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“Live simply, that others might simply live.” Elizabeth Seaton

In the Dead of Winter

I was blessed to be raised not only by my Grandparents, Max and Mexie Crabtree, but also by their “paid dues” when they were raised through the Great Depression. Add in the fact they were sixth-grade teachers through most of their careers, and you have folks who not only never threw things away, but they nicely handed down this gene to myself. I’m a positive magnet for things to clutter around.

I’ve heard other crafters utter things I cannot understand, such as “I’ve run out of cross stitch fabric, I need to get to the store for another package,” or, “I’d like to make a play quilt for the kids, but I don’t have any fabric.” First I shove some of MY stash towards them, then I teach them about thrifting. If you live anywhere that you can get to Columbus, Ohio, once every couple of months, you don’t need to go to a real store for very much other than maybe food and diapers. (see thrifting map on page three).

Winters were when I was taught harness repair and cleaning, sitting long evenings in front of a small fireplace in our house-long kitchen, under wooden beams dangling with leatherbritches and dried onions and peppers and herbs. Our hands would glisten with the neatsfoot oil, the hole-punch tools and d-rings in a tray nearby easy to hand, measuring tape somewhere next to Grandpa, who always kept in his head how big around each pony and horse was. Sometimes I’d be punching a design into a new headband, or brushing the dandruff out of the edges of a padded piece, Max would be stitching a crupper or sewing an extension onto a worn-out girth strap to get a few more seasons out of it. This was a time to tell stories, talk about books I’d read during the day, discuss horse illnesses and personalities (past and present) and guess what color the foals would be when they arrived in a few months.

Another evening routine was going through seed catalogs and plotting the gardens, ordering seed for every square yard of soil stretching from our front door out past the flagstone walkway (poppies and lily-of-the-valley bulbs) to my little herb garden, surrounded by Mexie’s banked flower garden, the trellised grapes on the end, outward in three directions to vegetable gardens, beyond that, fields of hay to be re-seeded and people-corn as well as horse-corn. I’d sketch out the herb garden, negotiate extensions of it into Mexie’s flower gardens, make a list of what could be grown from seed and what would require plants. If the snow had temporarily melted off, I would go out in my boots and reconnoiter if the horseradish, parsley, and other hardies looked as though they would make it through the winter the same, or taking up more space than the summer before. We’d have the seeds we saved, dry beans and peppers and tomatoes and watermelons and squash, as we cut open our stored foods, we’d clean off the seeds and dry them and put them away, too.

Winter evenings, I’d sit and take the woolen clothes given to me by family members near and far, washed and dried them, cut them up with shears and put into glass jars the buttons and hardware worth saving—zipper pulls and jump rings and sometimes a d-ring, which Grandpa would see in the jar and fish out and it would go into his pocket. The wool pieces would then be fitted and pinned onto foundation sheets of old worn curtains or sheets, usually 18 inches square, steam pressed and then basted into place and set on the dining room table with a breadboard and a couple of heavy books on top, so they became flat as could be in a week. Then I could take the breadboard and one of the blocks and start embroidering, with the feather stitches my great-grandmother and Mexie would teach me, fastening the pieces to the foundation with decorative swaths of trellised flowers and climbing vines and putting in a date and my name on the last block. These could then be put into rows and the rows put together to create a dandy warm, attractive quilt top, tied to a bottom of pretty calico or a sheet, edged around by hand on a Sunday afternoon. (Continued on page 3)

Not Wasting Food

Here’s some tips for using up what you purchase and bring into the house. Those with chickens or dogs or goats will find they get value from scraps and leftovers, but not so much in the typical home on a city or town lot.

First, purchase things with a long shelf life—hard squash and sweet potatoes and potatoes, onions and garlic, last weeks, not days, and don’t require refrigeration, but they do better if out of the light in a dry, cool place. Salads can be made using potatoes, pasta, cabbage, celery, onions, carrots, and hard-boiled eggs (think potato salad, cole slaw, and devilled eggs). Frozen vegetables are a respectable choice against the expensive, beaten-up sorry-looking things in the produce department, and the little flat sacks can be efficiently organized and stacked into even an overhead freezer.

Secondly, use what you purchase. I find two or even three platters or bowls are best for my potatoes, onions, fruit, and occasional eggplant or avocado. Anything hidden beneath the other items is completely forgotten, so spreading it out helps me—a visual person—use it up before discovering it’s turned into a disgusting brown lump underneath other items.

Another trick for using things, is to do a check of the fridge every five days or so. Lay into a clean sink the items that won’t be any good if left for two or three more days—the celery starting to go limp, zukes or squash that have a spot on them to cut off, and so on. Add in a large onion and the worst of two or three potatoes. Now, clean and cut it up and throw it into the crock pot, add a jar of great northerns or some beans you’ve already cooked and had in the freezer, or dry lentils can be thrown right in if there’s enough juice for them to cook. When this soup is done, have some for dinner, put a couple servings in the fridge, and freeze the rest (remember to label with date and flavor).

Say you see a sale on chicken or turkey or any beef parts that would make good broth. Buy them, rinse and cut as needed, put in the crock pot with water for overnight or all day, and make some broth. This can include small amounts of vegetables from the fridge, too. You can strain the broth and freeze some of it and use the rest in the next batch of soup or to create the next day’s recipe. Those strained-out vegetables, and some broth with a spoonful of flour stirred in, are the makings for a very nice pot pie, just make a crust, fill it up, pour the gravy on top, more crust, and bake.

Just think ahead, make a plan, and don’t be tempted to fill your fridge with those tempting lettuces and two-day vegetables. You’re smarter than that!

January, 2012 First Month

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Monday, January 16th, Birthday of MLK

January is National Hobby Month, Oatmeal Month, Hot Tea, and Soup Month. So when you get done having your breakfast oatmeal and raisins, dart off and enjoy your hobby, and enjoy a cup of hot tea with lunch, then make yourself some soup. Yeppers!

The Plain and Practical Store

Closed up for the last time on Christmas Eve, 2011. We just couldn’t get enough local traffic to pay the bills adequately, and although Good Husband offered to front the money to get it through March, when the annual payment on the health department fees would be due again, I didn’t see sales increasing enough to warrant further risk.

I did learn many helpful things about how food businesses are regulated, and also re-upped my food handler’s license so it’s good for another five years. I found and supported resources, from local farmers with their products, to bag and sack wholesalers, to the local person who would gather clover blossoms or catnip from their back yard gardens. Crafters who made wood cutting boards and aprons were paid on the spot for their wares, and friends were made far and wide.

I also learned that I am happiest at home. It’s hard to describe to someone the dismal days of seeing beautiful sunshine outside, and waiting from two in the afternoon to eight o’clock at night for the one customer who comes in and spends three dollars. I often wondered, those very slow days, what I would do if not chained to the shop. Now I’m back to those freedoms—such as visiting a friend, working on homecooked meals, working on making the home organized and clean—and appreciating them oh, so much more. You don’t really appreciate something until you’ve lost it.

I’ll continue to have the online stores (no food), stepping those up this week, and have taken spinning and wool quilt orders for four shops. Waiting to hear about a show in Michigan to attend, there’s a show in June at Sauder Village, and I’m starting on some ideas for a sculpture show . . . No moss growing under my feet.

“Get Rich Slowly”

I love this phrase and see it all over in my reading and studies, so I apologize I can’t tell you the origin of it. It refers to a smart mindset, building up your personal habits so that you increase your wealth—and I’m not talking just about money—a pinch at a time.

Here are my suggestions to put in place your own “Get Rich Slowly” program, but you’re already doubtlessly doing smart things you can add these into, or realize maybe that something you haven’t been doing often enough could be done more often. How many of the following actions do you take, towards your quality of life?

—**Home Food Preparation.** Whether it’s fixing food at home yourself, or canning and freezing your own food for eating later, using a food dehydrator, or just buying in bulk for your beans and grains, whatever you control from the outset with your food, means limiting what you don’t want. If you want fewer preservatives, fewer dyes and additives and even non-food items in your food, you’ll need to grab this bull by the horns and shop carefully and thoughtfully. If you work all day, think made-ahead meals, crock pot, soups, make bread on the weekends. The reward is healthier food, sometimes at significant savings, and perhaps extra food to share with others in the form of gifts or donations.

—**Buy it Thrifting, When Able.** I am appalled when I’m in a thrift store and I purchase a new, tags-still-on-it, \$90 sweater for one single dollar. I’ve bought wedding dresses for eight dollars (I cut all the beads off and then send the fabric to a friend who dyes it and makes Victorian embroidered quilts with it). I’ve gotten beaded purses and washed, spray painted, and took them apart to get \$25 worth of beads for a dollar. I’ve gotten pressure cookers, sewing machines, garden tools, bicycles, and other items for a fraction of their original cost. And even better than saving money, sometimes you find better quality in the “old” things—and you’re recycling! (see some local thrifty stores on the Columbus map, page three).

—**Control Your Closets.** If you have a rented storage area, do what you have to, to eliminate that expense from your life by the end of this year. If nothing else, if you must have storage, pay someone to use half their garage, and let your cash go directly into a neighbor or friend’s hands. If you need help organizing, look amongst your friends and ask for help from one of those folks naturally gifted in this area. Extra possessions are hard to manage, emotionally, financially, and in labor to move, maintain, repair, clean around, and otherwise “own” them, so get rid of the extra.

—**Be Cash Smart.** Pay off debt. Buy used vehicles. Don’t use payday loans or use credit cards. Shop only with a list and stick with it. Repair and maintain what you do own, so you won’t have to replace it. Trade and barter with others when you need things. When you can’t afford it, do without.

—**Don’t Throw Away Money to “Feel Good.”** Find cheap ways to entertain yourself, such as walks in the park, using the library, attending local governmental meetings, high school events, art shows, flea markets, street festivals, parades, the fireman’s pancake breakfast, and other events—just observe the bulletin boards at the library and grocery store and you’re bound to discover all sorts of community events to attend. Cut the television cable (I must admit, we won’t ever cut the computer cable) and use your television time for better things—volunteer one evening a week, take up a hobby, read, go for walks, exercise at home, have a friend over after dinner and play cards or checkers or put together a puzzle. *People often are chasing after things they buy to feel good, missing the lesson that you need to train yourself to be happy with what you have.*

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“Be assured that it gives much more pain to the mind to be in debt, than to do without any article whatever which we may seem to want.”
Thomas Jefferson, 1787

“Thrift . . . Is more than the mere practice of saving money: it implies rather a denunciation of every form of waste, not only of money, but of time, energy, talents, and other assets of mankind.”
World Thrift Day, *The Times*, October 26th, 1938.

Bored With That Color?

Winter is a good time to pull out clothing and decide what’s going to be recycled (rags, or thrift store) and what can be used for another season. One problem that arises, and I am addressing the distaff side here, is that you sometimes are just tired of that tablecloth, blouse, dress, or curtains, and don’t blame yourself for liking a fresh color around. Dye it!

Red cabbage scraps, coffee grounds, yellow onion skins, tumeric and chili powder, and many things you can gather in your local fields and ditchlines, can be made into useful dyes. I’m currently using a dye bath made from boiling dry goldenrod gathered from fields in Hillsboro in the golden summer sun, and let me tell you, the house smells wonderfully like we are reconstituting sunshine right in the middle of winter. A pound of goldenrod, a quarter cup of alum, and I’ll have a wonderful lemony yellow-green for some spinning wool here, as well as some dishcloths that have lost their appeal with various juice stains and coffee stains.

That same coffee that stained the dishtowels over time, you can reserve your grounds for a couple of weeks, boil and them strain them through cheesecloth in a steel sieve, and create a lovely dye bath paired with alum or salt to render a lovely chocolatey brown color for linens and cottons. Berries, as you know, are hard to remove from the tile, and likewise, they can be paired with alum or vinegars to dramatically change the colors of faded or boring household curtains, towels, and placemats, just in time to bring a hint of spring to the home—and those berries can be from frozen you put aside in summer—even yukky ones that maybe weren’t up to par for eating.

The added benefit of dyeing with natural foods and mordants such as salt or vinegar, is that you can use your usual pots and pans, just clean them out nicely after you’re done, it’s all non-toxic, and no worries about proper ventilation either.

Recommended Seed Catalogs:

Baker Creek Seeds, 2278 Baker Creek Road, Mansfield, MO, 65704, 417-924-8917. This is my favorite seed catalog, not only because it’s visually perfect and has wonderful photographs, but it’s also non-GMO, organic, international, and non-hybrid seeds, so you can save yours year after year, and share them with others—with pride. Many old-fashioned and flavor-focused, not shipping-focused, varieties.

Seed Saver’s Exchange, 3094 North Winn Road, Decorah, Iowa, 52101, 563-382-5990. Certified organic and other good things, an astoundingly full array of beans you can grow, blanch quickly into the freezer (or dry), and has a strong educational component. Not your cheapest resource but you are paying for quality product and supporting their back-to-natural stance, which includes not only educational outreach, but a year-round resource for answers.

And, I recommend you pick up a winter reading item—Basic Seed Saving, by Bill McDorman, or Saving Seeds: The Gardener’s Guide to Growing and Storing Vegetable and Flower Seeds, by Marc Rogers. Might as well be saving your own seeds, right?

Start A Groundhog Day Group

There’s been various attempts in large cities to gather together in camps and parades, massing to convey the point that many Americans are financially frustrated on so many fronts.

My response to this was to invite forty friends to a networking party at my house the first week of February, at seven on a Saturday evening. I’m calling it a Groundhog Day Meeting (it’s right around Groundhog Day, and since the folks who were invited are grounded in wholesome good skills and talents to share, and we’re coming out into the light to share, it seemed a fitting name).

We’re going to do a round-robin sort of kindergarten show and tell thing, I’ll stand up and say, Hello, I’m Valerie Hibbard, and I like to spin and weave and make baskets, I’m available to advise on homeschool art and craft projects, I’m looking to buy or trade for some metal strips and scraps for an art project I’ve got coming up.” People who build decks can pass around photos of their work, those who sell their time can pass out business cards, and so on. After we go around the circle, I’ll shove people towards the coffee, tea, cookies, fruits, and treats in the kitchen and let them mill about connecting with each other and around ten we’ll start yawning and indicating the door’s over that a’way. There will be a basket with local maps, a cup of pens and pencils and scratch paper to write on and we’ll set the date of the next meeting while everyone’s here. And I’ll probably hand out copies of this paper, if there’s any left.

Ways to Recycle a Leather Belt

- Hinges on a cupboard door
- Fastener on long rope, use the buckle to hang it on a nail
- Bundle the hose for the winter, or to carry to back fields
- Bundle emergency blanket in the trunk
- Fasten it as a loop on the garage wall to hold odd-shaped items
- Harness repair
- Cut it up and use pieces under chairs so they don't scrape the floor
- Cut off the buckle and staplegun it to the bottom of furniture, see above
- Hinge a lid on a trunk or workbox
- Use it on a new purse as a strap, you can cover it with fabric
- Fasten a suitcase with a broken lock, to store things in the closet
- Keep one in the truck for an emergency dog or horse collar
- Use a circular bit and drill out pieces, use as washers
- Cut into strips with a stripping tool and make shoelaces and ties
- Good for bundling camp firewood
- A 12-inch piece, fastened both ends with a bump in the middle, makes a dandy handle
- Take apart two or three and re-make into guitar or banjo strap
- Use it to hold your paint pail on an upper ladder rung

Here are a few seeds I wanted to share with you, my friend!

Planting instructions:

And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

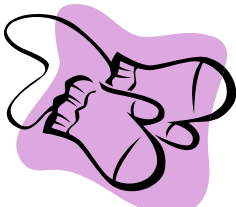
Genesis 1:11-12

Winter, con't.

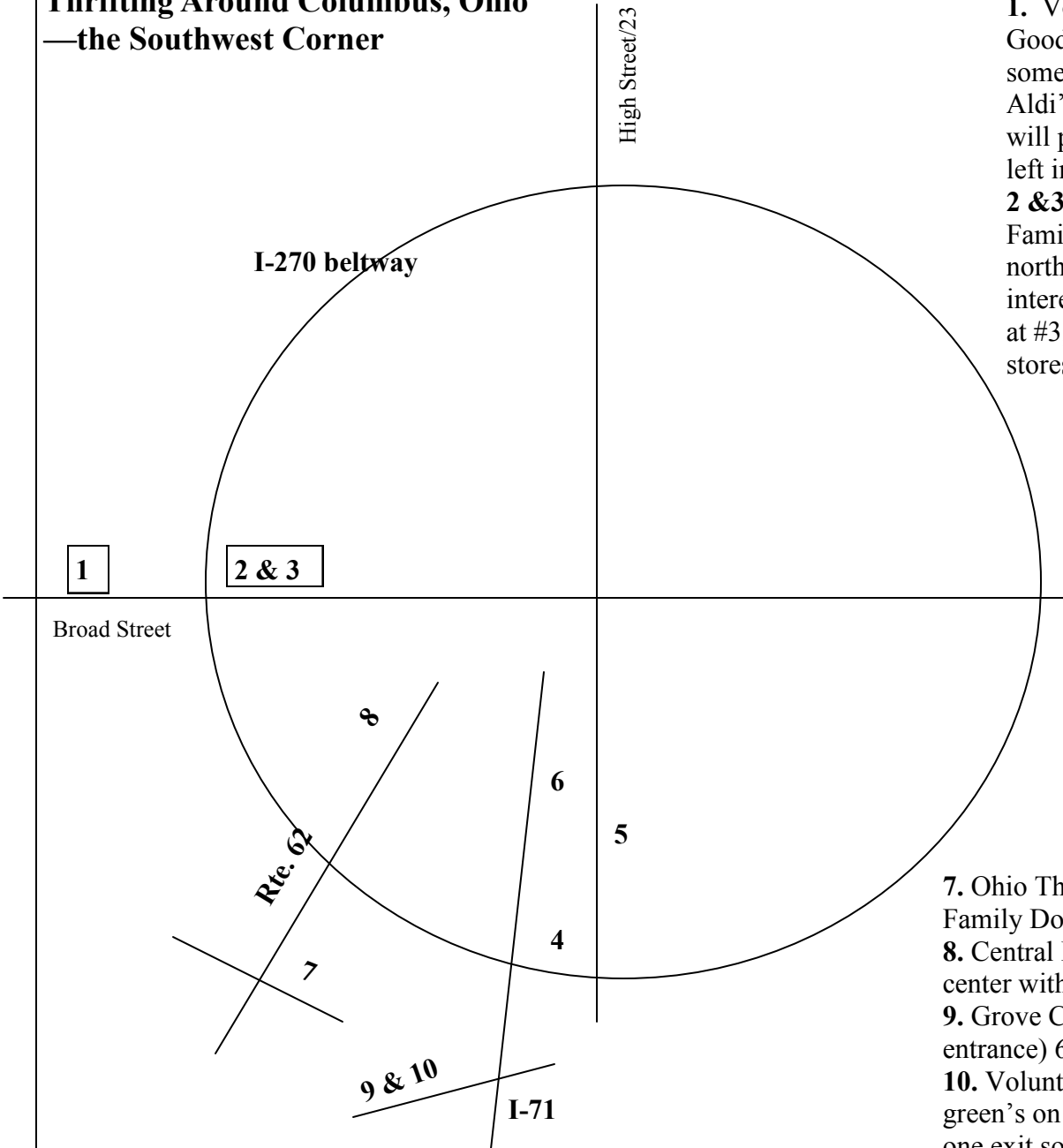
There wasn't this "drive" to be going somewhere else all the time, like many folks have cultivated today. Effort was put into our home so it was warm and friendly and comfortable (when you sometimes have a sick calf or a patch of too-early goslings inside the house, not always clean). Our home was where we wanted to be the most, and back then before the internet, there were Sears Roebuck catalogs and seed catalogs and the various farm publications so you could sit down with a pen and paper and envelope and stamp and get whatever you couldn't raise yourself. I remember years there was more pork than chicken, or more beef than pork, depending on what got sold and what lived and reproduced or didn't. Winter was when we attempted to arrange things.

Winter is a time of rest. Hunker down. Don't be the car in the ditch next to the freeway because you had to hit a sale on something else to fill your closets that won't make you happy anyway. Go through your excesses and give some away to people who can use it. Organize, label, neaten, repair, but most of all, rest.

Drop spindles, lucets, small nail looms, netting bobbins, rope fids and your needlework should fill those evenings, surrounded by reading from the Good Book, family stories, reading of letters from far off friends. Draw out the fields and plan where this year's new fences will be set, pick up your knitting needles or cut rags for the rug loom, clean the bottom of a wood drawer and apply fresh beeswax to the runners. Carve handles, make brooms, and repair the endless rents of well-used work clothing, while the wind blows outside and makes you grateful to have a roof over your head. There is a generosity of time in the Winter, when a nap by the woodstove is permitted, the evening comes early and you can go to bed at nine and probably nobody going to come catch you in your jammies. Spring and Summer will come soon enough, stretching into long long days of being so busy you can't get to everything you need to get done, so for now, put your hands to horse-blankets and harness, repairs and make-new, cleaning seeds and making the household sewing get done, while there is time for such things, in the luxury of your loving, warm home.



Thrifting Around Columbus, Ohio
—the Southwest Corner



- Volunteers of America, 5640 West Broad Street. Good over-all store for linens, books, clothing items, some household, good pricing. Catty-corner from an Aldi's, and if you go from this store to #2 and 3, you will pass a JoAnne Fabrics and Harbor Freight on the left in a shopping center.
- 2 & 3. 4340 and 4250 West Broad, Ohio Thrift and Family Thrift, almost in the same parking lot on the north side of the road. Not my favorites but I do find interesting linens at #2, and lots of tumbled housewares at #3, and children's clothing at both. Sears and Staples stores across the street.
4. Ohio Thrift, in Great Southern shopping center with other discount stores, very good for clothing and housewares especially.
5. Volunteers of America, 1776 S. High, a little run down with a scary parking lot, but always find interesting things.
6. Salvation Army, 1675 S. High St. little more expensive and few linens, but always see cheap furniture, some vintage clothing, lots of children's things.
7. Ohio Thrift, 62 and Southwest Blvd., in strip mall with Family Dollar, DMV, good Mexican restaurant, DQ.
8. Central Point Ohio Thrift, 647 Harrisburg Pike, shopping center with Save-a-lots and McDonald's.
9. Grove City Thrift Shop, 3684 Garden Ct. (Stringtown road entrance) 614-871-1126 open Tues-Sat.
10. Volunteers of America, 4026 McDowell Rd., behind Walgreen's on Stringtown Rd., just west of where 71 intersects, one exit south of 270. China Buffet, post office, pet store.

A Few Plain and Practical Resources for Self-Sufficiency

(Editor’s Note: This list has been brought back from the innards of my computer, and I shoved it onto this page without checking to update the information, which I promise to do before next month’s issue. If you use this information before then, do call first to see if it’s accurate before you waste a trip out in the cold—thank you).

Bulk Food Stores and Mail order Foods

Clintonville Community Market, 200 Crestview Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43202, 614-261-3663
Yutzv’s Bulk Foods, 614-873-3815, 6010 Converse Huff Road, Plain City, Ohio 43064
Countryside Bulk Foods, 4230 West Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701, telephone 740-450-1595
Bulk Food Depot, 5457 Radford Road, Athens, OH 45701, 740-594-5053.
Apple Hill Ltd., 8690 Vermilion Road, Amherst, OH 44001-9475. Telephone 440-965-7077
Coon’s Candies, 16451 County Highway 113, Harpster, OH 43323, telephone 740-496-4141
American Harvest 51323 County Road 16, Coshocton, OH 43812, 740-622-2855
Swiss Village 309 S. Broadway St., Sugarcreek, OH 44681, telephone 330-852-2896

Sewing and Crafting Supplies

Scrap Leather, lacing, and hides, all American leather, Real Leather People, P. O. Box 251, Sonora, KY 42776 or 270-369-8880 or sales@realleatherpeople.com
Make your own brooms—Broomcorn and supplies at R.E. Caddy, Box 14634, Greensboro, N.C. 27415, 336-273-3609.
Sewing Supplies, Home-Sew Inc., P. O. Box 4099, Bethlehem, PA. 18018-0099, 1-800-344-4739, homesew.com.
Linen and wool fabrics, 1-888-546-3654, FabricsStore.Com, 6325 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite #102, Hollywood CA 90038
Countryroad Fabrics and Gifts, 2195 N 700W Shipshewana, Indiana, 46565, good resource for fabrics, snaps, prayer caps, and more.
Knit Picks, P. O. Box 870760, Vancouver, WA 98687, 1-800-574-1323. Fine quality wool and wool blend yarns—their natural color, dye your own selections are especially well priced. Many sock yarns, patterns, and superior quality needles. Online also.
Raw Wool for Spinning at \$2-4 pound, also well priced natural roving, and shepherd’s supplies, Mid-States Wool Growers Co-op, 9449 Basil Western Road, Canal Winchester, OH, 43110-9278, 614-837-9665, call for hours and directions.
Wm. Booth, Draper. 18th century reenactment supplies, I get my linen thread, horn thimbles, and other well-made, old fashioned items from this resource, 2115 Ramada Drive, Racine, WI. 53406, or, <http://wmboothdraper.com>, or 815-648-9048.

Clothing Patterns and Ready Made

Modest clothing patterns for women and girls, Candle on the Hill, R 139 E. Townline Rd., Athens, WI, 54411, or email: info@candleonthehill.net
Gohn Brothers, Box 1110, Middlebury, Indiana 46540-1110, toll free number 1-800-595-0031. All sewing done by local seamstresses to your measurements, at very reasonable prices for good quality.’
Prayer caps (crisp mesh style), Plain and Simple Head coverings, Bayley Thompson, P. O. Box 185, Bagdad, KY 40003.
Aprons, Dresses and Coverings, Mennonite Maidens, <http://www.mennonitemaiden.com> , or orders by phone, 703-622-3018 or 304-492-5590. Wide variety of all offerings, reasonable prices.
GVS, clothing for the entire family, baby supplies, toys, stationary, sewing supplies—many hard to find items. Highway 5, Versailles, MO 65084.

Housewares and Home Needs

Non-electrical tools and household goods, Lehman’s, 877-438-5346, or write for a catalog, 289 N. Kurzen Rd., Dalton, OH 44618.
Healthy natural soaps and salves, Cindy High, 905 Egeler Lane, Dexter, MI 48130
Quaker Hill Farm, children’s books, P. O. Box 10, Harrisville, MI 48742 (recently featured on Animal Planet!) Quaker Anne has all kinds of good things made from her farm, web site is www.quakeranne.com
Sisterthreads is a group of three Christian women who sew together in the daughter’s house amongst her four children, one of which is special-needs. Although they focus on quilts, they also do a variety of purses and organizers for knitting needles, crochet hooks and other sewing items. By mail: Sister Threads, P. O. Box 91, Herrietta, MI, 49638, or telephone, 231-389-0253.
Lora Yapp, 76 Twp Rd 1336, South Point, OH 45680-7888, for lemongrass soap, as well as many other kinds. Several sampler sizes for fair prices. Available in multiples for favors, too.
Home Remedies, Wellness Service, 420 Weaver Road, Millersburg, PA, 17061, books, supplements, oils, massage tools.
Treadle Sewing Machine support group, TreadleOn, <http://www.treadleon.net/> Parts, repairs, maintenance, advice.

Support for Becoming or Learning About Being Plain

You can write or email to me: see editor’s box. I can provide rough sketches for clothes and will gladly answer any questions to the best of my ability—Valerie
Quaker Jane—a@quakerjane.com, she has the best and most thorough site for those who have questions about becoming Plain
Quaker Anne—See Quaker Hill Farm under “housewares,” above
Headcovering statement based on scripture—Plainly Dressed’s web page, <http://plainlydressed.com/headcoveringinformationfile.html>

Christian Reading Materials/Non-mainstream Informational Resources

Keepers At Home magazine (Plain homemakers) \$13 year/4 issues. 2673 Township Road 421, Sugarcreek, OH 44681
An Encouraging Word, P. O. Box 374, Covert, MI, 49043, \$20/year includes yours and one gift subscription.
Plain Interests newspaper (Plain lifestyle), 420 Weaver Road, Millersburg, PA, 17061. Monthly, \$16 yearly.
Pendle Hill Bookstore (a Quaker publishing house and retailer of Quaker literature), 338 Plush Hill Road, Wallingford, PA, 19086-6099, or telephone 1-800-742-3150 ext. 2. Bookstore email, bookstore@pendlehill.org
Rod and Staff Publishing, cookbooks, homeschooling, religious reading, 606-522-4348, P. O. Box 3, Hwy. 172, Crockett, KY 41413-0003.
Homeschooling, Pastoral, and Bible Study Reference Supplies, Christianbook offers free catalogs, call 1-800-CHRISTIAN, or write your request to Christianbook, 140 Summit Street, Peabody, MA 01960.
The Budget, a Mennonite rural newspaper, P. O. Box 249, 134 N. Factory Street, Sugarcreek, OH, 44681. Several editions, so ask for information, 330-852-4634.
Farm And Dairy, rural interests newspaper for farmers, P. O. Box 38, 185 E. State Street, Salem, OH 44460, 1-800-837-3419.
Ridgeway Books, toll free at 888-822-7894, or 3129 Fruit Avenue, Medina, NY 14103. Extensive Christian selection, ask for catalog.

Moon Signs:
Full: January 9th; New: January 23. Mark your calendar for the Equinox, on March 20th.