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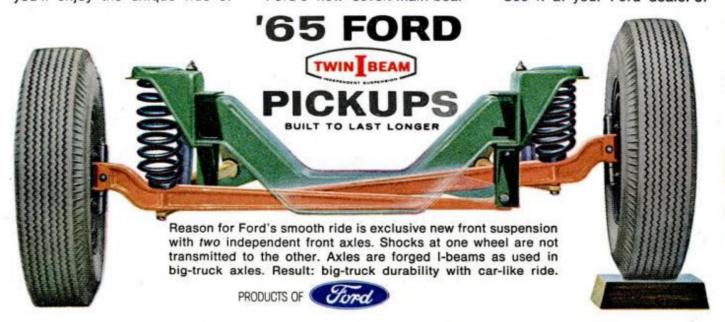
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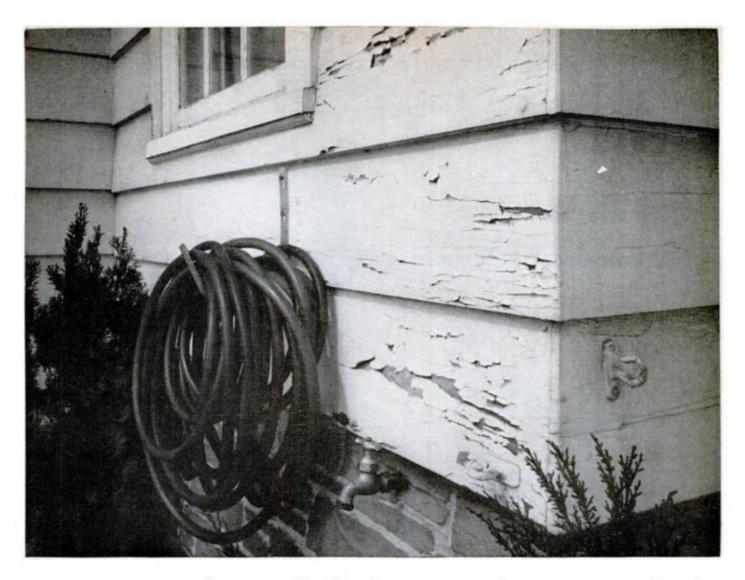
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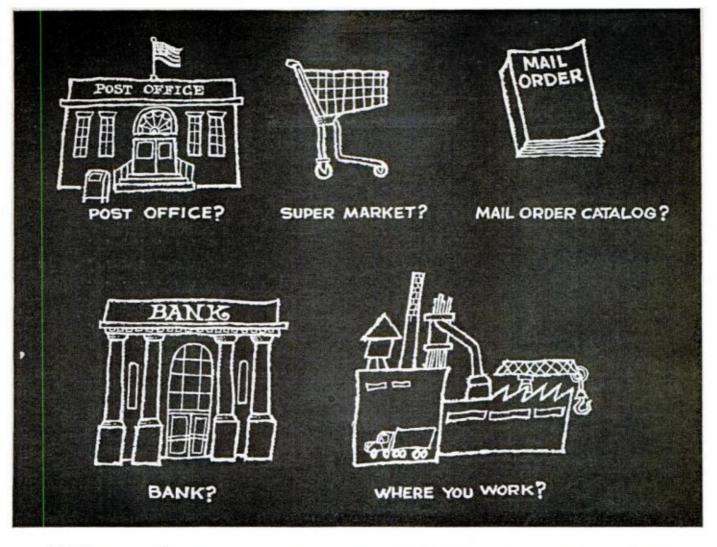
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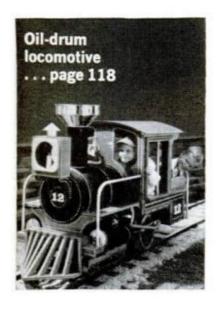


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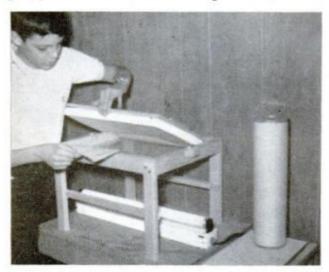
You describe a method of removing black sand from gold in a pan (Glittering Gold Rush Vacation, page 102, June PM) that sounds like a gold loser to me.

The way it's done in North Georgia is to pour the small amount of iron sand and "color" through a funnel into a small bottle. After panning for several days, pour the contents of the bottle onto a piece of paper, letting the water run off. After the sand dries, it can easily be removed from the gold with a magnet without losing the finer pieces of flour gold (which stick to the iron if you try to separate when the sand and gold are wet). Most of the gold I've found would be extremely difficult-if not impossible-to separate from iron sand with tweezers. Winter Haven, Fla.

WILLIAM K. HOWELL JR.

Handled Printer

I built the \$3 Dry Blueprinter (page 146, January PM) with a few variations. My machine is a little smaller than the plan, and I fastened two pieces of cove



molding to the covers to serve as handles. Thanks for the fine plans; I got the same results on my blueprinter as I did on one in our school drafting department. Ishpeming, Mich. JOHN P. SWANBERG

Far-Ranging Sleeper

The Wagon-Top Sleeper (page 128, May 1964 PM) will enable my wife and me, along with our three children, to take a 4900-mile vacation trip through Canada this summer.

Among the modifications I made are



these: piano hinge instead of the three Thinges; a rain drip cap over the door; awnings for the windows; electric wiring (for a light and electric blanket); and chest-type latches instead of screen door hooks for use when unit is folded down for travel.

Thank you for the fine article. KENWOOD M. MARKUSSEN Rolla, Mo.

Letter Perfect

The Hydro Dynamic (page 144, March 1963 PM) is a wonderful boat. We pull three skiers without any trouble; carry-



ing two people, the boat will reach 48 mph with a 60-hp motor.

We followed your plans to the letter, and would recommend the project to any of your readers. Avinger, Tex. W. A. McCain

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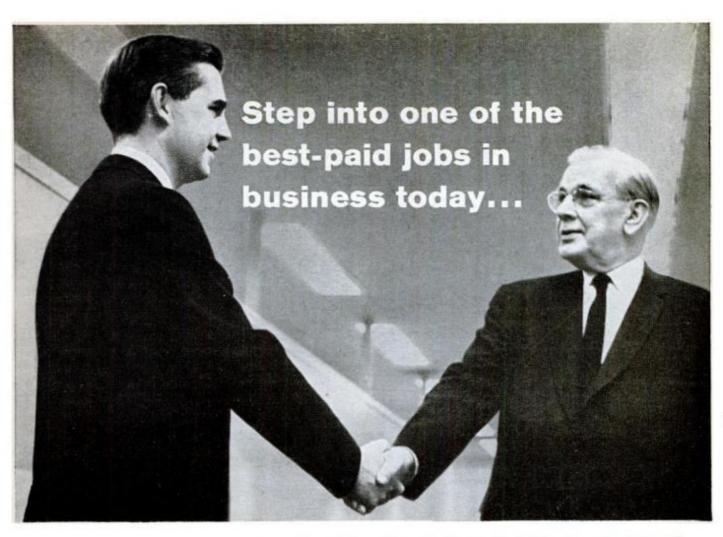
Thanks to the excellent articles in recent issues of PM, particularly Patio-Yard Lights (page 165, May PM) we now have an extremely well lighted patio and backyard area.

Port Chester, N.Y. JACK A. LEHRER

Hydro Dynamic's Spray

Our friends find it hard to believe that two amateurs could build such a sleeklooking craft from magazine plans as the Hydro Dynamic my dad and I built from

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the March 1963 PM (page 144).

We powered the Kasha Kat (as we named it) with a 50-hp motor.

For the most part we are truly delighted with the excellent looks and handling ease of the boat. However, we do have a performance problem.

We are bothered by quite heavy spray at medium to high speeds. This spray comes from the bow and soaks all passen-

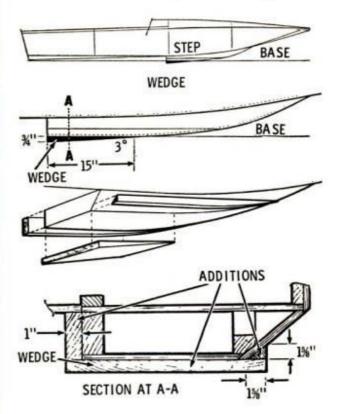
Might some modification of the sponsons

be needed?

Scarborough, Ont. ROBERT F. BRAIN

While most people who built the threepoint runabout were well-satisfied with its performance, we've also received some letters like yours telling of spray building up ahead of the sponsons and blowing back into the cockpit.

We consulted with the boat's designer, and he came up with the modification shown in the drawings. Basically, it in-



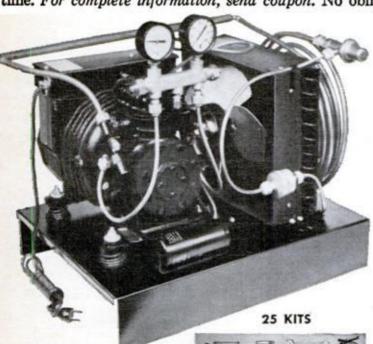
volves removal of the rails from each sponson, widening the planing surface and adding a shallow wedge. All of these changes increase sponson lift.

Tests showed that the modification not only solves the spray problem but improves overall performance. We've incorporated it into the plans for the boat, and suggest that it be used on all new construction.

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The elusive Right Whale, object of the Navy's "Operation Moby Dick," apparently didn't like all the attention he was getting. He left Cape Cod Bay without a radio transmitter on his back. The special operation was a Navy scheme to tag a Right Whale which spends the spring months in Cape Cod Bay, then disappears for the rest of the year. The plan was to drop a transmitter harpoon onto the whale's back from a helicopter, electronically tracking him to his unknown destination. A scientist from the Office of Naval Research tried several times to tag a whale, but finally had to hang up his ole harpoon until next spring.

The Navy is interested in the Right Whale as part of a research project. It could provide clues of the underwater creature's habits and habitations and how they might affect submarines. A special harpoon was designed for the project. Attached to it was a radio which, when out of the water, would transmit a continuous note to a receiver located in a small observation plane flying nearby. The harpoon is a harmless dart-tipped shank at the end of a detachable 10-foot pole, designed to penetrate only the whale's foot-thick skin. So far, no luck.

Old fashioned. When the Navy's newest aircraft carrier put to sea for the first time, her skipper, Capt. Lawrence Heywroth Jr., radioed: "Underway on fossil power." This was a reference to the ship's fuel—oil, rather than nuclear. The Navy had fought for nuclear power for the ship, but was turned down by the Department of Defense.

Altitude and thickness of overhead clouds can now be determined accurately with a new Air Force cloud-detection radar. With the new equipment, Air Force weathermen can measure bases and tops of cloud layers up to 60,000 feet over their

stations. Before this, meteorologists used estimates from weather balloons or aircraft flying in the area. An electronic printer, using data from the radar, produces a wide paper tape etched with a continuous horizontal view of cloud conditions automatically.

A sun-powered boat, which could possibly be used in areas such as Vietnam where "noiseless" military movements are a requirement, is being tested by the Army. Solar panels are used to convert sunshine to electrical power which in turn is used to operate the propelling motors or to recharge the batteries. The boat can be operated directly from the solar panels or from the reserve batteries.

Mechanical eavesdropper. An electronic device that will recognize human speech is being developed by the Air Force. Idea is to come up with a machine that can "hear" talk from the earth when spacemen get so far away they can't detect voice communication with the human ear. A possible commercial application: typewriters that can take dictation and produce letters with no pretty secretary involved. There may be some buyer resistance to this one.

Waterjet propulsion. A new waterjet system may someday drive Navy ships at nearly 90 mph. The new system—the aquatic equivalent of an aircraft jet engine—would eliminate the complex mechanical drives and marine propulsion systems now used. It would zoom a ship forward by "swallowing" large amounts of water, passing it through pumps, and ejecting it at tremendous velocities through rear nozzles. Ships powered by the new system would be twice as fast as the swiftest surface vessel or submarine in the ocean today.

Morse Code messages can be received and understood by anybody with a new translating device being tested by the Army. The gadget translates the dots and dashes of the Morse Code into letters of the alphabet as fast as 16 words a minute. The letters flash one after another on a screen the size of a postage stamp. An ear plug permits the operator to listen as well as watch. No bigger than a transistor radio, the device will be used by the Army where trained Morse Code operators aren't available. While telephone and radio transmission is common today, Morse Code still has its advantages. It can get through when interference drowns out voice, and it has a certain amount of privacy.

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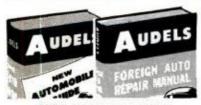
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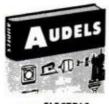
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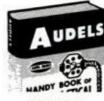
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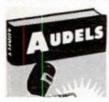
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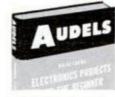
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If you have a pet turtle in the house, take care—it might be the source of salmonella infection. That warning comes from two Minnesota health researchers writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. They report diagnosing salmonella (a term covering a large group of bacteria-caused infections) in 22 patients, most of them under 6 years of age. Symptoms include diarrhea and fever.

Spread of the infection occurred when children failed to wash their hands after handling turtles or when turtles were put into dishes later used to serve food.

Air bubbles are purifying a lake in Holland. Compressed air pumped into more than two miles of perforated hose lying on the bottom is preserving plant and animal life and removing objectionable odors from a lake that's used for sewage disposal. The bubbles, which are kept going 22 hours a day, cause lower layers of water to rise and thus create continuous circulation.

Oxygen from rocks has been produced by NASA scientists who say the process could be used on the moon to make oxygen for astronauts' breathing equipment and fuel for their rocket ships. The scientists successfully produced oxygen from three types of rocks that they believe are widely distributed on the moon's surface.

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Miniature earthquakes are being produced by Soviet scientists to test the proposed design of a dam and hydroelectric power station that's planned for a region of Asia. The explosion-simulated earthquakes are set off near a scale model of the dam, which is equipped with instruments to measure its reaction to the tiny tremors.

Radioactive chromium is being used by scientists to investigate the movement of sand on the bottom of Australia's Botany Bay. The chromium is mixed with sand and its movement is then traced with highly sensitive instruments.

Cats can detect X-rays—and scientists are wondering how they do it. Tests were run at the Veterans Administration hospital in Long Beach, Calif., in which cats had to react to five-second exposures of X-rays in order to avoid mild electric shocks. Researchers found that the felines' reactions were greatest when the rays were directed at the animals' heads. But the scientists haven't been able to determine how the cats sense the rays.

To learn about fish, you have to go where the fish are. And the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries wants to do just that with a fast nuclear submarine. The Bureau's chief, Dr. O. E. Sette, says the kind of boat he needs would be cheap compared to a Navy submarine because it would not carry costly armaments.

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The report appeared in a Russian newspaper, but there were no details on the process itself. Natural caviar is made from fish eggs, the best coming from the roe of the sturgeon.

A train simulator—the world's first—is being used in England to train engineers for British Railways. The computer-operated simulator enables the trainee to "drive" over 16 miles of track, complete with sound effects and programmed "emergencies." As he drives, a moving picture of the track is projected on a screen in front of him. The trainer is mounted on a pivot and is moved by hydraulic jacks to give the sensation of movement.

The moon may be full of crude oil. So says Dr. Willard F. Libby, professor of chemistry at the University of California and former member of the AEC. He explans that the intense radiation in outer space may cause simple chemicals to form complex organic compounds such as crude oil. Libby reports that he and a graduate student have frozen methane (a simple compound) to its solid crystalline form and subjected it to atomic radiation. The result: "a fair amount of crude oil."

Suggested methods for kicking the cigaret habit are a dime a dozen these days. One of the latest comes from a British physician who advises putting pinholes in cigarets: one pinhole the first week, two the second, three the third.

The air vents cause the smoke to become more and more diluted. The doctor claims that three pinholes will cut tar deposits by 50 percent. He prescribes the system for people who are trying to taper off gradually.

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"Can you get her running?" asked the

department head anxiously.

Bill was the sort of man who could fix almost anything with chewing gum and baling wire, but after one look he said:

"I can't even read the circuit prints."
They got Jim Baker out of his sickbed and brought him to the plant, and he couldn't fix the controls either! The furnace was shut down until a company crew analyzed the trouble and got production started again.

Across the nation in industry after industry the Bill Eberles and Jim Bakers are struggling to keep the equipment of the sweeping new technology running,

and they are finding it tough.

"What do you do when you update machines and out-date operators?" asks Dr. Joseph S. Kopas, founder of Cleveland's Human Engineering Institute. His group provides several special training programs to help workers catch up with technological change. Dr. Kopas and other educators, economists and industrial and labor leaders know that automation, new products, plant mergers and plant relocations are changing jobs faster than at any other time in the world's history.

Most economists today maintain that automation creates new jobs even faster than it destroys old ones, but there is no denying that a man whose job is automated out from under him feels little comfort in this. There are economists and labor and business leaders who are pessimistic about the impact of automation, or who take a "wait and see" attitude. Thomas J. Watson Jr., is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of International Business Machines Corp., the giant "Think" company which manu-factures a high percentage of the dataprocessing machines that have revolutionized industry. Recently, he pointed out that for four straight years the nation's

economy has continued to grow without a break. "Yet for seven straight years," he said, "the unemployment rate, almost without interruption, has failed to decline."

"As many as 800,000 young Americans may be out of school and out of work today," he added. "If present trends continue, by 1970 they may number one and a half million."

He maintained that unemployment is "a hard, incontrovertible fact, which we cannot ignore away," and he raised the gloomy possibility that "the new laborsaving machines, in coal mines and auto factories and oil refineries have aggravated the unemployment problem."

Modernize or Fail

Few Americans, even those put out of work by the new laborsaving machines, think that the United States should refuse to modernize its factories and shops. They know what has happened to other once-great nations that lagged behind the rest of the world. In the fiercely competitive American market, the firm which does not stay modern also loses out. Dr. Louis T. Rader, general manager of General Electric Company's industrial electronics division at Phoenix, Ariz., noted that from 1948 to 1963 "the industries that invested the most money in plant and equipment in order to increase productivity, enjoyed both increased profits and employment." The industries that invested the least in plant and equipment "suffered a loss in profits and in employment." He ranked the four most laborefficient industries as chemicals, petroleum, tobacco and instruments, and the least labor-efficient as textiles, leather, lumber and apparel. If a man looking for a job has a skill, he is more likely to find an opening in a labor-efficient industry working with the new machines than he is in one without them.

There are few "fur-lined ruts" in laborefficient industries. Change marches through these plants and a man's job can be outmoded almost overnight. America's industrial chemical plants make more than 10,000 products used by other firms in the manufacture of consumer products. William Marshall was just out of high school when he went to work at a Wilmington, Del., plant which produced sulphuric acid for the steel industry. He filled barrels and toted crates and advanced rung by rung until he was a helper to a chemical operator. When his company offered on-the-job training and classroom instruction tied into his work, Bill took the courses. Another helper

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Take Charge of Your Career

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"Hey, take time to live," he often rebuked Bill over the after-lunch poker hand. "Don't be a grind. Seniority will look after little old me."

A few years ago the company shut down the by-then obsolete sulphuric acid plant. Today Bill Marshall, who studied instrument repair in his off hours, is a well-paid instrument maintenance man in a new automated plant built by the chemical company. His poker-playing buddy is still out of work.

Comparisons between men like Bill and his friend can be made in almost every factory, shop and office across the country. Dr. John Walsh, director of educational research for International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa., believes that our "unemployment rate would be considerably lower today if we could only overcome so many workers' fear of facing up to the future and preparing themselves for it. So many are afraid to tackle spare time study because they think it's too tough, and they'll probably fail. The tragedy is that with a little encouragement from their family or their employer, most could make the grade."

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"After all," argues one educator, "even a surgeon has to go back to school from time to time if he is to keep up to date. I know a mastoid specialist who thought he had it made. Then the wonder drugs all but eliminated mastoiditis. He returned to medical school and specialized in obstetrics. I suppose he figured that neither new drugs nor automation was likely to eliminate babies. The truth of the situation is that the real threat to a man's job does not come from the changing times but from his unwillingness to keep up his education and training."

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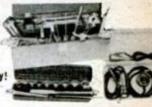
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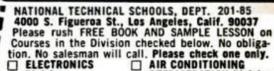
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The Army's navy may soon be sliding down the slip. The Army never really gave up its air force after the old Army Air Corps became the independent Air Force, because it went right on flying smaller and slower aircraft for front-line support and spotting, as the Air Force went in for bigger and faster jets following World War II.

Now it's going in for floating airfields just like the Navy. It is converting a Navy seaplane tender into a floating maintenance facility complete with flight deck.

The Army's "aircraft carrier" will ser-

The Army's "aircraft carrier" will service helicopters primarily, floating close to a coast where the helicopters are engaged in combat operations.

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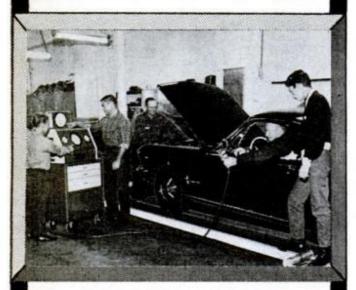
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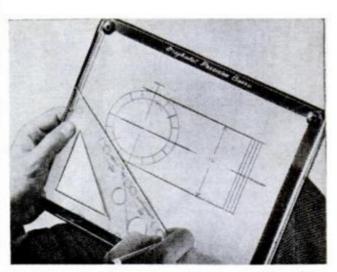
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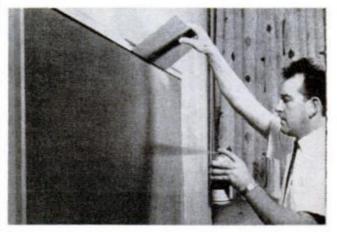
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- **POSt** Case of Aerodynamic Doublethink?

Chevrolet's plans to introduce a Mustang-style car for '66 seem to Pontiac like a great idea. So great, in fact, that Pontiac executives were scrapping within the GM family for a chance to add that body to Pontiac's '66 line, too. As we go to press, it doesn't look as though they'll make it this year.

Try this for a nightmare situation: It's late at night. You're tooling along a side road and doze at the wheel. You miss a curve, go over a bank and plunge into a

water-filled gravel pit.

Test authorities from Indiana University, the Michigan police, an insurance company, and the Red Cross found it needn't be such a nightmare—if you don't panic. You usually have a few minutes in which the car will float. Open a window (don't try to buck water pressure with the door) and scramble out. Or, as the car starts to nose down, hustle out a back window. By keeping calm you use less oxygen. Even when you're on the bottom, it's often possible to get out of a water-filled car.

Citroen's showing in its "new Canadian double transcontinental crossing" — 7604 miles from Halifax to Vancouver and back in 134½ hours for an average 57+ mph—sounds pretty good for the course. Unfortunately there's no way to tell how good it really is. The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile hasn't recognized a speed record on public roads for years, so there's no comparison of Citroen's "record" with any other car's. A couple of weeks earlier the Shell 4000-mile trans-Canada rally ran from Vancouver to Montreal, but Citroen didn't enter it.

A story about Timo Makinen, the bigtime professional Finnish rally driver, illustrates the temperament of these men. Another team was given a copy of Timo's route notes—reminders of the kind of corners and hills to expect so a driver can attack stretches he's only partly familiar with. One note advised that at "DANGER sign" the way to drive was "flat out."

Those of us who like to drive for fun tend to focus on the shortcomings of Detroit's trend to "automatic autos"—like the dead feel of most power steering. We forget the advantages. Then something brings them back to mind—like the experience of a Minneapolis friend who lost all the pressure from a front tire at 80 mph. It may not have been what we used to think of as a full-fledged blow-out, but I still credit the Saginaw power steering on his Buick for the complete control he had. He didn't even know there'd been trouble until he noted the way the front corner bobbed.

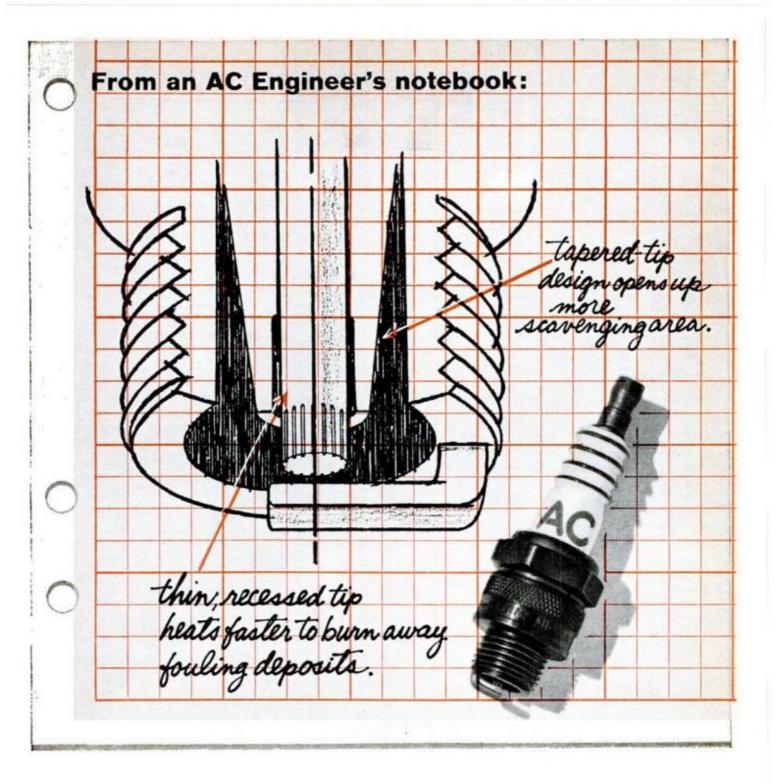
Safety experts, by the way, are saying advertising has us too scared of blowouts, that they're now rarer and often controllable, and that we should meet the emergency instead of being thrown by it. I'll buy that. I've had only one blowout (a front), but control wasn't difficult.

Ford performance experts inform us that a top was added to the open-cockpit Cobra because the aerodynamic characteristics were such that the Daytona version had a top speed several miles an hour faster than the original Cobra. This is interesting because Ford's GT car, built as a closed coupe, has had its top removed. "The windshield is designed to give the open car the same aerodynamic effect as the closed version," Ford people say this should keep everyone aerodynamically happy.

I've laid a heavy hand on the most complete car reference book I've seen yet, The World Car Catalogue 1965, put together by the Automobile Club of Italy. Specs are unusually complete, pictures (from factory stock) are sharp, printing and binding are good. And it's indexed and cross-indexed about every way you can imagine. Nearly 600 models, from Detroit's Chevys to Japan's Suzukis, are included. The ticket: \$13.75, not too much if you need the book.

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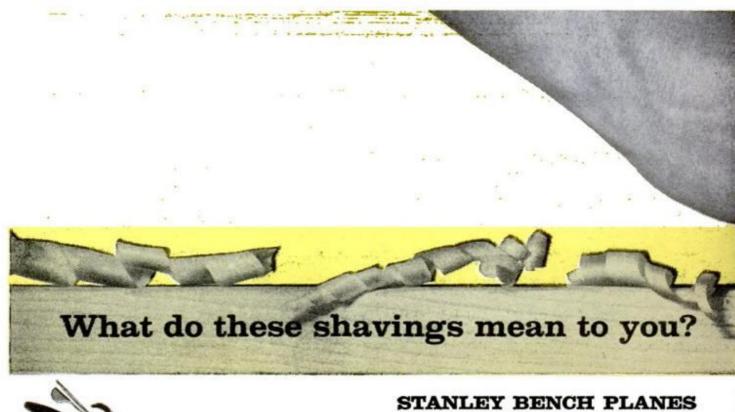
The permanent remedy is to re-roof, or over-roof, with shingles having pre-cemented tabs. But if the tabs of the present roof have not been badly damaged, or permanently creased by being lifted, they can be fastened with fibrated roofing cement. This is done by lifting the tab and placing a dab of cement at each corner. Uniform amounts of cement should be used—about as much as can be easily scooped up with the blade of a putty knife is sufficient for each corner. After application, the cement is flattened with the putty knife and the tab pressed down lightly. It's best to begin at the ridge of

the roof and work down. If at all possible, try to pick a warm, sunny day to do the job. The heat will help to level the dabs of cement before they harden.

I recently purchased an old home with a winding staircase. The wood has been darkened by age as has the trim in the hallway. I've removed the finish from some of the trim, and a neighbor, after examining it, says its quartered oak. What kind of oak is this, and how can I refinish it?—Y.R., Pa.

The term "quartered" refers to the method of sawing the log, not to the kind of oak. In fact, not only oak but many other hardwoods are quartersawed—that is, cut into planks in such a way that the annual rings are at almost right angles to the face of the board. Stock of this kind is resistant to warping and has attractive grain.

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Last season I did not use my snow thrower as I spent the winter in the South. Recently I tried to start the engine but could not turn it over. What has caused the parts to stick together so tightly?—E.T., Me.

A If the engine was not properly serviced for a long period of storage it is likely that some of its parts, particularly the piston, are rusted in place. You might try squirting an ounce or so of penetrating oil into the cylinder through the sparkplug hole. Allow to stand for an hour before seeing whether the engine will turn over. If the oil doesn't work, take the unit to a repair shop.

Next time you store the machine, run

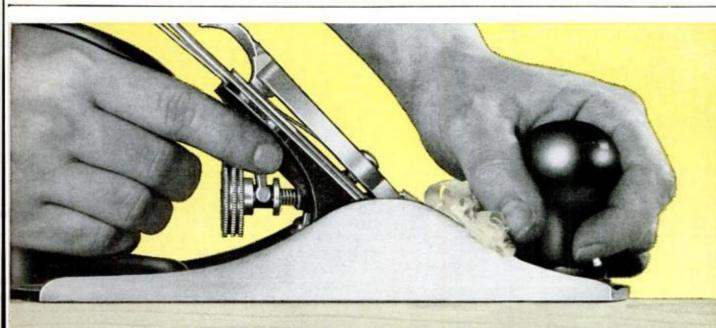
the engine until thoroughly warm, then shut it off and drain the fuel. Start the engine again and allow to run until it stops from lack of fuel. Next, remove the plug and pour an ounce of light oil into the cylinder. Finally, turn the engine over a few times to distribute the oil, then replace the plug.

When pruning shrubs, how far above a bud should the cut be made?—F.W., Mich.

A In general, about ½ in., but the distance must be judged by the size of the stem or twig, rather than a hard and fast rule. Usually it's best to cut too far away than too close. The cut should be at an angle, not straight across.

We are considering planting a white flowering redbud in our back yard. Is there anything special we should know about setting out this plant?

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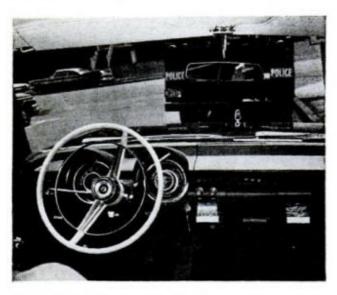
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The paint job is a little gaudy—shiny black with white front doors and roof. But these four-wheeled bombs, '65 Dodge Polaras, are the special cars of the Cali-

fornia Highway Patrol.

Their stark interior reminds you that CHP specials have one primary function. And it isn't impressing George Babbitt on the showroom floor. George will be impressed, however, if he ever tries to get away over California's twisting up-hill-and-down-dale road system. It would take an unusual driver indeed to elude an experienced patrolman ramming one of these rigs over the road. We tested one.

Steering Requires Muscles

It had been a long time since I'd driven a full-size U.S. car with neither power steering nor brakes. The experience reminds you there was a time when you had to be a real man to control a car. I wondered whether the loss of road feel that power causes wouldn't be worth accepting for the faster ratio power gives. Little of the patrol's work, however, is on tight back roads. Their car takes 5.3 turns to go from lock to lock with an overall ratio of 28.7 to 1.

The utilitarian interior shouldn't make



you think there's anything uncomfortable about CHP cars. All the normal controls are there—only the spangles of garish chrome are gone. Bucket seats are the heavy-duty type with fabric covering instead of imitation leather. You aren't rocked to sleep as you cruise; this is a solid working vehicle that breathes nononsense masculinity from every pore. After long hours behind the wheel, I still felt relaxed—ready for nearly anything.

Part of that is a credit to the seats (as comfortable as any I've tried for years), with good thigh and shoulder support. But I figure most of the relaxed driving is from the suspension, muscular enough to prevent any bobbing or weaving up front no matter what the road surface. You're never hanging onto the wheel with tense uncertainty in a hard, uneven corner.

Control Instead of Cradle Action

Just how solid is the suspension? The regular Polara springs are stiff enough so that it takes 105 pounds at the front wheels to depress the suspension an inch; the standard rate at the rear wheels is 100 pounds per inch. In Dodge Police Pursuits the rates are 115 pounds per inch in front, 120 in the rear. And in the CHP Polaras, that figure climbs to 130 in the front; 136 in the rear. Of course you feel some of the bumps, but control is never in doubt (for an example, see page 96).

For power, California buys the 413-cubic-inch, four-barrel V8 rated at 360 hp. Final drive is through a 3.23-to-1 rear axle to special 15-inch, six-ply nylon tires on six-inch-wide rims. The Patrol's

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specs require a top speed of 125 and Dodge calculates they can do 129. The Patrol wants to reach 82 in a standing-start quarter mile and Dodge figures they can beat 86. We know the cars will do 0 to 60 in a scorching 7.9 seconds and 0 to 100 in about 19 flat.

Wheelbase Juggling

Patrol specs require a 122-inch wheelbase, so Dodge moves the axle about half an inch back on the rear springs. The heavy duty torsion bars and stabilizer should get most of the credit for the flat, solid cornering.

What Dodge likes to call "suede-finish" paint over the top and face of the dash completely eliminates any glare, but I'd also tape wiper arms. The dash is not padded; the Patrol would rather rely on a strict wear-your-seat-belt program. Disc brakes weren't on the test car either,

but cars now on order get them.

Dodge vows you can get essentially the same car, minus a few incidental items the Californians focus on—like a white steering wheel or the extra fraction of wheelbase. The sticker on PM's test car showed \$3793.45. For that price you'd get more than a car. You'd get the chance to imagine yourself perched in this rolling powerhouse along a road high in some California mountain pass—master of all you survey. How could Walter Mitty resist?

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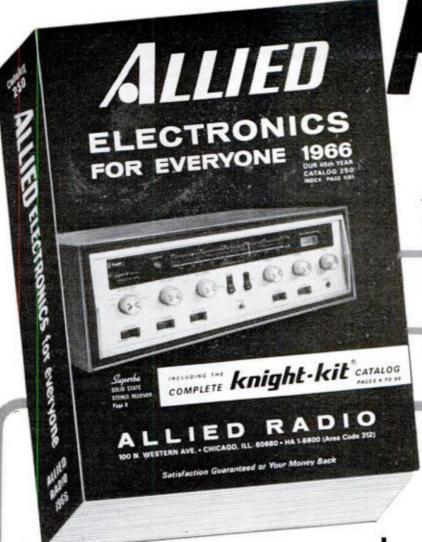
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By M. J. Pedersen

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Smog protection for trees and crops is afforded by a coat of colorless "paint" which earned patent 3,178,855. The paint consists of an elastic porous film combined with an antioxidant. The antioxidant protects the plant from oxidizing substances such as ozone, peroxides or nitrogen oxides in the air, which virtually smother the plant. The inventor, Dr. Sanford M. Siegel, White Plains, N. Y., reported that two seasonal sprayings on orchards, citrus groves or ornamental shrubs would provide adequate protection.

Beach chair that folds up to become a suitcase is especially handy for bathers toting home beach wear. Lightweight and durable, the suitcase-chair uses metal tubing throughout. Patent 3,179,465 went to Arthur H. Roberts, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Navigation by the stars takes a scientific turn with the "star" being a man-made satellite. U. S. Navy ships and Polaris submarines are currently using an all-weather system of navigation-by-satellite which recently won patent 3,172,108 for Dr. Frank T. McClure, Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, Silver Spring, Md. Of key importance is the Doppler effect in which sound waves coming from a moving object appear to have a higher pitch as the source of the sound approaches and lower as the source moves

away (e.g. a train whistle or automobile horn).

A navigator, listening with a radio, can trace the shift in a satellite's frequency as it moves in the sky. To learn his position, he need only feed this information—plus the exact position of the satellite (as broadcast by the satellite)—into a computer.

Automation in the henhouse attempts to boost profits for poultrymen by keeping tabs on the productiveness of each hen. The floor of the henhouse is sloped so that each egg rolls toward the outer edge of the nest, where it is pushed by an egg roller toward a receptacle. Meanwhile, the rolling egg is detected by a photocell and ticked off by an automatic counter which keeps a written chart of eggs laid. Patent 3,183,514 went to Akira Ishibashi, Fukuoka-shi, Japan.

A giant "patch" that keeps a damaged ship afloat long enough for it to limp back to shore earned patent 3,183,876 for Semen M. Kronhaus, Los Angeles. Made of heavy canvas or flexible plastic, the patch rides on a rail along the side of a ship and can quickly be draped over the side like a windowshade to cover up a hole.

Computer that "talks back" rather than merely disgorging masses of printed information has a "library" of words stored in its memory in the form of coded signals. Thus, when a question, printed on a punchcard, is fed into the computer, the computer can actually reply in a voice. The inventor, Genung L. Clapper, who has also been working toward the development of an automatic typewriter that writes while you talk to it, earned patent 3,183,303 for his vocal computer.

A ready-to-be-launched missile suspended underwater, tethered to a balloon floating on top of the water, received patent 3,180,225. Launching the missile from under the sea obviates the expensive and complex rocket launching pad, according to the inventor, Navy Cmdr. John Emery Draim, Sanford, Fla. The mass of the water surrounding the missile will act as semi-rigid launch rails, replacing the complex launching facilities which can cost up to five times as much as the missile itself. An early test saw the successful launching of a telephone pole from a lagoon in Point Mugu, Calif.

The 175th anniversary of the granting of the first U.S. patent on July 31, 1790, (for an apparatus for making potash and pearl ash) is currently being observed.

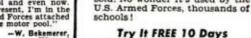
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By Arthur J. Maher

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your wallet.

The intriguing shape of this camera is a tipoff to some equally intriguing features—for example, the outdoor exposure control. Squeezing a red knob on the front of the camera lights a tiny bulb inside. This bulb illuminates the word "no" which you see through a window just under the view-finder. By turning the knob, you should be able to fade out the "no" and replace it with a "yes", and in so doing, set the lens aperture for the prevailing light conditions. If you can't bring out a "yes", you don't have enough light for a shot.

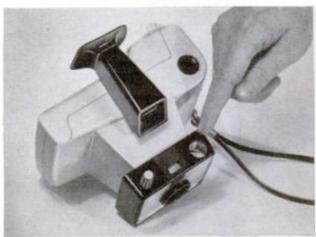
For indoor shooting, you switch to the other intriguing feature, the flashgun. This effective unit is little more than a hole in the lensboard, into which you press an AG-1 peanut bulb (right). A handy lever

ejects fired bulbs.

Compact Movie Light is smaller, lighter and produces less heat than other types. It uses only 375 watts, measures only 2½ in. square by 5 in. long and uses a small iodine-quartz lamp with a rated life of 12 hours. Cost about \$20 to \$25. For Argus, Bell & Howell, Keystone, Kodak Super 8 cameras. Made by Sylvania Electric Products, 730 3rd Ave., New York 10017.

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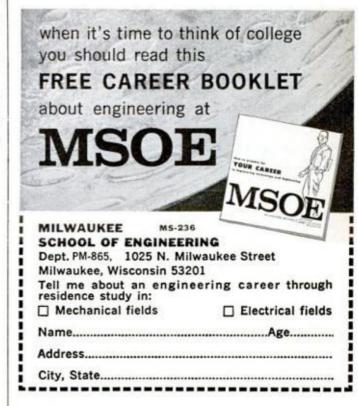


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Camouflage for hunters has taken a bright turn. Accepting the idea that animals are color-blind, Game Winner, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., has come out with a camouflage suit in brilliant red on red. It's called Vist-O-Flage, and it's a wild looking outfit. It's a safety measure so other hunters can see you, while you're still invisible to the game. Now, we've never been fully convinced that animals are color-blind, but even if they're not, this costume will convulse them with laughter and you'll have some easy shots.

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Tracking down globetrotting big-game bowhunter Fred Bear is no easy task, but we cornered him just before he left on his latest African safari. The result is in next month's PM where Fred writes: You Can Hunt Anything With a Bow.

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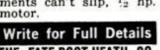
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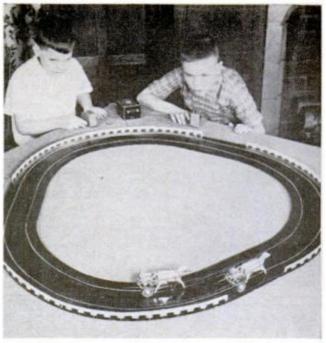
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How High the Moon

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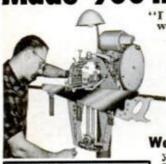


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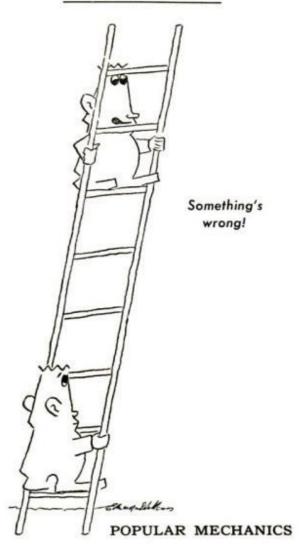
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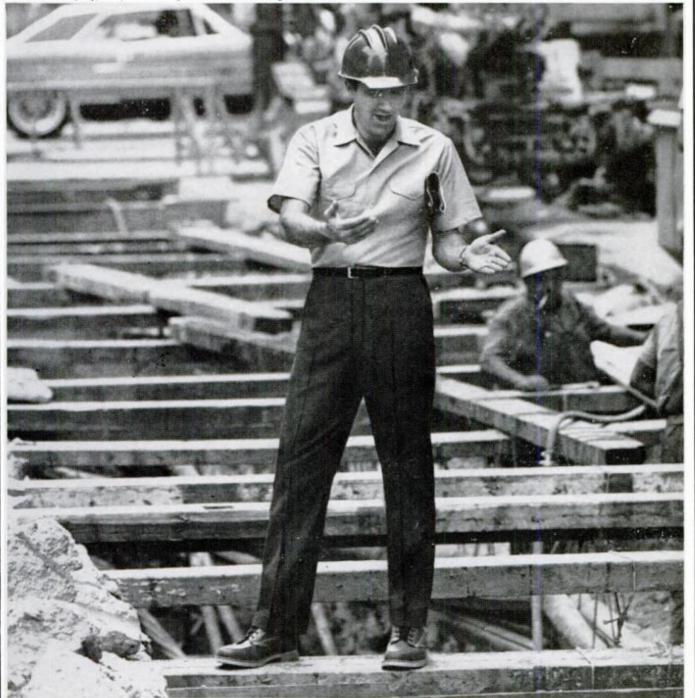
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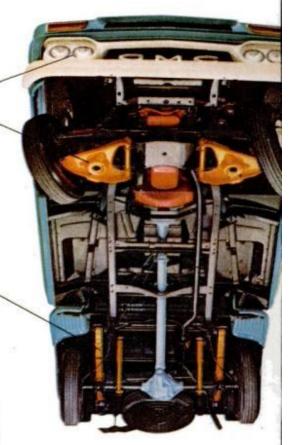
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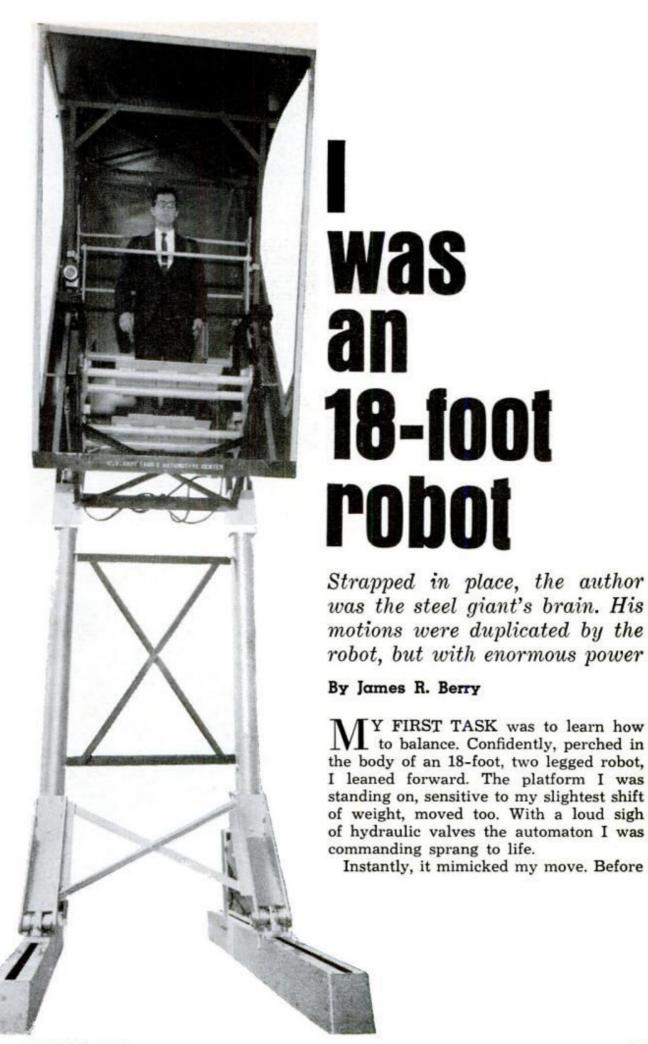
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I realized what had happened, it pitched forward out of control. Using my toes for leverage, I frantically tried to stop our headlong plunge by throwing myself backwards. The robot's reaction was as quick as it was violent. Accompanied by a piercing shriek of valves, the automaton shuddered to a halt, then swiftly heaved back. Before I could react, it had crashed down on its heels with a jolt that rattled every bolt in its body.

Able to Rock

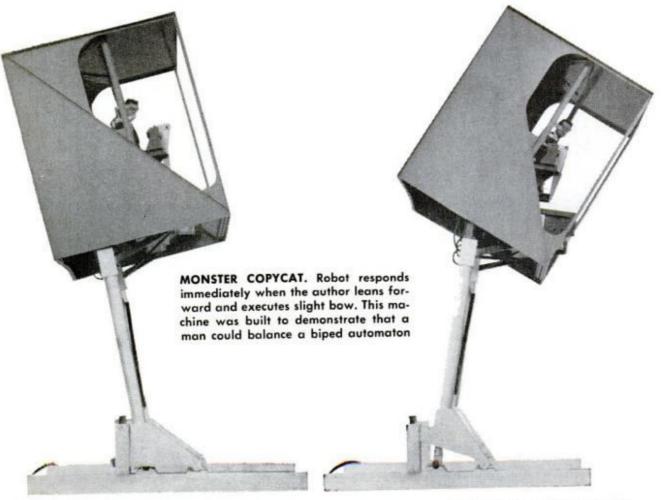
More warily now, I tried the maneuver again, this time successfully. After a few minutes of cautious trials, I was able to rock on my feet while the automaton, duplicating my moves, swung back and forth in slow, five-foot arcs. Soon, I could keep the machine where I wanted with a slight pressure of heel or toe.

Now, holding the robot in quivering equilibrium, I bent forward at the waist. The automaton's hips—controlled by a movable metal frame strapped to my back—moved and the machine dipped forward in a polite bow. I bent backwards and the

robot obediently did the same. Compared with balancing on my feet, this maneuver was a cinch. Inspired by my success, I raced through all the motions I had learned. The hydraulic system hissed, roared, and wailed as the automaton went through a series of movements as outlandish as the latest discotheque dance.

I was at General Electric's Advanced Technology Laboratories in Schenectady, N.Y., harnessed in the Pedipulator, one of an extraordinary new race of robots with the tongue twisting name of cybernetic anthropomorphic machines — CAMs, for short. This CAM, precursor of a generation of walking automatons, was built to demonstrate that a man can balance a bipod robot. Achieving balance is the first and most difficult part of walking. So, at the moment, the Pedipulator's feet are stationary and its arms, though developed, await being scaled up and bolted on.

What will the fully operating, walking robot actually be like? From the experience I'd just had and from what the GE engineers told me, I could easily imagine the robot at a building site or in a ship-



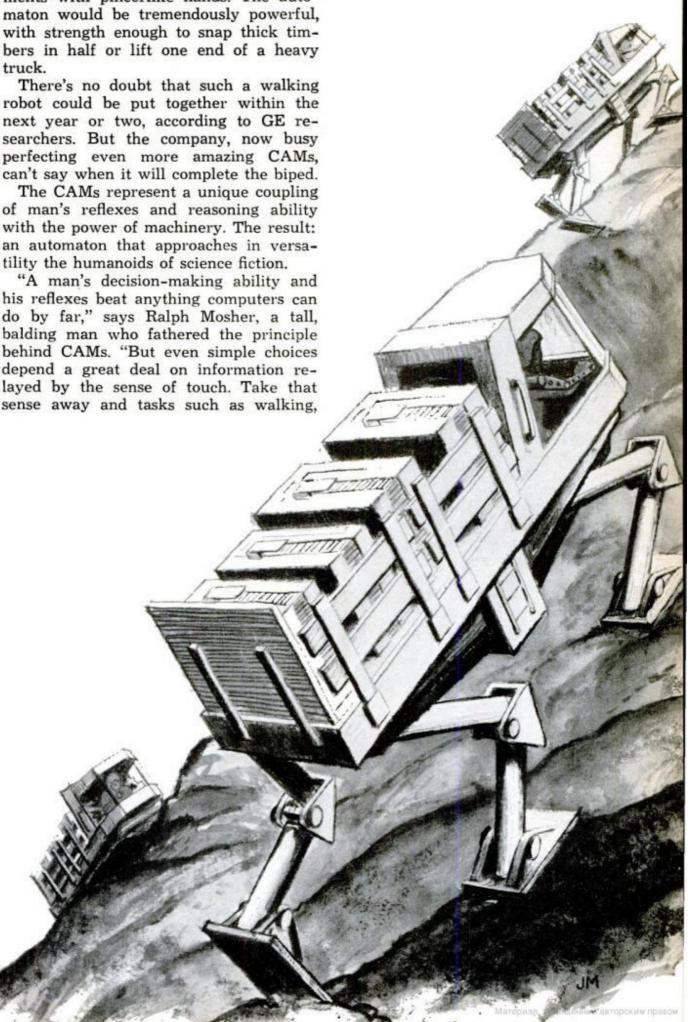
yard, clanging about on heavy steel feet, lifting bulky metal parts into place with its steel arms and making delicate adjustments with pincerlike hands. The automaton would be tremendously powerful, with strength enough to snap thick timbers in half or lift one end of a heavy truck.

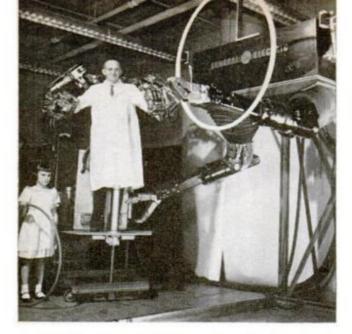
There's no doubt that such a walking robot could be put together within the next year or two, according to GE researchers. But the company, now busy perfecting even more amazing CAMs, can't say when it will complete the biped.

The CAMs represent a unique coupling of man's reflexes and reasoning ability with the power of machinery. The result: an automaton that approaches in versatility the humanoids of science fiction.

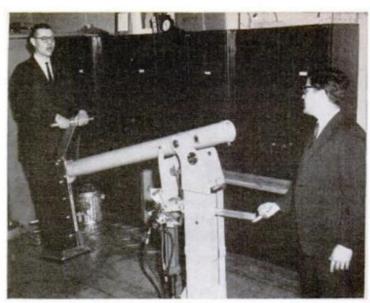
"A man's decision-making ability and his reflexes beat anything computers can do by far," says Ralph Mosher, a tall, balding man who fathered the principle behind CAMs. "But even simple choices depend a great deal on information relayed by the sense of touch. Take that

QUADRUPED ROBOTS, now under development for the Army, would be used primarily as cargo carriers in rough or marshy country, where even tanks bog down





INVENTOR RALPH MOSHER makes Handyman spin hoop. Machinery around Mosher's arms transmits every motion to the robot's arms and pincerlike hands



FINGER PRESSURE applied by author is enough to lift 150-pound man. This boom was used in the development of system for controlling robot's limbs

opening a door, or squeezing a tube of toothpaste become major problems."

CAMs incorporate a sense of touch. By a system called force feedback, the operator of a CAM feels the strains and stresses in the robot's limbs and body as though they were his own. The operator's arms, legs, and body are strapped into mobile, jointed frames called follower racks. Like an external skeleton, the follower racks pick up his every move, causing a corresponding, but amplified, motion in the CAM's analogous limbs and body.

But the follower racks serve another purpose. As the CAM does work, from balancing itself to carting boulders, its joints undergo stress. Part of this stress is hydraulically fed back to the follower racks, causing a proportionate strain in the operator's muscles. A simple adjustment increases or diminishes the amount of stress the operator feels.

Although CAMs haven't yet reached the stage of assembly-line production, they're already being eyed for scores of jobs that demand the reasoning power and dexterity of a man and the strength of a bulldozer. Some possible applications:

 Builders could use CAMs to lift steel girders into place, raise walls of prefabricated houses, tote materials around a construction site. CAMs with steamshovelsized scoops replacing hands could dig tunnels, basements, or trenches, easily maneuvering where ordinary equipment couldn't be used. They would be especially helpful in archeological excavation where their delicate sense of touch would be invaluable in uncovering ancient towns without damaging structures and artifacts.

- After disasters, CAMs could replace telephone poles, string cables, stack huge sandbags, and remove tons of wreckage at a throw. Others might simply wander through an emergency area on the lookout for survivors and remove them to safety.
- CAM artificial limbs might be linked to nerve centers and muscles in the stump of an amputee. The Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Virginia is looking into just such a possibility. If successful, such limbs would pass a sense of feeling to remaining muscles, perhaps even to the nerves.
- Shipyards, auto and aircraft plants and other heavy manufacturing centers could use CAMs to assemble big but sensitive equipment. At piers, truckyards and rail terminals, CAMs could unload and load tons of cargo in a trip, putting it in place as easily as a child stacks blocks.

Improvements already envisioned would extend the range of the CAMs' usefulness even more. "There's no reason why the operator has to be inside his CAM," explains Mosher. "You could link the two by radio." Such a system, while probably at least a decade away from perfection, has incredible possibilities.

A remote-controlled CAM, for instance, could reconnoiter the ocean's floor, noting geological formations, locating mineral

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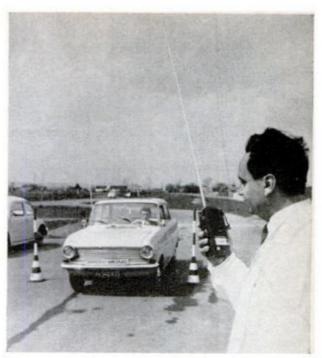
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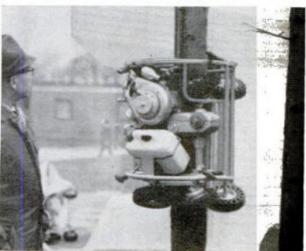
Learner-drivers go solo right from the start at a new driving school in Vienna, Austria. From a safe distance, the instructor gives direction on a two-way radio. The school's two-acre plot, complete with private roads and traffic signs, can accommodate up to 10 pupils. Instructors have found that pupils are more confident when driving alone. Teachers may feel that way too.

Saw Climbs Tree

A motorized chain saw that climbs trees with the nimbleness of a scared monkey was introduced at the Hanover, West Germany, Industrial Fair.

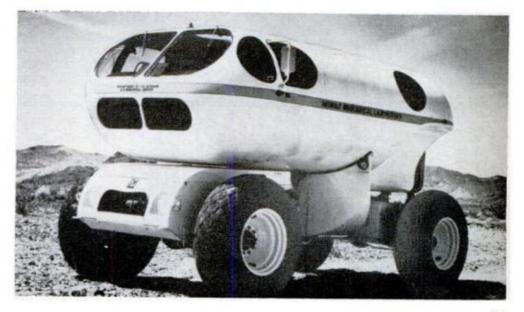
It automatically spirals up the tree trunk, chopping off the branches of average tree in a few minutes.





Earth-Study Lab Looks Like Moon Vehicle

This 8-ton vehicle provides housing for two people as well as a geology lab. Built by General Motors, it can do 25 mph and climb 2-foot-high obstacles. It will also be used to test instruments of the type that astronauts may be using on the moon.



HOW TO KEEP YOUR

THE NO. 1 PROBLEM of most lawns is not scraggly weeds, grasping crabgrass or hungry insects.

The No. 1 problem is human nature.

Come spring, most homeowners can hardly wait to get out in the warm sun and begin rolling the still-soggy turf, reseeding bare spots, spreading fertilizer, and swinging the first punch at crabgrass. Their enthusiasm carries into summer.

But come fall, most homeowners have had it. Mowing has become a tiresome chore, and crabgrass is fighting back. Besides, there are storm windows to hang and the kids are beginning to holler for help with their homework. Suddenly it's much easier to forget everything that needs to be done, including lawn work.

Yet fall is the prime time for renovating a lawn. A little work invested now will pay off in a vastly improved lawn next year. Lawn care is a round-the-calendar operation, but fall offers real opportunity.

Autumn is the key time because it is nature's own season for renovation. Get in

step with her rhythm. In the fall:

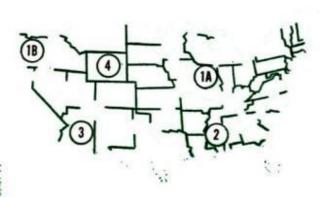
 Nature is shedding seeds herself, and offers a big boost to your own efforts.

 Grass has come out of its summer dormancy and is growing vigorously in an unconscious urge, established eons ago, to prepare itself for the winter.

 Weeds are again growing vigorously, and thus are prime targets for weed killers. If you kill weeds in spring and summer, the resulting bare spots are likely to be infested with an even worse enemy crabgrass. If you kill weeds in the fall, crabgrass has begun to go dormant, and fine grasses will spread to fill bare spots.

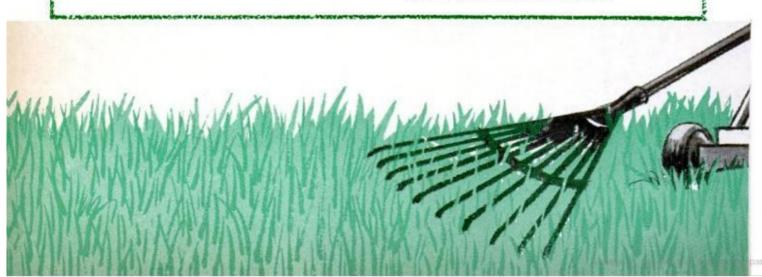
Furthermore, seedlings established in the fall are much more likely to survive. Heat, not cold, is the biggest environmental threat to a seedling. If you reseed in the spring, some of your tender new plants will inevitably be killed by summer heat and drought; on the other hand, if you sow seed in early fall, seedlings will be well established by the time they are covered with an insulating blanket of

FIND YOUR AREA ON THIS LAWN-CARE MAP



The environment determines every step of good lawn care. Spot your location on this map. In the charts that follow, geographical areas are referred to by number.

Obviously the lines on the map are arbitrary, and lawn-care information suited to a spot on one side of a line may be equally applicable to a spot 20 miles away on the other side of the line. However, the lines are the result of long-term research; the map serves as the key to information for the particular spot of ground you call home.



By Clifford B. Hicks

snow, and will emerge healthy and vigorous in the spring, when they will have three or four more months to mature before they are exposed to the summer sun.

So if you want the finest lawn in your neighborhood, overcome your late-summer lethargy, and start your lawn renovation now. On these pages you'll find virtually all the information you'll need.

Every neighborhood has a quiet, competent man to whom others look for authoritative advice. Such a man is Dr. Felix V. Juska—except that his neighborhood is the entire country. Dr. Juska is responsible for lawn-grass research in the Crops Research Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As such, he is the nation's No. 1 authority on home lawns.

Much of the grass-roots information on these pages has been provided by Dr. Juska and his department at the Beltsville, Md., research center.

Start now on a program of lawn renovation. Now—late summer and early fall is the time to keep your lawn loyal.



ARE YOU MISTREATING YOUR LAWN?

PROBLEM LAWNS become problems, in most cases, because they are mistreated. Over many years Dr. Juska has found that most problems are caused by the same errors.

If you have a tired, splotchy or otherwise disloyal lawn, chances are you're committing one or more of these seven sins:

1. IMPROPER USE OF FERTILIZER. Too little nitrogen starves your lawn, too much weakens the root structure. See the section "What's So Mysterious About Fertilizer" on page 72. Also, check the chart "Best Grass for Your Lawn" on page 72 to find the recommended amount of fertilizer for your turf.





2. IMPROPER WATERING. Wait to water your lawn until the grass actually shows signs of wilting: then water to a depth of six inches. Sandy soils require frequent watering in small amounts; clay soils require infrequent watering in larger amounts. Never apply less than an inch of water to an established lawn. If you are in doubt about how much water you are applying, simply place a coffee can within the sprinkled area and wait for an inch of water to appear in it. This is the minimum amount to apply. And if you live in map area 1A, don't expect an occasional watering to keep your lawn green during hot weather. Virtually all cool-season grasses in this area go dormant in midsummer. They'll turn green again in the fall.

3. POOR SEED MIXTURES. Only buy seed that is applicable to your area. Read "Tips on Buying Seed" (below) and don't try to save money on cheap mixes that contain undesirable seed types. You and your lawn probably will be living together for many years: don't choose a cheap companion.



TIPS ON BUYING SEED

BEST TIP OF ALL is to study the label. Look on the label for:

- 1. The kinds of seed in the mixture. Any type of seed present in excess of five percent must be listed. Beware of seed mixtures containing very high percentages of annual ryegrass, tall fescue and bentgrass. On the other hand, some mixtures are good. Most of the bluegrasses mix well together, and a bluegrass-red fescue mix is good for shady areas and sandy soils. Often a mixture is superior in disease resistance to a single variety.
- 2. The percentage of weed seeds present. This must be shown on the label. Compare labels, and avoid seed containing relatively large amounts of weed seed.
 - 3. The percentage of germination of

each type of seed present. This is, in effect, your guarantee of performance, for it insures the viability of the seed at the time it was tested for germination.

4. The date of the germination test. This must also be shown on the label, and is of equal importance to the percentage of germination. The viability of seed declines fairly rapidly with the passage of time. For this reason the law requires that seed be shipped within five months of the date of the germination test. The more recent the date of this test, the more seeds will germinate. Buy fresh seed. Be particularly careful of grass seed on sale. It may legitimately be on sale; on the other hand, it may be so old that it is rapidly becoming worthless. Reputable seed companies regularly replace aging stocks in stores but, of course, there are disreputable companies.

4. POOR MOWING PRACTICE. Many homeowners commit the sin of mowing too closely. As a result there is not enough leaf area left to provide food for good root development. Never remove more than half the blade of grass at one time. See "Recommended Mowing Height" on the chart of lawn grasses.





5. TOO MUCH TRAFFIC. Most homeowners have the laudable philosophy that lawns are to be played on and enjoyed. Normal activity won't harm a good lawn. However, heavy traffic across certain areas, particularly during winter and early spring, will so compact the soil that it can no longer support grass. Don't fight the system. Pave or lay stone there.

6. TOO MUCH SHADE. Most grasses are not adapted to shady areas, and those that are recommended for shade must still compete for sun, water and nutrients. To help your grass in this fight for life, fertilize shady areas frequently but not too heavily; prune low branches from trees to allow more light (even indirect light) to fall on the grass; fertilize the trees four to five feet deep, so they won't steal the grass food; apply lime if needed (shady areas are more likely to become acid); remove fallen leaves and clippings frequently. In watering your lawn, remember that in shady areas trees are often competing for moisture.





7. POORLY DRAINED SOILS. Water will gather in natural depressions in your lawn; as a result the grass plants drown, or the continually moist soil becomes compacted. On the other hand, many slopes are so steep that water runs right off; as a result, grass gets little water, and the soil erodes. In either case, the only remedy is to regrade the lawn.

YOUR LAWN-CARE CALENDAR

(For regions 1A, 1B and most of region 4. Warm-season grasses grown in regions 2 and 3 require care only during the hot summer months.)

Early fall—If your lawn needs a complete renovation, do it now (see separate section). Apply herbicide to eliminate broadleaf weeds. Apply lime if needed. In September, apply half of your fall fertilizer allotment. Rake bare areas and reseed; water lightly but often.

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Late fall—In mid-October, apply the other half of the fall fertilizer allotment. Continue mowing as long as the grass grows; do not leave the grass tall for the winter months. Mulch the leaves as they fall, or if they tend to clot

on the lawn, rake and remove them.

Early spring—Rake trash from lawn. Apply lime if needed, and if you were too lazy to do it last fall. Apply a pre-emergent crabgrass killer. In late February or early March, spread a light application of fertilizer, or a heavier application of slow-release fertilizer. Reseed any bare spots you missed last fall. If the soil has heaved from frost, roll with a light roller but not a heavy one. Apply a herbicide for chick-

weed if that weed is a problem in your lawn. Late spring—Give your lawn another light shot of fertilizer. Kill the broadleaf weeds. Mow according to the recommended practice for your type of grass. You should have used a preemergent crabgrass killer a couple of months ago. If you didn't, bow your head in shame and apply a post-emergent killer now

and apply a post-emergent killer now.

Summer—If you have a zoysia or Bermudagrass lawn, feed it in July and again in August. Mow frequently enough that you remove no more than one-half the total leaf length. If you have a bluegrass lawn, don't worry if it turns brown—it's dormant as nature intended it to be. In long periods of drought, water deeply once a week. Take a vacation. When you return, if the grass is so long that the clippings may smother the lawn, remove them as you mow. Buy your wife a new rake, so she can help you when you really go to work renovating your lawn in the fall.

HERE YOU'LL FIND THE BEST GRASS FOR YOUR LAWN

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NAME	AREA	CHARACTERISTICS
1. KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS Common	1A, 1B, 4 under irrigation	Excellent cool-area grass; withstands abuse; not
Merion	1A, 1B, northern 2	good for heavy shade. Low-growing, short leaves, good color; thick turf; leaf-spot-resistant.
Park	1A, 1B	Vigorous and resistant to rust, particularly in far north.
2. RED FESCUES		
Common	1A	More tolerant of shade than bluegrass, narrow leaf, good color.
Pennlawn	1A	Better turf than common red fescues, more tol- erant of leaf spot.
3. ASTORIA	1B	Beautiful bentgrass lawn, but requires continuous and expensive care.
4. ZOYSIAS		
Meyer	southern 1A, northern 2	Dense turf able to withstand hot, humid summer.
Emerald	2	Dense, relatively weed-free turf. Very slow to establish.
Manilagrass	2	Very dense, stands considerable shade.
5. BERMUDAGRASSES		AND THE PARTY OF THE STREET STREET, ST
Everglades 1	southern 2	Dark green, fine textured, vigorous; excellent for Florida.
Ormond	southern 2	Blue-green, slow growing; resists leaf spot, but not dollar spot; excellent for Florida.
Texturf 10	2 and 3 in Texas	Medium texture, dark green; makes early spring recovery; slow spreading.
Tifgreen	2, 3	Dark green, fine texture, disease resistant.
Tiflawn	2	Dense, weed-free turf; tolerates heavy wear, used on many football fields.
6. ST. AUGUSTINES		
Floratine	2	Thick growth; adapted to sandy soils; year-round color.
Bitter blue	2	Blue-green; excellent ornamental turf, but does not withstand heavy wear.
7. BAHIAGRASS	2	Coarse, relatively unattractive turf, but easy to maintain.
8. CENTIPEDE	2	Easily maintained, good for heavy soils; has un- attractive brown winter color.
9. BUFFALOGRASS	southern 4	Best grass where water is unavailable; thrives when mowed low.
10. BLUE GRAMA	4	Bunch-type grass, not as desirable as buffalo- grass, but drought-resistant.
11. WHEATGRASS	northern 4	Withstands long, dry periods and heavy traffic if not mowed closely.

WHAT'S SO MYSTERIOUS ABOUT FERTILIZER?

THERE HAVE BEEN so many claims and counterclaims about fertilizers that most homeowners have blindly settled on one brand that seems to do the job, and continue to use it year after year. There is a better, cheaper way to select fertilizer.

A complete fertilizer contains three elements: nitrogen, for stimulating leaf growth; phosphorus, for the formation of strong roots; and potash, which gives plants stamina and disease resistance. Every bag of fertilizer is labeled with the percentages of each of these elements. For example, a 10-6-4 fertilizer consists of 10

percent available nitrogen, 6 percent phosphorus, 4 percent potash—and 80 percent inert carrying material.

Since nitrogen is the most vital of these elements, and also the most expensive, the first figure on the label is the one on which you should focus your attention. Simply divide this figure into 100. The answer is the number of pounds of fertilizer you must buy to apply one pound of nitrogen to 1000 square feet of lawn. And a good rule of thumb is to apply no more than one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of established turf at any one time.

MOWING HEIGHT	BEST SEEDING OR PLANTING TIME	NITROGEN, LBS./ 1000 SQ. FT. ANNUALLY
11/2-2"	Fall	3-4
1½-2"	Fall	6-8
11/2-2"	Fall	3-4
1-2"	Fall	2-3
1-2"	Fall	2-3
¾" or le	ss Fall	4-6
3/4-1"	Spring Spring	5-10 5-10
¾-1" ¾-1"	Spring	5-10
3/4-1"	Spring	5-10
3/4-1"	Spring	5-10
34-1"	Spring	5-10
3/4-1" 3/4-1"	Spring Spring	5-10 5-10
2-21/2"	Spring	4-5
2-21/2"	Spring	4-5
2"	Spring	4
1-1½"	Spring	2
1-2"	Spring	Seldom required.
1-2"	Spring	Seldom required.
2"	Fall	Seldom required.

One specific example: Suppose you have 5000 square feet of lawn. You look at one bag of fertilizer priced at \$3.98. It weighs 50 pounds, and has a 10-6-4 formula. Divide the first figure (10) into 100 and you find that you'll need 10 pounds of fertilizer per 1000 square feet. Because you have 5000 square feet of lawn, you'll need 50 pounds of this fertilizer (one bag), priced at \$3.98.

Down the counter is another brand, this one on sale. It is an 8-6-4 mixture, with a 35-pound bag priced at \$2.25. Divide the 8 into 100 and you get 13, the number of pounds you'll need per 1000 square feet. Multiply by 5 (because you have 5000 square feet) and you find you need 65

pounds to treat your lawn, or two bags of this fertilizer. The on-sale brand thus will cost you \$4.58. Obviously this on-sale fertilizer isn't as good a buy as the first.

By judicious shopping of this type, you can substantially cut the cost of fertilizing.

There are two basic types of fertilizers organic and inorganic. Organic fertilizers are made from processed plant or animal materials such as sewage sludge and bonemeal. After application, they are broken down by the action of soil bacteria, a process which takes place over a period of time. In this respect organic fertilizers may be slightly preferable to inorganic. However, some organics have a slight offensive odor.

Urea-form and resin form fertilizers are synthetic nitrogen fertilizers that release their nitrogen slowly throughout the season, which is a big advantage. However, it is still possible to overstimulate the grass with slow-release fertilizer. Suppose you apply a healthy dose of one of the fertilizers in the spring. During the summer you decide that the lawn needs another light shot, so you apply either a smaller dose of the same, or a shot of quick-release fertilizer. Along comes a period of hot weather combined with good rains. Both fertilizers then are accelerated to release their nitrogen. This may well overstimulate and weaken the lawn.

The chart below shows various combinations of inorganic fertilizers, and some of the more common organic fertilizers. It indicates how much *total* fertilizer you'll have to buy to apply one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of your lawn.

FERTILIZER	FERTILIZER NEEDED TO SPREAD 1 POUND OF NITROGEN OVER 1000 SQ. FT. AREA
5-10-5	20 Pounds
4-12-4	25 Pounds
5-10-10	20 Pounds
10-10-10	10 Pounds
8-8-8	13 Pounds
10-6-4	10 Pounds
1 8-6-4	13 Pounds
4-8-4	25 Pounds
6-12-4 Processed sewage sludge Ammonium nitrate Ammonium sulfate Nitrate of soda Steamed bonemeal Cottonseed meal	17 Pounds
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Ammonium nitrate	4 Pounds
Ammonium suitate	5 Pounds
Steemed becomes!	7 Pounds
Cottonseed meal	50 Pounds 17 Pounds
Peanut hull meal	50 Pounds
Peanut hull meal Cocoa shell meal	50 Pounds
Dried cattle manure	50 Pounds
Dried sheep manure	70 Pounds
	50 Pounds
Sewage sludge Tobacco stems	50 Pounds
Urea	3 Pounds
Processed tankage	13 Pounds
Sovbean meal	17 Pounds
	3 Pounds
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WEED CONTROL

THE BEST WEED CONTROL is a thick stand of vigorous grass. Close mowing allows weeds to come into the turf, and frequent light watering helps the weeds more than the grass.

Chemical science has come up with a broad range of selective herbicides that make weed control much easier than it was a generation ago. These herbicides

Some herbicides are deadly poisons. Others have toxic effects. After mixing or applying any herbicide, always wash your face and hands thoroughly, especially before eating or smoking.

are available in liquid, powder and granular forms. All are effective.

Individual manufacturers package herbicides under their own brand names, and in differing concentrations. The chemical names which appear on the weed-control chart on page 75 will be on the label, despite trade names. Always use the manufacturer's recommended dosage, as it is the result of long research with that particular concentration. Never apply more of a herbicide than is recommended; you won't kill any more weeds, and you may well kill desirable turf.

Spraying and spreading are the easiest ways to cover large areas with a herbicide. For spot treatment at low cost, simply tie a small sponge to a stick. Dip the sponge in a solution of the herbicide and press it at the base of individual weeds.

Pre-emergent herbicides must be applied before weed seeds have a chance to germinate. A good rule of thumb is to apply such herbicides before the lilacs bloom or the first magnolia petals fall.

Broadleaf weeds can be treated spring or fall; again, fall is the most satisfactory time. As weeds curl their ugly arms and die, bare spots appear. After fall treatment, lawn grasses will fill such bare spots; after spring treatment, they are more likely to be plugged with crabgrass.

Any sprayer used to spread a herbicide should be thoroughly washed with a strong solution of household ammonia before other use.

YOU CAN WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST CRABGRASS

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, with modern chemical controls you can eliminate all signs of crabgrass from your lawn.

The first weapons developed for the homeowner's crabgrass arsenal were postemergent herbicides. These have the unique ability to recognize growing crabgrass plants and kill them. Two such chemicals are DMA (disodium, monomethylarsonate) and PMA phenylmercuric acetate). They are best applied in late spring and early summer, when crabgrass is actively reaching out its ugly tentacles. Usually two or three applications are required at 7 to 10-day intervals. They may cause a slight discoloration of lawn grass.

The big weapons developed more recently are pre-emergent crabgrass killers. These are applied in late winter or early spring. They offer excellent control because they kill each crabgrass seedling as it pokes its head through the ground. Crabgrass thus has no opportunity to go to seed and provide a crop next year.

If you genuinely want to get rid of crabgrass, apply a pre-emergent control for two or three successive years. Crabgrass seeds can lie dormant in the ground for 50 years, and then germinate. However, in two or three years most of them will be killed by pre-emergent control. You then can skip a year or two.

Some pre-emergents are available under trade names only; some by generic terms. They include calcium arsenate, Dacthal, Zytron, Betasan, Bandane and Azak.

The only difficulty with these chemicals cently are pre-emergent crabgrass kill-lings. For this reason you cannot sow new seed until 60 days after treatment.

Within the past few months one new herbicide has made its appearance which also solves this problem. Marketed under the trade name Tupersan, it clearly distinguishes friend from foe. It kills up to 99 percent of all crabgrass seedlings before they get more than a half inch long, yet you can sow seed at the same time.

So far, Tupersan (under that name) is only available to professionals. However, a new product trade-named Trey is especially marketed for the homeowner. Trey includes Tupersan, along with a fertilizer and a soil-insect killer.

HOW TO CONTROL COMMON LAWN WEEDS

	WEED	BEST TIME TO TREAT	CONTROL	EFFECT				
	Bermudagrass	Spring or summer	Methyl bromide (kills all plants)	Good				
	Bindweed, field	Spring, fall	2,4-D; silvex; MCPA	Good				
	Chickweed, common	Spring, fall	Silvex; 2,4,5-T	Good				
	Chickweed, mouse-eared	Spring, fall	Silvex; 2,4,5-T	Good				
	Crabgrass	Winter, spring, summer	See separate crabgrass section	Fair to good				
	Dandelion	Spring and fall	2,4-D; MCPA; 2,4,5-T; silvex	Good				
	Garlic, wild	Late fall, early spring	2,4-D	Good				
	Goosegrass	Spring, early summer	2,4-D	Poor				
	Ground-ivy	Spring, fall	Silvex	Good				
	Henbit	Spring, summer	Silvex	Good				
	Knotweed	Late winter, early spring	2,4-D; silvex; 2,4,5-T	Good				
	Nimblewill	Spring	Zytron (repeated treatments)	Fair				
	Plantain, Buckhorn	Spring	2,4-D	Good				
	Plantain, rugel	Spring	2,4-D	Good				
	Quackgrass	Spring, summer, fall	Dalapon (kills all plants)	Fair				
	Sorrel, red	Spring	Silvex	Fair				
	Woodsorrel, yellow	Spring	Silvex	Good				

HOW TO CONTROL COMMON LAWN DISEASES

DISEASE	SYMPTOMS	CONTROL
Helminthosporium leaf spot	Kentucky bluegrass susceptible. Reddish- brown spots appear on leaves, which shrivel, and plant discolors and rots.	Acti-dione-thiram, Cap- tan, Dyrene, Ortho Lawn and Turf Fungicide, PMA
Dollar spot	Affects many species, but particularly destructive to bentgrasses. Appears during cool, wet weather. Silver-dollar-size spots appear on lawn, black at first, then brown, then white. Grass dies.	Cadmium-containing fun- gicides, Dyrene, Ortho Lawn and Turf Fungicide, Tersan OM
Brown patch	Attacks virtually all species. Prevalent in warm, humid areas. Irregular circular spots from few inches to several feet in diameter appear and turn brown. If weather stays hot and humid, grass dies but leaves remain erect.	Mercury-containing fun- gicides, Dyrene, Ortho Lawn and Turf Fungi- cide, Tersan OM
Rust	Attacks many grasses, but particularly destructive to Kentucky bluegrass. Usually occurs late in summer. Yellow-orange powdery spots appear on leaves. If cloth is rubbed across leaf, spores will leave a yellowish or orange stain.	Acti-dione-thiram, zineb
Snow mold	Affects many grasses, but particularly bent- grasses. Appears on grass which is growing while still covered with snow. White cottony growth appears on leaves.	Dyrene, mercury-contain- ing fungicides, Ortho Lawn and Turf Fungicide
Curvularia fading-out	Attacks many southern grasses when humidity is high. Damage severe on grass that has been covered by water. Older leaves die, but tips of new growth remain green.	tan, Dyrene, Ortho Lawn
Gray leaf spot	Attacks St. Augustine grass. Small gray circular or elliptical spots appear on leaves. May spread to kill large areas of turf.	Acti-dione-thiram, Cap- tan, Dyrene, Ortho Lawn and Turf Fungicide, PMA

HOW TO REJUVENATE A TIRED LAWN

ACCORDING TO DR. JUSKA, you can materially improve a shabby lawn if approximately half of the area is still covered with good perennial grasses. Crabgrass may be reaching its greedy fingers across the other half, or weeds may be clotted here and there, but if you have half a lawn, it's worth saving. Start in late August or early September.

Here are the steps in the process:

- 1. Apply 2,4-D (according to the manufacturer's directions) to wipe out broadleaf weeds. If crabgrass is a major problem, make two or three applications of DMA. Don't apply grass seed for two or three weeks.
 - 2. If no lime has been applied for four (Please turn to page 188)

THIS IS THE YEAR everyone is making color television sets. It's the year General Electric is turning out an 11-inch color portable. It's the year Yaou Electric and Sony came up with small screen transistorized color portables, using a single-gun color picture tube that everyone said couldn't be made.

There's a myriad of color-TV screen sizes—there are sets with 7½, 11, 16, 19, 21, 23 and 25-inch screens; and by the end of the 1966 model year (which starts in September 1965) there may be even more varieties available. There's a color TV projection system that can fill a movie theater screen with pictures of special sports events, operas and Broadway plays.

The new sets are thinner, the colors on the screen are brighter and, for the most part, prices are lower than ever. (You can buy one for \$250.) The bulkiest set around is still the 21-inch model with that round picture tube. It may be one of the least expensive versions, but like the black and white 21s it may not be around much longer, although a proposed 21-inch rectangular screen is a possibility. The thinnest sets outside of the small-screen portables are the 19-inch sizes, with the 23inch versions close behind. These measure a mere 20 inches from front to back. This means you can put a color TV into your living room and not have to walk around it as you go from one end of the room to the other. Also, it will fit a standard hi-fi cabinet.

Colors are delightful. Thanks to new phosphors with exotic names, you get color pictures that are brighter than ever before. Prices are brand new. Where once the least expensive table model color set carried an \$895 price tag, that \$250 will buy an 11-inch set. A 16-inch goes for \$270 and a 21-inch set for \$389. The 19s will go for about \$400, the 23s for \$500 and the 25s for \$600. These are list prices. With careful shopping, you may be able to do a bit better.

The vicious circle of color TV has finally been broken, too. There was always the endless argument of not enough sets for more color programs and not enough color programs to warrant buying a color set. But a recent survey showed that among color set owners, the average color program got an 80 percent higher rating than that from black-and-white set owners. And with the number of color sets going up this becomes important to broadcasters.

As a result, NBC has announced that, with the exception of two weekly programs, all regular nighttime programs will be in color this fall. ABC and CBS have also climbed on the color bandwagon with announcements of expanded color broadcasting this coming season. Other local stations are starting color broadcasts too. This should soon develop into a three-way, all-color hassle which viewers will have to untangle for themselves.

Color 'Tinge' Is Out

There have been changes inside the set, too. You no longer have to "degauss" (demagnetize) your color set periodically to rid the set of color "tinges" caused by magnetization of the picture tube. The degaussing feature is built into the set and

By Larry Steckler

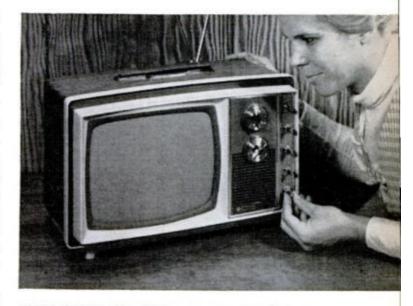
operates automatically every time you turn the set on. If you have an older set without this feature, your technician can add it with the aid of a simple degaussing kit.

The Chromatron picture tube is another new feature which may become standard equipment in all sets some day. It is simpler and, in quantity, less expensive than the RCA three-gun, shadow-mask type tube now being used by all American set manufacturers. The diagrams on page 79 show the difference. It will take awhile, so dor't hold off buying a color set while waiting for the Chromatron to become available.

There's a new chassis in color sets this year, made by Motorola. They've managed to cut the number of tubes in their new color sets from last year's 24 to 18. This makes the chassis simpler and cooler. Eventually, it may even cut the cost. There are still about six more tubes than in the average black-and-white set, but they can't be eliminated without dropping the color.

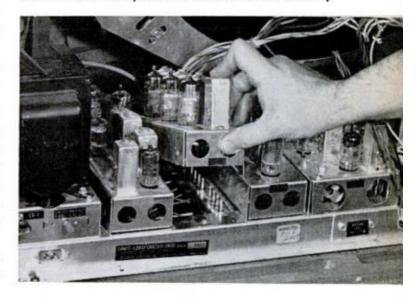
Color controls aren't adjusted as often either and some manufacturers are tucking them away behind fold-down panels. GE is featuring the fact that its three color controls are preset at the factory for easier tuning by the viewer. To tune the color circuits properly you simply turn these controls so the index marks point straight up. If you disagree with what GE feels is perfect tuning, you can reset the controls and the indexing.

Service controls are reachable from the front, too; some are hidden behind false



PORTA-COLOR TV is GE's new entry into fast growing world of color. Must be plugged in, but 25-pound set with its 11-inch color screen goes anywhere

PLUG-IN MODULES are used in Setchell-Carlson's new color chassis. There are five main assemblies and each one can be replaced in minutes when necessary



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panels. This makes it easier for the technician to work on your set and makes his service bill lower too.

Plug-Ins for Quick Repairs

Setchell-Carlson is featuring a color set with plug-in modules. Each major section: tuner, intermediate frequency strip, audio circuits, sweep circuits and high-voltage section is mounted on a separate plug-in chassis. For rapid repair-vital if it's the middle of the ninth inning of the last world series game-the technician, or possibly the set owner, can unplug the bad module, plug in a good one and restore normal operation. He repairs the module later at his shop and you get billed a flatrate repair depending upon which module was acting up. That's much better than having the set out of the house for a week or so when fixing is needed.

Already, a few firms are leasing color sets. They figure that your total leasing cost over a four-year period (you start off paying \$36 a month; last-year payments are reduced) is less than the cost of the set plus factory service, based on a \$400

price for the set and manufacturers' contract rates for unlimited color-TV service.

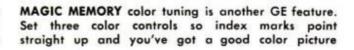
Now for a quick roundup to see what's going on. Admiral will feature 21, 23 and 25-inch sets. GE will start off with 11, 21 and 25 and will introduce a 19-inch model later in the year. Motorola has 21s, 23s and is also expected to turn out a 19-inch set. Magnavox will present a conventional line with 21 and 25-inch sets. Philco expects to push out a 19-inch model before the end of 1965 and, while it will come equipped with a handle, it won't be a lightweight.

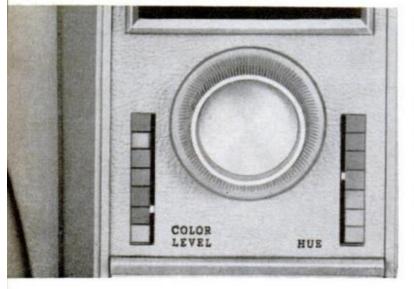
RCA will have its usual line and while 25-inch receivers will be available, it will still be boosting the lower-price 21-inchers. Setchell-Carlson has the 21-inch set and plans 23 and 25-inch versions. Sylvania is also in there with 21s and 25s. Zenith has 21s and 25s and will feature slide rule color tuning and ultrasonic remote control. Almost all makes and models feature automatic degaussing and use picture tubes with brighter phosphors.

According to S. R. Herkes, vice-president and general manager of Motorola's

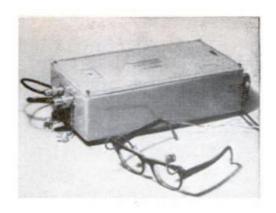
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SLIDE-RULE CONTROLS for color level and hue are new in Zenith sets. Indicator position shows what effect the control will have on the picture colors





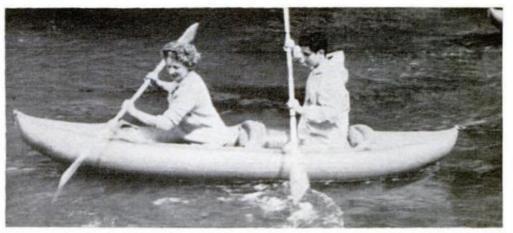




Eyebrow Auto Brake

A brake system invented in Yugoslavia is activated by muscles above the driver's eyebrow. It cuts the reaction time required by a foot-brake system by 75 percent. A silver electrode over each brow picks up the slight current generated in the moving muscle. The impulse goes to amplifier (above), where the voltage gain is sufficient to activate electromagnet. The magnet pulls brake pedal.



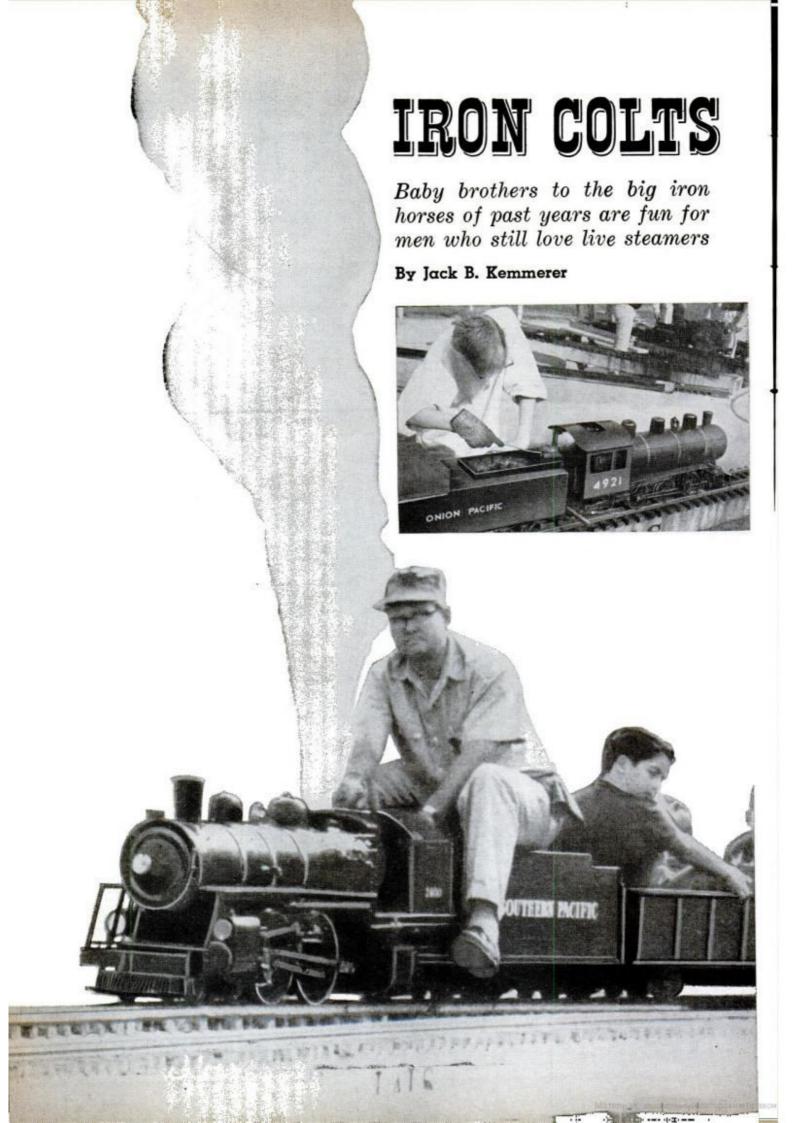


Backpack Boat

Just add air and the 21-pound pack shown at right becomes a 10½-foot canoe capable of carrying 550 pounds. Made of neoprenecoated nylon, its six flotation compartments are separately inflated for safety.

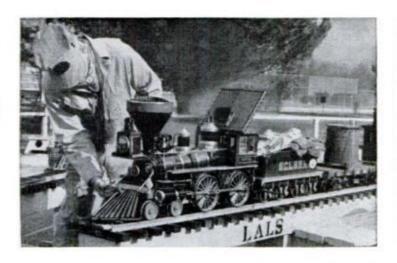
The Samoa Hike-A-Boat package includes paddles and inflating pump and sells for under \$150 from Rabion Imports, Inc. 208 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53202. A special sailboat conversion kit is also available for the Samoa. With a 28-foot sail, it sells for \$68.

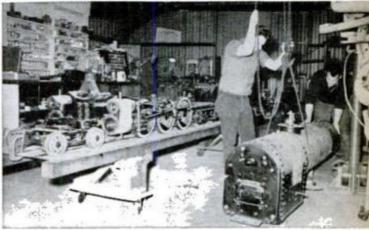




IN THE BACK YARD

O LD 97 RIDES AGAIN! Only it's more like .97.
Scaled-down versions of the late and lamented steam locomotives that used to grace the nation's rails—and inspire such Americana as "Casey Jones" and "The Wabash Cannonball"—are chugging out of small roundhouses today, all

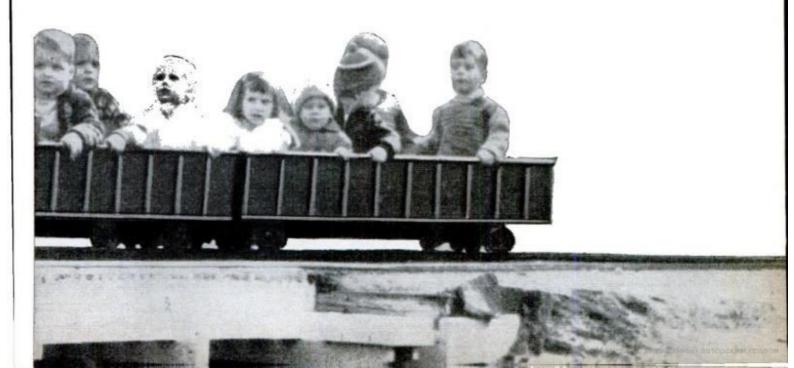




GRIFFITH PARK in Los Angeles has track facilities for live steamers to run their engines. Young man (left) stokes firebox with imported Welsh coal

OLD-TIME STEAMER (center) with bell-like stack represents several thousand hours' work. A 1½-inch scale, it was built by retired city employe

BOB HARPUR'S SHOP (right) is one of most complete locomotive works in world. Worker is lifting boiler for 3-inch scale Hudson shown behind him



steamed up and ready to roar at any time.

The price tags on some are enough to scare away millionaires, but railroad buffs are railroad buffs and the tiny toots appeal to a wide cross-section of men who remember B.D. (before diesels) when there was smoke up front, "clickety-clacks" down below, "choo-choo" sounds all around and romance on the rails.

One of the terminals for this new interest in miniaturized systems is the Harpur Locomotive Works in Wilmington, Calif. Bob Harpur, a railroad buff and model builder from childhood, decided to go professional about five years ago when a friend asked him to scale down an 0-4-0 switch engine. (For the uninitiated, engines are classified according to the number of leading truck wheels, driving wheels and trailing wheels. An 0-4-0 has no leading trucks, two pairs of driving wheels and no trailing trucks.)

Harpur, who started alone with borrowed tools in his father's basement, today has five employes and one of the most complete locomotive works in the world.

Most models are scaled down from actual blueprints of life-size engines—usually from ¼-inch to 3-inch scale—almost. Harpur explains that a boiler, for instance, can't be fully scaled down because its walls would be too thin for safety.

But almost everything else is from a real coal fire in the firebox to tiny steam gauges on the boiler.

And they cost money. On standard models—and Harpur has five of them—prices start at \$2400 complete for a simplified 1½-inch-scale 2-6-0 Mogul, or \$1600 in kit form, or \$500 for rough castings for a man with skill enough to complete it.

On nonstandard custom models, prices go as high as \$35,000 for the 26-foot model of the New York Central's old 4-6-4 Hudson of years gone by.

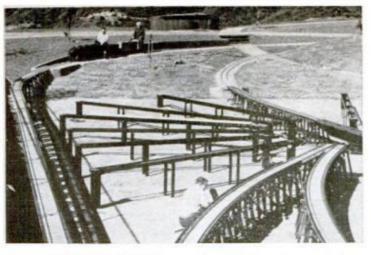
Customers run the spectrum, from working stiffs to professional people. Walt Disney and musician David Rose, to name two names, are live steamers. Mel Terril and Seymour Johnson are two more.

Terril, a truck driver, discovered he had



MODERN DIESEL, frowned on by railroad buffs, was built for Seymour Johnson's wife who thought driving steamer was "unladylike." It's a 1½-inch scale





STEAMING TRACKS on Johnson's layout are used to get engines up to steam before entering main line. Entire Johnson system will be ready by 1967 season



CLUB MEMBERS help install 1½-inch scale tracks at Johnson's mountaintop spread. Aluminum rails are held to redwood ties by miniature steel spikes

SEYMOUR JOHNSON rides astride diesel switch engine as he pushes steam locomotive and train over new section of $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch track to check its accuracy





NEW CHAIR is placed inside 1½-inch scale caboose by club member at Johnson yards. Some members go into great detail to reproduce scale models exactly as original, both inside and outside

cancer not too long ago. One lung was removed and he was forced into retirement. Searching for a hobby, and strapped for funds, he bought one of Harpur's casting kits and went to work.

His health picked up immediately. "I had almost given up, but now I've got a new interest in life. My doctor says it's better than medicine."

Johnson, a millionaire in retirement, bought a mountain, leveled it off and is building perhaps the most expensive playground for adults this side of the Playboy Clubs. Two complete railroad systems, in 1½-inch and 3-inch scales, will crisscross

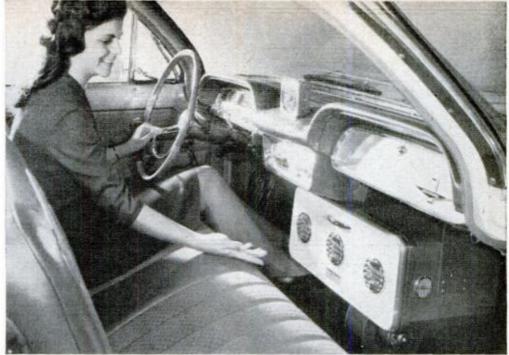
one another over five miles of track. Two complete roundhouses and steaming tracks, switchyards, five tunnels and eight trestles will complete the project.

Club members, some from as far away as 500 miles, help Johnson with the construction work on alternate Sundays. When completed, the two railroads will have as many as 50 engines operating.

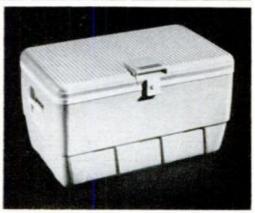
Actually, the live-steam hobby is quite extensive. There are more than 25 clubs in the United States and most are affiliated with the National Brotherhood of Live Steamers. But, in recent years, their hobby seems to be picking up steam. * * *



MINIATURE SWITCH is installed on 1½inch track on Johnson's mountain. "Gandy dancers" work alternate Sundays. One club works on 1½-inch track and the other on 3-inch track, getting them ready







Airconditioner Becomes Refrigerator

A new type of auto airconditioner on the market uses vaporized gasoline as its coolant. It takes only seconds to convert it into a refrigerator (lower left). Refrigerator shown at lower right is for use on boats. The machines are made by the Vapor-Freeze Co. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and cost \$99.50 each.

Fishing Balloonist

Fishermen may be operating from hot-air balloons if current tests in the Pacific are successfully carried out.

The balloonist goes up 600 feet or more to spot schools of tuna. A Dacron balloon 52 feet in diameter is tethered to a 110-foot tuna-boat in the tests. Once aloft, the balloonist maintains lifting power by reheating the air with a burner in the gondola.

The next step is to design a balloon with special "fishing" aerodynamic qualities.



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Gary Player

GLASS-FIBER RODS SET the fishing world on its ear several years ago and, controversial or not, the glass-fiber vaulting pole has rewritten track records. So Gary Player may have something when he says, "I think glass shafts will improve golf."

We asked Player to back up his statement by playing a round of golf for PM. We wanted to find out what was really different about the clubs and how these differences might affect the game.

"A guy can get the ball higher into the air and get better backspin using these shafts," says Player. This increases the ability to "hold" a green, next to putting the most important capability in golf.

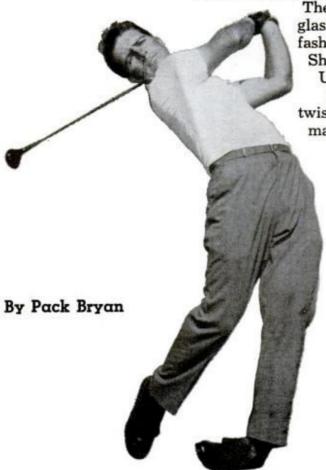
In the test round, glass-shafted drives carried farther on several occasions. Why? Player says that you can "stay with the ball" just a trifle longer with glass.

The glass shaft does not transmit the shock of the club face meeting the ball up through its length to the hands, eliminating bounce. The face just naturally stays with the ball a splitsecond longer, transferring more of its kinetic energy.

> The key appears to be the composition of the glass shafts. Like the wood fibers in the oldfashioned hickory shaft, the glass fibers in Shakespeare's Wondershaft run longitudinally.

> Unlike the steel shaft, whose composition is almost homogeneous, the glass shaft can be twisted. Unlike hickory, its twist resistance remains constant.

This "torque" gives the club head an extra snap as it comes through to hit the ball. Shakespeare claims that there are more than half a million parallel glass fibers in each shaft. As the strands are laid onto the shaft, a set of tape-wrapping machines spins a tight cover of cellophane tape over them. This tape compresses the strands tightly and prevents oxidation or uneven curing of the resin.



Tests Fiberglass Clubs

Following a four-hour curing in a conveyor oven, the mandrel is removed from the shaft and a water blast removes the tape. This tape winding is what gives the glass shafts their ribbed appearance.

The butt section is then spiral wound with a thin layer of glass thread to simplify application of the grip; the shaft is coated with a polyester resin enamel, cut to appropriate length, and its tip sized on a centerless grinder to fit whatever head it is being made for. At another plant a finished head is attached with an epoxy cement. The end result is a club that is claimed to be stronger than steel and unaffected by weather.

How do these characteristics translate into golf scores?

To emphasize whatever differences we found between glass and steel shafts, we invited another pro, Johnny Kindred, to join Player on the round. Although a top scorer, Kindred does not play the violently competitive circuit and is not subject to the pressures that bother tournament players. Although he had used glass-shafted woods with some success, he had never played with the irons. The torque mentioned earlier gave him a little trouble at first. He kept hitting to the right. But he scored a nine-hole total of 35 with the glass versus 38 for steel.

Player carded a 34 for glass and a 36 for steel, so the results seem to favor glass. But a single round can't really tell the whole story.

On the round for PM, Player shot better with his glass shafts, but lost some of the

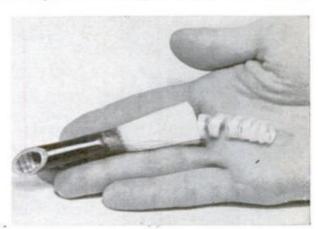
advantage with poor putting. Kindred, on the other hand boosted the apparent advantage of glass with his putter, saving a stroke for that side of the contest.

The round proved that some of the characteristics of glass are measurably different from steel and will give an advantage to the golfer who can utilize them, but may disappoint the one who can't.

Resistance to shock on impact with the ball is an important advantage. The high-handicap and the older players should find this feature tremendously attractive, since neither their physical condition nor their swing equips them with much built-in shock-absorbing capacity.

The true test will come when more top golfers experiment with the shafts. If the higher trajectory, greater backspin and control prove out as the evidence mounts, look out for the rush.

UNUSUAL STRENGTH results from baking half a million glass fibers, winding shaft with glass thread, finishing with a coating of polyester resin enamel



PM Owners Report Based on 1,270,684 Owner-Driven Miles



CAVERNOUS TRUNK in the Fury gets extra space with the spare tucked well away; it's most accessible from the side. Note the low luggage lift height

THE BIG V8 IN OUR FURY III gave good acceleration, drank gas greedily. Non-California cars no longer recirculate crankcase fumes as anti-smog measure



PLYMOUTH

FURY

It's a grown-up car now, offering you power and room with appealing style, but owners say gas mileage, rattles and finish cause some disappointment

Boldface comments by Ed Nelson, PM's Automotive Editor

"T HAS ALL-AROUND rugged plushness—good handling and roominess combined with response and reasonable economy."

That's a Navy lieutenant with some Texas talk about his new Plymouth Fury. It doesn't sound as if he's describing a car we once thought of in the same breath with the Tin Lizzy, but Plymouth has departed as far from the Model T era as Ford.



The new Fury is a big car. Sedans this year are on a 119-inch wheelbase. Horse-power ranges from 145 to 365; weights from 3500 to 4000 pounds.

Its handling and powerful response top the list of features most often praised by the owners we surveyed; people who drive it day after day. But the lieutenant's "reasonable economy" doesn't square with the experience of the retired Michigan man who told us, "My '64 Chrysler 300 gave about 14 mpg; I expected the Fury to do as well or better." A reasonable idea. Other 270-hp Fury owners reported an average 13 mpg in town and 16 on trips. But the Michigan man is getting only 9 in town, 12½ on the road.

No wonder he's moaning.

Although fuel consumption topped the list of complaints, that's largely because many owners had little else to beef about. When we asked how gasoline mileage met their expectations, 27.3 percent reported they were disappointed. That's barely above the average 26.8 percent disappointed with other '65s we reported on.

PM's test Fury III had a four-barrel, 383-cu.-in., 330-hp V8, and the staff was excited to find, despite long stop-and-creep stretches during expressway rush hours plus a heavy dose of Manhattan traffic, that we were racking up a fat 14.95 mpg overall.

I needn't have gotten so turned on we found the odometer was reading 15.4 percent high. Pencil work brought that lovely 14.95 down to earth with a bang; I'd really been getting only 12.955 mpg.

There was a consolation, though. When I thought I'd been playing fast and loose with speed limits, I was actually rather conservative. The wrong pinion gear installed in the speedometer drive had the needle as well as the odometer lying to us. Alex Markovich calibrated the speedo for

MANY OF THE PRAISES given to Fury's styling noted that Chrysler held onto straight-line design, spurning the softly rounded General Motors approach



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PLYMOUTH FURY GAS MILEAGE

Horsepower		Average Miles Per Gallon						
		City	Trips	Overall				
	145	15	19	17				
	230	14	17	15				
	270	13	16	15				
	330	13	17	15				
-	365	11	15	13				

SURPRISING RELATIVE ECONOMY from 330-hp engines, four-barrel versions of the 318-inch V8, suggests engineers achieved especially efficient combustion

the steady-speed fuel tests so we can show you the correction required along with the fuel figures:

True mph 30 40 50 60 70 Indicated 35 47 58 69 81 True mpg 19.32 19.15 18.20 16.03 13.78

With the generous praise owners had given to the Fury acceleration and handling, we looked forward to our performance tests. Our 383, with its 3.23:1 Sure-Grip rear end, gave more getaway than anyone but a bank robber would need. If the wheelman had the car ready and revving, he'd go from a standing start to a true 60 mph in 8.5 seconds, even leaving the transmission in Drive. Making the 1-2

shift at about 47 mph shaved this to 8.2.

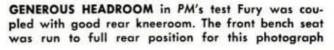
In checking passing speeds, we did 40 to 60 in 3.4 seconds shifting the same way. We left the box in Second for our best 50-to-70 time, 4.2 seconds.

Although there's enough cornering lean to help you get religion, handling was surprisingly good for a standard suspension. The tires screamed in protest at Bridgehampton, N.Y. (the track we use for handling evaluation), but the car felt relatively solid, broke loose slowly.

Alex borrowed a car with the '62 Plymouth suspension for comparison and found the old system was firmer, gave a harsher ride and—as you'd expect—provided somewhat better handling.

Plymouth brakes have, in past years, been prone to fade. We checked these our usual way: successive hard stops from 60 separated by 30-second intervals. The power system gives your leg a helluva help: the first stop required only five pounds' pedal pressure. That jumped to 20 by the sixth stop as the heat caused the linings' friction to start fading. For curiosity, we ran the series to eight. Fade then was very bad, but brakes still didn't grab or pull.

BRAKE PEDAL PRESSURE required for hard stops in PM fade test is registered by the pressometer hanging on Fury's dash. Brakes faded but kept balance







PM can test a car thoroughly, but we can test only one sample from a particular model run. Instead of relying too heavily on those results, let's see what we hear from the people who bought Furys and use them day after day.

To start, here are the owners' own words in statements selected to represent the five most popular praises:

"Handles well at higher speeds on twists and turns—the reason I didn't buy a Ford."—Michigan millwright.

"Good passing power; 230 hp seems more than adequate for my driving."—Georgia real estate appraiser.

"Clean lines with no attempt to be 'different.' . . . the 'planned obsolescence' racket feeds on gingerbread."—Maryland printer.

That's one reason I like the less chromey Fury I more than the III.

"I like pretty girls; my Fury III is a beauty."—Delaware stockman.

I'll agree with the first point; the second is your own responsibility.

"Seats are higher than those in our '58 Plymouth."—Kentucky assembly worker.

A simple adjustment by the dealer can do lots of good for seat comfort, moving (Please turn to page 198)

CORNERING LEAN with our heavy four-door Fury III felt extreme, but the car drifted manageably even with tires at normal highway inflation pressures



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LOOK BACK AND...

... they told me as I leaped at 2500 feet. You can do it too, with 3 hours' instruction and \$35

By Larry Steckler

HEN YOU STEP OUT OF THE PLANE, look back up at me and *smile*." This ludicrous order was the last thing I heard from Instructor Connie McDonough. A second later, I'd shoved off through the open doorway of the nine-passenger Norseman and was soaring

through space on my first free-fall sport parachute jump.

During a three-year tour with the paratroopers, no staff-sergeant jump-master had ever ordered me or any other buck private trainee to "smile back up" at him!

That was *one* difference I found recently between the business of skydiving for fun, and the military version of leaping from airplanes. Paratroop jumping is designed to get a man down quickly and relatively intact; sport parachuting demands accurate control in free fall before the chute is opened, then landing as close as possible to a six-inch target.

The 38 jumps I'd logged in the Army had been just enough to whet my curiosity about the fast-growing sport of skydiving. That's why I was here, in mid-air, now.

Early the previous morning I had arrived at the Lakewood, N.J. site of Parachutes Inc., a professional skydiving school. In three hours flat I'd completed my "ground training" and, as a fledgling skydiver, was perched in the Norseman 2500 feet above the countryside, preparing for my first "static line" jump along with three other novices.

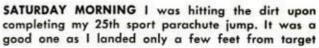
A static line jump is one in which a nylon cord connected from the parachute to the plane itself opens the chute *after* the jumper has cleared the plane. This is similar to military jumping. Three static line jumps are required of all beginning skydivers. During the last two, the novice *practices* pulling the ripcord. If he satisfies the instructor, he is ready to make his first free fall, in which the chute is opened during descent when the jumper pulls the ripcord.

The Norseman's engine roar died to a deep rumble as we reached jump altitude. McDonough called for number one man —me—to stand by the door.

I inched over to the gap in the side of the plane where the



FRIDAY AFTERNOON I was intent on assembling an electronic automobile engine analyzer kit. I'd soon be writing the copy for the story on the unit









JUMP GEAR ON, the instructor makes a final check to be certain straps are tight and equipment is in proper shape. There's no room for error in this sport



OUT ON THE STRUT is jump position from a threepassenger Cessna. I demonstrated it here for the photographer—then did it for real shortly after

door usually is, and dutifully assumed "ready" position—feet on the step outside the plane, the prop blast blowing into my face and Connie looking down over my shoulder at the drop zone we were approaching. Moments later he pushed a button beside the door to signal the pilot, to cut the engine. That's when he wise-cracked about smiling. It was time to go.

After a momentary hesitation, I took an involuntary deep breath and pushed away from the side of the plane, remembering to force my body into the unnatural arch I'd had drilled into me. It's the thing that keeps a skydiver steady. I spread my arms and legs wide, forgot to smile at Connie, and lost sight of the plane. Now horizontal with the ground I reached in for the ripcord, pulled it, resumed the arch and started to count: one thousand . . . two thousand . . thr—the chute was open

and my body yanked upright. The worst—the waiting—was over.

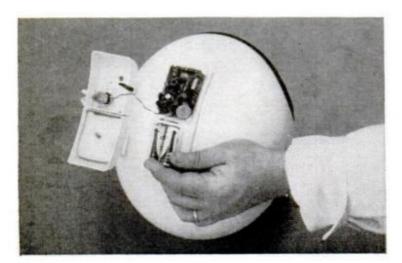
I made a quick check of the nylon canopy overhead; no extra holes . . . okay. A careful look down. Sure enough, just as Connie had said, there was the target behind me. It was about 2000 feet down and half a mile away.

The radio built into my helmet had been hissing softly in my ears. Now it crackled to life. "Number One, good jump so far. Now, pull down your right toggle and make a 180° turn to the right and face the target."

I complied and the voice continued, "Fine, Number One. Watch your rate of drift and try not to overshoot; we want to see you land right on that target."

My chute and I were riding with the wind about 12 mph in the direction of the

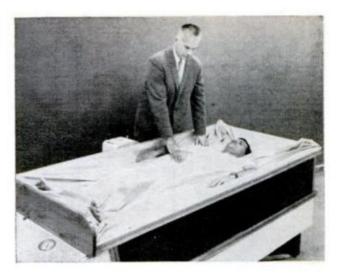
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RADIO IN MY HELMET put the instructor at my ear during my first five jumps. It makes possible second-by-second instruction and keeps the novice from landing in the trees that surround the drop zone. This added insurance also boosts student's confidence

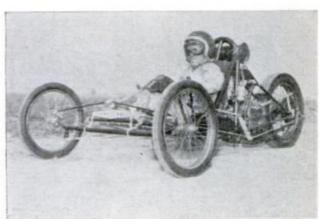
Float to Recovery

Hospital patients will float off to dreamland in this soft bed. Its mattress consists of water covered with a flexible sheet. Since the bed, developed by Convair, exerts no pressure on the body, it will be useful in treating skin, nervous and other disorders.



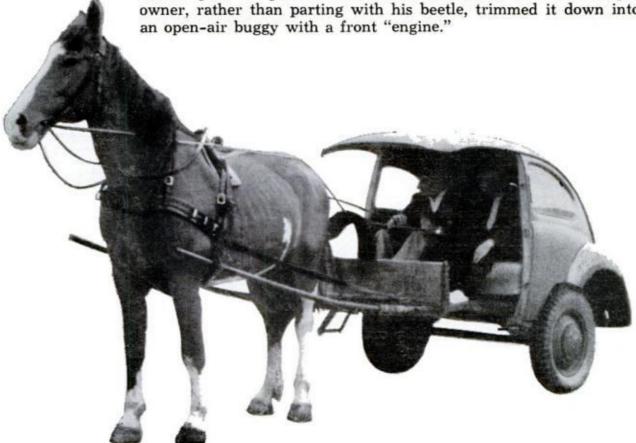
128-mph Tricycle

This three-wheeler is definitely out of Junior's class. It does 128 mph in 10.56 seconds in quarter-mile drags. Californian Mel Rossi uses a bored Triumph 40 cu. in. displacement, motorcycle engine with twin carburetors.



Volkswagen Develops One Horsepower

"Get a horse!" That, essentially, was the ruling by the authorities on the North Sea island of Borkum; they banned all autos to assure quiet for patients in a sanitarium there. One Volkswagen owner, rather than parting with his beetle, trimmed it down into an open-air buggy with a front "engine."



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Fast-Reflex School for Patrolmen

The rangy, articulate head instructor, Sgt. Bob Phillips, who is a veteran of dirt-track racing, sides with the growing number of auto experts who think every driver needs real practice in getting out of road emergencies—not just "safety tips." For too many people, the first blowout is the last. When they skid, they unnecessarily wrap themselves around trees. They do the fatally wrong thing if an obstacle pops into the road.

In a few states, highway cops are trained to get out of such jams. California's program is the most elaborate. When a rookie graduates from Evoc, he can drift

Could you stop without brakes —or get out of a high-speed skid? Here's how patrolmen do it

By Martin Mann

RAN over a child today. The road was dry, there was no traffic, and I was doing a careful 30 mph. The child flew in front of my car, about 50 feet ahead. I slammed on the brakes, but 50 feet isn't enough to stop a car from 30 mph.

Then I turned around and tried it again. I still couldn't stop in time.

Of course, this "child" was only a cardboard box. The road was the high-speed training track at the California Highway Patrol Academy and the incident a demonstration for *PM*.

The Patrol Academy is a collection of new one-story buildings sprawling across the sun-baked valley a few miles out of Sacramento, where every four months 80 to 100 raw recruits are transformed into polished and expert highway patrolmen. PM had asked me to see how the Academy's nationally famous Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (Evoc) trains cadet patrolmen to handle their cruisers safely under the toughest conditions. Could the same techniques help ordinary drivers? I was the guinea pig.



a Dodge police special around mountain roads at 120 without killing himself. But high-speed road running is for the cops. All I wanted to know was: Could I regain control in a fast skid? Could I stop safely when the brakes fail? Could I avoid a real child who jumps unexpectedly off the curb?

Evoc proved that if you know what to do you stand a chance. If you have had actual practice—under conditions duplicating the real thing—you probably can make it.

Lesson No. 1 was given on the skid pan, an asphalt oval about a quarter-mile around. Although the Sacramento Valley sun held the thermometer close to 100°, that asphalt track was as slippery as a New England back road during a freezing rain. A tank truck had sprayed on a thin film of oil, and sprinklers kept the surface wet.

I pulled onto this *ersatz* ice in an elderly patrol car fitted with asphalt slicks treadless drag-racing tires that deliver lots of bite on dry pavement, but zero

CRUNCH goes the cardboard box—but it could have been a real child. Author found even panic braking couldn't stop him in 50 feet from 30 mph





A FLICK of the hidden valve, opening a brake-fluid bypass, and suddenly no brakes. Evoc instructors use the gimmick to test police cadets' reactions

traction in the wet. The car went everywhere except the way I pointed it. That was the idea. The effect was that of serious high-speed skidding even though the car seldom went over 25. Techniques could be tried with little risk to car or driver.

You have to fight your instinctive reactions to drive even at 25 mph on such a slippery surface, so the instructor comes after you in an ancient heap and plays bumper tag to nudge you along. After switching ends a few times, I began to appreciate what had been explained in advance. The standard instruction to turn in the direction of the skid doesn't go far enough. That alone may not bring you around in your lane after you lose traction on a curve.

Besides turning the wheel, you also have to accelerate ever so gently, even though it seems you are deliberately driving yourself off the road. The gentle acceleration gives back a bit of traction. Then you can tighten into the curve once more while slacking off on the gas. You

skid again. Now you repeat, turning and accelerating, skidding and decelerating. No brakes, ever. This alternation makes the car's weight shift slightly on the suspension. With precise control of the gas pedal and careful work on the steering wheel, you can make all four wheels slide. The car doesn't really skid around the curve: it drifts under your command and goes where you want it to. Mastering this takes practice, but even a few tries give a feeling for what should be done.

Lesson No. 2, showing how not to run over children, was an eye-opener. Off one end of the straightaway on the 2.2-mile oval main track, a mechanic waited with a string tied to a cardboard box that was out of sight across the roadway. That was the "child" I was supposed to miss.

I accelerated a Chrysler police special

WITH A "HELPFUL" NUDGE from behind by instructor, author (in patrol car) starts skidding on the wet, oil-slicked surface. Steering into the skid . . .





from the other end of the straightaway until the needle stood at 30. On the instructor's signal, the mechanic jerked the string, yanking the cardboard "child" smack in front of me.

When this kind of emergency occurs on hit the brakes as hard as I could. My reaction time was fast; after all, I was all wound up for the signal. Rubber burned, but the front and rear wheels crunched right over that box.

After a few more tries had mashed sev-

a busy street-traffic in the opposing lane, curb lined with parked cars-your instinct makes you rely on brakes alone. I was instructed to imagine that those were the conditions here, even though there were wide gravel shoulders on either side. When I saw the box in the roadway, I held the wheel straight and

eral boxes, Sgt. Phillips climbed in to ride along with me. I ran up to 30, saw the box fly into the road, and hit the brakes. But this time the pedal mushed uselessly to the floor. No brakes.

Phillips, a brilliantly unorthodox instructor, had bugged this car with a bypass in the hydraulic line. He opened the hidden valve while I was accelerating.

The braking loss was a shock. I instinctively steered left, and I almost-but not quite-missed the cardboard "child." I had vanked the wheel too late.

I made a couple more passes. When the box appeared, I immediately swung the wheel as hard as I could, and I got around the box without touching it.

That was the point: The best brakes and the fastest reaction time cannot stop you short enough when a child jumps into

. . . is correct procedure, he finds-but it's not enough. The tail swings around, swaps ends with the nose. Evoc students are taught also to alternately feed the throttle gently and let up. This causes car's weight to shift back and forth on the suspension, helps restore traction

3. WHOOPS—HE LOSES IT





STRING attached to cardboard "child" allows box to be yanked onto roadway without warning, directly in test car's path. This time, author relies on steering instead of brakes; he swings left and misses the box easily

your path close ahead. The only way to avoid hitting him is to steer around.

It takes forethought and will power to do the right thing when such an emergency is red hot. If the opposing lane is empty, you will swing left instinctively. But if cars are coming toward you, you can't afford a deliberate head-on crash. You have to overcome the temptation to rely on brakes alone. The only way out is to swing right.

That means you may have to run yourself into something on purpose. If it's a
parked car, you're probably all right; the
crumpling of the two cars should absorb
the worst of the impact and leave you
with little more than bruises, especially
if you are wearing a seat belt. If there are
trees or a wall to your right, you take a
real risk. Even so, evasive action is your
only choice. If you do run over the child,
he is almost certain to be killed or seriously hurt.

The booby-trapped brakes suggested lesson No. 3: What you should do when your brakes fail. This emergency comes up more often than most people realize. Recent studies such as the research of A. L. Moseley at Harvard blame mechanical defects for a shockingly high proportion of fatal accidents. Many a poor guy scraped off a bridge abutment had not fallen asleep at the wheel, as police reports so often say, but died desperately trying to control a brakeless car.

When the regular brakes fail, gradual application of the parking brake sometimes helps, but not very much. The standard prescription is to downshift as quickly as possible. At speeds over 40 or 50, this may wreck an automatic transmission, but that's easier to repair than a busted skull.

"How fast can you stop by downshifting?" I asked Phillips. Characteristically, he said. "Let's go see."

I climbed back into the big patrol car and drove to the end of the track's straightaway. The California cops prefer automatic transmissions; this '64 Chrysler had the usual pushbutton shift. At 30 I took my foot off the accelerator, punched into Low and waited for the car to slow to a halt.

And waited. And waited.

It seemed I could stop faster by dragging my foot out the door. Eventually the car did stop rolling. I climbed out of the car and walked back, counting paces. It had taken 394 yards—nearly the length of four football fields—to come to a stop after downshifting.

"You could have cut it a few yards shorter if you had switched off the ignition," Phillips said. "But engine braking isn't enough. Usually you can steer off the road into a field. The rough, soft surface will slow you down. Or look for an upgrade, either in the road or off it. An embankment or something."

What about the racing driver's trick of brushing off speed by scraping the side of the car against a fence or bushes or even other cars?

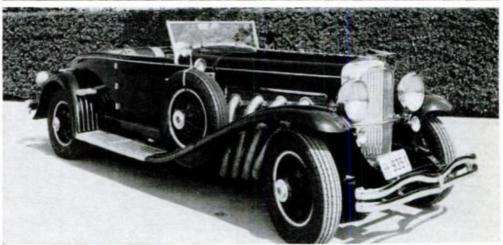
"That works," Phillips said. "But it takes skill and two husky arms. You have to fight the wheel like crazy to keep from losing control. Still, it's better than doing nothing. The main thing is to take some kind of action. Whatever you do will probably help some, whether it's the ideal procedure or not.

"Don't just sit there. Do something!"
Good advice for any emergency. ***

See Any Similarity in These Two Cars?

Here's the styling planned for the new Duesenberg, from the drawing board of Virgil Exner, former chief designer at Chrysler. He describes the style as "in the modern, classic manner . . . with some 'nostalgic' feeling . . . traceable to the older Duesenberg influence." Below is a '31 model SJ for comparison.





Up the Sleeve

Here's the latest fashion note for office workers: A new shirt manufactured in England is designed to solve the old problem of where to carry your pack of cigarets, pen, pencil and notepad when you shed your suit jacket. The "Shacket" has four pockets set into the sleeves, thereby eliminating bulging trouser pockets. It's claimed that a man can wear a jacket over his "Shacket," and still keep something up his sleeve.



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Water Highway to the Top of the World

Following the route of the sourdoughs, a new ferry system carries tourists and cars from British Columbia to Skagway

By Steve McCutcheon

TEXANS, TAKE NOTE! The Alaskans have added insult to injury.

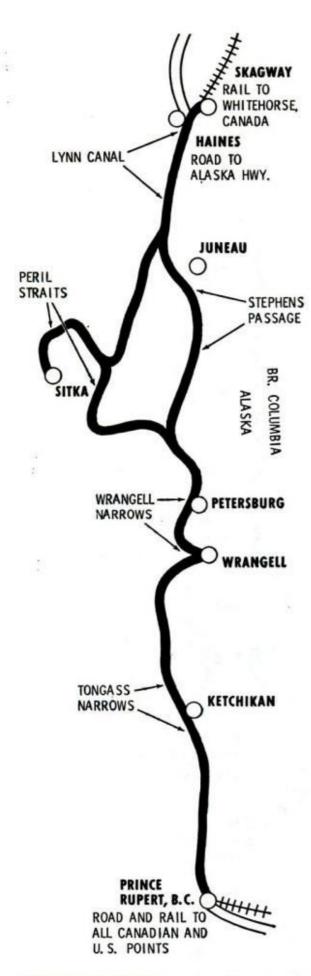
It was like a stab in the panhandle when they took over as the largest state, and it was like swallowing cacti to hear them chortle about the highest mountain in North America, and the largest live glacier. It was a punch below the gunbelt to have them compare a Kodiak bear to a peccary, and the Yukon River—which runs more water than the Mississippi—to the Rio Grande.

But now those upstarts are gloating over a ferryboat that carries 500 passengers and 105 autos, trucks and trailers, and totes the whole kit and kaboodle on a 500mile trip from Prince Rupert to Skagway. And to make matters worse, they're inviting tourists—including Texans—to travel in comfort to the "last frontier."

Wearing the state colors of blue and gold, three ferries—Malapsina, Matanuska







CARRYING PASSENGERS and vehicles, the Alaskan ferry plies inland waterway of Pacific Northwest, passing 11,000 islands and making seven ports on 500-mile excursion that takes 30 hours to complete and *Taku*—make daily sailings six days a week, one boat embarking each day from opposite ends of the marine highway.

Sporting Liianen controllable-pitch, twin props, the identical 353-foot vessels are powered by 4000-hp twin Enterprise diesels and make 20 to 22 knots. When fully loaded they draw 15 feet of water. Just aft of the bow on either side and in the stern are huge hydraulically-operated doors that will accommodate any vehicle that can drive on a continental U.S. highway without a special permit. Passenger accommodations are plush and modern, and there is no limitation on luggage.

Regular passenger fare from Prince Rupert to Skagway is \$30, with various rates for between points. The charge for transporting a regular passenger car, camper or pickup truck is \$122.50 to Skagway and a compact car is charged \$98. Children under 6 travel free and children from 6 to 12 are charged half fare.

Sailing from Prince Rupert, the southern terminus in British Columbia, the ferry covers the first 105-mile leg of the journey in five hours, putting in at Ketchikan, the largest salmon-fishing center in the world, where visitors can tour a cannery and a pulp mill. Wrangell, next stop on the

LINING THE RAIL of the boat, passengers watch the huge 353-foot vessel, guided by reverse props, glide effortlessly up to a specially constructed pier



route, is one of the oldest towns in Alaska, founded as a Russian fort in 1834. This picturesque fishing village boasts an authentic Indian tribal house on Chief Shakes Island, ancient petroglyphs and nine authentic totem poles.

Three hours out of Wrangell the ferry puts in at Petersburg, a community of neat Scandinavian-type houses and a harbor filled with halibut schooners.

The next port-of-call is Sitka, the last capital of Alaska under the Russian czars and the first under the United States flag. Speeding up through Frederick Sound and Stephens Passage, the ferry trails its wake through magnificent fjords of icy blue water and passes in the shadow of towering glaciers, their icy crests a sun-glittering explosion of color.

Then comes Juneau, the state capital and the center of Alaska's gold-mining heritage that goes back to 1880 when Joe Juneau and Dick Harris made the strike that sparked the gold rush. Here, too, is the famous Mendenhall glacier, part of the sprawling Juneau icecap, and visitors can view it from a modern observatory built by the U.S. Forest Service.

Haines-Port Chilkoot, the twin cities of Alaska, is the next stop, where ferry trav-

COMING DOWN a special loading ramp, a camper drives into one of the hydraulically-operated doors that are situated just aft of the bow of the vessel



elers are introduced to the customs and crafts of the Chilkat Indians at Totem Village, plus special dance performances.

The end of the 30-hour trip, northern terminus of the marine highway is Skagway, the "Gateway to the Klondike," where visitors can visit the graves of Soapy Smith, the Colorado gambler who ruled the lawless town back in '98, and of Frank Reid, the U.S. marshal who killed Smith in a gunfight and brought law and order to the frontier. And each night you can see a re-enactment of "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," a story made famous by Robert Service's verse.

Ferry travelers can take a change of pace in Skagway with a 100-mile trip to Whitehorse, capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, on the narrow-gauge White Pass & Yukon Ry.—"the cliff hanger."

A popular feature of the ferry trip is that passengers may embark at any point, stay as long as they like, and then continue on the next ferry with no change of ticket or extra charge.

Last year the ferry system carried a total of 74,603 passengers and 14,042 vehicles. On one trip of the *Malaspina*, there were tourists in automobiles from ten states—two of them were Texans. *

PARKED IN THE BOWELS of the vessel, pickup campers serve as private staterooms for their owners. Each of the boats has a capacity of 105 vehicles



MAN THE BILGE PUMPS!

WE'RE BEING SWAMDED

Many rules and regulations are antiquated, unfair and downright ridiculous, says this experienced boater, author of several books on boating. Here we've given him a chance to shout his dissent. Any contrary opinions?

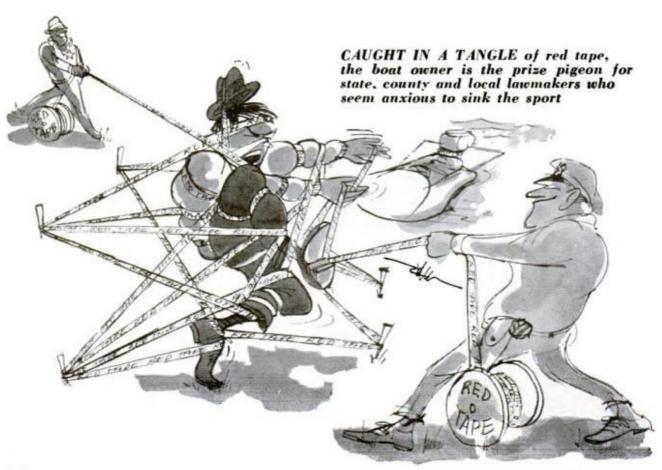
By Jack Speirs

In the United States Today, a minister of the gospel who owns a boat is more likely to run afoul of the law than is a dope-peddling tax dodger.

This country is sitting in the middle of the biggest boating boom in history. And yet practically every wet place in the nation is surrounded by a shoreline of red tape, a hodgepodge of unnecessary statutes.

It's time for a big clean-up of antiquated, unfair and downright ridiculous boating laws. Yet unless boaters start fighting back at once, things will be worse instead of better in the future.

Right now, in such states as New York, Ohio and California, "public servants" are



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saying to themselves, "A man has to have a license to drive a car, so why can't we force him to buy a license to operate a boat?" If these officials have their way, you are going to have to pass various tests, and pay a fee, and be fingerprinted and photographed, and then carry your unexpired license with you before you can fire up the putt-putt on your 12-foot skiff.

This is the same skiff on which you now pay property taxes, registration fees, insurance, an annual trailer license to haul it around and, on many waters, inspection and launching fees.

The fact that pleasure boaters are against licensing means nothing at all to Big Brother. "This is for your own good, Comrade," is the official attitude. They tell you that licensing is a safety measure—even though the accident rate already is going down in relation to the number of boats in use. They say it would weed out incompetents—although most accidents occur to experienced boatsmen who could pass an examination with their eyes closed.

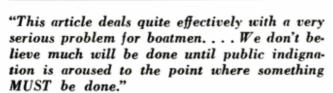
Accidents are decreasing because of two things: the worthwhile safety education programs conducted by the Coast Guard and by other groups, and the intelligent enforcement of safety rules by the Coast Guard and other water police agencies. Some authorities go so far as to say they are afraid that, if operators' licenses are required, the emphasis on safety education will lag. Result: More accidents could oc-

cur because of licensing the operators!

Coast Guard spokesmen find no need for licensing. And, at a meeting of the south-eastern state boat law officials in 1964, it was resolved that "licensing of motorboat operators is *not* recommended."

Yet 1965 is a critical year. If even one state gets away with this new kind of regimentation, others would follow. In New York the opening wedge is agitation to license all boat operators under 16 years of age, as the first step toward licensing all operators. In California, there are indications that behind-the-scene pressures for licensing are building up. As a result, officials of boating clubs are warning that

DESPITE THE FACT that a water skier might be a world's champion and an Olympic swimmer, in some states he must wear a life jacket or belt

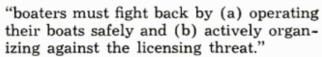


—Fred B. Lifton, Executive Director
Outboard Boating Club of America





SPORTSMEN HAVE IGNORED ridiculous horsepower regulations by merely altering the rating on their motors—but they're violating the law



Perhaps the real truth for the license drive in California was unintentionally let out of the bag in a recent, expensive two-volume government-financed report on a grandiose "California Boating Plan." The report recommends a broader role by the state's Division of Small Craft Harbors in the development of harbors and other boating facilities, to reduce possible shortages in the future. The report baldly states that possible sources of funds include "higher boat registration fees" and "licensing fees for boat operators."

The old arguments about safety are forgotten, and licensing is looked upon as a way of grabbing more money from pleasure boaters, to be spent as the state decides.

The fact is that there are too many laws that are designed to defeat boating pleasure on the books already. Let's look at some of the typical, restrictive regulations that govern hundreds of recreational waters today. They are so taken for granted that they are worth analyzing in depth—if they have any depth.

Antiquated Laws

Boats shall operate at not over 5 miles per hour within 200 feet of any dock or shoreline.

This is a hangover from the time when displacement hulls ruled the waves. Those low-riding tubs went plowing along, pushing a big bow wave in front and trolling an immense stern wash out behind. At



THERE ARE such conflicting laws and regulations in many states that a boater is taking a chance if he doesn't have a lawyer along as his guide

speeds above five mph, such a boat was likely to leave dinghies capsized, docks battered and even tall schooners flailing their masts like admonishing fingers.

Not so today. Practically all the small craft that account for today's boating boom have planing or semi-planing hulls. At low speeds they, too, mush along and make waves that rattle the water and sig-alert the fish. But at higher speeds they level off into a smooth, relatively low-wake plane that little more than ripples the water. Boating officials of Nevada and Utah know this and so they simply call for "no wake" operation or "slow-no wake" under some circumstances.

One national boating organization asks, "How can an official prove a boat was 199 feet from shore when the boat operator contends he was 201 feet away? And there is no speedometer accurate enough to make a court case stand up. Why not simply enforce the basic law that the boat operator is responsible for any damage caused by his wake?"

Motors may be run only between 8 a.m. and nightfall.

This is intended to protect resort residents against "excessive noise" but it's about as archaic as three-button spats.

It dates back to the time when an outboard was noisy enough for a machine 10 times its size, an unmuffled monster that bellowed clear into the next county.

But today a big, baffled underwater exhaust, an air intake silencer, a rubbersealed cowling and neoprene mountings give any except the largest outboard a



LEGISLATORS are setting their sights on boating as a prime target for extra revenue, and in many places the "taxation tiger" is already taking such a bite from the boater's wallet that many may be forced to give up the sport

muted purr that can't begin to match the decibels of dozens of accepted noises.

A law that punishes the current generation of well-bred outboards for the din of its ancestors makes as much sense as a law requiring Klaxon-mufflers on all '65 cars.

A life jacket must be worn while water skiing.

Show that a skilled water skier and swimmer is additionally protected by a life jacket, and win a crocheted surfboard.

Any boat towing a skier must have, in addition to the driver, an observer at least 12 years old.

The driver can be 12 months old; there's no age restriction on him. In some enlightened areas such as Michigan a rear view mirror for the driver is all that's required. In that state a man can take his son water skiing without hauling around a passenger

whose extra weight hardly lets the boat get up to ski speed.

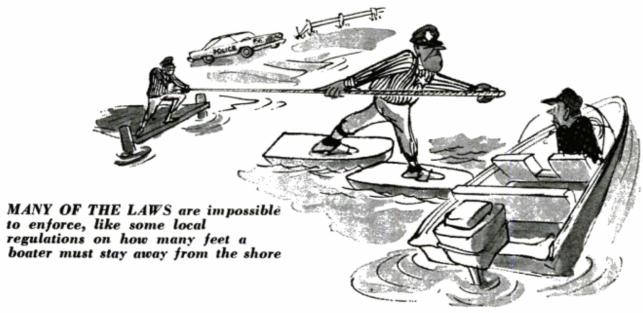
No boat with a marine head allowed on this water supply impoundment.

This is undoubtedly anti-pollution motivated, but shucks, is it more sanitary without one?

No motor over 51/2 hp may be used.

This outlaws such motors as the Mercury 5.9 or the Elgin 6, as well as all of the new 1965 6 hp models. Yet if you bring any of these "fractional violators" to some waters you damn well row. And this also applies to some lesser known brands, rated at up to $7\frac{1}{2}$ hp at 4000 rpm, a power and speed which most of them couldn't possibly hit with the lower unit disconnected.

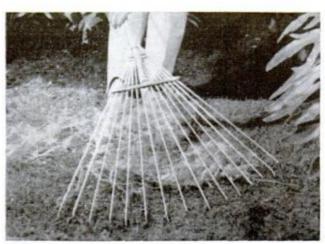
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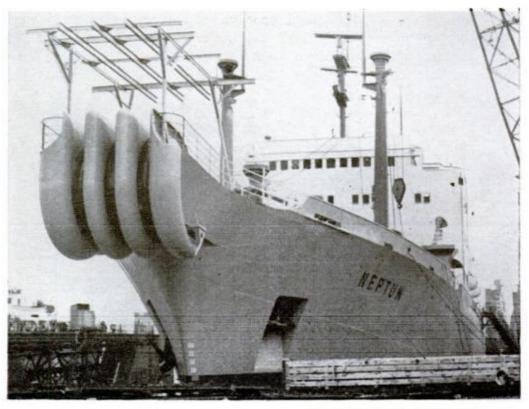
How Tines Do Change!

Sliding a bracket on the handle of this adjustable rake sets the tines for any width from 7½ inches (left) to 22½ inches (below). The Yardgroomer costs \$3.98 in standard model, \$4.98 in deluxe. Robert Sales, 4725 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis.



One-Trip Cable Ship

Without stopping, a new West German ship can lay a cable all the way between Europe and America. Five holds in the ship accommodate a whopping 3700 nautical miles of ocean cable more than an inch in diameter. Thus the ship can make one trip across the Atlantic and leave a completed cable behind. The new vessel already has laid a cable between Iceland and Newfoundland.

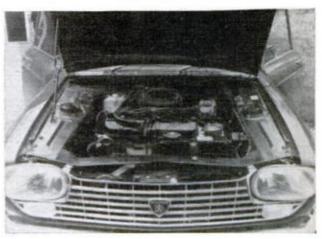


Peugeot's 204: From a New Mold

With crisper styling, front-wheel drive, and a transverse, overhead-cam Four, Peugeot's new little 204 signals a company departure from old, conservative thinking. Sun roof and front disc brakes (with non-vented rotor) are standard.

The engine develops 58 hp at 5800 rpm for an unexciting 32.3 pounds per horse-power. The 204 spins around in a 33.2-foot-diameter circle on a 102-inch wheelbase. It's to be imported into the United States but date and price aren't yet known.

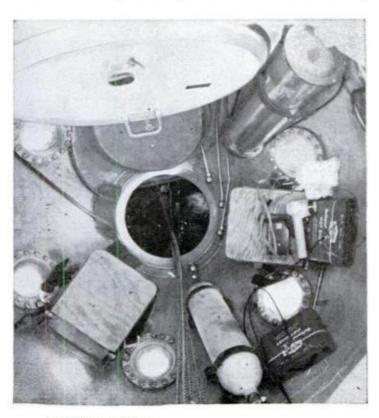


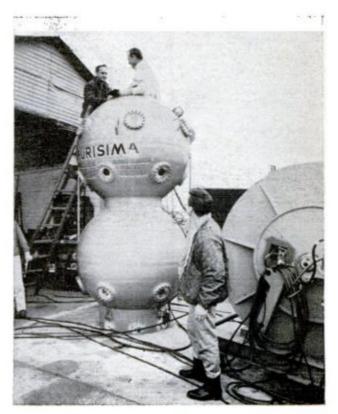


Piggyback Diving Bell

The hourglass figure of a new diving bell permits two divers to work together or independently. The *Purisima* consists of one sphere mounted atop another, piggyback fashion, with an airtight hatch between. In addition, each sphere has its own entry

port. Thus a different pressure can be maintained inside each sphere, and one diver can be going through decompression while observing the other at work. Each chamber (inside of top unit shown at left) has its own instruments and tools.





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Please Don't

The flowers in your garden shouldn't be on your diet. Some of them pack a wallop. Here's a rogues' gallery of some dainty—and potent—plants

By Nils Nilsson

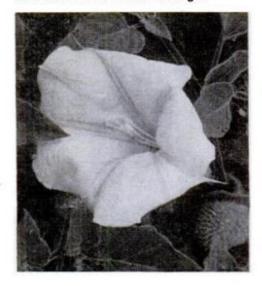
THE WOMAN was in intense pain when admitted to the emergency room of a Cleveland hospital. The left side of her face was swollen and her speech was thick, almost unintelligible. Examination revealed that her tongue and mouth membranes were so badly swollen that she couldn't swallow.

Was this the dramatic onset of a virulent disease? Not at all. The woman had fallen victim to as commonplace a thing as a house plant.

Stumbling over her words, she admitted that early that afternoon she had bitten into the stalk of a dumbcane plant. She said she had spit out the pulp and juices almost immediately and hadn't swallowed anything.

(Dumbcane is not an exotic growth. It sprouts in many a living room and is favored as a decoration for somber hotel lobbies. It grows from three to six feet high and has elongated green leaves that may be spotted or streaked with white or shades of green. Its scientific name is Dieffenbachia seguine.)

Just what had impelled the 40year-old woman to nibble on the plant isn't stated in the medical report of her case. Perhaps it was simply curiosity—to find out if the plant lived up to its unusual popular name. If so, she learned that dumbcane can make a perALL PARTS of the yellow oleander are said to be toxic. Blossoms are yellow or dull orange and about two inches in length



Eat the Oleander

son quite speechless, at least temporarily.

The flesh of the plant contains small needlelike crystals of calcium oxalate, which cause an intense irritation of mouth tissues. Though painful, the condition isn't dangerous unless the tongue swells so much that the air passages of the throat are blocked. In the Cleveland case, the woman was fully recovered within a couple of weeks.

Dumbcane is not the only nasty plant you may be nurturing in your home or in your garden. Take a walk around your house and you're likely to find at least half a dozen plants that could fell you and your children if their leaves or fruit were ingested.

That is not to say that many deaths

occur this way. Far from it. But, say health experts, some deaths in this country are attributable to the ingestion of toxic plants. Accurate statistics do not exist.

Still, there are many plants that can make an adult sick and cause a child to become dangerously ill. It isn't the intention of this report to provide you with a list containing every plant known to be toxic—that would be impossible—but to make you aware of the problem.

In your walk around your garden you may well encounter a daffodil, narcissus or other lily-like plant. They're all bulbous plants and the bulb is the potent portion. It contains chemicals that produce nervous symptoms and extreme digestive

FRAGRANT lily-of-the-valley contains a compound similar to digitalis, a heart stimulant. It also acts as a purgative

OLEANDER, a common shrub, contains a drug that affects the heart and respiratory system. One leaf can be lethal to child JIMSONWEED produces big white flowers and the basic ingredients of a powerful drug that can paralyze the motor nerves









CASTORBEAN seeds are extremely potent.
Only a few of them may be a fatal dose
for an adult. Though tropical, the plant
is grown as an annual in the North, the
seeds often being sold at supermarkets

distress. During World War II the Dutch tried feeding cattle with bulbs during a feed shortage. The result was a lot of sick cows.

Lily-of-the-valley is a well-established favorite for both house and garden. It has white, bell-shaped flowers and a sweet fragrance. Look at it and sniff it, but don't eat it. It contains a drug similar to digitalis, the heart stimulant, and is also irritating to the digestive tract.

And while we're on the subject, where do you think digitalis comes from? From the foxglove, of course. Foxglove (Digitalis purpurea) is an ornamental plant that grows from two to five feet high and has purple flowers. The drug is prepared mostly from the leaves.

Another plant that contains a compound that affects the heart is oleander (Nerium oleander). A leading authority on toxic plants warns that a single leaf can be a lethal dose for a child.

Oleander is a common outdoor shrub in the warmer parts of our country and is grown as a house plant up North. It may grow as high as 10 feet and can have pink, white, copper or dark-purple flowers.

Here is a list of other plants to be wary of:

• Gloriosa or climbing lily (Gloriosa superba L.) is a slender plant that grows from five to seven feet tall and has yellow and yellow and red flowers. It's native to Asia and Africa but is widely used as a garden flower in states such as Florida. All parts of the plant are poisonous and can cause diarrhea and nausea; a

feeling of numbness in the lips, tongue and throat; giddiness and loss of power in limbs, and convulsions and loss of consciousness.

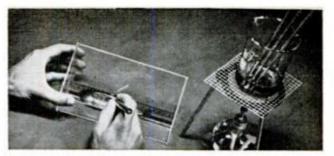
- Milk Bush (Euphorbia tirucalli L), also known as pencil cactus, malabartree, euphorbia. A native of India, this plant is grown in our warmer states. It is a shrub or many-limbed tree that can reach 15 feet. It has small oval leaves, one inch or less long, and produces small, inconspicuous flowers. Its milky sap contains a substance that is quite irritating to the skin of many people. If eaten, the plant parts are reported to be poisonous.
- Mountain Laurel (Kalmia latifolia) is a bushlike shrub that grows to five or six feet and has sweet-scented white to rose flowers. It can be found in many parts of the country. The Delaware Indians used laurel to commit suicide. It contains a compound that produces nausea and vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration and coma.
- Jimsonweed (Datura stramonium) has a related species known as angel's trumpet or Gabriel's trumpet (Datura suaveolens H. & B.). Jimsonweed grows wild, but the angel's trumpet often is found in gardens. It has large, white pendulous flowers. Both species contain atropine, a drug that paralyzes motor nerves and can produce respiratory and heart failure.
- Wisteria (Wisteria species) is a tough vine that grows in many sections of the country and produces clusters of showy

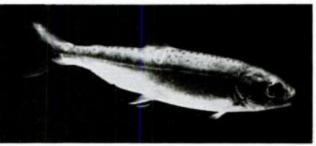
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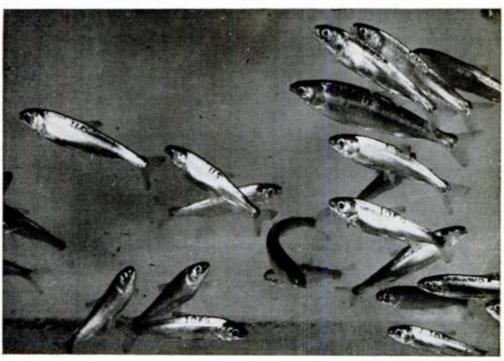
Brand-New Brand

A new method for marking salmon fingerlings is much like cattle branding.

With a rod heated in water, serial numbers are burned on each fish (top photo). The fish at right displays a six-months-old brand, and those below were marked three months earlier. The work is that of U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.







Inside Track

Indoor cycling on your own bicycle is possible with the new Roller Cycle. Just place your bike on the folding roller unit, climb aboard and start pedaling at whatever speed that suits you.

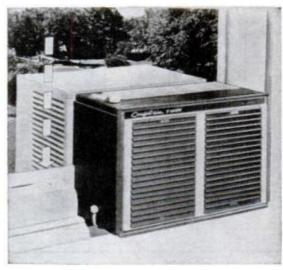
Like regular cycling, it develops your sense of balance and helps keep you fit. The Roller Cycle sells for \$69.99 f.o.b. Johnson Kart Co., 4918 N. 32nd St., Milwaukee, Wis.





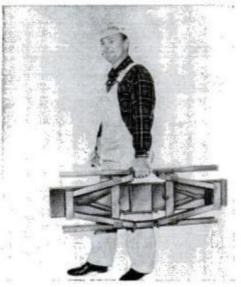
ELECTRIC BACK SCRATCHER and massage set lets you do it yourself. Remove back scratcher, snap on desired part (for scalp, face, body or feet), plug in, relax under vibrating action; \$11.95. All-over Clipper, 1745 Flett, Racine, Wis.

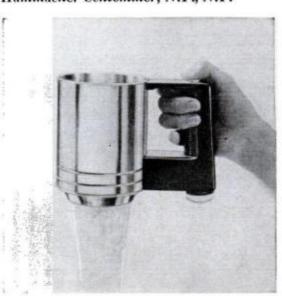
AIR CONDITIONER houses compressor system outside, a circulation fan inside. Unit anchors on sill and operates while window is closed (noise stays outside). Aluminum conditioners start at \$170. By Heat Controller, Jackson, Mich.



CARRIES LIKE A LADDER, acts as scaffold, sawhorse or platform. Aluminum unit weighs 27 lbs., includes extension legs, rail, knee braces, folds to form 48 by 8-inch platform. \$48.40 f.o.b. U.S. Metalite, 1800 Canal, Lafayette, Ind. cordless electric sifter takes squeeze and cramp out of sifting. Press button and dry ingredients are sifted quickly (and silently due to nylon gears). Two C batteries run \$5.35 stainless unit; Hammacher Schlemmer, N.Y., N.Y.







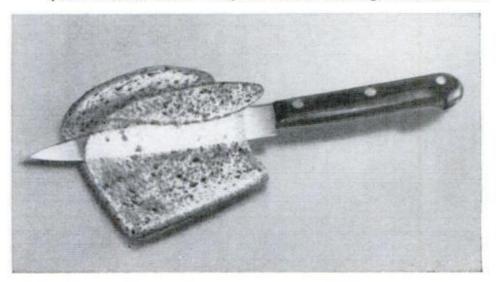
POPULAR MECHANICS

NEW FOR YOUR HOME

By Marion Morey

HERE IS A KNIFE with blades of high-carbon cutlery steel that will cut a wafer-thin slice of bread, turkey wing or hunk of cheese. Handles are of laminated wood and the tang extends the full length. Wedge-honed by hand, the blades also have a stain-free finish. Four basic kitchen knives—utility, cook's, slicing and paring (shown below)—plus a handy magnetic rack cost \$19.95 from Breck's, Comus Div., 765 Breck Building, Boston, Mass.

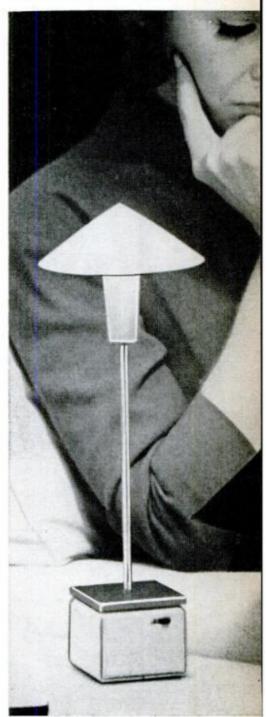
TABLE LAMP 13 inches high provides direct and background light, using frosted version of 12-volt bulb. Base contains transformer. Tensor Corp., 333 Stanley Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., offers it for \$14.95.



PATIO WARMER converts quickly into barbecue when 2-piece stainless steel grill is set on top of the coals. Rubber-tired wheels make the unit easy to move from garage to terrace, etc. Both 32 or 42-inch-across models burn large firewood, Presto logs or briquets. Made of heavy gauge steel and finished in matte black or red porcelain, the warmer starts at \$39.50. It's offered by the Condon-King Co., 5611—208th S.W., Lynwood, Wash.







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Backyard & Birdbath R.R.

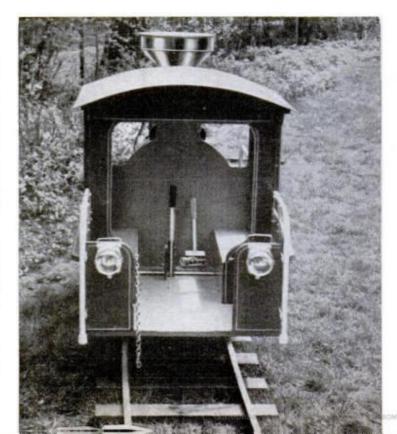
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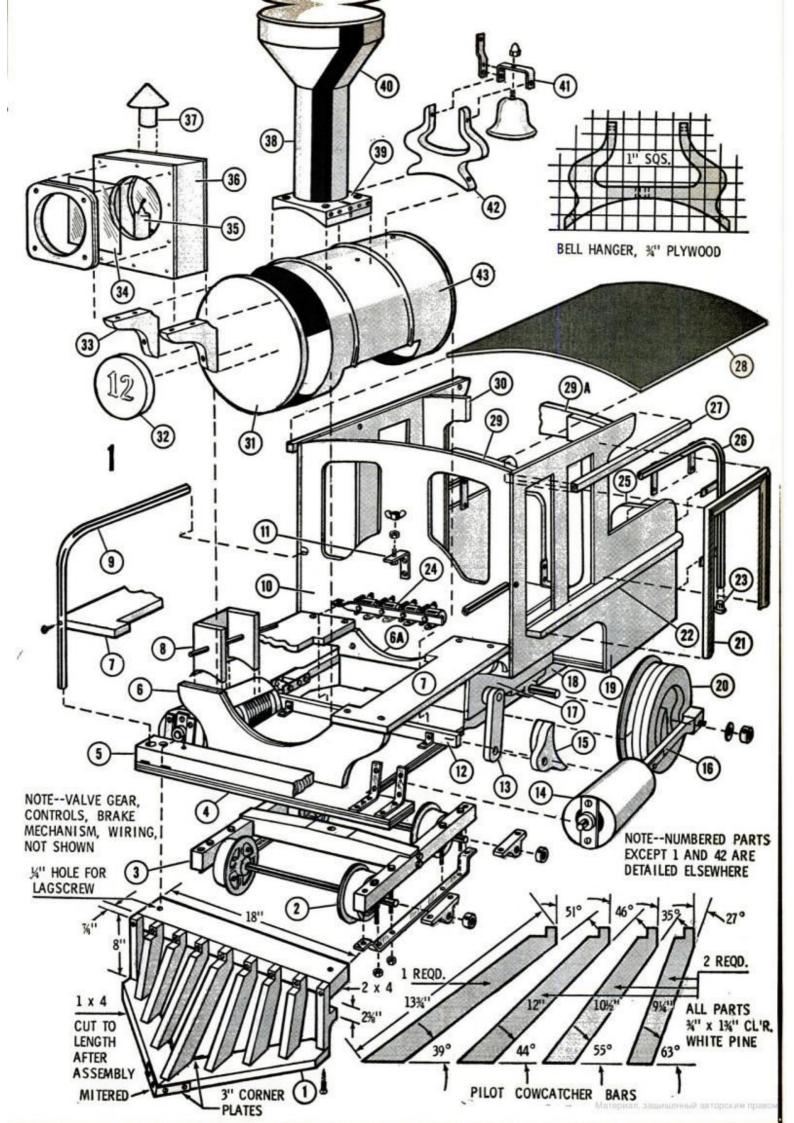
ROBERT WOOLSON, Chicago TV advertising man, could easily qualify as the little old toymaker, but to him designing and building playthings for children is little more than just a fascinating hobby.

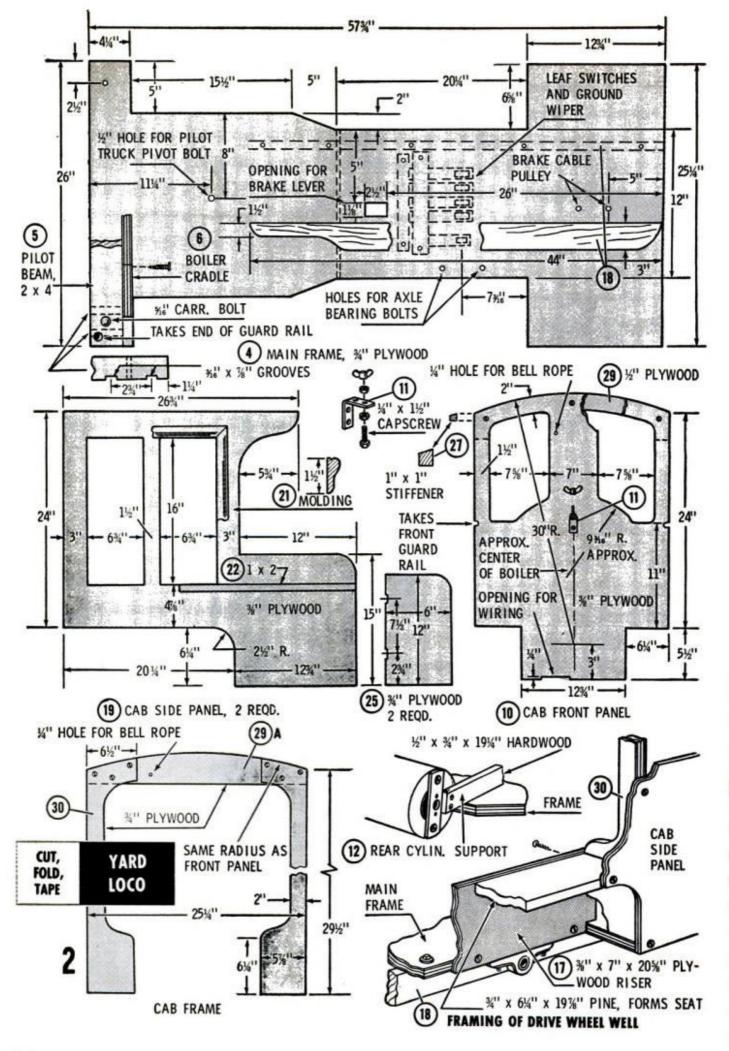
To his growing list of popular back-yard toys which have appeared in *PM* (you'll certainly recall his *Sidewalk Classic* car, page 146, Nov. '63 *PM*), he now adds this delightful replica of an old-time steam locomotive—the cutest thing on rails for small-fry engineers.

The smoke from its milk-strainer stack is no tip-off as to what makes it start, stop and reverse, or what keeps it chugging along on its 1 x 2 track at a merry 5 miles per, with all the realism of the real thing:

THIS INTERIOR VIEW of the cab shows the brake and "throttle" levers. Actually, the engine has but one speed, the throttle is a forward and reverse switch



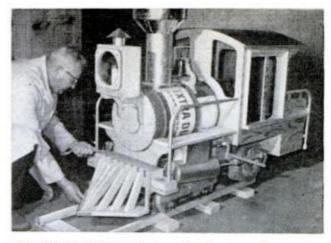




the push-pull pistons operate the drivewheels in true engine fashion, but they're not powered by steam. The secret?—a couple of king-size solenoids which are energized by two auto batteries hooked in tandem and hidden under the hinged oildrum boiler. As for safety, there's a handbrake that will stop the engine in less than a half turn of a wheel.

Much of its eye appeal can be credited to Dade Ellison, a friend of Woolson, who picked the dashing colors and painted and trimmed the model you see on our cover.

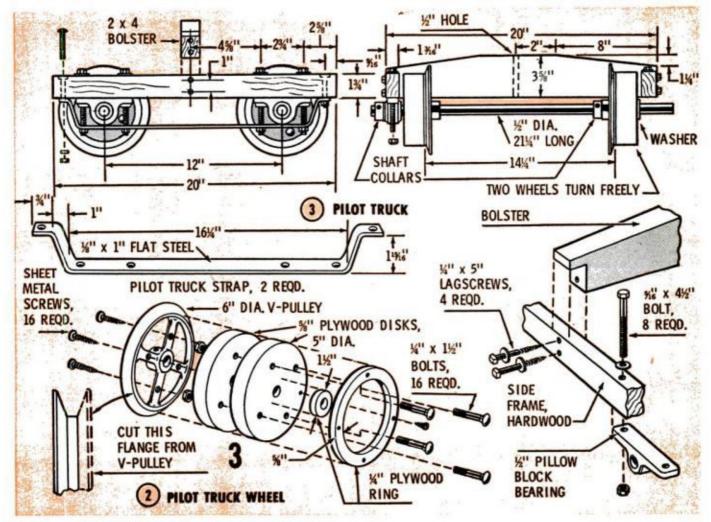
Dad, of course, is in for some fun too in building it and he can get a good idea of the basic construction from the exploded view in Fig. 1. You can pick up everything you'll need-except the electricals and a few odds and ends-from your local hardware and lumber dealers. The first step is to cut out the frame from a piece of plywood and this should be no problem as you'll see from Fig. 2. Only the through holes and an opening are shown; the holes you will later drill for screws are not shown, as it's best to locate these at the time of placement of the parts. Notice that there are two stiffeners, or stretchers, under the frame, the rough location of one shown by dotted lines. These parts should be cut from hardwood. Before attaching them, locate the pillow block bearings



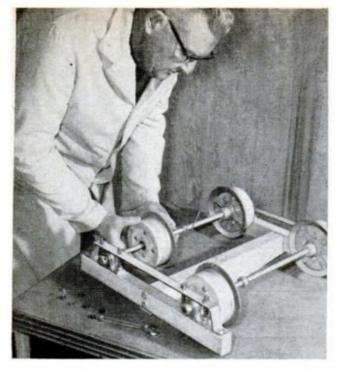
READY FOR PAINTING, here is what your locomotive will look like in the raw. Final step in construction is attaching cowcatcher. Base is short track section

for the driver axle and bolt temporarily in place so that you can locate the holes in the stretchers for the axle.

Next step is building the pilot truck, Fig. 3. Note first the construction of the flanged wheels. Each wheel consists of a V-pulley, two plywood discs and a plywood ring assembled with bolts and screws. Cut one flange off the V-pulley, assemble the sandwich—and there you are: a perfect, flanged rail wheel approximately 5 in. in diameter. Of course, the parts must be made with care so that you



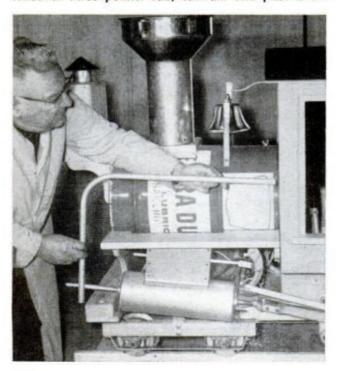
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TWO TRUCK WHEELS are collared on axles so they can turn freely to reduce rolling friction and eliminate drag on curves. Allow slight endplay in assembly

obtain a true running wheel. Although the diameter of the discs is given as 5 in. (the usual diameter of a 6-in. V-pulley at the bottom of the V-groove), it's a good idea to check this diameter before cutting the discs, as there may be some variation. The truck frame construction is simply a matter of cutting the parts accurately. But note the 2¾ in. spacing of the bearing holes. This dimension may vary, so check up before you drill the holes for the bearing bolts in both the frame pieces and the

WHEN ASSEMBLY is reduced to placing front guard rails you're nearly ready for trial run. Rails are fastened at three points: cab, catwalk and pilot beam





CYLINDER COVERS are light sheet metal rolled to provide friction fit over coil ends and separators. Dummy steam chests hold covers securely in place

straps. Note also that two wheels are collared on the axles so that they can turn freely in rounding a curve.

The drivers, Fig. 4, are made in much the same way, except that each wheel is spoked and fitted with a dummy counterbalance. Make sure that you drill the holes for the axles and crankpins (or siderod pins) on 3½-in. centers to give a stroke of just 6½ in. Also, before assembling each wheel, drill and tap the hub of each V-pulley to take a second setscrew as in-

PRE-ASSEMBLED PARTS should be trial-fitted before final placement. Steam chest attaches only to catwalk and must be prefitted before final assembly

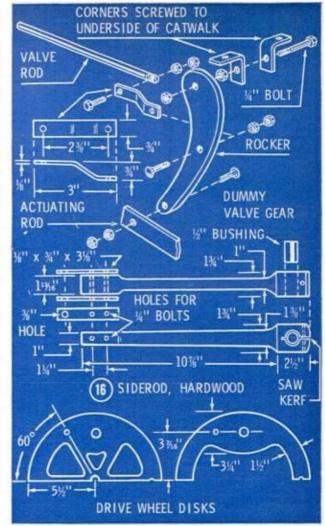


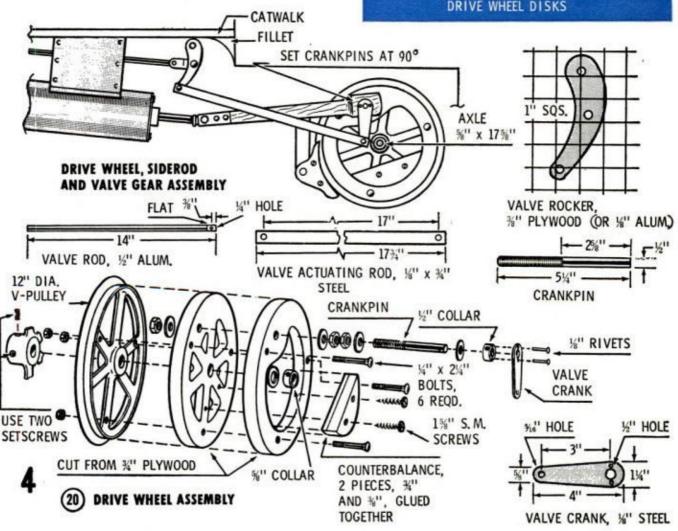
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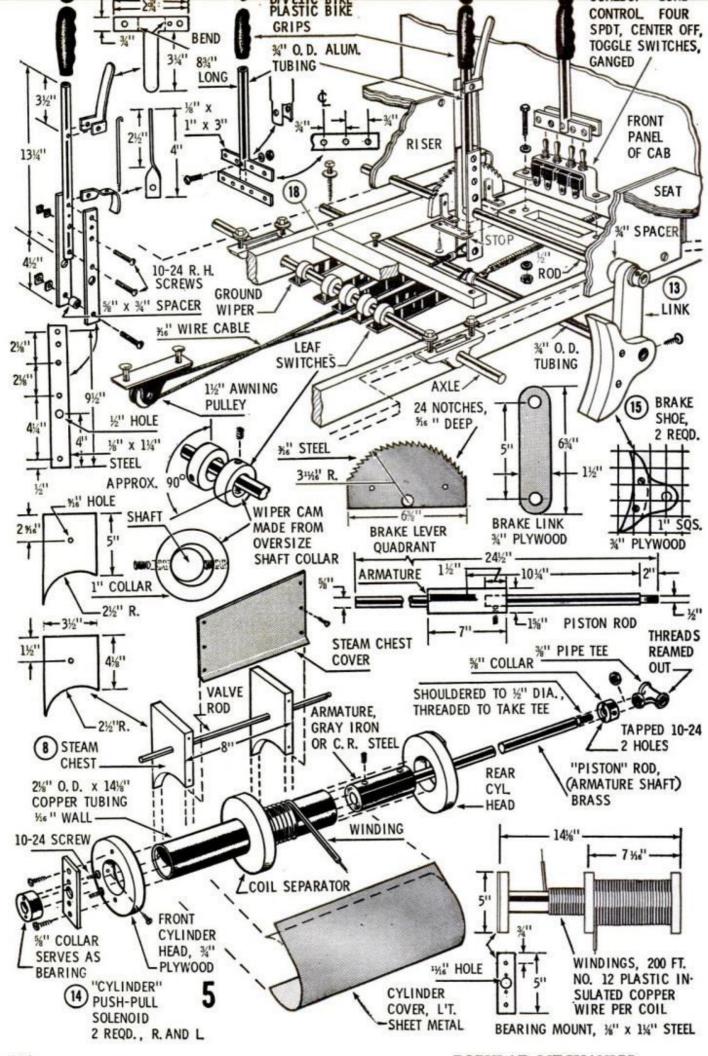
dicated. When assembling on the axle, spot-drill the latter for the points of the setscrews and turn the screws up tightly. This will prevent the wheels from shifting on the axle when in operation and throwing the crankpins off the 90° position. It is not necessary to turn the wheels to size. Just use care in bandsawing them round.

Note especially the assembly of the crankpin in Fig. 4 and the method of riveting the valve crank to the collar, which serves the twofold purpose of holding the big end of the siderod in place and of anchoring the valve crank in the proper position on the pin. Use care in drilling the holes for the rivets in both the valve crank and collar to get them in register, then countersink the holes so the upset ends of the rivets won't protrude.

Fig. 4 also details the dummy valve parts and the siderods and while these may be made at this stage, they are not assembled until later on in the construction. The valve rocker was originally made from plywood but you can also make it of aluminum or ¼-in. hardboard. Use straight grained hardwood for the siderods and fit the big ends with an oilless bushing as indicated. To hold the bushing in place and prevent chance splitting of the big end of the rod, saw-kerf the end and drill for a







small bolt or rivet as detailed. Plywood parts for the cab, front and side panels and the cab frame member may be cut at this time but shouldn't be completely assembled until the cylinders (solenoids) and other electricals are installed, since placement and attachment of the latter is made easier when the frame is clear. Note in the lower right-hand detail in Fig. 2 the framing of the drive wheel well. The riser and seat serve as anchor parts for the cab panels and frame members.

When joining parts wood-to-wood or metal-to-wood, use sheet metal screws with binder heads. These turn in easily and hold more securely in fir plywood. The binder heads also make a neat assembly job and are especially attractive as

fasteners wherever visible.

APPROX. 13" DIA.

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MILK

(38) 6" DIA.

STRAINER.

FURNACE

PIPE, 1134"

(39) SADDLE

SMOKE

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10 QT. SIZE

Now that you have the pilot truck, drive wheels and frame ready for assembly, you're ready to tackle the cylinders (solenoids) and the control assemblies. Note first in Fig. 1 that the front ends of the cylinders are held in place by pairs of 4-in. inside steel corners and that the rear ends are supported by a cross member, Part No. 12 in Figs. 1 and 2. Assembly of the cylinders (solenoids) is shown in the lower details, Fig. 5, and assembly of the controls in the upper details. Be especially

SPACER.

BOARD

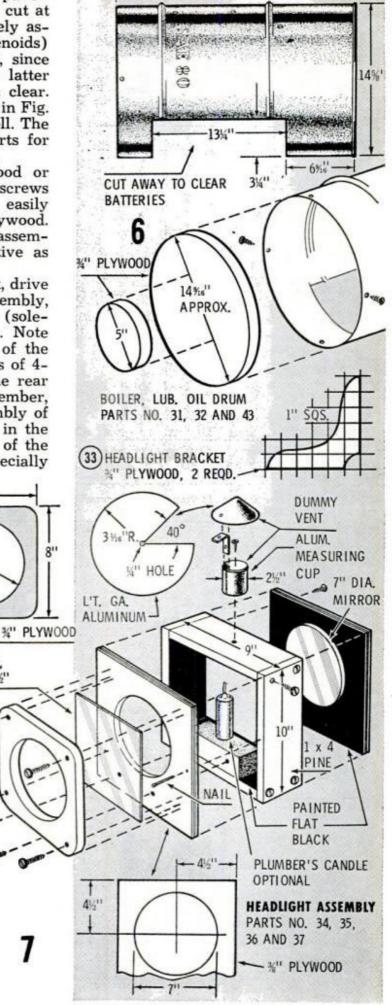
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SADDLE CLOSES

TO 74" x 75" OVERALL

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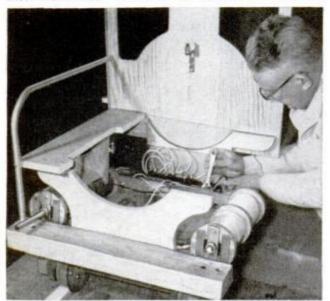


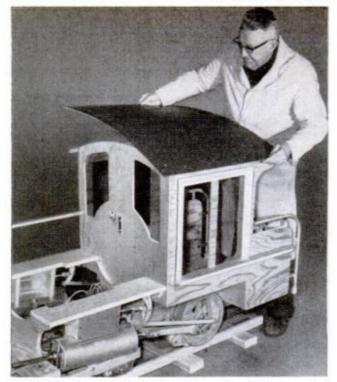
BOILER ALSO, with headlight, stack and bell in place, should be trial-fitted to determine placement of clamping bolt which is attached to front of cab

careful when winding the solenoid coils to get the same amount of wire on each and to end up with a neat, level winding. Note that the armature is end-drilled to take the ends of the two-piece piston rods, which are held in place with headless setscrews. Top ends of the setscrews must be flush or just below the surface of the armature when turned in. Spot holes near the ends of the rods to take the setscrews. Ordinary shaft collars serve as bearings, and these must be positioned so that the armature will center in the copper core.

Before the cylinders are mounted, turn the frame upside down and place the main

REMOVAL OF PARTS after trial fitting makes wiring job easier. Here the cab side, catwalk, rail and steam chest have been removed for access to electricals



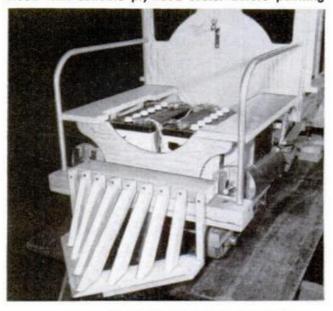


HARDBOARD ROOF finishes the cab. Note beveled strip along each side of cab which serves as stiffener and as anchor strip for screws holding cab roof

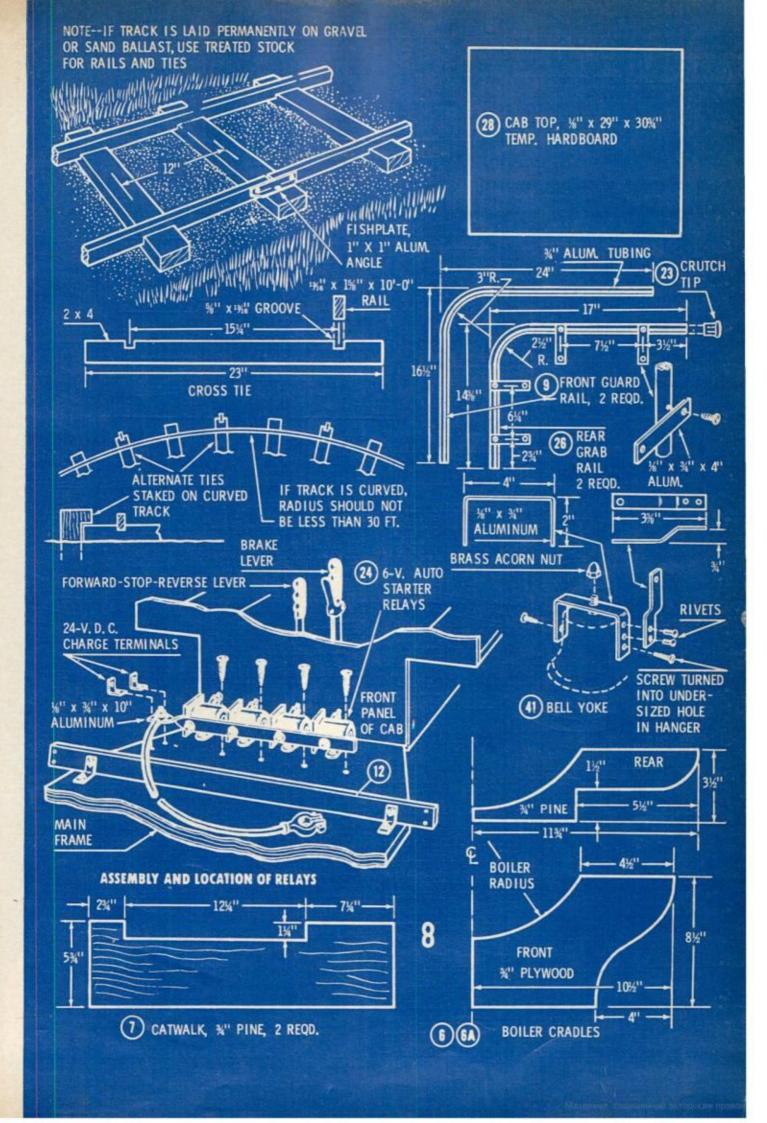
axle, starting it through one bearing and a stretcher, then placing the five wiper cams on the axle before sliding it through the second bearing to its final position. Next, fit the risers (upper details in Fig. 5) and locate and drill holes for the rod carrying the brake lever and brake links. The rod should center over the opening for the lever. Then make the lever as detailed, the quadrant, which can be made from flat steel as indicated or ¼-in. hardboard, and the links and spacers. Assemble all the parts as indicated, but don't add the brake shoes until later.

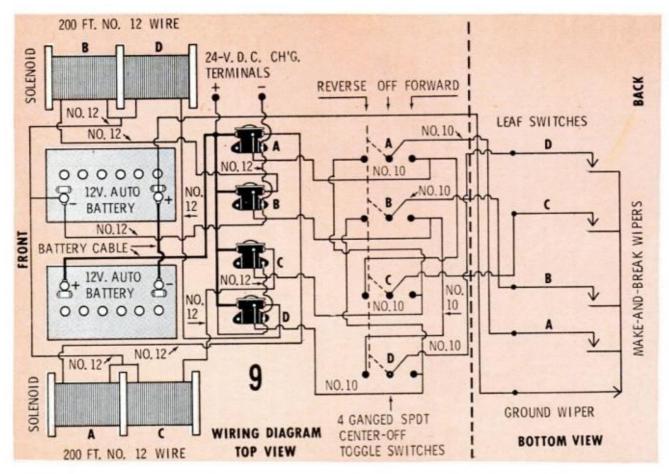
Center the four wipers on the axle,

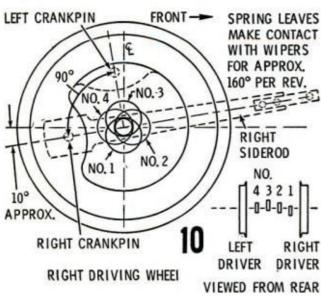
READY FOR TRIAL, even without the boiler, with batteries in place and all connections made. Coat all wood with suitable plywood sealer before painting



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spacing about 2 in. apart, center to center, then cut leaves from \(\frac{1}{8} \times 1 \frac{1}{4} - \times in. copper to about 7-in. lengths and screw to a strip of hardwood, spacing them so they center under the wipers when you bolt the strip to the frame. Position the ground wiper, which is a %-in. shaft collar, then screw a second strip to the bottom of the frame as shown, to carry the ground wiper leaf, which is 1 in. shorter than the first four. Drill holes through the four leaves and into the second strip for screws, one in each leaf. These provide an adjustment for setting the leaves for proper makeand-break contact. Set the four wiper cams at approximately 90° intervals, beginning with No. 1 as in Fig. 10 at left. The ground wiper makes continuous contact. The leaf should be fastened with two screws to prevent it from shifting.

This done, place the drivers in position on the axle and make the brake shoes. The latter are two thicknesses of 34-in. plywood, shaped and joined with two screws as in the crosshatched detail. A screen door spring attached to the brake shaft and to the frame maintains a constant tension on the linkage, keeping the brake shoes clear of the drivers when the brake is released. Then gang the four single-pole, double-throw, center off, toggle switches and mounting as indicated. Make and attach the lever, or "throttle," which throws all four switches simultaneously. Finally, mount the pilot truck, placing a washer between the bolster and the bottom of the frame and two nuts on the bolt.

Turn the assembly right side up and you're ready to mount the cab, boiler cradles, catwalks, the guard and grab rails; then make and fit boiler, stack, headlight,

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Plug this multichord instrument into any good speaker and you'll make music like you never thought you could. It's as easy to build as it is to play—and the materials will run you under \$20

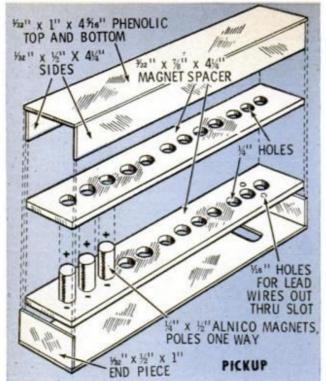
OKAY, SO MAYBE it's not an authentic Hawaiian guitar. But what is? That amplified vibrato we associate with blood-stirring hulas and plaintive island tunes was really, alas, invented in California. At any rate, the sound has become part of American music—you hear it in hootenannies, dance bands and those weird sound effects in science-fiction movies.

That sound is yours for about \$18—less, if you've got the usual workshop scrap kicking around—and a couple weekends' work. This standing model perches on 24-in. legs, leaving both hands free for playing. Since the strings are "stopped" with a straight steel bar instead of the fingers, the choice of cords is limited to those that can be covered with the steel—plus a few open-string-and-steel combinations. Early

guitars were limited to major chords and a few bobtailed sevenths. Efforts to overcome this resulted in guitars with several banks of strings, or with mechanical tone changers to alter the tuning.

In both cases, provision had to be made for "damping" unused strings, to prevent them from vibrating sympathetically and producing unwanted dissonances. This involved some sort of mechanical or electrical switching method to take the unused strings out of play. Then, if you suddenly wanted to include the dead strings while playing, you had to switch them back on. This meant kicking a foot or hand lever.

Our model avoids all this by using just one bank of 12 strings, hardly wider than a simple guitar. Thus, all damping can be performed as in classical steel technique

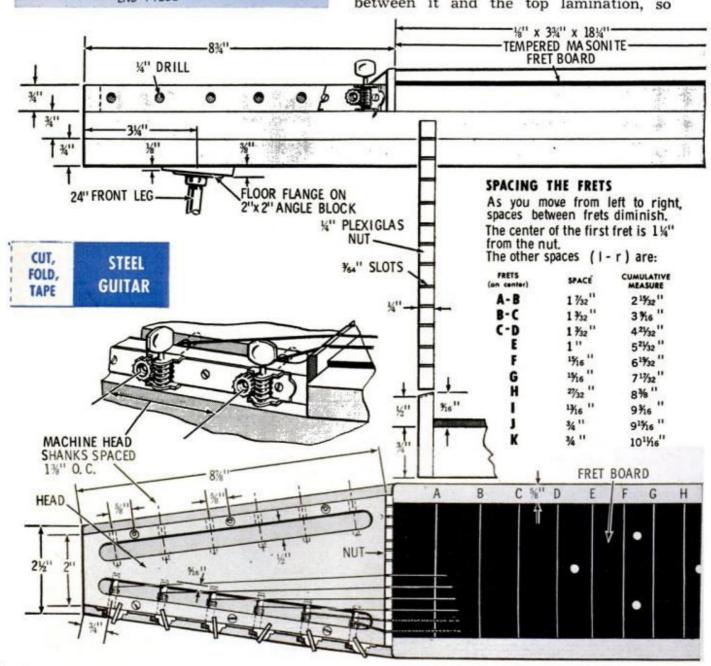


—with the edge of the hand. Strings are arranged in three groups: The first five form the melody or major chords; the next four, a diminished seventh; and the last three—farthest from the player—make up the less-frequently-used minor chords. The result is a close-knit fingering arrangement which makes playing much easier. It also simplifies construction.

Laminate the body from three pieces of exterior plywood or any ¾-in. kiln-dried stock. Cut out the recesses for volume and

tone controls and phone jack.

The headstock should be hardwood, preferably maple. After it's cut, you'll have to make up a taper block to hold it in position on the drill press while you bore clean, accurate holes for the shafts of the machine heads which are used for tuning the strings. When you've done the other drilling and slotting, check all parts for clearance and glue and screw the head in place, with a scrap of ¼-in. Plexiglas between it and the top lamination, so



you'll be able to slip in the nut later on. Finish and paint the guitar body now.

Paint the hardboard fingerboard flat black and line off the fret positions with white ceiling-coater type paint in a draftsman's ruling pen. Follow the spacing chart carefully—these positions govern the pitch of the notes. Glue the fret board in place.

The bridge must be iron angle—not brass or alminum—because of the heavy load on it when the strings are taut. The nut, on the other hand, can be Plexiglas. The grooves in the beveled top edge are just deep enough, for now, to catch the strings. Push the nut into the slot between top lamination and headstock, using a paper shim for a tight fit, if necessary.

The pickup core consists of two identically-drilled pieces of %2-in. plastic sheet (styrene or acrylic). Cement in the twelve alnico cylinder magnets with poles facing the same way, then take one turn of electrical insulating tape around the magnets

TO BRIDGE LUG 100-500K POTENTIOMETER NO. 2 TUNING THE STRINGS E above middle C BY CHORDS Middle C F above middle C minor below middle C Middle C E above middle C A below middle C F Maj. Middle C Diminished below middle C A= below middle C 7th

COIL

MAGNET

TO PICKUP

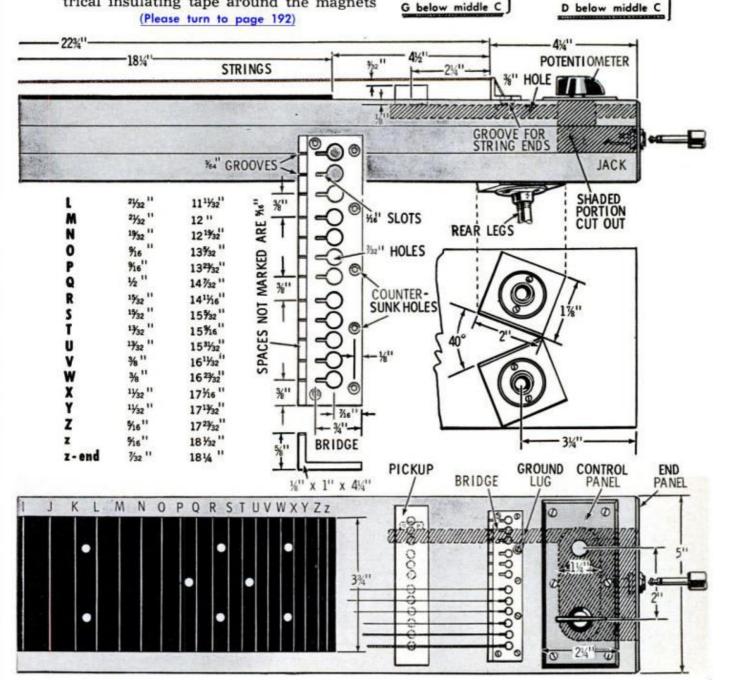
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POTENTI OMETER NO. 1

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IF YOUR SHOP is equipped with power tools, the flower cart probably won't take more than an evening's time to construct

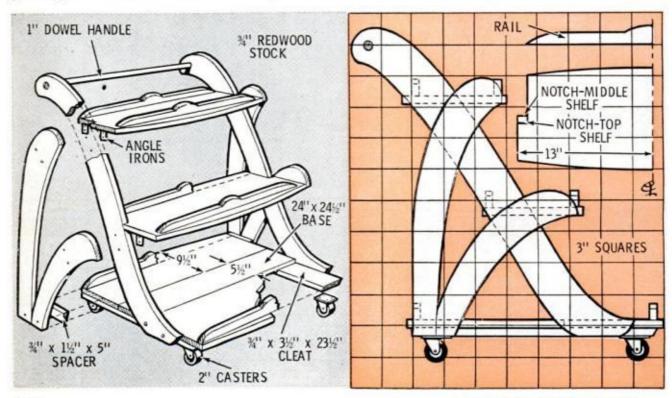
FLOWERS ADD a bright spot to any room but it's usually inconvenient to move them around to catch the sun or to lend cheer to another part of the room.

The gracefully designed cart shown here makes it easy to show off your indoor garden to best advantage-and it's an attractive piece of furniture besides.

Solid stock, ¾-in. thick, is used throughout. Redwood is especially suitable for this project, particularly when finished with a couple of coats of marine spar varnish.

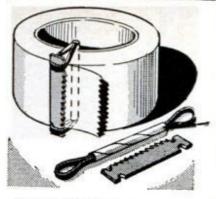
Begin work by laying out a fullsize pattern for the sides. Halfpatterns are sufficient for the shelves and railings, as indicated in the grid drawing below. After transferring the pattern to the side pieces, tack the corresponding side members together through the waste portion so that when bandsawed, both pieces will be identical in shape.

When assembling the pieces, first join the curved outside members to the handle sections. Next, attach the baseboards with wood screws. Then insert the dowel handle and join the sides to the bottom. Finally, position the railings and attach with glue and screws.—Roberta L. Fairall

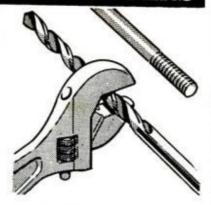


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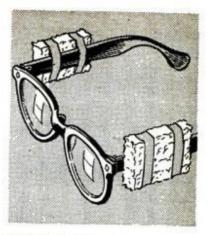
TAKE A HINT FROM READERS



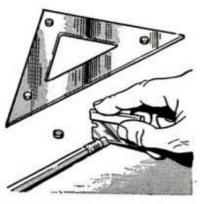
STRAIGHT EDGE for tearing masking tape is made by notching the ends of a short length of hacksaw blade and mounting it on tape roll with short rubber band inside a soda-straw roller



WHEN DRILLING a hole for a bolt, an adjustable end wrench will serve as a substitute for calipers. Simply tighten the wrench on the bolt and use jaws as a gauge for measuring bit



SAFETY FLOATS for eyeglasses are simply small blocks of Styrofoam taped to the bows. Perfect for fishing or water sports, the floats can be removed without difficulty when no longer needed



SKIDPROOF FEET for an artist's triangle will prevent it from slipping off the board. Cut thin slices of rubber from a pencil eraser and cement them to the triangle where indicated

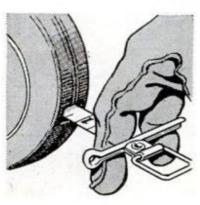


FINGERTIP magnifying glass for modelmaking or other hobby use can be made by filing a slot in the end of a thimble and cementing a small magnifying glass in slot with plastic metal



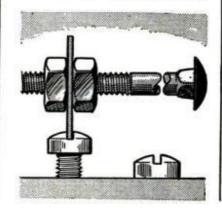
TO CONVERT any machine screw so that it can be tightened with the fingers, add a wing head by soldering a side piece from a bicycle chain link to it. Motorcycle chain links also work

WHEN WORKING outdoors in cold weather, you'll find that a measuring tape will be much easier to hold if you slip a cotter pin over the end to serve as a bar grip for your fingers

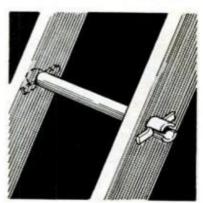


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IF YOU DON'T happen to have an offset screwdriver handy when needed, you can assemble one from a bolt, two nuts and a washer. Just position washer near the end and tighten nuts



TO MAKE A SAFE substitute for a broken ladder rung, cut a length of ¾-in. pipe to project a couple of inches on either side, then cut and bend the ends as shown to form holding flanges



2ND FLOOR 2 x 4s, 16" O.C.-CAP- 2/2 x 4s 1ST FLOOR SUB-FLOORING SOLE 2 x 4 PLATE LALLY COLUMN BASEMENT CONCRETE FLOOR

ALWAYS ALIGNED, bearing partitions stand atop each other like acrobats in a balancing act. Roof load bears on basement posts of three types shown

How to Tell a

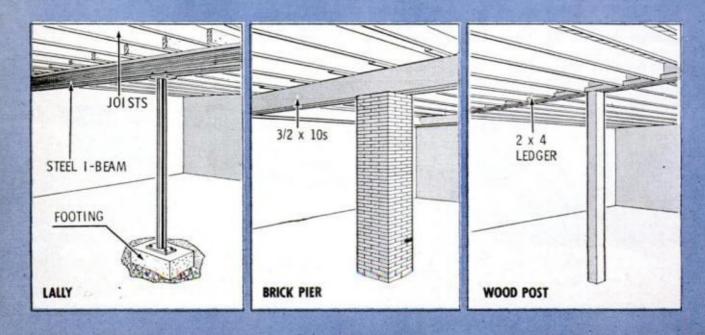
FRIEND OF OURS had to move away, last month. Couldn't stand the ribbing of his neighbors. Matter of fact, he didn't have much to stay for, anyway. He'd caved in his roof.

Seems he got tired of the long, old-fashioned hall that split the first floor of his house in two and was so dark you expected to meet the Munsters halfway down it. So he knocked out a solid wall in order to add the hall space to the living room. It turned out to be a load-bearing partition, and he barely had time to make the front door before the master bed came through the ceiling. Fortunately, his wife wasn't in it.

He learned the hard way that, although interior walls all look pretty much alike, it's important to know there are two kinds. Some are merely partitions to divide areas, but others may be bearing walls that help hold up the house. Our friend found one way to tell which is which, but there are less drastic methods.

Bearing partitions act as intermediate supports within exterior walls; they shore up the joists over which upper floors are laid, and carry some of the weight of the roof. It's easy to identify such partitions if you know what to look for. They should be located directly over basement girders which, in turn, are supported by the foundation walls and intermediate columns. These columns have a spread footing to help carry the weight of the house, even though they may seem to be resting on the basement floor.

Most house girders are wood—usually 2x8s, 2x10s or even 2x12s, and in older



Bearing Wa

houses you'll see wood, brick or even stone columns propping up these girders. In newer homes, however, you'll find steel I-beam girders supported on Lally columns, which are merely 4-in. iron pipes,

usually filled with concrete.

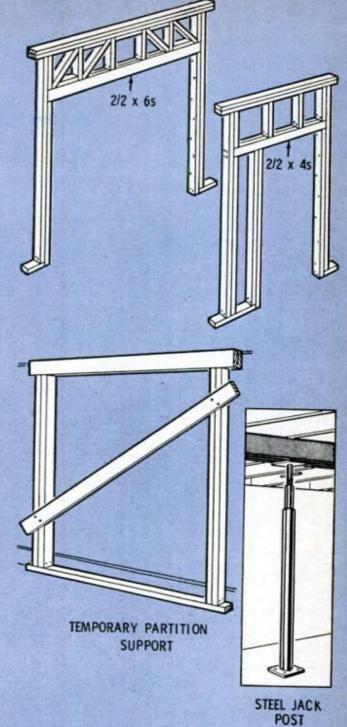
Once you've got the girders spotted, go upstairs and determine which partitions stand over them, as in the typical house section, far left. If your house has a second floor, you'll find the bearing walls directly over their counterparts on the first floor. As a further test, go on up into your attic to locate the 2x4 plates or caps under the exposed beams; these indicate that the wall beneath them is helping to support the roof. Of course, if your attic has a floor, or insulation between the beams, you won't be able to see these plates.

Though a bearing partition should never be removed, openings can be cut through it, or existing openings can be widened. Above right are sketches of two methods of framing these new openings. If the gap is no wider than a standard door, you can settle for a header consisting of a pair of 2x4s on edge, supported by doubled studs on either side. If the width of the opening is to be greater than door width, 2x6s should be used across the top. Also, you can appreciate that heavier bridging will be required for a first-floor opening in a bearing partition that supports both second floor and roof, than in a second-floor partition that supports the roof only.

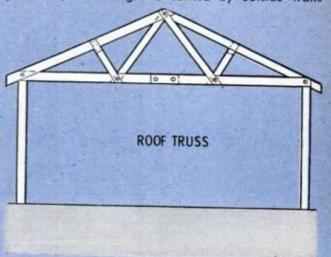
But before you begin cutting into a bearing partition, erect a temporary support, as shown at right, on the opposite side of the wall. This will take the weight until you can get the opening framed.

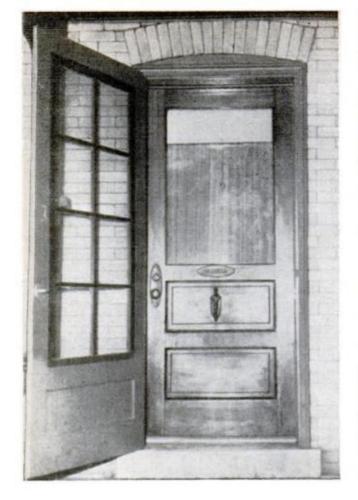
Some homes, of course, have no bearing partitions. One-story houses with lowpitched roofs may have braced trusses, as shown in the bottom sketch. These are a sign that all roof-weight is carried by the outside walls. But to be on the safe side. you should still use at least a pair of 2x4s on doubled studs when you frame a new opening in a partition that's near the center of such a house.

If your house is old, your search for girders may have turned up one that is badly sagging. If so, shore it up with a steel jack post set on a new footing poured over well-tamped gravel. Jack the girder up only as much as is absolutely necessary, then check to see if you've hiked up the old posts. If loose, shim them tight again where needed.



LOW-PITCHED ROOF on one-story house with trusses braced as shown below won't have load-bearing partitions; roof weight is carried by outside walls







Old Door into New Door

By Dave Swartwout

FIRST IMPRESSIONS are strongest. And your front door is the first thing visitors notice about your house, since they must linger there until you answer their knock. Unsightly and outdated doors, like the one above left, are still common on older homes, and they lead the visitor to expect table scarves and antimacassars inside.

Yet, even though the finish may be battered and the joints cracked open, the structure of these old doors is usually sound—and buying and fitting a new door is a major project. The solution is a facelift that modernizes the door with minimal new material. That "new" door on the right, above, even gets its smart new "eye" from the glass panel of the old door. The flush-panel treatment is given both sides, so the door is as handsome inside as out.

The first step is to remove the glass to avoid breakage; then tap out the hinge pins and lean the door back onto a couple of sawhorses. Remove all hardware, and strip the old finish from both sides with the application of a paste remover, or by scraping, to assure a good glue bond between the old frame and the hardboard panels. The door shown is faced on each side with a one-piece panel of Masonite, grooved to simulate plank—a 16-in. exterior panel on the front and a 14-in. prefinished "woodgrain" on the back.

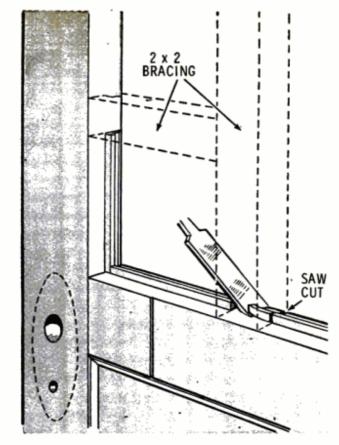
If the old door has recessed panels, as shown, it's important to make vertical cuts across the rails to let air escape, and to prevent future buckling. Just lay the door on the 4x8 hardboard panels and mark them to size, indicating at the same time any holes that must be cut for the door latch. If you want to avoid relocating the door stops, cut the front panel undersize (as indicated in the sketch at right) to clear the stops at sides and top.

Next, determine the new window location. In the example shown, next page, a side of the old window frame was used. The rest of the area was bridged with 2x2s. The 26-in, height of the new window

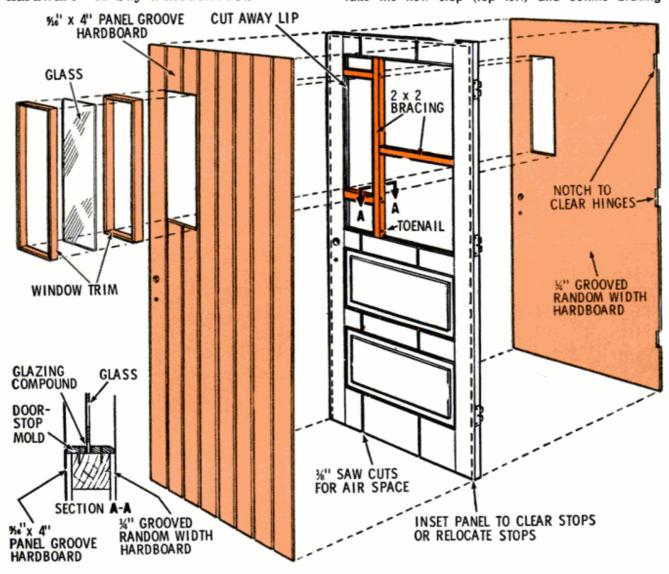
was determined by the width of the old pane so that cutting the glass was a simple matter of a single stroke. You might prefer a longer slit—or even an additional window or two. At any rate, the framed openings should be exactly the size of the cut panes.

After gluing both facing panels to the door with contact-bond cement (or waterproof glue), make up two identical frames by mitering pieces of doorstop molding. The outside dimensions should match the pane size and provide a snug fit within the framed window opening. Install the inside frame first, butter the front edges with glazing compound, set the glass in against them, add more compound and tap in the outer frame. The cross section, below left, shows how frames are bradded in place (a piece at a time); here, the molding is flush with each surface, but you may prefer a projecting frame on one or both faces.

When you rehang the door, you may find longer screws are necessary to prevent sag. Since the inside panel is notched to clear the hinges, no relocation should be necessary. Paint the exterior panel to match the house trim and replace the old hardware—or buy a modern set.



ORIGINAL STOP is left in frame when old window pane is removed—but it must be chiseled away to take the new stop (top left) and outline bracing





PAINT BUCKET CADDY for use when painting from a tall ladder can be made by bolting a 9-in. metal strap to an empty can and bending the end to form a hook for slipping over rung. Bucket rests on rung below

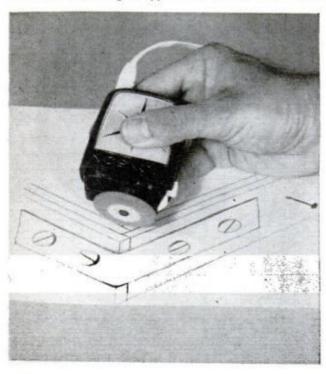


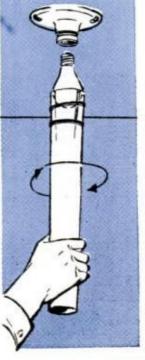
BLOCK GARDEN is a decorative solution to the problem of an eroding slope. Simply set tiers of singlecore concrete blocks into the face of the slope, fill each core with top soil and plant as desired

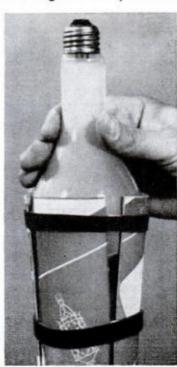
Solving Home Problems

ELECTRIC ERASER made from discarded electric razor is a desk or drawing-board luxury. Make it by removing the comb and cutter to expose the vibrator arm and fastening a typewriter eraser to the arm

NO NEED TO BOTHER with a ladder when replacing a burned-out bulb in a stairway. Instead, slit a large mailing tube, as shown in the drawing, slip rubber bands over it and use this long arm to replace bulb







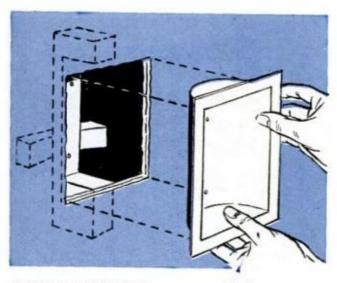
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WINDOW TREAT for youngster's room is a drawing or picture mounted on venetian blind. Simply cut the picture into strips and mount on exposed portion of blind when it's closed. To a child, it's magic



WHEN MOWING high grass, set leading edge of mower higher than rear. This gives at least two cuts to each long blade of grass, leaving shorter cuttings which work down through remaining grass easier



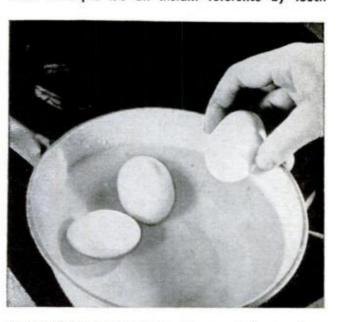
SECURE MOUNTING for a recessed bathroom accessory involves wedging a backing block in place in the cutout. Once screws are installed, block will be drawn up tight against inner surface of the wall



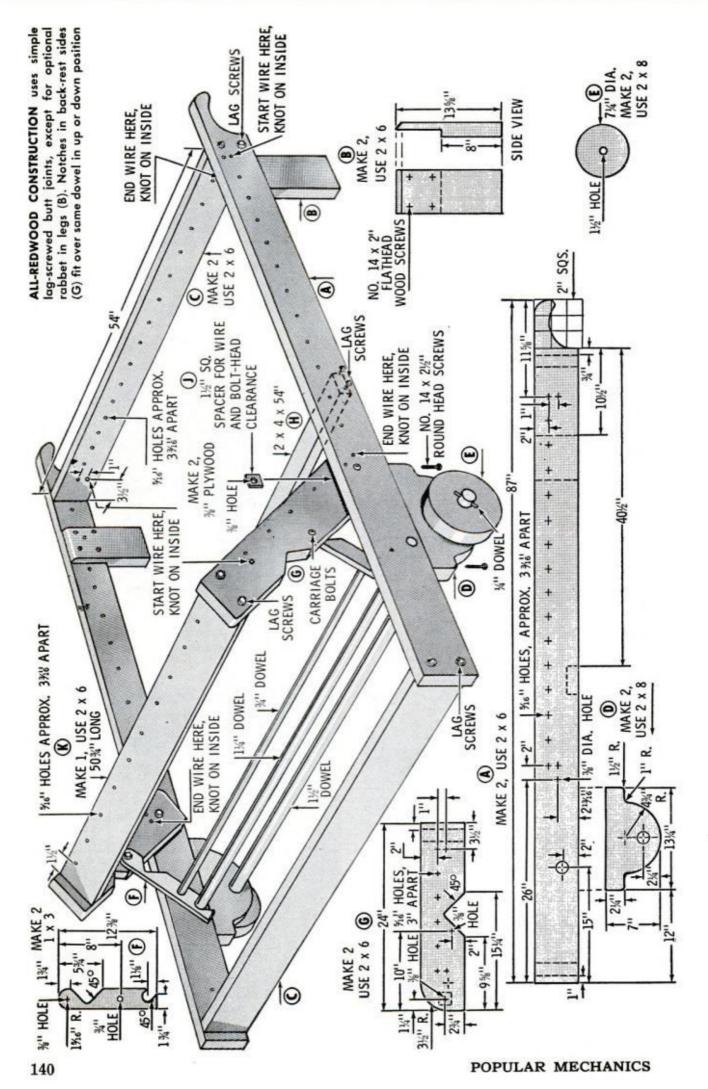
BEGINNING TYPISTS will find that it's much easier to keep the fingers properly positioned on the keys if the F and J reference keys are marked with a cross of tape. It's an instant reference by touch



TO AVOID DANGER of burns when sealing jelly jars with melted paraffin, cut paraffin shavings into the bottom of each glass and pour jelly into it. Paraffin will float to the top, cool and solidify



TO PREVENT the contents of a cracked egg from oozing out during boiling, add a teaspoonful of salt to the water. This will balance the osmotic pressure and prevent transfer of fluids in either direction





King-Size Lawn Lounger

NO RACE to get there first, when you've got this twin-size chaise longue—there's loads of room for two to sprawl side-by-side without crowding. And the two-position back lets you flatten out for a sunbathing snooze, then sit up to read or sip a cool drink after you wheel the unit into the shade.

The rugged redwood simplicity makes it a snap to construct. The "springs" under the double mattress (two standard chaise pads) are nothing but crossed strands of plastic-covered clothesline wire. You'll need three pieces—one 85 ft. long, for across the bed; one 35 ft. long for across the back; and 120 ft. for stringing lengthwise. Note when drilling for the wire that only one of each pair of parts marked A and G has "start" and "end" holes. And only one Part C has threading holes at all.

The lengthwise threading is done last, with the back frame in down position, moving back-and-forth between Parts C and L, over and under the cross-wires. Pull all wires taut and secure with knots snugged up against the inside faces of the frames.—Steve Ellingson

MATERIALS REQUIRED

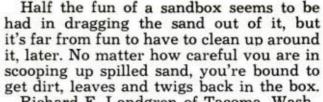
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240 ft.	Plastic-covered c	lothesline wire

FULL-SIZE PATTERN

Though all dimensions for laying out the lounger are shown on our plans, you may prefer the ease of tracing the parts from a full-size pattern sheet. Send \$1 for Pattern No. 182 to Steve Ellingson, Popular Mechanics Pattern Dept., Box 2383, Van Nuys, Calif. 91409

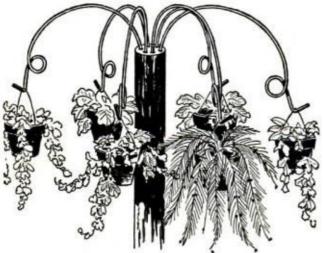
Sunken Patio Sandbox Makes Cleanup a Breeze





Richard E. Londgren of Tacoma, Wash., solved the clean-up problem for good when he built the sandbox in a pit, sunk flush with the surface of his patio. Now to put spilled sand back in the box, he simply sweeps it back in. A plywood cover keeps the sand dry and clean and prevents someone from accidentally falling into the sand pit when it's not being used.

Lacking a lock washer you can easily bind the nut by upsetting the last couple of threads as follows: Place the ball end of a ball-pein hammer in the nut and tap it with a mallet to compress the threads.



Flower-Pot Tree for Your Yard

What can you do with a few spring tines from an old hayrake? One ingenious farmer came up with this delightful flower-pot tree by using the tines as branches to support a cluster of potted plants. The tree trunk is simply a fence post with holes bored in the top to receive six tines. Plastic flower pots were used so they could be drilled for wire handles to hang them from the ends of the springy tines. A coat of paint will keep the tines from rusting. The completed tree when planted in your yard will become a conversation piece for all to enjoy.—A. Weber

Fold-Out Tabs Make Each PM Issue Self-Indexing

If you missed our April 1965 issue in which we introduced a new *PM* built-in tabbing system that makes each issue self-indexing, you perhaps are wondering

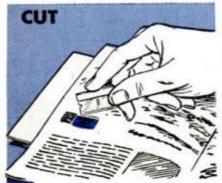
how the cut-fold-and-tape tabs (sample at right) you see on certain craft features of this issue are to be used.

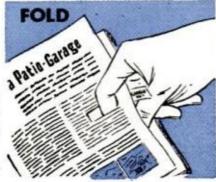
Called File Flags, these

CUT, GARAGE FOLD, TAPE PART II

tabs let you flag the articles you want to refer back to, later. Then, if you keep a file of all issues, you'll be able to locate articles you remember seeing by thumbing

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Shopping for Tools

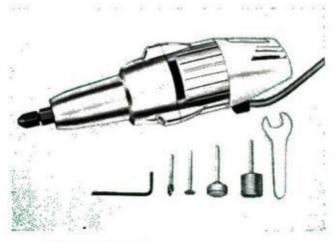
By Robert B. Berger

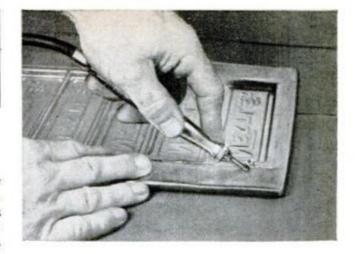
Air-Powered tool may be used to engrave steel, plastic, glass and other materials. The Air-Scribe weighs less than 5 ounces and can be powered by any ¼-hp compressor. The tool's hammering action also makes it suitable for deburring, trimming and peening. The cost is \$69.50. Chicago Pneumatic, 6 East 44 St., New York, N.Y.

Metal Work is simplified when you use the Little Giant 4 in 1 tool. Stock up to 1 in. wide and 16-ga. thick can be formed, riveted, sheared and punched. The dies used for riveting and punching are replaceable when worn. The tool sells for \$12.95 prepaid. Albert J. Tatu Company, P.O. Box 707, Naples, Fla.

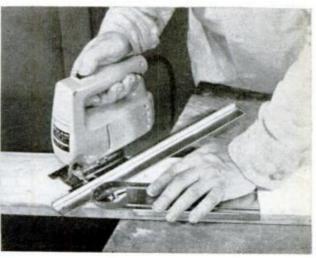
Saw Guide (lower right) assures accurate angle cuts with a portable electric handsaw. After adjustment, the tool can be locked at the desired angle. The all steel guide, which doubles as a protractor, folds flat for storage. It is priced at \$4.95 postpaid from Glen Ridge Tools, 112 S. Clifton Ave., Park Ridge, Ill.

Hand Grinder (below) comes with 21,000-rpm motor and sealed ball bearings. Its collet can accommodate any accessory having a ½-in. shank diameter. The Shopmate Model 1896 T-1 grinder weighs less than 2½ pounds. It lists for \$34.95. Portable Electric Tools, Inc., 1200 East State St., Geneva, Ill.













Better Flash Portraits

When shooting portraits with flash, you can get better results by taking the gun off the camera and aiming it downward at the subject. However, it takes a lot of practice and wasted film before you can anticipate just how the facial shadows will look in the finished shot.

To overcome this problem, I fastened six clear Christmas tree lights around the head of my electronic flash by means of a strap metal hoop. Now, before tripping the shutter, I can get just the effect I want by moving the flashgun around while observing the shadows cast by the lights. The inset shot of the flash head (left) shows how a single screw provides the necessary clamping action of the hoop. The sockets were fastened to the hoop by means of their own clips. For using the flash outdoors, hoop and sockets come right off by loosening the clamp screw.

-G. B. Yarmoluk

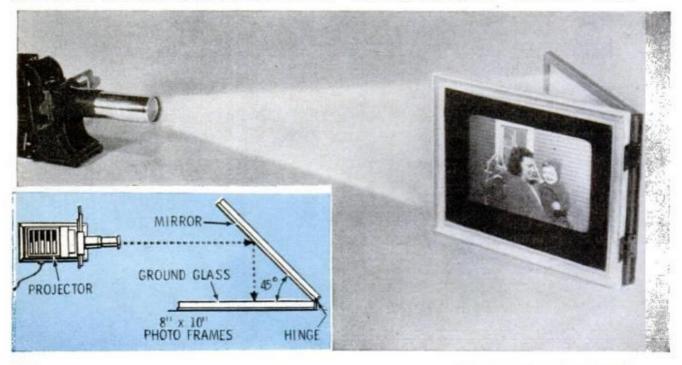
Pencil Stamp Keeps Image Right

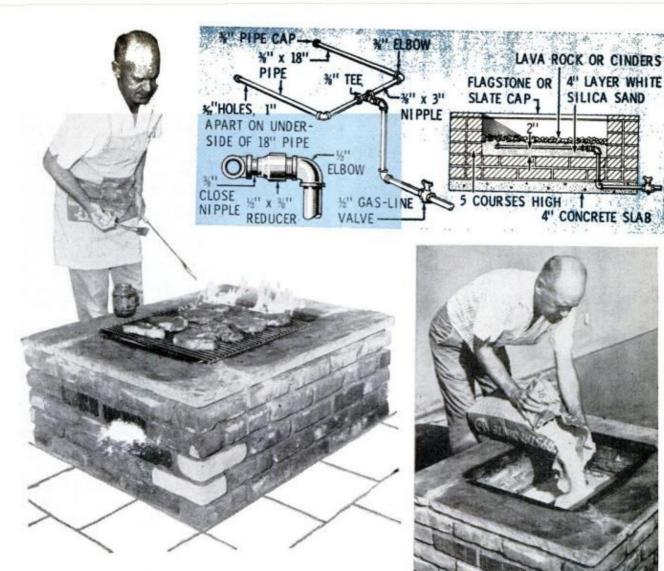
To avoid upside-down and backward images when projecting color slides, many camera buffs mark the corner of the slide which should be at the upper left when placed in the projector. An easy way to make the mark is to stamp it on in color using a stamp pad and the eraser end of a pencil.—L. Reissman

Make Your Own Table-Top Rear-Projection Screen

With the help of two 8 x 10 picture frames you can make a projection screen that will let you put on a picture show without going through the usual bother of darkening the room. After removing the glass from the frames, insert a mirror in

one of the frames and a ground glass in the other, then hinge the frames together. When in use, the projector is aimed at the mirror which is set at a 45° angle to the ground glass. Most photo supply stores stock ground glass.—Salvatore Stella





Gas-Fired Barbecue Pit

YOU CAN FORGET about charcoal with this barbecue pit. It cooks with natural gas fed through burner pipes buried midway in a 4-in. layer of sand. A layer of lava rock or cinders on top of the sand holds heat and catches meat drippings.

Construction of the pit is detailed in the drawing at the top of the page. Be sure to leave small drain holes between the second and third courses of brick to allow rain water to escape. And if you want to avoid the expense of having a special grill made for your barbecue, don't make the inside width of the pit any larger than 19 in. You can purchase 22-in. grills almost anywhere patio supplies are sold, but larger ones are more difficult to find. If you require more grill space, increase the length.

Your gas barbecue pit will also make an efficient patio heater for chilly evenings. Just take off the grill, turn the flame up and you have a cheery outdoor fireplace which costs pennies to operate.

-Edward Widdis

YOU CAN BUY white silica sand in 100-lb. sacks from almost any sand and gravel company. It holds and reflects the heat

LAVA ROCK or cinders will catch some meat drippings, but both sand and rock must be replaced when grease accumulates



Beach Mooring



It's the next best thing to a slip for holding your boat securely in one spot, so the next time you run into an anchoring situation which doesn't allow swinging room, try this approach. Drop the anchor offshore as you run in toward the beach and make sure that it's firmly set. Play out sufficient line to produce a shallow angle (four or five times the depth of the water) and tie it to a plastic bleach bottle, about the cheapest float you can find. Finally, run a line between the float and a stake driven into the beach and moor the boat to this. A couple of bumpers hanging from cleats fore and aft can be tied to the line to hold the boat parallel to the line and absorb the small shocks produced by wave action.-Pat Perrett





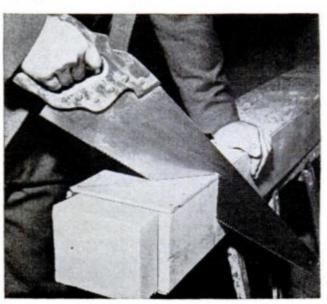
FOR SMALL BOATERS, the pontoon serves as easyto-mount bit of insurance against accidental capsizing

An Outrigger

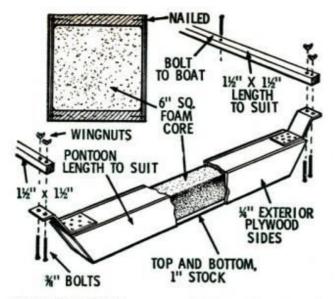
WHETHER you're standing up to make a cast or swinging on a passing mallard, you'll appreciate the extra stability provided by this easy-to-build outrigger. It turns any dinghy or pram into a better platform for fishing or hunting and also makes a fine safety accessory for small rowboats used by children.

The dimensions of the pontoon stabilizer will depend on the size of the boat with which it's to be used. However, the 6-ft. pontoon shown here is about right for the average small craft under 12 ft. in length. It's formed around a 6-in, core of Styro-

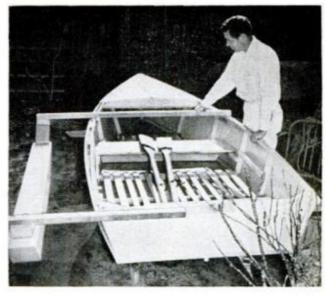
BOW AND STERN are cut to an angle of approximately 45° after the pontoon has been assembled



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WHEN MOUNTING pontoons, drill holes through ends of bolts for safety wires so nuts can't drop off



PONTOON BRACES should reach across gunwhales and bolt to mounting blocks screwed to inside of hull

Stabilizer for Small Craft

foam or urethane foam which strengthens the structure and eliminates the possibility of the pontoon filling with water and dragging should it be damaged. The whole

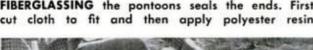
pontoon is fiberglassed.

The height at which you mount the pontoon is quite important, since a too-low mounting will increase drag and mounting it too high will have an adverse effect on trim. It's supposed to provide a counterbalance, so the metal mounting plates which secure the pontoon to the braces should be bent to an angle that positions the bottom of the pontoon so that it will be

about level with the waterline of the boat.

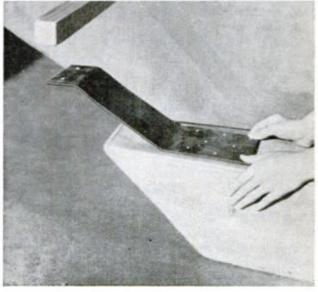
The distance between the hull and pontoon is less critical. Theoretically, the farther away from the boat, the greater the stabilizing influence. As this distance is increased, however, the boat becomes more cumbersome to handle and the problems involved in storing and attaching the pontoon become greater. A separation of from 18 in, to 24 in, seemed to work well on the boats with which the original pontoon was tested. If you need extra space, mount a cargo platform on the pontoon braces to hold gear or game.—V. Lee Oertle

FIBERGLASSING the pontoons seals the ends. First cut cloth to fit and then apply polyester resin

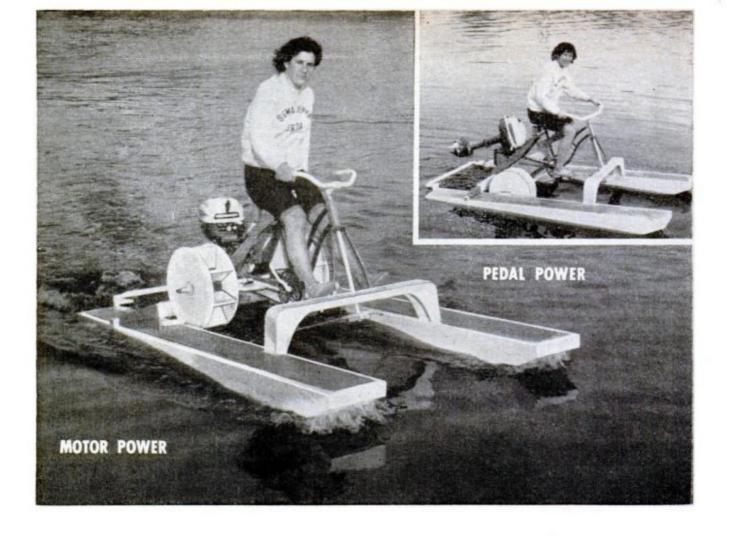




MOUNTING PLATES should be bent to locate bottom of pontoon approximately even with boat's waterline



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Power or Pedal Water Bike

By Hank Clark

TAKE YOUR CHOICE: putt-putt-putt or puff-puff-puff. Whether you decide to build up those leg muscles by pedaling or relax and let the motor do the work, you'll have a ball with this either-or bike boat. It's a two-weekend project that offers season after season of low-cost fun on the water.

When you feel energetic, just tilt the motor clear of the water and drop the paddle wheels in by lowering the "lift-lock" arm from its hook. This same arm anchors the paddle wheels in the down position. Use the handlebars for steering—they're linked to two rudders astern—and back pedaling when you want to stop or back the boat.

To switch to power, haul the paddles up clear of the water with the lift-lock arm and hook it in the stowed position. Then lower the motor into the water, give a yank on the starter and you're off to the races at a breathtaking 8 mph.

Normally, you'll steer with the handle-

bars, since the motor is set in a straight-line position with an adjusting nut to keep it from swiveling. To be on the safe side, however, leave that adjusting nut loose enough so you can reach around and override it if a sudden change of direction is necessary.

If you can build a box, you can probably complete the two floats in a couple of evenings. First cut and assemble the sides on the transom, bow block and bulkhead. Note that the width of each sidepiece is 8½ in. at its widest point. Next, install the top piece, by gluing and nailing every 1½ in. The hole for the spreader support may be cut before nailing the top down or when mounting the diagonal braces for these supports.

Once you've installed all the necessary supports, backing blocks and braces, the bottom can be added. Note that the photo on the opposite page shows a 1 x 4 cross brace between the sidepieces at the end of the bow curve. While not absolutely

necessary (it's not shown on the plans), this simplifies the job of planking the bottom since it holds the sides in place during nailing. The bottom, like the top, is secured with glue and boat nails spaced 1½-in. apart. To complete the pontoon, mount the keel and transom filler block, both cut from 1-in. stock.

After sanding all edges slightly round, seal the seams (including those around the spreader support) with fiberglass tape.

The next step is to join the two floats. Set them flat on the ground the proper distance apart and mark the top of each spreader support for cutting, so that it will fit flush against the bottom of the spreader. When you've made these cuts and shaped the spreader, mount the front spreader on the supports by gluing and toenailing through the curved end. The joint is then covered with ¼-in. plywood gussets glued and nailed to both faces to form a rigid arch.

The rear spreader may now be cut to shape. However, its exact location will depend on the bike used, so don't mount it

The bicycle must be taken apart and modified for mounting on the floats. Begin by removing the wheels and spreading both front and rear forks approximately 1 ft. to provide a more stable support. Then, while propping the rear fork so the bike is level, bend the ends of the front fork to fit flat on the front spreader. Drill holes for bolts in the spreader and bolt

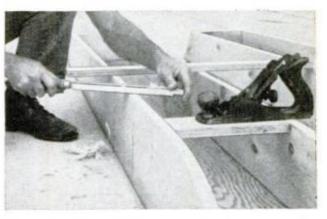
the front fork to it.

Before the rear fork can be mounted, the paddle wheels must be constructed. After removing the sprocket from the rear wheel, clean it and take it to a welding shop to have it welded to the ½-in. pipe axle. Once the axle is made up slip the two slitted pipe bearings over it and turn flanges on the ends. The inner axle should be 18 in. long when these are in place. After turning the two short nipples into the other pair of flanges, lay these aside while you assemble the paddle wheels.

Cut out the four 18-in. plywood discs and 14 paddle blades. To locate the blades on the discs, pencil off seven equally spaced radial lines on two discs, and drive three nails along each line so they barely protrude on the opposite side of the plywood. Then apply a generous coat of waterproof glue to one end grain of each blade, allow enough time for it to be absorbed and give it another coat. One at a time, place the blades on the nail points, flip the disc over and drive the nails home into the end grain.

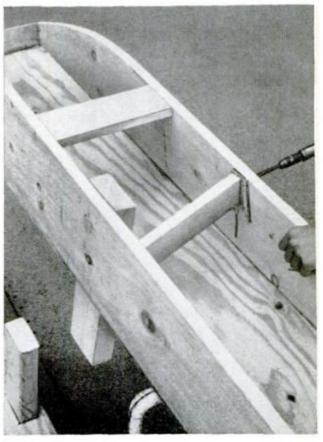
To complete each wheel, treat the opposite end of the paddle blades with glue, place a second disc over the blades and



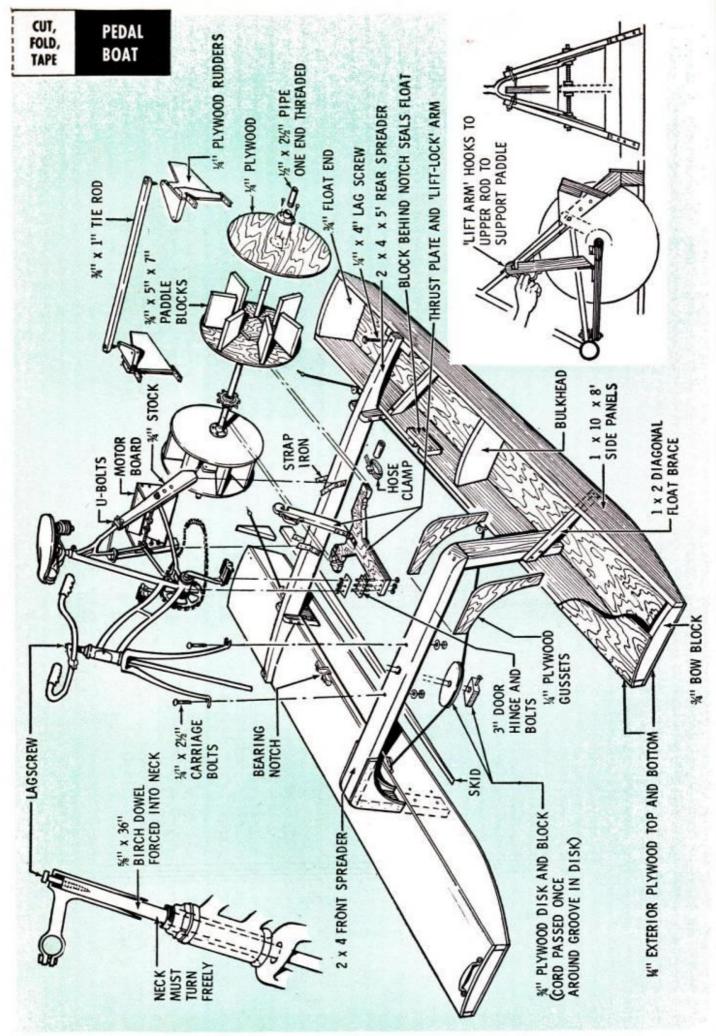


FAIR TOP AND BOTTOM edges of sidepieces so they will fit tight against the ¼-in. plywood planking

FRONT SPREADER supports are glued and screwed to float sides. A 1 x 3 cross brace is also required



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nail it in place. However, remember to nail plywood doublers to the inner face of each disc before you secure this second disc. These are needed to provide a grip for the flange screws.

With the two paddle wheels completed, you can now mount the four flanges on them. The completed assembly should measure 37½ in., with about 1 in. on each end for bearing into float notches yet to be cut.

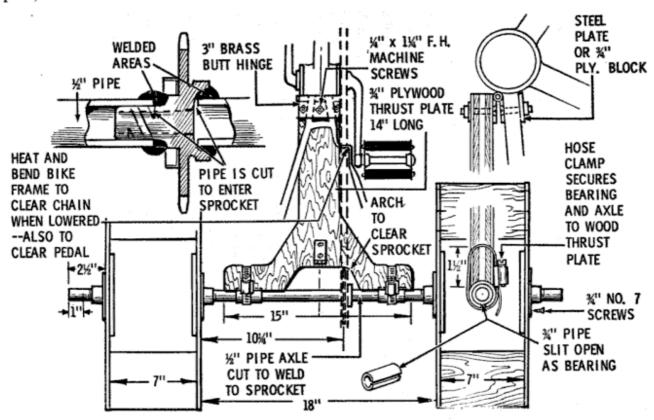
The length of the chain will govern the axle location. With the bike propped level, run the chain onto both sprockets and pull the paddle wheel assembly back until the chain is taut. Mark the location of the pipe axles on the floats, for this is where the axle seats should be.

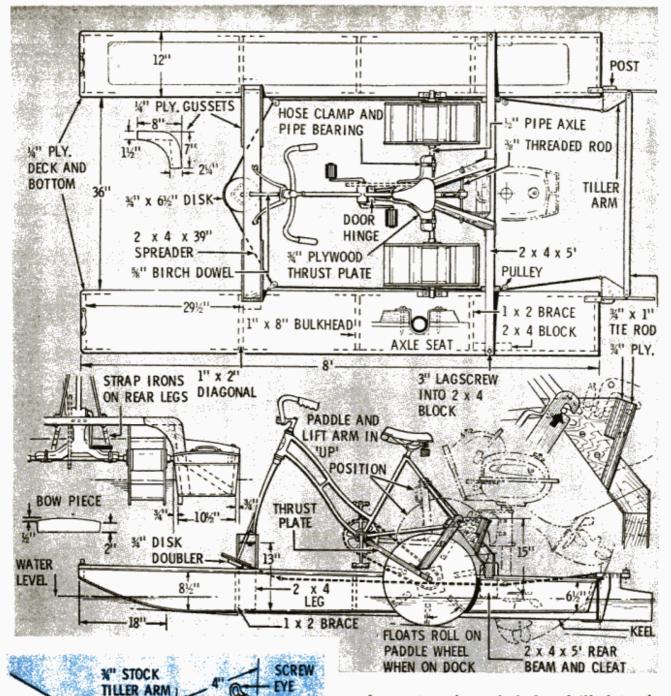
You will probably find that the chain rubs on the fork since the axle has been lowered. To provide sufficient clearance for both chain and pedal throw with the axle in this new location, you'll have to heat the frame and twist it with a hammer and wrench. After modifying the frame, make a final check of paddle wheel rotation to make sure that everything is square and then, with the chain still taut, swing the paddle wheel assembly up so that it will clear the water. The rear spreader should be mounted just aft of this unit, so that it won't hinder paddle-wheel movement when lifting or dropping.

Now cut the tapered 1 x 3 stilts and fasten them to the rear spreader with strap irons. The upper ends are clamped to the fork with U-bolts. To provide support, the rear fork rests on a threaded

BUE MATERIALS LIST	
WATER BIKE MATERIALS LIST	AMT.
PLYWOOD	2
1/4" x 4' x 8' Exterior (AB)	î
14" x 4' x 4' Exterior (AA or AB)	i
34" x 2' x 2' Exterior (AA or AB)	'
LUMBER	AMT.
1 x 10 x 8' Pine or fir	4
1 x 8 x 6' Pine or fir	1
1 x 5 x 10' Pine or fir	1
1 x 3 x 6' Pine or fir	2
2 x 4 x 7' Fir	2
%" x 36" Birch dowel	ĩ
98 X 30 Birch dowel	•
MISC.	AMT.
1/2" x 18" Galv. pipe (ends threaded)	1
1/2" x 21/2" Galv. pipe (one end threaded)	2
1/2" Galv. pipe flanges	4
1/4" x 21/2" Carriage bolts with nuts	2
%" No. 8 f.h. woodscrews	16
%" x 1' Threaded rod with six nuts	1
%" x 1' Rod	i
1/8" x 34" x 5" Strap iron	4
3/"" x 1½" Galv. pipe (slit)	2
2" Hose clamps, screw type	2
3" Brass butt hinge	ī
۱۱۵″ x 1¼″ Machine screws (for hinge)	6
1/4" x 4" Lag screws	2
1" Eye pulleys	4
20' Steering cable	1
1" boat nails, waterproof glue, primer	and
exterior finish	

PADDLE WHEEL DRIVE assembly makes use of an old sprocket welded into the pipe axle. If obtainable, a one-to-one ratio between this and the pedal sprocket is best, since this makes pedaling a lot easier





TIE ROD

4" PLYWOOD

4" x 2½" x 8½

RUDDER POST

(ROUND FRONT EDGE)

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" BRASS ROD

ALTERNATE

rod running through holes drilled in the stilts. Nuts inside the fork and outside the stilts hold this in place.

The thrust plate, the final drive item, is designed to take strain off the axle assembly. After cutting this to fit, secure it to the crank housing with a heavy door hinge and machine screws, as shown in the drawing above. The lift-lock arm is hinged to this plate near the rear axle and notched at its upper end to fit over the unthreaded 3%-in. rod running between the U-bolt clamps. This same arm serves as a "down lock" when hooked over the threaded rod.

The motor-board assembly is cut to fit between the stilts and bolted rigidly in place. Note that the board itself is doubled at the top to fit the motor clamp.

Follow the detail shown at the left when you are constructing and mounting the rudders. These are controlled

FILLER

4" x 34" x 4"

HINGE TABS

PLYWOOD

from the handlebars by means of steering cables running through pulleys mounted on the floats. First, however, the handlebar unit must be modified.

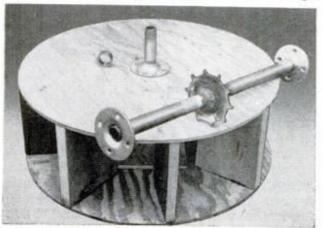
After removing the handlebars and discarding the old taper nut and bolt, drive a heavy dowel up into the neck and secure it in place with a lagscrew plus epoxy. Then drill a hole through the crotch of the fork to allow the dowel to slip through the front fork. Oil the neck so it will swivel freely before you replace the handlebars in the fork assembly. Once these are in place, mount the grooved disc on the end of the dowel, install the steering cable and the boat's ready for a test run.

Take it easy on your first few trial runs with the motor, leaning inside all turns to make sure that the outer float doesn't dig in. Speed is controlled by a lever on the motor, but if you find it inconvenient to reach behind you every time you want to change speed, it's a simple matter to run a cable from this lever to a remote gas control up on the handlebars. An old bicycle handbrake or auto choke control makes a fine remote throttle. Also, oil the chain lightly to prevent rust. Happy cycling!

PLYWOOD GUSSETS glued and nailed in place reinforce joint between spreader and spreader support



WHEN ASSEMBLING paddle wheels, be sure to glue backing blocks inside for screws used to mount flanges



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Outboard Clinic

My engine's a museum piece a 1941 5-hp Elto—but it's been in mothballs since 1947, so it's a real gem. The only thing I can find wrong is a weak magnet in the flywheel. Is it possible to re-energize such a magnet? I'm pretty sure a new flywheel for this oldtimer would be impossible to find,—H.L.C., Ohio

A There is such a thing as a magnet charger, but few dealer shops are likely to have one. However, don't be so pessimistic. I've found a source where you can buy a new flywheel, and I'm airmailing you the address.

I'm thinking of buying a tachometer for my 60-hp Johnson. Do you think the expenditure is worth it?—D.B., New York

A You bet I do. A tach's one of the most valuable instruments you could buy. Used properly, it'll help cut fuel bills, tell you whether you're running the right prop and generally help you to get the most out of your motor.

I have a 16-ft. wood lapstreak runabout equipped with a 75-hp outboard. The boat porpoises at full throttle, and I'm beginning to think I've got too much power. What's your opinion?—B.T.G., Louisiana

A This column isn't set up to cover anything beyond engine problems, and your letter is a good example of why I can't go into more general questions. Without knowing the boat's lines, hull condition, prop, tilt-pin setting, running load and distribution, etc., only a wild guess is possible. I won't guess at the cause of your problem, but no matter what it is, you can probably pull the bow down by adding trim tabs. However, in the future, let's stick to engines. Okay?

As a service to the readers of POPULAR MECHANICS in solving problems relating to their outboard engines, you are invited to submit your questions to this column. All questions will be answered, either in the column or by mail. Address Outboard Clinic, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 575 Lexington Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10022, enclose a 5-cent stamp.



A BRAKE JOB should always involve a light cut on each drum to remove any high spots, dirt and roughness

Give Your Brakes a Break Port 11

By Morton J. Schultz

A PPARENT BRAKE FAILURE, the trooper's report read. "Seven-year-old passenger dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital. Driver of Car B in serious condition suffering possible skull fracture and fracture of left leg.

"Car A, going east on Route 4, applied brake to avoid . . ."

On it went, terse and coldly factual. Another accident, another death, another injury. All so tragic, and all so totally unnecessary.

"In accidents like this," the trooper told me, "it's hard to play 'let's place the blame.' Who can you finger when the reason is a sudden mechanical failure?"

But the sad fact is that when it comes to brakes, seldom is there such a thing as sudden failure. Brakes usually give plenty of advance warning—in the form of a spongy pedal, hard stops or the like—before breaking down completely.

Furthermore, too many drivers put price ahead of quality. The car owner who believes he can get quality and save money at the same time by buying brake shoes selling for 25 percent less, or having the brake drums turned down once too often, or having the brakes adjusted just one more time before rebuilding them, is creating safety in his mind only—not in his car.

Another thing you can't skimp on is workmanship. Let only the most skilled, conscientious mechanic you can find work on your brakes. If you've had experience and know what you're doing and have

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access to the proper equipment, you can do it yourself. But there are some catches to this approach. For one thing, brakes now vary so widely from car to car that you must have full information about your particular model. Overlooking just one important fact could lead to a serious accident. Also, as pointed out last month, only certain phases of brake work are really within the scope of most amateurs' skills and equipment. Therefore, it's probably best that you use Part II of this article as a basis for evaluating a brake job, rather than doing one.

A thorough brake job starts at the master cylinder and progresses to the heart of the braking system—the "stopping parts." A quality overhaul of these parts

should guarantee:

 Trueness of the brake-drum surfaces and assurance that the drums have sufficient thickness to withstand the heat and forces of braking.

Trueness of the brake shoes.

 Proper matching of brake shoe thicknesses to brake drum diameters.

 Assurance that anchor-pin holes of the brake shoes are not worn.

 Replacement of hold-down springs that have lost their tension.

 Smoothness and cleanliness of shoe platforms on the backing plates, and that they're of equal height and lightly lubricated before shoes are installed.

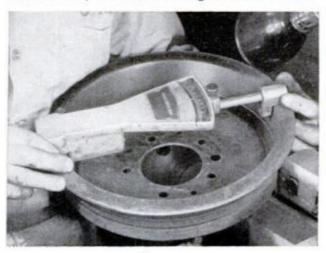
 Installation of new grease seals every time the brakes are relined.

 Correct adjustment of brake shoe-todrum clearance and of anchor pins.

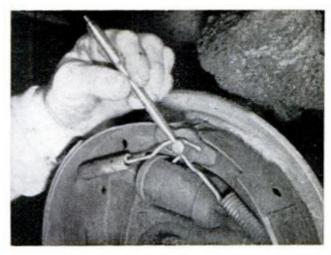
When you come right down to it, the most critical parts of a brake, and the parts which take the most punishment, are the drums and linings. Both, therefore, need particular attention.

Every time you make a stop, the friction between the brake linings and the drums generates heat. Normal temperature on the

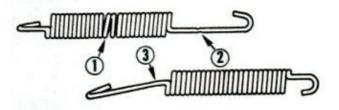
CUTTING TOO MUCH METAL from the drums invites disaster. Here, mechanic is miking the drum diameter



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WHILE ANCHOR PINS seldom come loose (above), it can happen. Check all of them, just to play it safe



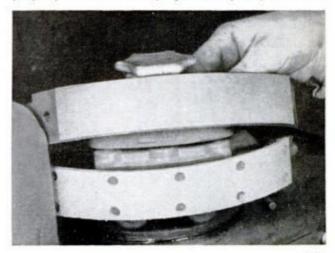
DAMAGED SPRINGS are common source of trouble. Replace any that are sprung (1), chewed (2) or bent (3)

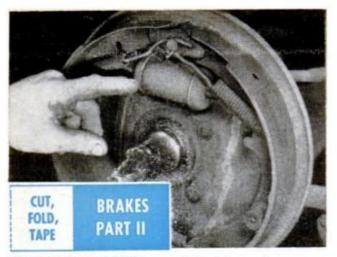
drums is considered to be about 220° to 260°. However, the faster the stop, the higher this temperature goes. If something's amiss in the system, temperatures could reach 1400°.

Double Check the Drums

Besides providing the surface which creates the necessary friction, the drums must also absorb about 90 percent of this heat and dissipate it. In doing so, they can become scored, roughened, distorted, bell-mouthed, barrel-shaped or out-of-round. Any one of these conditions leads, of course, to erratic and unsafe braking. If extreme, they can lead to brake failure. Yet, when brakes are overhauled, the

BONDED OR RIVETED? Both types of lining work if properly installed. Always get best quality available





MOST BRAKE EXPERTS say it's best to replace or rebuild all wheel cylinders when brakes are relined

drums seldom get sufficient attention. After 10,000, 20,000 or 30,000 miles of use, one cannot simply look at the drums, nod contentedly on finding nothing and press them back into service. Although rough or scored spots might not be visible readily, they can still be there. Furthermore, the drum can be slightly out of round without your noticing it.

Many experts say, therefore, that the drums should receive a light cut on a drum-turning lathe every time the brakes

are overhauled.

But suppose you've had the drums turned down in the past. How much more metal can you safely remove, and what can happen if you remove too much?

The other day, I visited a shop where these questions were answered quite vividly. A man pulled in to have his brakes adjusted; he had a low pedal. A mechanic adjusted the first three wheels in the usual manner, without trouble. When he got to the fourth wheel, however, and turned the adjustment (star wheel) to where the wheel should have started to drag, nothing happened.

GREASE SEALS TOO, say the experts, should be replaced as part of major brake job—leaking or not



Closer examination revealed a part of the brake drum had separated from the web. The web was rotating with the wheel while the drum stood still. There was absolutely no brake action.

Another look revealed a crack in the drum in a direction parallel to the axle shaft. Tightening the star wheel did noth-

ing but widen the crack.

A micrometer check of the drum showed there was only 1/16 in. of metal remaining at the cracked point. But get this: Just a casual look at the drum showed nothing wrong—no crack, nothing! What would have happened if this driver had to make a panic stop?

Upon questioning the driver, I learned he had the car in other shops twice before for brake work. Each time, the drums had been turned, but the second man had not miked them to make sure enough

metal was left.

Taking too much metal off a drum, of course, weakens it and doesn't leave enough strength to absorb and dissipate the heat. What happens is easy to visualize; the weakened metal cracks.

So, always be sure the drums are miked before and after turning to make sure no more than 0.060 in. of metal has been removed from the original thickness of the drum walls, as specified by the manufacturer of your car. Authorities stress the 0.060-in. figure is the absolute maximum.

Here's another critical point: In matching new linings to a drum that's been turned, make sure the lining is not too thin for the drum, or it won't make full contact. Usually, if less than 0.030 in. of metal has been turned off the drum thickness, standard linings (those specified as "standard" for your car) can be used. If, however, 0.030 to 0.060 in. has been removed, get shimmed or oversized linings.

A word now about cleanliness: It's important. Whether you press old brake drums back into service or install new ones, they should be cleaned to minimize brake squeal problems. To clean old drums, remove small nicks and scratches with fine emery cloth and blow away dust and dirt with an air hose. Then clean with high-pressure steam or a non-oily solvent. With new drums, a cleaning with high pressure steam or solvent is sufficient.

Insist on Quality Linings

In selecting new brake linings, keep one word in mind: quality! Whether you prefer bonded linings or the riveted type, buying anything less than the best is only cheating yourself, especially since the difference in price between the best and the cheapest is comparatively little.

What about bonded vs. riveted linings?

Despite all the noise, it's a matter of personal choice. Some people say a riveted lining is less likely to come loose from the shoe when overheated and is less likely to squeal. Others argue that a bonded lining provides more uniform contact with the drum. The fact is either type gives fine service if well made and installed.

Here are some points to keep in mind when having new linings installed:

 Replace all linings, even if only one needs replacement. Assuming normal wear, if one or two linings are worn out, it can't be too long before the others reach the same point. So you might as well do the whole job at once. Besides, it's tough to get the correct adjustment and the proper braking distribution unless all

linings are uniform.

 You just don't slap in new linings. Because it's imperative to have the correct lining-to-drum contact, today's relining jobs should all be "custom," with each lining being ground to the proper diameter to fit each individual brake drum. Otherwise, you're asking for brake chatter, uneven application, brake drag and a hard pedal.

 Backing plates must be absolutely clean, free of nicks and burrs, and lubricated.

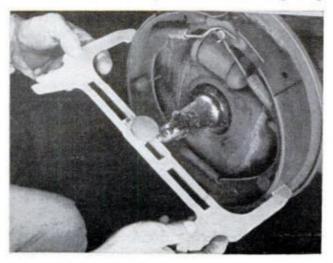
 With new linings installed, they must be adjusted just right in relation to the drums to avoid rubbing, premature wear.

Examining old brake linings can tell you much about the overall condition of the brake system. For example, if a lining is thicker on one side of a shoe than the other, it means the drum is bellmouthed or the shoe platform isn't at right angles to the web. Similarly, if the lining is thicker at both ends than in the center, the shoe arc wasn't correct.

Beware of Weak Springs

Among the most neglected parts of a brake system are the return springs.

WITH LININGS IN PLACE, adjust brake drum clearance to manufacturer's specs, to avoid rubbing, drag



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PROPER MATCHING of brake lining thickness to drum diameter generally demands grinding of the linings

Truckers tell me they've found weak springs to be the primary cause of brake trouble with their rigs. And, believe it or not, weak springs can cause every known braking problem, including pulling, diving, excessive wear and drum scoring.

So, examine the springs carefully, feel them for tension and replace any that seem the least bit damaged or worn.

After the brakes have been rebuilt, of course, they must be adjusted and bled in

the usual manner.

Now, when you begin driving with your newly rebuilt brakes, remember that new linings require about 250 to 500 miles of breaking-in. During this period, avoid high speed and panic stops.

ANALYSIS OF WEAR pattern on old linings can reveal such brake defects as cocked shoes, uneven contact



goes between the tower and pedal. Ask for part No. COAZ-9784A.

V8, 283 CID engine, with automatic transmission. Within three weeks, the transmission broke down four times. The third time, the dealer completely rebuilt it and attached a \%-in. copper tube on the side of the filler tube, extending it back to the transmission. He said this would lessen the pressure which was building up. But the car broke down again after 50 miles. What's the trouble?—J.P., Kansas

A Probably one of the rarest of all malfunctions for a transmission in this car—heat. An oil cooler in the bottom of the radiator is supposed to cool the transmission. If it's not operating, the transmission overheats, and you'll get breakdowns. Have that cooler examined and, if need be, replaced.

I'm getting only 12 miles to the gallon with my 1961 Rambler Classic six, despite repeated tune-ups. As I'm no hot-rodder, I doubt it's my driving. Any theories?—A.F., Illinois

A Poor gas mileage was a major complaint with the '61 Rambler. The company soon determined that less-than-strong valve train parts were at the root of the problem. New and stronger parts have been issued and, reports indicate improved mileage. A Rambler dealer naturally would be a logical source of the new parts.

What would cause a vibration which I feel in the gas pedal of my 1963 Ford Galaxie? I don't hear a noise, but it sure tickles my foot.—C.S.P., Pa.

A Foot-feed tickle is not uncommon with the 1963 Ford. In fact, Ford's issued a new part to eliminate the trouble. It's a special piece of linkage that

I lose a quart of oil every 300 miles through the crankcase breather cap of my 1963 Ford Fairlane if I travel at sustained speeds of 50 to 70 miles an hour. If I hold my hand over the pipe at idle, the pressure practically blows it off. Can you explain?—R.L.S., Texas

One good possibility is that a faulty emission (anti-smog) valve is stuck closed and is plugging up the breathing system. If so, replace the valve. It'll cost about \$2.30 plus labor.

My 1958 Cadillac diesels a few times when I shut her off. How come?—J.L.A., Wisconsin

This is one all owners of big engined cars should keep in mind. The most common cause of this condition is that the rpm's are set too high. It'll just keep that engine running for a few seconds after you shut off ignition.

On '58 Caddies, however, the reason might be a sticking gas pedal. This is caused by the rusting of a hinged metal affair beneath the pedal.

I replaced the rear main seal of my 1961 Chevrolet Bel Air, because she was leaking. She still leaks. What now?—D.L.T., Wisconsin

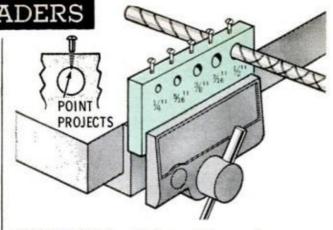
A Six-cylinder Chevys have a way of leaking from the rear of the valve cover and looking like a rear main seal leak when the oil's thrown. See if it isn't this. It's also possible that the breather pipe is clogged. Again, this will throw oil out and fool you into believing it's a main seal.

If neither is the case, see if the seal has turned because of excessive bearing clearance. If so, you'll have to replace the upper and lower seals and, of course, the bearing.

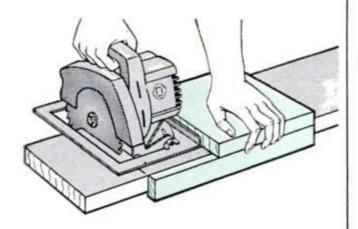
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TAKE A HINT FROM READERS FILE NEW V-SLOT POIN PRO.

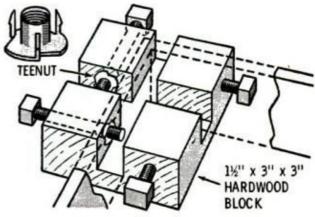
EVER NOTICE how many things are just barely beyond the jaw capacity of your favorite adjustable wrench? To avoid future frustrations, remove the screw and slide out the movable jaw. File one more V-slot in the bottom edge, as shown, and jaw will accommodate as much as an extra 1/8 in.



SCORE DOWELS in this jig and they won't squeeze all the glue out. Bore a series of holes (to match the dowel sizes you use) $\frac{1}{4}$ in. from one edge of a hardwood block. Drive No. 6 x $\frac{3}{4}$ in. roundhead wood screws through the edge so they project enough to score $\frac{1}{16}$ in. deep. Twist dowels through twice



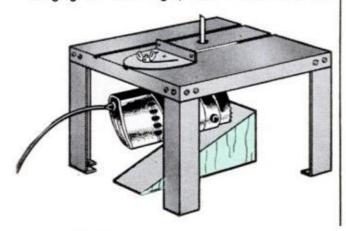
SQUARING GUIDE for portable circular saw lets you crosscut squarely to a simple layout mark, without having to guide the saw along a line scribed with a square. Nail a 1x2 under one edge of a square of 1-in. stock, letting 8 in. extend. Excess trims off accurately with first trial pass

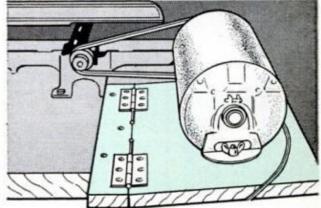


CORNER CLAMP for assembling box joints will hold small stock firmly while you brad and glue. It also clamps T and cross joints. To make it, just cut 3/4 x 1-in. slots on the centerlines of a hardwood block, then drill holes to take 1/4-20 Teenut barrels. Draw nuts flush with clamping bolts

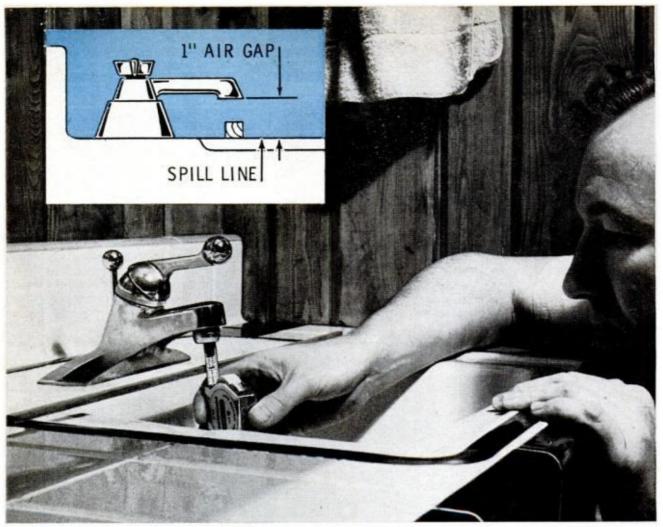
TAPERED BLOCK wedged under a saber saw that's clamped under a table (to convert it for jigsaw use) tames most of the vibration and steadies the tool for accurate cutting. The table must, of course, be firmly anchored to your workbench. After wedging the block tight, hold it with one nail

ONE MOTOR can hop around your shop to power many tools if you mount it on a 34-in. plywood panel as shown. Fasten half of a pair of loose-pin hinges at the edge and mount matching halves on cleats nailed to the bench near the drive pulley of each tool. The pivoting weight puts tension on the belt



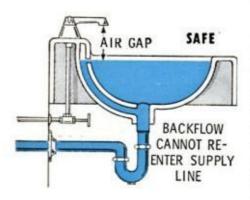


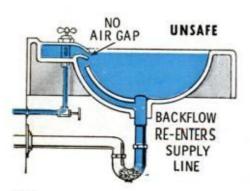
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TO MEASURE AIR GAP at a sink or lavatory, place a straightedge across top of bowl and check space below faucet. Drawings below show why gap is needed to assure clean water. Minimum gap is indicated above

By Richard Day





Is Your Plumbing

O NE BRIGHT MORNING, a suburbanite on the West Coast was spraying his lawn with an arsenic weed killer from a bottle attached to a sprayer on his garden hose. When he was through, the man disconnected the hose and took a drink of water from the tap. He died of arsenic poisoning within hours.

This man was double-crossed by his home plumbing. His death was caused by what experts call a cross-connection between the potable water inside the house and the arsenic-laced water in the sprayer. A temporary, unnoticed reverse flow drew arsenic into the house piping.

A cross-connection is any arrangement whereby water that is either unfit to drink or of questionable potability can contaminate the household supply.

The worst of it is that not one home in a thousand is equipped to prevent what happened to that hapless suburbanite. We Americans have developed a childlike faith about our water's purity and we forget that it takes proper control and vigilance to keep our water pure.

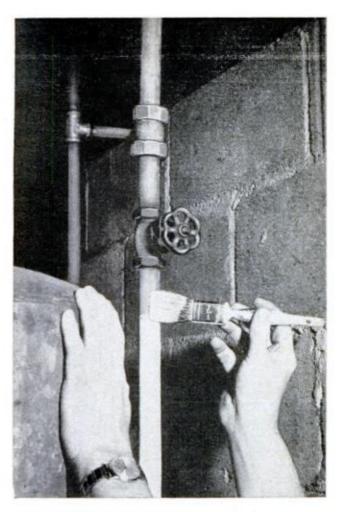
Two simultaneous conditions are necessary to contaminate your house water: (1) the existence of a cross-connection at any time there is (2) a backflow

of used water toward the potable water system. Backflow can be caused by back-pressure on the impure water that forces it into the house system. Or, its cause can be a vacuum in house water lines that draws in contaminated water like soda up a straw. This is called back-siphonage.

Back-pressure is not common in residential plumbing; back-siphonage is. It can occur whenever part of the city main has to be shut for repairs. And during a fire, water can be used so rapidly that a vacuum is created in the city mains. Open a faucet and, instead of water coming out, air rushes in. Another cause of back-siphonage is improper sizing of your house pipes. In that case, turning on a large tap in the lower part of the house can drop the pressure in the risers.

Epidemics of cholera, typhoid fever, gastroenteritis and dysentery all have been traced to cross-connections in home plumbing systems. While the probability of a backflow taking place in a given home at a given time is very small, just one occurrence where contaminated water is present can be a catastrophe for the people affected. And, most frightening of all, there is no warning. Sickness or death may be the only indication.

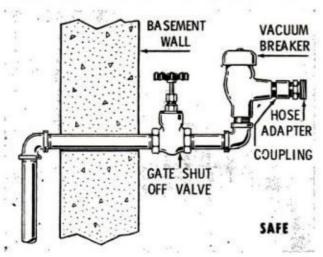
A manual published by the U.S. Public Health Service says that enteric infections caused by cross-connections may occur in almost any city on any day. In Newton, Kans., for a specific example,

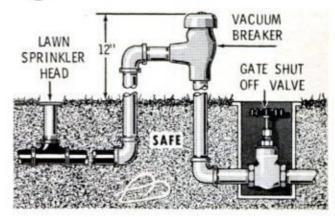


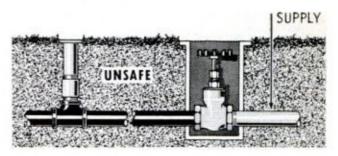
A COAT OF YELLOW PAINT on all pipes in your home which carry non-potable boiler or cistern water will remind the plumber not to connect the pipes accidentally to those carrying family's drinking water

Double-Crossing You?

LAWN SPRINKLERS and hose cocks can permit backflow of water laden with fertilizers, weed killers and other poisons into house water supply. This danger is easily avoided, however, by installing vacuum breakers. Drawings at right show safe and unsafe way to install underground sprinklers. Below, a typical setup for hose cock. In most cases, vacuum breakers are installed on the "off" side of valve



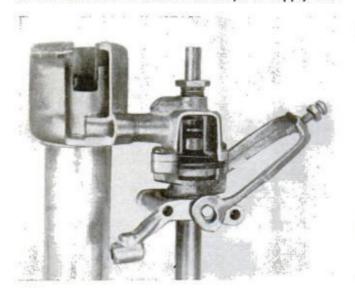






HOOKED TO A SHOWER HEAD, instead of a lavatory faucet, shampoo rinse hose is high enough so that its nozzle can't cross-connect with the water in tub

HERE'S A CUTAWAY VIEW of toilet tank valve designed to prevent backflow of water from tank. Ports at left admit air if vacuum develops in supply line



cross-connections let sewage from ten families to flow into a temporarily closed water main. As soon as water service was restored, an epidemic broke out in which 2500 people went through the miseries of enteric disorders.

The American Standard National Plumbing Code calls for measures that will eliminate all possibilities of cross-connections. However, this code is merely a recommendation. Many rural areas have no codes at all. Some cities that do have codes have not applied them to houses built before the dangers of cross-connection were

recognized.

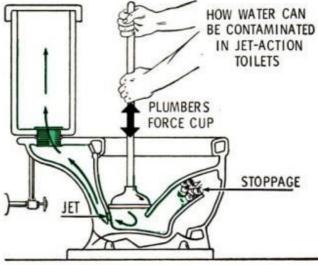
Another attack on the problem is to minimize chances of backflow. In residential plumbing, the most common backflowpreventer is the air gap. An air gap is the distance that a faucet discharges above the highest possible level of water in a bowl, sink or tub. In most cases, this would be the faucet's distance above the bowl's rim. What the gap does is prevent siphon action from drawing water from the tub or sink into the fresh water.

An air gap should generally be twice the diameter of the faucet or pipe opening. Thus, for a lavatory, the tap should discharge at least 1 in. above the rim of the bowl. Air gaps for kitchen sinks and laundry tubs should be at least 1½ in. They should be at least 2 in. for bathtubs.

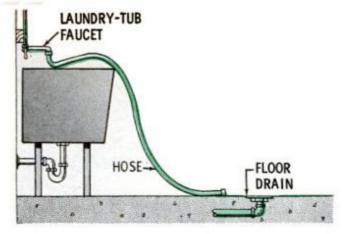
Where an air gap is not practical, as in sill-cock connections, a useful means of stopping back-siphonage is the backflow preventer. A number of types are made. Because each is designed for a particular application, selection and installation of these devices is a job for the plumber.

The most common backflow preventer in house plumbing is a vacuum breaker. This patented device has one or more

PLUMBER'S FRIEND can be your family's enemy. Plunging action can force contaminated water from clogged bowl of siphon jet toilet upward into tank



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HOUSEHOLD HOSES are a frequent cause of crossconnection. Here, careless use of hose permits backflow in pipe to draw dirty water from around drain

valves that let air enter whenever water pressure drops below atmospheric pressure, breaking up siphonic action inside

the pipes.

A vacuum breaker is ordinarily located a minimum of 6 in. above the highest level of water that might be backsiphoned. It is usually positioned on the discharge side of the faucet. Here, it is under pressure only when the faucet is turned on. Plumbers warn that an ordinary checkvalve is not acceptable as a backflow preventer, though there have been many attempts to use check-valves in this way.

Tour your house and grounds right now and look for cross-connections. Measure the air gaps on all your bathroom, kitchen and laundry fixtures to see that they meet the minimums. Many old fixtures have submerged inlets which discharge water below the fixture rim. A clogged drain in such a fixture creates a direct cross-connection between dirty and clean water. A closed faucet offers only partial protection in such situations, since bacteria can pass through even the most minute, unobserved leak. So, if you have a fixture with a submerged inlet, replace it.

Check for other locations where a pipe or hose from the house water supply might have its outlet submerged in contaminated water. Inspect washing machines, dishwashers, aspirator sump pumps, float valves, floor-drain trap primers, airconditioning cooling towers and frostproof toilets. Look at outdoor pools, such as swimming pools, fish ponds and lily ponds. Provide air gaps for the water supply pipes at all such spots.

Underground lawn sprinkler systems must have vacuum breakers to keep water poisoned with fertilizers, weed killers and insecticides from being drawn into the house supply. The vacuum breaker should be at least 12 in. above the highest sprinkler head. Some municipal codes call for



ALL FAUCETS connected to cistern water or other non-potable supply should be clearly labeled. And, of course, children should be warned of the hazard

even higher placement of the breaker.

Avoid what one southern homeowner did. Because his city water pressure wasn't high enough for his underground lawn sprinkler, he put in a booster pump to ram water from a nearby swamp through

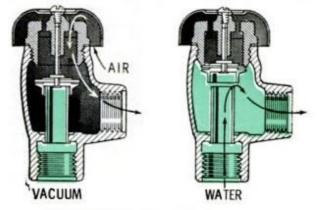
the sprinkler system.

Unfortunately, he left the sprinkler connected to the house plumbing. Disease-laden swamp water was forced into the fresh-water piping, contaminating his own and the neighborhood water supply for several blocks around. His family and a number of neighbors came down with dysentery. Had the homeowner applied for a permit before installing his pump, city officials would have alerted him to the danger.

Yard Hose Can Be Dangerous

The common yard hose represents a subtle cross-connection that endangers (Please turn to page 190)

HOW VACUUM BREAKER WORKS: Normal water pressure (right) holds plunger tight against air inlet. Low pressure (left) lets plunger fall, letting in air



HOW VACUUM BREAKER WORKS

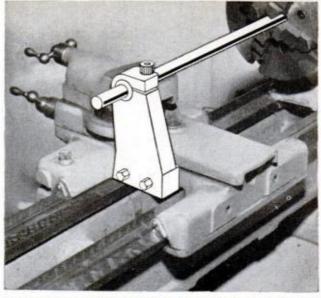
Lathe Accessories for the Metal Worker

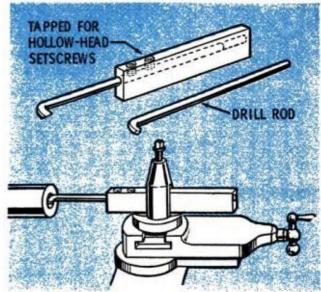
to chatter while being machined. This difficulty can be overcome by using a follower rest made from a cold-rolled steel blank drilled to fit the tapped holes in the tailstock side of the carriage. The blank is temporarily mounted and the carriage moved until the tailstock center makes contact. The back of the blank is then lightly hammered to mark the exact lathe-center axis. From this mark the layout can be made and the bushing hole drilled. The bushing, of steel or bronze, should be an easy running fit on the work. A setscrew holds the bushing in place. In use, the rest travels with the carriage.

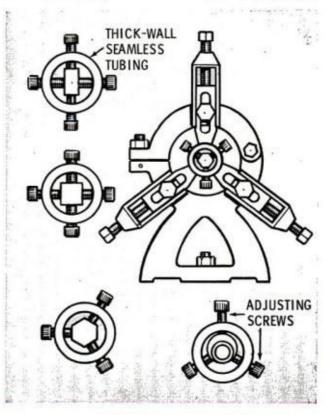
BORING TOOL HOLDERS for small diameter, close-tolerance work can be made from cold-rolled steel flats. The holder is drilled lengthwise to accommodate the boring bar. It is then cross-drilled and tapped at one end for two hollow-head setscrews as indicated in the drawing. The boring bars, and internal threading tools as well, can be easily made from drill rod. One end is heated and bent at right angles, filed roughly to shape, hardened and the temper drawn. The tool is brought to final shape on a grinding wheel and honed to a keen cutting edge with a hard, finegrained oilstone. In clamping such bars in the tool-post holder, watch to see that they engage the work at lathe-center height.

LONG, OUT-OF-ROUND or odd shaped rods and shafts are easy to support and machine between centers if you use a cathead in conjunction with a lathe steady rest. The cathead is nothing more than a short length of thick-wall seamless tubing fitted with lock screws, which when slipped over the work, provide a smooth true surface for the jaws of the steady rest to ride on, regardless of its sectional shape. Three adjusting screws are needed on each end of the tube for gripping out-of-round. hexagonal or offset work. For square or flat stock, four screws on each end are required. The two rows of screws must be set far enough apart to clear the steadyrest jaws. Oil the jaws occasionally.

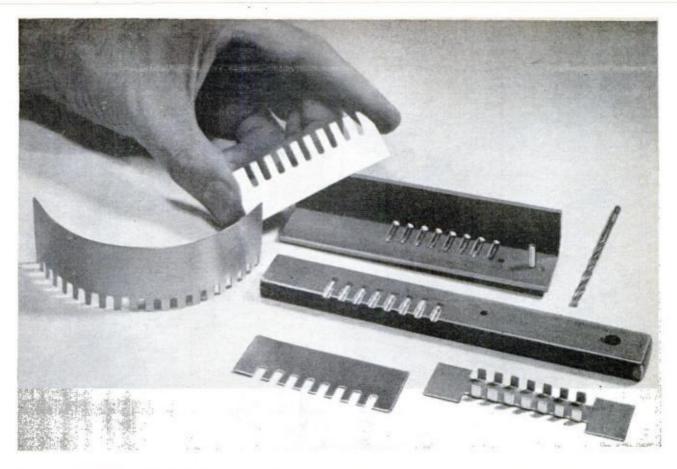
QUICKEST WAY to make a tool rack is to thread plastic clothesline through holes in a 1-in. strip of perforated hardboard so that loops are formed on both sides. Knot the ends and use mounting blocks to space out from wall.

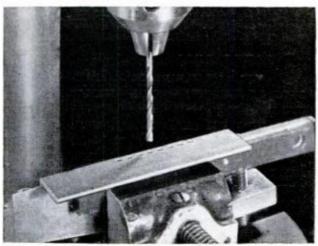


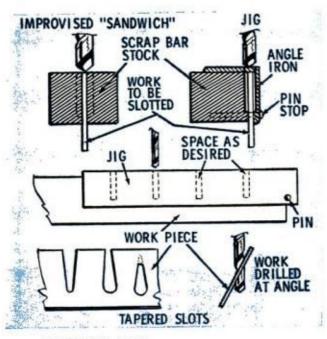




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Twist-Drill Slotting

LOOKING more like the product of a stamping machine, the above samples actually are the work of a twist drill. The simplest way to slot a piece of sheet metal by drilling is to sandwich it between two pieces of scrap metal and drill a hole into the edge of the sheet, so that the bit-of greater diameter than the sheet thickness, cuts equally into each scrap piece.

To do this requires a jig made from a piece of angle iron and bar stock. First, remove any inside radius (fillet) from the angle so that the bar and work will fit snugly inside. Then install a pin in the bar or angle to engage a hole in the other part, so the jig halves can be assembled in alignment for each slotting job. Place the metal to be slotted between the bar and inner surface of the angle iron and clamp the entire assembly in a vise. The holes are drilled through the angle iron and edgewise into a scrap of sheet stock to the required depth. When all the holes are drilled, the jig is completed and ready for repetitive slotting.-Walter E. Burton



SLITTING SAW HOW LONGITUDINAL RABBET IS FORMED IN DRILLS 2 AND 3 FIRST CUT ANGLES ARE ½ D. APPROXIMATE ROD ½ D. DRILL ROD RELIEF ½ D. TOOL SCREWS STEEL COLD-ROLLED STEEL

By Walter E. Burton

ORIGINALLY, deep-hole drills were used only for special industrial work such as boring out rifle barrels. But there are plenty of jobs that these drills can do in your shop and around the house. For example, they can bore through thick walls, drill longitudinal holes in wooden lamp columns, and bore holes where obstructions prevent the brace or drill from being brought close to the hole location.

Three types of deep-hole drills are illustrated at the left. The first two are made of high carbon-steel drill rod. The third type, suitable for boring large diameters, can be made from either mild or high-carbon steel; the cutting is done by a removable blade. In the model shown, this blade was made from a worn-out file, but high-speed tool steel or tungsten-tipped carbide steel could have been used instead.

Drill No. 1 is easiest to make. Simply machine, grind, or file a flat extending 3 in. or more back from the end of a length of drill rod, then shape the cutting end as shown. After the flat has been cut, the thickness at the tip should be exactly one-half the rod diameter. By leaving a somewhat greater thickness for the remainder of the flat, you can save some work and also make it easier to grip the rod in a vise along most of the length of the flat while milling or grinding. When using the drill, you should start the hole with a conventional drill bit wherever possible.

As with all deep-hole drills, use plenty of cutting oil when drilling steel. It is necessary also to withdraw the drill periodically for chip removal. In general, a drill of this type cuts rather slowly compared to a conventional one.

Drill No. 2 has a V-shaped groove extending back from the tip, to provide chip space. In commercial drills of this type, the groove is full length, and parallel to it there is a hole through which cutting fluid is forced to the tip. But for home shop purposes, the hole is omitted and the groove can be limited to a few inches—at the minor inconvenience of having to withdraw the bit now and then to clear out chips and apply cutting fluid, such as sulphurized cutting oil.

The drill has two cutting edges forming an angle of about 120°. In forming the tip, grind sufficient relief behind the cutting edges to enable them to bite into the work. The groove is a right angle V, made by milling or grinding; its two sides intersect along the drill centerline. The drill is self-starting in wood, but you'll need a starting

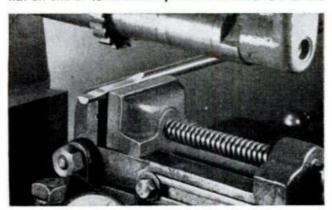
hole to bore metal.

Drill No. 3 has a right angle V-shaped groove extending back from the cutter end. The model shown has a head measuring 1 in. in diameter and 5 in. long, fitted to a shank ½ in. in diameter. An accurate method for finishing the blade to the proper width is to mount it, before hardening, in position, chuck the drill head in a lathe, and machine the cutter edge flush with the drill circumference. Without its shank, the drill head is handy for chucking in a lathe to bore holes directly in wood, hardboard and plastic. For metal, a starting hole is recommended.

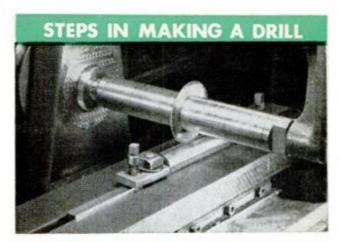
The cutting ends of the drills, and the removable blade of the big-bore model should be hardened and tempered according to the type of steel that has been used. This usually consists of heating until cherry red, quenching in water, reheating and quenching again.

If your shop lacks milling equipment,

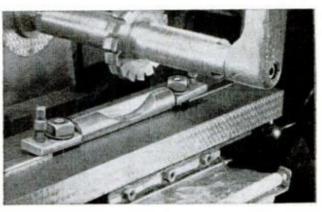
MILLING MACHINE makes short work of machining flat on end of %-in. drill. Tip was machined to .189 in.



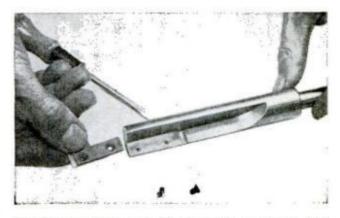
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FIRST STEP in making big-bore drill is to make two right-angle cuts in drill head using a slitting saw

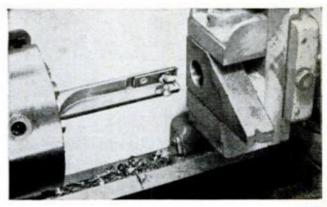


AFTER CUTTING, the 90° segment can be freed by milling with a cutter of the type shown, or an end mill

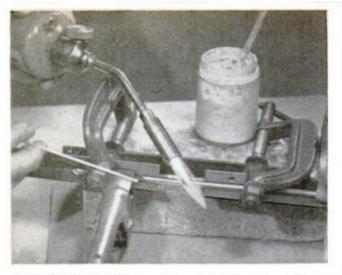


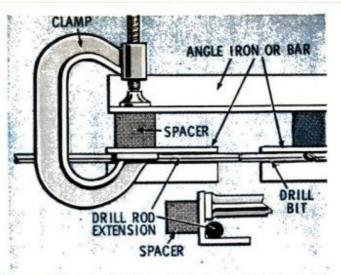
THE BLADE is fastened with two flathead screws. Cutting edge extends a fraction beyond the drill head

BIG-BORE drill head may be removed from shaft for use in lathe as either a boring or bottoming tool



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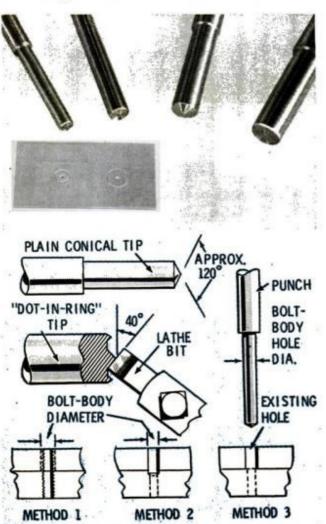


A PROPANE TORCH may be used to braze or silver solder a drill-rod extension shank to an ordinary twist drill. To assure accurate alignment of drill and extension, the simple jig detailed in the drawing is required

there's another way to make a deep-hole drill. This alternative method consists of simply brazing an extension shank on a conventional twist drill. A special jig is used to hold the drill bit and extension in exact alignment while the two pieces are being brazed together. The jig is assembled from three lengths of angle iron, two spacing blocks (large nuts are ideal for this

purpose), two C-clamps and two springaction clamps. The C-clamps hold the angle iron and spacers together; the spring clamps keep the drill bit and extension in position. Note that a 2-in. space is left between the two short sections of angle iron for the torch flame, and that the end of the drill-rod extension should be chamfered like the end of the twist drill.

Shop-Made Punches Help Align Bolt Holes



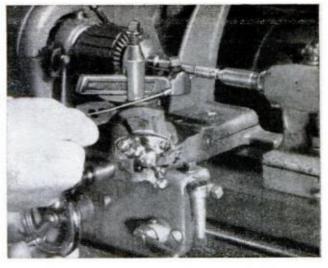
A PROBLEM that often arises in the shop is the alignment of tapped holes in one workpiece with body-size bolt holes in another piece. One method is to clamp the pieces together in the desired position and then drill through both with the tap-size bit. After that, the hole in one piece is enlarged with a bit the same diameter as the bolt body.

When the body hole already exists, a different technique is required. The body hole can be used as a drill guide for starting the matching hole with a body-size bit, then a tap-size bit is used to complete the drilling. A third method is to use an aligning punch which fits snugly inside the body hole. When struck with a hammer its point makes a mark to guide the starting of the tap-size hole in the matching piece. Drill rod is an ideal material for making such a punch as detailed at the left. Two kinds of points are shown; one is cone shaped, it makes a dot to mark the hole center. The other type has a similar point plus a sharp edge that stamps a ring around the dot. The ring makes it possible to detect drill run-out when starting the hole. Diameter of the ring is not critical. It is somewhat smaller than the body hole and may or may not be close to the size of the tap-drill hole, depending on the bevel given the cutting edge.-Walter E. Burton

POPULAR MECHANICS

Winding Coil Springs in a Screw-Cutting Lathe





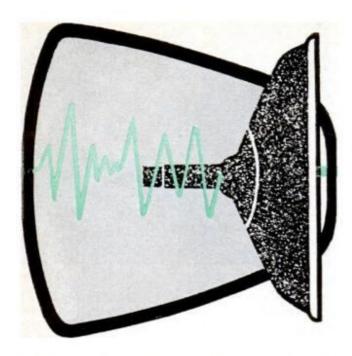
IF YOUR SHOP is equipped with a screwcutting metal lathe you'll find it easy to turn out accurately wound springs of various lengths and diameters. The spring wire is wound around a mandrel which has been turned to the desired size from scrap steel rod. One end of the mandrel is center drilled and supported by the tailstock center; the other end is held in a three-jaw chuck. A guide to feed the wire onto the mandrel is made from a short length of bronze welding rod drilled lengthwise for the wire and turned to fit either a right or left-handed tool holder.

The procedure is simple: If for example, you want to wind a spring having ten coils per inch, set the lathe to cut ten threads per inch and engage the back gears for the lowest speed. The tool holder with the guide inserted is adjusted in the tool post

to feed the wire under the mandrel. The spring wire is then threaded through the guide and a short right angle bend is made on the end. This end is inserted in a small hole cross-drilled near the end of the mandrel. The lathe cross feed should be set so that the guide is about 1/4-in. away from the mandrel. Keeping the free end of the wire under tension with pliers, the saddle feed is engaged, the lathe started and the spring wound to the desired length. Before disengaging the saddle feed the lathe should be stopped. For compression springs with ends ground flat, wind the first turns closely, turning the lathe by hand, with the saddle feed disengaged, then proceed as before. When removing the spring from the mandrel, cut the wire at the bend with the edge of a thin file.-Gordon Douglas

NEXT MONTH IN SHOP AND CRAFTS

- BONUS HOBBY SPACE. Got a hobby but no convenient place to work at it? Don't despair, there's waste space in every home that can be turned into hobby centers. Where?, you say. Could be on the back of a door, in the nook of a dormer, tucked in a closet. In the September issue, Frank Jacoby, PM's new design consultant and noted New York industrial designer, shows how you can create clever hobby centers in space you never thought you had
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- NAVIGATION TRICKS. Any small-boat skipper will enjoy impressing his guests with these easy-to-remember cockpit calculations. How far away is that lighthouse? What will the tide level be in two hours? There's a simple formula for most such questions, and you can usually come up with the answer in less than a minute. It's all in the September issue
- MODEL TESLA TURBINE. Any student of mechanics is probably familiar with Nikola Tesla's fantastically efficient steam turbine. Neglected for over 50 years, this design is now being considered for use in atomic power plants. You'll find complete plans for building a working model next month—and since no critical tolerances are involved, it's not tricky to make



Your set comes with a built-in technician—the picture on the TV screen—to tell you what's wrong when it refuses to work

By Larry Steckler

GRAINY COMPOSITION of this picture is caused by snow, which results when the tuner input tubes are not operating properly. Check radio frequency amplifier. If good, check antenna, then the antenna line and antenna terminals at the rear of your set

Picture-Shooting

WHEN THE TV GOES FLOOEY, don't run for the telephone. Try finding the trouble yourself. After all, you've got a built-in serviceman that came with the set—the picture on its screen.

To picture-shoot your set you'll need two things: a tube layout diagram like the one shown on page 173, normally found pasted inside the set cabinet, and a little down-to-earth common sense. Eleven of the most common TV faults are shown in the photos. Still more troubleshooting appears in the text following.

One screen fault we haven't shown is a blank screen—no picture and no sound. When this happens to you, look through the back of your TV. If none of the tubes are lighting (including the pilot light), check the a.c. outlet first. Plug in a lamp you know is good and see if it goes on. You'd be surprised how often a blown fuse is the only trouble. At the same time, make

DIM, FLAT PICTURE like this one can be caused by an incorrectly-set contrast control or weakened video amplifier tube. If neither of these corrects the trouble, picture tube itself may be bad. If the latter, replacement is the only satisfactory repair





Your Television Troubles

absolutely certain the set is plugged in.

If everything checks out, the chances are your set has a series filament circuit. In such a hookup, all tube filaments are connected in series across the a.c. line; if one tube burns out, they all go out. Now you'll have to check the tubes to find the bad one. Use a simple continuity tester or take the tubes down to the drugstore. For details on this procedure see "The Truth About Tube Testing" (page 172, July '65 PM).

If the screen is dark but you do have sound, the trouble is either in the horizontal circuit, the high-voltage rectifier, damper or the video output tube. You can find these tubes on your tube layout diagram. Pull out those that are in the indicated circuits and get them tested. Replace any that turn up bad. (By the way, you might also check the brightness and contrast controls. If one of the kids turned

them down last night you won't get a picture either.)

Once more you've got a blank screen and no sound, but the tubes are lit—every last one of them. This time you should look to the low-voltage rectifier for trouble. If it's in a tube, you can change it yourself. If it's a silicon rectifier soldered into the circuit, you had best call that serviceman for skilled assistance.

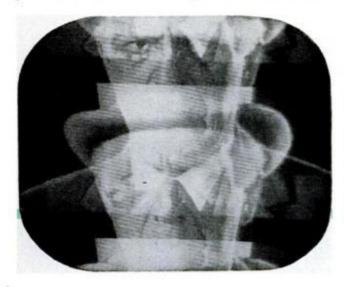
Another symptom of a weak rectifier lets you see the picture on the screen and hear normal sound. The rub is that the picture is shrinking; it doesn't quite fill the screen on all four sides.

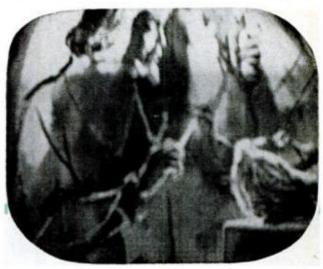
Tube and Circuit Language

Now before I turn you loose on a TV trouble hunt of your own, a few timely words of advice. Your tube layout diagram probably won't be the same as the one we've illustrated. So, to avoid confusion,

FLOPPING PICTURES are due to poor vertical hold. Check the vertical hold control first. If it cannot lock the picture into place, test the vertical section tubes—vertical oscillator, vertical output. If trouble persists, check all of the sync tubes for defects

PICTURE OUT OF FOCUS is one trouble not tied to a bad tube. Find the focus control and reset it. At times, this may occur when yoke bracket works loose. Make certain that the yoke on the picture tube neck is pushed forward just as far as possible

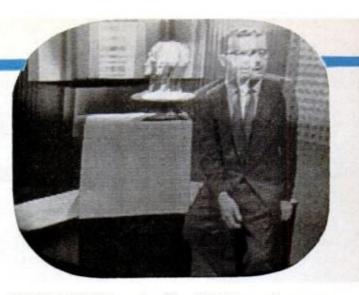




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LACK OF BRIGHTNESS is responsible for this dull, blackish picture. Make sure the brightness control is set properly, then check the video output tube. If neither of these help and set is about 3 years old, you'll probably have to replace picture tube



DOUBLE IMAGES, a familiar sight to most owners, are called ghosts. If you never had them before, inspect your antenna setup. The brackets may have loosened and the antenna moved out of position. If you've always had them, there's not much you can do

here's a short glossary of the terms used to identify tubes in your set:

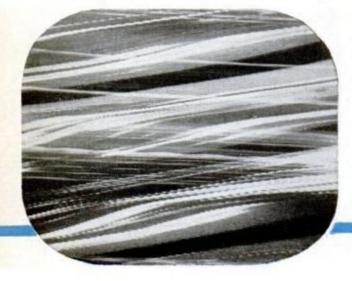
Horizontal tubes are often identified as HORIZ. Output tubes may be labeled as OUT and oscillator tubes as OSC. This results in such combinations as HORIZ OUT and HORIZ OSC. VERT is a common abbreviation for vertical; SYNC represents synchronization and SYNC CLIP is synchronization clipper.

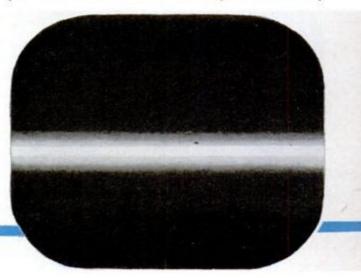
Picture circuits may be labeled PIX or VIDEO and sound circuits may be tagged SND or AUDIO. H.V. RECT is high voltage rectifier and L.V. RECT is low-voltage rectifier. SIL RECT is silicon rectifier.

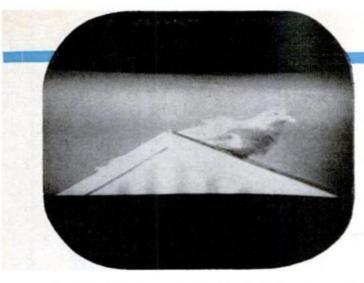
Toolwise, not much equipment will be necessary. You should have a screwdriver, socket wrench or pliers to remove the screws holding the back of the set in place and a long, insulated screwdriver for shorting out metal caps on the horizontal output and high-voltage rectifiers before removing them for testing.

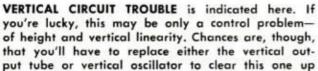
As you know, removing the back disconnects the set. Leave it this way as long as the back is off. Don't use a cheater cord.

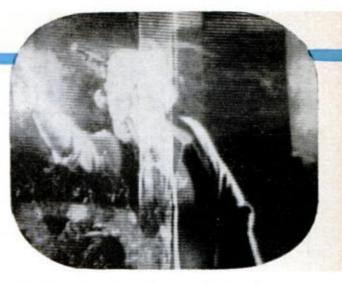
biagonal lines through the picture are the sure sign of no horizontal hold. Sometimes a turn of the horizontal hold control is all that's needed. Otherwise, check the horizontal output and oscillator tubes and any tubes labeled synchronization or sync CIRCUIT OR TUBE TROUBLE is indicated when this turns up on the screen. Adjusting controls won't help a bit. Test the horizontal oscillator and output tubes. If replacements won't restore picture, you have a circuit fault and require skilled help











HORIZONTAL FOLDOVER results in this strange looking picture. Occasionally a slight adjustment of the horizontal drive control will fix it; otherwise, you'll have to replace the horizontal output tube. In this event, replace oscillator tube, too

There are dangerous voltages inside that cabinet so don't go looking for trouble.

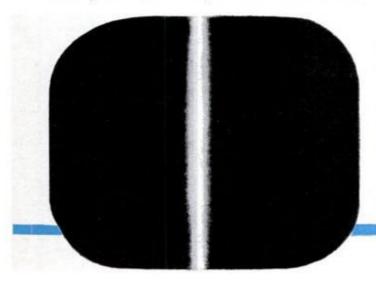
When you aren't sure if a particular tube is lighting or not, put the back in place and turn the set on. Let it stay on for four or five minutes and then remove the back again. Touch the suspected tube with your hand. If it isn't hot, it isn't good. Like any rule, however, there are exceptions. High-voltage rectifiers such as 1K3, 1B3 and 1X2 use very low filament voltages and it is hard to tell if they are lit or not. These tubes must be tested if the set

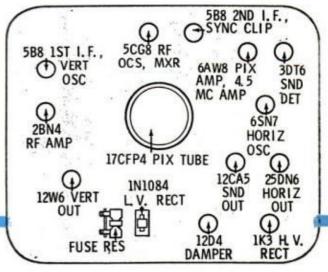
SINGLE VERTICAL LINE spells out trouble in the horizontal output circuit. Adjustments won't be of any use. If replacement of the horizontal oscillator and output tubes doesn't work, then you have a circuit problem. Give the job to a skilled technician

trouble makes them suspect.

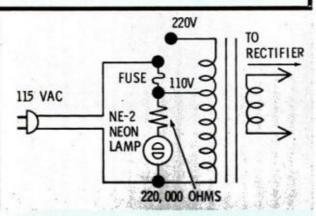
Naturally, tube changing will not solve all your TV troubles, but it will take care of a substantial percentage of them. Any problems that are not solved by tube changing must, of course, be referred to an experienced repairman. Also, keep in mind that when new tubes won't cure your troubles, the serviceman will probably have to remove the set from your home, so don't be too surprised when he says so. The rest of the time, fix the set yourself and keep down repair bills.

TYPICAL TUBE LAYOUT CHART looks like this. You should find the chart for your set attached to the back cover or just inside the cabinet. You may need a flashlight to read it. If you can't find the one for your set, request the manufacturer to supply it

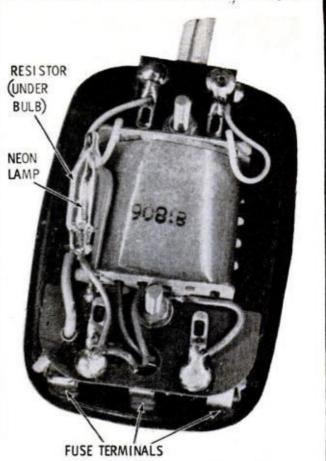




electronic kinks



PHOTOFLASH RECHARGERS a problem? Can't tell if a.c. is getting to the unit? Add a pilot light. All you need is a tiny NE-2 neon lamp and a 220,000-ohm ½-watt resistor hooked up as shown. Tuck the two small parts into some convenient corner and drill a small hole in the case, over the lamp.—Elmer C. Carlson



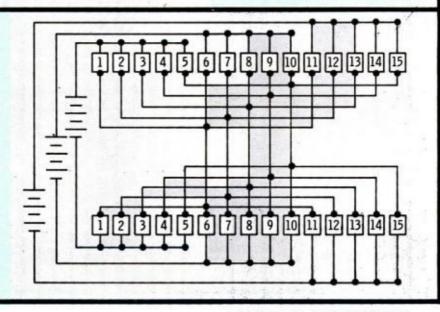
TOGGLE SWITCH

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FAIL-SAFE HEADLIGHT alarm tells you when you've forgotten to turn off the car headlights. Get out of the car with lights on and ignition off and the horn sounds a reminder. All you need is a 12-volt relay and a s.p.s.t. toggle switch hooked up as shown. By the way, explain it to your service station attendant—if you're not around, this can get confusing if he tests your headlights with the door open.—James M. Thorne

SAVE A HEAP OF WIRE by using eight conductors to make 15 circuits. Sounds impossible? Study the diagram and you'll see just how it's done. The only requirement is that three independent power supplies be used. These can be separate banks of batteries or separate a.c. stepdown transformers. Note that while some circuits share the same lines they are activated independently. Typical use is for remote signaling.—Joseph Braunstein



Look Back and . . . Smile

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target. Wind speed was 4 mph and the chute had a forward speed of 8. The way things looked, I might just overshoot it at that. Again a crackling in my ears: "Number One, you're coming in too fast. Turn around to slow down."

The ground was getting close. I was about 100 feet up and tearing in fast, or so it seemed. "Number One, turn into the wind and get ready to land"—my final instructions. I was turning before the voice stopped. An instant later, legs pressed firmly together, I plowed into the frozen ground, rolled over on my back and shoulders to take up the landing shock, regained my feet and collapsed the parachute. My first sport jump had been completed.

Human Glider in Free Fall

Some 20 jumps later I was ready for the real fun in skydiving: long-term free falls. My first lasted 30 seconds, a respectable amount of time in which to act the part of a human glider, traveling about 120 mph and in perfect control every second of the way.

This time the Norseman climbed to 7500 feet. From this height, you will fall more than 4600 feet in a 30-second delay before opening the chute. Once more, engine roar was cut back to a full rumble and I was in the door again. At this altitude the drop zone looked tiny indeed. The pilot cut the engine. I punched the stopwatch and leaped into space.

Body arched horizontally with the ground, I was ready to maneuver. Seconds ticked by while I reached gliding speed. It no longer felt as though I were falling. It was more like being a leaf wafted along on a midsummer breeze.

It was time to try a right turn. I lowered my right hand and pushed down against the rushing air. This deflected air to my left and my body glided around to the right. Like steering a ship, it takes a moment before your body starts turning. When I resumed the normal arch, it took another moment to stop turning.

I tried the same thing with my feet, turning them so both pointed to the left; again my body slowly began to turn. By resuming normal position, I could stop turning. Next, I tried a couple of left turns by reversing the procedure.

The clock told me that 22 seconds had gone. I was down to 3300 feet, according to the altimeter. Eight seconds later it was time to open the chute. I looked down for the ripcord, reached in with both hands, pulled it and started counting. The

chute opened smoothly. I began a gentle drift down the last 1500 feet to the target.

Landing was easy. The target was fairly close, about 20 feet off. I was in at the fringes of the cross. I have yet to hit that little 6-inch disc right on the nose, but I have come within a few feet of it. One of these days, I'll score a bull's-eye.

No Feeling of Falling

Looking back, there's something unreal about skydiving. Once you leave the plane and assume a good arch, you seem to be in a private world of your own. There is no real sensation of falling or, for that matter, of any real movement at all. The ground appears to move up steadily, but not fast enough to worry you. The only actual signs of movement are the wind rushing by, the stopwatch ticking off the seconds and the altimeter dial dropping toward zero. In fact, when you reach parachute-opening altitude, you tend to wonder if it's really necessary. Until you get within a few hundred feet of the ground, that feeling of falling isn't noticed.

How does all this differ from paratroop jumping? The Army spent 80 hours, at eight hours a day for two weeks, teaching us how to jump, how to operate the chute, and what to do in the event of an emergency such as the parachute not opening. Skydiving school required only three hours of ground training before making the first jump.

Military jumping required top physical condition—not a requirement for skydiving, although it helps. Military jumping never gave me any aches and pains, but I have spent a full week being stiff and sore after experiencing a hard landing on a sport jump.

In skydiving you open the chute yourself after a delay of as long as one minute—or more. You fall, controlled but free, from altitudes of 10,000 feet or above down to 2500 feet before opening your chute. Military jump altitude is 1000 feet with no delay in opening, although there are specialized groups of military skydivers which offer superior skills to meet certain situations.

One further point. Anyone can learn to skydive. It isn't difficult. But it is strenuous and the cost is fairly high. You'll spend \$35 making that first jump, including all equipment and training. By the time you make that first 30-second delay dive, using rented gear, your total cost will run between \$250 and \$325. With your own gear, the total charge should be substantially lower.

One thing is certain: You'll enjoy it thoroughly as a source of brand-new, unexpected sensations.



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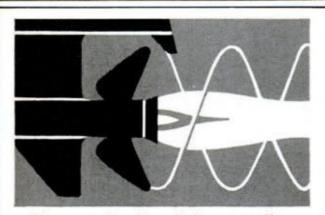
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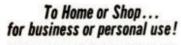
bell and cowcatcher. Begin this stage by cutting and fitting the seats, attaching these to the risers. Then screw the cab front panel to the seat end, fit and screw the cab frame in place and add the sides.

Boiler cradles and catwalks are detailed in Fig. 8, but before you place the catwalks, make and fit the boiler, stack and headlight as in Figs. 6 and 7. These parts are improvised from a lubricating oil drum for the boiler, Fig. 6; a milk strainer and short length of furnace smoke pipe for the stack; and a round mirror, a measuring cup and an enclosed box for the headlight, Fig. 7. The cut end of the lube drum is closed with a disc of plywood. A smaller disc of plywood is screwed to the large disc to serve as a number plate, Fig. 1.

Use house numerals for the numbering, which can be any combination that suits your fancy. Make the bell hanger, Fig. 1, and assemble the stack with its clamp in place before drilling the mounting holes in the boiler. Then use the clamp and the hanger as locating patterns. Construction of the headlight is clearly shown in Figs. 6 and 7. The boiler is held in place by a clamping bolt and wingnut, the bolt attached to a corner iron, Part No. 11, Figs. 1 and 2. Drill a slightly oversize hole for the bolt near the rear end of the boiler. Assemble the catwalks, dummy steam chest and valve gear, add the rails front and back and the bunker ends, Parts No. 25, Figs. 1 and 2, and then finish up with the cab roof and the cowcatcher, made as in Fig. 1. This readies the job for wiring, which includes installation of the 6-v. relays, Figs. 1 and 8.

The electrical system is 24-volt d.c. but is set up to provide 12 volts to actuate the 6-v. auto starter relays. Experimentation may be necessary to determine exact positioning of the wiper cams on the axle to give the correct "make-dwell-break" sequence for maximum power impulses to the solenoids. Note that No. 10 and 12 wire is used throughout the system. Be sure before trial that all connections are tight and that wipers are locked on the axle.

Trackage can be almost anything desired within the limits of the space available—straight or curved, straight across or lengthwise to the yard, or perhaps a large oval. Curves should not be less than 30 ft. radius. If trackage is laid more or less permanently on ballast, the rail ends may be joined with fishplates as in Fig. 8. Otherwise, just press rail ends into the grooves in the crossties, alternating the butt joints of the rails.



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Please Don't Eat the Oleander

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flowers. Seeds from wisteria pods are reported, in recent years, to have produced mild to severe digestive upsets in children. Wisteria is a relatively new addition to the list of poisonous plants.

• Yellow Oleander (Thevetia peruviana Schum.) is a shrub or small tree with a dense crown. A native of tropical America, it is also grown in the warmer sections of this country. It has yellow to dull orange flowers. Despite its name, it isn't a true oleander. All parts of the plant are said to be poisonous. Two of the compounds found in it act as heart stimulants.

• Larkspur (Delphinium species) is a tall spiked plant with feathery green leaves that's frequently planted in flower gardens. All varieties reportedly contain compounds that cause digestive upset and nervous excitement. In Western states, larkspur is said to cause more losses of cattle than any other poisonous plant except locoweed.

 Rhubarb (Rheum rhaponticum) is okay if you eat only the stalks, as countless rhubarb fanciers are well aware. But the leaves of the plant contain oxalic acid, which crystalizes in the kidneys, plugging and rupturing the tubules of the organ. Human deaths have occurred from using rhubarb leaves as food.

The plants mentioned above, as well as many others we didn't have space to list, have been with us for a long time. And they'll continue to be part of our environment. Obviously, it would be futile to try to rid our gardens of every suspected offender. But we can be aware of the danger and take precautions to safeguard children.

"The danger in a poisonous plant depends mainly on whether it is likely to be eaten," explains John M. Kingsbury, a botanist and expert on toxic plants. "The attractiveness of a plant is much less easily measured than its availability. Children tend to be attracted to berries and fleshy plant parts. Every child should be taught never to eat any part of a plant or any berry not commonly used as food."

More a Suburban Problem

"Any plant, unless known to be edible, must be considered toxic. Toddlers have to be constantly watched outdoors or kept behind a suitable barrier." That's the advice of Dr. Howard C. Mofenson, director of the Poison Control Center in Nassau County, N. Y. Like other suburban areas,

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the country has its share of plant poisonings. (Cities, with their general lack of vegetation and gardens, don't have as

great a problem.)

In 1964, Dr. Mofenson reports, there were 17 emergency cases treated at the hospital where the center is located. In addition, advice was given over the telephone in 191 other cases. Though most of the calls involved berries, a good share of them stemmed from the ingestion of mushrooms. You would think that the danger of eating wild mushrooms would be obvious, but some people never seem to learn.

An Unwise Present

One call involved castorbean seeds, which are extremely potent. Four seeds may prove to be a lethal dose for an adult. The castorbean contains ricin, a powerful poison that produces abdominal pain, diarrhea, loss of appetite and a burning sensation in mouth and throat.

The victims were three high school girls. One of them had received a Hawaiian necklace as a present and, naturally, wore it to school. Not only was it made of castorbeans, but it was poorly strung. It broke and the girl and her two friends chewed several of the interesting looking

beans. Fortunately, all three survived.

If you suspect plant poisoning, the first thing to do is call a doctor. Don't try to make the victim vomit unless the physician advises it.

You can prepare for an emergency by learning the names—preferably the scientific names—of all toxic plants in your neighborhood. You can get help in this by contacting your local poison control center or by writing to the department of agriculture in your state.

Another "Stonehenge" Found

A new "Stonehenge" has been discovered at Callanish, Scotland—on Lewis, the northernmost island of the Outer Hebrides.

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How to Keep Your Lawn Loyal

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to six years, apply agricultural limestone, preferably dolomitic (calcium and magnesium) at the rate of 50 to 75 pounds per 1000 square feet of ground. Your gardensupply dealer will have it.

3. Apply a strong dose of fertilizer— 10 to 15 pounds per 1000 square feet, if the first number on the bag is a 10. If it's less than 10, you'll need correspondingly more fertilizer.

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Mow closely, and rake the bare areas to loosen the soil. 5. Seed perennial grasses—bluegrasses and red fescue—in bare areas at the rate of one to two pounds per 1000 square feet, and rake lightly. If you live in map areas 2 or 3 you may plant stolons instead of sowing seed; it depends upon the type of grass you have, and the type you want to establish.

Water seeded areas lightly, and keep soil moist until seedlings are established.

7. Continue to mow whenever the older

grass requires it.

8. Early in the spring, apply a preemergent crabgrass killer, and another shot of fertilizer.

Is It Right—or Wrong—to Leave the Clippings on the Lawn?

If they are not too thick, grass clippings make a desirable mulch that retains moisture. They also decompose over a period of time to provide nutrients to the lawn. On the other hand, clippings that are too thick tend to smother the lawn and foster fungus diseases. A good rule of thumb, according to Dr. Juska, is to let the clippings lie 24 hours. If, from a short distance away, they have become invisible, you're better off to leave them. If they are still readily visible, they should be removed.

How About Fallen Leaves? Should Mulch—or Remove—Them?

If they sift down from the trees gradually, remain dry, and leave few traces after they are mulched, it is better to mulch them. They provide excellent humus for the grass. However, if they are so thick and wet that they remain in globs on the lawn, even after mulching, it is best to remove them. Often it is a good practice to rake and remove the leaves immediately under thick shade trees, and mulch the remainder of your lawn. If you mulch the leaves instead of removing them, you should add lime 1/3 to ½ again as frequently as normal, because decaying leaves tend to make the soil much more acid.

How Can I Tell Whether My Lawn Needs Lime?

The only certain method is to test your soil yourself or send a sample of it to your county agent, state agricultural college, or state department of agriculture for testing. In some states, such tests are made free; in others, there is a nominal charge, but you can be sure it will be nominal. (See next question for further information.) However, for about a buck you can get a soil-test kit that will tell you wheth-

er your lawn needs lime. It's a simple test that you can make in three minutes. If you need lime and your soil is sandy, you should apply ground agricultural limestone every two or three years. In clay soils, apply it every five or six years. The rate of application should be 50 to 75 pounds per 1000 square feet.

Where Can I Get Answers to Specific Questions About My Lawn?

Most homeowners fail to realize the information and help that is available to them at state and local levels. Every state publishes bulletins and other information to answer specific questions for particular areas. In most states this information comes from the state agricultural college. Furthermore, most states have extension services which go right down to the county level. Very likely there is a man in your county called a county agent or farm adviser (depending upon the state) whose function is to help answer questions concerning agricultural crops. And grass definitely is considered an agricultural crop; as a matter of fact, in terms of investment, more money is spent on turf than on corn, wheat, cotton or any other crop. In most cases, a call to the man at the county level will yield an answer to your specific question, or bring the man right to your home to analyze your problem. The titles of such public servants and the departments they represent vary from state to state. Try a local telephone listing for your state college of agriculture, or the department of agriculture for your state. If you still can't pin down your man, drop a postcard to your state department of agriculture, and ask for the name, address and phone number of your county agent or farm adviser.

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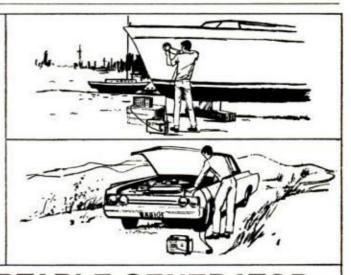
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Plumbing Double-Cross

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nearly every home. If the nozzle end is submerged in dirty water, a cross-connection is created. In filling a wading pool, watering a tree or drawing a pail of water, a hose end is often submerged.

A length of hose attached to your laundry-tub faucet creates the same condition as a submerged inlet. So does a kitchensink rinse hose, if the end is left in the sink. A shampoo rinse attachment slipped over the bathtub or lavatory faucet is a cross-connection whenever the spray head is left in the bowl.

While it is possible to use a hose without creating a cross-connection, people often forget. Therefore, the U.S. Public Health Service says that every faucet to which a hose will be attached should be equipped with a vacuum breaker. Then there's no need to worry about whether you've unhooked a hose each time you're through using it.

Jet-Action Toilets

Another cross-connection exists inside most toilet tanks. To prevent noisy splashing while filling, the toilet-tank water supply tube empties near the bottom of the tank. Thus it is submerged at all times. Because the water in a toilet tank ordinarily is not contaminated, this common cross-connection is too often taken lightly. However, in jet action toilets it is possible for tank water to become contaminated when a plumber's force cup is used to unclog a blocked-up bowl. The powerful plunging action in the bowl can force contaminated water back through its jet, up past the tank valve and into the tank. Then if a backflow from the toilet tank takes place, house drinking water can be contaminated.

Because there are a lot of "ifs" to toilettank cross-connections, many plumbers think they represent a relatively minor danger. For that reason, not all fixture manufacturers have made their toilet tanks fail-safe. Public health authorities advise that tanks should have antisiphon ballcock water supply valves. Part of this device sticks up out of the tank water and contains ports for air to enter in case of backsiphonage.

The new low-tank toilets all should be equipped with vacuum-breaker water supply valves. Their integral water storage tanks are partly below the bowl's rim. In the event of a bowl storage, contaminated water can flow by gravity from the full bowl into the near-empty tank.

Homes with water or steam boilers need special cross-connection protection. Other-

wise boiler chemicals can be back-siphoned through the boiler intake pipe into the house plumbing. Usually the installation of a double-check/double-gate valve type of backflow-preventer at the boiler water intake does the job. This unit has multiple drain cocks for periodic tests of its effectiveness.

Label Cistern Water

Homes using nonpotable cistern water at some faucets have special cross-connection problems. Separate water systems containing pure and impure water should never be piped into each other, even with a valve between. Valves too often leak or are left open by mistake. Neither should impure cistern water and potable water be piped into a combination mixer faucet. Instead, the two water systems should have separate faucets.

A faucet serving nonpotable drinking water should be clearly labeled to prevent accidentally drinking from it. Also, pipes carrying nonpotable water should be painted yellow to prevent accidental connection to fresh-water pipes.

Owners of farm homes should look for cross-connections between house plumbing and watering tanks, cleaning tanks, cooling tanks, slop tubs, livestock watering systems, water storage tanks and auxiliary nonpotable water pumping systems.

If your home plumbing inspection tour turns up anything that looks like a cross-connection, call a plumber. Have him check it and recommend corrective measures. While the danger from some cross-connections may seem remote, the possibility is still there. As the U.S. Public Health Service says, any chance with your family's health or your community's health is too much to take. Before you realize what's happened, it may be too late. ***

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before winding on 1200 ohms' worth of #40 Nylclad magnet wire. A ¼-lb. spool should do it, but you determine the amount with an ohmmeter, since the frequency response changes if you wind on too little or too much. For the winding, pin the assembly to a block of wood chucked in a lathe; it'd take you forever by hand.

Use short lengths of stranded hookup wire for leads. Cement the wire's insulation into the pickup body so the leads won't pull out. Close in the pickup with thin phenolic covers and wrap the whole unit in aluminum foil, rubber-cemented in place; leave a tab of foil to twist up in the wire that comes from the outside windings of the pickup. Cement the foil-covered pickup into a recess which you can now mark and cut to fit it—making it deep enough to provide the proper clearance between the top of the pickup and the strings. You can check this by laying a straightedge across the bridge and nut.

The control panel and end plate can be cut from \(^1\sigma^-\)in. hardboard—or more elegant opaque plastic, if you've some on hand. The plates are similar, except that there's only one \(^3\sigma^-\)in. hole in the end one.

When you install the machine heads (available from any musical supply house) in the headstock, note the position of the worm drive. Measure off the bridge location from the nut, as shown; this is a critical dimension for pitch-it shouldn't be over 223/4 in. or under 2211/16 in. Note there's a grounding lug under one of the screws; feed a bit of hook-up wire from it to the outside braid of the pickup cable. Wire up the control pots and the phone jack as shown in the schematic on page 131, and screw their plates in place. The guitar plays through any standard amplifier and speaker system. In stringing and tuning it follow the diagram just below the wiring schematic, bearing in mind that in each group the lightest-weight string is located farthest from the player.

After tuning, pull lightly on all strings, to take out the initial stretch, and retune. They'll stay tuned, now. Check the level of the strings by laying the steel bar across them. Squeaks mean a high string. Loosen it and file its nut groove a bit deeper—a touch-up operation that's necessary because the diameters of strings vary.

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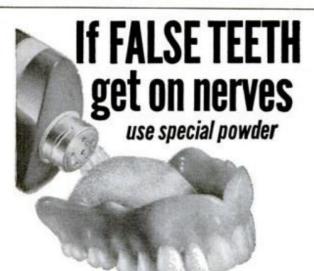
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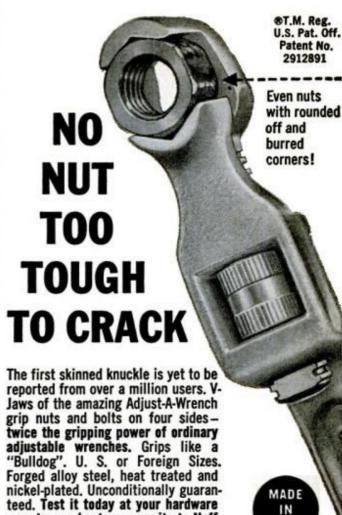
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Swamped with Boating Laws

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friend" to 5½ hp, they found they'd lost much of the state of Ohio as a market. A 5 hp limit had been imposed on many of Ohio's lakes. So the manufacturers figured out a simple carburetor restriction, scratched out the "½" in "5½" and shipped to the Buckeye State a batch of motors that, for as long as the law lasted, were mockingly known as "Ohio Fives." Owners, of course, simply removed the carburetor restriction and restored the power they'd lost.

In the opinion of the Outboard Boating Club, such limitations on horsepower can be "patently unsafe . . . because in bad weather a motorboat will require as much horsepower as the hull can safely accommodate in order to hold a course. . . or to assist other boats."

Even though OBC's announcements tend to be influenced by its manufacturer members (who you could hardly expect would carry on a crusade against horsepower) this organization is still about the only one that consistently carries the flag for boatsmen, and its point of view is worth considering. The fact is the OBC's "Horsepower Curve," which recommends a proper combination of horsepower to hull, is claimed by some as being too conservative.

Nuisance Regulations

Twenty-two states now call for the registering—for a fee, of course—of all boats powered with a motor of 10 hp or more. And so, outboard manufacturers have brought out a flock of new motors ranging from 9 to 9.8 hp.

These scaled-down motors have been designed for the thousands of fishermen-boaters who merely want to go fishing in their spare time instead of spending it filling out forms, writing checks, mailing letters, and buying license numbers and attaching them to their boats, and complying with other nuisance regulations.

In some states such as California a boat owner is now a law violator if he merely fails to report to a state agency, at a particular address, in writing, and within five days, that he has sold his boat, or within 15 days if he has junked it, or within 30 days if he has simply changed his address! The penalty? Not more than a fine of \$50 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than five days for each violation.

Boating was a lot of fun only a few years ago, an innocent hobby. Today it is becoming an invitation to being fined or jailed if you forget to observe a lot of fine print. Many local boating regulations are made by local lawmakers, and often their judgment is about as helpful as the Ladies' Aid at a missile launching. There's the case of the little town in America's water-blessed Dairyland where the law demanded there be no more people than seats in a boat. So, the story goes, a trailerboating vacationist was fined for cruising, all alone, in a Snipe-class sailboat. No seat, you see.

In another case the city fathers of a West Coast town instructed the harbor police to enforce a local version of the U.S. buoyage system and to issue citations to small craft operators who passed a black-and-white mid-channel marker "on the wrong side."

It's hard to say how many operators forfeited a \$27 bail until one of them adjourned to court and pointed out that the international rule for a mid-channel marker is ". . . pass on either side, close aboard." The judge dismissed the charge, ending that annoyance.

You Need a Lawyer

In the list of "ideal boating laws" optimistically prepared by OBC, one of the most urgent recommendations is "no local control." As one OBC official points out, "Where every township and village can make laws for the nearby waters, it's not really safe to go boating unless you have a lawyer on board. Recreational waters in any state should be governed by the state, and state laws should agree with federal laws whenever possible."

Another time when a lawyer is needed on board is when you haul your boat across a state line. This becomes a real legal jungle. On some Colorado and Arizona waters, for instance, you can makedo with nearly any life belt (one per person) but in some other states only Coast Guard-approved lifesaving devices are allowed. Utah requires an anchor and line for each boat; most states don't. Many states demand a paddle or oars on all small craft; in Wyoming these items are required only after dark!

The trailer on which you tow your boat across a state line may be legal in your home state but not in the state you are visiting. Some states require only one red tail lamp, others call for two lamps. Again, in some states you are required to have trailer directional signals and a safety chain. Speed limit for a boat trailer also depends on where you are, from 50 mph in some states to as much as 70 mph permitted by statute in others.

The states got their big start in the boating business under the Federal Boating Act of 1958, which had been carefully

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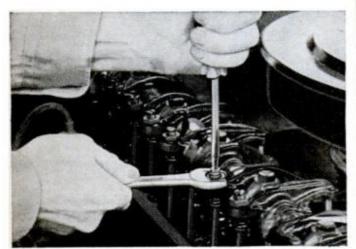


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Swamped with Boating Laws

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worked out to protect boaters from sea to shining sea. The law empowered the states to act for the federal government—and to charge fees for doing so—in the registering of small craft.

Boatsmen were enthusiastic about the law at first, then became disenchanted by the way some state bureaucracies took

over its administration.

Double-Billed for Tax

And suddenly the boat owners began getting personal property taxes for their boats. Some lucky souls got *two* bills, one from the county they lived in, one from the county they moored in.

One irate taxpayer tried to fight the

new assessment with simple logic.

"I've owned a boat for 12 years," he told officials. "I've never been taxed for it before. What's more, my neighbor has a fortune in golfing equipment. Another has bowling balls and trampolines. They're not taxed. How come I get assessed for recreational equipment I've owned for years?"

"Same answer to all your questions, sir," said the collector with bureaucratic blandness. "We don't know who owns golf clubs or trampolines, so we don't tax them. But now that the state is registering boats, we have a list of all the boat owners in the county. So now we're taxing your boat. Next, please?"

It's just one more variation of the basic constant: any kind of bureaucratic solicitude usually winds up as a stranglehold—and if you don't believe us, ask any

Navajo.

It's a dreary picture, but not an entirely

hopeless one.

Those gentlemen who enact legislation, who appoint small craft officials and do endless other good deeds for the public, are vote-conscious and pressure-sensitive.

They'll respond to indignant campaigns by organized boating clubs and dealer or-

Every politician, from senator to town constable, must constantly be reminded

that boaters are voters.

A lot of steadying with that kind of ballast by boater-voters and boating regulations, and taxes can be placed on an even keel, now and for the future.

For a list of state and territorial agencies responsible for boat numbering and safety laws, write the Outboard Boating Club of America, 307 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. This organization also has regional Handbooks of Boating Laws covering the southern, north central, northeastern and western sections of the United States and priced at \$1 each.

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it in any direction.

"The most comfortable car we ever drove; I'm sold."—Illinois minister.

"Big-car ride, excellent stability."—

Michigan plant controller.

In a car more than 17 feet long you wouldn't expect a sports car ride. It is big.

"This wagon has been converted to an ambulance. Even our patients (who are hypersensitive) remark on the fine ride."—Michigan mortician.

"Gauges and speedometer are very easy to read."—New York claims adjuster.

As easy as anything out of Detroit, but moving the gradations to the outside edge of the dial would help still more.

We haven't reached heaven on earth, however, so there are complaints to record, too. Here are five:

"Low gas mileage (13 mpg overall) and high oil consumption."—Missouri high

school principal.

That fuel figure isn't bad for a 330-hp, 383-inch V8 unless you are a cautious driver. Our results were worse.

"Slight problem with minor rusting on body."—Michigan technical manager.

I don't think that's merely a slight problem when it crops up in 2300 miles.

"Very poor paint job; bad body finish."

--Michigan clerk (for Chrysler Corp.).

"Paint started to rust in two months and the car is garaged every night."—Pennsylvania investment counselor.

"Loose trim around the windshield makes a terrible noise."—Kansas housewife.

"Car rattles more than other cars I have driven."—Georgia insurance agent.

Makes you wonder whether the test Fury we got was a special job getting special care on the assembly line.

"Workmanship is poor. Practically every bolt and screw inside and out was loose." —New York computer programmer.

"Quality check not so good; windows rattle."—New Jersey pipefitter.

The Dodge with the 121-inch wheelbase and the big Ford and Chevy all earned more workmanship-and-assembly complaints; the full-size Olds drew fewer.

"I don't know the reason for the wind noise, but it's the most troublesome feature of the car. Conversation impossible at freeway speeds."—Iowa teacher.

"I'd like to see somebody make vent windows less noisy."—Virginia machinist.

Farther down the list are another five praiseworthy features. Here's what the owners have to say about these factors: "I decided against Ford, Merc and Chevy because of the spaciousness of the Fury— North Dakota mechanical engineer.

And we found headroom generous, although a few owners disagreed.

"Engine and transmission seem troublefree, smooth and quiet—except for the sound of plenty of power."—Illinois railroad freight agent.

He's talking about the two-barrel 383 V8 with automatic. Our 4-bbl. 383 was smooth, too, but surged during hard right bends.

"I have power steering and it handles like a dream."—Kentucky mechanic.

Handling should be credited to torsion bar suspension as much as anything. I find power steering blocks off any feel of the road. The advantage: a faster ratio.

"I get a good view; you sure can see well over the steering wheel."—Retired Indianan.

The bench seat is just a touch higher than the buckets. That and the lower hood line help vision.

"Nicest interior of any car I have ever owned. Plush—sporty—comfortable."—Iowa manufacturing engineer.

Not everybody is so enthusiastic about either the steering or the seats, although the number of complaints trails the number of praises. Here are samples of five more items from the brickbat list:

"I have power steering. The car has wanderlust; needs continual wheel correction."—Rhode Island boilermaker.

A system that makes the driver do more of the work could be preferable.

"I've had trouble with the water pump, transmission adjustment, and an electrical short."—Michigan clerk.

"Engine surges at 50-60 mph. Dealer says this is common with 318-cube engine."—Georgia civil service worker.

I'd be more likely to blame it on the carburetor. We had a bit of the same problem.

"Dashboard finish is rough."—Nebraska insurance manager.

If you're talking about the crackle finish, don't complain. It keeps glare out of your eyes.

"Door locks don't work too well after rain or snow."—Ohio salesman.

"Vinyl upholstery is hot in summer, cold in winter."—New York traffic manager.

You want washable upholstery with the comfort of woven fabric? Plastic with a short nap might do it, but it sounds like money.

Here's a final group of features owners praised, reported in their own words:

"I've had Plymouth products since '32 and got good service from them all."— Tennessee securities salesman. No matter what make you talk about that shows either a high degree of luck or a low degree of expectation.

"It's not in a garage every five minutes. Most new cars have kinks to be ironed out, but so far this one is perfect."—Vermont beautician.

Plymouths can be problems, too, but it's less likely that this will happen late in the model run.

"Seems solidly built; not too many rattles and squeaks noticed so far."—Retired Michigan man.

"My upholstery is rich looking and it's very easy to clean."—Minnesota paper-hanger.

Ah-and is it also hot in summer?

"Vertical headlamps seem to give as good light spread as the horizontal and the car looks as if it were wider."—Alabama mechanic.

Congratulations. You've duplicated the styling department thinking exactly.

"I like the upkeep costs—haven't had any."—Retired Indianan.

We'll close with the dark side. Here are samples illustrating the last group of complaints heard from the owners we surveyed.

"The ceiling is too low. I can't wear my western hat."—New Mexico telegrapher.

Shucks, podner, hang it on the antenna. "Manual transmission locked up but was repaired under warranty."—Maryland secretary.

"Bumpers are too close to the body for protection: the bumper has lost its function."—New York model builder.

"As on all cars, the bumpers, although attractive, are more decorative than functional."—New Jersey accountant.

We'd still be relatively safe from body damage if bumpers were strong. But Flexible and Close make a bad combination for most of us.

"Hood ornament looks as if it's made out of a coat hanger."—Kansas home-maker.

What'll you bet Plymouth thought it would remind you of luxury?

"My '59 Plymouth had better styling; now they've tried to copy GM."—Illinois factory supervisor.

For my money, they're midway between Ford's sharp edges and GM's bulbous curves.

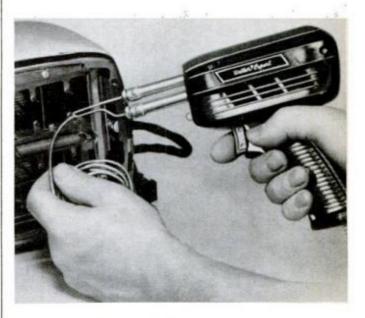
"I get carburetor icing on damp mornings until the car warms up."—Maryland chemical engineer.

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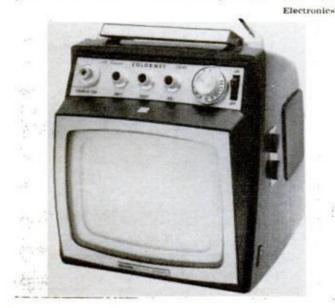
Consumer Products Div., color set production for 1965 is anticipated at 2.2 million sets. In 1966, it will be nudging 3 million and could be higher if color tube manufacturers manage to get their plants rolling. By the end of 1968, more than 15 million families will be watching color sets. That means one out of every four sets will be color. In dollars, color will account for more sales than black-and-white sets starting this year.

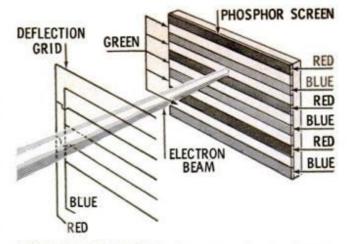
Just a short while ago I spent a number of color TV viewing hours with GE's little 11-inch set and Sylvania's big 25-inch set. Amazing as it may seem the little portable delivers good color pictures indoors and out at locations close to and far from the transmitter. The best way to define range of the set is to say that any location where you can get good black and white pictures with a conventional set, the portable will deliver good color pictures. Also, that small screen seems to deliver a brighter picture than that available from any of the larger-screen sets.

The 25-inch screen was a monster by comparison. But even close-up viewing showed pictures sharp and clear. For the viewer who really likes to be a part of the picture the 25-inch screen is worth the extra dollars you'll spend for it.

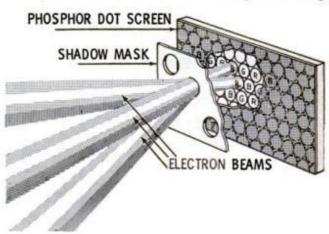
Let me take time out here for a note about reception requirements for good color. First, color depends upon ghost-free pictures. A ghost which is tolerable in a black and white picture becomes unbear-

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able in color. This happens because color ghosts cause color mixing and blending, creating strangely hued faces and, in general, destroying the picture quality. On a set tried here in *PM* offices using an indoor antenna, ghosts made color pictures unpleasant to watch.

Antenna systems are another area in which color sets are having a strong influence. The trend seems to be toward antennas designed to be used with coaxial cable. This makes the impedance of the antenna 72 ohms, rather than the conventional 300 ohms of the familiar flat TV lead-in. The change is in the works now with one set manufacturer (GE) already offering a choice of input terminals on the set and one antenna manufacturer (Jerrold) pushing the antenna system.

The new antennas improve color viewing, by eliminating all pickup of noise and other interference by the lead-in. The shielded cable does this.

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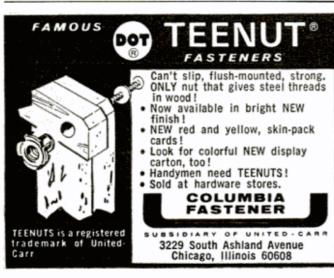
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deposits, charting current changes, exploring—perhaps even salvaging—ancient wrecks. The operator, probably linked by cable in this case, could control his automaton from a ship miles above. Similarly, far-flung scientific outposts in the arctic, jungle, or desert could be manned and run by radio-controlled CAMs, their human masters comfortably lodged hundreds of miles away.

Useful on the Moon?

Employing CAMs to aid space exploration opens up the most dramatic possibilities. Once established on the moon, astronauts could use CAMs to explore the terrain, pick up crash-landed supplies, repair data transmitting equipment. CAMs could even build, staff and operate other moon stations, guided by the movements of spacemen strapped to follower racks deep within a safe shelter or even orbiting in a rocket.

The idea of CAMs originated nine years ago when the General Electric Co. was in need of an especially delicate manipulator to handle experiments with an atomic aircraft engine. Manipulators with the theoretical dexterity to turn screws, fit parts and assemble close-tolerance components were available. But they always turned out to be clumsier and more inefficient than expected. The company asked Mosher, a mechanical engineer in the General Engineering Laboratory, to try to design a manipulator that could handle the task.

"I realized that after a certain point improvements in mechanical dexterity added little to a manipulator's performance," says Mosher. "So I began wondering why a human being is so efficient and a slave robot so awkward. Soon it was obvious that the manipulator's operator was missing what he ordinarily experiences, a sense of feel."

Mosher toyed with several methods of restoring a tactile sense to a manipulator's operator before he hit on force feedback. The idea itself wasn't new; power steering, for example, which became popular in the early 1950s, uses the same principle. But no one had ever applied it to a high performance slave robot. When Mosher did, the difference was dramatic. "We didn't just make a better manipulator," he says. "Adding touch created an entirely new kind of robot."

From Mosher's work came Handyman, a pair of arms with pincer hands sensitive enough to pack eggs, strong enough to crush golf balls, and adroit enough to light a match. The robot proved to be the most effective linking of man to manipulator ever built.

But it did have serious drawbacks. One was the electronic force feedback system, which used sensors in the robot's pincers and arms to pick up and relay stress. The electronic equipment was bulky and far too complex to be practical. In addition, the cost of the servo mechanisms and follower racks was prohibitive for anything but specialized projects. General Electric put Handyman and similar CAMs to work in its own plants. But their complexity and expense nixed plans for continued development.

Then, Army tactical problems, especially those growing out of the Vietnam conflict, revived interest in the robots. Tanks, trucks, mobile guns and other vehicles work fine on even rarely traveled trails. But muddy or potholed roads of a 10 percent grade or more often stop them in their tracks. Millions of dollars worth of high-horsepower equipment becomes hopelessly mired in spots where a mule or horse could walk through easily. Worse, brush-fire skirmishes often occur where there are no roads and equipment has to be laboriously carried in by hand.

To get more mobility from military hardware, the U.S. Tank and Automotive Center in Michigan had experimented for years with hopping, creeping, jumping and walking vehicles. All had been too clumsy and mechanically complex to really be efficient. Then, three years ago, top brass heard of Handyman and asked GE if the idea of force feedback could be used to develop a truly practical walking machine.

The company asked Mosher to find out. Substituting a more efficient and simpler hydraulic feedback system for the electronic relays, he came up with the Pedipulator, built in 1964. The machine proved beyond a doubt that a man could master a walking CAM. "In fact, I'm personally convinced that biped CAMs can ski," says Mosher.

Army to Test Four-legged Unit

Impressed, the Army studied the full potentials of CAMs. Result: The Department of Defense and the Army Tank and Automotive Center asked GE to investigate the possibilities of constructing a semiamphibious four-legged, cargo-carrying CAM.

There appear to be several reasons for the Army's interest in a quadruped, all involving tactical usefulness. A fourlegged CAM can't be knocked over as easily as a biped. Its silhouette will be

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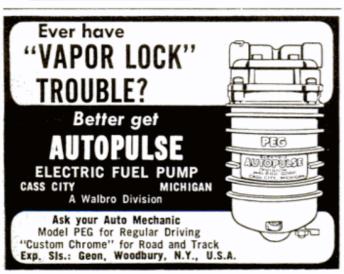
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lower, making travel through low-lying jungle underbrush easier. Then, most important, a quadruped will be able to carry (on its back) more equipment than a biped could.

If plans for this CAM are approved, the final machine will probably shape up something like this: The quadruped will be about 4 feet wide, 10 feet long and 10 feet tall. The operator, in a cab at the robot's head, will sit upright and use a crawling motion to run the vehicle, his legs governing the robot's hind members, his arms controlling the forelegs. The cargo rack, directly behind the control cab, will take a payload of 500 pounds. A gas turbine engine will probably power the hydraulic servo and feedback system. The CAM will travel at about the speed of a man's brisk walk.

Eyeing the Civilian Market

Even though GE is currently focusing on a quadruped, there's little doubt work will continue on a biped CAM, too. Since much of the research and development needed to build the quadruped can be applied to a biped as well, spin-off from military-oriented research will probably hasten the appearance of economical two and four legged CAMs on the civilian market.

Far-out scientific speculation suggests the next big, if distant, step in CAM development. Simply thinking a movement sends a small electrical current to the muscles normally used for that motion, a current that present medical technology can pick up from the skin. With electronic sensors replacing follower racks, a man might someday be able to control his CAM by just thinking an action. The force feedback, in this case, would have to be induced in his muscles by a current sent directly by the CAM instead of the operator's brain. If and when this development ever arrives, most physical work, from painting a house to fighting a war, could be done from comfortable armchairs. ★★★

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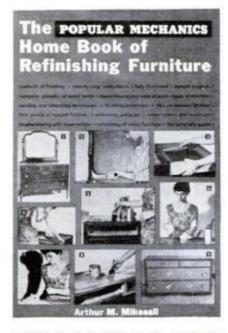
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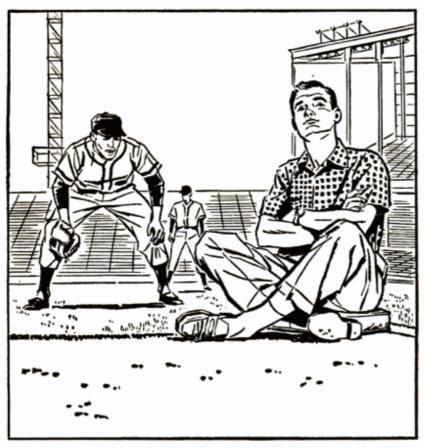
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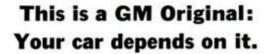
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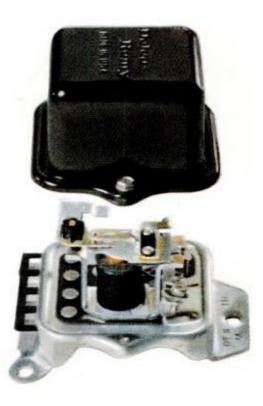


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