

HANDIWORK, CRAFTS HELPFUL FOR THE CONVALESCENT AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

Handwork and crafts are good answers to the problem of how to occupy the time of someone who is experiencing a long convalescence.

Most invalids, according to Jean McHarg of the Michigan State University nursing education staff, like to make things for other people or for the home.

Family mending can be done and hand-knit articles made for gifts.

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Weaving has also become popular recently, Miss McHarg says. Invalids can use a simple, homemade loom or a more elaborate setup. Some of these pastimes can develop into marvelous hobbies after convalescence, Miss McHarg declares.

She suggests that other crafts that patients enjoy are weaving and braiding jewelry and belts of gimp; soap carving; and block printing with wood, linoleum, or art gum blocks. Do-it-yourself kits are other possibilities.

Children can use their imaginations, points out Miss McHarg, using crayons and paper bags to create paper-bag puppets and masks.

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Mulched Leaves Best Lawn Dress, Says Landscaper

Don't rake up those "priceless" leaves!

"Properly ground up leaves are priceless as a lawn fertilizer," says George A. Hallin, noted landscape architect and lawn maintenance specialist. "They make just as good a lawn dressing as peat moss, if properly mulched — and they're falling all around these days."

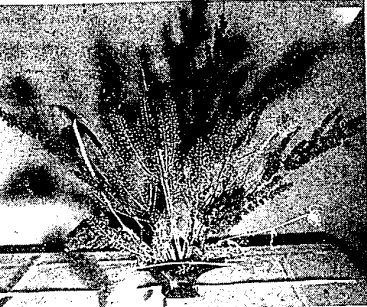
"Ground up leaves, properly distributed over the lawn by a good rotary mower with mulcher, perform the same function as peat moss, namely keeping the lawn from drying out, and retaining the moisture for a good start next spring," he adds.

"Besides being a decided aid to more beautiful lawns," says Hallin, "use of a rotary with mulcher has the quite obvious advantage of eliminating the backbreaking chore of raking. The mowing has to be done anyway, and when it's finished, the leaves are gone — from view — settled into the turf where they'll do some good."

"Just install the mulcher — a simple task with most rotaries. Then plow right through the leaves with the regular weekly, or preferably twice weekly, fall mowing," Hallin adds.

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WILD FLOWERS can be arranged to make attractive centerpieces for a table. Cat-tails, dock, red sun and thistle were used for the base of this arrangement. Delicate seed pods served as a filler. Modeling clay was used in the vase to hold dried cuttings in desired positions. Several variations of wild flowers at hand in this vicinity now can be used to make interesting bouquets. Milkweed pods, cat-tails, and other flowers may be arranged in attractive bouquets. Cat-tails may be sprayed with plastic from the bomb type container, then painted in color at a later date, hang cut stems upside down in dry and dark room. Color does not fade out if stems are dried in the dark.

Vegetables Harvested From The Garden In Fall Can Last All Winter

Harvest in home vegetable gardens need not end with freezing weather. Plants whose edible parts are underground are better off left there until the ground begins to freeze. Fall leaf crops usually withstand the first killing frosts without serious injury. Both lettuce and endive stand some frost, and may be used as long as they remain in edible condition. Frost improves the flavor of endive.

Brussel sprouts can be frozen hard several times without injury and are often harvested until Christmas. Kale is almost as hardy, and so is Chinese cabbage. Cabbages of all kinds can be taken in after cold weather really sets in, and stored in a shed or garage where they are protected from hard freezing.

Tomatoes should be picked before they are frozen, and ripened indoors. Various methods are followed, and all seem to work. Some hang up the vines with the fruit attached, others lay the fruit on a shelf or in a drawer.

Pumpkins, squash and sweet potatoes should be stored in a temperature between 55 and 65 degrees, which is often found in a heated basement.

When the ground begins to freeze on the surface, carrots,

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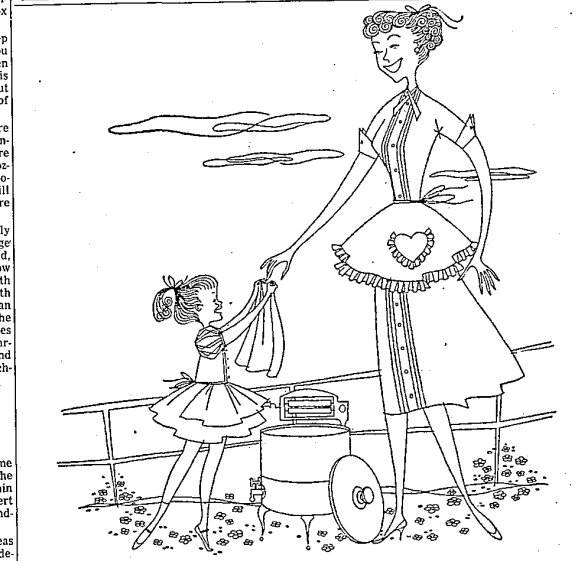
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