He put a Packard Eight body on the prototype and it became his personal car for everyday use. That way he could count himself among Kings. Until the day five years later on the French highway when he smashed it up.

RAYMOND LOEWY ASSOCIATES

These objects of outrageous design barely impinging upon the threshold of consciousness. What have we been all these years, blind?

It begins with a streamlined toaster found in the Goodwill. Then your mother's blonde Hollywood coffeetable. The flamingo print in the mirrored frame.

Soon you are buying books on Art Deco. You wonder if you have gone a bit mad. They're on the streets too! The "aircraft" look. Studebaker's same-coming-and-going styling, like Dr. Dolittle's push-you-pull-me. Then the big bomb, 54 Landcruiser, Stude's ol' bulletnosed torpedo.

There's something obscene and a little scary about it all. My friend Ron calls these nonsense artifacts of dubious origin Soinds. Who in the hell is Raymond Loewy Associates anyway?

JUNGLE MOTIF

A few simple decorating ideas to give any home that special look

a seven-foot black leopard poised atop the tv set

an Elephant House out back for those long summer evenings

10,000 Zulus in the bathroom admiring the plumbing

bound & gagged crocodiles in the broom closet

grass mats in all the guest rooms

so many house plants you need a machete to find the front door.