

Booklet Tells How to Produce Worms, Drive Nails, Pick Horses

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
WASHINGTON — (UP) — The government printing office is a bubbling fountain of information. If you are in the market for a horse, there's a booklet that'll tell you how to pick a sound one instead of a \$15 milk wagon plug. You can leaf through another one and find out what to do about termites, silverfish or bed bugs. One little book tells how to drive a nail without chipping any nails on your fingers; one informs what to do to perk up your goldfish when they get off their feed and start to pout. At North Capitol and H. Streets you can see for yourself. Every government department sends its booklets there to be printed and

put on display — and also sale, for a nickel up.
Latest Addition
Latest addition to the racks is a document called "propagation of minnows and other bait species;" 113 pages; jacket blue-green; price 35 cents. It's the product of a lot of research by the fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of Interior. Mostly about "bait culture," including a very interesting chapter on how to raise a wiggle, or earthworm. We used to call 'em fishworms back in Farmer City, Ill.

I've always wanted a fishworm farm, so I invested 35 cents and will now pass along a few trade secrets — for free. It says here on page 78:

"Earthworms can be raised in basements, under shade trees or in cool places."
A tub or box two feet across and 10 inches deep is all the "farm a man needs." A place that size, it says, should produce several thousand bait-size worms a year.

But before you put up any signs "worms for sale" you've got to have the right kind of soil. A mixture of manure, screened top soil, and peat moss. Or dried coffee grounds and loam, mixed 50-50. Fill the box to a depth of eight inches.

Food Problem
When you start to sense the presence of life on your "farm," you have a food problem. The worms can be fed chicken mash or a mixture of coffee grounds, dried cracked wheat and bread crumbs. Or you can use a pound of lard mixed with two pounds of corn meal. Or ground garbage, which is a lot cheaper. Comes the harvest. All you have to do is dump your box and start counting worms and profits.

The loam, it says in the booklet, should be saved and transferred to a fresh box as "it contains egg capsules which will start a fresh colony. Return the unused worms to the old box as breeders."
Well, I'm in business. I got me a box and followed instructions. In three months, I'll probably be ready to retire. The book says it takes that long to get a worm up to bait-size. And with "thousands" coming out of each tub, how can a guy lose?

Oh, oh! Here in fine print, it says that before you start spending your fortune, put a few breeder worms on top of your "farm." That was kind of an added starter and I didn't notice it until I thought I was in business.

You have to excuse me while I get out to the garden and see if I can trap a couple of worms.

Adler Proves He's Musician
SAN FRANCISCO — (UP) — The musicians' union has recognized Harmonica Player Larry Adler as a musician.

Although Adler has played with symphony orchestras and appeared as a concert artist for years, the union said he never was a musician. He played a toy, not a musical instrument, the union claimed.

Adler appeared before an examining board of Local 6. Acting President Walter Weber told him to play a chord in F sharp. "Can't do it," Adler said. "Play it in E flat, then," said Weber.

"I can't do that, either," Adler replied. "But I can do this . . ." Adler then played everything from popular music to concert pieces.

"I'll match that against Petri-lo's trumpet playing anytime," said Weber.
Adler passed. Now he's a musician.

Cordon Heads Special Pacific Investigators
WASHINGTON — (UP) — Senator Guy Cordon (R-Ore) is chairman of a special congressional committee planning to tour former Japanese Pacific Islands to learn what Uncle Sam can do with his far flung possessions.

Specifically, the committee hopes to learn ways and means of establishing a civil government for some 50,000 inhabitants of former Japanese mandated islands. The Oregon senator believes the Islanders should be encouraged to create a self-sufficient economy as possible.

The lawmakers expect to leave the United States in November.

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Animals Also Have Sleepless Worries

ST. PAUL — (UP) — Domestic animals, as humans, suffer from insomnia, the University of Minnesota farm school reports.
The "contented" cow is not too sound a sleeper, according to W. E. Petersen. Cattle worries include being dropped from the social order of the herd, maladjustment and poor caretakers.
Horses worry when removed from familiar surroundings and friendly stablemates, and often go for weeks without lying down. They do catch a few winks while on their feet.
Sheep, the neurotics of the domestic animal kingdom, keep an ear cocked while asleep and poise on the alert.
The pig, however, is a hearty sleeper. H. G. Zaboral, animal husbandman, said the grumpy snores of pigs serve as music to lull pen-mates to sleep.

BAD EGGS EXPENSIVE
SALEM — (UP) — Judge George R. Duncan awarded \$2000 to D. A. Heinz for 32 cases of rotten eggs. Heinz, a hatchery operator, sued an air transportation company which had failed to deliver 5616 turkey eggs before they spoiled.

United Nations Unite Finally; Orange Juice, Not Hard Stuff

By WALTER LOGAN
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (UP) — A survey of bar habits at the United Nations delegates' lounge disclosed that most of the delegates are not two-fisted when it comes to drinking.
They drink orange juice—30 to 40 gallons of the stuff a day.
One was heard to order a Shirley Temple special. A Shirley Temple special is a reasonably harmless concoction of ginger ale and enough grenadine to color it a delicate shade of pink. Alcoholic content: nil. After effects: nil.
Some delegates order milk, and one fairly daring bar visitor, obviously not a delegate, once ordered a mixture of milk and whisky.
But day in and day out, orange juice is the staple drink and from morn (about 10:30 a.m. when the delegates start arriving to night (about 5:30 p.m. when they start leaving) orange juice pours across the bar.
Big Gus Presides
The bartender is Big Gus Eren-gerth, a giant Norwegian who left

his native home in 1911 because Norway appeared to offer no future for a man of his talents. There, he said, they don't mix drinks, they just drink aquavit or brandy, in great but unmixed quantities.
Gus, the inventor of such deadly mixtures as The Iron Curtain (vodka, an absolute minimum of dry vermouth and a twist of lemon), has an equal number of deadly and harmless inventions to his credit. He's looking for some

tequila now for something else he has in mind.
By far the most popular UN drink for some time was the Romuloso special, made up especially for Gen. Carlos Romulos of the Philippines and taken to by the other delegates the way a duck takes to water. Very simple: tomato juice, lemon juice, celery salt and Lea & Perrin sauce, well shaken.

Gus can invent you a drink to order. When Princess Elizabeth was getting ready for her wedding, a member of the British delegation asked for a Lillibet special. Gus came up with this one: Lime juice, Metaxas (Greek) brandy and Drambuie to add sweetness.

HEADS COLLEGE AT 24
CHILLICOTHE, Mo. — (UP) — Allen Moore, III, is a college president at the age of 24. A war veteran and a graduate of the University of Missouri, Moore was his father as president of the Chillothe business college.

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