

CREATE CRISP CRUST WITH OVEN ATOMIZER

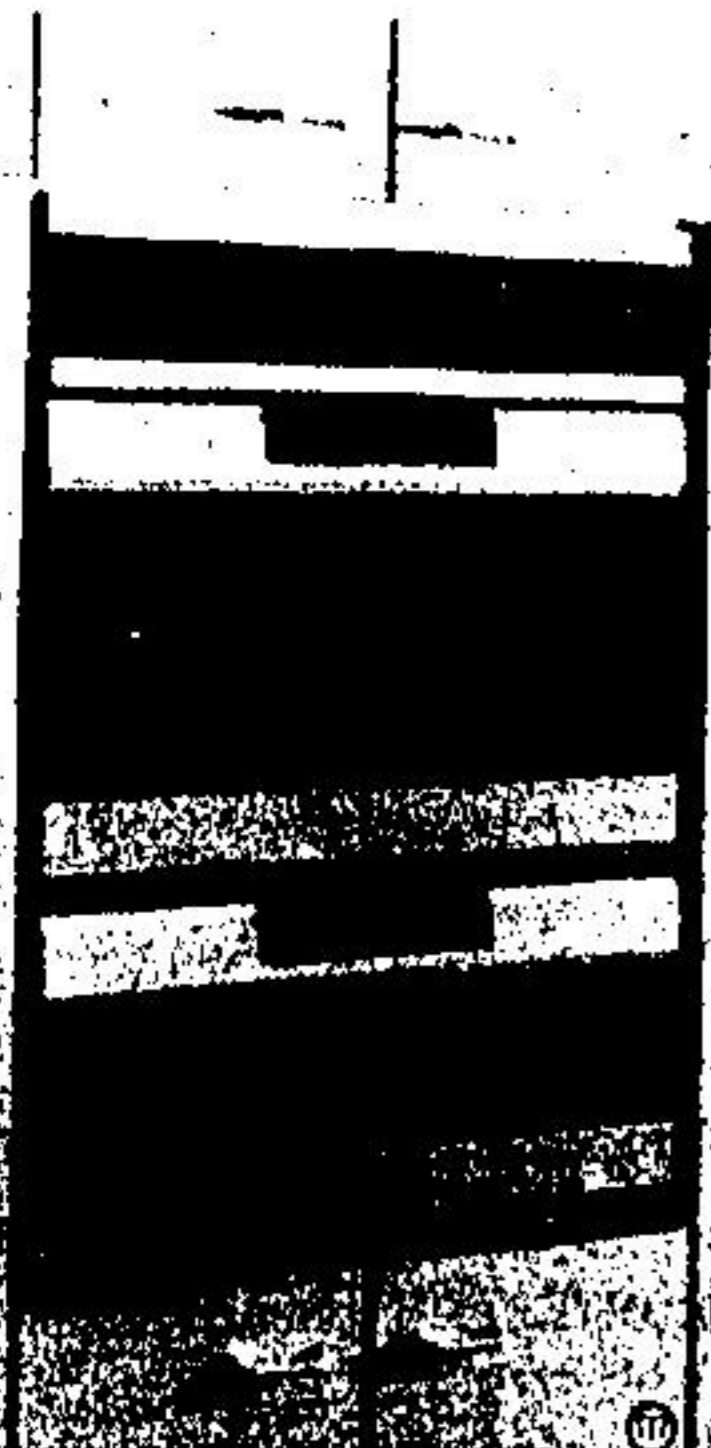
An atomizer that injects steam into the oven cavity is included in the new Euroflair™ wall-mounted double oven from Frigidaire.

The atomizer creates a crispy crust on breads, providing an authentic touch to homemade French loaves.

Added features

Produced in Switzerland, the double wall oven also features a meat probe with Fahrenheit temperature scale, an upper convection oven and a lower conventional oven, and catalytic cleaning.

A seven-position control lets cooks select precise baking, grilling or convection settings.



BAKE WITH EUROPEAN FLAIR—The Euroflair™ double wall oven. Imported from Switzerland by Frigidaire, features conventional and convection ovens, a meat probe and an atomizer to add crispness to freshly baked breads.

It takes a lot of brass to break tradition

Close your eyes and picture a brass bed. For most people, a rich series of images emerges: The old four-poster from grandmother's house; a bed remembered from a beloved children's book; or the prized centerpiece in the recreated nostalgia of a Victorian bedroom.

The brass bed, because of its strong appeal, is considered to be a "classic" in home furnishings.

But a nostalgic look is only one of many that brass beds are taking these days. Today, this versatile, centuries-old metal is being crafted with contemporary artistry into high-style beds, daybeds, canopy beds and four-posters — all as practical as they are good looking.

According to Martha Ward, a design coordinator for brass bed manufacturer, Dresher, Inc., "This 'new generation' of brass beds complement a wide range of decorating schemes — looking more like a piece of sculptured artwork than a bed.

"The traditional 'spindle-and-scroll' brass beds, though still popular, are now making room for more streamlined designs with an artistic interpretation."

And these bedroom "artwares" come in a variety of styles, from cleanly contemporary to shapely neo-classic. For example, La Scala is designed with a sweeping contemporary Art Nouveau look that features curving brass rails embellished with unique "grapevine" detailing.

Other designs are distinctively Art Deco-influenced, while still others have chiseled "Picasso" corners and architectural detailing that seem to represent the Cubist movement.

But there's more to the new-look brass beds than meets the eye. Look for con-



SLEEKLY CURVING BRASS, protected forever from tarnish with a baked-on finish, La Scala is one of Dresher's "new generation" contemporary brass bed designs.

temporary designs featuring a baked-on, easy-care protective finish that bans tarnish forever and eliminates the need for any polishing.

"Museum-quality brass beds can now stay in 'Louvre' condition without both-

ersome maintenance," said Ward.

Now, close your eyes again and picture a different kind of brass bed — one made for people who want the beauty of brass without the upkeep — crafted to match today's streamlined lifestyles.

AUTOMATIC BATH LETS USER RELAX

According to the National Kitchen & Bath Association, "coming clean" should soon be easier than ever as the bath moves towards automation.

"Remote control and timing devices have simplified every other aspect of our lives," said Francis Jones, CKD, Executive Director of the National Kitchen & Bath Association at the recent Kitchen & Bath Symposium in New York.

"It's inevitable that automation will find its niche in the bath, as well," he said.

Technological advances in the bath were the topics discussed at the Symposium. According to presenter Gretchen Edwards, CKD, automatic tubs that can be pre-set to fill at a precise time, temperature and depth are now available.

Imagine coming home after a grueling day at work to a warm whirlpool bath. "It's instant heaven," Edwards assures.

If you're the type that always likes to be in control, there's a tub that can accommodate you. The Womb tub contains a stereo and a computer from which you can operate your entire household, from answering the doorbell to programming your TV or stereo.

Another company manufactures a tub that solves the age-old problem of scouring. The solution: The tub cleans itself.

Even such factors as determining the proper mix of hot and cold water is now automated. Faucets with digital temperature read-outs are now available — contributing to bathing safety as well as convenience.

Too tired to do any scrubbing? There's a shower that does the work for you. Water-powered brushes move up and down the user's body to get at those hard-to-reach places.

Automation is not restricted to tubs and showers. Now available is a new lift-sink that can be raised and lowered to meet the height and needs of the user, from shaving faces (full height) to shaving legs (a little lower).

The manufacturer notes the sink is especially good for families with small children and for the handicapped.

Today's bath is a haven from the outside world and a soothing retreat. As automation makes its mark, there's little more to do than sit back...and relax.

European design inspires remodeling

Remodeling has taken on a new image as families find themselves spending more time at home. The kitchen has taken the forefront as the prime territory for expressing our personal style and flair.

Recently, Americans have begun borrowing from the European kitchen design tradition to produce kitchens that are stylish and very functional.

Sleek appliances with a built-in look are becoming more popular. Frameless laminated cabinetry, which offers both

clean lines and more functional space, provides a new design medium for illustrating personality through classic combinations of color and pattern.

Several respected manufacturers have responded to this trend in cabinet design by developing ColorVantage™, a program which offers quality cabinetmakers throughout the country a selection of laminates in 12 colors and patterns by WILSONART™, coordinated with PVC edgebanding from CANPLAST and hardware by Julius Blum.

According to David Hundley, marketing manager, decorative laminates, for WILSONART, "ColorVantage was developed to offer homeowners the opportunity to incorporate quality European styling in their homes, at a price that affordable to most remodeling budgets."

Interior designers who specialize in residential interiors believe that Americans are steering away from faddish design, and toward homes — including kitchens — that reflect a personal sense of style.

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