Will Proper Care, & Christmas Tree Poinsetta Plant Industry Aids Will Bloom Again

. That popular Christmas riant, the poinsettia, need not be discarded when the holiday is over. The right care can keep it in condition for blooming again next

Horticulture specificists say you need not be alarmed about c opping leaves. Leaf dropping sir nly means the plant is going into its normal rest period, which lasts until about May 1.

After the leaves fall, put the plant in a cool place-10 to 0 degrees - and water sparing v. About May 1, cut the plant back quite heavily, to remove excess wood and make it more shapely.

Shake off the old soil and repot in a mixture of three parts garden loam, one part well-rotted manure and one part leafmold. Use a pot just large enough to hold the mass of roots without crowding and still provide good drainage. Water enough to keep the soil from drying out.

In about another month, when weather is warm, set the potted plant outdoors, submerging the pot in the soil at ground level or a little below. Put it in full sunshine unless the weather is very hot. In that case, give it light shade. Vinen nights cool in the fall, put it in a window there there is good light and air and where temperature is about 60 to 68 degrees, but with no draft. Water regularly so the soil never dries out and use a little liquid fertilizer very week.

Long nights, uninterrupted by even a shaft of artificial light, are fed to bring the poinsettia into

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That beautiful Christmas tree you've purchased for your living room this Christmas needn't cause any qualms of conscience if you' e the type who worries about the eff at of the Christmas tree busiass on our forests.

The fact that yours is one of 31 million trees used for holiday deporations this year makes it seem that our for sts are in great pe i', but such is not the case. In fact, at least half of these trees are coming from sources that did not harm or actually improved the forest land they occupied when cut.

Foresters who grow saw-log trees generally divide cut-over and into four classes and Christmas-tree land is the lowest classiacation. It won't grow good forests. but is ideal for Christmas trees since it barely supports tree life The tree, in its struggle to exist. throws out quick and frequent

On such land are the Christmastree farms, such as one operated at Tacoma, Washington, by Paul Kirk, the "Christmas-tree king" Kirk distributes 4 to 5 million trees a year and keeps several times that number growing.

The last two or three weeks before Christmas are about the busiest of the year for Paul Kirk, for his carefully grown trees must arrive at their destinations on time. It isn't unusual for him to tour dozens of cities checking on shipments before he gets home at the last moment to gather with his family around the Kirks' huge white-sprayed tree.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

Ponder the case of Poor Ole Dad who said, and I quote "Christmas shopping is easy, I'll just run over to the big city and get it all done in a couple of hours.

As you can see, Dad's expression comes under the heading of "famous last words." Oh, he completed his shopping list, or rather most of it—but look at the shape he is in now. It took him all day, rather than a "couple of hours" because he decided to walk his feet off rather than have to make another trip.

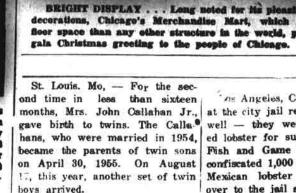
He felt pretty pleased about the whole thing (when he started home—that is,) until he ran out of gas in the middle of nowhere. So busy thinking about the things he wanted to buy he just forgot Bessie refuses to run without fuel. He lost thirty minutes or so waiting for a gas station to send out some fuel from a nearby community, but that didn't upset him very much. He didn't really blow a fuse until he picked up a nail and a slow leak in one of Bessie's tires.

But he got home—a tired but happy man, apparently.

Mom, who believes in shopping at home where value and satisfaction are always guaranteed by the local merchant's reputation, probably made the situation worse by remarking that practically every item on Dad's list could have been bought here at home for the same price, or less. I guess that's what made Dad light up like the Christmas tree—it was a sure insinuation that he wasn't a very smart businessman and that blow at his pride was just too much for a man with aching feet.



TELL ME, TELL ME . . . This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gasing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christ-mas is only a short time away.



os Angeles, Calif. - Prisoners months, Mrs. John Callahan Jr., at the city jail recently fared real gave birth to twins. The Calla, well - they were served creamhans, who were married in 1954, ed lobster for supper. The State became the parents of twin sons Fish and Game Commission had on April 30, 1955. On August confiscated 1,000 pounds of illegal , this year, another set of twin Mexican lobster and turned it over to the jail authorities.



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