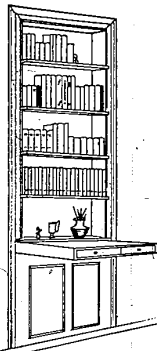


Pane Remover



Unused window now works as desk, library. With sash removed, shelves fit recess; desk replaces apron under sill.

Rooms Cooled By Sunscreens

Sunny windows are a major source of heat in the summer-time.

Shade the windows, and you can reduce temperatures inside the house by as much as 10 degrees—and, at the same time, lower the cost of air conditioning.

For an existing house with shallow eaves, full-height sunscreens are a good solution. They're easy to build with 1 by 2-inch cedar slats nailed to vertical 2 by 4 supports. The 2 by 4s are bolted to concrete slabs and, at the top, nailed to rafters ends or the roof fascia board.

Sun baffles are particularly effective for windows on the home's street side since they also work as privacy screens. Yet, when set three feet away from house walls, baffles don't interfere with the owner's view to the outside.

Finish sunscreens with stain to avoid sun glare, but match color to the house siding.

Treatment Renews Stained Concrete

Stained concrete is often a disfiguring sight. It need not remain so.

Almost any stain can be removed from cured concrete, but old, long-neglected stains may require patience and repeated treatments.

Metallic stains are among the more common discolorations found. Iron stains are easily re-oxidizable by their resemblance to rust, or by their nearness to steel or iron in or on the concrete.

TO REMOVE DEEP and intense iron stains, the surface should be soaked with a solution made of one part sodium citrate crystals to six parts water.

Dip white cloth in this solution and paste over the stain for 10 to 15 minutes.

On horizontal surfaces, sprinkle a thin layer of sodium hydrophosphate, moisten with water and cover with a paste of

whiting and water. On vertical surfaces, after moistening with the sodium citrate solution, place the paste of whiting on a trowel, apply it on the hydrophosphate, moisten and apply to the stain.

DO NOT LEAVE the paste in place more than one hour, as black staining may result. Re-move and treat with water. If stain remains, repeat the treatment.

Copper or bronze stains are usually green, but can be brown. Either may be removed by making a dry mixture of sal ammoniac and powdered talc (1-4) and adding ammonia water (household ammonia) to make a paste. Place over the stain and allow to dry. (All label precautions should be observed when using ammonia water, particularly cautions regarding eyes and mucous membranes.)

OLD STAINS of this kind may require several applications for complete removal. Aluminum chloride may be used instead of sal ammoniac.

Aluminum stains are usually a white deposit which may be removed by scrubbing with 10 to 20 per cent muriatic acid solution. On colored concrete, weaker solutions should be used.

Flush with clear water after removal to prevent etching of the concrete.

Again, label precautions must be observed since muriatic acid can affect eyes, skin and breathing.

FIRE OFTEN causes severe stains on concrete. The appearance may be restored by scrubbing with pumice or grit scouring powder to remove surface

Rinse Vinyl Flooring Well Before Waxing

Vinyl flooring should be swept or vacuumed once a day or oftener, depending on room usage. This removes loose dirt.

Spots and spills should be wiped up while they are fresh, otherwise, they are likely to become sticky depositories of dirt.

When mopping is sufficiently widespread to make spot cleaning impractical, the floor should be damp mopped with cool water or with a very dilute solution of detergent (1/8 cup per gallon of water).

Be sure to bring the mop out well before using on the floor. Rub just enough to loosen surface dirt.

WASHING should be performed only when the above procedures fail to achieve a satisfactory cleanliness level, or in preparation for re-waxing. The object here is to remove heavy soils and widely distributed black marks. It is not necessary, nor advisable, to try to remove the entire wax coating.

As long as the floor is reasonably clean, a new coating of wax can be applied directly over what remains of the previous coating.

Here is the recommended procedure to follow when applying vinyl flooring:

- 1. Use a neutral soap or synthetic detergent diluted with warm water according to instructions on the label. Avoid the use of cleaners containing harsh abrasives or solvents. 2. Apply the cleaning solution to the floor by any suitable means (mop, cloth, etc.), but do not flood the floor.

3. Rub as needed to loosen dirt.

4. Take up the spent cleaning solution with a mop.

5. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean cool water.

Disregard any instructions to the contrary on the detergent label. All soap or detergent residues must be rinsed from the floor. Otherwise, they will mix with ingredients in the wax and be substantially lower water spot resistance and shine.

6. Let the floor dry completely.

7. Apply one or two coats of self-polishing floor wax, according to preference.

NOTE: If washing fails to give a satisfactory level of cleanliness, there may be excessive buildup of wax on the floor. If this is the case, it will be necessary to strip away the old wax layer. Stripping is not intended as a substitute for routine cleaning procedures and should be done infrequently. Most floors require stripping only once or twice a year.

Home Pools, Drownings Up

As more and more affluent suburbanites install swimming pools in their yards, the number of drownings and near-drownings increases substantially.

Drowning should be almost unheard-of thing, says the Greater Detroit Safety Council, which offers these suggestions to "waterproof" youngsters:

- Never swim alone. This applies to adults as well as children. • Backyard pools should be fenced and the gates locked except when pool is in use. • Never, under any circumstances, should small children be allowed in the pool unless an adult or responsible teenager is present. • Everyone who uses the pool should learn to swim, including small children. Contact your local Red Cross, YMCA, YWCA, or other organizations regarding swimming classes.

Floating plastic or rubber toys should be forbidden. They are no substitute for life preservers. Toddlers may step off beyond their depth in attempting to retrieve a toy. Learn mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and be prepared to save a life if a near drowning does occur. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to American Red Cross, 153 E. Elizabeth, Detroit, 48226, or to Greater Detroit Safety Council, 877 Virginia Park, Detroit, 48202, for information regarding this life saving skill.

Parquet Deck Easy On Cash

When having a new house built, you may save money by substituting a handsome, do-it-yourself parquet deck for the concrete patio ordinarily provided by the home builder.

To make the job extra easy have the builder level ground for the patio as usual. Be sure the area is big enough - at least 12 by 15 feet.

Build the deck in individual three-foot squares, arranging the squares to create whatever pattern is desired. Some squares can be left "blank" and used for planting pits, a sandbox or bird bath.

Each square is built of Douglas fir or cedar 2 by 4 inch deck boards nailed to a 2 by 4 post at either end.

Joists should be placed one inch from ends of deck boards, and the deck planks should be spaced one-eighth inch apart to allow rain runoff.

Prefure-treated lumber is recommended for the on-ground portion of the deck. Spread a three-inch layer of sand and gravel underneath to provide a solid base and prevent weed growth.

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