



This column is for readers who have questions but don't know who to ask for answers.

"You Ask-You Answer" is for non-cooking questions. When a reader sends in a question, it will be printed in the paper. Readers who know the answer are asked to respond by mailing the answer, which will then be printed in the paper.

Questions and Answers to this column should be addressed to You Ask-You Answer, Lancaster Farming, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522. Attention: Lou Ann Good.

Or, you may e-mail questions and answers to lgood.eph@lnpnews.com

Please clarify what question you are answering when responding.

Do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reply. If we receive the answer, we will publish it as soon as possible. Please include your phone number because we sometimes need to contact the person to clarify details. We will not publish your phone number unless you request it.

QUESTION — Mrs. Glenn Miller, HC62, Box 660, Honesdale, PA 18431, wants the parts for a Singer sewing machine model 237 Fashion Mate. She needs the tension knob mechanism located on the front of the machine.

QUESTION — Gideon Stoltzfus requests a used set of "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories" and "My Bible Friends." Set should be in good condition and reasonably priced. Write to Stoltzfus at 3184B Mill Lane, Gordonville, PA 17529.

QUESTION — I. Wenger wants to purchase the following three books, but he sent no address. The books are "More All-Of-A-Kind Family" and "All-Of-A-Kind Family Uptown" by Sydney Taylor; and "The Four-Story Mistake" by Elizabeth Enright.

QUESTION — Stephen A. Lapp, 69 Long Lane, Kirkwood, wants to know how to dehull oats and spelts. He has a mill to crimp them for oatmeal but doesn't know how to get rid of the hulls.

QUESTION — Esther King, 1615 Hunsicker Rd., Bird in Hand, PA 17505, saw "Cross Stitch" magazine published by Better Homes and Garden, which had a pattern of lilies and the Bible verse, "Consider the lilies...." She wishes she would have purchased the magazine but didn't and asks if someone would send a copy of it if they have it.

QUESTION — Evelyn Reinfeld, Halifax, would like to know what causes rhubarb to grow into seed. She put plants out two years ago and last year they turned into seed pods. Any information would be beneficial.

QUESTION — Ada B. Zook, Quarryville, wants the book "Shoofly Girl," by Lois Lensky. Ada would also like the words to the song "Git Along Little Doggie."

QUESTION — E. Sheetz, Fleetwood, wants to know how to repair a burn mark on a leather table top or the name of a professional service that can fix it.

QUESTION — C. Grodman, New Hampton, N.Y., wants to know of organizations that donate flower bulbs or cuttings of outdoor plants that will be used to make a community garden at a senior citizen's center.

QUESTION — Mark Byers, 68 Church St., Apt.2, Spring City, PA 19475-1816, wants to know where to find a trailer wheel stud for the axle of an old camper trailer. The stud is 1/2-inch corase with reverse thread.

QUESTION — M. Ritzman, P.O. Box 233, McAlisterville, PA 17049-0233, has misplaced her instruction booklet for an Elna sewing machine model 390B, purchased about 1976. Could someone send her a copy, she will pay the costs.

QUESTION — Doris Stahl wants the words to the song, "Don't Go Out in the Woods Tonight."

QUESTION — George Wojnar, Cream Ridge, NJ, is desperately searching for Ramapo tomato seeds. Anyone able to help?

QUESTION — Brenda Kensinger, Martinsburg, wants to know where purchase macadamia nuts in the area of Martinsburg, Pa.

QUESTION — Horst Schaper, Moosup, CT., owns a horsedrawn machine gun cart model 1917, which needs some tender, loving care. Does anyone know of some books or pictures that would help him know how to repair the cart?

QUESTION — M. High wants to know if there's anything that will remove black spots off an iron spatula, which accidentally burned in a trash fire. The spatula was her mother's wedding present.

QUESTION — Annie Kauffman is looking for someone who has a set of Uncle Arthur Bible Story books to sell. The books should be in good used condition and be reasonably priced. Write to Annie at 1624 Cambridge Rd., Honey Brook, PA 19344.

QUESTION — David Rutledge, Jarrettsville, MD 21084, is trying to find parts for a Jacobsen chief lawn and garden tractor or an old one that he could salvage for parts.

QUESTION — K.K. writes that when she was a child, her grandmother Emily Sauerland Duvalois made the most wonderful marbled Easter eggs using regular tablets of egg coloring from a box and salad oil. The eggs were works of art and the one she remembers best was marbled predominately green with red, white, and yellow splashes. Can a reader send directions for duplicating marbled eggs?

QUESTION — Nancy Landes, R.1, Box 286, Montrose, PA 18801 is looking for someone who can make a braided rug using four strands of material and a crochet hook.

QUESTION — Robin Baummer needs someone to repair a braided rug with a 10x10-inch section missing. She prefers someone from the York or Adams County area.

QUESTION — Harold Wolf, New Cumberland, wants the music to "The Wild Colonial Boy." However, he did not include his complete address.

QUESTION — G. Sweitzer wants a source for old-fashioned baby food jars with real glass threads on the jar and matching metal threads on the lids.

QUESTION — A reader is looking for a store that sells Hi-Yield products, hopefully in the Lebanon County area. They need them for this year's growing season.

QUESTION — A faithful reader wants to know if someone knows about a polish for laminated tables that produces a real good shine.

QUESTION — G. Sweitzer wants to know what chemicals to use for treating wood damaged/infested by Eastern Subterranean Termites. Also, what chemicals are used outside the house and where can they be purchased?

QUESTION — Alice Faust from Kutztown is looking for an old barn beam loom. Does anyone know where to find one or have one to buy? If so, please contact her at (610) 756-6488.

QUESTION — Anna Byler is looking for a small children's book about kangaroos. The mother sings to her baby: "Sleep, Joey mine, cuddle close up to me." Anna wants to buy a copy of the book or at least have the words. Write to her at 92 Sunnyside Lane, Belleville, PA 17004.

QUESTION — A Pennsylvania reader wants the words to the poem "When the Honeymoon in the Barn is Over."

QUESTION — Frank Totten needs an operation's manual for a Favorite Incubator built by Leahy Manufacturing Co., Higginsville, MS. No model number is listed and the company is out of business. Could someone help him locate a manual, a copy of one, or a possible source for obtaining one.

Come Into My Parlor

"Will you walk into my parlor?"
Said a spider to a fly;
'Tis the prettiest little parlor
That ever you did spy.
The way into my parlor
Is up a winding stair,
And I have many pretty things
To show when you are there."
"Oh, no, no!" said the little fly,
To ask me is in vain;
For who goes up your winding stairs,
Can ne'er come down again."
"I'm sure you must be weary
With soaring up so high;
Will you rest upon my little bed?"
Said the spider to the fly.
"There are pretty curtains drawn around,
The sheets are fine and thin;
And if you like to rest awhile,
I'll snugly tuck you in."
"On, no, no!" said the little fly,
"For I've often heard it said,
They never, never wake again,
Who sleep upon your bed."
Said the cunning spider to the fly,
"Dear Friend, what shall I do,
To prove the warm affection
I've always felt for you?
I have, within my pantry,
Good store of all that's nice;
I'm sure you're very welcome—
Will you please take a slice?"
"Oh, no, no!" said the little fly
"Kind sir, that cannot be;
I've heard what's in your pantry,
And I do not wish to see."
"Sweet creature," said the spider,
"You're pretty and you're wise;
How handsome are your gauzy wings,
How brilliant are your eyes.
I have a little looking glass
Upon my parlor shelf;
If you'll step in one moment, dear,
You shall behold yourself."
"I thank you, gentle sir," she said,
"For what you're pleased to say,
And bidding you good-morning now,
I'll call another day."

The spider turned him round about,
And went into his den,
For well he knew the silly fly
Would soon be back again;
So he wove a subtle web
In a little corner sly,
And set his table ready
To dine upon the fly.
He went out to his door again,
And merrily did sing,
"Come hither, hither, pretty fly,
With pearl and silver wing;
Your robes are green and purple,
There's a crest upon your head;
Your eyes are like the diamond bright,
But mine are dull as lead."
Alas, Alas! How very soon
This silly little fly
Hearing his wily, flattering words,
Came slowly flitting by;
With buzzing wings she hung aloft,
Then near and nearer drew—
Thought only of her brilliant eyes,
And green and purple hue,
Thought only of her crested head—
Poor foolish thing! At last
Up jumped the cunning spider
And fiercely held her fast.
He dragged her up his winding stair,
Into his dismal den
Within his little parlor-but
She ne'er came out again!
And now, dear little children
Who may this story read,
To idle, silly, flattering words,
I pray you ne'er give heed;
Unto an evil counselor
Close heart and ear and eye,
And take a lesson from this tale
Of the spider and the fly.

Mary Howitt