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# New "Strap Chair" Supports Your Back

"You can use it anywhere whether or not you have a bad back," says Victor Toso, inventor of a new "strap chair" that wraps around your knees and lower back to provide support when you're on backless chairs or benches or sitting on the ground. It can also be used in a conventional chair to provide added support.

The lightweight backsling consists of two adjustable straps connected to a foam back pad. You simply position the pad against your lower back and adjust the straps around your knees to a comfortable position. Toso says it's particularly useful on bleachers, in fishing boats,

when camping or on picnics when you sit crosslegged on the ground, or even on tractor or other farm implement seats. One problem with using the seat on a tractor is that because it wraps around your knee it ties up the lower leg to a certain extent. Operators must make an effort to keep the leg free for braking and clutching.

The strap chair sells for \$30.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Nada-Chair, 842 22nd Ave. S.E., Mpls., Minn. 55414 (ph 612 623.4436)

#### PREVENTS MINOR CUTS AND BUMPS

### Plastic Cap Liner Protects Your Head

"I made the first prototype two years ago after scraping my head several times while working around machinery and inside the silo," says Neil Coffey, Nora Springs, Iowa who invented lightweight plastic cap liners for farm caps.

Coffey says his liners slip easily into any cap for protection against light bumps and cuts. They're not designed to do the work of a hard hat. The 1/8-in. liner is light - just 3 oz. - and has a series of air holes to keep it cool. It can be moved from cap to cap. Fits just inside the sweat band around the rim of nearly any cap so it won't fall out when you take the cap off. A notch cut out of the rear of the cap allows one size to fit any head except extra large. If you have an extra large head, Coffey simply cuts an extra notch in the liner.

"Recently one fellow was wearing one and hit an elevator. It slit his cap but didn't hurt his head at all," says Coffey, who makes the liners on the farm using a vacuum mold he built himself. He'd like to find a company to market the liners. They sell for \$3.00 plus \$1.25 postage.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Coffey Cap-Liner, Rt.





Liner fits just inside the cap's sweatband.

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#### LOCALLY-MADE PRODUCT HAS BEEN SOLD "WORD OF MOUTH" SINCE 1914

# Furniture Polish Made From Old Family Recipe

A furniture polish made from an old family recipe by a family-operated business in rural Ohio has earned a loyal customer base throughout the country over the past 70 years thanks to the way it shines and preserves nearly any furniture or finish.

Originally developed by a Hungarian furniture maker in Youngstown in 1914, the recipe and business has been passed down through the family to great-nephew David Hamilton and his wife Jean, who run the business today.

"It's made from a formula of organic oils and lemon oil. Contains no wax or silicone, which can cause build-up. Works on any finish, lacquered or not and is especially good for antiques which usually don't have a high gloss finish. It actually impregnates the wood, giving it a nice finish and helps to preserve it under dry conditions. Works great on wood floors and it's a tremendous product for application to log buildings," says Hamilton.

Although available in local Ohio stores, the product is only found on the shelves in certain parts of the country. "It's become popular in Arizona because of the way it helps preserve wood under dry conditions and Sears and Roebuck recommends it in Hawaii for use on Koa, which is a very hard wood," notes Hamilton, who primarily sells by mail order from Petersburg, Ohio where the family mixes and bottles the polish.

In addition to adding a shine to furniture, the polish is also used as a cleaner to cut through grime on kitchen cupboards, refrigerators, vinyl products, and even shower curtains.

Milsek Polish, as it's called, sells for \$3.29 a 12-oz. bottle when sold in minimum lots of 6 bottles. You can buy





Polish is made from a mixture of organic oils and lemon oil.

a sample bottle for \$5.29, including shipping and handling. Hamillton notes that a 12-oz. bottle lasts three times as long as a similar size aerosol spray polish.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Milsek Chemical Mfg. Co., 5629 east Pine Lake Road, Petersburg, Ohio 44454 (ph 216 542-2700).

# 'Thy Neighbor's Talent': A Directory Of Arts & Crafts

"When Jim and I were going to get married, we needed a cake maker, flower arranger and a male western singer. But, it's difficult to find people with those talents out here in the country. We finally found the right people but it made us realize that there are others who'd like an easier way to find people with specific talents," says Zoe McClintock, Baldwin, N. Dak.

Soon after their wedding, the Mc-Clintocks launched a new "farming sideline" business of publishing "Thy Neighbor's Talent"--a directory with listings of more than 2,000 talents and crafts ranging from clocks made from antique tractor seats to wreaths made from pheasant feathers. "We compile the information on our home computer, then print it out so each copy of the book is personal. The listings are also updated virtually every week," Zoe notes.

Each listing contains the crafter's talent, name and phone number. The listings are free and a crafter can list up to four teleptor.

Zoe says that many of the crafters are farmers and ranch couples who use their "cottage industry" as a supplemental source of income.

The 1987 version of their directory features more than 1,000 people and 2,200 talents. Besides North Dakota, there are listings from South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Wyoming and Canada.

The directory also includes a calendar of arts and crafts shows held throughout the upper Midwest, complete with locations and phone numbers,

The new 1987 directory sells for \$6.25. The McClintocks also publish a monthly newsletter (\$6 per year) that lists upcoming arts and crafts shows whose dates weren't determined when the directory was published.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Thy Neighbor's Talent, Jim and Zoe McClintock, HCR 01, Box 175, Baldwin, No. Dak. 58251 (ph 701 255-0352).