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Machine Screws Steady Tables On Uneven Floors

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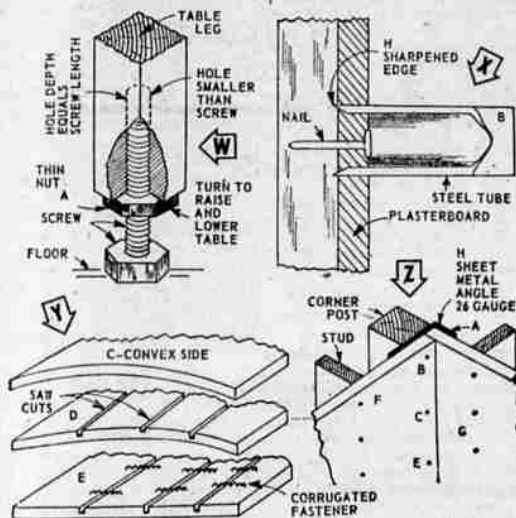
Rocking or unsteady tables on uneven patio or other floors can be remedied. Picture W shows the bottom of a typical wood table leg. If quarter-inch machine screws and matching nuts are used, legs can be adjusted to suit uneven surfaces. Drill a hole somewhat smaller than the machine screws to be used in the bottom of each leg as indicated. Turn thin nuts A, on the screws, also as indicated. Finally, turn the screws into the leg holes. The screws will cut threads in the wood.

To make a leg longer, (1) turn the thin nut down toward the head of the screw, (2) turn the screw toward the left so that it comes

point H. Place the sharp edge of the tool over nail heads in the plasterboard, and drive it through with a hammer, striking at point B. When all nail heads have been treated, the board can be removed. Replacing is easy as the board will fit over the plasterboard projections. Drive new nails at other locations to install the board.

STRAIGHTENING PANELS

When solid wooden panels warp as shown at C in picture Y they can be straightened. Make several saw cuts (as indicated at D) on the convex side of the board. Cut about half way through the panel. On badly warped material, saw cuts can be made twice the width of the saw blade. Press the panel



out of the leg an amount equal to the additional length desired, and (3) turn the thin nut up against the bottom of the wood leg again.

To make a leg shorter, (1) turn the nut down toward the head of the screw, (2) turn the screw to the right so that it goes into the leg the desired amount, and (3) turn the thin nut up against the wood again. The same idea works on other wooden furniture.

REMOVING PLASTERBOARD

When remodeling it is often necessary to remove a section of plasterboard. The job can be done neatly and without damaging the board. Picture X shows how a short length of rigid electrical tubing or pipe can be sharpened with a file at one end as shown at

on a flat surface and drive corrugated fasteners across the saw cuts as shown. The fasteners should be of a size that will extend at least one-third of the way through the panel.

FASTENING AT CORNERS

When remodeling it often occurs that plasterboard or plywood must be fastened at a corner where a ground (means of fastening) exists for only one panel or side. Picture Z shows a corner post at only one side of a corner. Panel F can be fastened, but panel G presents a problem. Before installing the paneling, nail a piece of sheet metal angle to the corner post, as indicated in picture Z. Panel G can be placed against side A of the sheet metal angle. Panel F can then be placed and nailed, as shown at B, C and E. Panel G will then be held securely in place. This method of fastening will avoid warping and cracks in the panels.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Can we use a paint roller to paint a woven wire fence?

A—Yes, if the roller is covered with wool.

Q—Can rubber based paints be used on masonry surfaces?

A—Yes, they are often used because of their alkali-resistant qualities.

Q—How can we remove stains from linoleum?

A—Go over the stains lightly with steel wool, then wash with soap and water. This remedy will not mar linoleum.

Q—What is the difference between fiberoil roof coating and fiberoil roof cement?

A—Fiberoil roof cement, of paste consistency, is a repair material. When a crack, flashing tear or seam greek occur, plastic roof cement is applied to make a patch. Fiberoil roof coating is a liquid used to prevent cracks, breaks and leaks in roofing. It is applied while the roof is in good condition.

BOY SCOUTING

The Boy Scouts of America are open to all boys regardless of race, color, creed or financial standing.



OUT-OF-THE-WAY BOOK NOOK. The problem of displaying books without making them part of the room's decorative scheme is solved here by an off-the-living room book nook. Douglas fir paneling, ceiling, beams and shelves furnish a neutral and beautiful background for displaying colorful volumes, and this small library and conversation corner is a perfect place to enjoy reading in semi-solitude.

Bookcase Construction Can Be Weekend Job

Practically every household today has its collection of books, great or small, albeit the pessimists have been declaring for years that movies and television are bound to destroy the public's taste for reading.

Contrary to this opinion, more books are purchased by more people every year, and with this trend comes a need for libraries and bookshelves as a part of home design.

Architects are turning to wood for flexibility in designing this very individual home area, and find Douglas fir and west coast hemlock among the most popular materials for the den and library. These beautiful golden-beige woods are restful, easy to maintain and do not clash with colorful dust jackets. Also, such woods are easy to work, to cut and shape to any dimension so that the weekend do-it-yourselfer can handle them with dexterity.

The soft glareless tones of fir and hemlock distribute the light more evenly to protect the reader from harsh illumination.

Flexibility of materials is not only important in the book nook's design, but in the actual storage itself. Number of bookshelves needed and arrangements of the shelving will vary with each homeowner's needs, as well as allowances for expansion.

Shelves should be adjustable, with brackets set in the sides of each shelf at different levels so they may be easily raised or lowered to suit the height of the books, or even removed to display collections, figurines or trophies along with the books.

Where will your library be? Placement also varies with each individual, but volume storage should be accessible, fairly private or even showy if you want the books to become part of the decorative scheme.

One unusable, hard-to-decorate wall—the stair wall, is an ideal spot to make a bookcase. This also makes it easy for the nocturnal reader to select a book on his way to bed.

If this is not large enough, or secluded enough, the den or library may be a must in your home.

The home library becomes a part of the living room by setting it in an alcove right off that area. It can be closed away by folding screens or the smart new louvered doors. If your living area is paneled fir or hem-

lock, the matching library becomes an auxiliary conversation space which opens up to accommodate extra people when you are entertaining a large group.

Add a neat built-in desk to give more use and importance to your home library. This will take up little space and can be constructed of the same fir as the paneling and shelves. The whole family will find this a useful addition—Junior for homework, dad for extra office duty, and mom for letter writing and household accounting.

Pest Control

By September, crabgrass has largely done its damage for the year. It is an annual, will die with the first killing frost, and perpetuate itself into the next and subsequent years by means of seed, much of which has already ripened.

If there is still fear of continued seed production, and a desire to kill the crabgrass, the newer methyl arsonate materials have proven best for mature plants.

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