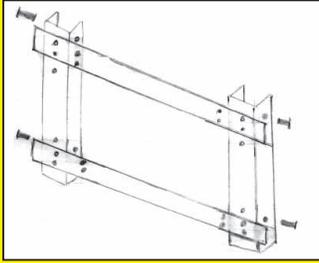


# Reader Letters



I recently patented this post puller, which I think works better than anything on the market. It's a rectangular framework that attaches to a front-end loader in place of a bucket. There are no moving parts to wear out, like on some pullers, and it's adjustable to fit most loaders.

To pull a post, you just tilt it forward over the post and then tilt it back to lock it on the post using the dump cylinders, before pulling it out by lifting the loader. Lets you pull any post without leaving the tractor seat.

I'd like to find someone to put this idea on the market. **(James E. Spencer, 1306 Weaver Road, Memphis, Ind. 47143 ph 812 294 4542)**

In the last issue of FARM SHOW there was an article in the editor's column about worms causing pollution by opening up drainage to underground tile. What a dastardly accusation to one of nature's most useful and efficient creatures.

Why don't we place the blame where the blame belongs? Properly treated and digested liquid manure products are a non-polluting source of nutrients. A properly applied and rated spray should stay on the surface until it's deactivated. **(Daniel Krenzler, Cullman, Ala.)**

Here's a photo of my 10-year-old son, Danny. He's a resourceful young problem solver.



A while back I dug out an area to pour some concrete. This created a dirt pile and there are few things that have more "pull" for a 10-year old than a dirt pile. It wasn't long before wagon loads of farm implements started showing up at the pile and he kept busy until it began to get dark. Danny sprang into action and got a D-cell flashlight and some big rubber bands. It took only a few minutes to create the ultimate flood light for his tractor. **(Todd Hershey, Freeport, Ill.)**

Here's a cure for the flu in chickens. I had some chickens that were down sick on the ground and in 24 hours, they were completely cured.

Just put chlorine laundry bleach in boiling water. There needs to be a strong smell of chlorine in the air the chickens breathe but not so much that it burns your eyes. This method is also a cure for bad colds in people. **(Alfred Wilson, Annville, Ky.)**

Here's a simple way to gather up plastic hay twine. Use a rubber strap to fasten an open-top 5-gal. bucket to the frame of your tractor, and shove the twine in there. Very handy. **(Charles F. Beck, Hope, Ark.)**

I know you don't run classified ads, but I've got a couple trucks for sale I thought your readers might be interested in. Both



trucks are 1950 Dodge B cabs with 5 windows. One has a 1978 4-WD chassis (the green one) and the other has a 2000 4-WD chassis (the red one). They're both in excellent condition. Give me a call for more information and make an offer. **(Lyle Davis, ph 573 853-4468)**

It's not a new idea, but a great way to tighten single strand barb or barbless wire is to just use a claw hammer. Most people I show this idea to have never seen it done. You just wrap the loose end of the wire in the claw and turn the handle to wrap the wire tight when making a splice. It's better than any fence stretcher I've ever seen. **(Jim Yeager, Eden, Utah)**

I added hydraulic couplings to our log splitter so we can raise and lower our grain auger without using a tractor. Works great and makes use of a power unit that would otherwise go unused most of the time. **(Gregg Liskai, Helena, Ohio)**

A letter to the editor in your last issue from Lee Cornelius decried the practice of dowsing and suggested that James Randi has proved that it is all hokum. Let's look at the facts in the realm of subtle energy, a subject that neither Mr. Cornelius nor Mr. Randy seems to know little about.

Cleve Baxter, inventor of what we call the lie detector, has done some very interesting things with plants. He was able to hook up plants and have them respond to human thought, plus many more interesting phenomena. You can read about it in the book "The Secret Life Of Plants".

We now have dogs trained to respond when their master is about to have an epileptic seizure, saving possible injury from falling. Somehow they are able to sense the problem before it happens.

These are just two of the many examples of what is known as subtle energy. It might be immeasurable by Mr. Randi, but it still exists. Go to the Subtle Energy Research Institute, [www.serworldwide.org](http://www.serworldwide.org) for more information. **(Earl Hiatt, Patterson, Calif. ehent@directway.com)**



I made a roomy double wash tub that's easy to clean out by cutting a 55-gal. drum in half lengthwise. I left it connected on one side and bent it back, mounting the two half-barrel tubs on a stand made out of metal conduit. The tubs are easy to clean off by unscrewing the caps at one end. **(Richard Faber, Tiffin, Ohio)**



Here are a couple pictures of a greenhouse I built. I had been saving glass from various sources for many years and finally figured out something to use it all for. I used all treated lumber and built the greenhouse on 4 by 4 skids so it can be easily moved, if needed.

Inside I used large plastic tubs mounted on 5 by 5 beams that I sawed myself. There are three rows of tubs for planting



in. The great thing about them is that you can work standing up with no need to crawl along the ground to plant or weed. Plus you're not feeding the rabbits and deer.

I catch rain in barrels and have a gravity-feed system that supplies water to the tubs. **(Ken Voigt, 9208 Pasture Lane, Wausau, Wis. 54403 ph 715 842-8471).**

I raise garlic by laying out thick plastic sheets, which were actually used originally to grow strawberries in vertical columns. The berries grew out of the holes in the side of the column.

I just spread the plastic out

flat on the ground and then plant a single garlic clove into each hole.

If you can't find this kind of plastic, black plastic will work just fine. It's a great way to cut down on weeds. **(Jack Nachamkin, Glen Mills, Penn.)**



I regulate air flow in my cattle building using a rolling curtain. The curtain is prevented from flopping around by boxes at the corner. As the curtain is rolled up or down, a rod running through the bottom is held snugly in place by the boxed-in corners. **(Charles Kruegel, Shoboiner, Ill. 62885).**

Our Scotts plastic drop-type fertilizer spreader worked good at first, but it soon developed a sag in the middle part of the flow control damper, which caused the material to spread unevenly. I couldn't totally stop the flow with the damper closed. The damper has a 3/4-in. wide cavity that's about 1/2 in. deep. After ap-

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I use a semi trailer with side doors to service my planter. It carries a tremendous load of seed and fertilizer and is easy to access. **(Teddy & TJ Shambaugh, Oakley, Ill. 62552).**



I thought you'd be interested in these models I made. I split a Deere pedal tractor in the middle so it's articulated and put 12 wheels on it.

I also made three tracked tractors out

of pedal tractors, including a Deere, IH and AC. They get a lot of attention from people. **(Gerald P. Heim, St. Joseph, Minn. 56374)**