



This handsome colonial styled split level has four bedrooms plus a den which could serve as an additional bedroom if necessary. If not required, the den and its closet could be dispensed with and

the space added to the garage. This would then house a standard size plus a compact. The design is basically Frame, but instructions for building in Brick are supplied. House would require a 60 foot lot. 1588 Sq. Ft.

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ANSWER: Not necessary to go through this job every time. Often it's plenty merely to wipe off any accumulations of dust in corners or around moldings. However, if there's the slightest trace of grease, then it's far safer to give the walls a good cleaning. Paint won't stick over a layer of grease. Kitchen walls are especially suspect where grease is concerned.

EXIT TREE STUMP
QUESTION: As soon as the ground thaws out, I'd like to get rid of a bit tree stump in the middle of our lawn. How should I go about it?
ANSWER: Don't have to wait

for the thaw. Chain saw the stump as close to the ground as possible. Then drill down into the roots with the largest size auger bit available; the deeper and wider the holes the better, and the more the merrier. Fill the holes with full strength weed killer. If it seeps down, refill. It won't be too many weeks before the stump rots away. If the stump is far enough away from the house for safety, fill the holes with kerosene and light them. As this smolders down, pour in some more. In only a few days this will reduce the stump to ashes. Garden supply centres also stock good stump removing preparations.

QUESTION: How can I remove whitewash from a concrete block basement wall so that I can paint it?
ANSWER: First try to wire-brush off all you can. The more you can get off, the less there'll be for the next, fairly messy step. Then scrub, using a stiff brush and a solution of one cup of washing soda or other potent cleaning powder to the bucket of hot water. Rinse thoroughly, and allow plenty of time to dry before putting on the paint.

WHEN TO FILL CRACKS
QUESTION: I've been told that a new house takes several months to settle firmly on its foundations, so that it's useless to fill any cracks which develop during this period. If so, how do you know when the settling has finally stopped?
ANSWER: Your informant is absolutely correct. Don't bother trying to repair cracks caused by settling. But you use them to indicate when settling has stopped. Make a pencil mark at each end of a crack, or several cracks. Each time the crack lengthens, make another mark and date it. When two months have passed since you made the last mark, the settling should safely be considered finished.

OOZING TILE CEMENT
QUESTION: Several months ago, I tiled our front hall floor with vinyl squares. But ever since, I've been absolutely plagued with the black cement oozing up through the cracks. I have been able to wipe most off, but when will this stop?
ANSWER: The whole trouble was that you slathered the cement on too thickly. Frankly, there's no telling when the oozing will stop, sorry to say. The safest cure (that to tell you!) is to pry off the tiles and do the job over again, using less cement.

LOCATION OF HUMIDIFIER
QUESTION: I recently had installed a gas-fired hot air furnace. I would like to have a humidifier put in, but there's no

Doctors Discuss Treatment When Children Become Ill

By JOHN TRACY
 ABOARD EMPRESS OF CANADA (CP)—What does a doctor do when his children are sick? Most likely he calls another doctor.

That was the tenor of discussion this week when members of the College of General Practitioners of Canada held a symposium on "growing up with your child."

The symposium, moderated by Dr. Harry Medovy, pediatrician-in-chief of the Winnipeg Children's Hospital, was part of the college's annual scientific assembly aboard this cruise liner.

Dr. Medovy, who described himself and fellow panel member Dr. Robert O. Jones of Halifax, president of the Canadian Medical Association, as grandfathers, said:

"It is difficult for a medical man to view his children's health problems objectively. My advice is to get a competent colleague who will give the child the concern it needs."

Dr. J. A. David Brunet, a paper-mill doctor in Grand-Mere, Que., with three children aged 4 to 17, said his children

always come to him first with illnesses but:

"I honestly feel that doctors should not treat their families at all but should get out of the way and let the other doctor do it properly."

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Dr. F. B. Fallis of Toronto said the Canadian family no longer is husband-dominated but is "a group joined by affection and going along as things develop."

He said a home is a place where there is affection, happiness, an assumption of equality between husband and wife,

husband, Dr. G. Allan Pengelly, said:

"I believe you should start teaching them sex at the age of 2 or 3. But you must do it with absolute accuracy. They should know basic anatomy by the age of 7 or 8 and by 9 or 10 they should have a good knowledge of it."

But the attitude of some people toward sex is lousy. If you can't do it well yourself, find someone else whose attitude is better and have them do it."

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First Aid For Ailing Homes

By ROGER C. WHITMAN RUST FROM STUCCO

QUESTION: How can a rust stain be removed from steps which have a stucco siding? It was caused when rains washed down an iron railing which has a few rusty areas of its own.

ANSWER: Some (by no means all) hardware stores carry rust-removing preparations. If you can locate some, wipe it vigorously on the stain. When no more comes off, make a poultice of powdered chalk, fuller's earth or similar powder and the liquid rust-remover. Cover the stain thickly. When dry and discolored, brush off and repeat as needed with fresh paste. If you can't get the preparation mix your own: Mix one part of sodium citrate (any drug store) in six parts of water. Combine with six parts of commercial glycerin.

PAINT, REFINISH BRASS?
QUESTION: My brass kitchen set has discolored. Can I paint over it in any way or is there a method of refinishing it? At wit's end!

ANSWER: A wire brush attachment for the one-quarter inch electric drill will take off discolorations in short order. Smooth with fine steel wool, wipe free of grease (if otherwise greasy), polish and coat with clear lacquer or spray with clear plastic. Brass should look like brass, I say. But if you want to paint, use top quality metal enamel.

ROOFING A NEW ADDITION
QUESTION: What kind of flat roof can I put on a one-storey addition to a two-storey house? It will be used as a deck, with furniture.

ANSWER: There are various grades and thicknesses of "built up" roofing. A good roofing or building supplies dealer will be familiar with these. Explain your needs, and then put on the best quality roof you can afford. It will last longer than any bargain, and will cost you far less in the long run.

(Note: All correspondence relating to home maintenance should be addressed to: Roger C. Whitman, Toronto Star Syndicate, 80 King Street W., Toronto 1, Ontario.)

NOISY WATER DRAIN
QUESTION: When I pour a lot of water down the kitchen sink, the drain makes an awful racket. The same thing happens in the apartment above. How can I stop this noise?

ANSWER: It may be that the vent stack is clogged. This can mean that when water is poured down, no suction develops. Is there an old bird's nest plugging the vent, or is there any debris left by winter storms? It's also possible the grease trap is clogged. Unscrew the cap (put a pail under the trap first) and see if you can clean it out, using a stiff wire, bent at the tip.

PAINTING FLOOR COVERING
QUESTION: It didn't take long before I was sorry I had bought some bargain linoleum-type covering for the kitchen. So I gave it a good washing, then painted it. In a few weeks, the paint began to peel. I thought perhaps the surface is too shiny. If so, what can I do so I can paint it successfully?

ANSWER: You're quite right about the surface being too shiny for paint to stick. What it needs is a good going-over with sandpaper, to roughen it up a little. You'll find an electric sander worth its weight in diamonds for

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