

AUTOMATICALLY LEVEL LADDER ON ANY SURFACE

Self-Leveling "Safety Legs" For Ladders

New for all types of ladders are self-leveling "safety legs" that automatically and instantly level your ladder on any uneven surfaces, eliminating unsafe blocking.

Constructed of heavy-duty aluminum and steel, the "Ladder Magic" device can be attached to most any wood, aluminum or fiberglass (straight or extension) ladder. Once the self-leveling legs are installed, there are no adjustments, levers, locks or wingnuts to bother with. Simply set your ladder on any uneven surface and it instantly locks in that position. Lift the ladder and the lock automatically releases. Works on uneven surfaces up to a difference in level of 16 in., and works equally well on the level.

Sells for \$89.95

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Ladder instantly "self-locks" on uneven surfaces with height differences of up to 16 in.

Big Stinky Fly Trap

"We love our Big Stinky Fly Trap. It uses a special scent to draw flies into a 1-gal. plastic jug, where they die. It fills up once a week."

That's what Leonard Dicke, Sheridan, Ill., said in the last issue of FARM SHOW (Vol. 11, No. 5) when he nominated his Big Stinky Fly Trap as "best buy". Because he seemed so happy with the fly-killing trap, we decided to track it down.

The trap consists simply of a plastic 1-gal. jug fitted with a large plastic top with small holes in it. To get it "started", you mix a bit of the special egg insecticide fluid supplied with the trap with some lean meat or fish and put it inside the trap. The scent of the concoction attracts flies who enter through the one-way blackened ducts and get trapped inside. The dying female flies, who were attracted to the rotting meat to lay eggs, give off a female scent that attracts male flies. As the dead flies rot, they attract more flies. The control fluid kills the thou-



sands of eggs the flies lay in the trap. Once full, you empty the trap except for a few dead ones that keep the attractant cycle going.

The Big Stinky Fly Trap sells for \$18.50, including a 6 oz. bottle of control fluid.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, J.L. Price Products, Inc., P.O. Box 9, South Milwaukee, Wis. 53172 (ph 414 764-4670).

Do-It-Yourself Air Conditioning

"It cools down our whole house better than a conventional central air conditioning system," says Ruth Stuber, Redcliff, Alberta. She and her husband Steve put a car radiator from a junked car in the ductwork of their forced air furnace. They run ice cold water to the radiator from their well and use the furnace fan to blow air through the cool radiator and into the house.

Water feeds into the bottom of the radiator at a trickle and out the top. A hose carries the drainage to the yard where Ruth uses it to water the grass. "Our relatives from town, who have central air, can't believe

how it cools the house. It also doesn't dry out the air the way other air conditioners do. The best thing is that it costs virtually nothing to run. Only the power required to run the furnace fan and the well pump. We hardly notice the change on our power bill," says Ruth.

She says they used a small radiator from a foreign car because it was the only size small enough to fit inside the fan housing at the furnace. When winter comes around again, they just pull it out. No permanent modification is required.

MOWS OVER AND AROUND ROCKS, ROOTS OR STUMPS

New Kind Of Lawn Mower

"It'll cut practically anything," says Country Home Products about its new string-type trimmer/mower on wheels.

Unlike hand-held trimmers, this "totally different lawn mower" rolls "light as a feather" on two big wheels. Equipped with a Briggs and Stratton 4-cycle engine, a trimming head and heavy grade string, it cuts a 22 in. swath for mowing and can also be used to trim over and around rocks, roots or stumps since there's no steel blade to bend, break or dull.

"In testing it, we've cut everything from small hay fields to weed patches, to roadsides and railroad tracks," says Mary Clark, advertising manager. "About the only thing it can't handle is woody stems."

A "double deadman" clutch prevents you from starting the trimmer head until you've completed two safety procedures at the handle-end of the machine. As soon as you let go of the clutch guard, the trimmer head immediately stops. It doesn't slowly wind down but stops instantly, the manufacturer points out.

The new-style mower sells for \$545 and uses regular heavy 95 mil string or, for tall weeds and grass, extra heavy 130 mil (1/8 in. dia.) string which is about twice as heavy as hand trimmers can handle, says Clark.



The string comes in 22 in. lengths and is woven into the trimmer head.

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LOOKS LIKE AN APPLE, TASTES LIKE A PEAR

Fruit Growers Cash In On New "Asian Pear"

The hottest news in fruit-growing country is the rapid growth of a "new" Asian fruit variety that looks like an apple but tastes like a pear.

Sometimes called an "apple pear", Asian pears don't really have anything to do with apples. They just share the same shape and have a crunchy texture that's a lot like an apple. They taste so good, in fact, that growers who planted trees several years ago get a market price 2 to 4 times higher than ordinary pears.

"There's been an explosion of interest the past few years. We're selling them all over the country," says Bob Fowler, of Fowler Nurseries, Newcastle, Calif., one of the largest producers of Asian pear seedstock. He says the pears are popular for several reasons. "They're unique-looking and tasty and they ripen on the tree so no after-ripening is necessary as with ordinary pears. They also store 10 to 14 days at room temperature and for 3 or 4 months in refrigerated storage."

Fowler says the Asian trees, which begin to bear fruit 2 to 3 years after planting, adapt to climates varying from Hawaii to northern states with 10° below zero weather. "We've sold trees to Michigan and into eastern Canada. If it gets much colder than 10° below zero we suggest growers try a couple trees first to see how they'll do," he notes, adding that disease and pest problems are no different for the tree than other pear varieties. Most trees range in height from 15 to 25 ft. and they require thinning of the fruit to get large fruit size.



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Although most Asian pear eaters prefer the fruit raw, Fowler says it can be cooked, dried, canned or pressed into juice. He notes that many soldiers who served in Asia during World War II or since remember the fruit and will pay a premium to obtain it. Each mature tree - 8 to 10 years old - yields 150 to 200 lbs. of fruit. Prices to the grower range as high as \$2.99 per pound.

Fowler Nurseries sells the trees for \$5.00 apiece in lots of 20 or more or you can buy them individually for around \$9.95 apiece plus shipping.

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