



"Angle of convenience" simplifies pruning for home gardener.

New Shears Big Aid In Garden Work

Pruning is easier and faster—if your pruner has a built-in "angle of convenience" and a pointed head.

So says True Temper in introducing a new hand pruning shear for the home gardener.

The head of the new tool inclines forward from the handle at a 45 degree angle. This places the blade in proper position while the user's wrists and hands remain in a comfortable natural position, thus reducing hand and arm fatigue.

The head is pointed to improve the home gardener's "aim" in reaching elusive twigs and branches. Flared cushion grips fit the hand snugly and will not slip even in wet weather or in a gloved hand.

Although engineered for light weight, the pruner is professional in size. The cutlery steel blade, tapered to a keen edge, opens wide and is pivoted to cut with a powerful slicing action.

A thumb-flick safety lock and a finger guard simplify handling.

True Temper contends that the new tool is "one of the five or six major advancements in garden and lawn tools in recent years."

Identified as the No. A35 "Rock-et," the pruner sells for \$3.25.

Man Seeking Lost Buddies

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI) — Sam Worth, 63, is a man with a mission—to find the men of the Navy cruiser Memphis.

Worth, now a salesman, was a fireman aboard the Memphis when she was wrecked in Santo Domingo harbor during an earthquake on August 30, 1916.

Since then, with the help of a few other shipmates, he's been able to locate about 30 survivors of the 900-man crew, of whom at least 22 died, 13 were missing and more than 80 others injured in the wreck.

"Ironically enough," said Worth, "it was just three months after her name was changed from the Tennessee to the Memphis that she met disaster, substantiating the superstition among sailors that it is bad luck to change a ship's name."

Worth realizes that many of his shipmates have died since 1916. The first reunion of the Memphis survivors in Philadelphia last year was the result of an advertisement by Worth in the Veterans of Foreign Wars publication. Eighteen of the men were on hand.

"There must be many, many more," said Worth. "If only we can find them."

SAY THAT AGAIN

RICHMOND, Va. (UPI) — An application to the State Game Commission for a job as game warden included this explanation: "I am and have always been interested in the prevention of wild life."



Battle With Bugs Is Big Event In Gardener's Life

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Garden pests have spent the winter getting ready to outnumber and outflank you this year. You can save lots of bug trouble later with some basic garden cleanup and pest prevention now.

Survey your garden. Collect and burn plant refuse left over from last year to eliminate overwintering plant pests. Prune away storm-injured shrubs and trees to discourage disease and insect attacks. Pruning also opens plants for better spray penetration.

Early soil fumigation can knock out nematodes, grubs and other pests hibernating underground. Drench your planting beds with material like nemagon or use a granular type fumigant like mylone.

White grubs are the most destructive widespread pest in lawns. They cut roots to leave grass brown and patchy. Grub-proof by tilling or raking aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin or heptachlor into new lawn areas. On established lawns, apply one of these chemicals early, then soak it into the soil with water.

Apply dormant sprays on trees and shrubs before buds open to gain the upper hand before pests emerge. Superior type oil stops scale insects. For plants that might be damaged by oil sprays, dimethoate (DN) and lime-sulfur are preferred.

Chewing insects eat portions of plants, while sucking bugs use plant juices for food. Some insecticides kill one type only. That's where multipurpose pesticides come in handy. They combine materials to stop most common insects. Look for those containing malathion, DDT, methoxychlor, rotenone, lindane and chlordane. All have proved excellent in pest control efforts.

An excellent broad-spectrum material called Sevin is on the market now. It controls insects that have become resistant to pre-

viously-used materials like DDT. Billions of research dollars have been spent to give home gardeners the best possible bug control materials. Take advantage of this valuable knowledge by reading the labels on each pesticide. Follow the directions exactly and you'll be master of a bug-free garden.

Choose the most convenient weapon when you battle bugs. There's a size and type of sprayer or duster for any purpose. Hose attachments like the Hayes lawn and garden units offer a fast, easy way to cover large areas. Generally, spraying is the most accurate way to apply pesticides, but requires somewhat more work in cleaning equipment periodically.

Dusting has advantages. There's no mixing. Various disposable dust applicators can be used on limited areas, then discarded when empty. However, keep all poisons and even empty containers away from youngsters and pets.

When you spray, aim for thorough coverage. Our green thumb guide is to spray until droplets form and begin to run off branches and twigs. Regularity, thoroughness and timing are the big three factors in your program. Each pest you miss breeds hundreds more to harass you within weeks.

Colorful, illustrated guides to insect enemies are usually available free from your county agricultural agents. Other helpful booklets can be obtained directly from the Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D.C.

Plan your campaign against bugs now to enjoy a more pleasant productive gardening year.

County Agent Gives Tips

Ray O. Petersen, Klamath County agent, has some tips to pass along on management practices to increase forage yields.

First, recommends Petersen, permit the grass to make a four- to six-inch growth before pasturing.

In order to manufacture plant food to make growth, a plant must have leaf surface because there is where raw materials are converted into plant tissue.

Rotation of fields to permit irrigation while stock is not on the fields prevents damage to plants, also gives plants a chance to produce some leaf surface and speed up growth. Many experiments have shown that dividing fields into three or four units increases production by 25 to 40 per cent.

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