



## "Slugmaster" Lets Kids Practice Batting At Home

Your kids can practice batting by themselves with the new Slugmaster training device.

The "Slugmaster" consists of a zinc-plated steel rod attached to a bracket that mounts on a 2 by 4. It can be mounted on a fence post, tree, or on the side of a garage or house. A plastic baseball or softball - of the same size and density as the real thing - is suspended from a rope that loops around the rod. No matter how hard the ball is hit, it never goes anywhere but around the rod.

"It gives kids the kind of training they won't get during team practice, when time is always a limiting factor," says Lonnie Malwitz. "I invented it because I coach youth baseball teams and wanted to find a way to let my boys to practice at home what I teach in practice. With a whole team to cover in 1 1/2 hours, coaches can spend only a few minutes with each player. You wouldn't get a kid into piano lessons, take him to a piano teacher, and not give him a chance to practice at home until the next lesson. However, until now there's been no

good way to practice hitting at home. Pitching machines are expensive and you still need a field and people to shag the balls. Batting 'tees' are so boring that kids are reluctant to use them.

"The Slugmaster allows you to take swing after swing, in a repetitive motion that will train the muscles to hit with power and accuracy. By spending 6 or 7 min. every day and using the proper mechanics, you can become a fantastic hitter. By standing behind the Slugmaster, you can see the rotation of the ball and tell if the hit was popped up, pushed, pulled or slugged hard straight forward."

Sells for \$49.95. A snap ring that lets you substitute a baseball for a softball or vice versa sells for \$18.

Wall mount and free-standing floor mount models are also available.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Lonnie Malwitz, Slugmaster Inc., Box 613, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 (ph 800 338-7584 or 612 469-4493).

## "No Smell" Carbon Cartridge Sucks Up Odors

"They suck up odors better than anything on the market," says inventor-manufacturer David Hames of Omega Marketing, Inc., about his new "no smell" odor absorbers.

Hames says his stick-on units don't just cover up smells like deodorant fresheners. The carbon cartridges actually absorb odors and eliminate them. Great in the house for putting under the sink or in wastebaskets, garbage cans, diaper pails, etc., or you can use them on any stinky container in the barn. They last for 60 to 90 days and have no smell at all themselves.

The 4 by 4-in. cartridges sell for \$2.50 apiece.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup,



Omega Marketing, Inc., 8124 Rhode Island Circle, Bloomington, Minn. 55438 (ph 800 634-1380 or 612 944-6790).

## Super Absorbent "Chami Mop"

Super absorbent "chami" cloth, which has been used for years to wipe down cars and equipment, is now being used for the first time to make a self-cleaning mop.

Made in Europe, the "no streak" mop is equipped with a 2-part handle that's used to wring the mop out. The chami absorbs up to 50 times its own weight in liquid and picks up all the dirt in one pass, eliminating the

need to sweep or vacuum. Cuts cleaning time in half.

Sells for \$6.95. Mop head replacements sell for \$3.00.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Super Chami Mop Co., 1242 Tenth St., Suite 4, Santa Monica, Calif. 90401 (ph 310 393-4679).

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

### Horse-Shaped Tire Swing

Kids love this horse-shaped tire swing that's made in one continuous piece from a single tire. The tire is turned inside out and then reshaped and bolted together to look like a horse.

"Kids love it so much they don't want to get off," says Norbert Lyssy, Vanderpool, Texas. "As the child swings, the horse's head goes back and forth just like the horse is running. The child can feel the movement in the reins which really stimulates his imagination. It's a good safe toy with no sharp edges. The swing can be attached to tree limbs, swing sets, porch rafters, etc. It's made from tires that range in size from compact car tires to midsize pickup tires. A swing made from a 15-in. tire is big enough to hold two children at a time."

The swing has five carriage bolts - one to hold the tail in place, one through the body, one at the base of the neck, one for the eyes, and one to secure the reins. Sells for \$36.95. A riding bull equipped with a set of horns sells for the same price.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Norbert Lyssy, Lost Maples General Stores, Vanderpool, Texas 78884 (ph 800 453-6977).



### Perpetual Calendar

That make-it-yourself "perpetual calendar" we told you about in a previous issue of FARM SHOW is now available ready-made.

"We offer it in six languages - English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Hebrew. It makes a great gift for weddings, birthdays, house warmings, retirements, and as a Christmas present for kids of all ages," notes E.C. Fowler, manufacturer.

The all-wood calendar comes with 62 blocks and an antique-stained frame measuring 23 in. long, 18.5 in. wide and 2.5 in. deep. Special blocks highlight birthdays and other important dates. Comes equipped for immediate use up through the year 11,110. The basic model sells for \$65; \$77 with a drawer.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Eons Calendar Works, E. W. Fowler, Owner, 5611 S. Honeycreek Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. 53221 (ph 414 421-2594).

