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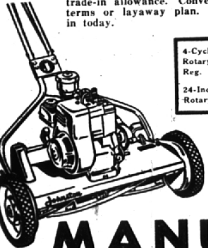
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near Goodhart, Michigan, and would like to say as a method of starting this small writing that—

- WISDOM—is knowing what to do
- SKILL—is knowing how to do it
- VIRTUE—is in not doing it.

Now this beginning leaves us in a predicament because:

- We are not wise (see above)
- We are not skilled (see above)
- We are not virtuous (We must do it)

SO—the corn is growing!

In case it rains a lot we know where you can get a fine foot scraper—or rather, a fine shoe scraper for a buck 29, to scrape the mud off. In case you are well-to-do there is one for \$1.98 which includes a brush for the uppers. (also applies a slight polishing effect)—Definitely for the upper crust.

Do you have tender needs? This same shop has a NEE GUARD (2 in fact) for \$2.35 for both needs.

Hot weather will make the J.B.Y. ice tea cooler (or hot coffee warmer) a necessary item when you are entertaining. A beautifully designed ceramic container and base (2 piece) with a modern push button faucet (ugh) in soft green foliage motif with off pink grapes and pears of an off eggshell white base. And the bridesmaid wore—oh oh—the price is only \$14.50 each—and there is only one (J.B.T. means John B. Taylor, California).

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These carts of brown wicker from brown wicker trees are in our way now that Christmas is here. We suggest that you and subdivision neighbors get together and buy one. We will accept invitations to the party.

The last item we reserved until last because we are reluctant to let anyone buy it. It was here when we acquired this little dump over 15 years ago and it is still here. I could pump up a football or basketball but you will find it "indispensable" if you want to separate the ham bone from the ham. For that purpose we will sell it for \$2.00. Assan antique it will cost you \$3.05.

The warm sun up here and the cool breeze and the absence of a telephone have contributed to the brilliance of this small writing. Soon we will be back, hot, tired, frustrated, and we hope, in the groove.

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Don't Let Scorched Lawn-Burn You Up!

Every summer about this time the home gardener looks disgustedly at his scorched lawn, and then looks skyward and shakes his fist at the sun.
The chances are, however, his own garden hose may be more responsible for the scorching of his lawn than the sun. In either case, the cool-headed home gardener should remember that the best "cure" for a scorched lawn is in an adequate plan of prevention.
Among the major scorching preventative are timing, proper liming and fertilizing. A healthy, well-nourished and thick stand of grass resists the scorching rays of the sun, helping the soil at the roots to retain moisture.
When lawn scorching is mentioned, the first thing that comes to mind is water. Is the lawn getting enough water? Chances are it's

getting too many sprinklings and too little real moisture.
IN NON-DROUGHT regions authorities point out that lawns on very sandy soil, portions of lawns open to southern exposure, lawns on generally poor soil, or in some cases, lawns on very hard soil, are more likely than most to benefit from watering.
Watering, as a means of rehabilitating a scorched lawn or area, should not be undertaken until whitening is discovered. When such an area is detected, saturate it with a gentle, continuous flow of water as slowly as possible to prevent runoff.
If the scorched area is particularly sunken, it should be loosened with a rake or aerated with a spike roller to permit the moisture to get to the roots where it is needed most.
Unless the watering is done on a gentle saturation basis so that it gets down at least six inches below the surface, it will do little, if any, good.
ACTUALLY, one good watering of two to three hours every 5 to 10 days, should be sufficient for most any non-drought area lawn. Excessive watering of a weed or crabgrass infested lawn simply encourages weed growth that will drink up moisture needed for turf rehabilitation.
Another major lawn scorching

preventative is in the mowing of the grass. During dry spells or if the lawn is scorched, mowing should be done only when the grass has reached a height of over two inches and then the blade should be set so that only one-third of the grass stem is cut. This will help the lawn to recover more quickly.
Avoid mowing scorched areas all together.
If a particular scorched area refuses to respond to methodical watering, discuss with a local garden supply dealer some of the reliable grass re-vitalizers. It may just be that your lawn is afflicted with a fungus and is not actually scorched. Many funguses appear as scorched areas, while in fact the area is diseased and not burned. Here again, your garden supply dealer can advise you.
SCORCHED AREAS that do not respond to watering or chemical treatment should be turned over with a spade, raked and re-seeded. When re-seeding in mid-summer, a recommended way is to place moist—but not soaking—burial over the freshly planted area by day—removing the cover at night. This miniature hot house technique will "pull" the new grass up at a faster rate, while at the same time keeping off the direct rays of the sun.
In brief, then, to deal with the scorched lawn problem:
(1) Conduct proper and adequate liming and fertilizing spring and fall.
(2) Get professional advice to determine whether the burned area is diseased.
(3) Apply gentle, thorough watering to scorched areas.
(4) If watering fails, employ chemical re-vitalizers.
(5) Scorched areas that can not be "brought back" should be re-seeded.
(6) Do not mow scorched areas. Do not cut more than a third of the grass stem at one mowing.

Newest Design For Combined Barbecue-Patio

Newest design for a combined outdoor barbecue and patio area is to build a circular barbecue pit of old brick, then build a wood deck around the pit, with the brick level about two feet above the floor level.
Decking can be durable, yet attractive, if designed in sturdy Douglas fir 2x6 planking which is supported by heavier framework. Banquette seats around the edge of the patio, made of the same fir dimension lumber, increases seating without taking up patio deck area with chairs.

Methuselah Piker

Methuselah lived 900 years, but was only a piker compared to the oldest living thing on earth, a 4,600-year-old-bristlecone pine tree growing in the White Mountains of California. Largely, the tree is dead, but strips of bark protect living tissue. Several other pines in the same area are 4,000 years old. Here is another example of the amazing long life of wood.

Staggered Fences Provide Privacy

No privacy! This is the legitimate complaint of many folks whose homes are located so close to the street, that passers-by can stare right into their living room.

There's a cure for this condition which offers special relief for owners of a row house.
An architect has fashioned attractive paneled fences which are built in separate sections with alternate sections staggered to give additional illusion of depth. The panels are about eight feet or more in length. One is installed directly in front of the entrance door, but close to the sidewalk line. Others follow along the sidewalk line. The staggered effect is attractive and provides a shadow line effect.

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The incidence of user demand which follows with the rise of the thermometer.
Everyone requires water, and there is almost always enough at all times.
The home gardener who needs water to keep his lawn and flowers healthy is a cooperative sort who realizes that, when the need arises, he must ration himself when it comes to sprinkling.
Many communities have legal

Chemicals Help

Chemicals can help rid lawns of crabgrass. Use materials containing either ethyl mercury acetate or disodium methyl arsenate according to directions. For best results, spray the grass before it gets more than 2 inches high, recommend weed control specialists at Michigan State University.

BY THIS METHOD you prevent people looking directly into your home and you form a miniature courtyard which, thanks to the fence, can even be used as an outdoor living area. The fence can be built of western red cedar boards and dimension lumber of Douglas fir. Either is inexpensive and both take stain and paints very well.

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