and train the workers. The bringing on stream of new capacities is envisaged for the next Five-Year Plan, both through construction and through rebuilding and technical re-equipping."

In short, for some time to come G. Kravtsova's children will still have to do their homework on the window-sills.

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Comment by the Newspaper's Department of Woodworking

So, as the popular song goes, "It's a great country, but from the southern rivers to the northern seas the picture is virtually the same: shortages of furniture everywhere and the queues getting longer."

About twenty million Soviet people have already obtained or are on the point of obtaining lots in market-garden or garden societies, which are gradually being built upon. And it is into these much desired cottages that the junk from our urban apartments is finding its way. How else to fill the empty corners! Here then is your first stimulus that serves to aggravate the furniture shortage. The second is that the country is embarking on a housing programme of unprecedented proportions. Not everything is proceeding in the way it was envisaged, but improvements are at hand. And to where does the happy settler direct his steps in the first instance? Undoubtedly to the furniture store.