

On being a farm wife - And other hazards

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Remember that old fairy tale about King Midas? Everything he touched turned to gold.

Sure, maybe that's possible with kings in fairy tales, but in real life, it's far more likely that everything this poor peasant farm wife touches will break.

Item: the faithful typewriter that fizzled out in the middle of a sentence - and as you may recall, cost \$45 per to repair.

Item: Peasant's trusty steed came up lame, with a clunk and a wobble as a wheel bearing grinded into bits. Blessedly, the final gasp

and accompanying near loss of brakes climaxed while turning into the church parking lot.

(And once again we are grateful for the Omnipotent Man Upstairs who truly does watch over us hapless souls.)

Towed away and repaired by the garage in which we should now own half interest, due to a wealth of pickup and auto operations in past months, the faithful four-wheeled horses have been re-shoed.

"Gee, we only do 10 or 12 of these wheel bearing jobs in a whole year," confided the dependable manager who routed the job through so it would be returned by a certain day it was sorely needed.

Should I feel fortunate to be among so select a group?

Item: World Series Game #3. Each team with one win. TV will not hold picture. Flips constantly. Missed the Birds win. And the

next. And the next.

Only consolation is that they did win.

Day after series was wrapped up, TV repairman arrived. Shook head. (Any time a repairman shakes his head you're in trouble.) May have to cart set to TV hospital.

On hunch, repairman checks one final piece. Viola! Fixed!

Missed the Series due to one tiny half-inch plastic diode. Made in England. If I send it to Boston, will

someone toss it to the bottom of the harbor with the tea?

Item: Dampest day of the entire fall. Family has shipped every item of clothing in the house to the laundry room.

Dryer spins. Sends out cold air. More cold air. No heat. No dry clothing.

TV repairman has employee who also repairs dryers.

King Midas, where are you when I need you the most?

Beekeeper meeting set

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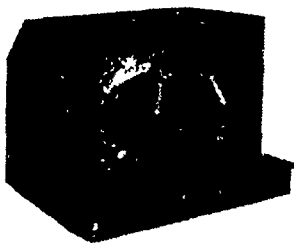
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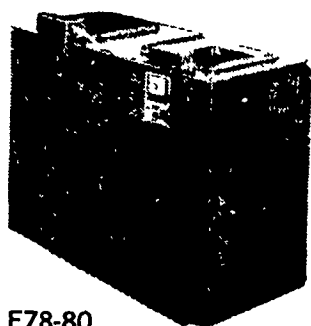


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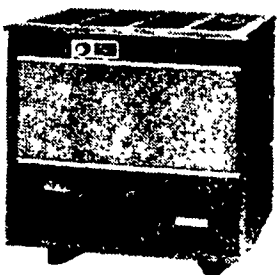
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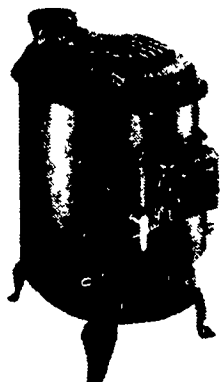
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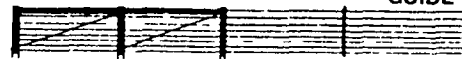
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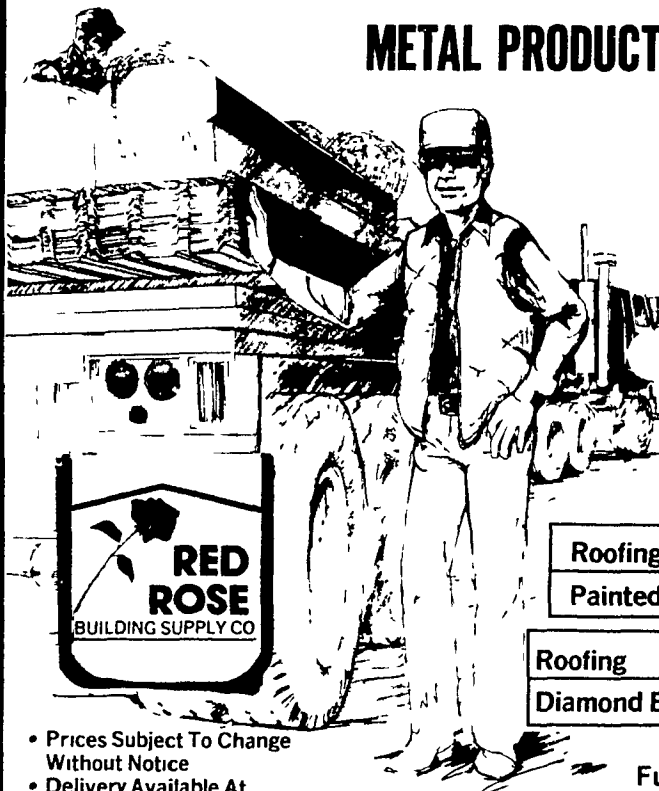
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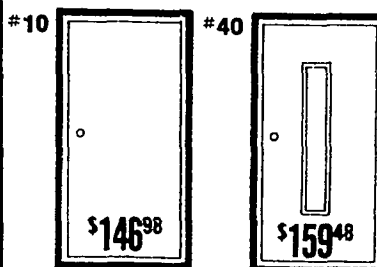
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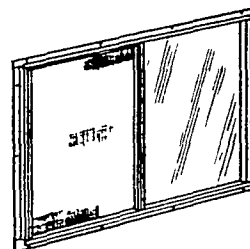
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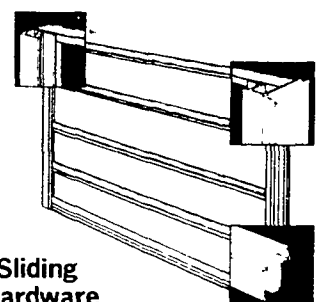
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