



For the true gourmet, here is a delicacy of the table. Those with discriminating taste will savor the lacy beauty of this spread. The alternating rounds of flower medallions and bands are crocheted of cotton "Knit-Cro-Sheen." The finished tablecloth measures 60 inches in diameter. Free instructions are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Needlework Editor of this newspaper along with your request for Leaflet PC 5249.

Pet Food Inspections Are Being Intensified

Pet food inspections are being intensified in Pennsylvania, the State Agriculture Department has announced.

A Department official said feed inspectors have been instructed to purchase all types of pet food — dog and cat food, wild bird seed, canary seed, turtle feed, hamster and other pet feed — and send them to the Department laboratories for analysis.

Previously the Department had emphasized dog and cat food in its inspections.

"We want to know if the ingredients listed on labels tally with what is actually in the contain-

ers," said Nick L. Turko, chief of the Department's Division of Feed and Fertilizer Control.

"The purchaser of pet food, like any other consumer, is entitled to know that he's getting what he's paying for."

Typical infractions might involve excess moisture, or less protein, fat or fibre than guaranteed on the label, Turko said.

In instances where analyses by Department chemists indicate the label and contents do not tally, the product may be removed from store shelves, he said.

Approximately 150,000 tons of pet food are sold annually in Pennsylvania.

Standards for Imported Meat

Meat and poultry foods imported to the United States must pass rigid U.S. Standards for cleanliness, wholesomeness, and truthful labeling, says Catherine B. Love, Extension consumer education specialist of The Pennsylvania State University. If such products fail to meet these standards, they are rejected at ports of entry. Only foreign plants which meet U.S. meat inspection regulations are permitted to export meat to the States.

Higher Interest Rate

United States Savings Bonds now pay a full five percent when held to maturity of five years and ten months, according to the Department of the Treasury, United States Government. Also the first-year rate has been increased to four percent. Older Bonds are improved, too, for their remaining period to maturity.



Here's what the well-dressed wall is wearing this autumn. An embroidered bouquet complements a live flower arrangement. The embroidery is all done in cross-stitch, using six-strand floss on even-weave fabric. A simple 8 1/2 x 14 1/2 frame makes a fine finish. Free instructions are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Needlework Editor of this newspaper along with your request for Leaflet PE 4212.

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By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist



When You Buy Bath Towels

Look for a firm, close underweave for wear and durability. Check towels for close, thick loops that will give quick drying. Since comfort of a towel is important, choose towels of soft, medium-soft, or rough texture as you prefer.

Choose towels that won't pucker at either end and at the border, but will take laundering without puckering.

Be adventurous about color and design. Do your color scheming — it's one way to develop a sure touch in decorating.

Buy the best quality you can afford. It pays in all around satisfaction.

When you find towels with a brand name that give you the service you expect, look for that brand when you buy new towels.

General Rules For Cake Baking

High quality ingredients will yield the best quality product. Use fresh eggs, milk and shortening.

Have ingredients at room temperature. Take eggs from refrigerator long enough before beginning the cake so they have a chance to warm up.

Follow the recipe direction exactly and measure accurately. Do not increase, decrease, or substitute a basic ingredient, thinking you can improve the recipe. A cake recipe is carefully balanced, as is a scientific formula. It's designed and tested to give the best results.

Use the size pans specified in a recipe.

Always preheat oven unless the recipe directs doing otherwise.

Place cake pan as near to the center of the oven as possible and away from the oven sides.

These rules apply, whether making shortening-type cakes leavened with baking powder and/or soda, shortening-type cakes leavened with air, or non-shortening cakes leavened with air.

Plastic Houseplants

It's amazing how many types of houseplants you can find made of plastic. Such plants don't need

watering and can be kept glossy with a soap or detergent bath.

You can plant an indoor garden with such varieties as Chinese evergreen, English ivy, philodendron, and others.

Plastic plants and flowers hardly take the place of nature's own, but they have an advantage where soot, steam heat, and lack of sunshine are constant hazards.

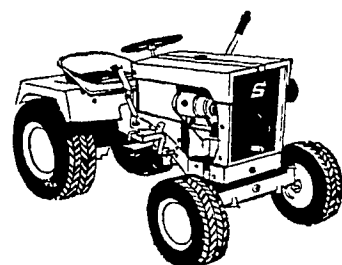
Although a plastic garden may not need watering, it will get grimy unless its leaves are dust-free. To keep the leaves glossy, just use warm soapsuds on a sponge and wipe each stem, leaf and petal. Then wipe with clear water. This will keep greenery looking alive the year round.

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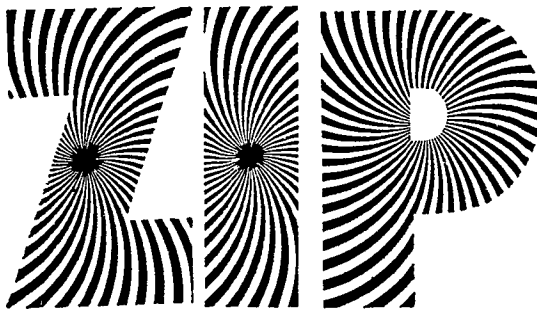
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