

# Ida's Notebook

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This winter we have again started a job that I do not especially relish and that is working on things that I've stored in the attic.

Over a period of some 40 years whenever I had things, that I didn't need, they would be put in a box or a bag and carried up those

wooden steps.

Now it is time to look through some of those toys, clothes and magazines. What to throw away, what to share and what to keep? That is a big problem! Most of the clothes no one except a "down and out" person would want. Another question is who belongs to the big teddy bear and who claims the little teddy bear? Should old calendars be saved and old yard sticks? There are so many decisions before we burn things. Even the rolls of new wallpaper and odd pieces of new carpet are hard for me to part with but my husband doesn't mind getting rid of them. All of this sorting takes a lot of

time as some boxes are a grand assortment of pieces of puzzles, boxes of crayons and parts of broken toys. So, I clean and sort them.

My parents left a lot of things on our attic and they're still there. The skirt to a round coal stove, an antique three-legged table, part of a bird cage and so much more. Even big bags of cork curls that at

one time filled a big bag that they slept on — should they be burned?

Several chairs that were broken by our boisterous boys still wait for someone to repair them. So far, I have not convinced my husband that that would be a good job for him and his workshop this winter. What doesn't get done this year will have to wait for next year.

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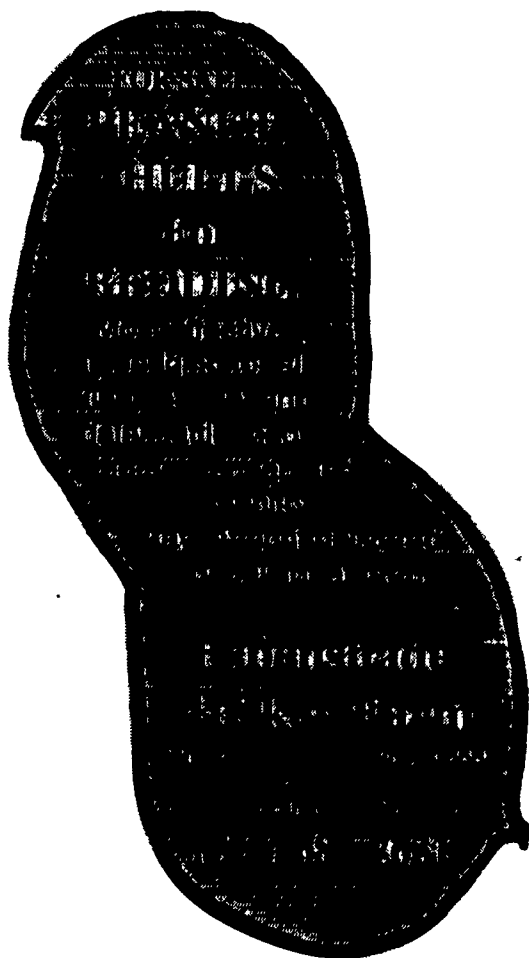
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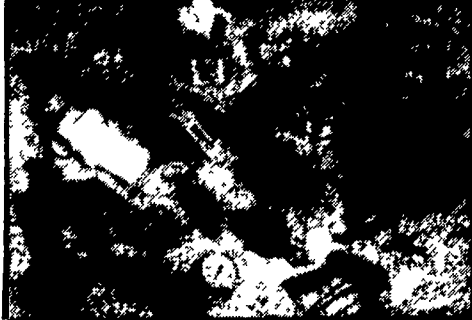
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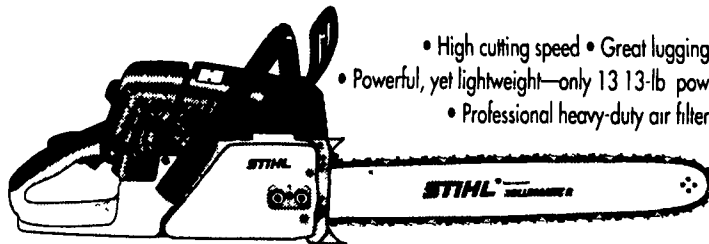
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