

# HOME & GARDEN

## Proper maintenance keeps no-wax floors shining

Installing a new floor is a major investment, so it pays to take good care of it from the day it's installed.

Armstrong makes it easy for the consumer by providing detailed information on cleaning and protecting your new floor, as well as a toll-free hotline should there be questions.

Although each different quality and style of flooring requires specific care, there are certain common sense rules that apply for all vinyl or urethane floors. The following are courtesy of Armstrong and Patti-Lynn Interiors:

✓ Regularly sweep, damp mop or vacuum (without the beater bar) to keep loose dirt which can cause scratches in the finish.

✓ Occasionally wash with Armstrong Once 'n Done No-Rinse Floor Cleaner. For very dirty floors use Armstrong New Beginning Extra-Strength Cleaner. Both products are available where Armstrong flooring is sold. Do not use soap-based detergents, abrasive cleansers or "mop and shine" products which may leave a dull film on the floor.

✓ To remove black heel marks, rub the area with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol) on a clean, white cloth.

✓ To remove crayons and lipstick,

rub the stain with mineral spirits or turpentine on a clean, white cloth. Do not walk on the area for at least 30 minutes. Rub the area with rubbing alcohol on a clean, white cloth and follow with Once 'n Done No-Rinse Cleaner.

✓ When moving appliances and furniture, lay a plywood panel on floor and "walk" the appliance across it.

✓ Use floor protectors on furniture to reduce indentations. Rolling casters can damage the surface of your floor and are not recommended. If you must use them, the double wheel

types are the best option.

✓ Place rugs and mats near doorways to prevent staining from carpet dyes which can permanently stain urethane and vinyl no-wax floors. Do not use mats or rugs with a rubber or

latex backing since some backing also causes discoloration.

✓ Avoid wearing spike heels on your floors. A 125-lb. woman standing in 1/4" diameter heels exerts 2,000 lb per square inch of pressure.

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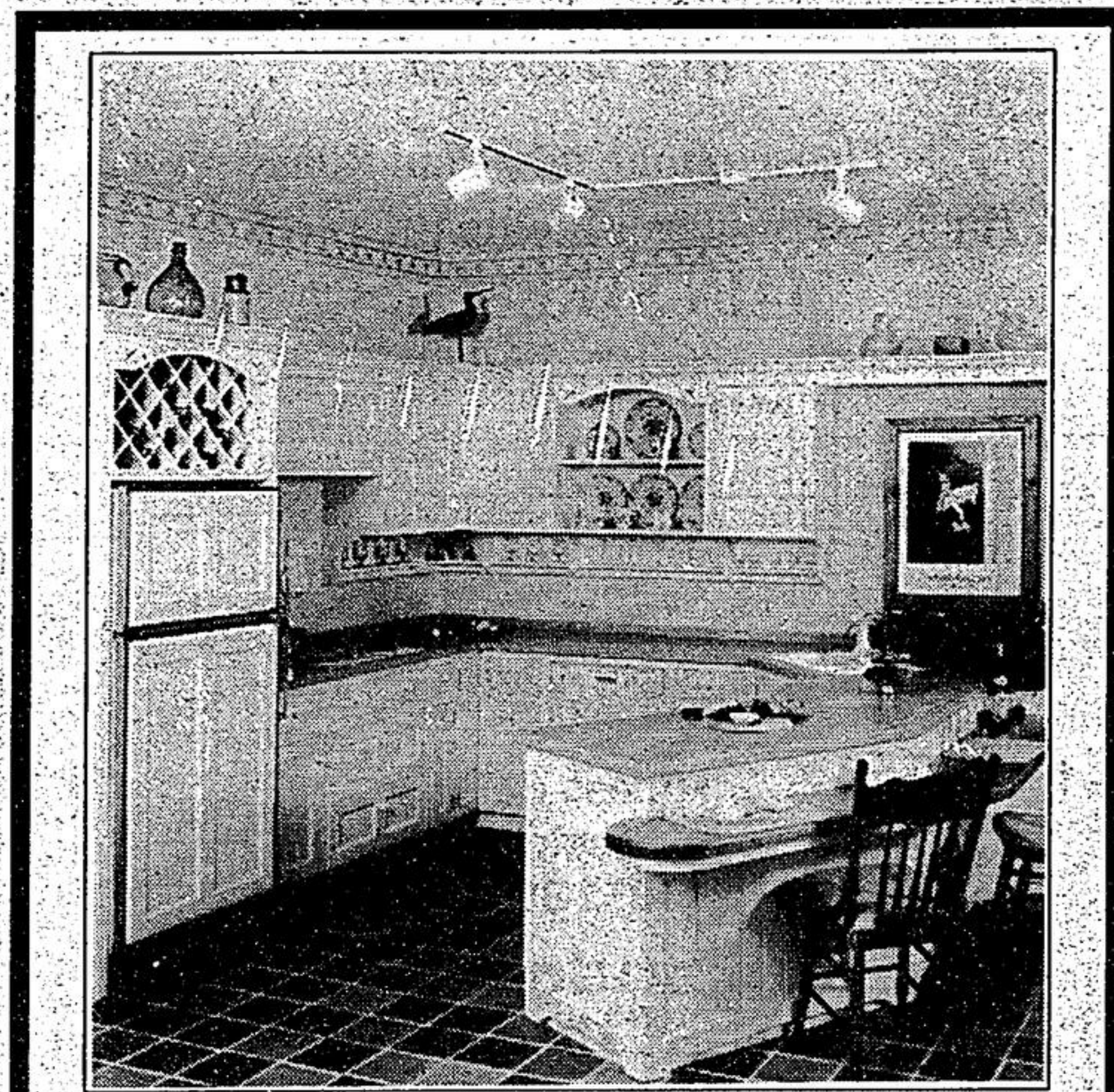
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