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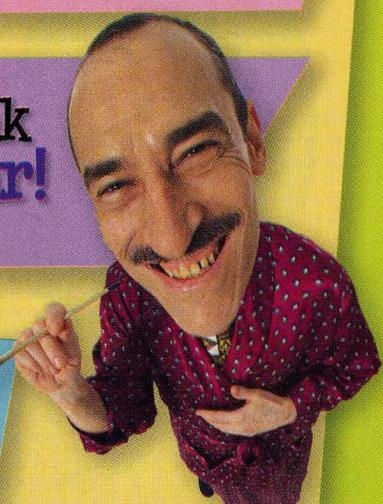
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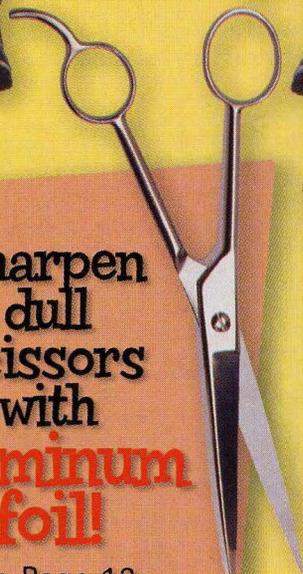
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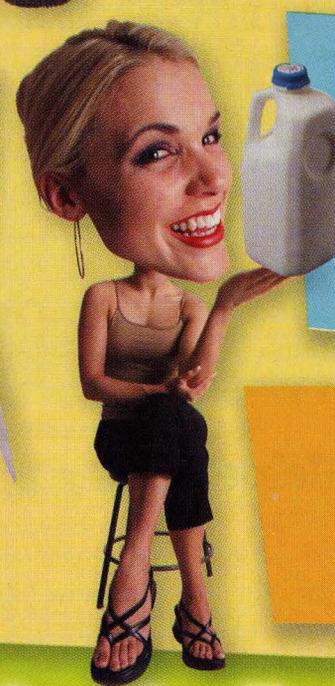
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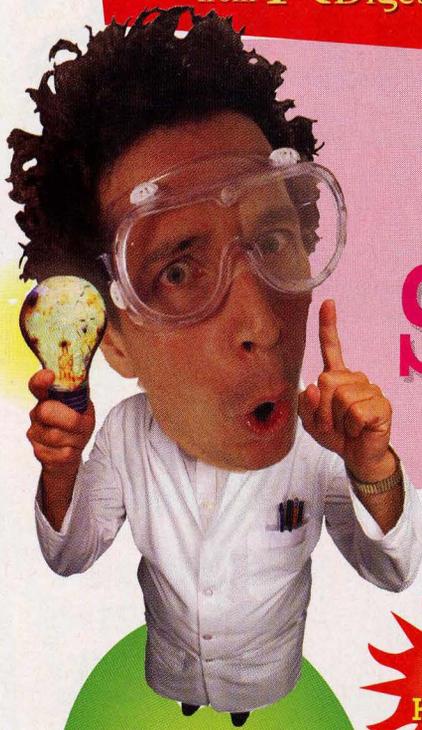


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Put Science To Work Around Your House — So You Don't Have To!

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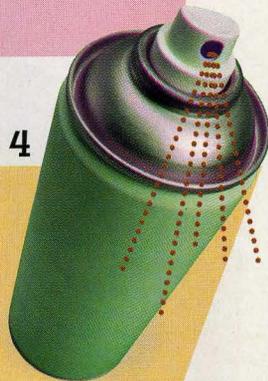
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Health and Beauty Secrets...page 4

SAVE YOUR HEALTH!

SPRAY AWAY ARTHRITIS PAIN! You know how great WD-40 is for quieting squeaky hinges. But you may be surprised to learn that a quick spritz on arthritic joints can provide relief and make movement easier. Sounds incredible — but people who have tried it, swear by it!

PLUS: Relieve back pain with meat tenderizer...Super-condition your hair with mayo...Do-it-yourself "Botox" treatment...**TURN TO PAGE 4.**

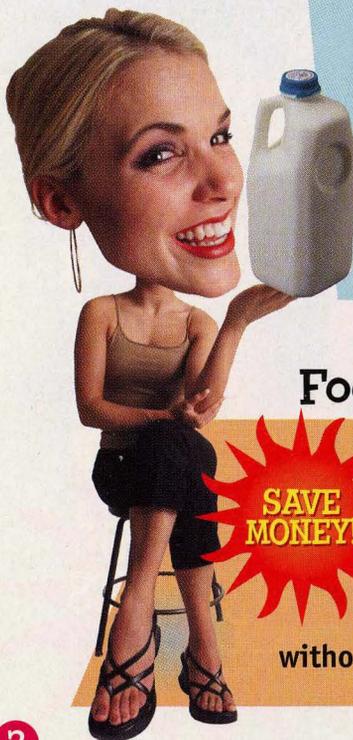


Laundry and Cleaning Tips...page 6

NO MORE IRONING! Thanks to its acidic nature, vinegar has hundreds of practical uses. One you may NOT know about is its wrinkle-busting power in clothing. *And it will save you work.* Here's how: After they come out of the dryer, simply mist wrinkled clothes with a solution of 1 part vinegar and 3 parts water. Hang to air-dry. Wrinkles are gone!

PLUS: Make cigarette stench vanish...Remove any stain...Unclog a stopped drain...And more! **SEE PAGE 6.**

SAVE SWEAT!



Food and Kitchen Helpers...page 8

SAVE MONEY!

KEEP MILK FRESH LONGER! Remember you learned in high school chemistry that salt is a preservative? *Well, that little fact can save you some money!* Adding a tiny pinch of salt to a carton of milk will keep it fresh longer. Works for cream too.

PLUS: "Fry" crispy bacon in your microwave...Chop onions without tears...Ripen "green" fruit overnight...**AND MORE, ON PAGE 8.**



Hey, "smartypants"...

Yes, you.

That will be your new nickname once you start using the ingenious household tips described in this free Bulletin. After glancing at these pages you'll know how to...

- Revive a dead car battery in an emergency with a couple of aspirin. PAGE 12 tells how.
- Unclog a stopped-up drain with nothing more than baking soda and vinegar. See page 6.
- Stop a windshield crack from spreading with a dab or two of clear nail polish. Page 3
- Have the greenest lawn in your neighborhood using Epsom salt instead of expensive fertilizers. Page 3
- Relieve a bad backache with the amazing "meat tenderizer trick." Cancel the call to the chiropractor thanks to page 4.

And that's just for starters!

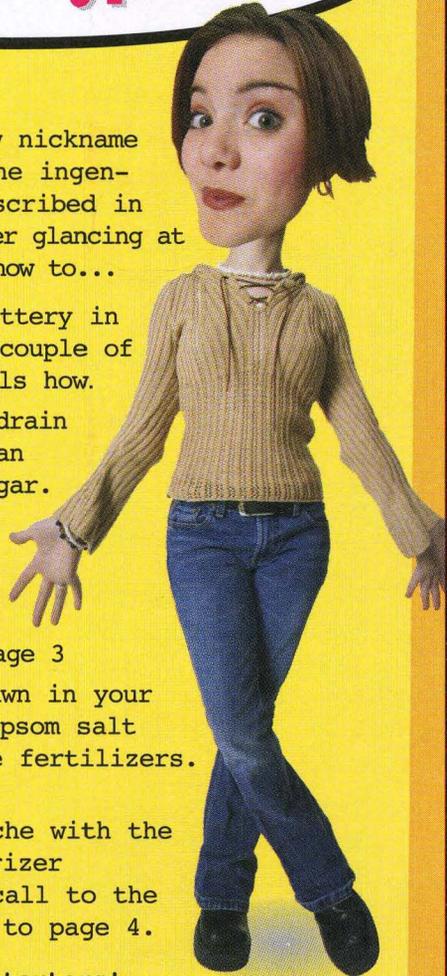
There are dozens of super-smart tips and secrets like these waiting for you in this Bulletin.

And if you're impressed by what you see here...

You're invited take a free 14-day look at **Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things**, the big new book from Reader's Digest that brings you 2,317 amazing uses for the everyday items around your house.

This big new volume is chock-full of surprising household wisdom that will make you feel like a genius, because every tip is guaranteed to work like a charm!

How can we be so sure?



Arden Know-How...page 10

OWN IN TOWN! Epsom salt, the mineral used to soothe his sore muscles in, has another secret: it contains two minerals that make plants grow like lawn super-green. *And it's cheaper than mowing.* It takes only one gallon of water and spread it. You'll be delighted!



... "De-skunk" your pet... Test your pet's... **AND MANY OTHER TIPS ON PAGE 10.**

Shortcuts...page 12

There are lots of neat tricks and shortcuts. In this instance, here's how to stop filling the crack well on both sides. This ingenious tip delays replacing the crack in the meantime.

... with aspirin... Fix a CD with a... **SEE MORE ON PAGE 12.**



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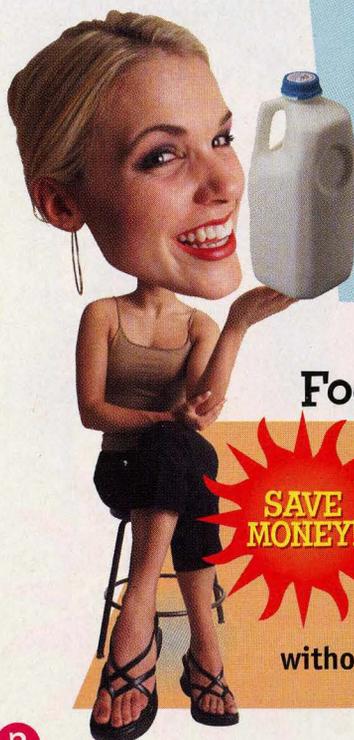
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You'll find these ingenious secrets produce results every bit as good (or better!) than those high-priced household cleaners and other products on your supermarket's shelves.

So you'll save space at home. Save trips to the store. Save lots of cash. And save elbow grease -- because these ingenious tips replace scrubbing, straining, and sweating.

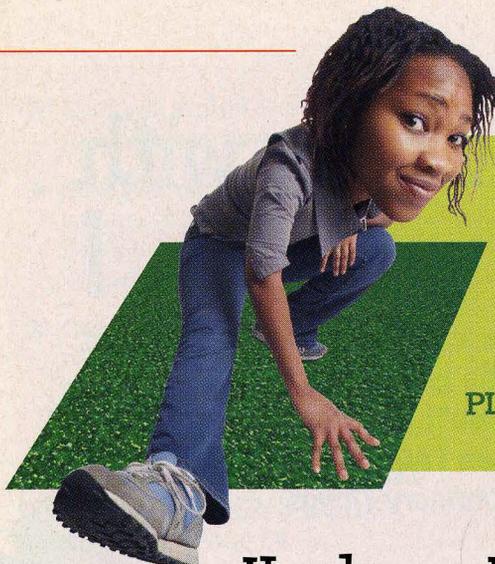
Believe me, this is the greatest collection of household wisdom ever created. You won't believe how brilliant these tips are until you see them with your own eyes. So that's what I'm inviting you to do...

- **SAMPLE** all these 2,317 super-secrets. Put them to the test around your home FREE for 14 days. There's no risk and no obligation to buy anything! (See the enclosed FREE Preview Certificate card at the back of this Bulletin for full offer details.)
- **SEND NO MONEY NOW.** This is a "free preview" invitation. If you're not completely bowled over by *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things*, send it back at our expense (prepaid return postage label provided on page 15). And that will be that. And to thank you for your interest, we'll also send...
- **TWO FREE GIFTS.** You'll receive a copy of "The Happy Cheapskate" and "40 All-Time Best Anti-Clutter Tricks." (See description on page 14.) Both gifts are yours to keep with our compliments, even if you return the book.
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P.S. Take a moment right now to glance through these pages. You'll sample some of the super-tips from *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* that you can use immediately to save money and make your life easier. But just imagine how much smarter you'll be when you see all 2,317 of these amazing secrets. Send for your FREE 14-day look at *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* today!



Lawn and Garden Know-How...page 10

THE GREENEST LAWN IN TOWN! Epsom salt, the mineral bath that Grandpa soaked his sore muscles in, has another secret use. Because it's rich in two minerals that make plants grow like crazy, it can turn your lawn super-green. *And it's cheaper than fertilizer!* Add 2 tablespoons to one gallon of water and spread over your grass so it soaks it. You'll be delighted!



PLUS: Rid your land of moles... "De-skunk" your pet... Test your soil without a kit... **AND MANY OTHER TIPS ON PAGE 10.**

Handyman Hints and Shortcuts...page 12



HALT A WINDSHIELD CRACK. There are lots of neat tricks you can do with clear nail polish. For instance, here's how to stop a windshield crack from spreading: Just fill the crack well on both sides and let it dry thoroughly. This ingenious tip delays replacing the windshield and saves you big money in the meantime.

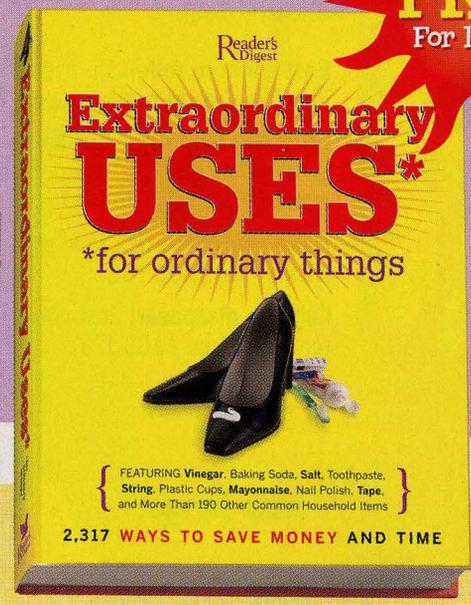
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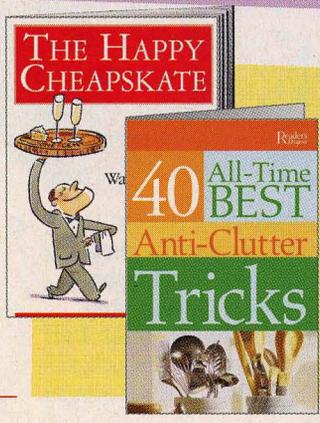
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Relieve back pain with meat tenderizer!

The same enzymes in meat tenderizer can “tenderize” a bad back. *It's amazing, but true!* Just mix a little with water to make a paste. Then rub it on where it hurts. You'll be astounded at the relief! Full directions on PAGE 210 of *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things*.

PROF. K. SAYS...

Science To The Rescue!

It's amazing how much you can accomplish with some basic chemical ingredients that are already in your kitchen and pantry — things like vinegar, ammonia, aspirin, and others.

In fact, there isn't much you can't do!

You won't have to rely on expensive health and beauty products when you have a copy of *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* on your bookshelf. Let its wisdom work for you.

Wait 'til you see how much MORE you can do with the everyday items you already have on hand. You'll be amazed!

For instance, here are a few of the THOUSANDS of tips you'll find in this wonderful book...

- ▶ **Best sunburn relief.** No need to buy a remedy. Relief is already in your pantry! See PAGE 69.
- ▶ **Did swimming turn your hair green?** Pool chlorine is tough on blondes. Use this club soda trick to restore your beautiful color. PAGE 128
- ▶ **Make pantyhose last longer — with hairspray!** What a neat trick — on PAGE 181.
- ▶ **Calluses disappear!** Just coat them with chest rub and... (continued on PAGE 123).

UNTANGLE HAIR WITH
FABRIC SOFTENER
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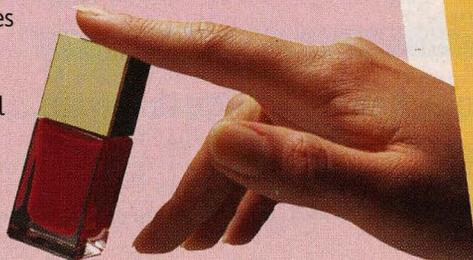
Dry up a pimple with crushed aspirin!

Chase away a surprise blemish in a hurry. Crush one aspirin and moisten with water. Apply to the pimple for a few minutes. Rinse off and prepare to be astonished! See PAGE 56 for the complete story.



Make your beautiful nails last longer!

Tired of nail polish that scratches and flakes away too soon? Try this: Ordinary vinegar contains natural chemicals that make nail gloss adhere better and last longer. Just do this BEFORE you polish your nails...on PAGE 357.



Who needs Botox when you have bananas?

Asian cooks use bananas in their recipes because the natural enzymes soften meats. You can use these same compounds to beautify your skin. The refreshing banana facial (full directions on PAGE 77) will soften your complexion, leaving it fresh and moist.



- **Warts will vanish!** This clear nail polish trick really works! PAGE 220
- **Make your own baby wipes.** They're outrageously expensive at the store. Here's what smart, thrifty parents do instead. Directions on PAGE 292.
- **Color gray hair safely.** After shampoo, rinse your locks with this tea and herb solution. The gray is gone! See PAGE 328.

**POISON IVY RELIEF FAST
WITH BAKING SODA**
PAGE 69

- **Make your own self-tanner.** Looks natural — because you make it from something natural in your pantry. Save a bundle! PAGE 328
- **No more foggy mirrors!** Just wipe them with this. Lasts for weeks! PAGE 335

**CLEAR UP ATHLETE'S
FOOT WITH MOUTHWASH**
PAGE 215

Home
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**Make
"Play Clay"
For The Kids**

It's easy to make.
Safe and non-toxic.
Colorful and fun. And
the ingredients are already
in your kitchen!
PAGE 148 makes
you their hero.



- **Repel insects with vanilla.** They hate the smell, so they won't "bug" you. See PAGE 341.
- **Halt dandruff with vinegar.** Works like drugstore treatments — but it's practically free. PAGE 355

Ask Professor K.

**Super-condition
your hair — with
mayonnaise!**

Dear Professor K,
A friend of mine says that mayonnaise
is good for hair. Is she pulling my leg?
M.J.

Dear M.J.,
Mayonnaise is extremely rich in egg
protein and oil. Both are terrific for your
hair. Mayo is much cheaper than those
expensive conditioning treatments —
and just as easy to use. Follow the
simple instructions on PAGE 208 of
Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things
to give your hair vibrant new life.

Prof. K.

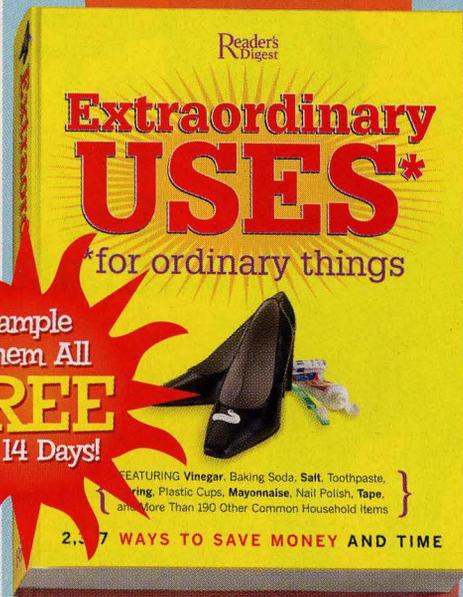


- **Stop a cold sore — cold!** You don't need expensive medicines when an outbreak hits. Just dab a little of this on it. (HINT: It's in your kitchen now.) See PAGE 356.
- **Halt the bleeding.** Forget those little pieces of tissue when you get a shaving nick. Just touch them with your lip balm tube to stop the bleeding. PAGE 203
- **Get rid of blackheads.** Here's a sure-fire way to dislodge blackheads: Mix 1 teaspoon Epsom salt and 3 drops iodine in water, then...(continued on PAGE 165).

**FREE ANTIPERSPIRANT
IN YOUR PANTRY**
PAGE 71

- **Plus 100's more!** Stay healthy and beautiful WITHOUT expensive remedies and cosmetics. Let *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* show you how to make the most of what you already have. Send for a FREE 14-Day Preview today!

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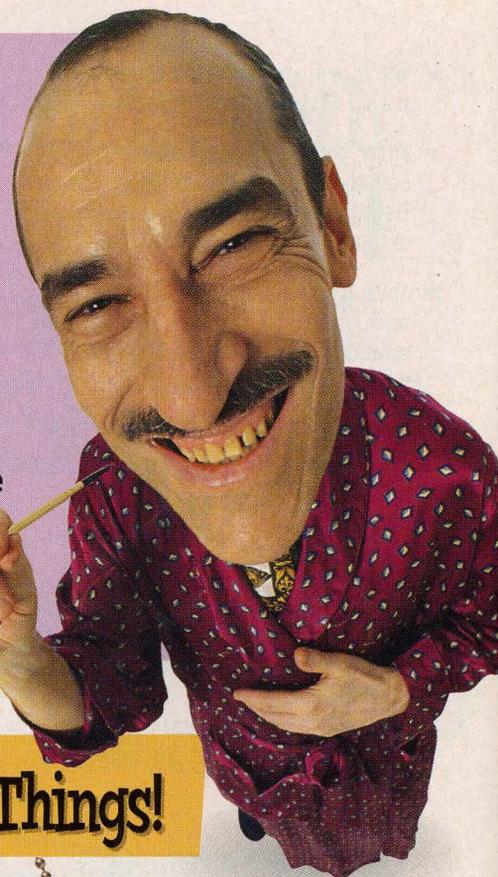
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2,317 WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AND TIME

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Eradicate cigarette stink with this clever vinegar trick!

Vinegar has the uncanny ability to make foul odors vanish. To remove cigarette stench from your clothes without sending them to the cleaners, use the trick on PAGE 362. To deodorize an entire room — *even if someone is still smoking* — see PAGE 344. Great idea for office spaces, hotel rooms, and rental cars.



PROF. K. SAYS...

Save Your Money For Other Things!

Every time you turn around, they're introducing some new cleaning product with a special use. The supermarket shelves are crammed with them!

I say: Save your money. You can get the same results (*or better!*) from the ingredients you already have on hand — with the cleaning secrets you'll find in *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things*.

You'll be just as pleased with the results. And you'll end up with more space under the sink and in your cleaning closet. (Not to mention all the extra cash you'll have for restaurants, new clothes, and life's little luxuries.) Here are some more examples ...



The ultimate stain remover!

Can't tell what that stain is? *No problem!* Here's a sure-fire cure to remove it: Mix hydrogen peroxide with cream of tartar, then... (continued on PAGE 183). That stain is history!

- ▶ **Your windows will sparkle!** Make your own superb window cleaner. You already have these 3 ingredients in your kitchen. *Won't ever streak!* See PAGE 145.
- ▶ **Make dingy cookware new again!** Discolored aluminum pots will sparkle! Mix 2 tablespoons cream of tartar with... (continued on PAGE 148).
- ▶ **Save your suede!** Don't send it to the cleaners. This ingenious trick makes spots and stains go bye-bye. PAGE 163
- ▶ **Clean your chandelier with an umbrella.** Clever and neat! See PAGE 340.
- ▶ **Remove candle wax!** The only method that really works. See PAGE 348.



Unclog a stopped drain with this easy baking soda trick!

Drain clogged? No need for a plumber...or a plunger...or those toxic chemical products. Just pour in a cup of baking soda, followed by a cup of hot vinegar. Then... (follow directions on PAGE 64). Aren't you smart!

PREVENT COLORS FROM FADING WITH BLACK PEPPER: PAGE 253



Turbo-charge your laundry detergent!

Adding this much baking soda (see PAGE 72) to your laundry detergent will give you brilliant whites and brighter colors. It also increases the power of bleach and softens your water. BONUS: You'll use less detergent and save money!

Is Fabric Softener The Greatest Invention Of Our Time?

Originally invented to stop static cling in laundry, this "anti-static" power has many other secret uses that will surprise you. For instance...

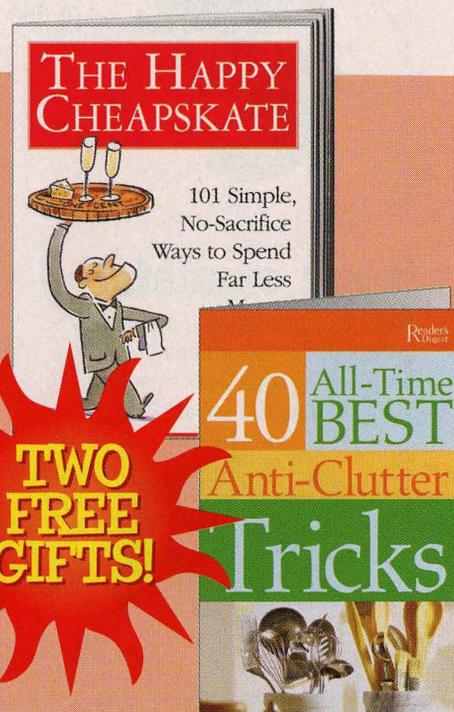
- ✓ **End pot-scrubbing.** A squirt of fabric softener makes baked-on food and grime "jump" off pans and casserole dishes. *No scrubbing!* Directions on PAGE 167.
- ✓ **Stop dusting so often.** "Static cling" is what attracts dust particles to furniture, glass, and plastic surfaces. Just do this (see PAGE 167) and dust is repelled. *You'll save time!*
- ✓ **Make your own.** Fabric softener sheets are fabulous, but they're expensive. It's easy to make your own. Save money and feel smart. PAGE 167 has the simple instructions.
- ✓ **Clean scummy shower doors.** A used fabric softener sheet makes that caked-on white residue vanish. See PAGE 168
- ✓ **Halt carpet shock.** Eliminate the static "zap" when you walk across your carpets. PAGE 166
- ✓ **Remove old wallpaper.** It peels right off with the directions on PAGE 166.
- ✓ **Freshen up your car.** Tuck a new sheet of fabric softener under the seat to neutralize musty odors and cigarette smell. PAGE 167
- ✓ **Plus many other uses!** Pick up pet hair from clothing and furniture: PAGE 167. Buff chrome to a brilliant shine: PAGE 168. Repel mosquitoes outdoors: PAGE 169. Keep venetian blinds dust-free: more on PAGE 169
- ✓ **See them all** — Take a FREE 14-day look at *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* soon. There's no cost, no purchase obligation.



- **No more runny colors!** Use this in your wash and dyed fabrics won't "run" in the wash. Aren't you smart! PAGE 360
- **Make "yellowed" whites new!** Just soak them overnight in this. (NOT bleach!) PAGE 361

SHINE MIRRORS WITH TEA PAGE 329

- **Unset old stains!** Pre-treat them with a little of this (it's in your kitchen right now — see PAGE 362). Presto — stains are gone! Even works on rust, the toughest stain of all.
- **Clean grimy toilets with WD-40!** No kidding! One spray gets rid of difficult gunk and lime deposits. See PAGE 379.
- **Don't whine over spilled wine!** Here's the cleverest way ever to get it out. Even works for carpets! PAGE 281
- **Plus hundreds of others!** There's no problem you can't solve with *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things*. Read the book FREE for 14 days without obligation to buy — guaranteed! See page 15.



Keep Both Just For Looking!

Turn to page 14 to read more about them...

IRON IN SHARPER CREASES WITH VINEGAR: PAGE 361



"Fry" crispy bacon fast in your microwave!

In a hurry? Want crisp bacon without a mess? Lay bacon slices between layers of paper towels in your microwave. Cook on "high." It's ready in minutes. No pan to clean and no grease splatters. More directions on PAGE 248.



PROF. K. SAYS...

Waste Less, Enjoy More!



If you hate the thought of wasting food (or food dollars), *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* is a book after your own heart.

You'll discover dozens of tricks for making your food supply — and your budget — last longer and go farther. You're sure to feel good about that!

Take a look at a few examples from the THOUSANDS of super-tips you'll find in this remarkable book of everyday wisdom...

Fluff up your omelets!

Make your omelets and scrambled eggs fluffier by whipping in a little baking soda before cooking. *Shhh — keep it a secret!* PAGE 63



- ▶ **Use less oil.** Give any frying pan a non-stick surface by boiling vinegar in it for a few minutes. Amazing! See PAGE 351.
- ▶ **Eliminate popcorn "orphans."** You won't have any more unpopped duds after you learn this secret. PAGE 174
- ▶ **No more stinky fish smell.** Just put a dollop of this in the pan when you fry the fish. It absorbs the odor! PAGE 251
- ▶ **The juiciest chicken.** Just pop one or two of these in the bird's cavity before roasting. You've never had chicken so moist before! PAGE 53

Make your own dishwasher detergent!

Got the dishwasher loaded, only to discover you're out of detergent? Make your own by mixing borax and some of this (see PAGE 64). You may like the results so much, you'll switch for good!

HOMEMADE WINE VINEGAR
PAGE 351

Quick-ripen green fruit!

If you caught a sale, but the fresh fruit you bought isn't quite ripe, here's a trick that will have it ready to eat in no time: Place fruit in a plastic bag with a ripe banana. The banana emits ethylene gas which ripens your fruit! This way your fresh fruit supply lasts longer — you can ripen it as you go. Details on PAGE 265.



Get a GRIP!

If your grip has been weakened by arthritis or illness, try this: Cut an old tennis ball in half. Use it to open jars and bottles with ease. *You're strong again!* PAGE 331 explains.

ADD BAKING SODA TO YOUR DISHWASHING LIQUID TO CUT GREASE

PAGE 64

- **Gourmet vanilla extract.** Make your own. It's the "real deal!" A great gift idea, too. PAGE 370
- **Soothe a burned tongue.** Burn your tongue on hot pizza, soup, or coffee? This secret stops the pain immediately! On PAGE 321.

- **End grease splatters.** Just add a dash or two of this to the pan before frying. The grease won't fly! PAGE 285

PREVENT STICKY RICE WITH LEMON: PAGE 198

- **The perfect shrimp de-veiner!** Use the sharp end of a can-opener to de-vein a batch of fresh shrimp. Makes this messy chore a breeze! PAGE 96
- **Plus many, many more!** Save food and money with these great tips. Enjoy a FREE 14-Preview of *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* soon. Mail our postage-paid card to get your copy.

SAVED!

✓ **Un-scorch the rice.** Did you burn the rice? Don't throw it out. Just use this ingenious bread trick to remove the burnt taste. On PAGE 97.

✓ **De-salt soups and stews.** Did the soup get too salty? It's not ruined! Just use this easy trick to save it. PAGE 53

✓ **Turn soggy lettuce crisp.** Don't toss out limp lettuce. This clever trick makes it crisp again! On PAGE 198.

✓ **Tenderize tough meat.** Tougher cuts are leaner, cheaper, and better for you. Here's a super-easy way to tenderize them: Place black tea in a pot of water, then...(continues on PAGE 329). The meat will be fork tender!

✓ **Out of baking powder?** Don't run to the supermarket. Make your own by combining baking soda, cornstarch, and cream of tartar. (Directions on PAGE 63.) Plenty of other "in-a-pinch" stand-ins too!

✓ **Make cheese last longer.** Prevent mold from spoiling your cheese by rubbing it with a little butter. PAGE 101 explains.



Ask Professor K.

Chop onions without tears!

Dear Professor K,
I've heard there are ways to chop an onion without crying, but none of those tricks have worked for me. Is there anything that does?
J.P.

Dear J.P.,

Sure is! Just pop the onion in your freezer for 30 minutes before chopping. You won't shed a single tear! See PAGE 231 of *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* for the full story.

Prof. K.



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Send moles packing— with cat litter!

Moles hate the smell of soiled cat litter even more than you do. Pour some down their tunnels and they'll scurry away to find new homes. (Directions on PAGE 119.) No cat? No problem! This castor oil trick (PAGE 117) gets rid of them, too. It's non-toxic and completely safe!



PROF. K. SAYS...

Save Resources and Your Health!



The 2,317 tips in *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* are safer to use than many of their store-bought counterparts. That means you won't have to worry about harming your health, your kids and pets, or wildlife.

You'll help save precious resources, too. Because, in most cases, you'll be using what you already have — and recycling stuff that still has lots of use left.

You'll be doing your part to reduce our landfills and keep the air cleaner. Here are a few examples to show you what I mean...

De-skunk your pet—with vinegar!

Save your tomato juice for breakfast or Bloody Marys. This works much better anyway. Full details on PAGE 368.



- **Repel deer from gardens and trees.** No fence or chemicals required. This easy, non-toxic trick keeps them away from your goodies. PAGE 124
- **Tricks with ladders!** Make a plant-arch entrance to your garden...a display case for plants and collectibles...a pot rack above the stove. All for free! See PAGE 195.
- **Have tea with your roses.** See why black tea may be the best fertilizer of all for your rose-bushes. Get ready for giant blooms! PAGE 330 tells all.
- **End swimming pool "oil slick."** A couple of floating tennis balls will soak up the body oils and sunscreen lotion from swimmers. Smart! PAGE 331 has full details.

Make garden seeds sprout faster!

Just scratch their hulls by rubbing between sandpaper sheets, then soak them in this apple cider vinegar solution (see PAGE 365). They'll spring to life fast!



NO-"UGH" tick removal!



Pulling a tick off your pet is yucky business. Even worse: it can cause infection. Both problems are solved when you use this rubbing alcohol secret (PAGE 279). Works on people, too!

**DESTROY AN ANT COLONY
WITH SAFE CAYENNE PEPPER**
PAGE 254

- **Dry your own flowers.** Here's how the pros make those gorgeous dried flower arrangements. Easy directions, great results! See PAGE 90.
- **Giant tomatoes!** Want the biggest tomatoes in your neighborhood? This foolproof "fertilizer" is in your medicine cabinet now. So inexpensive, too! PAGE 164

**Stop
mosquito
bites from
itching
INSTANTLY!**

You don't need toxic sprays. Just dab them with a little ammonia. It contains a compound that provides fast relief. Your friends and family will be so grateful! PAGE 52 explains.



- **Kill bugs on potted plants.** Safe for you, but deadly to houseplant insects. Put a clear plastic bag over the plant and add a few of these (see PAGE 214). Seal for a week and pests are history!

**FEED YOUR FERNS
WITH OLD TEA BAGS**
PAGE 330

- **Super-safe weed killer!** Here's the easiest, cheapest way to get rid of weeds that grow in walkway cracks. Just pour this on (see PAGE 287) and watch them die. No weeding. No poisons.

TEST YOUR SOIL on-the-spot!

Don't waste your money on expensive lab tests and kits. All you really need are these two common kitchen ingredients. They'll tell you about your soil on-the-spot! Instructions on PAGE 365



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**Turn A Lemon
Into A Battery!**



It won't start your car, but you'll definitely get an electrical buzz. (Follow the simple directions on PAGE 200.) Wow!

**Make
cut flowers
last much
longer!**

Just add a little of this (PAGE 320) to the vase. You'll be surprised at how much longer they stay fresh and beautiful!

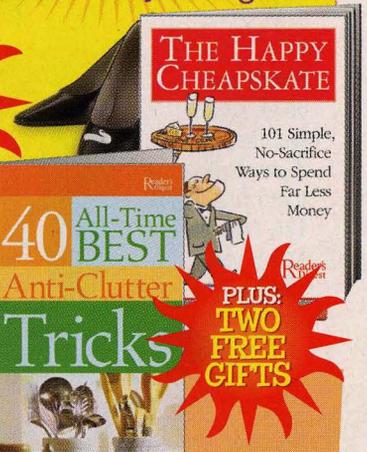


**Did plant
leaves
SUDDENLY
YELLOW?**

That's a telltale sign that your soil is seriously lacking an important element. But don't rush out to buy pricey soil amendments. Fix the problem in a jiffy with something already in your pantry. PAGE 366 tells all.



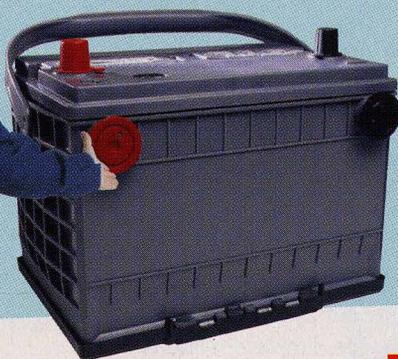
- **Cure pet flatulence.** If the nickname for your dog or cat could be "Stinky," here's an easy cure: Add a little of this (see PAGE 386) to their meals. What an easy solution!
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Revive a dead car battery with a couple of aspirin!

Battery dead? No one around to give you a jump? Try this trick: Drop two aspirin tablets into the battery and be on your way! (The acid in the aspirin gives the battery's acid one last charge.) Details on PAGE 55.



PROF. K. SAYS...

Use Brains, Not Cash!



In a jam? Don't run out to the store. *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things* has your solution — and you won't even have to leave home.

Here are thousands of wondrous saves-the-day uses for the things you already have around your house. Each tip is tested and proven to work. You'll feel smarter, more self-reliant, and able to handle any challenge that comes your way.

Hey, you might even look like a genius with tips like these ...

- **Clean battery terminals.** Whisk away corrosion with this baking soda trick. Easy! PAGE 73
- **Loosen rusted-on nuts.** Don't struggle with those impossibly rusted nuts and bolts. They'll come unstuck with this nifty soda pop trick. PAGE 308

POLISH CHROME WITH LEMON RIND PAGE 197

- **Prevent foggy goggles.** Just wipe a little of this inside them. Works for scuba masks, ski goggles, and safety glasses. See PAGE 335.
- **Keep your hands super-warm.** When it's really cold, wear a pair of latex surgical gloves under your winter gloves. The extra insulation keeps your hands toasty. PAGE 178

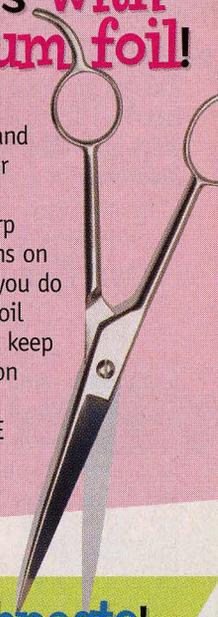
Make candles last longer — by freezing them!

They'll burn down slower and last longer if you freeze them first. PAGE 174 explains. Aren't you clever!



Sharpen dull scissors with aluminum foil!

Fold aluminum foil into several layers and cut into strips. After several passes your scissors will be sharp again! Full directions on PAGE 41 (What do you do with the resulting foil strips? Use them to keep birds from picking on your fruit trees and garden plants. PAGE 43 tells how.)



Fix a CD that skips — with toothpaste!

Don't throw that infuriating CD away. PAGE 139 tells how to repair it with ordinary toothpaste. (Car wax works, too.) See complete instructions before you try it.



- **Stop a leaky hose.** Use this clever toothpick trick. Works like a charm! PAGE 338
- **Never scrape an icy windshield again.** Just wipe down windows with this (see PAGE 347). Ice won't form. Too late? Don't scrape — just spray this on the ice buildup and watch it melt away. See PAGE 278.

MAKE WICKER NEW AGAIN WITH SALT
PAGE 280

Make old jewelry look new again!



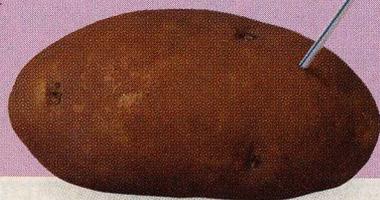
Soak it with a denture tablet. The bleaching agent will make your jewelry shine like new. Diamonds will regain their original sparkle. PAGE 151 gives full directions.

- **De-rust your tools.** Soak them in a pan of this (look in your pantry) and they'll look new again. PAGE 370

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Do The IMPOSSIBLE!

Challenge your friends. See if they can plunge an ordinary drinking straw into a raw potato. They won't be able to do it because the straw will bend or break. But you can because PAGE 274 gives you the secret. (HINT: It's a surprising practical lesson about air pressure.)



Ask Professor K.

Your pets will love you for this!



Dear Professor K,
As soon as the warm weather hits, my pets are attacked by fleas and ticks. It hurts to see them in such misery. Is there anything I can do for them? I'm reluctant to resort to flea collars and commercial dips because I know those chemicals are bad for their health. Please help!

D.D.

Dear D.D.,
Fleas and ticks hate the smell of vinegar. You can keep these pests off your pets by simply spraying them with a solution of vinegar and warm water. It's safe and cheap — just like all the tips in *Extraordinary Uses for Ordinary Things*. See PAGE 368 for full instructions.

Prof. K.

MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH LAST LONGER WITH HAIRSPRAY
PAGE 181

- **Fishing tricks!** Coat your lines with cooking spray to cast easier and farther: PAGE 141 ... Spray lures and bait with WD-40 to make fish bite: PAGE 381 ... Attract fish like crazy with this Alka-Seltzer trick: PAGE 39.
- **Strip paint with oven cleaner.** Easier to use than commercial strippers. Cheaper, too. Directions on PAGE 233.
- **Make scratches disappear.** Did you scratch the face of your watch? Use this ingenious secret to make it vanish. On PAGE 224.

Kill pesky roaches without poisons!

Don't call the exterminator. Just mix equal parts sugar and (see PAGE 321). Spread where you see creepy-crawly pests. The sugar will attract them — the other ingredient will kill them. Safe for pets and children.



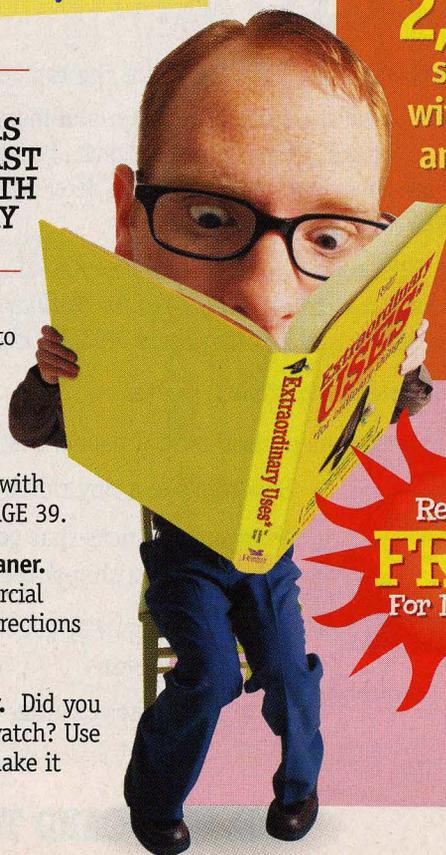
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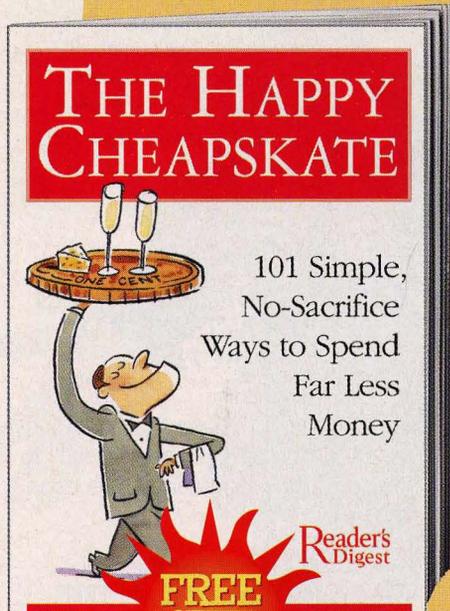
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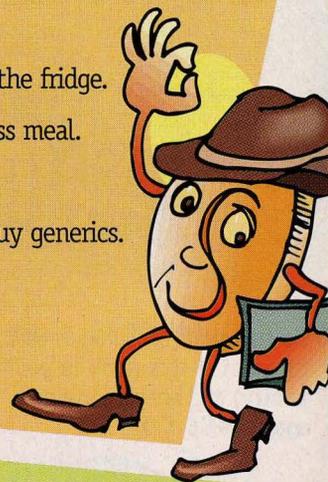
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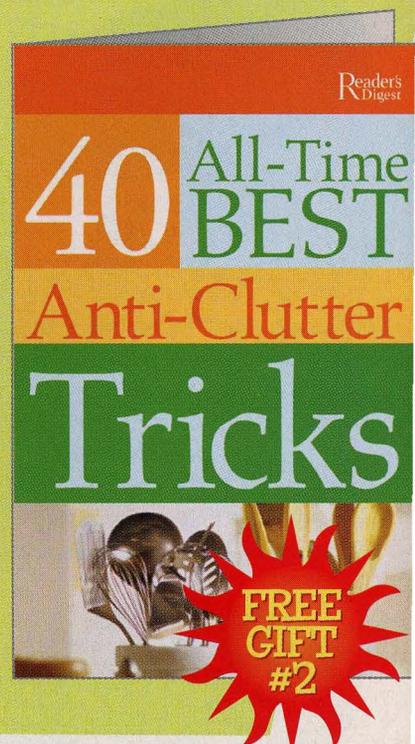
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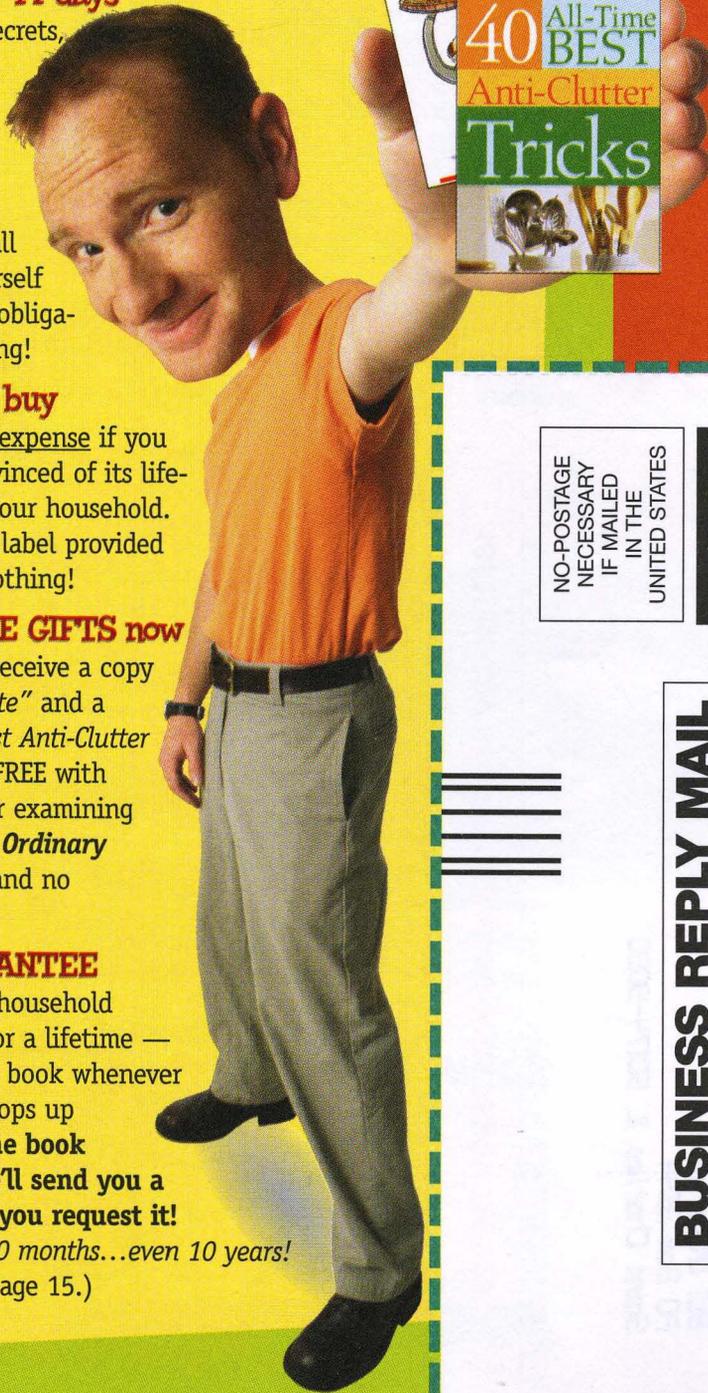
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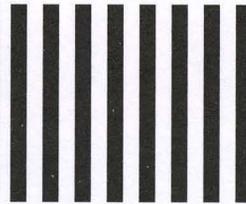
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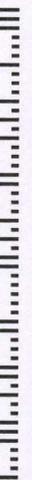


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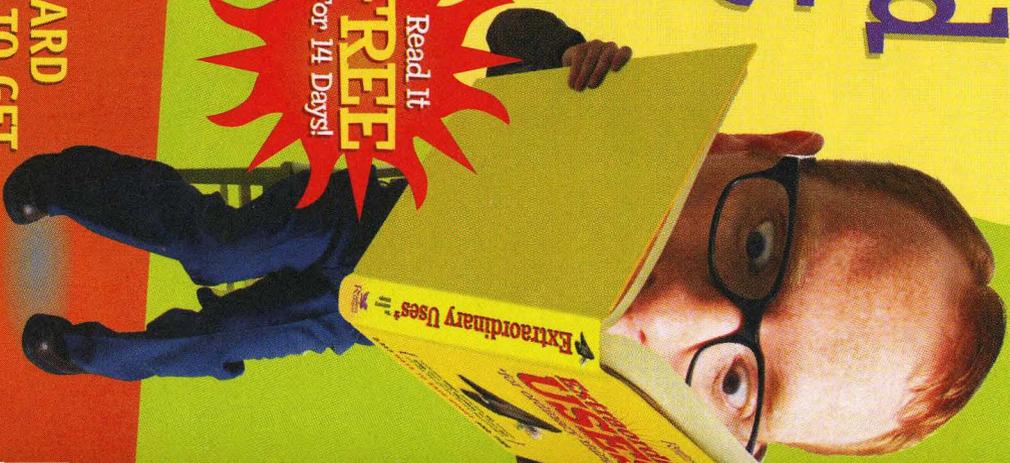
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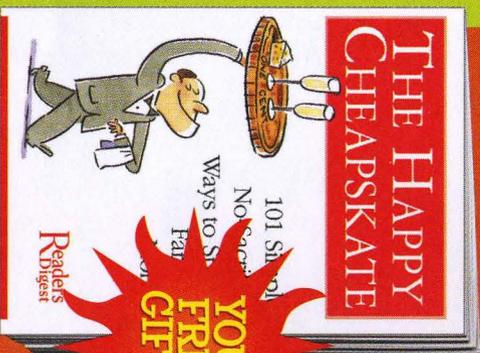
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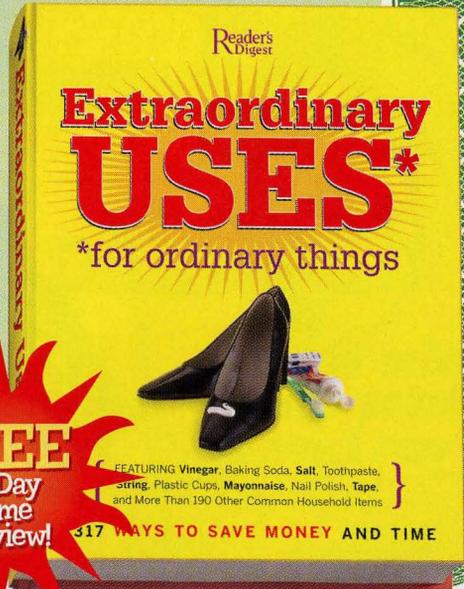
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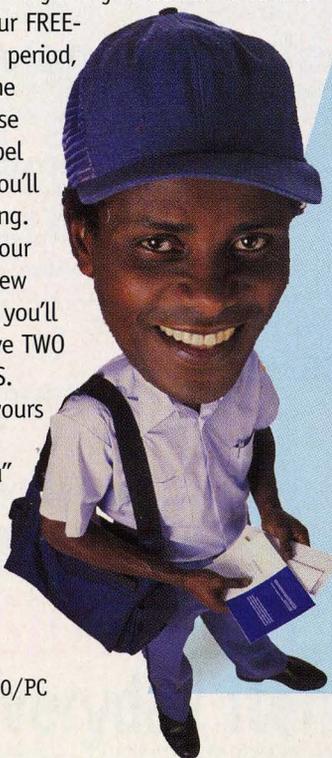
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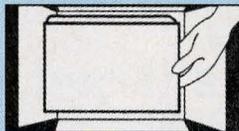
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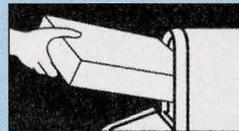
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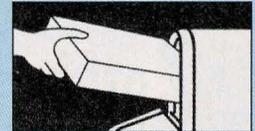
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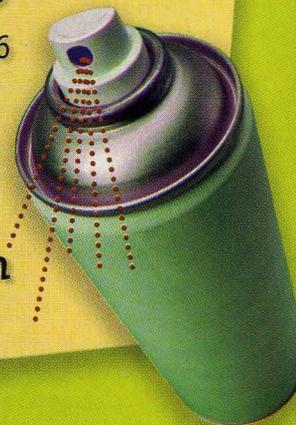
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