

HOMEMAKING

Cherry Wood Suits Restrained Styling

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Cherry is today one of the favored hardwoods, says the Home Furnishings Industry Committee. The species most commonly used is the Wild Black cherry, which is found largely in the Appalachian areas of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, as well as parts of Europe.

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Potatoes Sell Best Among Vegetables

Potatoes are the nation's best selling vegetable. Americans never seem to tire of them for breakfast, lunch, dinner or between meals.

Today about one of every four bags of potatoes is converted into a processed form reports the district extension agent, Mrs. Josephine Lawrence. In 1963, this amounted to 54 million hundred-pound bags—more than twice as many as were processed in 1962.

This increase in processed potatoes is regarded as the main reason why use of potatoes has continued at about 100 pounds per person each year over a number of years.

FRESH POTATOES are recognized as an excellent source of Vitamin C (ascorbic acid). One potato provides approximately one-third the ascorbic acid required for an adult man.

Recent research at Montana State College shows that fresh cooked potato products contain 2½ to 5 times more ascorbic acid than any of the dehydrated cooked potato products.

Dehydrated potatoes have become an important convenience food, but they should not be purchased with the intent to eliminate fresh potatoes.

At present, supplies of fresh potatoes are large and prices are expected to hold at low levels into the spring months. Soups, chowders, salads, hash and steaks are tasty ways to use potatoes at this season.

Or so fancier with desserts—potato brownies, potato doughnuts, potato chocolate cake, or potato fruit pudding.

Steer, Heifer Beef Are Both Same in Quality for Eating

There is no difference in the eating qualities of steer beef and heifer beef if they are the same grade. This is the finding of a Michigan State University taste panel conducted by the food science department.

"Consumers are being misled by some claims of people selling beef carcasses and wholesale cuts in some cities," contends Lyman Bratzler, meats authority at MSU.

HE POINTS OUT that they "bite" on claims that meat is from a certain well-known breed of beef cattle, "yet there is no way to prove it, or is not, once the meat is in wholesale cuts."

His advice is to "know your recommendation for any buyer of any commodity about which they know very little."

Let Youngsters Help Prepare Family Meals

Young children in elementary grades and even preschoolers have an interest in food that you can capitalize on if you want to help them develop good attitudes toward foods and nutrition.

One way to take advantage of that interest is to give your youngsters opportunities to help with food preparation, says Dr. Portia Morris, foods and nutrition specialist with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Young children are very receptive with regard to learning about foods and nutrition the specialist points out.

"WHEN FOOD is made interesting and pleasant, they are far more likely to react positively to"

ward teaching," Mrs. Morris says. "If food is made a bribe, mealtime becomes a time for emotional situations that may backfire and tend to develop poor food acceptance and poor nutrition habits on the part of the child."

Even the simplest task—such as opening a box of frozen vegetables or pouring the milk—may help the young child develop good attitudes toward foods and nutrition.

"The feeling of participation puts food on quite a different level for the youngster," Mrs. Morris explains.

But she warns: Don't give up the first time. If your child has already developed some poor food habits, it will take continued effort to change them.

Yard Sketch Now Will Plan For Summer

If you get busy with your sketching and yard planning now, you will be ready to do your major work in the early summer.

This applies especially to decks and patios.

In planning a deck attached to the home, you should watch out for these several specific points:

- Be sure you can reach the deck from kitchen as well as living room.

- Plan the deck to enhance the garden and to be easily reached from the garden.

- Use good style and good material. Durable wood like fir will serve both for timber framing and for deck boards.

- Deck board should be 2 x 4s and should be slightly spaced to allow water runoff. They can be laid flat or on edge.

GOOD STYLING is important. You can add a lot of zest to your deck by developing a good floor pattern. Some interesting innovations include diamond shapes, heart shapes, zig zag pattern, hexagonal, round, half moon, square.

Some designers like to put a barbecue pit in some corner of the deck.

This should be built from the ground up, and it can be covered when not in use to make an attractive extra seat.

You can increase the deck use by installing permanent benches along the perimeter, and these can take various styles and shapes to add character and charm to the deck.

If you leave your deck boards unpainted, as most people do, then you may wish to introduce color in the bench backs and seats. You can use various color combinations to give some life to the deck area.

Fur-Like Fabrics Get Fancy Names

The promotion people who give exciting names to products have all kinds of trouble naming simulated fur fabrics. They've called them "fake furs," "fur-like," "deep-pile fabrics," "stimulated furs."

The Federal Trade Commission prohibits the use of animal names to identify these fabrics. This is to prevent confusion and possible misrepresentation.

Some manufacturers have invented trade names like Branzotte, Rivolta, Sutton Place, Somali, Congo and others. These names change from year to year.

THE MAN-MADE FURS are used for coats, dresses, shirts, hats, purses, slacks, boots, shoes, parkas, and—of all things—beach wear.

Women love their luxurious appearance and feel. They're lightweight . . . get warm. They cost less than genuine fur, though many are not inexpensive.

Bud Guest Stars On Sunny Side at Hairdressing Show

WJR radio star Bud Guest of 32651 Bingham Lane, Birmingham, will speak at 2:30 p.m. Monday during the three-day North American Beauty and Fashion Show in Detroit.

He will discuss the "sunny side" of the hairdressing profession.

Guest's radio programs include "The Best of Guest," "The Bud Guest Show" and "On the Sunny Side of the Street." His emphasis is on the humorous side of human nature.

Sessions of the beauty and fashion show, celebrating its 25th anniversary, run from Sunday through Tuesday at the Hotel Sheraton Cadillac.

Make Pudding in Minutes

Top off that meal-in-a-minute you've served after a busy day with a pudding such as this—fancy and delicious as a chef's masterpiece—and no one will ever know you spent but minutes making it, well in advance of the family onslaught for food!

FROZEN BISQUE

6 ladyfingers
1 cup milk
1 1/2 cups heavy cream
1 package vanilla instant pudding mix
1/2 cup creme de menthe, creme de cocoa or apricot brandy

Split ladyfingers and cut each piece in half. Line custard cups with 4 ladyfinger pieces.

Pour milk and 1 cup of the cream into a mixing bowl. Add pudding mix and beat slowly with an egg beater just about 1 minute. Do not overbeat; mixture will be thin.

Pour at once into lined custard cups. Chill in freezing compartment of refrigerator at fastest freezing temperature, 1 to 2 hours. Whip remaining 1/2 cup cream but do not sweeten.

Unmold dessert and top with unsweetened whipped cream. Pour over each dessert about 1½ tablespoons of creme de menthe, creme de cocoa or apricot brandy. Makes 4 to 6 servings.



Bulletins Offer Buying Tips

Cotton knit T-shirts and children's clothing often prove disappointments after you have purchased them.

Bernette Kahabka, clothing specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service at Michigan State University, offers you shopping assistance through two new bulletins.

"Buying T-Shirts" and "Buying Children's Clothing" runs down the list of what to look for and what to avoid when shopping.

"Look for shirts with firm, even, close knitting," Miss Kahabka says. "Avoid a fabric that has thin places."

DIAGRAMS DEMONSTRATE distortion caused by laundering and help you judge qualities of fabric.

With children's clothing, the specialist says durability and cost are important, but the child's feeling about clothes should also be considered.

"Clothes can help to give children a sense of security—helping them to feel at ease and comfortable rather than awkward and different from others," Miss Kahabka explains.

She also covers health and comfort features, "self-help" features, growth allowances, construction and sizes.

For Cleaner Cars

A splendid cleanser for the upholstery and inside coverings of your car can be mixed with ammonia and detergent, mixing up into a suds and using just the suds with a clean cloth or brush. Then rub over the cleaned portion with a cloth wrung out of clear water.

You Can Think Pink

Pink walls can provide an effective background for any type of furniture from Victorian to modern. They combine well with warm gray, medium-light bottle green and dark shades of blue-pink.

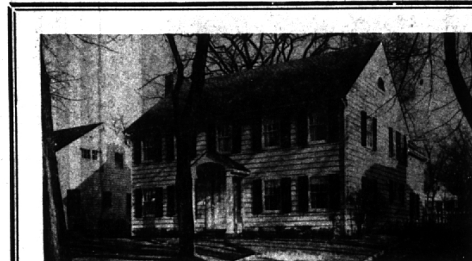
Silicone Lubricant Sllick for Snowtime

A slick way to lighten your snow shoveling job and ease heart and muscle strain is to coat the shovel with a slippery silicone spray. Even sticky, slushy snow slides off every time.

Silicone lubricant makes a long-lasting, snow-repelling film for shovel or blower chutes.

Garnish with Egg

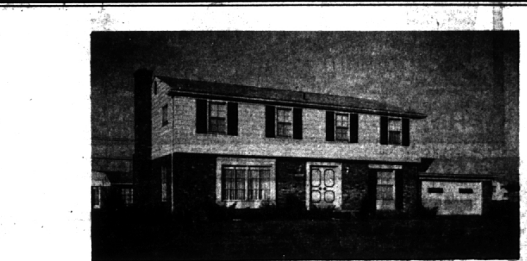
An excellent garnish for creamed soups is hard-boiled eggs grated across the surface of the soup.



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