

You Ask, You Answer

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QUESTION — Dorothy Martin, Lancaster, would like to know where to buy support stockings that are reasonably priced and not as expensive as in the surgical stores.

QUESTION — Mary Stoltzfus, 549-C Gibbons Road, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505, would like to buy a used set of Anne of Green Gables books.

QUESTION — A subscriber would like to know how to clean cob webs from the rafters of an old barn and how to keep them off. Is there a disinfectant to keep spiders from forming more webs on the rafters.

QUESTION — Margaret Grieff, Sidmore, would like to buy a cookie jar shaped like an ice cream cone.

QUESTION — Randy Confair, Jersey Shore, would like to know of a hatchery where just hens or toms of white turkey poults may be purchased.

QUESTION — Kenneth Kensinger, Martinsburg, would like to know how to get rid of powder post beetles or barn beetles from wooden structures.

QUESTION — R. & J. Oblen of Garfield, N.J. wants step by step guidelines for growing sweet corn. The family recently began farming and had an unsuccessful year. Besides the drought, the corn was overgrown with weeds despite cultivation. The ears had enormous amounts of worms and partially developed ears. "We know we made drastic mistakes because farms in our area (Hunterdon County) did well. Any help would be appreciated."

For extensive help — which is free — contact extension services at Rutgers University immediately. What other suggestions do readers have?

QUESTION — Mary Paxton, Honey Grove, would like to hear of kitchen helps and tips from readers.

QUESTION — Dianne Decker, Shippensburg, would like a recipe for Haffer's Salve made from a turpentine base, which is used for cuts on livestock. The salve was used in the 1930s in the Mercersburg area and was obtained from a family by the last name of Myers of Sheely. Any homemade salve with a turpentine base will be appreciated.

QUESTION — James Kasten, R.R. 1, Box 339, Hallstead, PA 18822 is looking for advertisements or brochures from Kasten Farm Equipment, maker of forage wagons.

QUESTION — Ruth Cantello, 115 Clyde Rd., Somerset, N.J. 08873, wants building plans for a wood bench that converts, by flipping, into a picnic table.

QUESTION — Ruth Cantello, Somerset, NJ, would like directions on making angels from macaroni (pasta).

QUESTION — Daniel Sensenig, Ephrata, would like to know where to purchase cherry pits or similar products to burn in a wood pellet stove. Is there a store in southeastern Pennsylvania that sells these products already dried and bagged?

QUESTION — Laura Jennings, Columbia, N.J., writes that she has a blue-eyed (sky blue) rabbit. Is this common?

QUESTION — Esther Nolt, Newmanstown, would like to know where she can buy a set of Jungle Doctor books written by Paul White. She enjoyed these books as a child and would like to get them for her children.

QUESTION — A Turbotville reader would like to know where to find literature or an owner's manual on a US Slicing Machine Co., Van Berkel's original hand crank meat slicer that was made in 1912 in La Porte, Ind.

QUESTION — Glenda Strouse, Northumberland, would like to know the title and author of an excerpt from the following poem. The complete poem appeared in the 12/9 issue, but we need to condense for space. It's her grandmother's favorite poem and she could recite every word until a stroke took her voice. She is 89 and in a nursing home, but Glenda reads this poem to her every Christmas. Glenda said that there may be parts missing or wrong since she wrote it from memory. *The yule log blazed in the ancient hold. The beggar shrank from the biting cold. The baron's only daughter, the little Lady Grace was better dressed than any guest and fairer in the face. Yet never a thought of pride had she as she gaily danced round the Christmas tree. . . .*

QUESTION — Mrs. David Fisher, 1068 Back Maitland Rd., Lewistown, PA 17044, is looking for "Engine Whistles," the fifth reader from the Alice and Jerry series by Row, Peterson, and Co.

QUESTION — Bill Sherwood, Beavertown, is looking for two items. One is a kid's wagon made by Sherwood Company with the name Sherwood printed on the side. The other is a goat wagon. Both should be older models that are in good shape and priced reasonably.

QUESTION — Al Freysz, Middletown, Md., would like to know where to obtain parts for a Bonanza apple parer.

QUESTION — Sandra Laughman, Hardin, Mo., wrote that she read about a woman who creates pickled fabrics. Sandra would like information on the procedure and ingredients to use.

QUESTION — David Hoover, Ephrata, wants to know if Joseph Barr one dollar bills are collector items. There are five in a set.

ANSWER — Bernice Jones, Terra Alta, W.V., wanted to know where to purchase a blue and white striped engineer's cap. Thanks to Fae Koppenhaver, Hegins, for wrote that the hats may be purchased at the following address, however, the place is closed for the season and will reopen May 30. Pioneer Tunnel, 19th and Oak St., Ashland, PA 17921 or phone (717) 875-3850.

ANSWER — Wayne L. Miller, Bruceton Mills, W.V., wanted patterns or plans for a doll house. Thanks to Fae Koppenhaver, Hegins, for writing that the patterns are available from Project Plans, P.O. Box 9255, Des Moines, IL 50306-9225 and from Barbara's Mini World, 132 E. Main St. Palmyra, PA 17078 (717)838-4127. Sam's Club in Harrisburg also has a kit. Charles Pierman, Stockton, N.J., recommends the following: Craftsman Wood Service Co. 1735 W. Cortland Ct. Addison, IL 60101. Leichtung Workshops, Hanover, PA 17333-0081.

ANSWER — Betty Jakum, Littlestown, wanted to know where to find older varieties of apples. Please write to Grace Stirba, Spring Hollow Farm, 121 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Paradise, Pa. 17562. Grace also writes that Amos Fisher grows old apple varieties. He issues a catalog and lives at 494 White Oak Rd., Strasburg, Pa. 17579. Information may be received from Backyard Fruit Growers, c/o Don Ziegler, 817 High St., Akron, PA 17501.

Thanks to Loren Sadler, Stevens, who writes that some of the varieties are available from Southmeadow Fruit Gardens, Box SM, Lakeside, MI 49116.

ANSWER — Cheryl Martin, Greencastle, thanks the many who sent her little girl dress patterns.

ANSWER — A subscriber wanted to know when the dormitories will open again for Farm Show week. Elaine Angle, Layton, N.J., writes that the dormitories were open because she slept in them during the past two Farm Shows. Directions are posted throughout the building and the security and maintenance personnel are helpful in directing people to them.

ANSWER — Carl Pickel, Felton, wanted to know where to buy a sausage stuffer. Thanks to Mabel Tobias, Nazareth, who writes that a sausage stuffer lard and fruit press are available from Chop-Rite Two, Inc., 531 Old Skippack Rd. Harleyville, Pa. 19438. 1-800-683-5858. Lehman's Non-Electric Catalog, P.O.Box 41, Kidron, OH 44636 (216) 857-5757 have some parts for Enterprise stuffers and also sell new stuffers.

ANSWER — Salome Fisher, 151 Buckwalter Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602, wanted the story of "The Legend of the Star" written about the star found inside an apple when it is cut crosswise. Thanks to Betsy Dehn, Spencerville, Md., who sent three versions of the story.

Version 1: A little apple tree was among some big oak trees whose branches were high above the little apple tree. All the little apple tree could see above was the big branches of the oak trees and stars shining through their branches. Thinking that the stars were on the oak trees' s branches, the little apple tree said, "God, give me some stars like them."

God said, "Be patient! Little one."

The little apple tree said, "But, I want stars."

Spring came and the apple tree was full of beautiful blossoms—white and pink. The little apple tree still wasn't satisfied and still wanted stars. God told him to be patient.

Summer came and the blossoms fell, leaving just little buds which turned into beautiful red apples. But the little apple tree still wasn't satisfied and wanted stars. And God told him to be patient.

Autumn came and apples fell from the tree. Once split open when it fell. (Cut an apple open crosswise and you can see a star). The little apple tree had lots of stars.

The Legend Of The Apple Star Version 2

Once there was a child who wondered where the stars went in the daytime. He asked Grandmother, "Where do the stars go when the sun comes out?"

Grandmother smiles and said, "Each star lives in a little red house with no doors or windows. If you go outside, you might be able to find one.

So the child began searching for the star's little red house with no doors or windows that has a star inside?

When the child met a black cat, he asked, "Have you seen a little red house with no doors or windows that has a star inside?"

"No," said the cat. "Maybe the yellow duck has seen the little red house you are looking for."

So the child went to the duck pond and asked the yellow duck, "Have you seen a little red house with no doors or windows but with a star inside?"

"No," said the yellow duck. "But maybe the bluebird in that tree has seen the house you are looking for."

So the child looked up in the tree where the bluebird was sitting and said, "I am looking for a little red house with no doors or windows but with a star inside. Have you seen it?"

"Yes," said the bluebird, "I have seen the house you are looking for. In fact, the little red house is here in this tree!"

So the child looked up and guess what he saw? A red apple. (Cut a red apple crosswise and see the star formed on the inside by the seeds).

Why Apples Have Stars Within

The little brown apple seed, so the story goes, pushed its way out of the ground, and to its delight discovered it was a small apple tree. She found the world in the daytime a wonderful place, but the nighttime with its canopy of stars, was the most beautiful of all to her. With all her soul she longed for just one star.

The fairy queen heard her wish and told her to strive and work to grow strong and beautiful and her wish would be granted. The apple tree did just so; working hard to grow straight and tall, and finally, one spring day she was covered with beautiful pink blossoms. But best of all, when she dropped her blossoms, she had little brown baby seeds that would someday grow into apple trees.

She was so happy, loving and caring for her baby seeds, she forgot all about her wish. But the orchard fairy had not forgotten. The orchard fairy told the apple tree she earned her wish and she would make her a crown of stars. The tree said, "That was a foolish wish of mine. But if stars you have to give, give them, I pray you, to my baby seeds."

So that is why, if you cut your apple through the center of the circle side, you find brown baby seeds nestled in a five pointed star.

What To Do With Leftover Paint

(NAPS)—Paint is a vital part of keeping our immediate environment bright and beautiful. Consider these environmentally friendly ways to deal with leftover paint:

1. Always buy only what you need and use it up. If you only buy what you need, there isn't any leftover paint to dispose of.

2. Recycle the empty steel can.

3. Store paint properly by securing the lid and turning the can upside down. When properly stored, paint can last for years.

4. Donate useable leftover paint to churches, community groups, theater groups, etc.

5. Dry leftover latex-based paint before discarding it.

6. Save leftover solvent-based paint for a special waste collection program in your community.

For a free brochure, *Managing Leftover Paint*, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the National Paint & Coatings Association, Dept. NAPS, 1500 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005.