

Ann Reich writes that she purchased a porcelain top several years ago. She wants to know if there is a cleaner, which she used sparingly. She wants to know if there is a cleaner to clean and shine the surface.

ossi, Lititz, wanted to know where to buy plates, particularly the larger sizes.

Grove, Airville, wants to know where to buy herbs and spices, which were sold at a certain time. Later, she found them at a shop, but the shop is no longer there.

Becker, 4691 Maple Dr., Walnut Creek, wants to know if a school desk with a 1 1/4-inch hole can be bought at a reasonable price and if it will fit into the well with a cover to fit into the

Newcomer, York, would like to buy a Cream Parlor ice cream freezer. She has a mother made a few mother sow and other made a few mother sow in the past. She recently passed away. Lois cannot find the pattern. She would like to borrow instructions. 145 E. Prospect Rd., York, PA

n Voyce, Simpson, would like a set of bits that fit a Kango Electric Jack. The bits are 9:3 amp. AC or DC.

Shaner, Hughesville, wants to know where to buy a cold butchering kettle that is very

QUESTION — Walter Mochari, N. Brunswick, N.J., wants information on the location of Home Life Insurance Co. of America. His letter to 1120-24 I.B.E. Bldg, Wilkes Barre, PA., has been returned with no forwarding address.

QUESTION — Gary Hearn, 2750 Springfaire Dr., Goochland, VA 23063, wants to buy an Oliver crawler tractor to restore, preferably an OC-4.

QUESTION — Levi L. Stoltzfus, Quarryville, wants to know where to get shaker tops for salt and pepper shakers.

QUESTION — Joseph Dorsi of Stirling, NJ, would like to know if someone has a Model #FPM-6, Serial #693 Lickity Chipper made by Piqua Engineering, Inc. in Ohio could explain why it clogs up. It was purchased used and is no longer being made.

QUESTION — Mildred Wilson, Brockway, would like the poem, "Flour Sack Underwear."

QUESTION — Doris Rayna, Stewartsville, N.J., writes that she has a Gearhart hand-cranked knitting machine that was manufactured between 1900-1930 in Clearfield, Pa. The machine is circular and was used to make stockings, scarves, and other small items. Although it seems to be in fairly good working order, some of the needles are missing and it needs a complete cleanup. Doris wants more information on the machine and would like to communicate with someone else who owns such a machine. Contact her at 520 N. Main St., Stewartsville, NJ 08886.

QUESTION — Arie Fisher, Gap, has six books by E.P. Roe that she can no longer use and would like to give to someone who wants them.

QUESTION — Doris Rishel, Spring Mills, would like to know where to purchase Dr. David Roberts Salve, which is white and has a winter green aroma or in brown to use for animals and people.

ANSWER — R. Cox of Quakertown wanted a good recipe for making homemade laundry soap. Here is one from Mrs. Elam Miller, Leola, which she used.

Homemade Flake Soap

Mix the following in stone crock in order given:
 10 cups cold water
 9 cups melted fat
 1/2 cup ammonia
 3 tablespoons borax

1 can Banner lye, sprinkle lye in last. Let set 5 to 10 minutes, stir frequently for the first 1 1/2 hour, after that every hour throughout the day. Let set in crock for a couple days. Put in tight containers so it won't dry out.

ANSWER — A Wysox reader writes that as a child of Pennsylvania Dutch heritage, she had been taken to someone to do "pow-wow" on her for an ailment of some kind. She was too young to remember what was involved. She wanted some background information on pow-wow. Thanks to Lester K. Burkholder, Fredericksburg, for sending the following information: Powwow is the English name given to the practice known in the German language as Braucherey. The word pow-wow is a direct translation from the Algonquian Indian language which means communication with the dream and spirit world. The word Braucherey is thought to originate from the ancient Hebrew word of Baruch that means to bless. This is not to be confused with a blessing from the almighty God where the Hebrew word of Brakah is always used.

The practice was brought into America from the old world by the early settlers. Braucherey (powowing) goes back to ancient sources and carries an occult mood. It is thought that most of these practices originated from ancient Egyptian practices of sorcery and were passed down through the generations. The practices used in powowing are mystical and require faith in them to work.

ANSWER — For Paul Dowie who wanted a beginner's alto sax, P. Charles has one to sell that needs some repairs. Contact Charles at 316 Stackstown Rd. Marietta, PA.

ANSWER — L. Eugene Martin has information for John Bolidridge on construction and use of a wood kiln using a dehumidifier for the drying mechanism. Write to him at 575 Netzley Dr., Denver, PA 17517.

ANSWER — Bonnie Gible of Ono needs information on how to stop her dog from chewing on his leg and taking off hair and flesh. He is now eating dirt, which he didn't do before. Could he be lacking something in his system? Vet is no help with lotions, which can stop it in one area but the dog will start eating at another place. Thanks to Ruth Erb, Beavertown, for answering. She read in health newsletters about dogs being helped by Proanthocyanidin (brand name Pycnogenol) an extract of grape seeds or a particular pine needle. It is a natural anti-inflammatory that does not cause stomach ulcers. Walmart sells Proanthocyanidin reasonably. Try giving your dog one a day. He should probably chew it up, if not, crush and sprinkle on his food. Try for two or three months at least. Ruth writes that she has taken it for years for a chronic muscle disease that is incurable. The only side effect in humans found thus far is a possible B vitamin depletion. Ruth takes extra B vitamins for this. If the therapy doesn't work, ask your vet about Chondroitin Complex. Vets prescribe it for animals with arthritis, but it is also an anti-inflammatory. Also, put a little olive oil on your dog's food.

ANSWER — Beth Schaffer, Telford, is restoring an antique wicker (reed) wheelchair and needed wheels. Thanks to David Hoffman, Bechtelsville, writes that he has a pair of wooden wheel chair wheels in good condition. Contact him at P.O. Box 477 Bechtelsville, PA 19505, and give your phone number. He will contact you.

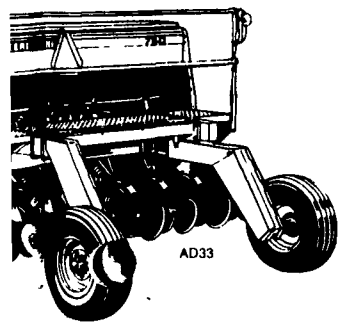
ANSWER — Levi Stoltzfus, Quarryville, wanted to know where to send glass jars to have flowers hand-painted on them. Thanks to Mrs. Ray Peters who writes that her aunt has The Motto Shop and does painting on glass and wooden plaques. Contact Catherine Lehman at R.1, Box 563-L, Everett, PA 15537 or call (814) 847-2011. Also, Elva Hurst of Lititz has years of experience in painting. Contact her at (717) 626-6582.

ANSWER — Richard Millard, Warrington, wanted to buy wood handles, new or good used ones for a walk behind cultivator or harrow. Edward Clark, Frazer, suggests contacting Walter N. Hoover, 2215 Main St., Narvon, PA 17555 or call (717) 445-6012.

ANSWER — Anna Mary Nace, Spring Grove, is in need of a replacement drop over lower handle for a (396M) 6-quart Mirro aluminum pressure cooker. The patent numbers are 2399115 and 2485380. Thanks to Anna Mary Nace, Spring Grove, who suggests calling the company at 1-800-527-7727.



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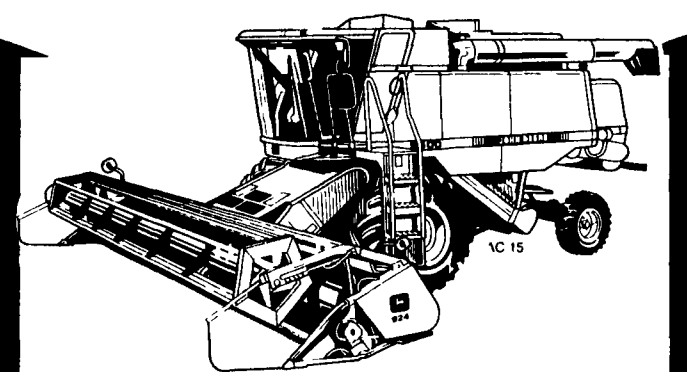
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