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then wash the clothes in the usual way. Javelle water is only suitable for white clothes, as it is a bleach.

However, the soap and starch way is really quite certain, but you may not have persevered long enough. Sometimes the mildewed materials have to be left out in the sun and rain for as long as two weeks. Watch them carefully, bring them in and wash them again frequently as they get dry, and re-smear with the starch paste; or use half starch and half salt. This method is specially good for material which is not white, and which may lose its colour with Javelle water.

Easy on Sugar

Dear Aunt Daisy,

You were speaking this morning of a woman in the country putting jelly crystals to good sugar saving uses, even using them to help out in jam-making. Well, I was grateful for the tip about jam, but I have been putting the crystals to various uses for quite some time. You may not have used them in quite so many ways, as some country folk who find it as hard as I do to manage on the ration. There are just my husband and I yet. We will have a little "sugar-coupon" quite soon, but even so we won't be able to collect on her for six months, and we find it very hard to manage!

However, here's how to make a lovely custard tart filling. Beat one egg, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, stand basin in boiling water till it sets, take off heat and stir in $\frac{1}{2}$ packet of strawberry crystals. Pour it into a cold previously-cooked tart shell, and leave to cool.

In most of my cake recipes I put a packet of jelly crystals and make up the rest with sugar. It adds to the niceness of it. And I haven't used sugar in stewing fruits for some time. I cook them with water, strain them, place the fruit in a dish, stir the jelly crystals in with the liquid, and pour it over the fruit. Lime jelly for apples looks so nice. And of course, the fruit sets in the jelly.

I didn't think of using jelly crystals for jam, but I made plum with only $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. sugar to a pound of those very fleshy blue plums, and it has set perfectly and is quite sweet enough.—Mrs. Anti-Sugar.

When Shoe Leather Cracks

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I had a pair of shoes only about three months when I found that the leather was beginning to crack across the top. This was due to being wet often, as I am in the country and the grass is never quite dry in winter. Well, I rubbed the shoes one night with a little vaseline, just a little, but well rubbed in. The next day I gave them a coat of ordinary shoe polish.

For three weeks now they have kept soft, and there are no signs of any cracks.

I thought you would be interested.—Joyce.

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