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water to mix. Rub the butter into the flour; add the potato, mix well to a dough with milk or water. Roll out on to a floured board, and cut into rounds. These can be used in the following ways—(1) Bake in the oven and serve as scones; (2) Use as pastry to cover

Persimmon Jelly

Use ripe fruit. Skin it, put into a pan, and cover lightly with water. Boil for about 2 hours, or until the fruit is pulpy and the juice extracted. Strain through muslin. Measure the juice, and add the strained juice of one lemon to each pint of fruit juice. Put on to boil. Add 1lb. of sugar to each pint of juice, and stir till the sugar is dissolved. Boil rapidly till the jelly will set when tested.

pies. (3) Fry in shallow fat, and serve for breakfast with a small portion of chopped bacon to each; for tea with a small teaspoon of jam on each; or for supper with grated cheese sprinkled on, and then lightly grilled.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Watermarks on Frock

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have a teal green cloque dress, and was unfortunate enough to get a brown mark on it. I sponged the mark with a clean rag and warm water, and then I ironed the place while wet, with a hot iron. The stain disappeared, but it has left a watermark. I was wondering if you could tell me anything that would remove the mark, as at present I can't wear the frock without a coat.

"Bet," Morrinsville.

Well, "Bet," a good friend of the Daisy Chain had similar trouble. She splashed water on to crepe de chine, and ironed it dry immediately. And that left a mark, so she came to the conclusion that it was ironing them while wet that did it. She damped a piece of crepe de chine, then, and gently rubbed all round the marks, using a circular motion, and they gradually disappeared. When sponging things that may show a mark, it is best to try and shade the moisture out round the edges. Then dry as much as possible with a dry cloth.

To correct your watermarks, try that—working round the edges with a damp cloth.

Another idea is to put a dry cloth both sides of the mark, then a damp cloth, and press with a fairly hot iron. Then the steam goes through, but the wet cloth does not actually touch the material. Possibly rubbing the marks with ether would help.

Cleaning Diamond Rings

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have been in the habit of cleaning my diamond ring with warm soapy water, and a soft nailbrush, but now someone tells me that this is bad for the ring, and weakens the setting. I have heard of a way of cleaning rings with baking soda, but do not know how to go about it. Can you help me?

"Young Bride," Raglan.

I asked a jeweller about the soft brush and soap and water method, and he said

it was all right, provided you didn't scrub too hard, or use too stiff a brush. But here is what a good Link in our Daisy Chain wrote about the matter:—

Dear Aunt Daisy,

About cleaning rings. From a leading jeweller I got the following directions: Into a cup of hot water drop a small piece of washing soda—not baking soda. Hang the ring on a piece of cotton, and when it is dipped in and out of the cup you can see the dust and dirt floating out. In fact, the ring looks quite brand new after each cleaning. I hope this will help our friend.

—"Maxine."



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