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Gain Storage Space With Bed Drawers

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Storage space in many of the smaller homes and apartments for small items is inadequate especially in bedrooms. To provide handy, useful additional storage space, off-the-floor drawers can be installed under beds. When the beds are made up, the spreads hide the drawers.

Hide-a-way steel drawers can be purchased completely assembled to screw to the bottom edges of bed rails. Hide-a-way drawers are off the floor, clean and practically dust free, and can be made with a small quantity of wood, a few screws and simple hand tools.

Picture X shows part of a wood frame bed. Note the corner posts, the headboard, the side rails and the slats. One or more drawers can be attached to the bottom edges of the rails, as indicated, and can be from 24 to 30 inches wide, six or eight inches deep and three to four or more feet wide. The same construction procedure can be used for two drawers.

Two slides are required for each drawer. The slides are shown in pictures X and Y and detailed in picture Z. Lumber yards will cut the L-shaped slides. The dimensions shown in picture Z are recommended. Each slide must be long enough to reach both rails of the bed.

Two runners (pictures W and Y) are required for each drawer. Piece 2 of the runner, see picture Z, should be one-half inch thick and two inches high. It should be screwed to piece 4 using flat head screws. Be sure to drill pilot holes for the screws. Piece 4 can be one inch thick and as high as the depth of the drawer. For a lighter weight drawer, make piece 4 of three-fourths inch stock.

Use one-half inch stock or three-eighths inch plywood for the bottom of drawer. Fasten with screws. Make the back of the drawer (6 in picture X) of one-inch or three-fourths inch stock. Fasten it to the runners with wood screws.

The front of the drawer, see picture W, can be made of one-half inch stock and shaped (see 6 and 7) so that it also covers the ends of the slides, runners and bottom piece. The front edges (see 6) can be beveled or rounded for better appearance. Bevel with a plane, then round with sandpaper. Use a carpenter's square when assembling the parts so that all corners are exactly 90 degrees.

Screw the slides to bottom edges of rails with flat head wood screws. Drill pilot holes for the screws so the rails will not split. Be sure the screws enter the middle of the rails. Paint front of the drawer to match the rails of the bed. For steel beds, drill holes in the rails and attach the runners with nuts and bolts.

Outdoor Cooking Tastes The Best

Many reasons have been advanced as to why outdoor cooking has become so popular during the last few years. However, nearly everyone agrees that the biggest reason for this popularity is taste. Food cooked over a charcoal fire just seems to taste better.

Famous restaurants have recognized this for many years and have pointed out they serve "charcoal grilled" steaks, chops and roasts as an inducement to attract customers.

Outdoorsmen for years have been following the practice. Fishermen often cook fresh-caught trout over a wood fire on the bank of a stream. Hunters frequently enjoy fresh venison cooked over open fires in their camps.

The extra-delicious flavor isn't limited just to expensive fish and steaks. Almost any meat gains new flavor when it is cooked over a charcoal flame.

Fan In Basement Prevents Mildew

A spring problem nearly every householder faces is keeping the basement dry during rainy weather. Dampness always seems to collect, leading to mildew that often damages articles kept in this location.

An excellent solution is to place a fan in the basement window or door and turn it on for an hour or so each day. The fan will circulate the air and eliminate much of the dampness.

The fan also can be used when the homemaker washes during inclement weather and must hang the clothes in the basement rather than outside. If air from the fan is directed at the clothes, they will dry faster and will have the soft fresh feeling that usually comes only when they are hung outdoors.

State Poultry Groups Slate June Meetings

New trends in egg production and marketing and the rapidly-growing broiler industry will be reviewed by two leading Oregon poultry organizations, June 12 and 13, at Oregon State College.

National poultry industry representatives will speak at the annual meeting of the Oregon Poultry and Hatchery Association, June 12, and the Oregon Broiler Growers Association June 13.

Dr. Earl L. Butz, former assistant secretary of agriculture, will address the organizations' joint banquet, June 12. Dr. Butz, now dean of agriculture at Purdue University, will discuss social and political implications of integration in agriculture.

So-called integration or combining of production and marketing processes under one ownership from the farm to the retail level

has developed rapidly in the poultry industry. Butz, one of the nation's outstanding agricultural economists, was assistant secretary of agriculture from 1954 to 1957.

14 Klamath Sheep Killed By Dogs

Dogs took 14 sheep in Klamath County during the first three months of 1958, according to the reports of Edward R. Adams and Arthur L. Cooper, federal-state hunters in the area.

Coyotes took another 10 sheep and one deer and raccoons were responsible for the destruction of two chickens. These figures should not be considered the total livestock losses due to predators, cautions M. E. Knickerbocker, chief of the state Department of Agriculture's division of animal industry. They are ones actually found by Adams and Cooper.

The two hunters killed 47 predators from April 6 to May 3, 17 coyotes, 13 porcupines, 10 bobcats and seven badgers.

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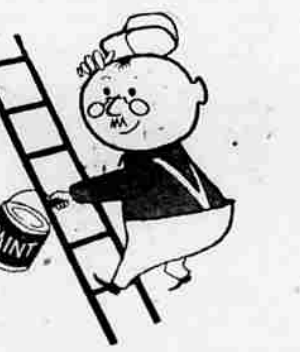
Larry N. Thompson, general manager, Poultry Producers of Central California, will discuss trends in producing, grading, and selling market eggs on the Pacific Coast. Other featured speakers include Dr. A. W. Brant, chief of the USDA poultry research branch, an authority in the field of egg-grading techniques and egg quality.

Noel Bennion, OSC poultry specialist and OPHA secretary, says this year's program is designed especially for market egg producers but should also be of interest to hatcherymen, feed dealers, processors and field service men.

Brant will also address the Broiler Growers meeting, June 13, discussing flavor in modern broilers. Don Turnbull, Kansas City, executive secretary of the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation, will report trends in Midwest broiler production.

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