



Hex barn signs, a common sight in parts of Pennsylvania, are sold at the Hex Barn in Intercourse.

**HAND-PAINTED SYMBOLS SAID TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE, STRENGTH, FERTILITY**

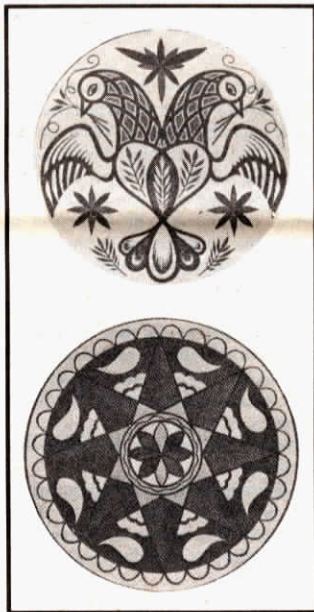
**“Hex” Barn Signs Also Popular Indoors**

They may not boost crop yields or increase your earnings, but hand-painted, four-color Hex signs from the Hex Barn in Intercourse, Penn., will look good wherever you put them — the barn, house, kitchen, bathroom or children’s rooms.

“Hex Signs are a real force among the Pennsylvania Dutch in the southeastern section of the state. They’re widely used to decorate barns, as well as in homes,” says G. Denbi, of the Hex Barn. “Each sign has a special meaning — certain signs are placed in the bedroom, for example, because they supposedly promote fertility and health.”

Symbols used on the signs have been traced back to early Persian and Arabic times, and even further back to cavemen days. Colors, and the combination of colors and design, suggest love, life, abundance, sun, rain, dignity or good fortune. For example, the tulip stands for faith, hope and charity, while the eagle represents strength. Green means growing things; blue stands for truth.

Signs, painted on 1/8-in. tempered hardboard, can hang indoors or out, and come in 8, 16 and 24-in. dia. sizes. Prices (less shipping) range from \$2.25 for 8 in. dia. signs to \$8.95 for the 24 in. signs. Hand-painted, 4-ft. signs on 1/4 in. hardboard are priced at \$79.



Top symbol depicts strength and courage. Bottom is said to bring sun, rain and abundance.

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**FORCED AIR POPS EGG OUT OF SHELL**

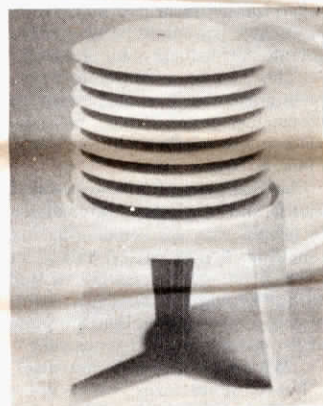
**Handy New Sheller For Hard-Boiled Eggs**

“Seeing is believing,” says the inventor of Peel ‘N Egg, which pops hard-boiled eggs out of their shells.

Raymond Woebbeking, a bus mechanic and former dairy farmer from Glen Flora, Wis., invented the new egg peeler after being challenged to do so by co-workers who got tired of watching him peel lunch-box eggs with greasy hands. Five years and \$35,000 later, Woebbeking put his peeler on the market.

“The first version had a steel plate with an inch and a half opening for the egg, and a bellows hooked up to a plastic funnel over the egg. The idea was to build up enough pressure to blow the egg right out of the shell,” he recalls. “I knew if I could streamline this thing I could market it.”

The Peel ‘N Egg is now a two-piece, all-plastic device that’s easy to clean and even quicker to use. Simply pierce the small end of the egg on the piercer molded to the stand and lightly crush the large end. Place the egg in the center hole, large end down, and set the bellows over it. Depress the bellows sharply and out pops the peeled egg, its shell left in the bellows. When FARM SHOW gave the new kitchen tool a trial run,

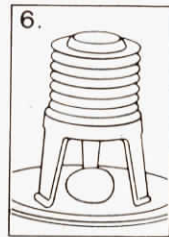
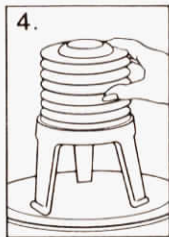
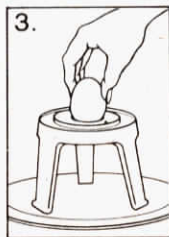


only slight shell fragments remained on the egg.

“Makes a great gift or conversation piece, but unlike many gadgets, it performs a job. We expect restaurant and commercial food preparers to be big customers,” says Woebbeking.

Sells for \$5.95 and comes in white, gold, avocado and chocolate. Made from high-impact molded plastic, it measures 5 by 8 in.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Woebbeking, Mfg., Inc., Glen Flora, Wis. 54526 (ph 715 322-5729).



To peel an egg, you: (1) Tap small end on piercer molded into stand. (2) Tap to crush large end. (3) Place egg in position, large end down. (4) Set

bellows in position over egg. (5) Push down firmly and quickly on bellows. (6) Out pops the peeled egg!