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#### The apartment of Roger Wolfe Kahn, by Paul T. Frankl



In the past twenty years the room layout and size of apartments has definitely changed, and the change has affected their furnishing and decoration. Our rooms are much less cluttered with useless objects, and simplicity of line makes for restfulness and utility.

This corner sofa creates a corner where there is no corner and thereby gives an architectural feeling to Mr. Kahn's living room. Soft cork is used to cover the wood frame, and the upholstery of the couch is natural colored lapin cloth. The walls of the living room are covered in light beige Japanese grass cloth put up in blocks. The cork table has a mirror top that is supported by glass rods

Among the newer tenets of the modernist is the abandonment of grotesque angles and the substitution of the curve. The former lacked charm; the curve is beginning to bring an air of grace into our contemporary rooms. Witness Mrs. Kahn's bedroom.

It is done in shades of white, with accents of pale blue. Modern air-conditioning which does not require the opening of windows makes it possible to use white even in cities with dust-laden air. The circular bed is reflected, in this picture, in a mirror that carries out the round features of the room. This room gains its restfulness by the dominant whites and its charm by the curres

Each exponent of modernism eventually reveals the source of his most compelling inspiration. Mr. Frankl's is Japanese. The dressing table in the bedroom opposite is obviously of Japanese extraction. Some of the stark simplicity found in Japanese homes is also evident in this black and white entrance foyer. Long mirrors are lighted from pedestals below. Glass columns flank the mirrors. One decorative pattern picture is set flat on the wall. The only other design activity is in the zebra cloth

The old-fashioned word "cosy" is rarely associated with modern decoration; in fact, much of this contemporary decoration would seem to avoid that atmosphere as though it were the plague. And yet a modern room can be cosy. Here this comfortable spirit is found in Mr. Kahn's living room. The fireplace mantel is painted black and so are the leather arms of the deep, low, inviting chairs. Their seats and back are covered with an astrachan material. The low table is reflected in gun metal mirrors





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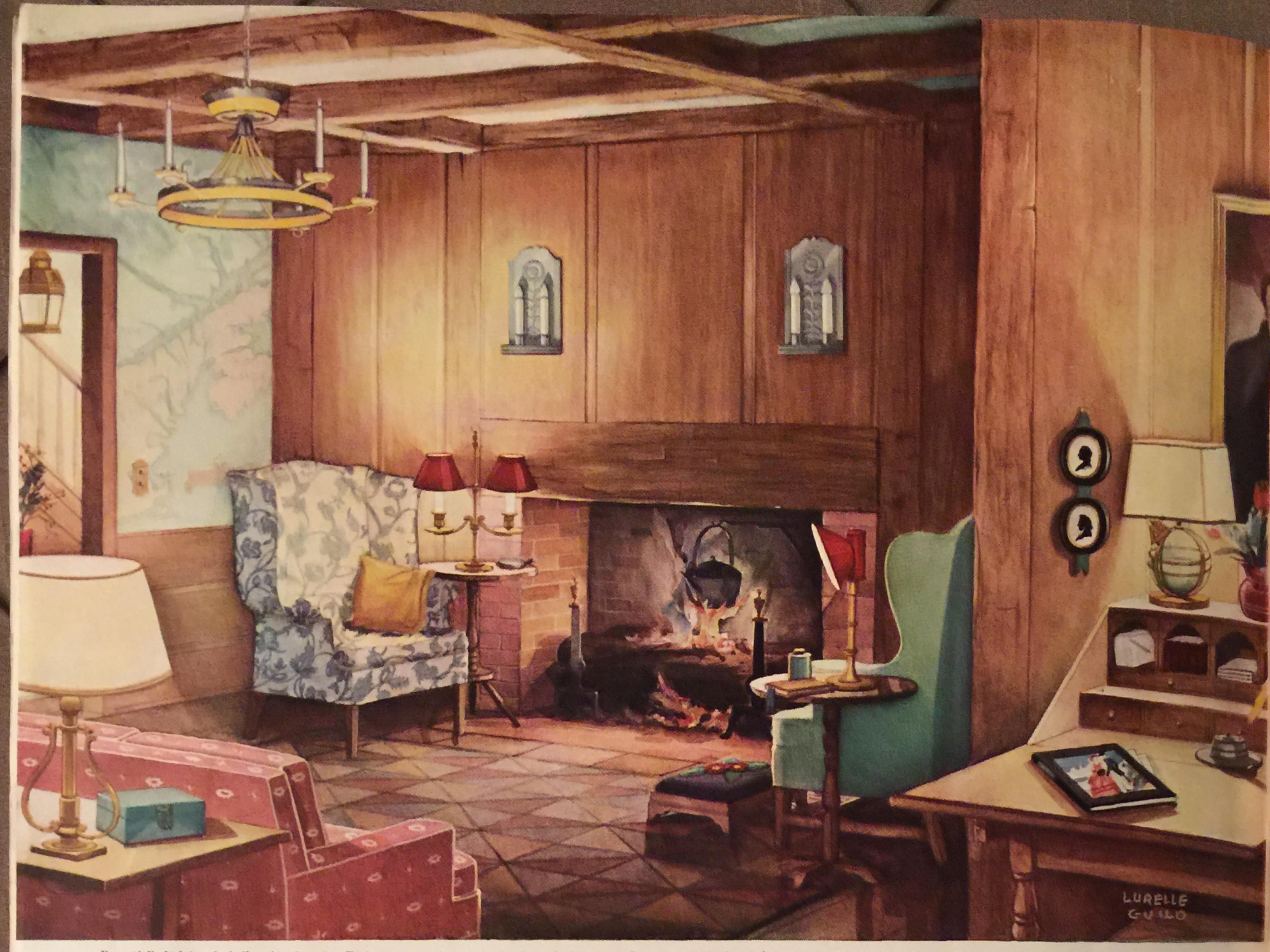
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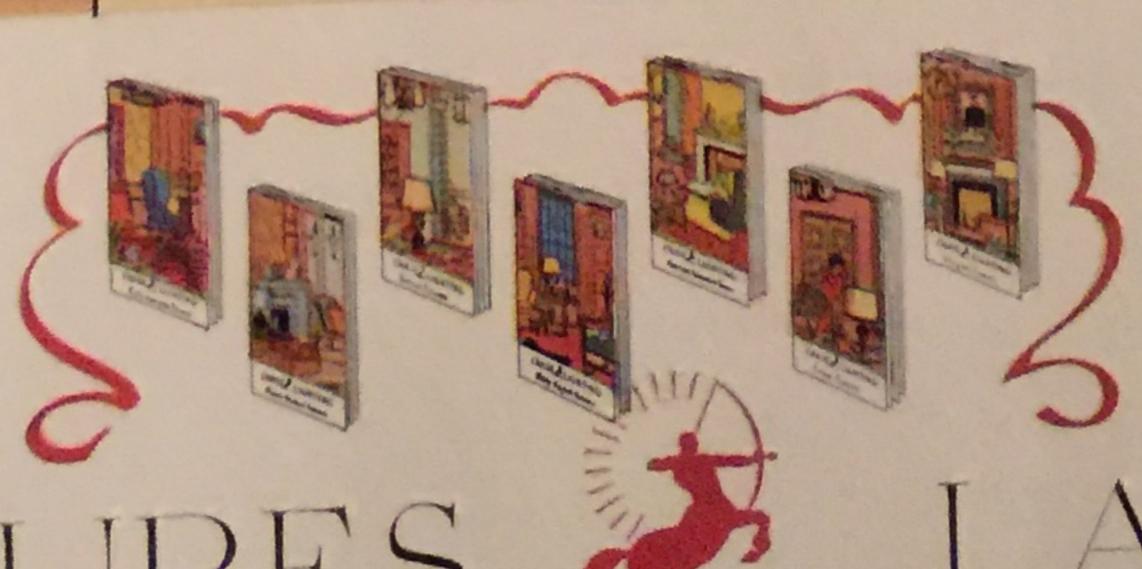
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