

Ida's Notebook
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It seems to take that something special to get met to give my house that extra cleaning. But, when a dozen ladies are coming

for a Bible Study, then I get to work and dust everything. Recently, someone told me that a layer of thin dust would protect furniture finish. If only that were true. One of my big problems is getting sparkling clean windows. I've tried most every cleaner made and even used my grandmother's newspaper and vinegar method. But, they are still streaked. No wonder that people say, "I don't do windows."

Another job when company is coming is my many flower plants. They drop blossoms and sometimes leaves too. Even one or two will have to be relegated to the

back porch. My three poinsettias are still fine but some begonias have seen better days. The pink kalanchoe is very pretty as is the orange one.

This year for a change, I shall have an amaryllis bloom. For so many years they have been growing only pretty leaves. It must be 50 years ago that a neighbor gave me my first bulb. When it bloomed about ten years ago, I got the camera and took a picture of it.

Next week we entertain our "Supper for Eight" group and I'll be glad that the cleaning is done. At least I do not have rag rugs that must be taken outside and beaten clean. My mother had this kind in her kitchen and they got very dirty. So, each Saturday they had to be cleaned. Now I complain that my new vacuum is too heavy. It appears that we are never satisfied.

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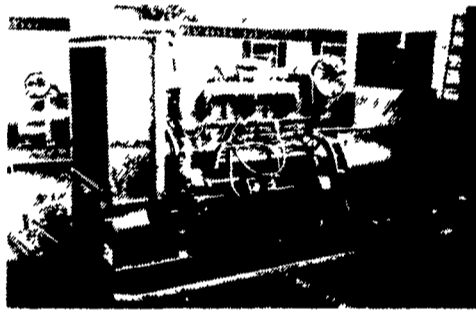
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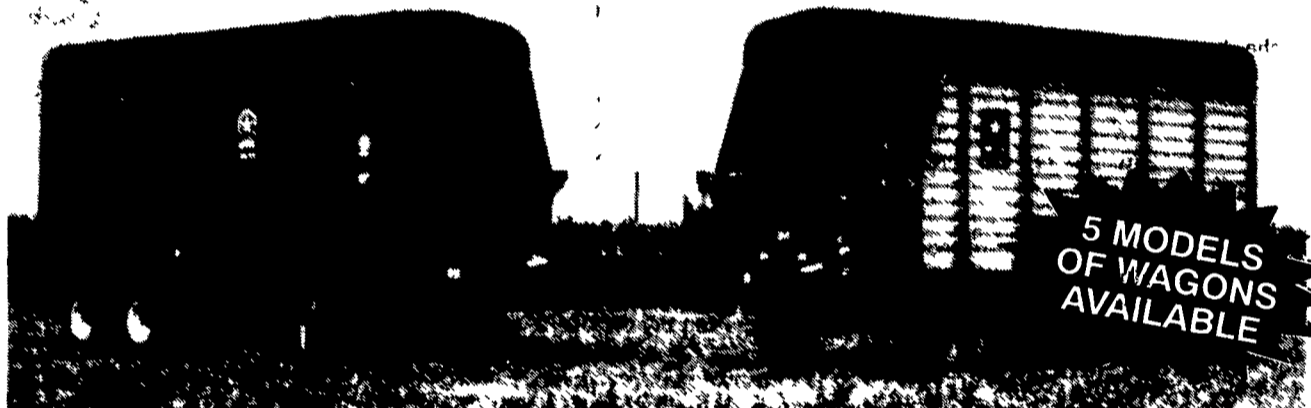
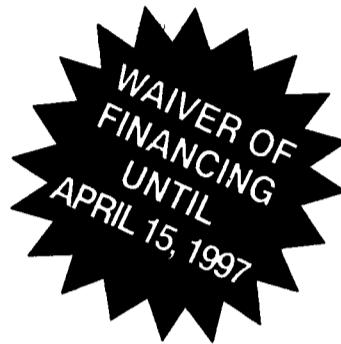
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