

Winter Projects Discussed

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Here is a project which will interest Girl Scout groups, mothers with homebound children, or the homemaker who gets a kick out of trying a new idea on a quiet wintry day at home.

Try making a character doll out of a dried apple. This method of making a character doll's head comes from our grandmother's day.

First, peel an apple carefully. Then carve out the features. It is important to make these features "on the large side", as they will shrink up in the drying process.

A SMALL HEADED clove should be pushed in for the eyes. Dry the apple on a blotter, and at intervals use your hands to emphasize the features.

When dry the apple will result in an interesting face such as you associate with old peasants. When the apple is completely dry, finish the face with a touch of color.

high on the cheeks and lips. Lacquer the entire head. You may attach woolly hair and eye brows while the lacquer is wet.

As for dressing the doll, you may wish to use a wooden dowel, stuffing and pipe cleaners for the arms and legs. Be sure to style the clothing to match your doll's "advanced years".

IT HAS BEEN a privilege to visit the posy corner of Mrs. Douglas Sewell on Bloomfield court. This new, handsome addition is on the southwest corner of their home. The room itself, due to its outside boundary limitations, is the shape of a piece of pie with the largest width measure being around six feet. It curves in to three feet. The room is entered from the dining room.

Our indoor plant hobblist assists her husband with his business within their home. This opportunity for a challenging hobby, near the phone, makes Mrs. Sewell very happy.

ers and buds. Gloxinias should be showing their buds soon.

To supplement the pleasure in this posy corner are parakeets, goldfish (for humidity) and among the neat pots you spot the collection of china cats which has been a hobby of many years.

TO ASSIST her hostess, I suggested that she visit two or three of our fine indoor plantamen, and visit a couple of our successful local home orchid growers.

On her garden shelf with the fine records Mrs. Sewell is making of her plant performances, she will want to have for permanent reference "Growing Plants Under Artificial Light" by Peggie Schultz, and "Greenhouse Gardening for Everyone", by Ernest Chabot.

WITHIN THIS well-planned, compact garden room are three generous shelves where the light is supplemented on dull days with three separate 40 watt fluorescent tubes. Tulips are breaking through the soil, having been stored in their attic.

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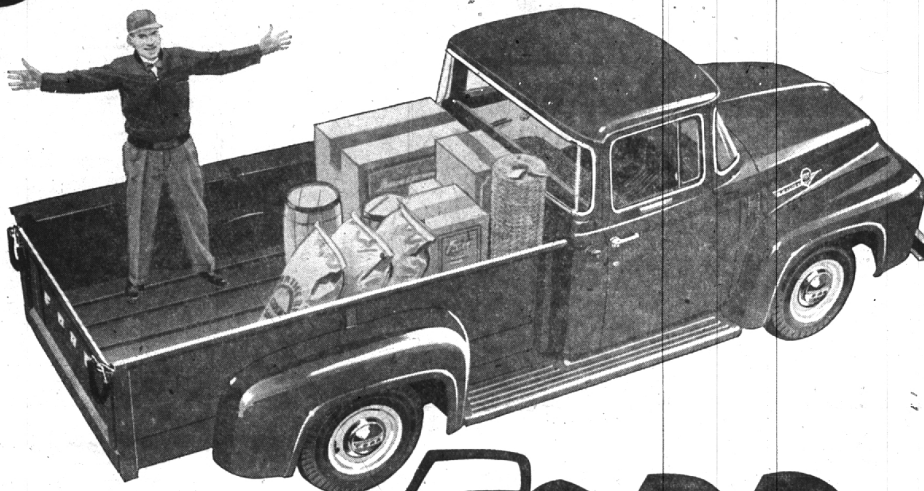
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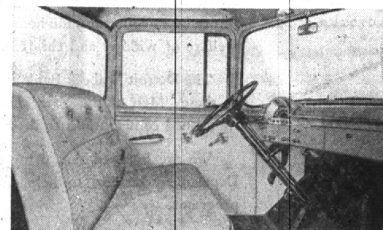
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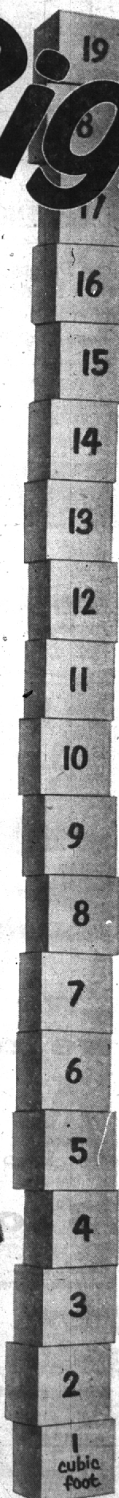
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