

## Classic Country Cook Stove

Now, thanks to a new narrow classic country range from Heartland Appliances, most any kitchen can be a country kitchen without extensive remodeling.

Heartland's latest new model is the 8000, designed to fit into the standard 30-in. opening left by your conventional gas or electric range. "It has all the appeal and charm so reminiscent of Grandma's cookstove, yet offers state of the art features," the manufacturer points out.

The new electric 8000 features an easy-to-clean enamel surface, a 2.67 cu. ft. porcelain oven (it's not self-cleaning), variable temperature broiler, nickel trim and overhead warming oven. It sells for \$2,495 (U.S.). Larger "classics" available in electric, gas (propane or natural) and wood burning models.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Osseo Feed and Stove



Store, 115 Central, Osseo, Minn. 55369 (ph 612 424-2141). In Canada, contact Heartland Appliances, 5 Hoffman St., Kitchener, Ont. N2M 3M5 Canada (ph 519 743-8111).

## Lightweight "Snow Cap"

New lightweight "Sno-Cap" keeps snow or sleet from blowing into your face or down your coat collar.

Your face is totally protected by a clear Lexan shield. A separate pane covers the nose and mouth to keep frost or fog from forming on the shield, assuring clear vision at all times. A rear canvas flap protects the back of the neck. An adjustable headband permits the Sno-Cap to fit any head size and allows it to be worn over other headgear, including caps and hooded sweatshirts. Weighs only 1 1/4 lbs.

Sells for \$49.95 each or \$45.95 each for two.

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Wholesale Buying Service, 2165 NW 108th St., Building F, Des Moines, Iowa 50325 (ph 800 666-2055).

## Auto-Focus Binoculars

You never have to focus these new binoculars that use a new design to take advantage of the eye's natural ability to focus itself.

Jason "Perma Focus" binoculars allow clear vision of objects from 40 ft. away to infinity. The only adjustment is the hinge at center to allow for varying eye width.

"You just pick them up and everything is instantly in focus. The first-of-its-kind computer designed optical system lets the eye focus rather than depending on a manual focusing control that can be slow and difficult to operate," says John Hall, company representative. "They eliminate eye strain from improperly focused binoculars and let you pass them freely from viewer to viewer without anyone missing anything."

Hall says Jason has already had tremen-



dous demand for the no-focus binoculars all over the world. They range in price from \$30 to \$100, depending on the power (7 to 10 power).

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jason Empire, Inc., 9200 Cody St., Overland Park, Kan. 66214 (ph 913 888-0220).

## "Corn Cob Mailbox"

"Our new corn mailbox is a real conversation piece," says Richard Layden, Hoopston, Ill., who's doing a booming business selling the units. Made of hard plastic, the new mailbox can be mounted on any conventional mailbox stand. It measures 10 1/2 in. high by 24 in. long and is colored bright yellow with a green lid and red flag.

"The yellow mailbox is so bright that you can see it a quarter mile away with no problem," says Layden. "We recommend adding a piece of plywood to the base for extra strength."

Sells for \$34.95. A metal cornstalk mailbox stand is also available on a limited custom-built basis. The mailbox and cornstalk stand sell together for \$100.

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ard Layden, Rt. 3, Box 67, Hoopston, Ill. 60942 (ph 217 283-6864).

# New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

## Home-Built Fruit Dryer

An old upright freezer works great for drying fruit, says Gilbert Toney, Mooresboro, N.C., who puts a small electric heater and fan at the bottom of a freezer to blow air up through racks covered with slices of apples, peaches, bananas, seedless grapes, etc.

The wire racks are covered by cheesecloth to keep the fruit from falling through as it shrinks. A 2-in. dia. vent hole in the top of the freezer, fitted with a short length of pipe, allows moist air to escape.

"It makes some of the best dried fruit you've ever tasted," says Toney. "All I do is shut the door and plug in the electric heater cord. It works much faster than leaving the fruit outside on racks in the sun, and birds can't get at it. The heater will dry one batch of fruit in four hours. It would take two or three days to dry the same amount of fruit outside. We've dried 5 gal. of fruit in two days. An infrared heater bulb can be used instead of the electric heater and fan, but it takes one day to dry the same amount of fruit."

"The racks have to be rotated every couple of hours because fruit on the bottom racks dries faster than on the top ones. If we want



more heat inside the freezer we can put a tin can over the vent pipe. We dry 2 or 3 bu. of fruit, sealing it up in jars. We give a lot away to friends."

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Gilbert Toney, Rt. 1, Box 51, Mooresboro, N.C. 28114 (ph 704 453-7419).

## New Mousetrap Really is "Better"

It costs a little more than conventional wire-and-wood snap traps but this new plastic mousetrap works so slick you probably won't mind.

The trap consists of two plastic jaws held together by a wrap-around steel spring. It was designed by engineer Tom Martin of Maple Grove, Minn., to be easier to use. For example, there's no way you can catch your fingers when setting the trap because you just pinch the jaws in back and hold onto the trap while you put the bait on the trigger. When the mouse takes the bait, the jaws snap shut, suffocating the rodent without the blood or mess wire traps sometimes result in. And to empty the trap, you don't have to touch the mouse. Just pinch the back of the jaws to open the trap and the now-dead mouse will fall out.

"Women especially like it because they don't have to touch the mouse. And it saves time because it can be set so fast," says Martin, who first built a prototype and then found a manufacturer, SAS Enterprises, to produce and market it. It's already into national hardware chains and he hopes to have it on the shelves at Target, K-Mart, and Wal-Mart soon.



A package of two traps sells for \$3.99.

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