

BRASS, CHROME, NICKLE COATINGS

Custom Plating Restores Antiques, Souvenirs

Ernie Clark and his brother Curtis set up a custom plating shop last year in Billings, Mont., to add shine to farm antiques and souvenirs. Business is booming.

"We've been redoing lamps, horse-shoes, small cream cans, coal buckets, barber chairs, brass beds, and lots of antique coal and wood stoves. It restores their beauty and makes them last much longer," says Clark.

Classic Plating, Inc., can coat old items with nickle, brass or chrome. Virtually anything can be coated, including wood, plastic, and leaves if the proper surface preparation is made. The process involves dipping the item in an electrically charged vat that zaps the item with negative and positive ions that cause metal coatings to adhere.

Clark says refurbishing old wood stoves is becoming a big part of his business. "We can make them look better than new because the original manufacturers didn't have the methods we've got now to coat and polish parts," he says.

Prices can range from \$20 to coat a small item to \$400 or more for a large wood stove. Smaller items, such as old kerosene lamps, farm tools, railroad spikes, and so on, can be sent to Clark through the mail to be coated.



Replated wood stoves are Clark's hottest selling items.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ernie Clark, Classic Plating, Inc., 1021 Cook Ave., Billings, Mont. 59101 (ph 406 259-5456).

ALSO IDEAL FOR PACIFIERS AND TEETHING RINGS

'Snapis' Keep Baby's Toys Within Reach

"I don't like using string to fasten baby items to high chairs and car seats as string is hard to unknot and babies tangle it up," reports Peggy Thomson, Lincoln, Neb., designer-manufacturer of "Snapis".

"They're colorful, polyester ribbons with snaps," explains Thomson. "You snap one end of the ribbon around the high chair, stroller, walker, car seat or other baby furniture, and the other end to a pacifier, teething ring or toy.

"Baby can play with the object and retrieve it himself if he drops it. Snapis also help keep baby toys from becoming soiled," Thomson adds.

Another potential use is for securing items to a handicapped person's wheelchair.

Snapis come in a variety of colors and are washable. Each package contains 3 ribbons — one 17-in. long and two 29-in. long. They sell for \$4.95 per package, plus \$1.25 shipping. Thomson is looking for dealers.



Straps fasten to any chair, walker or stroller.

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FARM SHOW

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



Each bear is fitted with different clothing to fit its "personality".

EACH HAS A PERSONALITY

Will "Furskins" Bears Be Next Cabbage Patch Kid?

The company that brought you "Cabbage Patch Kids" last year is betting that its homely new "Furskins" bears will be the next new rage in toys for tots.

Xavier Robert, creator of cuddly Cabbage Patch Kids, has introduced a family of four "Furskins" bears. They look and are dressed differently, and retail for about \$50. They have button eyes, a freckled snout and a bulging belly with a protruding belly button. Each has a name, a personality and is an original.

There's **Hattie**, a lover of hats and baking. She has a different hat for every pie in her recipe box. **Boone** is the resident beekeeper and eats all

the honey his bees produce. **Farrell** is the official postmaster of their home town of Moody Hollow, Zip Code 30528½. **Dudley** runs the general store and serves as the resident joke-teller.

To order, check with the nearest local store that brought you Cabbage Patch Kids. Chances are they'll soon be taking orders for the Furskins, which aren't adopted by their owners as were the "Kids".

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