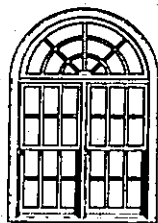




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COLOR IT green — as in thumb. Lots of special sections serve up lots of technical advice on your home and garden. That's not the intent of ours.

As for that garden patch, did you know the onion is one of the oldest cultivated vegetables? Farmers in the Middle East grew them at least 5,000 years ago. Raw, boiled, fried or dried, a tablespoon of onion a day will help counteract the blood-clotting effects of a high-fat diet, relates Copley News Service.

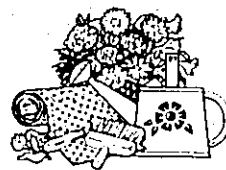
On the home improvement front, here's a do-it-yourselfer tip: Determine the true working height of a stepladder by subtracting one foot from its height. An extension ladder's height is about three feet less than its length. Home magazine tells us.

Inside today's home and garden section, appearing in all 12 Observer & Eccentric newspapers, you'll find easy-to-read stories that range from futon furniture to kitchen herbs.

We hope you enjoy!

— Bob Sklar
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HOME FACTS

Spring is when most people decide to rearrange their furniture.

When people redecorate

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WINTER

21%



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