

ONE of the older conflicts still raging intermittently in this department concerns the vital problem of Icicles in the North. Here is one more installment; from its authoritative tone it may very well be the conclusion. We wouldn't know.

**JAMES L. FORSYTH**

This is the first time I ever wrote to a magazine and it will probably be the last time, but a letter in your March 23rd issue got my goat.

One expert (?) from Los Angeles, California, says there are no icicles in the North. With all due respect for Mr. Batchelor, I would as soon say there are no oranges in California. In other words, he is all wet. If Alaska and the Yukon were night-bound all the year around, his argument might be so. But . . .

In the first place, the Arctic is like all the rest of the world; there are four seasons. The

snow and ice don't suddenly start to melt and continue to melt until gone, nor does it suddenly freeze up in the fall and remain frozen until the next spring. Also in the depths of winter there are thaws.

The cabins of the North must be kept warm, and as the roof is generally covered with snow in the winter months, the heat from the cabin fire will often melt the snow coating. The water runs to the eaves and freezes there, forming—what else can you call 'em?

Also I would like to point out that there is no place on the North American continent where there is a six-month season of night. There are very few places habitated by men where the sun does not appear every day unless hidden behind clouds.

The No-Shirt yarns are fine. Though a bit burlesqued, they are reasonably true to life, and we enjoy 'em up here.

I don't expect I'll ever see this in print as I only picked up the March copy by accident. Boomers don't subscribe to magazines for obvious reasons.

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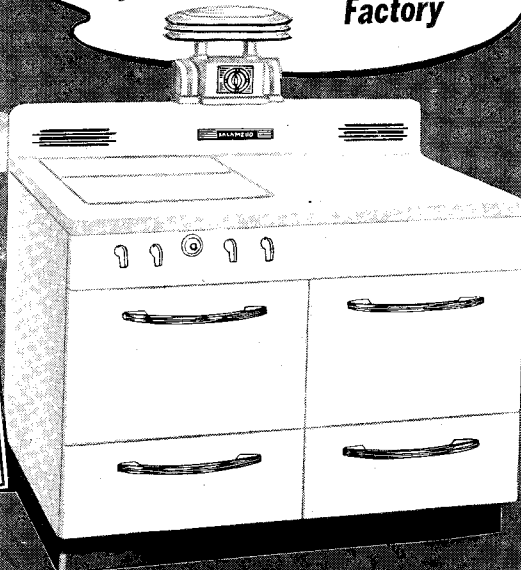
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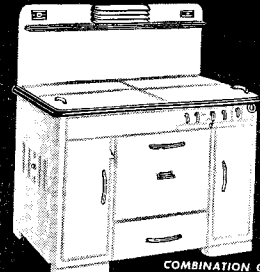
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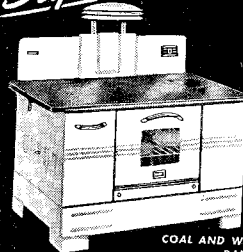
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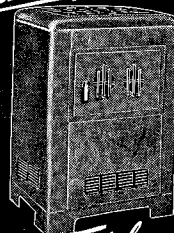
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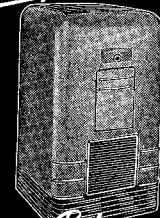
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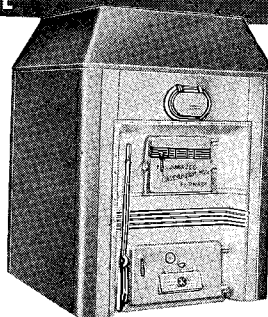


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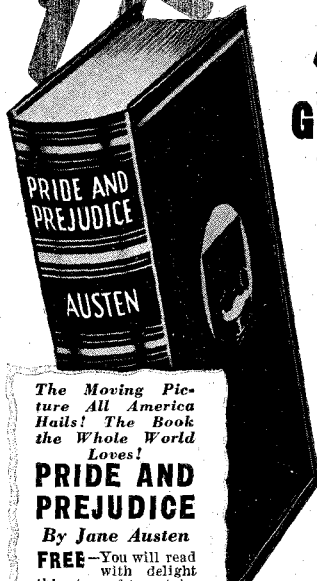
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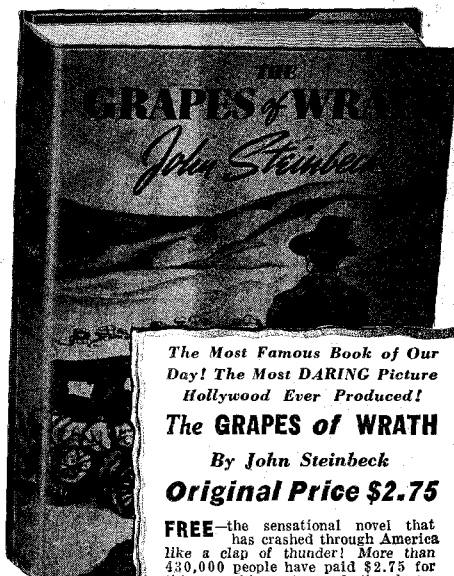
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