

Let's talk about

# HORSES

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**Question:** I am a girl 12 years old and have been riding for two years. I am starting to train my two year old horse. He is very good and lets me get on him and walk around on him. My friend says I should start with ground training like lunging and long-reining but he already seems gentle enough to start with. What are these things and do I need to do them on my horse?

**Answer:** Yes, you do. Lunging and long-reining are basic kindergarten instruction. Without them it's like trying to learn to read without first being taught your letters. It's possible, but so much easier if you understand the basics first.

Horses aren't very smart (oh, I'm going to get lots of letters about that!), and have to be taught by constant repetition. Repeating the commands learned on the lunge line many times reinforce them and make it so much easier to control the horse from his back.

When a horse learns to lunge, he moves around the trainer on a long line in a circle. The trainer can teach him to walk, trot, canter, and halt on command. It also strengthens the horse, sup- plies him, and prepares him for riding. Lunging is the most useful exercise. It can be used all the horse's life—to exercise him, to cool him out, to retrain, to develop more muscle.

Long reining is a preliminary to driving—very handy for teaching the use of the bit. When a horse has carried the bit for a while, you can teach him to be driven from the ground, using two long lines. This introduces turning and halting by the feel of the bit.

Four young horses may be quiet, now, but as he learning all he needs to know to make him a well-trained mount for you?

Try to acquire or borrow a couple of good horse training books. The local library will have some. "Horsemaster-ship" by Margaret Cabell-Sell is excellent and you would enjoy it immensely.

**Question:** Is there any way to lengthen a horse's stride at the walk?

**Answer:** Yes. Give the horse lots of road work at a good brisk walk. While walking, use your toe to rudge his elbow as he throws the foreleg. In effect, you are pushing his leg out. After a while, the rolling motion of your body, as you use alternate legs to push, will be enough of a signal for him. He will walk faster as he walks home. Encourage this and praise him. There's nothing worse than a pokey walker.

## Founders Day

Fun for the whole family is promised at Erin Founders Day on Saturday, July 20.

The program includes a 1 p.m. parade with the Georgetown Girls pipe band, Milton girls pipe band, Ferguson pipe band, Georgetown Pipers and district Highland dancers. Horses, steam engine, antique cars and floats are also promised for the parade.

There will be a massed pipe band concert with old time dancers.

As well as amusements in the park there'll be pioneer exhibits, arts and crafts, historical display and a flea market and white elephant show in the show barn.

A beer garden is slated for the arena with pub-style entertainment.

The day starts with soap box derby and goes on to include a frisbee contest, horse show, house log contest, bathing beauty contest (a 1900 version), tug-of-war and presentations of special prizes.

In the evening there's a age show and ball in the arena with two bands, Jeff Barry's and Kent Tocher's.

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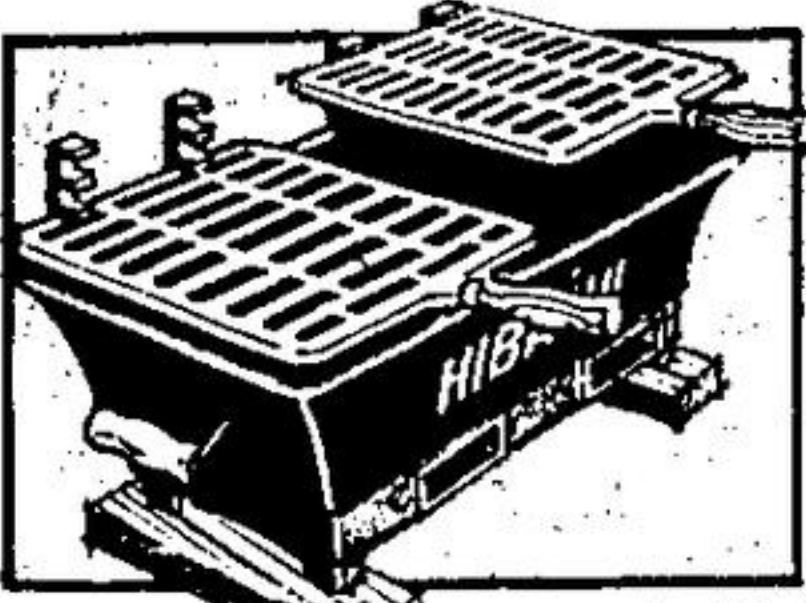
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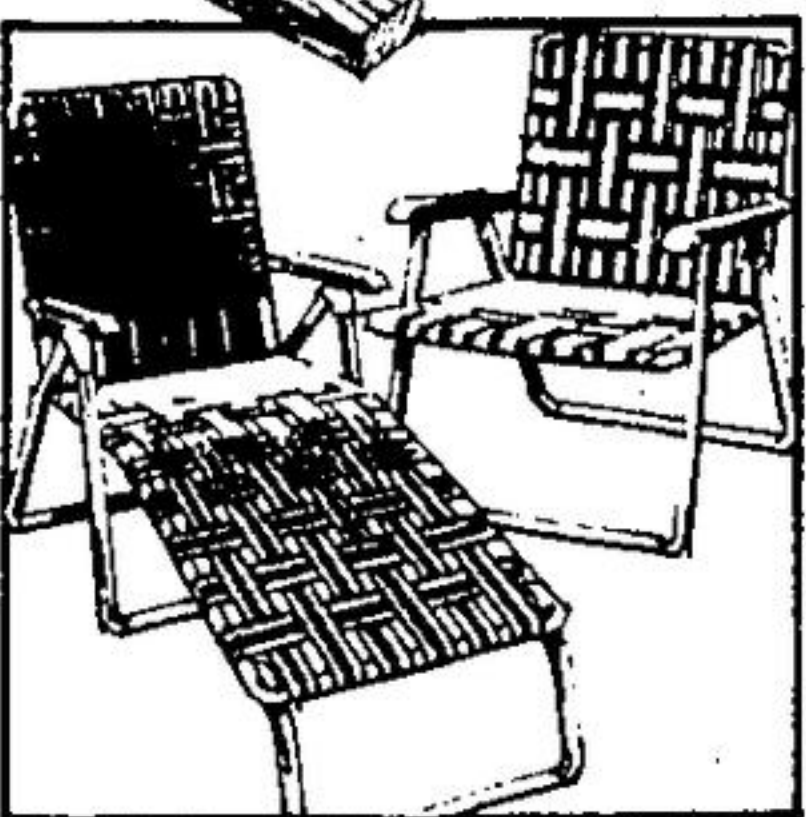
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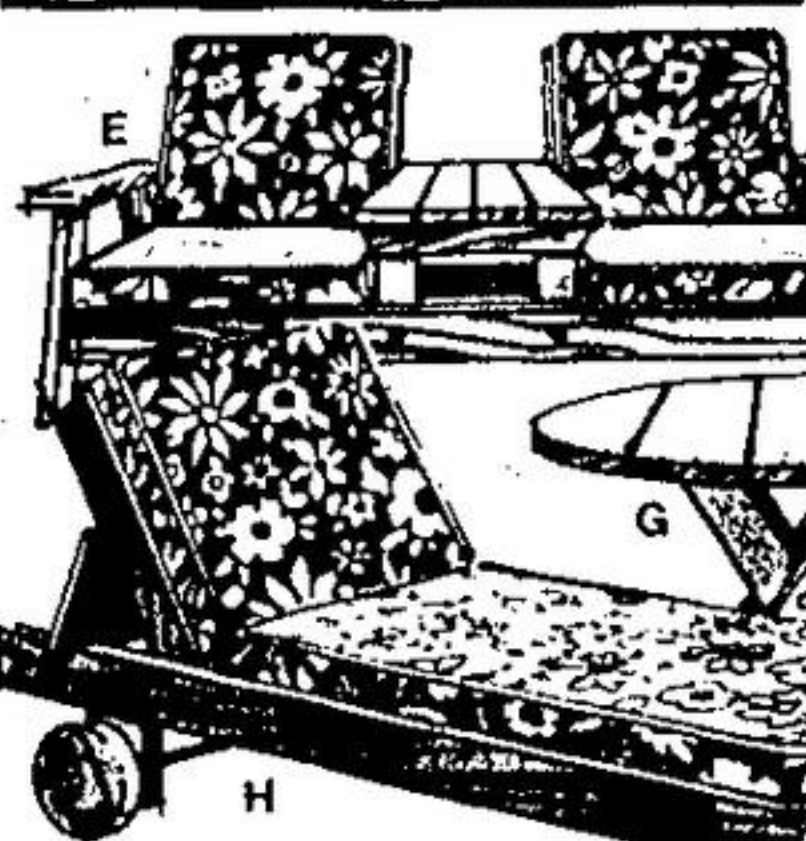
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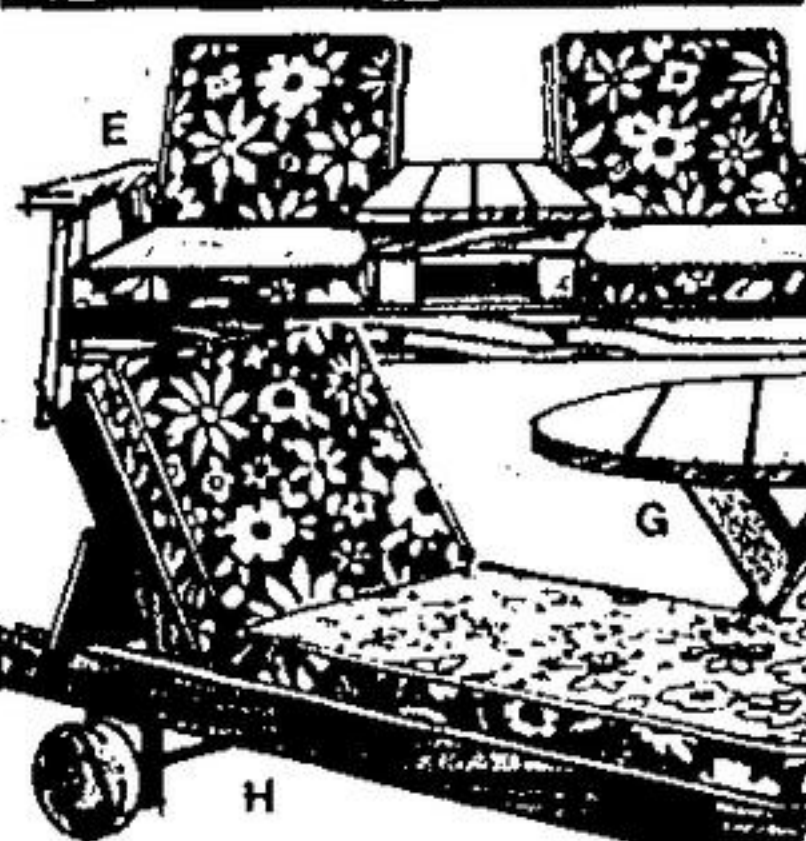
F) Kiln dried Redwood resists splitting, warping. Two floral-vinyl cushions. 27 1/2" W. x 30 1/2" H.



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**27" Redwood Table**

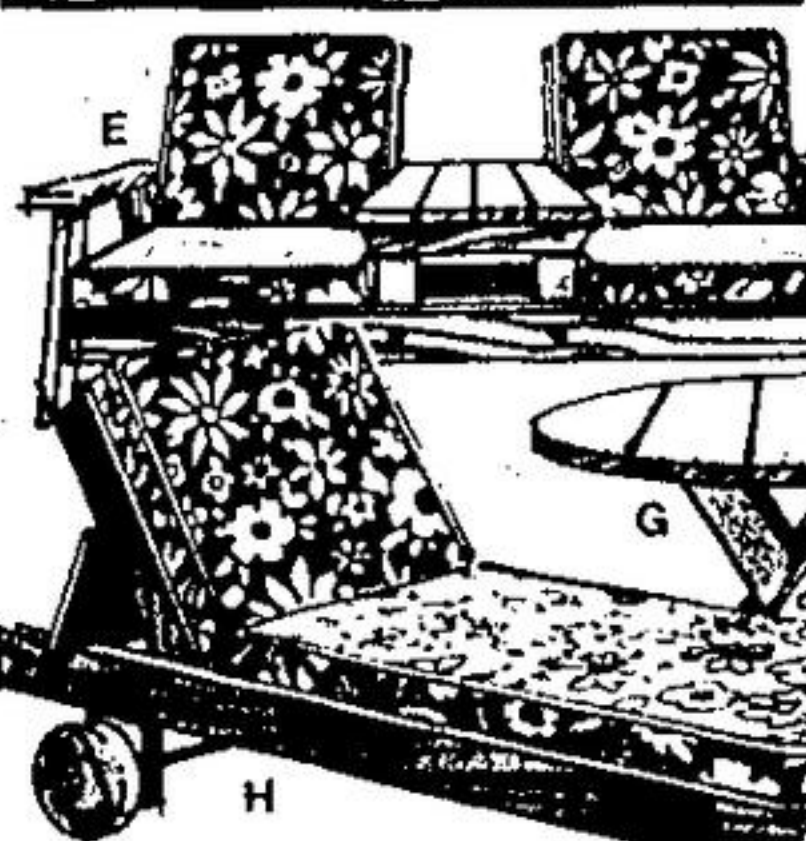
G) Perfect for drinks and snacks on the patio. 27" diameter, 19 1/4" high. Redwood table. Clear grained Redwood resists splitting and warping.



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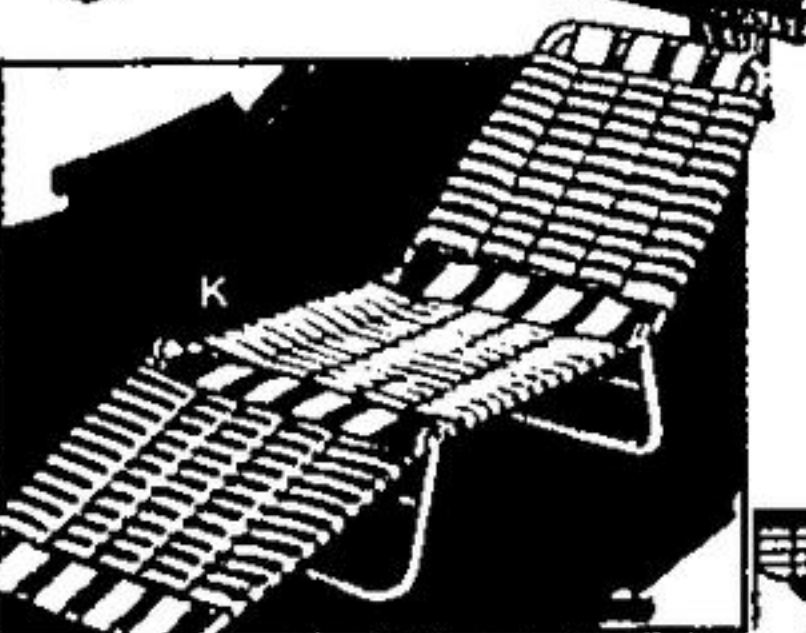
H) Great for patio lounging. Constructed of kiln-dried Redwood to resist splitting and warping. Floral print vinyl cushions 72 3/8" L. x 27 1/4" W.



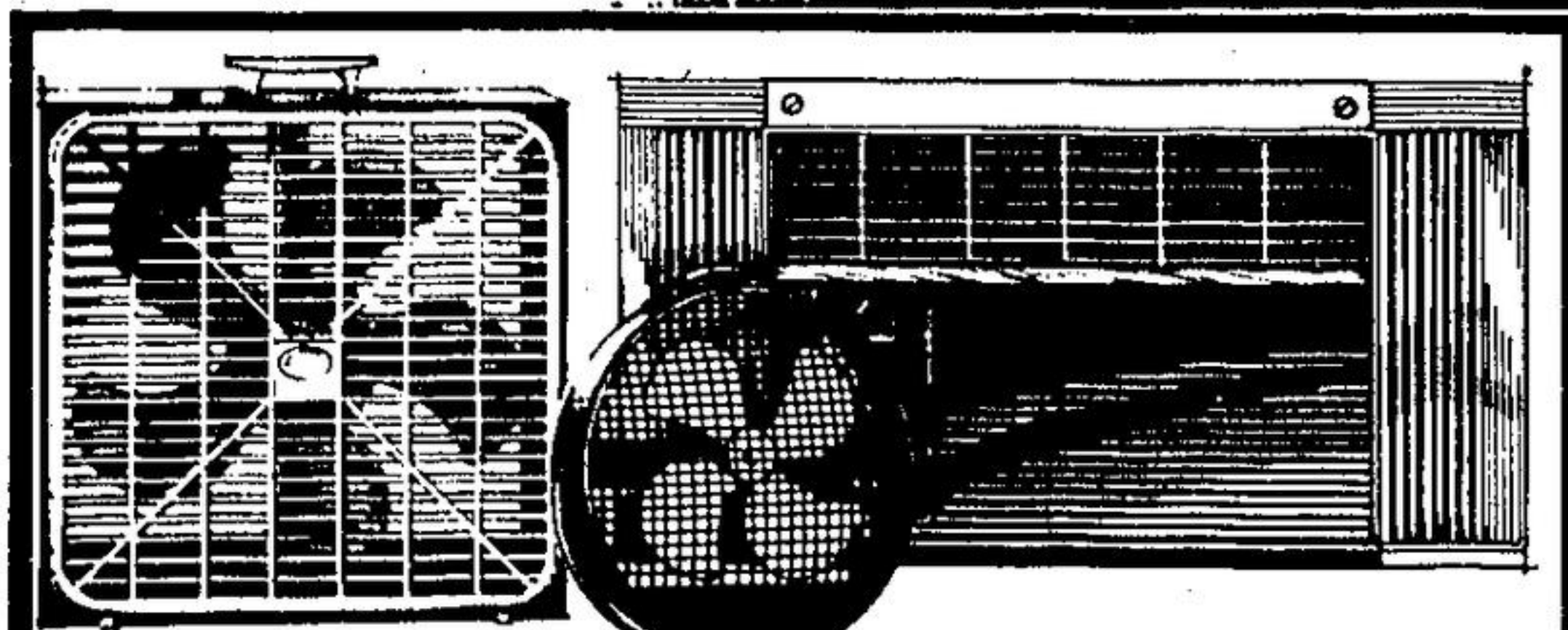
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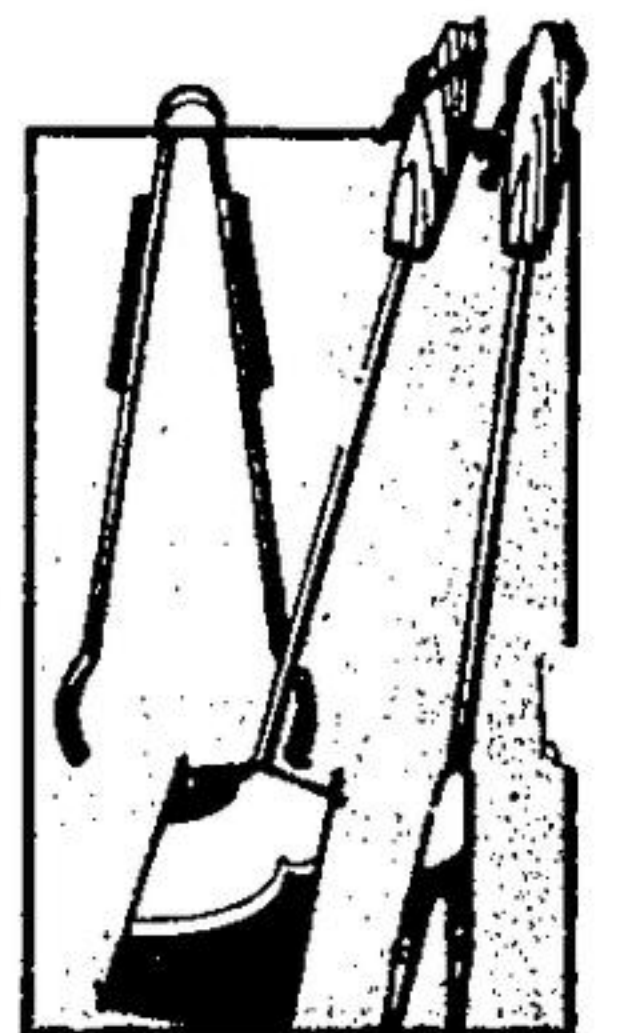
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