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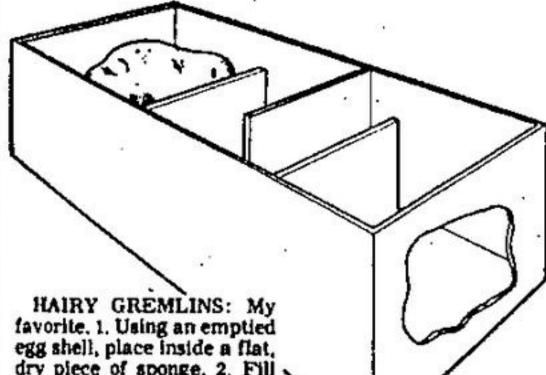
# Summer fun

Now that school has been out awhile and all planned activities are underway with everything under control, this column is for the "There's nothing to do" group, which I'm sure does not exist.

The following few experiments guarantee no explosions, serious injuries or damage to self and surroundings. Therefore, kids, "this one's for you."

RAINBOW CELERY: 1. Fill a clean, clear container with colored water, 2. Using a complete stalk of celery with leaves on top, trim bottom for a fresh start. 3. Place stalk into container. Result: a few hours later you will notice the celery is changing color, when left overnight, where the stalk has been cut, the little dots showing are the tubes, veins or arteries of the celery that has been taking up the colored water through its system.

MAZE GAME: 1. Suspend a potato in a container of water using the toothpick method around the middle of potato resting toothpicks on rim of jar. Potato should be half in water, 2. Leave in water until sprouts about two inches long are developed. 3. Meanwhile get a shoebox and cut a hole in one end only. 4. Inside, arrange several pieces of cardboard to create a maze. 5. Place potato in box opposite hole, placing the box hole side to light. Result: as the sprout keeps growing, it works itself around the maze to the light.



dry piece of sponge. 2. Fill with water and refill as it evaporates. 3. For straight hair, use grass seed, curly hair, use watercress, sprinkle seeds into eggshell. Result: In about two weeks or less, get out your barber kit and prepare for a "green hair cut."

When the shoebox is covered by its lid, and the box's open end directed toward sunlight, shoots from the potato at the far end reach around the small dividers to find more light.

CARROT HANGING BASKET: 1. Cut a piece of big fat carrot from the top about three to four inches. 2. Trim off the leaves but do not cut off the leaf stems. 3. Scoop out the inside of the carrot using the leaf portion. 4. Make two little holes at the other end opposite each other like a hanging basket, 5. Tie thread or string into holes and hang in window scooped end up. 6. Fill and refill when evaporated with water in centre. Result: leaves will curl up around the carrot.

When you have tried these experiments or have grown or created something very special of your own, write them down and send them to me, R.R.t, Terra Cotta, Ont. LOP 1No, and we will try to set up a column with your notes of more things to do in August. You may even be able to take them to school next term for a science or discussion programme.

Please clean up after yourselves and look after your own living creatures because you don't want to wake up one day and discover your mom yelling at you about her watercress hairy counter top or overgrown greens covering your bedroom floor and walls, then you'll really have to "Clean up your room!"

#### Parents...

If you have a child's birthday coming up, or a youngster's gift to purchase, or if you kids want to show your parents how wisely you can spend your allowance, there is a book on the market called "Look Mom, It's Growing", that will give many hours of experimentation, projects and good reading.



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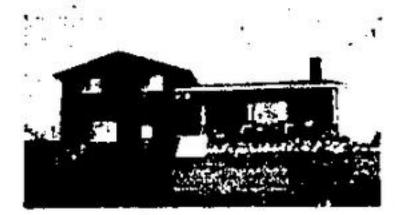
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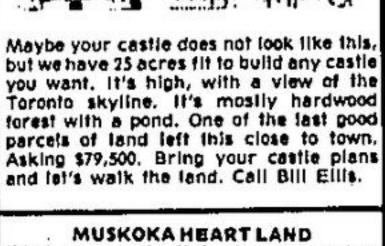
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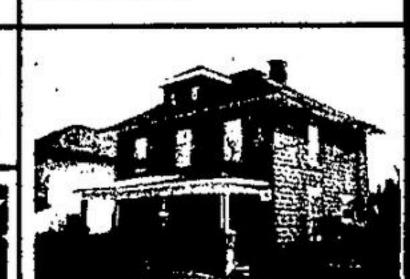
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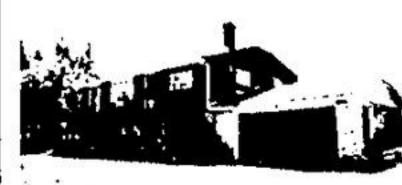
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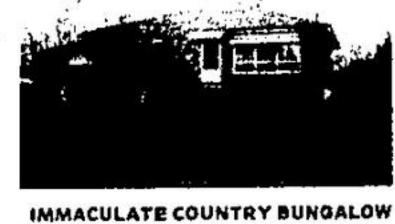
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