

# Happy Homemaking

By BARBARA BAKER

When someone borrows a book from you, remove the paper jacket and write the borrower's name on it. Keep this and, when a reasonable length of time elapses, the bookless jacket will remind you to drop the borrower a gentle hint.

If you are making several carbon copies on the typewriter, slip the ends of the sheets and the carbons under the flap of a large envelope to guide them evenly into the machine.

Have you ever wished you

could keep your carbon copies legible and nonsmearing? Just coat with hair spray and let dry. The copy will be safe and long lasting as the original.

Rubber-headed tacks spaced about two inches apart on top of a wood clothes pole will keep the hangers from bunching up.

Don't waste space inside stored suitcases. They take up no more room full than empty and are fine for storing linens, blankets and Christmas decorations.

Keep a pen by your telephone. When you look up a number in the telephone book, underline the name and number in ink. Nine times out of 10, you will need the same number again and as you open the book to the correct page, the inked name and number jump right into focus.

When you write names and addresses in your address book, write the names in ink but the addresses in pencil. Addresses often change, so you will have a neater book if you follow this suggestion.

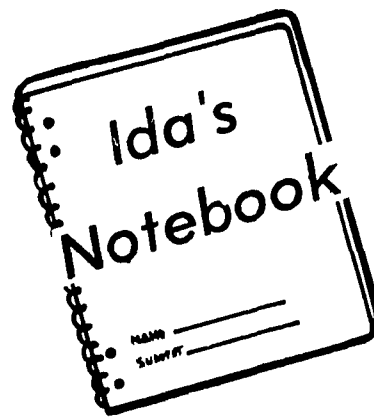
If you want to water ski without the constant fear of losing eyeglasses, attach an ordinary light fishing bobber to the frame of the glasses. You can see where you are skiing, and if the glasses do come off they can be spotted easily.

Save the caps from toothpaste tubes for the golfer in your family. They can serve as improvised tees for the golf balls.

Next time you are looking for a bookmark, cut off the corner from a used envelope and slip it over the corner of the page.

These days, planning a vacation is about the only way many of us can afford to spend one.

Friend of ours wants a job in a place where no one leaves, gets married, gets pregnant or retires. We'll cater to that wish—pass the envelope.



Ida Risser

Now that the children are back in school I have the garden to tend by myself. This year I have a late garden as most of it had to be replanted after the June flood tore across it. So only now can we pick buckets of green and yellow beans and baskets of tomatoes.

We wouldn't even have these vegetables if I hadn't been watering the plants for several weeks. So, as I tuck 60 small pickles in each pint jar I can count my blessings and hope we have a late frost so all the sweetcorn will mature.

Last month, when my oldest girl was home two weeks from Seattle, Wash., she gave us the incentive to prepare several boxes of glass jars for the Recycling Center on Franklin and Marshall campus. Cindy scraped off labels and removed metal tops. These were some of the jars we decided not to reclaim after they'd been floating in five feet of water in the basement. Don't worry, I saved some peanut butter, salad dressing and catsup containers to be used for canning.

I've found baby food jars are nice for jelly, too.

Recycling may be the rage now but actually I can't remember when we didn't save rubber bands off celery, bread wrappers, string, and brown paper bags. It just seemed sensible to reuse instead of buy new.

We have two very nice reminders of my children's work in 4-H this summer. One is a heavy redwood picnic table which Philip built. It was so big that on Achievement Day the judge had to inspect it outside the Farm and Home Center because it wouldn't go in the doors.

The other Handiman project is a beautiful oak washstand which was Judy's great-grandmother's, and which she refinished by hand.



by MARY LEE

Modular housing is slated to boom in the coming decade. In fact, the impact of manufactured housing on the building trade is so great that George Romney, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, has said that by 1980 two-thirds of the housing units built in this country will be factory built. That production will also include mobile homes as well as modular and panelized housing.

In 1971 alone, more than 40,000 modular units were erected, but by 1974 it is expected that 400,000 units will be built. Along with that figure there is a forecast of 300,000 single- and multi-family panelized homes and about 100,000 high-rise panelized units by 1975.

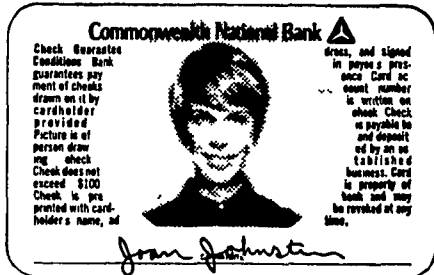
The modular home is a three-dimensional building block that is delivered on a chassis and demounted at the building site. The prefabricated or panelized home is a two-dimensional component that is assembled on the site. Mobile homes, of course, can be towed to the site.

Although panelized homes are being produced at a greater rate now than the modular types, modules are growing in popularity for a number of reasons.

According to one spokesman for the industry, it takes three or four days to put up a panelized home, and three to four months to finish the interior. This time is 70 percent less using modules. Furthermore, the modules often can be had complete with refrigerators, ranges and cabinets. One producer even offers a module complete with rugs and built-in furniture.

Factory-built homes also are developing more beauty and elegance as well as practicality. Not only do they provide attractive housing, but they help to alleviate the nation's critical housing shortage at all income levels.

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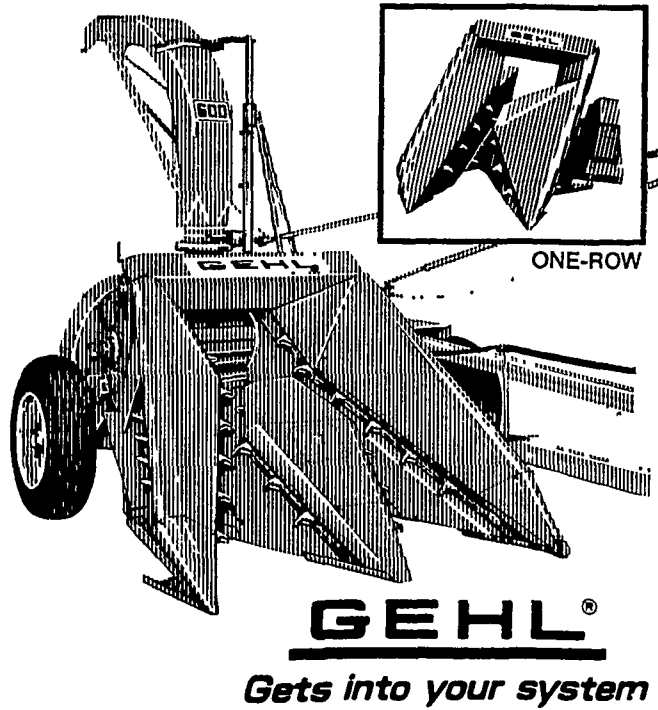
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