

M. K. Lititz, would like to know where to buy "Sub" by Whitman Publishing Co. print-

Robert Long, Walden, N.Y., would like to chase a rod-farg paint, which is made in erior way-based red paint, ideal for barns, was available from a company in Georgia.

Jinda Christman, Greencastle, would like to book, "The Runaway Flying Horse," by Paul originally called "Le Petit Cheval de Bois" "Hiver.

Margaret Greiff, Sidmore, would like to buy a cone like an ice cream cone.

Kenneth Kensing, Martinsburg, would like to get rid of powder post beetles or barn bee-1 structures.

Mary Patton, Honey Grove, would like to help and tips from readers.

Ruth Cantello, 115 Clyde Rd., Somerset, is building plans for a wood bench that con- into a picnic table.

Daniel Jensenig, Ephrata, would like to chase cherry pits or similar products to burn ove. Is there a store in southeastern Penn- these products already dried and bagged?

Esther Pitt, Newmanstown, would like to an buy out of Jungle Doctor books written e enjoyed these books as a child and would 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** — 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** — Al Freysz, Middletown, Md., would like to know where to obtain parts for a Bonanza apple parer.

**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** — 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** — Mike Pronio wanted farm butchering items to put on display at his family's meat market, Pronios Market, 236 W. Caracas Ave., Hershey, PA 17033. Mary Lehman, Pine Grove, writes that butchering items can often be purchased at bargain prices at farm and estate sales.

**ANSWER** — Jim Riss, Newtown, wanted to know where to purchase plans to build a wood duck nesting box. Thanks to Donald F. Young, Quakertown, and Ronald Peters, Port Trevorton, who both write that plans are available from Pa. Game Commission, Dept. MS2001 Elmertown Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797. The \$3 book, "Woodworking for Wildlife — Homes for Birds and Mammals," contains nesting box plans and many other wildlife house plans.

**ANSWER** — John Stadler, Farmingville, N.Y., wanted to know where the auction was a particular auction was held. Thanks to Pam, who writes that they auction to which he referred is the Tabernacle Auction in Indian Mills, N.J. To get there, travel south on Rt. 206. Indian Mills is about halfway between Routes #70 and #30, north of Wharton State Forest. Thanks to N. Leifeste, who writes that it is Harkers Auction located in Tabernacle.

**ANSWER** — Janet Singer, Newville, wanted to know where to purchase small sheep to go with her grandson's Ertl farm set. Thanks to N. Leifeste, Colts Neck, N.J., who writes that they are available in many farm stores that sell farm toys.

**ANSWER** — Ruth Cantello, Somerset, NJ, wanted directions on making angels from macaroni (pasta). Thanks to Esther Wissler, Manchester, for sending directions.

**Macaroni Angel**

Needed: Pot pie bow and elbow macaroni pasta, white paint, 14mm doll head, rice, Tacky Glue, small ribbon rose, magnet or pin.

Paint pasta white. Glue head on top of bow. Glue elbow macaroni on bow for arms. glue rice on head for hair. Rice may be dyed with food coloring. Glue small ribbon rose between bottom of elbow arms. Glue magnet or pin on back. Small piece of green 1/4 -inch ribbon may be added to bottom of rose to represent leaves.

**ANSWER** — Requests about soap making constantly pop up in the question and answer column. Numerous readers respond often with interesting tidbits of information related to soap making.

Here is an interest expose sent in by Irvin Filler who lives in Massachusetts.

**How To Make French Soap**

The early French fur traders and trappers were the best soap makers because they brought with them the art of extracting perfume to scent soap. Soap can be made from any grease such as deer fat, beef suet, lard, and bear fat.

This example describes using lard as the grease.

Take 10 pounds lard. If you desire to perfume the lard, spread the lard about one-inch thick on wooden boards. Place the boards in a building or sheltered outside spot. Take the blossoms of any strong smelling flowers and stick them into the lard as close together as possible. Do not cover them with the lard just stick them well into the lard. Leave the flower blossoms in the lard for 24 hours, then remove the blossoms. Repeat if you desire a stronger perfume odor. This is the same method used to make perfume in France. In perfume making the lard is distilled to extract the perfume.

If you desire a pine odor to your soap, boil pine needles slightly in soft water and use the water in place of regular soft water as described further on.

Now take the 10 pounds of lards and place it in a kettle with two quarts soft water or two quarts pine water. Bring to a boil. Then remove the kettle and set it aside to cool for 10 to 12 hours or overnight.

Any dirt or meat particles will settle out and sink to the bottom of the kettle. Now take 4 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons salt, 6 tablespoons powdered borax, 1/2 cup ammonia, and mix well into 1 cup soft water or pine water.

Go outdoors and mix 2 quarts of cold soft water or pine water into 2 cans of Lewis Lye in a granite dish. Stir well. Be sure you use cold water to mix into the lye. If you use hot water the lye will fume up and explode causing bad burns or blindness. The lye will cause the water to become hot. Leave the lye and water mixture cool down to lukewarm.

Take the sugar, salt, borax and ammonia mixture and pour it into the cooled lye and water mixture. Add the cool lard. Stir well with a wooden paddle and use a granite pan or kettle. Stir until honey-colored. Cut the soap into squares before it becomes completely hard. If you desire the soap in other shapes, place a piece of the soap in two piece wooden or metal molds and squeeze to the desired shapes.

This soap is very good for a face, hand, and body soap as well as washing dishes and clothes.

Harriet Higgins also sent in a soap recipe. She recommends reading about soap making.

She writes, "It is pretty tricky because many times, it doesn't turn out and can be disheartening. I can recommend three books."

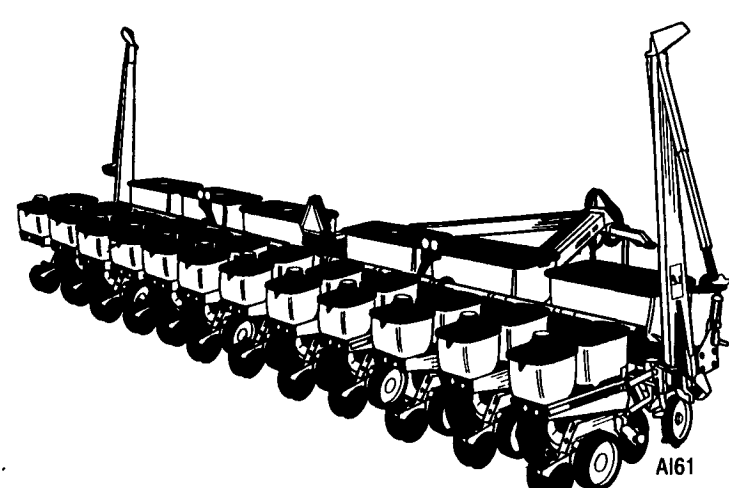
Here is a listing of the recommended books: "Soap: Making it Enjoying it," by Ann Bramson, published by Workman Pub. Co. Inc., 708 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

"Making Potpourri Colognes and Soap" by David A. Webb, published by Tab Books, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17294.

"Gifts and Crafts from the Garden," by Maggie Oster. Published by Rodale Press, 33 E. Minor St., Emmaus, PA 18098.

Harriet writes that she would be happy to answer questions regarding soap making. Call her at (410) 848-0637.

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