



HANDFUL OF UNDERSIZED CAMERAS IS WORTH \$246

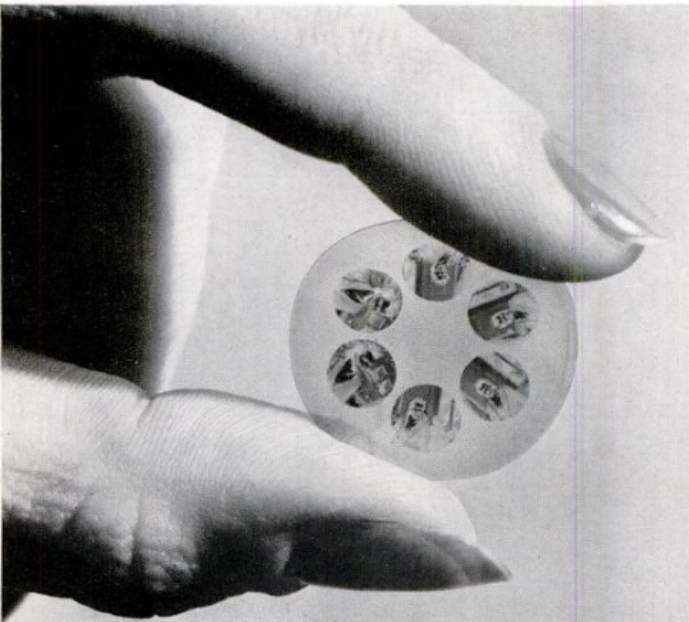
TINY CAMERAS

They are becoming popular gadgets for kids, sportsmen and snoopers

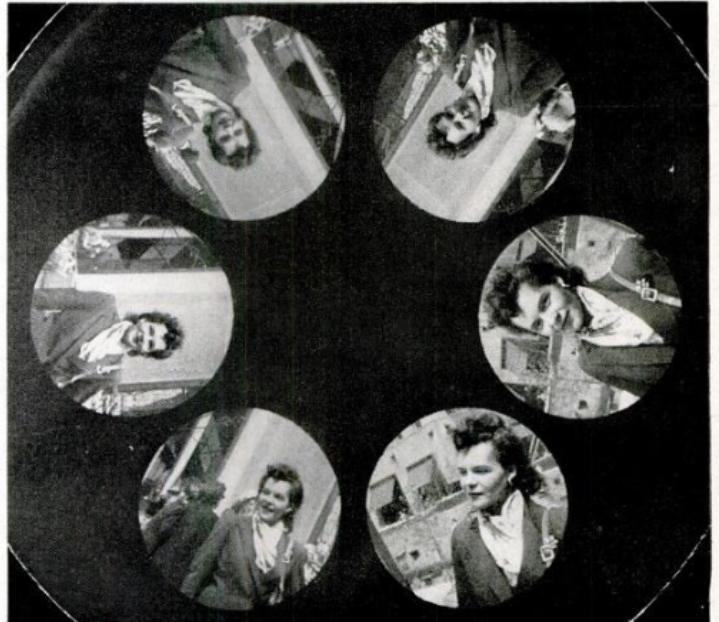
Among the bric-a-brac GIs brought back was a weird assortment of tiny cameras much smaller than ordinary miniatures like a Leica or Argus. Some were gadgets, some expensive precision instruments actually built for spies. The GI souvenirs stirred up new excitement wherever they were shown, and dealers began to look around for cheaper imports. The handful of cameras above, most of which are being sold all over the U.S., represent a cross section of what they are digging up. So far the most enterprising importer is a New York dealer named Charles Frank, whose Mycro Camera Company has, he says, sold almost \$200,000 worth of what he coyly calls "mini-miniatures." These range from \$12.50 to \$29.50. All are made in a small factory in Tokyo and will take pictures at least as well as a box Brownie. But they should prove a lot more fun. Already a 65-year-old has accumulated an impressive collection of beach candid by shooting from behind a Thermos bottle, and a 16-year-old is making spending money by photographing his sister's dates from behind a curtain.



JAP PETAL CAMERA COSTS \$20, CAN BE ATTACHED TO A DRESS LAPEL OR KEY CHAIN FOR INSTANT USE



FILM for Petal camera, shown here twice actual size, is a small disk with six exposures which is fitted into the camera's back. Disk and six prints cost about a dollar.

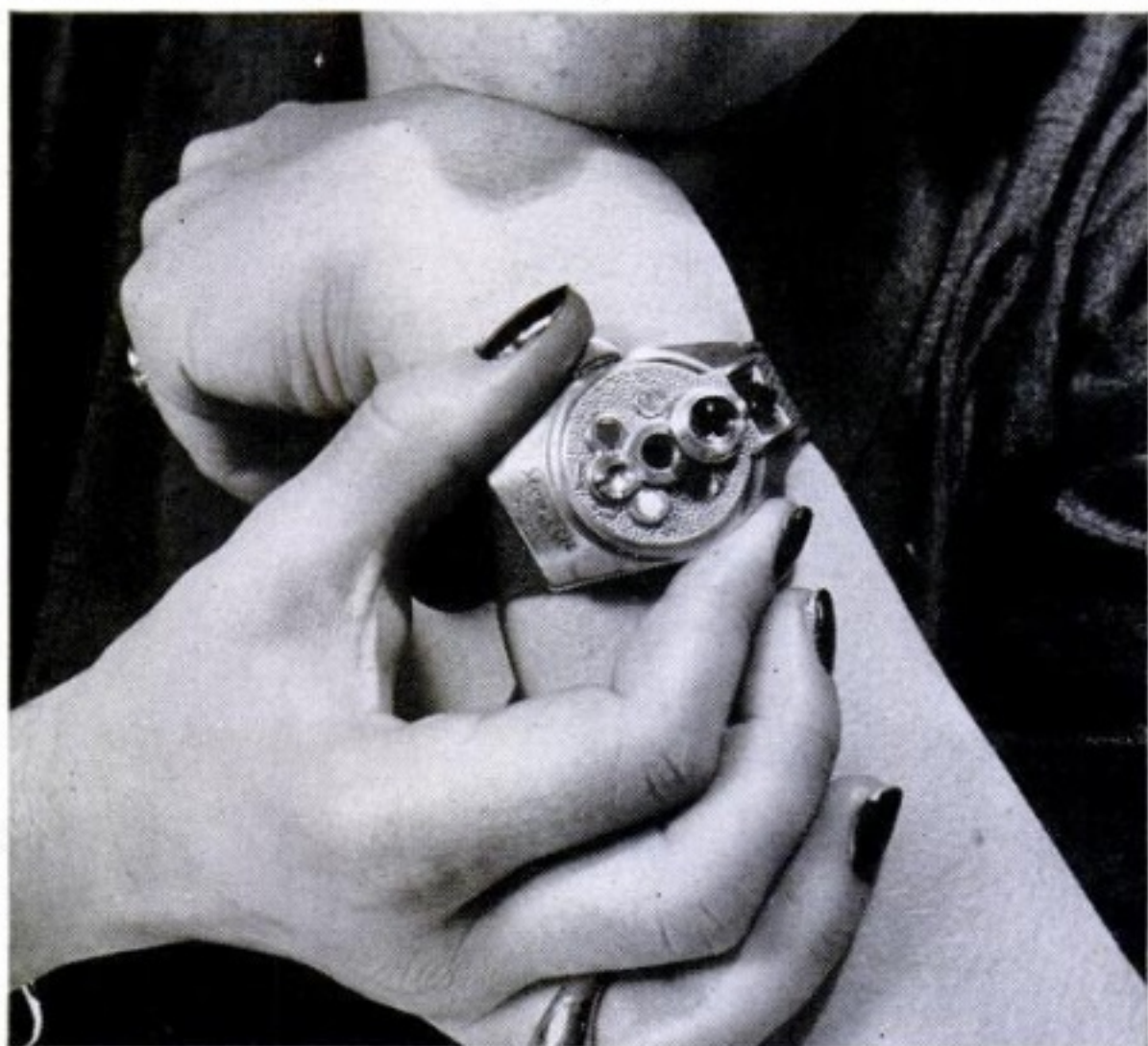


CONTACT PRINTS can be enlarged to about three times size of the camera. "Sub-miniatures" like the Petal are supposed to be handy gadgets for all kinds of sportsmen.

"Spy" Cameras CONTINUED



THE MINOX is a \$150 German make developed for espionage agents. It has a 50-exposure cartridge, shutter speeds up to 1,000th of a second and a 3.5 lens.



THE STEINECK ABC, one of the best of the tiny cameras, is also German, costs \$150, has 2.8 lens and eight-exposure film disk. User can shoot from wrist.



THE MYRACLE MYCRO, made in Japan, is about half size of a pack of cigarets, sells for \$12.50. Owners can buy accessories, including a 5-inch tripod.