree, in which she discussed how the correct mental approach to housework might help many women to get more enjoyment from their careers as

homemakers

. . It seemed to her that the more highly educated women particularly, found housework boring, a feeling of frustration made it even more like drudgery To offset this, and to impress on girls while they were still in school, the highly important work a housewife does, while seemingly not accomplishing anything really worthwhile, girls should be taught that "housework is love made visible" . . .

I THINK, HOWEVER, the men are making terrific efforts to take the drudgery out of house work, if the "kitchen of tomorrow" displayed at the Motor Show in the Coliseum a couple of weeks ago is any indication of what the future holds

for the homemaker. They have in-

vented automatic gadgets beyond

your wildest dreams This kitchen and dining room with all the new ideas, were actually displayed, with a beautiful blonde demonstrating how all the gadgets worked - mostly by pushbuttons I'll tell you about a couple of new fan-

dangles that caught my fancy. To tell

of them all would more than fill a col-

ONE OF THE MOST revolutionary was the "hands free" telephone which will record a message when the homemaker is not at home. It also had a built-in microphone amplifier and speaker to let her answer it with the wave of a hand and carry on a conversation while anywhere in the room. I heard afterwards that this type of phone is already in use in the Staces, and in this particular instance it was being

absent Also to divert our homemaker of the future was a special TV picture tube on the kitchen desk which received normal TV programs, or just imagine . . a picture of her children at play. This was accomplished by switching on a supervisory TV

used in a doctor's office while he was

. . . The refrigerator didn't look like a frig at all It took up one wall, and looked just like long shelves in a cupboard. It had everything, drink coolers and dispensers, controlled hu-

midity, frozen food section, etc As for the stove -- you had a hard time finding it, at a glance. Because the elements all "flip" to form either a griddle or flat work surface when not in use. The rotisserie oven was hydraulically operated, up and

. And no more smudgy recipe books, girls. For in the midst of a completely equipped mixing centre they've installed an electrically controlled recipe viewer. The lighted recipe section rises up on an angle from the surface of the cabinet so that it may be easily viewed without straining the eyes. And eyes are about all you could strain in that kitchen . . . just looking for all those push but-

I COULDN'T BELIEVE my cycs, the other day when I came out of a downtown store and saw to my horror, a good sized collie dog come hurtling down off the flat roof. narrowly miss a woman walking by,

and land on the sidewalk curb . . . After its first yelp of pain, the dog didn't move or utter a sound for a few minutes, while a small knot of spectators gathere around. He was able to hold up his head, however, Everybody felt sort of helpless for a few minutes, but just as someone had decided to go to the municipal office for the police, the dog got_slowly to his feet and walked away, limping just a little. One of the spectators recognized him and said he was heading the direction of home, so I hope he reached there safely . . .

AS YOU CAN SEE, the police are called in on many and varied situations. And in the course of duties carried out, they receive plenty of brickbats, as well-as bouquets. Apparently nobody likes to be fined for a traffic violation. even if they know it is deserved, so it was the first time in history, I'll wager, the police have every received

a "bouquet" for handing out a fine. . The bouquet came in the form of of a thank you letter from a Preston man who was fined for speeding while travelling thru town on his way to fill a speaking engagement at the The that can't be beat YMCA camp at Norval. It think it's worth recording, and reads as follows:

Dear Sirs:

\$5.00 to pay the fine for the offence. I am charged with, which was speed-

wish to say that the charge was correct. I was driving along at about 40 miles per hour at that partieular spot

I also wish to apologize to the town for breaking the local regulations, but it was done without Intent. Your town has expanded so much lately that one thinks they are still on the highway when they are within town limits. I was due to address a Young Peo-

camp at the time and no doubt had other matters on my mind. Please accept my explanation and apology. as I do not wish to appear to be thoughtless in my driving habits.

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She was a member of the Eastern

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