

## Reader Recipes

### Mystery Biscuits

2 cups sifted flour  
1 tbsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 cup milk  
3 tsp sugar

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt. Add remaining ingredients. Mix until smooth and drop by tablespoons on greased cookie sheet or fill a 12 muffin tin 2/3 full. Bake 18-20 minutes at 375°.

### Rhubarb Butter Crunch

3 cups rhubarb  
1 cup sugar  
3 tbs flour

Topping:  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup raw rolled oats  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/4 cup butter or shortening

Mix rhubarb, sugar, and flour well and place in a greased baking dish. Combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle it over the rhubarb mixture. Bake at 370° for 40 minutes. Serve warm with milk or cream.

### Wash Day Casserole

3 lbs hamburger  
9 slices bacon  
3 onions  
3 cups potatoes  
3 cups celery  
2 cans cream of mushroom soup  
3 cups cooked spaghetti  
1 quart tomato juice  
1 pound cheddar cheese

Brown hamburger and onions in a pan. Pour into casserole and add potatoes, celery and spaghetti. Pour mushroom soup over top. Fry bacon and lay on top. Pour tomato juice over top and add shredded cheese on top. Bake for 1 1/2 hours at 350°

### Mint Patties

1 box powdered sugar  
2 tsp cream  
1 tbs butter  
Melted semi-sweet chocolate  
1 egg unbeaten  
1 tsp vanilla  
3 drops peppermint oil

Mix together all ingredients except chocolate. Shape into patties and dip into melted chocolate. Let stand and serve.

*The Amish Cookbook - Elizabeth Coblentz*

## Long Lasting Mantle Lanterns

Made with stainless steel, brass and aluminum, H.C. Lanterns fabricates quality naphtha gas and kerosene lamps and lanterns.

"They are built rugged," says Aaron King, owner of the Quarryville, Penn., business.

The bright, easy-to-maintain lights look similar to old mantle lamp designs, but have strong stainless steel 2 1/2-qt. fuel tanks. The Lightning Bug (\$330) has a handle to hang in a barn or workshop, while The Firefly (\$285) is designed to use in the house.

King also modifies 20-lb. LP tanks to hold fuel that lights lamps for 50 to 60 hrs. And he sells lamp heads (\$98.75) to fit on Leacock tanks.

While most of his retail dealers in 25 states cater to Amish customers, King directly ships to customers who use the lanterns for camping, hunting, off-grid and other purposes. He also has a line of propane lights and sells lantern globes and parts.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, H.C. Lanterns, 418 Furnace Rd., Quarryville, Penn. 17566 (ph 717 786-1049).



Bright mantle lanterns come with stainless steel, 2 1/2-qt. fuel tanks.

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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

## "Plug And Go" Water Faucet

"It's the easiest outdoor faucet system you'll ever use. It saves time and water," says sales VP Shawn Tramble about Aquor Water System's flush-mounted House Hydrant. It's designed to replace your existing faucet and can be used with any garden hose.

The House Hydrant consists of a stainless steel stem located inside the wall, and a heavy-duty poly connector that attaches to your garden hose. The water flow starts immediately when you connect, and stops instantly when you disconnect. After you unplug, the Hydrant automatically self-drains to prevent freezing.

"It hooks up fast, with no need to thread the hose onto a faucet. You just plug the hose into the Hydrant and twist clockwise to start the water flow, then twist counterclockwise to unplug the connector and shut off the water," says Tramble. "The system uses water pressure and O-rings to close the valve, creating a leak-proof seal.

"About half of our customers use the House Hydrant to replace their existing faucet. The other half are custom home builders."

The House Hydrant is available in 6 different stem lengths to match your house's wall depth, and 5 colors to match your home's exterior. A variety of different hose connectors are available.

The company offers several different models. The House Hydrant V1+ includes a vacuum-breaker hose connector that prevents backflow. Water flow can be regulated via a ball valve shut-off, for tasks such as filling buckets or adjusting lawn sprinkler pressure. The connector's downward angled handle provides extra leverage for an easier connection.

House Hydrants start at \$84.95 plus S&H. The company is offering a 10 percent discount for FARM SHOW readers, with the code FARMSHOW at their website.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Aquor Water Systems, 12015 NE 8th St., Suite 4, Bellevue, Wash. 98005 (ph 800 458-1749; www.aquorwatersystems.com).



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## Online Vet Services Offer Big Savings

The cost of veterinarian office calls averages around \$75 and emergency care starts at \$300 in many areas. It's often difficult to know when to make an in-person visit and that's when online vet services can really pay off.

WhiskerDocs offers 24/7 service for pets via phone, email or chat. Using the company's patented process, a veterinarian asks the caller what the symptoms are and uses established protocols to how serious the situation is.

"Our job is to offer decision support, guiding owners to the best course of action, about what they should do, helping them ask the right questions of their veterinarian, and educating them on signs and symptoms they should watch for," says Deb Leon, CEO and founder of WhiskerDocs.

Leon estimates that about half of the calls are resolved with home treatment options and watchful care. The other half of callers are advised to go to a vet or emergency care.

"There is no financial incentive for us to recommend any specific course of action," Leon says.

At WhiskerDocs, people can use a one-time service for \$40 for an instant call or online chat or \$5 for an email answer. Most clients choose a \$130 annual membership for unlimited support for a pet (75 percent off for additional pets). For any call or chat, the WhiskerDocs team makes a followup call to make sure the pet is doing okay.

Livestock will be included in the future, Leon says.

Online veterinary telehealth services can be a great tool for all pet owners, but especially helpful for rural folks far away from vet clinics. For example, one 2 a.m. call was about a dog that ate a large amount of dark chocolate and the closest emergency clinic was 350 miles away. The vet who answered the call was able to offer help that likely saved the dogs' life.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, WhiskerDocs, 9933 Lawler Ave., Suite 325, Skokie, Ill. 60077 (ph 855 698-3824 - business office ; www.whiskerdocs.com; info@whiskerdocs.com).

## Battery-Powered Appliances

Although geared to the Amish and other Plain People groups, many others might be interested in these household appliances that don't have to be plugged in since they run on power tool batteries. That lets you use them on remote farms, cabins, boats, or anywhere else you don't have access to electricity. Power inverters are not required.

### Cordless Blender

This multi-purpose blender can be powered by Dewalt, Milwaukee or Makita batteries. Can be used for blending, pureeing, and ice crushing. Sells for \$495 (not including battery) and comes with a 1-year warranty.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Imagine Machining, 3491 Pine Mountain Road, Jersey Shore, Penn. 17740 (ph 570 745-3320).

### Steam Iron, Mixer

Steam iron requires 2 DeWalt flex volt batteries (not included). Gets hot in seconds

and works like a normal iron. Sells for \$599.

The 6-qt. mixer requires 1 DeWalt flex volt battery and includes a dough hook, beater, and wire whisk. Other attachments available. Sells for \$699.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Samuel Yoder, Sunrise Solutions, 5059 Raymond Road, Mayslick, Ky. 41055 (ph 606 375-8779).

### Automatic Washing Machine

This Fisher Manufacturing washer can be powered by 2 12ah power tool batteries, which will do 3 to 4 loads per charge. There are 3 water and temperature settings and bleach and fabric softener settings with 3.3 cu.ft. of space in drum.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Fisher Manufacturing, 706 Red Hill Rd., Narvon, Penn. 17555 (ph 717 768-0155).