

**Ida's Notebook**

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It seems that sometimes we need a little push to get things done. This is especially true if the job is not one to our liking. I'm speaking of "spring housecleaning." This is something that I could put off for days and days.

However, our daughter, Nancy, and her family will be arriving this week for a short stay. Now that is enough incentive for me to stop putting off a necessary job. It

doesn't seem to me that a bed that's been slept in one time should have to be stripped. But, I did some big loads of laundry and now all four bedrooms have crisp, clean bedclothes.

Dust does seem to collect everywhere, even under the beds and behind the bureaus. So, I crawl and climb and shake the

dust cloth out the window -- after I remove the flower pots. Now there is another job that is put off from time to time. My blooming begonias drop old petals and some plants drop their leaves on the windowsills.

One of our guests will have a birthday while he is here so I intended to bake a cake. However, I was warned not to make a chocolate cake nor one with milk in it as they are allergic to these items. Fifty years ago I do not remember hearing much about allergies. Maybe people had the same problems but did not put a name to them. At least, now they can do something about it by taking pills or getting shots. My mother often complained about indigestion. Was she allergic to some particular food?

We seldom get to see our almost ten-year-old grandson from the city of Seattle. He is quite active in many sports, especially baseball and basketball. His father coaches Little League and encourages him. He's probably grown a few inches since we last saw him. When he is here, most of his time is spent at the barn and in the milk parlor. This always amazes me.

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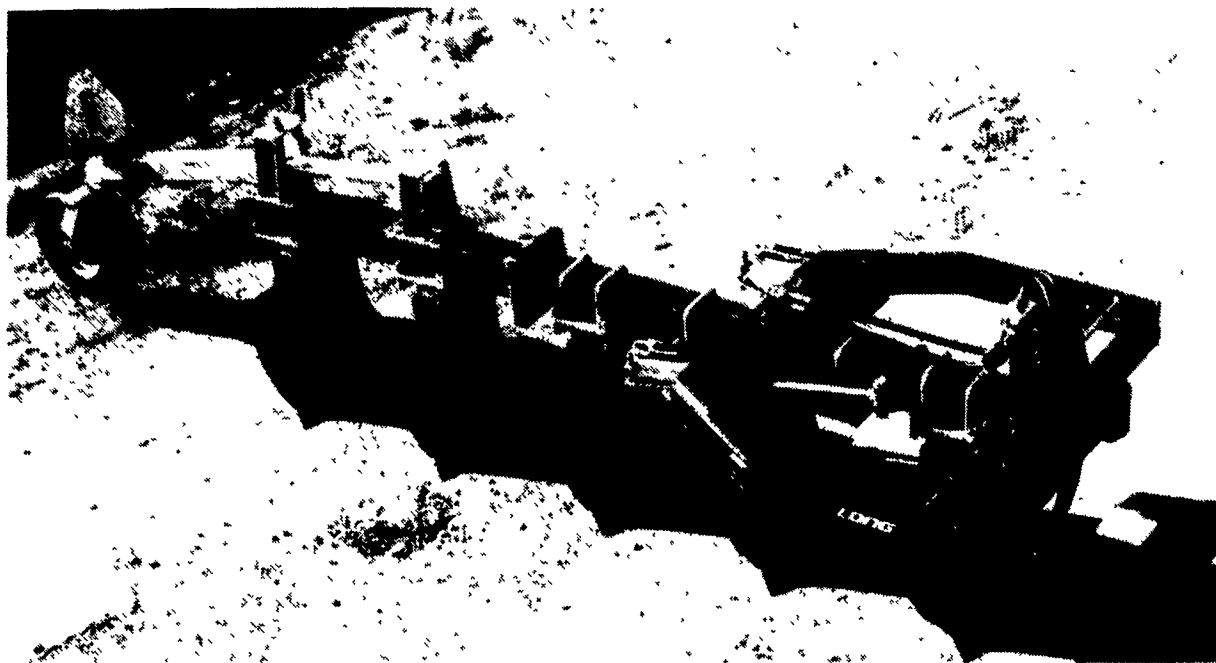
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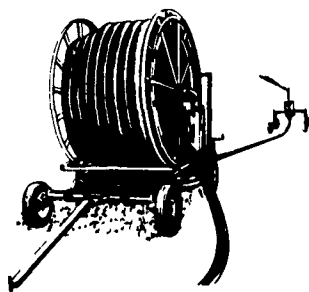
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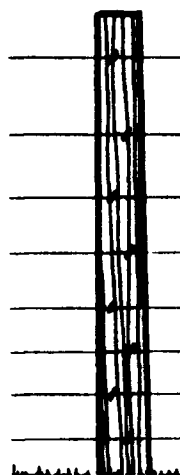
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