

Crackin' Good Nutcrackers — Take Your Pick!

Texas Native Inertia

One of the most creative new designs we've seen, it uses rubber bands to pull a piston-type knocker ram into the nut. The force from the ram cracks most nuts except black walnuts and hickory nuts. It's designed to shatter the shell, but leave the nutmeat intact. A safety shield over the cracking chamber prevents shattered shells from scattering. Sells for \$14.98.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Inertia Nutcracker, P.O. Box 272, Wake Forest, N.C. 27587 (ph 919 821-7675).



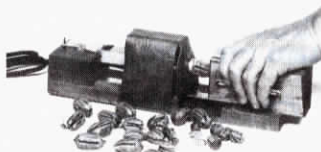
Rubber bands pull piston-type knocker into nut to shatter shell, but leave nutmeat intact.

New Dynamic

It uses inertia for its cracking power, but supplies that power through an electric motor instead of rubber bands. It plugs into a standard 110V outlet.

Although it won't crack hard-shelled nuts, the New Dynamic is one of the fastest nutcrackers around. Sells for \$69.95, plus \$3 shipping and handling.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, L.H. Powell, The New Dynamic Nut Cracker, 8647 Wingate Drive, Box 29153, Dallas, Texas 75229.

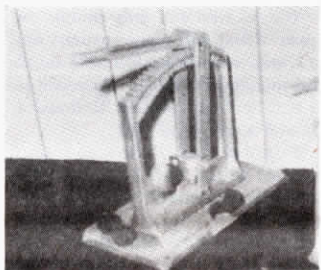


Electric motor powers New Dynamic cracker for cracking all nuts except hard-shelled varieties.

Potter Walnut Cracker

It's one of the few cracker designed to crack all nuts, including hard-shelled black walnuts, butternuts and hickories. Cracks nuts via leverage provided by a rack and pinion system.

The handle is raised above a series of groovers which are used to provide the leverage. By pulling the handle down against the grooves, the cracker arm is forced against the nut. The pressure applied is smooth and steady so shattering is minimized. A sheet metal safety shield fits over the cracking chamber to keep shells from flying until you've learned to estimate the amount of leverage required



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for cracking. Sells for about \$40.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Potter Walnut Cracker Co., Box 930, Sapulpa, Okla. 74066.

Davebilt Nutcracker

This hand-cranked "whacker" cracks a mixed variety of nuts without scattering the shells and meats. At 16 lbs., it's one of the heaviest nutcrackers built. Has a hopper on the top for holding a number of nuts at a time. Sells for \$57.24 F.O.B., Lakeport, Calif.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Davebilt Co., 410 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport, Calif. 95453 (ph 707 263-5270).



A hand-cranked "whacker" does the cracking on the Davebilt nutcracker.

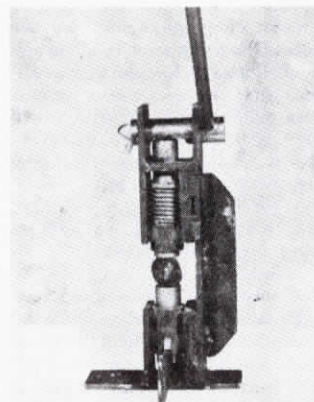
Hunt Walnut Cracker

It uses a lever-action piston to crack only the shell of hard or soft-shelled nuts, including black walnuts, butternuts and hickories, while leaving the nutmeats intact.

Features two moveable pistons, one below the nut and one above it. The nut sits in a tapered slot in the lower piston and is wedged in to hold it firmly. By pulling down on the lever, the top piston moves toward the lower, cracking the shell in the process. Actual stroke is only about 3/16 in., so the nut will not be crushed and shell fragments will not be forced to scatter.

The all-steel Hunt Cracker weighs 10 lbs. and is built to last "at least 100 years", according to inventor Lawrence Hunt. He says the machine will crack most walnuts so the meats fall out with little hand-picking. "I've been able to crack and pick out a pint of walnut meats in an hour," he notes.

A bench or counter mounted model sells for \$43.75. A self-standing model mounted on a 1 ft. by 20 in. tray sells for \$48, plus shipping.



Two pistons move towards each other to crack the nutshell without scattering shell fragments, or damaging the nutmeat.

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"A.G.G.I.E." POINTS UP HARSH REALITIES OF FARMING

New Farming Game

When you play A.G.G.I.E., a new farm game invented by Chuck and Joanne Kuster, of Indianola, Iowa, you might find yourself forgetting about your real life farm problems. A.G.G.I.E. — "The Agricultural Game of Gambling, Ingenuity and Enjoyment" — lets you take risks and try new farming operations without risking your bank account.

"If you're smart and lucky, you may be able to wheel and deal yourself a farming empire," says Chuck. "On the other hand, your crop could be hailed out or invaded by insects. Or your livestock might become diseased. Worse yet, you may have to sell out to pay your bills. It's just as unpredictable, and unprofitable, as farming can sometimes be.

"To play the game, competing

farmers roll dice to move through the four seasons of the year. Farmers buy and sell land, livestock and grain to build their net worth as they stave off real farming hazards, bid against neighbors and play the futures market. Disaster and option cards add extra elements of strategy and suspense."

A.G.G.I.E. has auction barns and futures markets, droughts and grain embargoes, feed bills and lawsuits. But there's also insurance against the typical farm disasters.

A.G.G.I.E. sells for \$12, including postage and handling.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Kuster, Ltd., 704 W. Iowa, Indianola, Iowa 50125 (ph 515 961-4910).

YOU TAKE BITES ONLY WHEN GREEN LIGHT IS ON

New "Diet Fork"

Overweight people are often told they're "digging their grave with their fork". Not so if they're eating with a diet control utensil called "Slenderfork", the brain child of an overweight man in Massachusetts.

Inventor and manufacturer of Slenderfork is Joe Caruso who was looking for a way to lose weight. His answer: A fork with a battery operated "traffic light" that signals when to eat and when to stop.

"It's not a novelty or a gimmick," Caruso maintains. "It works on the principle of behavior modification. If you slow down your eating, you won't eat as much. It takes 20 minutes for the stomach to signal the brain that it is full, and fast eaters will overeat before their stomach says stop."

The ordinary looking fork has a red light and green light at the top of the handle, and an on-off switch. When turned on, the timing mechanism starts to work. While the green light is



on (for about 6 seconds) you eat. Then, while the red light goes on (for about 25 seconds) you chew your food until the green light signals you to eat again.

Skeptics question the fork's value as a weight reducer, noting that fast eaters aren't necessarily fatter.

The fork pulls out of the handle for washing and is dishwasher safe. It's powered by two hearing aid batteries and sells for \$14.95.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ham-macher Schlemmer, 147 E. 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022 (ph 212 421-9000).