



## The Green Thumb

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We're getting letters asking us why it is that the large "hamburger" onions are not keeping well.

They like a cool basement or garage for best keeping. Here's a good way to keep onions: use old hose or paring hose. Put in one onion and then tie a knot, then put in another onion, tie a knot, repeat. Hang in a cool place.

When you need an onion, just cut below the knot and the others will still be intact! Otherwise you can put onions in slatted crates or coarse mesh bags and stored in a dry, dark storage at around 40 degrees for the winter months.

NOW THAT the seed catalogs have started to roll in keep your eye on a new watermelon called Yellow Baby from China. Last fall we tasted it and think it should be a worth while addition for your garden in '75. Yellow Baby is a cross between an American female parent (New Hampshire midget) and a Chinese male parent. This new All-American winner is early to ripen (70 days), is productive, and has fewer seeds than the red varieties of "ice-box" melons. Seed can be started indoors and

transplanted out in warm weather, or seed can be planted directly in the garden and covered with "hot caps."

AND WHILE you're at it, try a new variety of broccoli called Premium Crop, ready to harvest in 58 days. Cauliflower Snow Crown is another hybrid All-America winner for 1975. Cool weather is the secret of good results with cauliflower.

NEXT TO the African Violet, the Gloriosa is America's most popular house plant. You can start them from seed now and get a flowering plant within six months or so.

They can also be started by tubers now and have blooms within two or three months. Or you can take a leaf cutting and root it in plain tap water, vermiculite or perlite. A leaf cutting will form roots and a tiny tuber before it sends up a new plant.

When the plantlet is about two inches high it can be potted up in a mixture of 1 part each of sand, peat and loam. Gloriosa like a day temperature of 68 to 72 degrees and a night temperature of 62 to 65 degrees. They also like a bright window, but not direct sun.



WASHDAY BLUES are pretty much a thing of the past for the American housewife. In the far East, laundry is left on bamboo poles or

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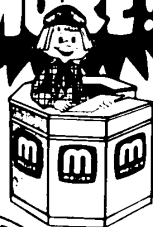
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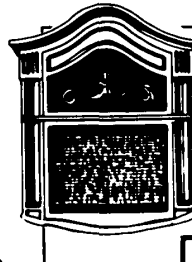
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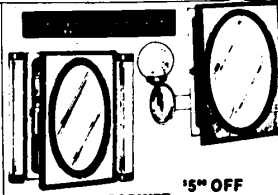


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