

## Carpets That Change Color Are Made Possible With New Plastic Cloth

Living room carpets that change color may soon be decorating the home of the future.

Such carpets are just one of the many uses to which a new plastic fabric called *glame* can be put according to Maurice Bruie, young textile designer who invented it. When colored lights are played on *glame* it picks up and reflects whatever color is thrown at it. For that reason it has just been made into a story stage curtain for the Radio City Music Hall in New York, and it is so adaptable that it can be turned into handbags, hats, upholstery, curtains and a wide variety of other colorful decorator's items.

Made of regenerate cellulose, the material is a shimmering transparent cloth so light that a square yard of it weighs only a ounce. In spite of its light weight, however, this new fabric of the future is extremely tough, durable and abrasion-resistant. It does not stain and can be cleaned quickly by wiping it with a damp cloth. Mr. Bruie can turn it out in 26 different weights, in a wide variety of colors, and in striped and plaid patterns.

To perfect *glame* Mr. Bruie

worked for seven years and developed special looms for his plant in Central Falls, Rhode Island. In weaving the material he uses a warp that has a single ply of a very delicate nature, and in that way secures a light cloth that drapes well. In addition, he brings the warp through the loom in a flat position, which preserves the transparency of the regenerate cellulose and gives the finished fabric a crepe appearance and heightened surface interest.

When colored lights are played upon the music hall curtain it reflects their various colors. When white lights it can be made completely transparent, or turned into a sort, guttering silky white surface. The present curtain contains over 2500 square yards of *glame*. All seams are invisible and are hand sewn with plastic thread and then sealed by rubbing a jet over them.

At the present time Mr. Bruie can turn out only limited quantities of his new fabric, and most of that is already slated to go into curtains for other theatres throughout the country and for Hollywood sound stages.

In the early days of World War I, airplane pilots of enemy countries threw bricks at one another, hoping to hit the propeller of the other's plane. Some planes were actually brought down this way.

The last Indian scouting party from Fort D. A. Russell, now Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., ended in October, 1895.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

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### Quiz Corner

JOSEPH VISSARIONOVICH DUGASHVILI IS THE REAL NAME OF WHAT WELL-KNOWN WORLD FIGURE?



ANSWER: Joseph Stalin.

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NEXT: What is a hippogriff?

## Religious Leaders Issue Statement About Migrants

New York, N. Y., Dec. 12 — Adequate legal protection under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the Social Security Act for the agricultural migrant is urged in a statement on "the spiritual and material welfare of migratory workers engaged in commercial agriculture" issued by representatives of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious organizations.

Pointing out that agricultural workers do not have protection for minimum wages, workmen's compensation, old-age and survivors insurance and unemployment compensation, as do workers in industry, the religious leaders state that "inadequate labor standards are the chief obstacle to securing a labor supply in commercial agriculture."

"Migrant workers are the most depressed labor group in the United States," continues the statement of the religious leaders. "There is a lack of decent housing for most of the workers employed in commercial agriculture. In many areas there is still an absence of health and educational facilities. Farm groups tell us about high hourly rates of pay here and there, but more important that the high hourly and daily rates of pay is continuity of employment."

Concern about the problems arising from the importing of large numbers of farm workers from Mexico, Jamaica and the Bahamas was expressed by the religious leaders in pointing out that (1) "in most sections of the country there have been serious complaints about contract violations," (2) "conditions under which many imported workers are compelled to live and work are unspeakably bad," and (3) "serious difficulties also have arisen in regard to wages and inadequate medical care."

Praise is given in the statement for the "demonstration in better housing" for migrant labor in the camps originally set up by the Farm Security Administration and now operated by the Labor Division of the Department of Agriculture.

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## Jap Farmers Seek To Pay in Cash

TOKYO—(U.P.)—Agriculture experts believe Japanese farmers would be inclined to exert more effort toward increased food production if the present government plan to change rent payment from kind to cash is put into effect.

Under the present system, farmers have little chance to get cash, and qualified observers believe the proposed new system would be an incentive to them.

Authorities of the Agriculture Forestry Ministry are now rushing preparations on a bill which would result in a drastic revision of the existing tenant-farming system of this country which still retains many remains of feudalism and prevents healthy development of agriculture.

At the present time farm rents in Japan are among the highest—if not the highest—in the world. They run 49 per cent on rice fields where two crops may be produced during a year and 45 per cent on once-a-year fields. Japanese agricultural experts contrast this figure with the rents in other agricultural countries which they say are from 10 to 20 per cent.

The proposed bill would permit

tenant farmers to pay their rent in cash and would permit them to sell their rice directly to the government, thus getting more money than they can now.

The question of payment of farm rents by cash was discussed once by former Agriculture and Forestry Minister Tadastu Ishiguro under the Suzuki Cabinet. However, nothing materialized at that time because of the objections of Genki Abe who was Home Minister then, Japanese sources said.

Agricultural leaders say Kanze Matsumura, the present Agriculture and Forestry Minister, appears to have resolved to settle definitely this issue. He has selected Hiroo Wada, who has been regarded as a "Red" official and who was detained by the police during the war, to carry out various drastic revisions in Japan's agricultural administration.

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