



One of my students received a letter from his mother in New Jersey this week and asked him to find out whether or not there is such a plant as "dumb plant."

Yes, there is—Dieffenbachia. This genus of tropical American plants is a very popular house plant because of the ease of culture and durability in the home. Dieffenbachia species are very similar except in size of plant and leaf coloration.

Dumb cane ("dumb plant") is a very common name for these plants in their native lands because a person eating a portion of the plant will have his vocal chords paralyzed for several weeks. In severe cases, all throat passages may be blocked and serious conditions result.

Everyone who has this very desirable house plant should know about this hidden danger and keep the youngsters away from the plants.

The potting medium should be high in organic matter but well drained. One part peat and one part composted soil is good. One part peat and one part perlite (by volume) is also good.

but the peat and soil is probably best.

Watering is important. Water thoroughly and then not again until the surface of the medium is dry to the touch. Over-watering may cause the plant to rot at the base.

Dieffenbachias will tolerate a wide range of light conditions in the house, another reason for their popularity as house plants.

The best growth of these tropical plants occurs in a temperature range of 65-70 degrees. As long as the temperature does not drop below 50 degrees, good growth may be expected.

A parent called me at home the other night all shook-up about one of the little toddlers eating pyracantha berries. Obviously, he wanted to know whether or not a lethal potion had been consumed. The answer was no.

Pyracantha belongs to the rose family, a large one, and is classed as a pome fruit, as are also apples and pears.

I would not recommend that the toddler be put on a diet of pyracantha berries unless the family is holed up in a fall-out shelter and rations are short.

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

YANCEY COUNTY, Plaintiff vs. HERMAN PENLAND and wife, MRS. HERMAN PENLAND, Defendants

Under and by virtue of the judgment of the Superior Court of Yancey County in the above entitled case against the defendants appointing the undersigned as commissioner to sell the lands hereinafter described to satisfy the lien and judgment for taxes due Yancey County by the defendant, Herman Penland, for the year 1952. The undersigned commissioner will offer the hereinafter described tract or parcel of land in Cane River Township, adjoining the lands of J. R. Pate and others for sale at 10 o'clock A. M. December 4, 1961 at the Court House door in Burnsville, North Carolina. Said land being described as follows:

BEGINNING on a white oak on the point of a ridge near a hollow and on the North side of McElroy Creek and public road, said corner of the A. M. Holcombe Home Tract and runs up the hollow to Nick Proffitt's line striking a ridge; thence with the main height of said ridge to a sourwood on the main height of the ridge

dividing the waters of McElroy Creek and Bald Creek; thence with the main height of said ridge a West course to a fence in D. D. Proffitt's corner on said ridge; thence down a South course a straight line to a rock back of D. D. Proffitt's barn; thence down the branch to the public road; thence down to the BEGINNING, containing 37 acres, more or less.

This October 27, 1961. BILL ATKINS, Commissioner Nov. 9-16-23-30

EXECUTRIX NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of John C. Hutchins, deceased, late of Yancey County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned Administratrix at her home at 9 Cressen Road, Asheville, N. C., on or before the 19th day of October, 1962, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons owing the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of October, 1961. Mattie H. Gardner, Administratrix of the Estate of John C. Hutchins, Deceased. Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

YANCEY COUNTY, Plaintiff vs. MRS. GRACE H. MEYERS MRS. WARREN WALWORTH MRS. LOUISE HUNSBURGER Heirs at Law of Adam HUNSBURGER

Under and by virtue of the judgment of the Superior Court of Yancey County in the above entitled case against the defendant's heirs at law of Adam Hunsburger appointing the undersigned as commissioner to sell the

lands hereinafter described to satisfy the lien and judgment for taxes due Yancey County by the defendants for the years of 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960. The undersigned commissioner will offer the hereinafter described tracts or parcels of land, the same being the mineral interest in said lands, for sale at 10 o'clock A. M., December 4, 1961 at the Court House door in Burnsville, North Carolina, lands being in South Toe Township and described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at a Spruce Pine on the North bank of Clear Creek and runs South 40 West 80 poles to a stake; thence South 80 poles to a stake; thence East 100 poles to a

stake; thence North 80 poles to a stake, in John Washburn's old line and thence to the BEGINNING, containing 100 acres, more or less; and being the old Baxter Washburn tract. SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at a Spruce Pine, the W. B. Westall beginning corner, and runs South 20 poles crossing Locust Creek to a bunch of Chestnuts; thence West 160 poles to a stake; thence South 50 poles Chesnuts; thence West 160 poles to a stake; thence North 70 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 50 acres more or less.

THIRD TRACT: BEGINNING at a Spruce Pine on the bank of said Creek and runs West up and with the meanders of said Creek 90 poles to a Spruce Pine opposite the mouth of a branch; thence South crossing said Locust Creek 10 poles in J. B. Westall's line; thence North 20 West 14 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 10 acres, more or less, reserving the Mill Race to J. P. Westall.

FOURTH TRACT: BEGINNING at a Spruce Pine on the East side of said River at Mack Horton's corner and runs East with said line 118 poles to a Chesnut at said Horton's corner stake; thence South 30 West 140 poles to a stake; thence East 60 poles to a stake; thence North 30 East

140 poles to a White Oak; thence North 9 East 65 poles to a Maple; thence West 80 poles to a Maple on a ridge; thence North 10 East 60 poles to a stake on the bank of said River; thence South 45 West up and with said River 60 poles to a stake against the mouth of Locust Creek; thence South 30 West up and with said River to the BEGINNING, EXCEPTING from the aforesaid tract, twenty-seven (27) acres heretofore conveyed by grantors to John Autrey off of the Northwest corner thereof, being 73 acres.

FIFTH TRACT: BEGINNING on a Spruce Pine at Wilson Hensley's South east corner, North and by John Bowditch; thence East 40 poles to a stake in Jacob Whitson's line; thence South 45 West 92 poles to a stake in the said line; thence West 80 poles to a stake in said line; thence West 80 poles to a stake on top of the ridge; thence North 82 poles to a stake in Irvin's line; thence with said Irvin's line to a Cucumber tree in said Hensley's line; thence with said Hensley's line 40 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 46 acres, more or less.

This October 26, 1961. BILL ATKINS, Commissioner Nov. 9-16-23-30

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LITTLE THINGS about TV Stars
By GEORGE LILLEY

ARNOLD STANG: One of TV's truly natural comedians. Son of a Boston lawyer, Arnold, after practicing a serious role in "The Raven," ran off to New York at the age of 11. On a children's hour, the "serious" role proved so funny, he was made a comedian, has been paid for that since. Arnold reached an early peak in TV as "Francis," pal of "Max," on a Berle show. This fall he stars as the voice of "Top Cat" (Wed. nites, ABC-TV), click cartoon creation by Bill Hanna and Joe Barbera, parents of "The Flintstones." "Top Cat" is head of a Runyonesque mob of New York alley cats who think they're members of the human race. Maurice Gosfield and Leo De Lyon speak for other cats, Allen Jenkins for "Office Dribble," the cartoon's harried cop.

NEW WORLD FOR MOLLY
GERTRUDE BERG: After 30 years as "Molly," off to a bright new TV role. She is "Sarah Green," a widowed grandmother enrolled as a freshman, in "Mrs. G. goes to College" (Wed. nites, CBS-TV). Her antagonist: "Prof. Crayton," imperious but leery (of "Mrs. G.") exchange professor, played by Sir Cedric Hardwicke. Gertrude got her start as a child entertaining guests in her father's Catskill mountains summer hotel. Since she has written and performed in some 4500 Goldberg scripts, the Broadway play "Molly and Me," plus myriad other ventures. Hard work has paid off. She currently lives with husband, in Brentwood, Calif., has a Park Avenue duplex, along with a colonial home in New York's smart Westchester County.

"CHICK'S" CLICK
JACKIE COOPER: Navy medic "Chick Hennessey," beginning his third year as star of the same TV show ("Hennessey," Mon. nites, CBS-TV), an accomplishment these days in TV circles. This year he is also writing and directing the program, one of TV's more believable situation series. Jackie was a member of the early "Our Gang" comedies. At eight he starred in the Academy Award movie "Skippy," for which he received \$50 a week (in all \$200—the picture was made in four weeks). Later fame followed in a series with Wallace Peery. But Jackie, 39, says he had to come to New York (1947) after a 3½ year Navy hitch, to learn to act. He also learned to be a businessman. He and his writer Don McGuire own the "Hennessey" show.

MAN BEHIND THE CAMERA
ALLEN FUNT: Man responsible for TV's intriguing "Candid Camera," back again (Sun. nites, CBS-TV) with new host, Durward Kirby. After 14 years behind hidden cameras, Funt says most people before the lens are either 1) ham actors or 2) "scared to death." That is if they find out he is filming them. His job is not to let them know. Allen's Alibis: If a subject becomes suspicious of the... a few alibis lights, Allen will explain that he is "drying out new paint"—or will flood an adjacent area with even more light to detract attention. More often people hear the faint whirr of the hidden camera. Then he'll remark, "Oh, that's just the air conditioner. You know," says Funt, "They'll usually settle for that, even when there is no air conditioner."

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