

Handy Jim's FIX-UP TIPS

It's Cookout Time!

IT'S NATIONAL cookout time again. And it's high time to come to the rescue of the week-end cookout chef—Dad. Make his chores pleasant by installing a handy portable wall for his cooking tools and supplies. One can be made in the home



workshop at low cost by attaching 1 x 4-inch framing to the back of a Masonite Peg-Board panel that's stacked to the ground in a horizontal position at a handy height. A panel 4 feet long and 2 feet wide may be sufficient.

Extend the framing at each end so that its sharpened ends can be pressed into the slots. Prime and paint the stakes and the Peg-Board.

Lumber yards and hardware stores have metal fixtures that will hold tongs, fork, knife and other cooking utensils when they're slipped into the perforations in the Peg-Board.

Also there are brackets that will hold shelves for picnic ware.

A. How can I repair a leaking eavestrough?

A. When eavestroughs start to leak, the galvanizing is broken and the moisture will work under the coating and rust the rest of the trough. It is therefore not practical to try to repair eavestroughs, except as a temporary measure. There is available a tape impregnated with an adhesive which will make a satisfactory temporary patch. It is also possible to use fibreglass asphalt roof patch material.

Business Failures Decline
NEW YORK—The rate of business failures fell a sharp 22 per cent in 1968, according to the Insurance Information Institute. The number of failures hit 9,656, the lowest point since 1953. The average liability per failure was \$97,654, down from the 1967 average of \$102,332.

Panel Insulation Ends Damp, Chilly Basements

After the applause has faded, many a proud do-it-yourselfer sooty finds himself left alone with his new basement paneling project while his guests retreat to a more cordial upstairs atmosphere.

All that work and expense, and the same old "basement" chill can still leak through the new face cover up unless the homeowner seals it out once and for all.

To solve this chilly problem, a new paneling insulation has been developed to provide the easiest, most efficient way to shut out winter chill and summer dampness that radiates from masonry walls.

Ideal for either new or older basement paneling, this new insulating product is especially designed for application in that slim space between 1 x 2 or 2 x 2-inch furring members on masonry walls where bulky insulation gets squeezed out.

It's available in 1/2-inch thickness and width to fit between furring strips spaced 16 inches on center.

Available in easy-to-handle rolls, the insulation is wrapped in asphalt bonded kraft liners; flanges staple to framing members making installation quick and easy. The warm side liner provides an effective vapor barrier, no additional barrier is needed; the exterior side liner shuts out drafts and moisture.

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Nature's Autumn Colors Can Be Preserved

Some of the loveliest decorations a homemaker and hostess can have in her home for fall come from nature.

In various parts of the country leaves and berries, for example, delight the eye during the autumn season and many a home can be decorated with these beauties for weeks and even months, if the homemaker follows simple methods.

There is a glycerin treatment for these bounties which can preserve the fall splendor of these leaves almost indefinitely.

Be sure you select sprays and leaves which are not too brittle nor at the height of their beauty. Generally, beech, oak, wild apple and mountain ash, among others, take to the treatment well, with lasting results.

KEEP IN MIND the size of the container you will put your treasures in. . . or perhaps just a corner of a mantle is what you have in mind.

Whatever the choice, don't overfill the container. Give the leaves room to breathe. A few branches are often more effective, anyway, than a large group.

Purchase the glycerin at the drugstore and mix it in a solution of two parts water to one part glycerin. The amount needed depends on size of container and the branches. The stems should stand in the liquid to a depth of three to four inches.

Take care that the solution doesn't get too sticky. Tip the bottle of glycerin into the vase and then refill the same bottle twice with water and mix the two together. Be careful not to overdo the proportion of glycerin. Too much will cause the tips of the leaves to seep sticky drops onto the furniture, etc.

Now see to the branches. Trim off any twigs at bottom to ensure a length of bare stalk to work with. Slit bottom with a knife for about three inches or so, then lay end across a cheese board or such, and with a hammer or similar object "bruise" the stalks around and a little above it. You want a softened and separated end through which the liquid can be absorbed.

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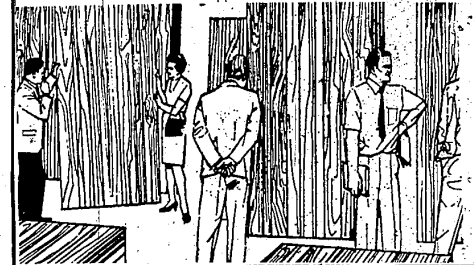
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