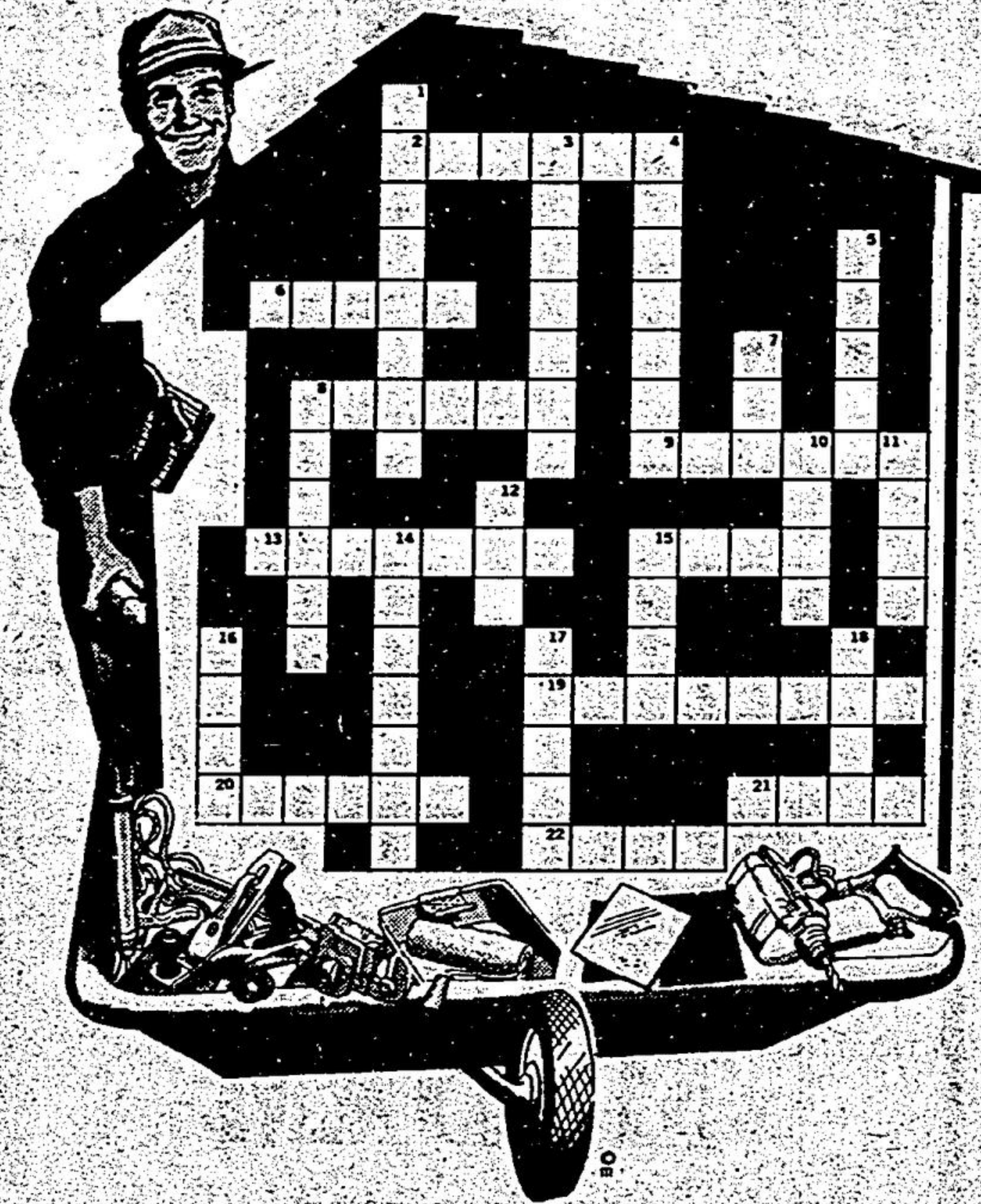


# Home Improvement Crossword



**Puzzle questions:**

**ACROSS**

- 2 Building material.
- 6 Area for relaxing outdoors.
- 8 Type of stone ornamentation.
- 9 They keep the home bright.
- 13 Where the cooking is done.
- 15 Heating and insulation — keep your home —
- 19 An extra room or part of a house.
- 20 Common floor covering.

**DOWN**

- 1 Metallic element used on a home's exterior.
- 3 Master or children's —
- 4 To do over.
- 5 A living thing that's popular for home decorating.
- 7 Usually covers part of a floor.

**8 Outermost covering on a house.**

- 10 — improvements.
- 11 Found in kitchen and bathroom.
- 12 Playroom.
- 14 Storage area in kitchen.
- 15 Paneling is often made of it.
- 16 Latest look, fashionable, in style, in vogue.
- 17 Comes in pints, gallons, etc.
- 18 Cool off in the backyard.

For Correct Answers to Home Improvement Crossword Puzzle, See Page 18



## A Gift from Holland

Bring a Dutch spring into your home with potted tulips — daffodils — hyacinths — crocus. Care for them and get the premium bonus of planting in your garden.

Flowers are a universal language. Not only do they speak for us — they also tell us of countries and people. When you see an orchid you think of mysteries of the tropics. The hibiscus always tells of the beautiful Hawaiian girl — the tulip, daffodil, hyacinth and crocus of Holland — wooden shoes and spring.

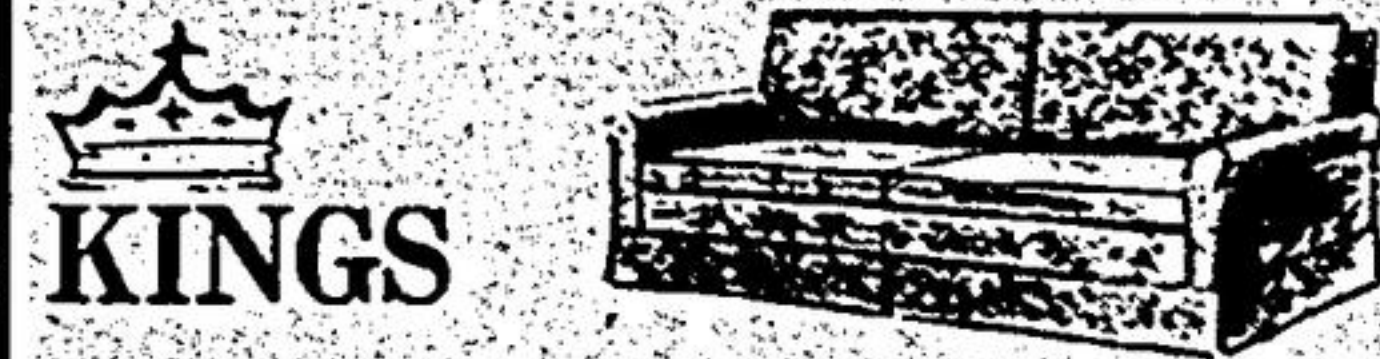
Holland and spring is yours. Canadians enjoy potted flowering plants that brighten their home, apartment or office. They are available for you from every retail florist and flower boutique.

FLOWERS CANADA and the Netherland Flower Bulb Institute want you to enjoy your flowering plants just a little longer. If at all possible buy your plants when they are just opening — this extends spring in your home. Place the plants in a cool, light place and water when the soil in the pot starts to dry out (which could be every day).

A double benefit is that the bulbs can be planted out in your (or a friend's) garden in the spring. Remove the old flowers when they fade but let the foliage mature by continuing to water the plant. When you can work your garden remove the bulb from the pot and plant outside for your added bonus next year in the garden.

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## Catching up with the paper

The need for a miniature office at home is part of the paradox of our times. Automation has increased leisure hours, but actual free time of the executive and the professional is mired in paper-work.

With unfinished

business carried home, and complicated tax systems that require everybody to be his own bookkeeper, it is inevitable that the home, once the refuge from the cares of the day, has become a place where a desk and filing cabinet

are necessary equipment.

Creating an office area in the home has become a popular idea, too, with working wives and mothers. Full-time mothers can also use desk space to take care of charge accounts, balance the budget and check-book, or keep track of organizational functions. Moreover, the luxury of an adult sanctum where no one is required to sleep, eat, cook or live becomes increasingly valuable in this overcrowded era.

But since few homes can afford the luxury of a full-fledged office, even when it moonlights as a guest room, the usual procedure is to pre-empt part of another room for the desk detail. A few square feet in the living room, the bedroom or even the foyer can be made into attractive and efficient space for homework with a few pieces of essential furniture.

A spacious desk, a comfortable chair and good lighting are necessities. Storage space should take into account for future as well as present needs—the most well-designed home office will soon look like the next of a pack rat if specialized storage is not conceived in advance.

## Happy days are here again... for walls!

Nostalgia is the craze of the day — in movies, plays, songs, even home furnishings. Psychiatrists attribute the step back into the time as a desire to relive the happier times, whether those days were truly better or simply a figment of memory.

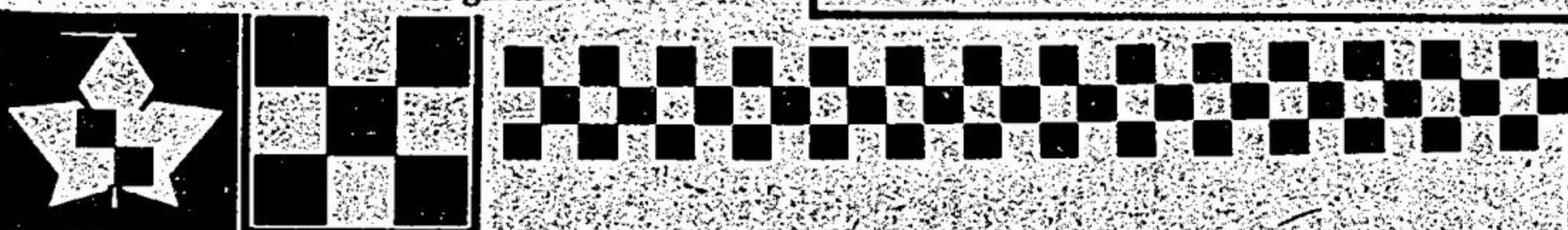
Home furnishings prove the wish to be more secure as interior designers and their clients agree on relaxing, softly colorful, even gay surroundings. Wall-coverings are especially important as they greet a weary worker coming home, let a homemaker unwind before dinner and cause a round of smiles and laughs as a group gathers in the family room. Painted walls just won't do it.

Nostalgia is the longing for the things of the past, noted when the first family member goes away. Not too surprisingly, the absent one misses the wall-covering in her room, the remembrance of happy childhood days.

To the home designer, a variety of wallcoverings in the United-DeSoto collection offers an opportunity to change the appearance of a hallway or any room in the house without investing in expensive furniture.

Q — Is there a remedy for chalking plaster walls? We can't get the wallpaper to stick.

A — Coat the wall with a half and half mixture of shellac and alcohol. This will seal the plaster with a waterproof surface, and the wallpaper then will stay in place.

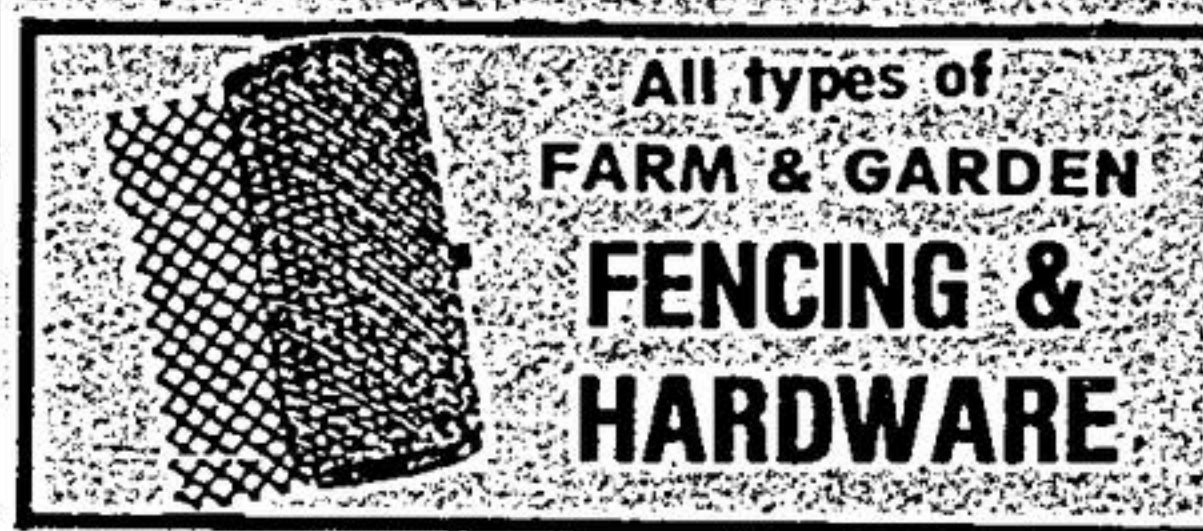


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