

Major Problems Eliminated By A Few Nails

The rhyme "for want of a nail the kingdom was lost" could apply to you, if you're negligent about making minor repairs around your castle.

The Aluminum Association

suggests a few places to check periodically where use of a few nails may eliminate major problems.

• Roof shingles. Make sure they are securely fastened. Loose shingles on the

roof could lead to costly water damage after a rain. Use flat-headed, 1 1/2-inch aluminum nails with either plain or special grip shingles.

• Gutters. Refasten loose rain gutters before leaks oc-

cur. Your best bet are 7-inch aluminum gutter spikes.

• Fencing. Assure an attractive appearance by keeping those wooden planks together. When a board be-

comes loose, re-nail before you lose the plank. Several aluminum nail sizes and styles are good for fencing, but the "common" style the most widely used.

There are dozens of other

do-it-yourself repairs that you can handle with a hammer and aluminum nails. But use the best nails.

Ordinary nails begin rusting almost immediately

upon exposure to moisture, so learn the nail do's and don'ts:

• Do use aluminum nails on exterior jobs - and pick the right style and size for the task.

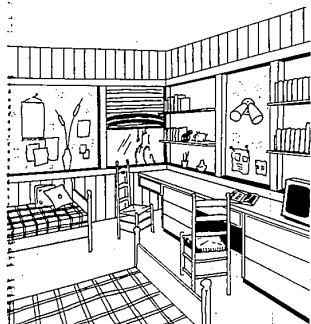
• Don't worry about painting aluminum nails; they form a coating which gives all-weather protection. And they come in a variety of colors to match your job.

gedly as you would any other nail.

For additional information, write for the free booklet "Why Use Aluminum Nails?" from The Aluminum Association, 750 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Child's Room Grows Up With Framed Built-Ins

As children grow up, their bedrooms become more than just a place to sleep and play in.



FRAMES OF 4x4-INCH western wood set off tack boards, shelves, windows, lending organized, custom look to teenagers' room. Trim built-in desk-storage units provide separate study areas in shared room. Board paneling finishes walls, helps subdue noise.

The room becomes their private part of the house, and the decor should allow them to express or expand personalities.

For a preschooler, a bed, small chair and toy chest are sufficient, but during the elementary grades a writing desk and well-lighted reading facilities become important.

Starting early, children collect things - rocks, shells, dolls, or stuffed animals - requiring wall-mounted shelves of western wood for proper display.

An organized solution to children's expanding activities is a system of built-in desks, storage drawers, shelves, and bulletin boards along two adjoining walls.

Two youngsters, desk areas can be separated by sets of drawers or cabinets.

Portions of the wall above the desk and the other wall are covered with composition tack board between the desks, giving ample space for posters and pictures.

The walls behind the shelves and above and below the 4x4 framing keep maintenance low when covered with lightly stained or sealed western wood board paneling.

Decorating need be modified only slightly for boys

and girls. The frames can be stained for boys, painted pastel for girls. A mod window shade may suit either, or girls may prefer frilly curtains.

When the children are grown, the room converts to a study - guest room.

Vegetable Seeds Can Be Stored

Consider storing your leftover vegetable seeds, but store them properly, recommends J. Lee Taylor, Michigan State University horticulturist.

Store seeds in a cool, dark place, such as your basement - if it is dry - or in your garage, suggests Taylor. Under these conditions, they should germinate when you plant them next spring.

Next year, plant stored seeds thicker than normal because germination rates may be lower than for fresh seeds. If necessary, thin the plantings to desired plant density, says the horticulturist.

Or, do a germination test to determine how thick you

need to plant the seeds. Put about 10 seeds in a moistened paper towel. Keep the paper towel damp and note the germination rate.

Just remember, Taylor

says, that some seeds maintain germination potential better than others, but no matter what kind of seeds you have, make sure the storage area is cool and dry.

Wood Molding Uses Given

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