

Off-beat facts for gardeners

I'm sort of strung out, you know what I mean? After the last couple of weeks I'm tired and silly, just like you are, probably. Maybe the following facts sound a little off-beat to you, too. I sure hope so.



From Organic Gardening Magazine and the American Nurseryman comes a formula for measuring the amount of soil in a flower pot, whose shape is called a frustrum.

V equals (R2 plus r2 plus Rr)(3.1415)(H 3).

R and small r represent the radius of the top and bottom of the pot, and h equals the height. If measurements are in inches, the result will be in cubic inches.

Those who think bit, like n cubic feet, should multiply by 0.00057861.

You heard it here first. Cook in iron cookware. Iron content of an egg triples if eggs are cooked in an iron skillet. Check for filings if you scrapped the bottom too hard. Icy patches on front walks can be eliminated by sprinkling

generously with fireplace ashes. Wall-to-wall carpeting is subsequently destroyed by tracking aforesaid ashes back into the house. Use the back door.

From HortIdeas comes the suggestion of soaking two inches of stems of cut poinsettias in grain alcohol for ten minutes after cutting, then switch to water.

For important occasions add Perrier and a twist. Remember these basic rules with houseplant troubles.

When leaves start turning yellow, you've probably over-watered, so you get root rot.

When leaves start turning yellow, you are not watering the plant enough.

When leaves start turning yellow, you are not fertilizing enough.

When leaves start turning yellow, you have over-fertilized, and there is too much salts buildup.

When leaves start turning yellow, you have not provided

enough light. When leaves start turning yellow, the plant has been exposed to too much direct sun. Simple isn't it?

Presto Mfg., P.O.B. 124, Bedford, Ohio, 44014, has for sale to the serious, serious, get-down-type gardener an automatic (yes!) Clay Pot Washer.

I propose installing this under the greenhouse bench next to my exclusive-design Electric Aphid Eater.

Place houseplant in machine. Shut door, turn control to SLURP. Aphids are mechanically suctioned into a biodegradable mesh baggie, ready for disposal. But don't.

Instead, mix with birdseed and feed to the family's pet parakeet. An extra shot of protein may give Tweetie-Pie a much needed winter lift.

Buy some new, exotic plants for the house. Here is a picture of my favorite, as drawn by Edward Lear, 1812-1888:

Violence in home

RALEIGH—Most families care about each other, have good communication skill, and can handle stress. But for some families, home is where the hurt is.

Violence among family members falls into a number of categories, including child abuse, sibling violence, violence by the child or a parent, and violence against elderly by handicapped family members.

Violent incidents in families are usually not isolated events. Generally, family violence is intense, recurrent, and will continue possibly escalate unless there is some outside intervention.

Local and national studies suggest the problem of family violence is widespread. The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect estimates that approximately one million children are mistreated by their parents each year. Of these children, as many as 100,000 to 200,000 are physically abused. Sixty to 100,000 are sexually abused, and the remainder are neglected.

It has been estimated that one-sixth of all American couples experience at least one violent incident each year, and more than

one-fourth experience such an episode sometime during their marriage.

Stress appears to be an important factor in episodes of family violence. Some stress factors may be chronic, such as financial instability or unemployment. Others may be the result of "bad" timing when nothing seems to go right. This is when normal coping mechanisms prove to be inadequate. If the family has a history of violent interactions, additional stress is likely to result in increased violence.

For more information on family violence, contact the Crime Prevention Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety at (919) 733-5522.



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