

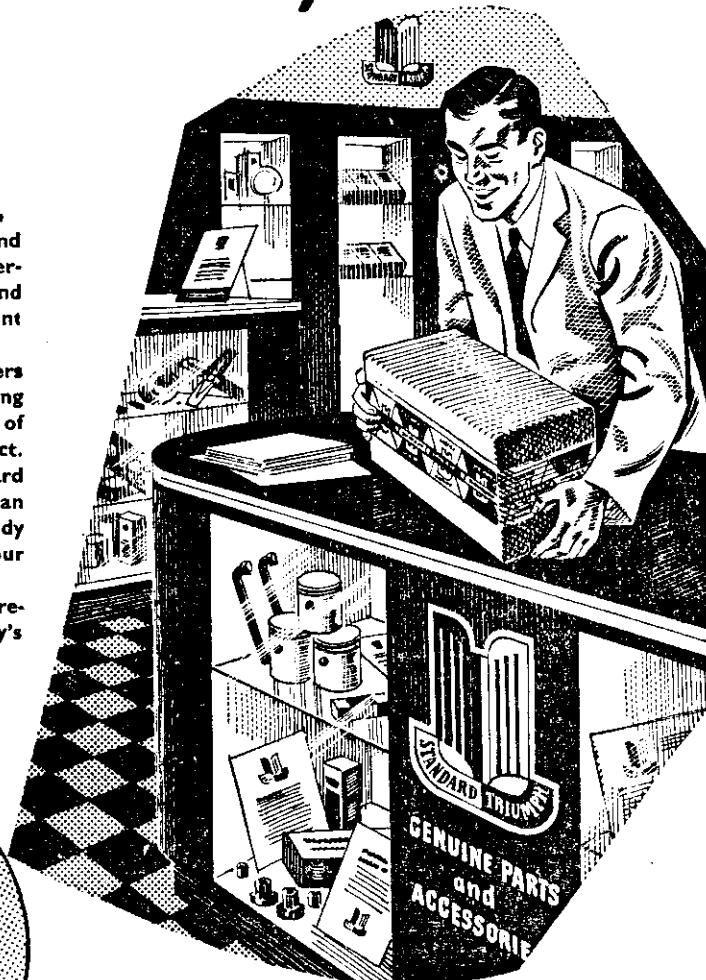
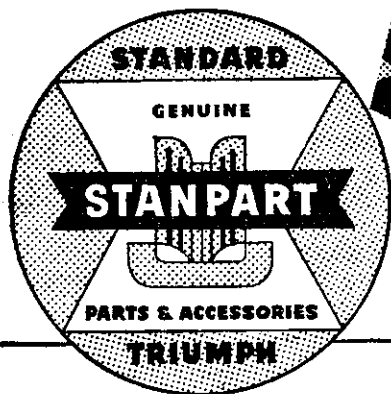
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BOOKS

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Army." He was rejected, however, for service in World War I, but in France's desperate need of man power was re-boarded about once a month. It happened through a clerical error that he was ordered one day to report at Les Invalides at 3.30 a.m. He obeyed. It occasioned him little surprise; indeed, he found it somewhat appropriate. He died in 1922.

—F. J. Foot

COOKING FOR THE FAMILY

TIME-SAVING COOKING, by Helen Cox; Odhams Press, through Whitcombe and Tombs. N.Z. price 8/6.

"FOUR hundred and forty streamlined recipes," warbles the blurb, which goes on to say how much time their use will save the business girl or housewife. Nonsense, Helen Cox! Every domestic cook, masculine and feminine, has long ago had to discover for himself or herself the inevitable compromises between the conflicting demands of clock and belly. The real future of time-saving in the kitchen lies in the factory-preparation of pre-prepared, pre-cooked dishes.

What Helen Cox has done in this book is to assemble the simplest and easiest of conventional dishes and to detail their preparation and cooking in clear, accurate terms. She has literally nothing to propound that any reasonably good amateur cook doesn't already know. And, I was surprised to find, she mentions only the start-with-a-hot-oven method of roasting a joint—surely, on all counts, the least satisfactory of the four available methods? As an outstanding time-saver (in certain circumstances) the ultra-slow method should have had a mention.

The book has its merits. It is a cheap, simple and reasonably comprehensive guide to good conventional family cooking, and it is happily free of the coy-and-playful or pompous-and-literary affectations that are commonly allowed to over-season books of this kind.

—G. C. A. Wall

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CHEMICALS, HUMUS AND THE SOIL, by Donald P. Hopkins; Faber and Faber, English price 25/-. An up-to-date revision of a book first published in 1945, presenting for the layman facts and opinions about fertilisers, manures and soil fertility.

DO-IT-YOURSELF DECORATING, by W. P. Matthew and F. J. Christopher; Max Parrish, English price 9/6. A valuable little book for the handyman who likes to do his own interior or exterior decoration. The text is straightforward and the illustrations should be helpful.

RECENT Penguins include *Spotlight on Asia* (Penguin Books, N.Z. price 3/3), in which Guy Wint, a *Manchester Guardian* leader writer, sets the scene in Asia today and explains its background. *Elephant Bill*, by J. H. Williams (N.Z. price 4/6), is a new, illustrated edition of a popular book by a man who has always "got on well" with animals and spent more than 20 years working with elephants.

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