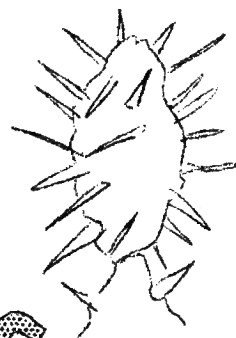


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WE'RE SORRY

THAT EVE AND HARRY WARN missed the sunrise in Taylor's Cactus Garden..... That IONE HUBNER forgot all the ice cold drinks she thoughtfully stored in the refrigerator the night before..... That the sight of 52 people in a horde of automobiles descending upon him before his breakfast had settled, startled BOB TAYLOR so much he almost got under way without filling his gas tank.

WE'RE SORRY: that BOB FLETCHER purchased his Mexican Travel Insurance beforehand, and missed the unbelieving expression on the Border Agent's face when he saw the line of cars outside his door.... That because of the move to higher ground, the pottery factory prices were adjusted accordingly, but those are the ground rules..... That we miscalculated the speed of the El Centro rocket and Taylor's jet, which caused JULIANNE RICE to have a longer than brief wait at the border to join the car-a-van; it must have been the velocity of her slip-stream that kept us at a snail's pace going up Tecate Mountain..... it was the last time we were below the sound barrier on the open road.

WE'RE SORRY: That TONY REINBOLT and other pace cars weren't farther back in the pack to enjoy the sight..... like a red sail in the sunset.... of the little Rambler Wagon topping the next ridge with the sign on top cutting through the clouds of dust like the proud bow of a clipper ship and proclaiming its ominous message.... "Richie's Auto Service" 281-0511.... That we didn't explain the difference to PERLSO LEWIS'S son, between a Baja road and a crook bed, and that the cumulous of dust he was following was not the car-a-van, but a small herd of cattle stampeding at the sight of his powder clay green Mustang.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 2 p.m..

Floral Assoc. Building
Balboa Park

"POTPOURRI"

-- Members' Day --

PLANTS FROM FIELD TRIP AVAILABLE

REFRESHMENTS

EXCHANGE TABLE

WE'RE SORRY: that NELLIE KENNETT didn't find that mammillaria crest before Scotty, and she was only one bush away when Evelyn and the kids wanted lunch.... that the skull was missing from the parched remains of a departed cow Mike Buckner discovered in a dry

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wash.... that PEARL SULLIVAN didn't discover

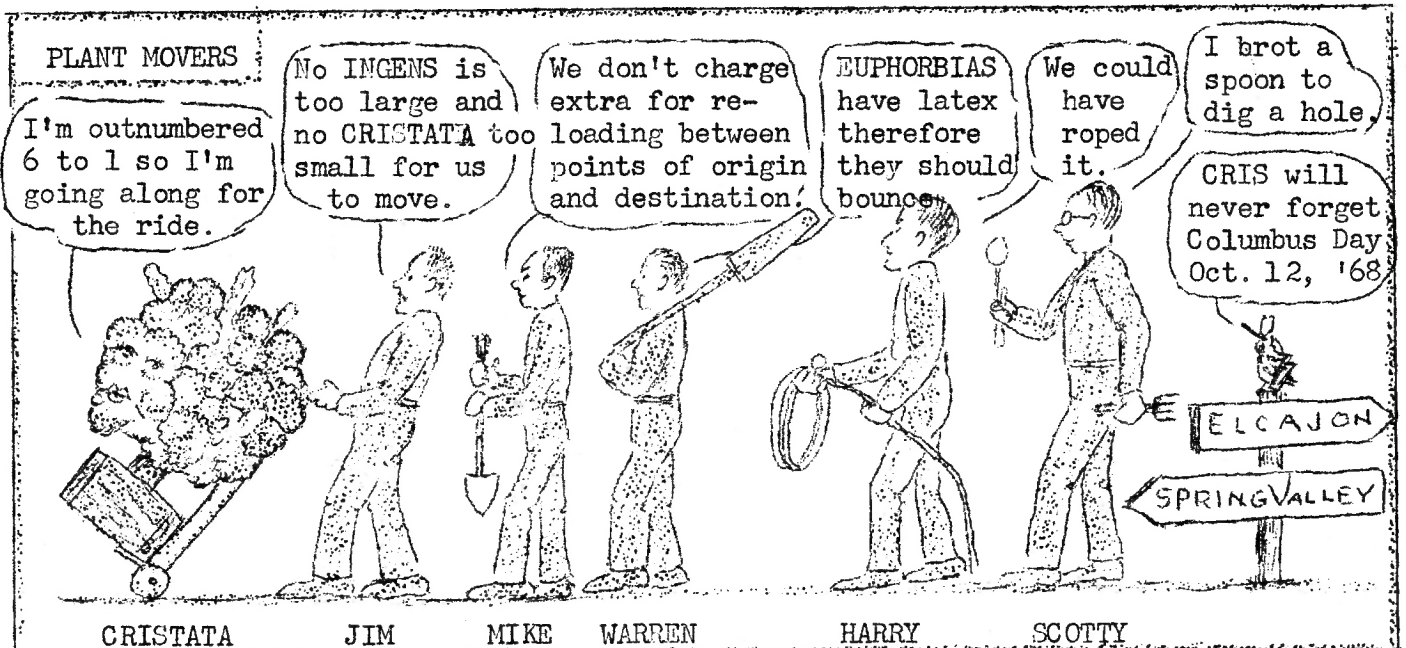
earlier the evidence of a more recently departed cow before she decided to report.... that ROY PHELPS couldn't yodel; he was dressed for the occasion, and it was certainly the country for it....

WE'RE SORRY: That WARREN BUCKNER had not purchased six new tires for the ole buggy; Ford, indeed, had a better idea - Walk.... That "MILLIE DEW" STEVENSON had to take two bits for every one he wanted while trying to forage on the bumpy roads between pit stops in "Los Flatos Tiras" Valley.... That someone neglected to interpret that 100 kph in Mexicanese means 62 miles per hour.... That EVELYN MARMET didn't have a larger "glad bag" when Harry insisted on keeping a coyote skull, and the windows closed too.....

WE'RE SORRY: That OLIVER LOYLAND'S boy found the wrong half of that lucky horseshoe. "AAA" doesn't service that area of Mexico..... That C. R. BENBOW'S Jeep was no match for HELEN HOWE'S VW on the straighaway, but we didn't know she'd tied a tow rope to Taylor's trailer hitch..... That at Estero Beach someone locked the key on the inside of the Ladies' Rest Room!!!.... That by the time we were leaving Ensenada it was difficult to tell the car ahead from, as they say in Texas oil country, a "Duster".... and VELVA SOMERS had a deuce of a time distinguishing the setting sun from the bright orange glow of NIBBY KLINEFELTER'S ample safari hat, but that's one way to keep both arms tan, while taking the high road in low fog; straight ahead.... which way???

WE'RE SORRY: That the instructions for directions to DALE VEACH to the watering

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WE'RE SORRY -- Continued

hole didn't spell out that the libra was for free, and the corta was for other, that the "El" was for he, and the "Ella" was for other... That REUBEN WACHTEL didn't get salt on the rim of his Margarita, but Eve did miss her Daiquiri.... that MAE MC FARLAND had to sit near the wash rack for dirty glasses, thereby earning an unjustified reputation.

Many miles, but many laughs.... many trails but much eclair.... Gee, we're sorry, you weren't there!!!!

I TRY to reduce, but NELLIE feeds me special formula SPRING VALLEY BRAND CACTIGRO.

I'm not sure whether it's an overfed GYMNOCALYCIUM or a CORYPHANTHA CLUSTER.

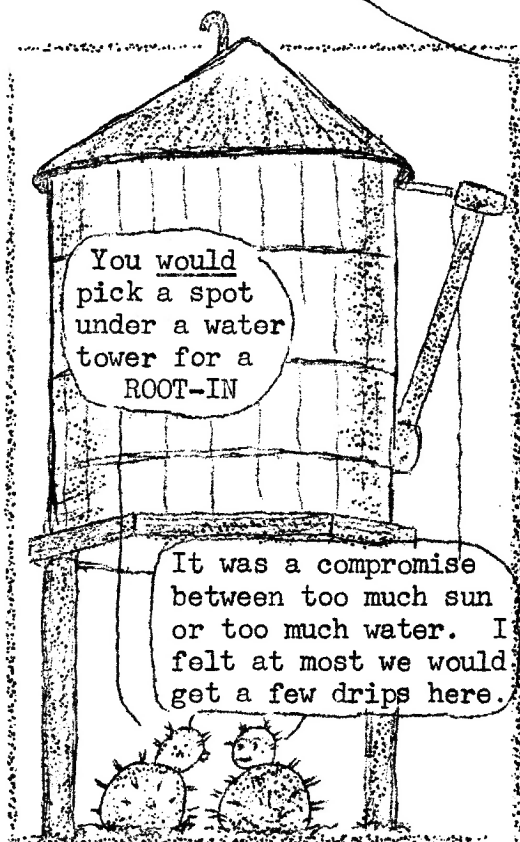
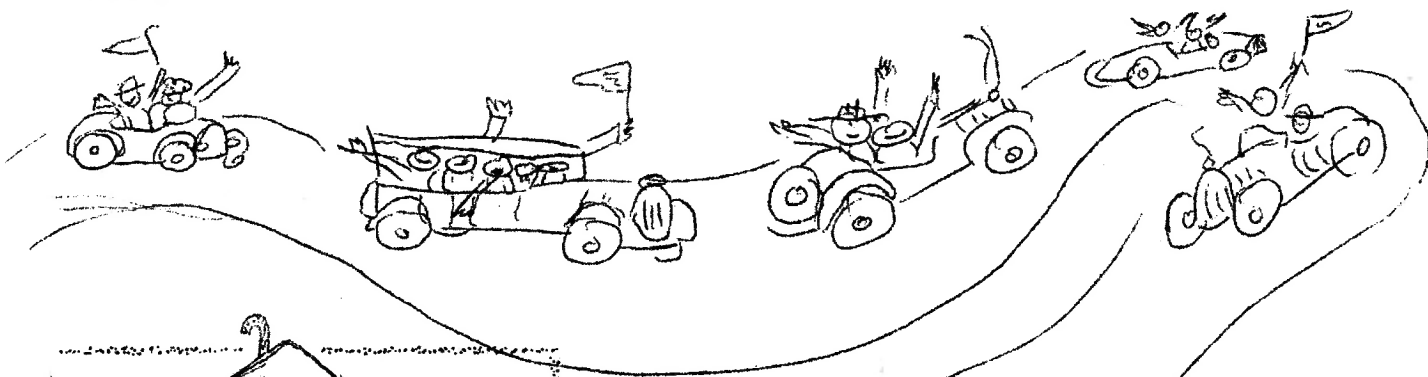
Hi-- FATSO



GYMNOCALYCIUM SAGLIONE

NELLIE K.

GYMNO F A T S O



SAID the Wagonmaster to a first-time traveler, when asked why he was lacking the first finger of his right hand... "I've been guiding this tours now for a long, long time, and I just naturally wore that finger off pointing out places of interest."

The vagabond, when rich, is called a TOURIST...

SAID the Wagonmaster to a novice Cactophile, "How long have you been collecting?" "Oh, about a dozen stickings...umm-ouch!"

CACTUS CAR-A-VAN

--- Destination . HOLTVILLE...

WHEN: November 16th, Saturday.

TIME & PLACE: Bus will load back of Organ Pavillion in Balboa Park at 8:00 o'clock sharp. You'd better be on time; one or two late sleepers shouldn't hold up all the rest.

THE BUS: Seats 39 persons -- and it HAS A REST ROOM.

SEATING: Names will be called in the order in which payments were made to our Treasurer, Olivia Fletcher. When seat 39 is paid for, there ain't any more---- at any price. BUT we understand there will be some people taking

their own cars, and it may be you can arrange for a space, if any, in some of those cars.

COST: \$4.00 per person for Club Members. Non-Club members may quickly become Club members by payment of \$2.00 per person, or \$3.00 for a family. (And remember this includes receiving the country's top most Cactus Club Publication - the refreshing and Scintillating ESPINAS Y FLORES.

BARBECUE: This is a real welcome surprise. our Hostess and Club Member JULIANNE RICE is making arrangements for a BAR-B-Q at her home in Holtville on our arrival -- it will be \$1.50 per plate, including refreshments. But (NOTE) if you are on a non-Bar-B-Q diet, you MAY bring your own vittles, but you'll have to watch the rest of us Bar-B-Q'ers lick our fingers.

CACTI-REGISTER: We will meet with members of the El Centro Cactus & Succulent Club and some special guests of our Hostess, Julianne.

STOPS: Tentative - all not verified in writing: Inaja County Park, Julian Historical Museum, Anza-Borrego Park, Konnerson's Nursery in El Centro. Some others being considered at the moment.

RETURN: We'll return by way of Hiway 80 all the way.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A MOST ENJOYABLE AND INTERESTING TRIP -- FROM SEA LEVEL TO MILE HIGH TO THE DESERT AND BELOW SEA LEVEL. YOU'LL BE IN REAL GOOD COMPANY WITH A LOT OF CACTOPHYLES.....

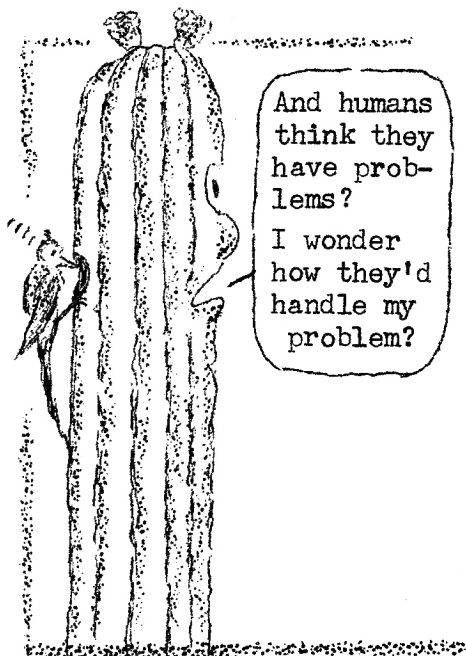
A strong wind blew up all of a sudden and it turned cold. It felt like a vacuum. Did you feel anything?

You'd better not look down--you just lost all your stickers. And your areoles are exposed...

...I think it's chilly tea.



---WIND BLOWN---



And humans think they have problems?

I wonder how they'd handle my problem?

PROBLEM GIGANTEA

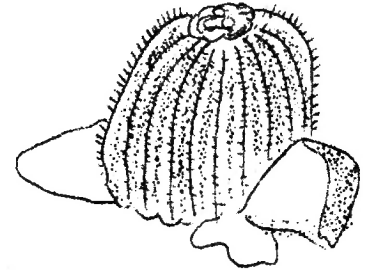
SIGN UP EARLY!

PLANT OF THE MONTH

OUR CACTUS of the month is one we don't often hear a great deal about, nor is there

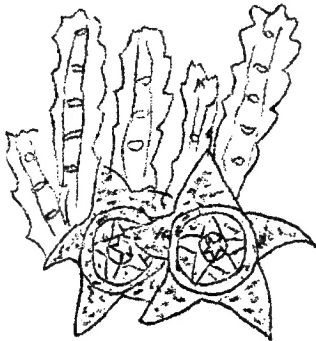
an abundance of information available. COPIAPOA CINEREA (kó-pe-a-po-a) + (sin-er-ay-a) is a plant that hails from the severe dry climate of Northwestern Chile; and is rarely found in collections. This is quite a mystery, even though in its habitat, it is not known for its copiousness, the plant is quite handsome and not difficult to grow.

The genus was established by Britton and Rose; however many of the species of this family had been included with Echinocactus much earlier. The name Copiapoa is derived from one of the Northern Chilean provinces where many of the plants are located. Cinerea refers to the ash white colored body of the plant, which reaches 4 to 6 inches in height, about 3 inches thick, and



COPIAPOA CINEREA

sprouts freely from the base, forming large groups up to 18 inches across. The stem is divided by 18 low, broad vertical ribs that are almost straight. The areoles are closely set, approximately 1/4 inch apart in an orderly manner along the ribs, from which 5 or 6 tiny black spines are borne. This all creates the general appearance of the metal pill boxes scattered among the rocks like the Maginot Line.



STAPELIA VARIGATA

At the top of the plant is a profusion of greyish white wool, like a leaky aerosol can of shaving cream, from which little yellow funnel shaped flowers appear in November and December. A good soil mix would be 3 parts gritty sand to one part organic matter; sparse watering during winter time will induce more prolific blooming. It should do exceptionally well grafted on a Spachianus stock.

The succulent members of the milkweed family are beginning to bloom like crazy; and we use the term loosely, but not only the bloom is bizarre. The 'fleshy stems' of STAPELIA are familiar sights in collections all over the world, and even in some of

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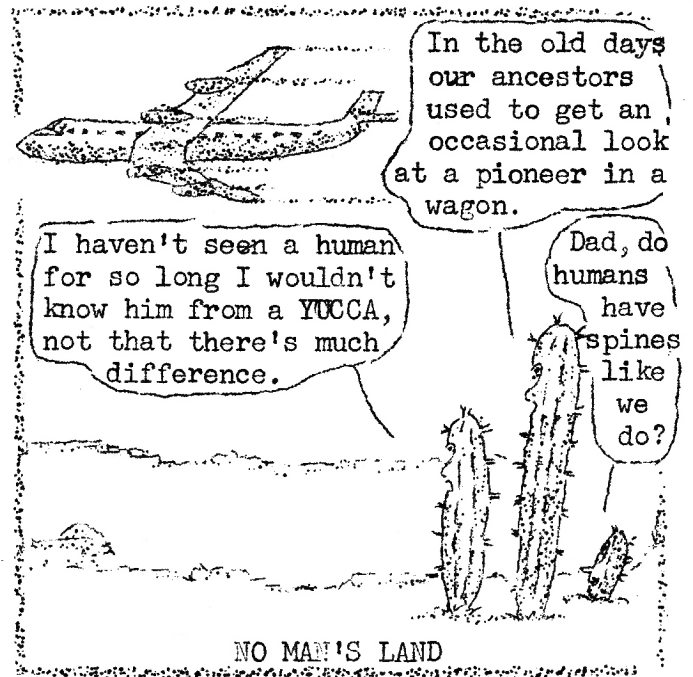
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the more modest assemblages, species of HUERNIA, HOODIA, and CARALLUMA are present.

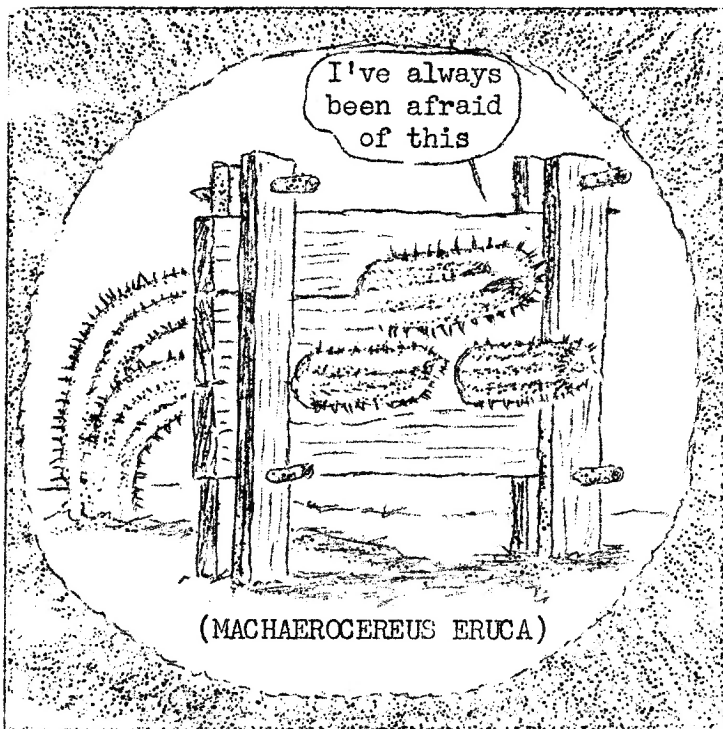
Very few plants hold such a wide range of fascination to collectors and casual gardeners alike. Other closely allied kin such as DUVALIA, ECHINOPSIS, HUERNIOPSIS, FIARANTHUS, TAVAREZIA, and TRICHOCAULON should be included, if you seek sheer excitement, surprise, and interest..

Well over a hundred in number, the Stapelias are fairly small, but freely branched and flowered. They form dense clumps from the base with four angled stems that are coarsely toothed. Star shaped flowers appear in autumn on the new shoots near the base, but vary up and down the stem in different locations on our other friends. The flowers are usually very deep purple, with transverse golden lines, or flecks, and many times covered or margined with silky fine hairs. Their petals are usually fleshy and often the inner parts are an intricate arrangement of fleshy rings and star-shapes.

Stapelias are shallow rooting, and therefore need a little well drained soil, and



room to spread. They respond best in a warm situation, and are very sensitive to over-watering. They do not need very much sun, but the atmosphere should be light and airy. Very little water is needed in the winter; however, they should never be allowed to become completely dry to the point of shrivelling, because they recover very slowly. There is always the tendency to over-water in the growing season, when new growth takes on a rich succulence; but be firm and



CREEPING DEVIL'S NIGHTMARE

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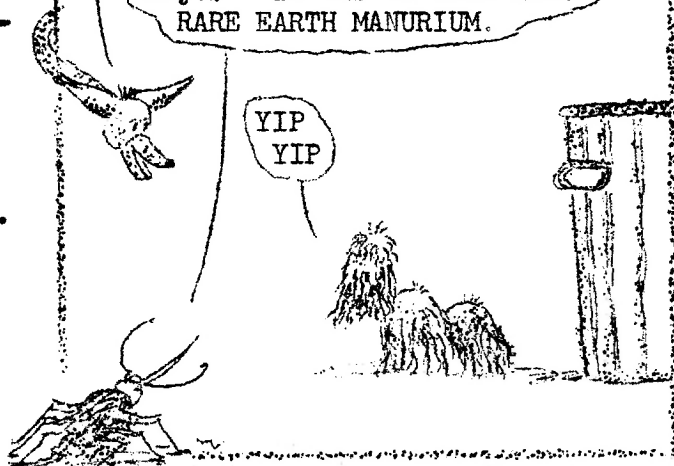
keep them wanting. The soil should be rich, anywhere from 20 to 50% organic to sand.

Stapelias hybridize quite readily. Precautions should be made to avoid cross pollination, if you wish to perpetuate true stock. The seed ripens in the second season. They propagate easily from cuttings, which should be taken in the Spring, just before new growth starts. This is accomplished by splitting the clump, or by cutting the stem at the narrowest point. There have been

some reports of the grafting of certain species on Stapelia Gigantea stock, but we cannot confirm the degree of success. Try it and let us know. If you don't like spines, and don't have much room; but want something the Jones don't have.... hook your habit to a "Star".

It appears to be a "crawling" variety of CEPHALOCEREUS. It was found growing near a trash barrel in a public park in Contra Costa County not far from the U. C. Campus by a Mr. Yippi.

I never heard of Mr. Yippi. Is he a Professor, a student or a protest major. It has an odor like RARE EARTH MANURIUM.

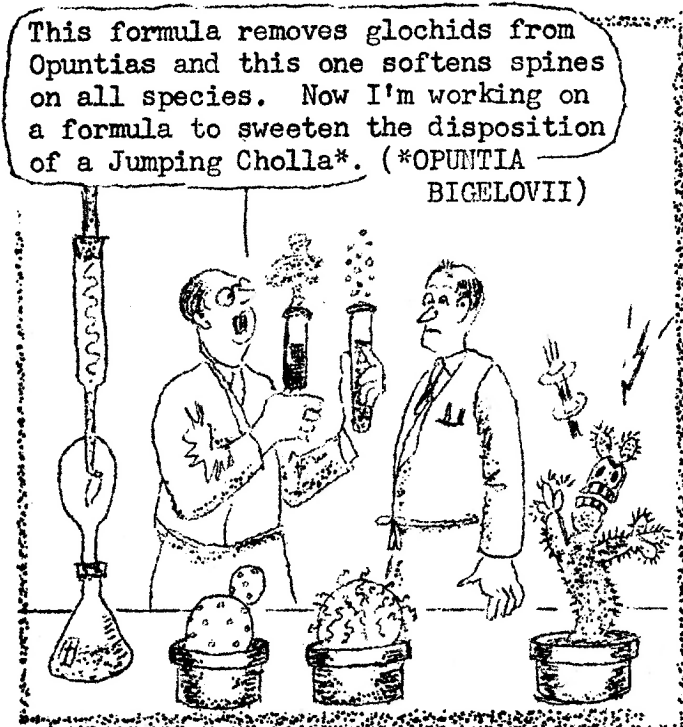


CEPHALOCEREUS "YIPPII"
(New species?)

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INGENUITY

A curve in a road by a hillside,
Clear cut against the sky,
A tall tree tossed by the autumn wind
And a white cloud riding high.
Ten men went traveling along that road
And all but one passed by,
He saw the hill, the tree, the sky
With an artist's mind and eye,
And he put them down on canvas
For the other nine to by... A. Phidd
Fiction and Fact from Helen's Almanac-
If a horse paws the ground or
neighs, the weather will soon change.
Swift kindnesses are best; a long
delay in kindness, takes the kind-
ness all away.... Nema Toed



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