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Designed for Postwar Living

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Incorporating such novel features as a tap which gives ice water, faucets operated by foot pedals and a snack counter, a post-war kitchen designed by Mrs. Charles T. Grace, of Ames, won the first prize of $250 in a contest sponsored recently by Popular Mechanics magazine.

"A kitchen that is really a room—not just a hallway with the equipment strategically placed to trip the unwary," is Mrs. Grace's ideal. "I believe that the days of judging a kitchen by its compactness are over," she added.

Combining a kitchen, laundry, snack counter and play area, the 13 by 22-foot room is spacious without being inconvenient. The entire room is characterized by an abundance of storage space and modern equipment.

The refrigerator, sink and range are located on the east side under a wide window which consists of two sliding panels of plate glass with a foot of air space between. A box of earth is placed flush with the window ledge, and vines or herbs may be grown in the kitchen.

The sink includes a dishwasher. Hot and cold water faucets on the sink are controlled by foot pedals so that the water can be turned on even when the home-maker's hands are full. To the left of the faucet is a soap dispenser, and to the right, an icewater tap. The refrigerator is an entirely new type designed by Mrs. Grace. The storage space consists of a tier of drawers which may be opened only as much as necessary to remove food, thereby conserving cold air. The unit includes both deep and shallow drawers, an ice-cube freezer and a quick-freeze chamber. A special section at the back is reserved for milk storage. The refrigerator is built against an outside wall and constructed so that milk may be placed directly in the cooling unit by the delivery man as he stands outdoors.

An eating counter, at right angles to the wall, neatly separates the kitchen proper from the laundry area. In this section are a combined washer and dryer, an ironer and an extra sink for soaking or starching clothes. This extra sink has a porcelain top which closes over it when it is not in use.

Built-in cabinets of white enameled steel or wood conceal space for cleaning equipment, gardening clothes and tools and an ironing board. A Dutch door from the laundry area leads into an outdoor garden. One outside wall of this laun-

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