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IT’S SPRING IN PARIS, and the 1961 Trade Fair is well under way. Emphasis in the American exhibit is on convenience foods found on our markets. Ready-to-cook turkeys and other poultry products, dried fruit, packaged cake mixes, minute rice, instant non-fat dry milk, frozen foods, and frozen juices will be featured. Demonstrations will point out how quickly and efficiently these foods can be prepared.

An electronically operated kitchen is a part of the exhibit and contains a moveable dish washer, automatic garbage disposer, cleaner to pick up spilled food, and a built-in TV. Completing the scene is a robot butler.

OPEN THE PACKAGE, add water, stir; and it’s applesauce. Another development in the field of instant food, this product can be prepared in half the time it takes to peel an apple. In the same area, dehydrated apple chips are in the news. Coated with sugar or chocolate, they substitute for candy; flavored, they replace fruits and nuts in many recipes.

IN JUST SIXTY SECONDS, fasten together a man’s suit or an automobile. An adhesive which works on fabrics, as well as metals, has been developed. It first was used exclusively for leather flight jackets; but cotton, wool, linen, blends, canvas, and felt are now included in its scope of fabrics. The durable adhesive can be washed and ironed.

The use of this product in manufacturing can eliminate the need for nuts, bolts, or soldering. It has been successfully tried in cementing a dam across the Los Angeles River.

A CRACKER BARREL costs about $1.50 and is a handy jar for collecting candy, cake, or, as its name implies, crackers. It can be set on a dorm desk or hidden in a closet, depending on the value of its contents. Transparent, it gives you an indication when the supply of snacks is down.