

Thursday! Friday! Saturday!
**EXHIBITION OF MINIATURE
ROOM SETTINGS**

from the collection of Mrs. Dwight Fisher

This interesting display consists of 10 rooms and more than 800 articles. See it in the special exhibition area at the foot of the escalators in the SAV-ON Basement. No charge. (Contributions will be gratefully accepted for the benefit of local hospitals).

— *Fowler, Dick and Walker* —

Wyoming Valley's Own Department Store

10/29/53

Christies Column

MINIATURES AT RITTER'S STORE

One of the finest contributions to charity we have heard of in some time is that of Mrs. Dwight Fisher, of Dallas, who is showing her miniature collection at Ritter's Stationery Store, in Bloomsburg, this Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31st, from 9 A. M. until 5 P. M. for the benefit of the Bloomsburg Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Fisher has shown her miniatures all over this part of the country, gratis, as her contribution to charity. Whatever contribution you wish to make will be gladly accepted.

One Inch In Size

These miniatures are housed in six different settings ranging from a lovely penthouse, a Victorian living room, an Eighteenth Century drawing room, an authentic Dutch kitchen, a country store, to a game room complete with a bar. The articles in these miniature rooms average an inch in size.

Mrs. Fisher has been collecting these intricately carved models of period pieces for the last eight years. Each detail is perfect.

The Victorian drawing room is particularly beautiful, with its rose satin drapes, crystal chandelier, carved chairs, vase with miniature plumes, and colorful afghan and bear rug.

The country store has its potbellied stove, tiny pieces of anthracite coal, meat cutting block, and sawdust scattered over the floor, a true reminder of the "good old days." The post office in the store is complete with mail

in the boxes.

A canopied bed of mahogany in the colonial bedroom, with a tester top, and period furniture is very attractive.

The Dutch kitchen has a spattered dash floor which Mrs. Fisher did herself.

Outstanding is the dower chest decorated in the bright pattern of unicorns and horsemen a copy of Christian Selzer's chest in the Metropolitan Museum, New York. Another quaint item is a mammy bench of simulated rosewood with grating and rockers. There is a green Boston rocker and an olive green settee and dough tray.

The antique shop will delight you with its miniature gems of old items including an old-fashioned yoke, tea cannisters and Hitchcock chair with rush seat. A pretty flower dome, ingeniously fashioned by Mrs. Fisher of a button and test tube, is one of the unusual items in the Victorian room.

The Penthouse is done in the Chinese motif with fresh flowers scattered about in tiny bud vases. Each detail of the collection is carried out with care.

All the Berwick women, their husbands and friends have been cordially invited to visit this beautiful display. We are certainly planning to go, and hope to see you there. You will not only be helping a good cause, but will have a most enjoyable time, also.

Don't forget Friday and Saturday of this week from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. at Ritter's Store, Bloomsburg.

THE END

Miniature House Furnishings To Be Shown at Church Bazar

Collection of miniature furnishings owned by Mrs. Dwight Fisher will be exhibited at the holiday bazar of Women's Association of First Presbyterian Church today in the church house from 11 a. m. until 4 p. m.

Complete furnishings, scaled to size, illustrate various periods of design. Included is a tiny antiques shop.

Mrs. J. F. Sallada is general chairman of the bazar which is open to the public. Mrs. John M. Rinehimer is president of the association.

Homemade soups and sandwiches will be served cafeteria-style. Mrs. Jack W. Miller, luncheon chairman, has announced the menu will include two kinds of soup, assorted sandwiches, pies and beverage.

Serving on the luncheon, committee are Mrs. Albert Sherbine, Mrs. Quentin R. Walters, Mrs. Francis Fry, Mrs. Robert F. Dilley, Mrs. Robert E. Ogren, Mrs. Forrest H. Jones and Connie Lizdas.

Home-made baked goods, toys, candies, articles of children's wear, aprons and holiday decorations will be available at various booths headed by Mrs. Harold W. Bryson, Mrs. James I. Alexander, Mrs. Frank Speicher, Mrs. Henry Bailey, Mrs. Earl W. Phillips, Mrs. Earl Smith, Mrs. Thomas H. Kiley, Mrs. William F. Cutten, Mrs. Thomas F. Hefernan, Mrs. Ralph Frost, Mary L. Jennings, Mrs. Mortimer Goldsmith.

A white-elephant table also will be featured.

Mrs. J. F. Sallada is general chairman. Mrs. John M. Rinehimer is president.

Public is invited.

**Be Sure To See the
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EXHIBIT**

TODAY ONLY

At Ritter's Stationery

Mrs. Dwight Fisher has brought this interesting and unusual exhibit to Bloomsburg, with proceeds to the BLOOMSBURG HOSPITAL AUXILIARY.

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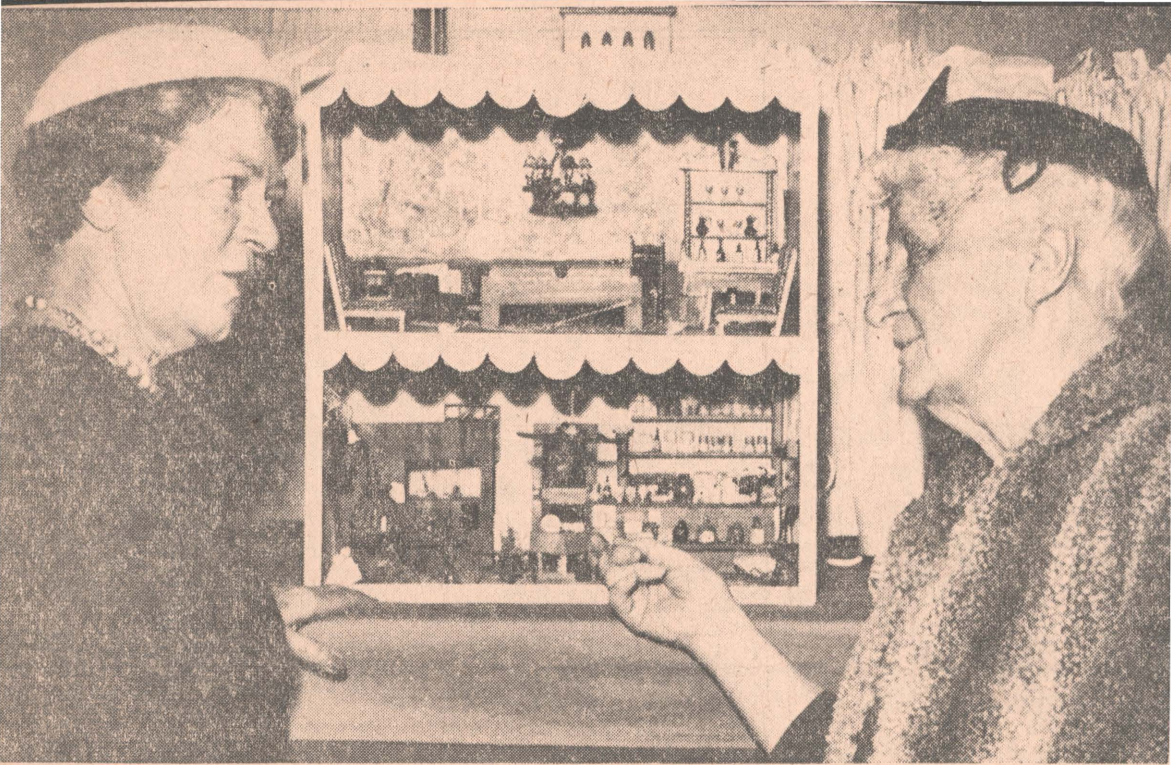
An unusual and interesting display in miniature
(scale 1 inch to 1 foot) by MRS. DWIGHT
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Eight Unique Room Settings

- The Antique Shop
 - Pennsylvania Dutch Kitchen
 - Victorian Living Room
 - 18th Century Drawing Room
 - Country Store
 - Colonial Bedroom
 - Penthouse
 - Game Room
- with several
early am. room*

Sponsored by The Junior League, voluntary contributions
will be accepted by the League's Welfare Fund.

ANOTHER WILLIAMSPORT DAYS FEATURE



CIVIC CLUB EXHIBIT—Dr. Mary B. Harris, right, president of the Lewisburg Civic Club, and Mrs. James B. Harris of Wilkes-Barre, a former Lewisburger, chat in front of one of the rooms in the miniature collection shown last week by the

civic club. Mrs. James Harris assisted with the collection and preparation of the unique exhibit, owned by Mrs. Dwight Fisher, of Dallas, Pa. An offering was accepted for charity.

Union County Journal

A Hobbyist With a Heart

Mrs. Dwight Fisher Will Display Her Fascinating Miniature Rooms For Benefit of Crippled Children

Mrs. Dwight Fisher on Pioneer Road, Dallas, will display her fascinating "miniature rooms" on the second floor of the Boston Store Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the benefit of the Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association and the Wheelchair Club, Inc. There will be no admission charge, but donations will be turned over to the two charitable institutions.

Mrs. Fisher started her hobby

10 years ago and it now comprises 10 rooms, completely furnished to the most minute detail in scale of one inch to a foot. Handmade furnishings and bric-a-brac for the tiny rooms come from all over the world, but many have been made by Mrs. Fisher herself. There are hundreds of tiny furnishings, 535 items to be exact.

Mrs. Fisher has displayed her miniature rooms in many cities throughout the state, always without charge, as her contribution to charity.

The Victorian Parlor is truly a room which typifies that age of elegance and beauty. Frescoed ceiling, flowered wallpaper and carpeting create the setting for the elaborate Victorian furnishings. Upon close scrutiny, sheet music of "Melody in F" and "Spring Song" may be seen on the upright piano; a granny afghan is thrown over the sofa. White bearskin rug and marble top tables, rose satin drapes and lace curtains complete the picture. A glimpse into the hall beyond reveals an open stairway, hatrack and umbrella stand.

The Country Store and Post Office will bring back fond memories to many. The wall phone—probably used by the entire neighborhood—the chopping block and sawdust covered floor, the overhead fan and spirals of flypaper are typical of the old-time general store now almost obsolete.

One can almost smell the

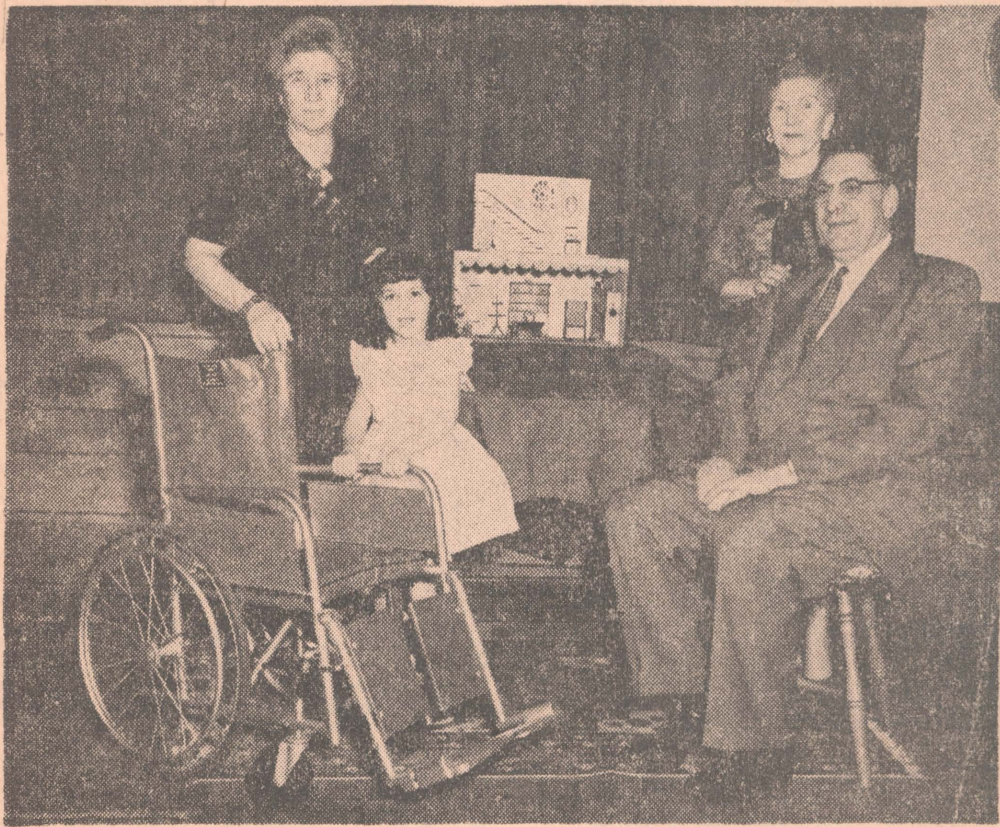
shoeleather as he peers into the quaint Pennsylvania Dutch kitchen. The tiny primitively decorated settee, rockers and doughtray are reproductions of authentic pieces and were done by Frank Bittenbender and his daughter, Mrs. Mary Nelson of Park Place, Kingston. In this room Mrs. Fisher has captured the true charm of the Pennsylvania Dutch decor.

Foot-Warmer, Too

The Colonial Bedroom boasts a canopied bed, Hitchcock chairs and a hand-decorated dower chest which is a copy of Christian Selzer's in the New York Metropolitan Museum. Other items of interest are the wagon-wall clock and the foot warmer.

The Early American Room is reminiscent of the Pilgrim homes with its beamed ceiling and enormous fireplace; furnishings are of warm-toned pine and maple. Of special interest are the tiny pewter pieces displayed on the hutch cupboard and candle stand with candelabra.

Mrs. Fisher has not overlooked the contemporary American decor in her miniature display and the game room is typically modern-day American. Hunt-scene wallpaper, pool table, bar and present-day accessories are found in this room. An ingenious person has fashioned a ceiling light fixture from a wagon wheel.



A miniature Early American room, one of 10 to be displayed by Mrs. Dwight Fisher Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Boston Store for benefit of Wyoming Valley Crippled Children's Association and the Wheelchair Club, is pictured with from left, Mrs.

Hannah B. Salzman, director of Crippled Children's Association; Lucille Amico, Cerebral Palsy Clinic patient; Mrs. Raymond T. Russell and Kenneth Bittenbender, association directors.

The Antique Shop is a favorite of many and antique-lovers yearn to browse through this cluttered room. Over 140 pieces must be placed in this room each time it is displayed.

Velvet Drapes

The 18th Century Drawing Room is elegantly furnished in mahogany with impressive oil paintings and blue velvet drapes.

Upon close observation one may see the tiny fireplace fender.

The local point of the library is the high stained-glass window which seems to shed its deep-toned lights upon the hundreds of books which line the walls — all painstakingly made by Mrs. Fisher. A tall ladder would enable one to reach even the highest shelf.

As one mentally steps into the Pent House with terrace, he is surrounded by the truly modern Chinese decors; the simplicity of design is striking. A city skyline is seen in the background.

The display will be open to the public during these hours: Thursday, 12 to 8:30; Friday, 10 to 5:30; Saturday, 10 to 5:30.

Authentic Library

Mrs. Dwight Fisher's Collection to Be Seen

Hospitals To Be Aided From Display

Latest beneficiaries of Mrs. Dwight Fisher's unique hobby will be the auxiliaries of Mercy, Nesbitt Memorial, Wilkes-Barre General, and Wyoming Valley hospitals.

The Miniature Rooms Collection, comprising a panorama of American life from the 18th Century down to the present, will be on display Thursday through Saturday, in the lower level of the Boston Store, and the public is invited to enjoy it without any admission charge. All free will donations will be turned over to the auxiliaries.

Visiting hours will be as follows: Thursday, 12 noon to 8:30 P. M.; Friday and Saturday, 10 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.

General chairman of the charitable project is Mrs. Malcolm Burnside. Committees from each of the beneficiary auxiliaries are cooperating in the joint event.

Authentic "House of America"

The Miniature Rooms Collection has been hailed as one of the most unique and remarkable undertakings in the hobby world. Begun in 1947 by Mrs. Fisher as a recreational pursuit, the collection has burgeoned from one room to its present 10. Its growing fame has now reached the stage of national and international attention via the February 1962 issue of "Hobbies, The Magazine for Collectors." As Mrs. Fisher proceeds with plans for continual perfection and expansion of the collection—now totalling an amazing 1,000 separate items—its fame and value as a unique art treasure will keep mounting.

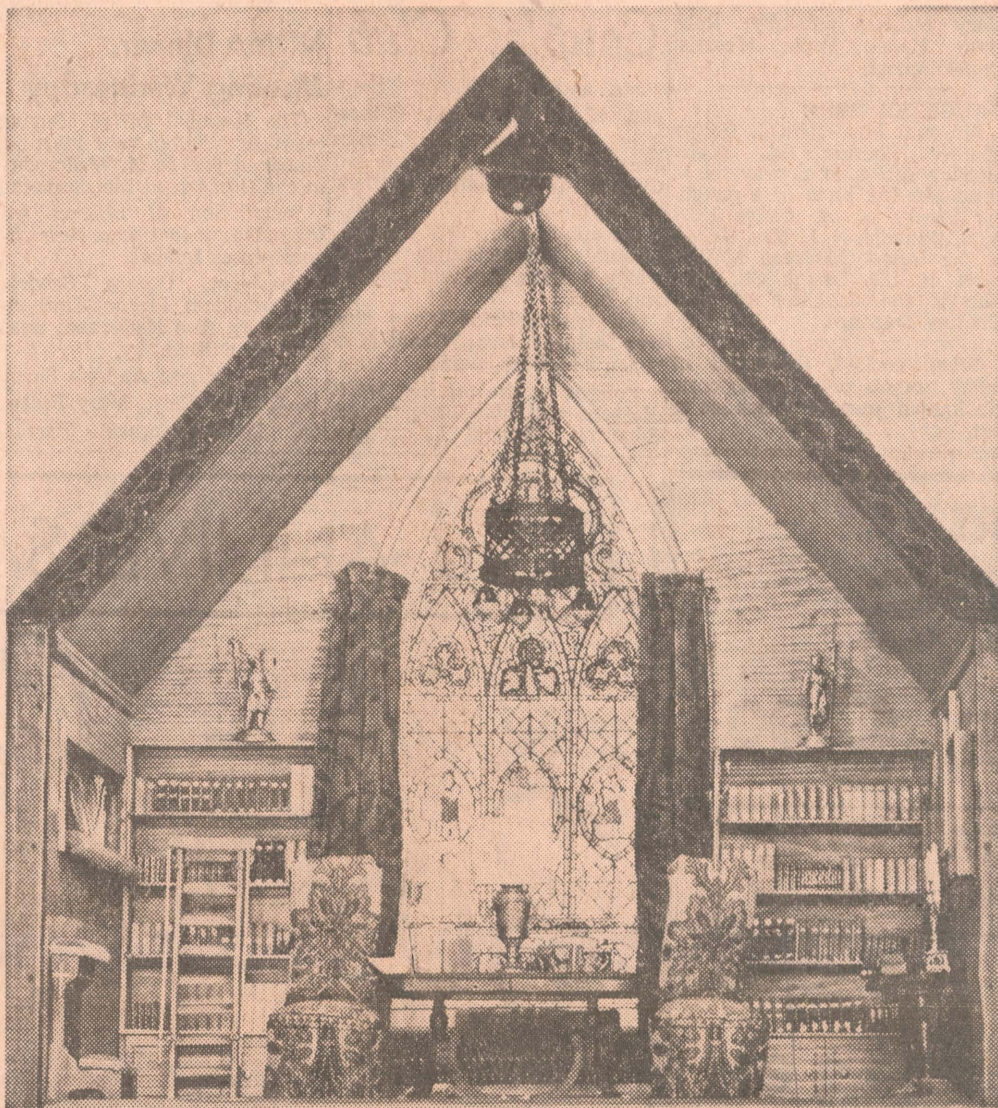
What It Is

To put it briefly, Mrs. Fisher's Miniature Rooms Collection is nothing less than an authentic miniature reproduction, accurate to the tiniest degree, of the historical way of life of America, from early colonial days, down to the present.

Each of the 10 rooms portrays the setting, furniture, and customs of American civilization itself. As such, experts point out, the collection takes on the stature and significance of national history, rather than just an artistic hobby.

Those who know stress that should archaeologists, aeons hence, unearth just this one collection, they could reconstruct from it enough facts about the ways and manners of American life to evaluate two centuries of our evolution.

The 10 rooms include: A country store and post office, an 18th Century drawing room, Victorian sitting room, colonial bedroom, Pennsylvania Dutch kitchen, antique shop, modern game room with bar, modern penthouse, early American kitchen and a library.



Here is one of the rooms—an authentic home library—of Mrs. Dwight K. Fisher's 10-room Miniature Rooms Collection which will be placed on free public display, Thursday through Saturday, for benefit of four

local hospital auxiliaries. Accurate in every sense, the library features a resplendent stained glass window, a Gothic ceiling, book shelves, and other accouterments of a genuine manorial library. Entire room measures only 17 inches in length, 10 inches in depth.

pieces (the number keeps growing all the time) are such tiny items as a potbelly stove, flypaper dangling from the ceiling, gorgeously upholstered furniture, upright pianos, beaded curtains, newspapers (that can be read), canopy bed, duelling pistols, a clock that goes, 18th Century chandelier, set of 52 playing cards, tiny afghans, minuscule cupboards, tables, chairs, real anthracite in the coal bucket. The authentic list is a breathtaking one.

How Gathered

The marvel of the collection is magnified when it is considered that some of these perfectly reproduced items are as small as one-sixteenth of an inch.

How did Mrs. Fisher get everything together? Much of it she made herself, such as the authentic fireplace made from tiny stones in her own driveway. Some items have been fabricated by professional craftsmen, such as a tiny painting by Niccolo Cortiglia, Wilkes-Barre portrait artist. Other individual pieces have been contributed by friends. The collection features

invaluable additions literally from all over the world.

It all adds up to a unique American treasure, one that has to be seen to be believed. Its

historical value, the pleasure of viewing it, and the charitable use to which the display is dedicated, all make these miniatures truly "life size" in importance.

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THE LIBRARY has a very beautiful Gothic ceiling with a great stained-glass window in the background. The drapes by the window are crimson and blend in with the two high-back tapestry chairs. The book shelves hold many volumes. Notice the ladder in place to reach the very top shelf. The knights on the top reminds one of a fairylard castle. The chandelier with its finely designed chain, and the prayer bench, all make this an outstanding room.

Second



THE ANTIQUE SHOP. Looks like a real one for it even has the cigar store Indian over by the stove. This is the type of a store we love to find, hoping to pick up some unusual miniature. The items hanging from the rafters look so real and the tiny store up on the shelf is so interesting. There are over 150 items in this one room.

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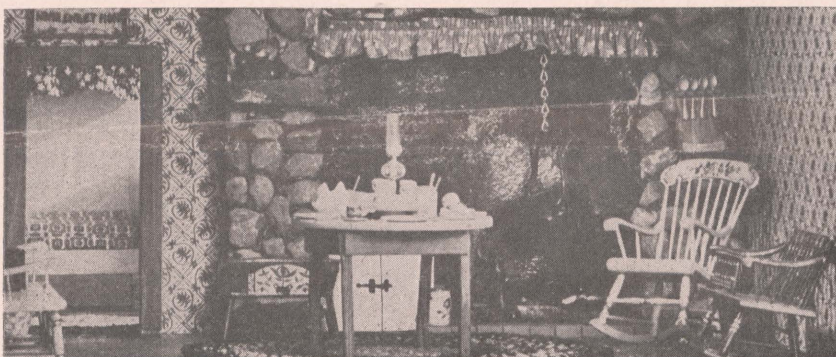
THE VICTORIAN PARLOR. How well our hobby friend has given the real feeling to this overdone room of our not-too-long-ago parents. It seems that every available space is filled with the family souvenirs, books, pillows, baskets, dishes, and vases, like the one on the little table filled with plumes.

See the old hanging newspaper rack, the heavy drapes, and the ornate cover for the old piano. The floral wall paper and the many objects give the impression that it is a room really enjoyed.



THE COLONIAL BED-ROOM is cool and serene looking with its four poster with the light frilly canopy and dust ruffle. The wing chair, with its colorful covering, and stool with the book on it, overlooks the garden by the window. (Window not seen in the picture)

By the bed stands the brass bed-warmer with its finely turned handle. The dower chest with its ornate painting, and all other furnishings blend to make it a room where one wouldn't need a pill to doze off into "the land of nod."



THE PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH KITCHEN, with its large fireplace, was at one time the main room of the house. Here the family gathered for most of the day, for here was found the warmth and the food that one needed. The stones for the fireplace came from Mrs. Fisher's drive. She built it and even added the little shelf with the tiny print ruffle.

The many cooking utensils are of pewter, pottery, and wood. Can you see the corn hanging in the fireplace? The dough tray, Boston rocker and the Mammy bench are all done by a Mr. Bittenbender who used the same colorful designs as on the larger pieces that he makes.

Miniature Rooms of Mrs. Dwight Fisher, Dallas, Pa.

—Photos by Ace Hoffman Studios, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mrs. Dwight Fisher's Period Rooms

By REV. STUART A. PARVIN

A little boy was asked to define the word spine and he gave this for an answer: "Spine is a long, limber bone. Your head sets on one end and you set on the other."

In these days of remote control we do spend a lot of time on that one end of the spine. It seems that some of the articles for our page will have to be done by remote control.

It is fun to see these miniature displays, but it is also interesting to read of them, and to meet their creators by correspondence.

This month we go out to Pennsylvania to the home of Mrs. Dwight Fisher in Dallas. Since 1947 Mrs. Fisher has been collecting and assembling her 10 period rooms.

The scale she uses is the one that most all of us love—one inch to the foot. As you can see by the pictures, she uses the most minute detail. Some of her furnishings she has made. Others of the miniatures have come from all over the world.

Mrs. Fisher is not only enjoying the collecting and building of her fascinating hobby but she uses it as a means of raising money for charity projects that are very close to her heart.

Another example of how our hobby friends go out of their way to give of their time and talent to making a better world.

Notes On the Fall Show

By JOSEPH H. GRAY

Do you believe in magic? We do. There IS such a thing you know.

When you have seen a conventional, empty hall converted in 24 hours into a fairy castle of beauty packed with thousands of wonderful objects of art and antiquity, how can you deny the existence of magic? Of course magic has another name, which is "hard work."

To achieve such magic requires that hundreds of dealers must labor for months accumulating these beautiful things and then spend many laborious hours unpacking and displaying their treasures. The people who come to view these displays have no idea what such shows involve.

The greatest concentration of the most important dealers in the country is that assembled at the Conrad Hilton Hotel twice a year at the semi-annual Chicago Antiques Exposition and Hobby Fair. Here come the most discriminating buyers from our 50 states.

It is always our great pleasure to
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