

Photo courtesy New Zealand Herald

Eight trampoline springs counteract the child's weight.

### GREAT FOR ONE-CHILD FAMILIES

## "Teeter Totter" Built For One

"I got the idea when I had to work one end of a see-saw myself to give my daughter a ride," says Denis Tilson, a New Zealand manufacturer who's come up with the world's first teeter-totter (or see-saw) built for one.

The galvanized steel teeter-totter, which has just come on the market, is "powered" by eight standard trampoline springs mounted on a swivel bar to keep them more or less in line with the weight of the child at the other end. The swivel-spring assembly is attached to the main frame with a threaded coupling that allows tension to be infinitely adjusted for different-size children.

"Once it's adjusted, the child pushes off the ground to get started and then just swings his legs to ride. It can be chained at a low level to suit very small children," says Tilson. The single-seater is suitable for children ranging from 1 to 12 years. Sells for \$222 (New Zealand). Tilson manufactures a full line of playground equipment.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, D.S. Tilson, Manager, Comet Products Ltd., P.O. Box 371, 60 Courtney Rd., Tauranga, New Zealand (ph 88-202).

### FLAP FASTENS OUT OF THE WAY BEHIND HAND TO LET YOU DO OTHER WORK

## Mitten-Glove Folds Back To Bare Fingers

You'll no longer have to make the choice between mittens and gloves thanks to these combination mitten-gloves that have a fold-back flap that fastens behind the hand to bare fingers.

The flap stays back thanks to Velcro strips. The 100% heavy-wool mitten has a leather palm and thumb and a reinforced hand-sewn "hinge" where the flap folds back. Sells for \$25, including postage.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, McLean International Marketing, Inc., 1503 Paradise Drive, Burlington, Wis. 53105 (ph 414 763-9566).



Mitten's flaps fold back to expose fingers.

### POWERED BY TAP WATER

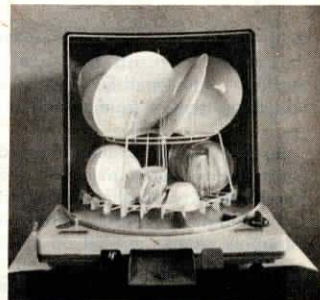
## New-Style Dishwasher Uses No Electricity

Imagine a dishwasher that doesn't use electricity. The new Ecotech, from Hart Industries, Laguna Hills, Cal., does just that. Tap water is its only energy source.

The innovative machine takes water from the tap and uses it to create hundreds of tiny but powerful jets strategically placed around the inside of the dishwasher. The jet spray also spins the carousel of dishes, the only moving part, so every piece is washed clean.

Water used is drained immediately — none is reused — into a slide-out extender tray that you empty into the sink. The entire wash/rinse cycle takes just two minutes for six place settings.

Ecotech uses liquid detergent for cleaning and is safe for crystal and plastics. Dimensions are 24 by 24 by 23-in. and the entire unit weighs less than 30 lbs. A company spokesman



Unit takes two minutes to wash six place settings.

notes that only five psi of water pressure is needed to power the unit.

Sells for approximately \$350.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Hart Industries, Inc., 25301 Cabot Road, Suite 212, Laguna Hills, Cal. 92653 (ph 714 951-4606).



Arrows point to secret messages hidden in flowers.

### HIDDEN AMONG THE PETALS

## Special Roses Carry Romantic Message Inside

A New Jersey inventor says he's improved upon nature by inserting tiny scrolls inscribed with romantic messages inside roses. As the rose blooms, a small yellow "stamin" appears and the recipient uses it to pull the capsule out of the rose and read a special heart-felt message.

The patented idea was developed by Burt Geiges for sending flowers to his girlfriend. "It adds to the excitement of receiving roses when you know that a message is waiting for you when they fully bloom," says Geiges. It took months of research and experimentation to come up with a way to inject message capsules into closed rosebuds without damaging the flowers.

"Thoughts In Bloom" are available only in roses but Geiges hope to work with other flowers in the future. He also plans to put diamonds or other gems inside closed flowers.

A Thoughts In Bloom delivery of 1, 3, 6 or a dozen roses to anywhere in the country can be ordered by phone. Prices range from \$20 to \$65 and you can insert any message up to 12 words long. There's an extra charge if you want a different message in each rose.

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