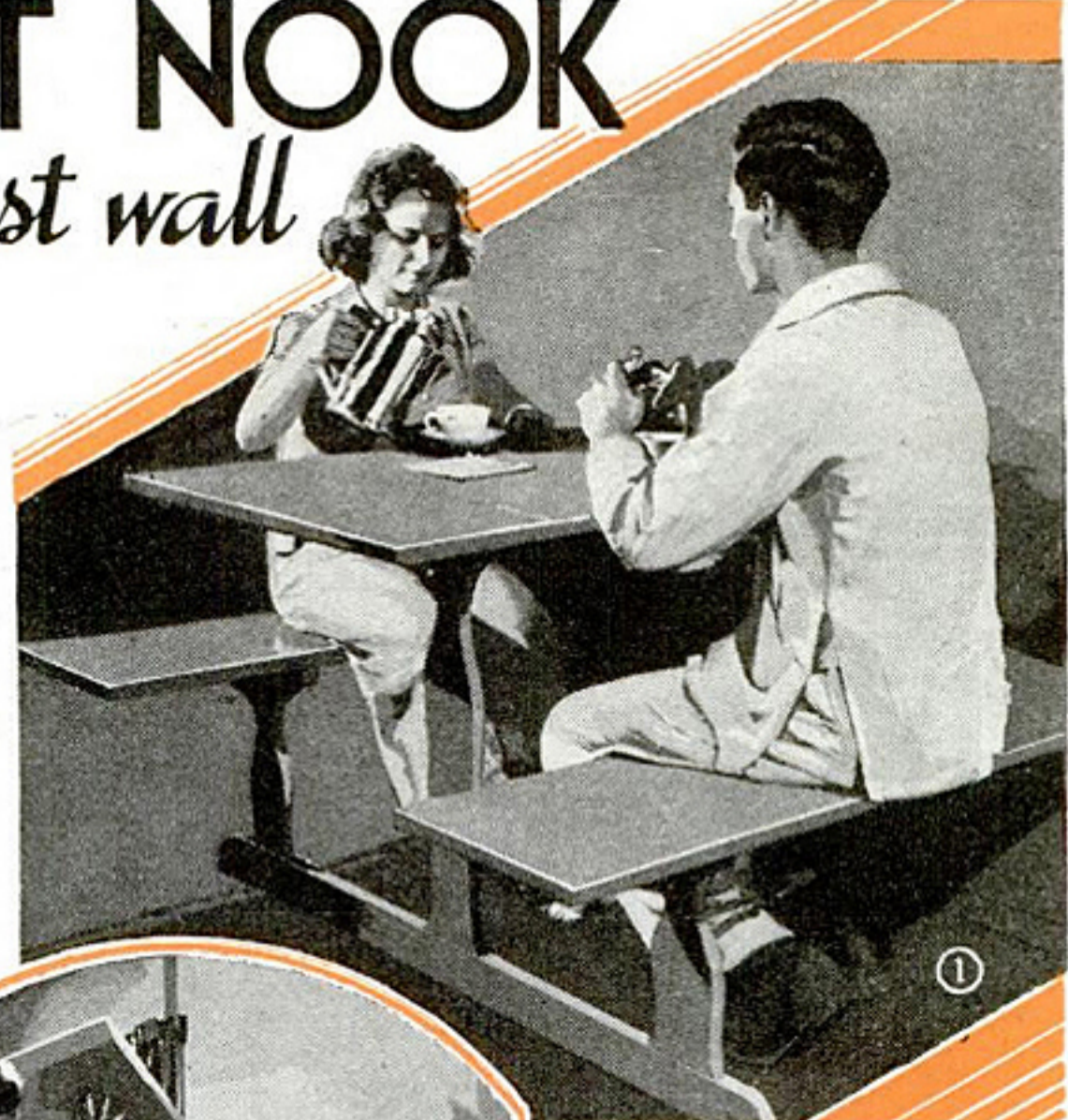


BREAKFAST NOOK

folds flat against wall

FROM its appearance when folded, one would never suspect that the compact unit shown in Fig. 3 could be lowered to make the sturdy breakfast nook shown in Figs. 1 and 2. It is just the thing for the small home or apartment, and it can be made inexpensively with hand tools. Fig. 7 shows clearly how the various parts are hinged together to fold properly. Corrugated fasteners are used in assembling the three rectangular frames which support the rear ends of the seats, and the table. These are made double from $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stock as in Fig. 6, although, if you wish, the open center frame can be assembled from $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. stock. The combined height of the front legs and rails must equal the height of the rear frames to assure the seats and table being level when lowered. The legs, patterns of which are given in Fig. 5, are cut of $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stock, Fig. 4. The circular detail of Fig. 6 shows how they are fastened with dowels to the crosspieces at top and bottom.

Plywood is excellent for the seats and table as it saves considerable work otherwise necessary in gluing up separate pieces. Begin hinging the parts flat on the floor, arranging them in the position shown in Fig. 7. Twenty 2-in. butt hinges are required. First join the two side frames to the center one, then hinge the top and seats, leaving about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. clearance between the panels. The front-leg assembly is attached $13\frac{1}{2}$ in. down from the top.

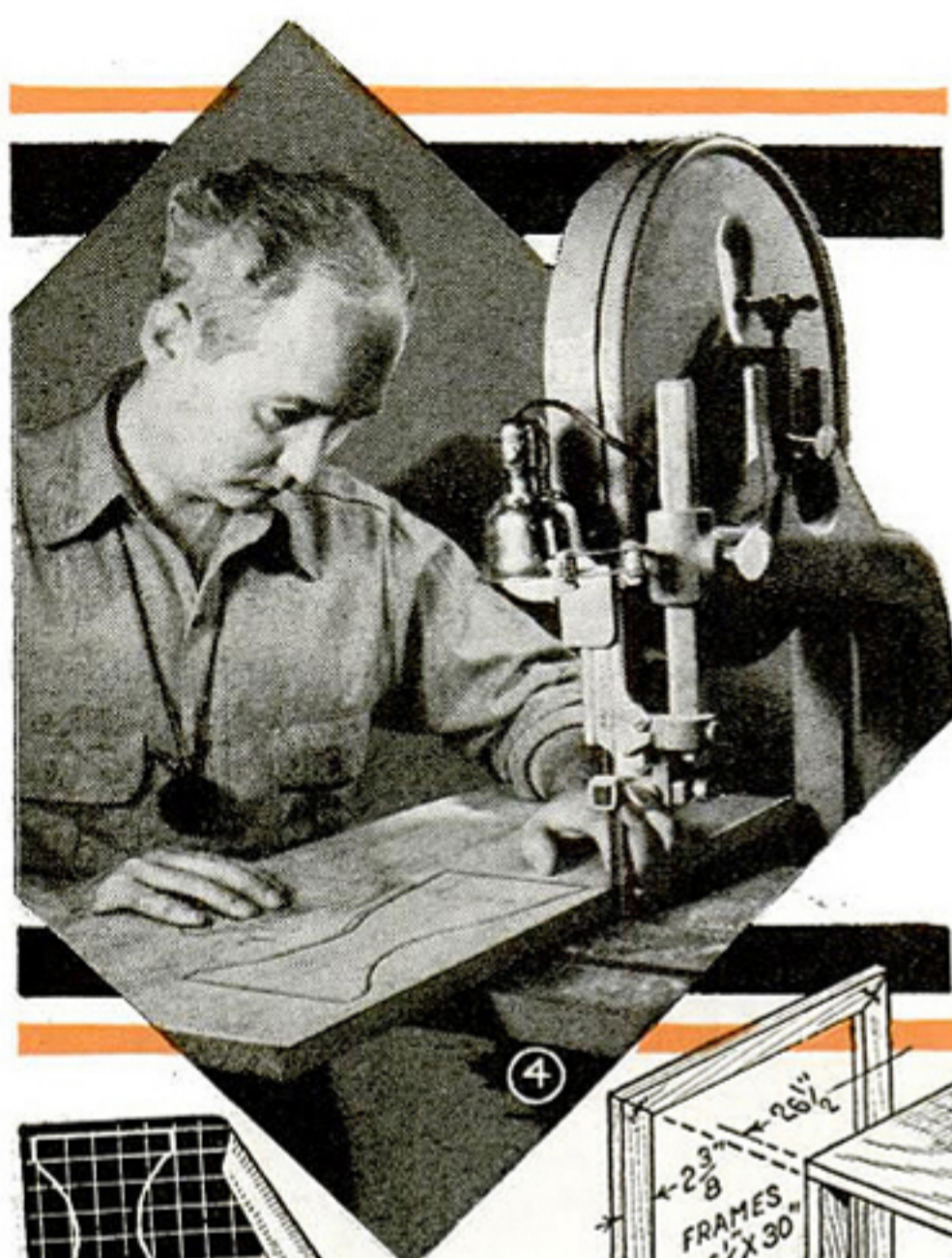


Simple, yet sturdy, this folding unit is ideal for the small home or apartment

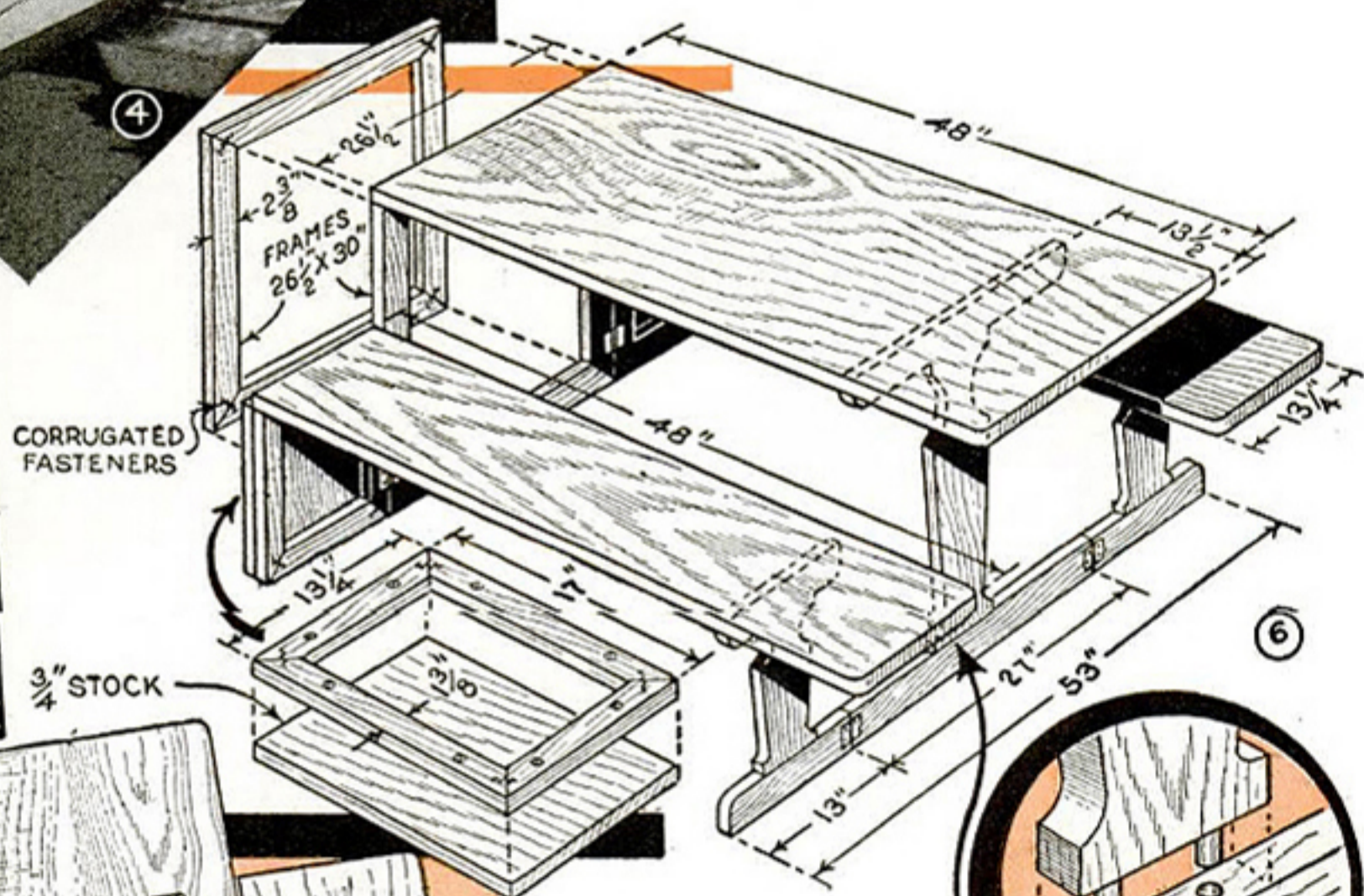
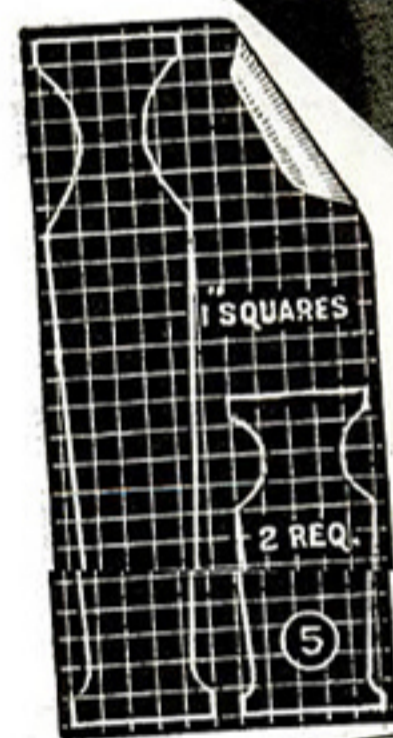


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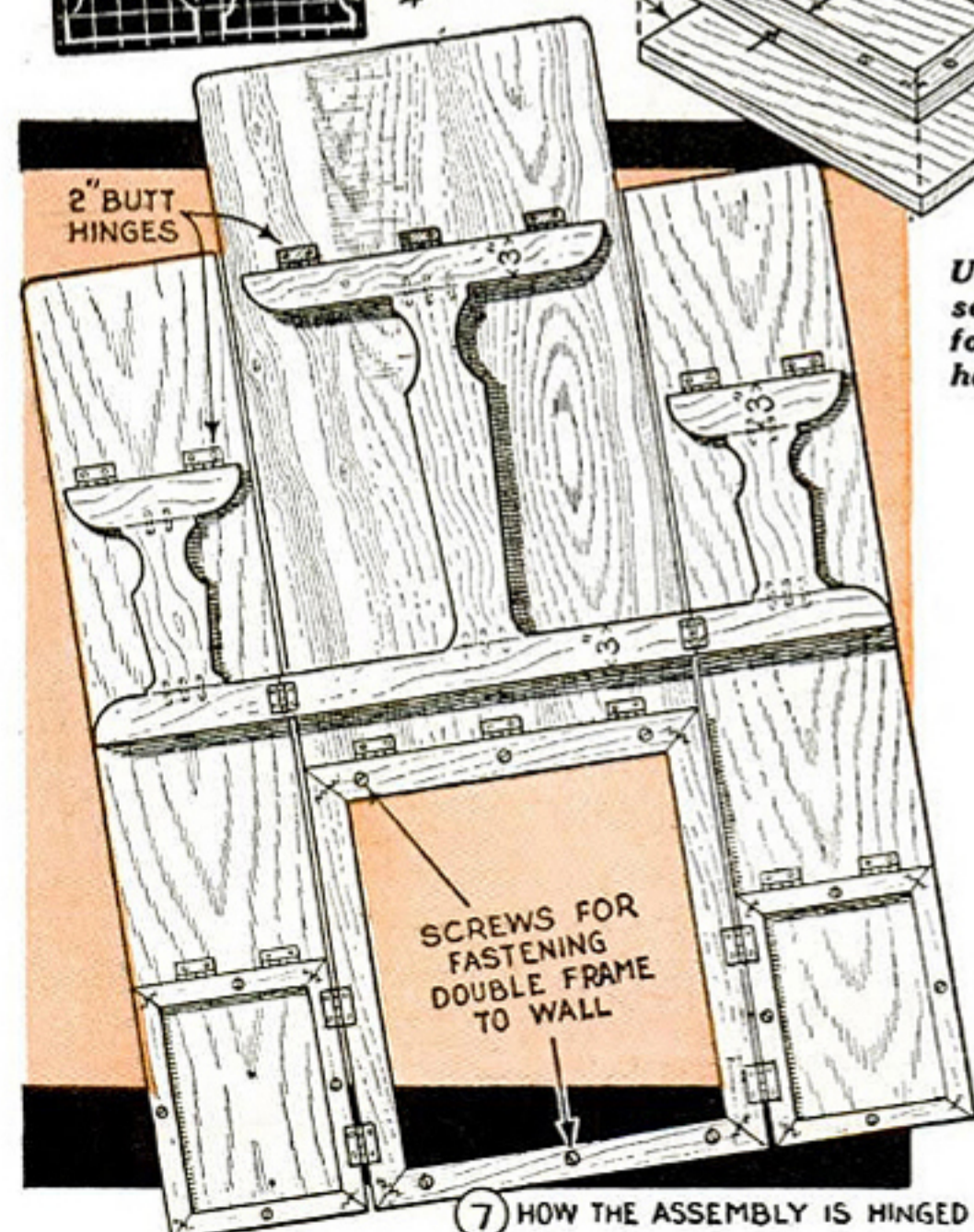
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To fasten the nook to the wall, screws are driven through the lower edge of the center frame and into the baseboard. At the top, a filler strip must be inserted to bring the frame plumb with the wall, after which screws are driven through this to meet wall studs. No catches are needed to keep the assembly folded. In painting, it is best to remove all the hinges. Round the outer corners of the table and the seats, and sand the surfaces smooth. Apply a thin priming coat to the wood, followed, in order, with two of enamel. If desired, the nook can be made less noticeable against the wall if the wood is painted to match. Or, it can be finished to contrast pleasingly with the woodwork.



Use $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. plywood for seats and table, solid stock for the rest, and paint to harmonize with the kitchen



Quick Way to Wash a Kitchen

When wiping down soiled kitchen walls which had been painted, one woman found that she could do the job quickly without cleanser and hard rubbing. All doors, windows and ventilators were closed tightly, after which a kettle of water was boiled vigorously on the stove. The oven was then heated and the door allowed to stand open. After half an hour of this steaming process, walls, ceiling and woodwork were wiped down, using plenty of soft, dry cloths. For best results, it was found advisable to work rapidly.