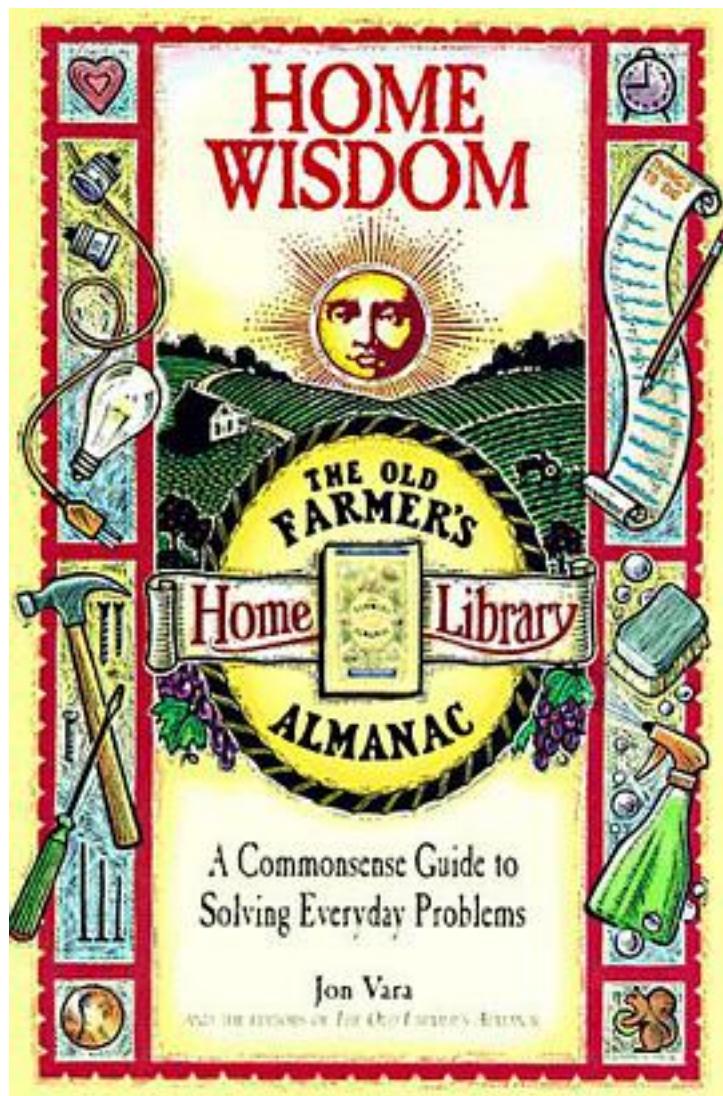


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Foreword
OR MORE \"HAN 205 YEARS~ Till! OID FARMER 5 Al^{1/4}CEMANA~
has been written to be read on a daily basis in short snatches of time. From many
periods^{1/4} of the early editions^{1/4} I have concluded^{1/4} that these daily offerings
of wisdom -- whether about the home^{1/4} cooking^{1/4} gardening^{1/4} or just
plain living -- were then shorter and^{1/4} more concise than in recent years^{1/4} and I
think I know why.^{1/4} The explanation stems from the fact that because the Almanac
was^{1/4} referred to every day throughout the year^{1/4} it was usually hung on a nail
with^{1/4} a long piece of string. (These days^{1/4} we provide a hole in the Almanac
for^{1/4} that very purpose^{1/4}) And where do you suppose most people hung it? Let
us^{1/4} just say it was a place visited regularly by everyone in the household and^{1/4}
where a little reading could be helpful in many ways.^{1/4} Now take into account that
the early Almanac editors realized that^{1/4} during the cold winter months -- or^{1/4} for
that matter^{1/4} during the hally^{1/4} mosquito season -- they would need to inform
and entertain their readers^{1/4} quiddB much like television producers think today.
\"Burn or sweep your^{1/4} chimney; advised the 1793 edition for January 31 of that
year. That was a^{1/4} quick^{1/4} snappy useful reminder ~ the 18th-century version of a
sound I~itc.^{1/4} For January 9^{1/4} 1793^{1/4} the equally concise advice was \"Get
your tools in^{1/4} order for spring work: ^{1/4} With^{1/4} the advent of indoor plumbing in
the 20th century^{1/4} the^{1/4} Almanac's editorial tone became more relaxed. Many
people continued to^{1/4}

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