

they seem to have been more firmly fastened in. Maybe they are too old, but if you could suggest something to help move them, I should be grateful.

"GRANNIE" Avondale.

For obstinate stains from flowers, and lilies, and grass, a mixture of egg yolk and glycerine is good. Rub it in well, and leave it for some hours, then wash. It may not appear to move it, until you wash it. Methylated spirits is good if the stains are fresh; and for grass especially, treacle or golden syrup rubbed in is excellent. Another method—on a sunny day mix equal parts of salt and tartaric acid. Damp the grass or lily stains with cold water, and sprinkle with this mixture. Then put the garment in the sun to bleach. Repeat if necessary. I hope these methods will help you to remove the stains from the snowdrops.

Silver Beet Salads

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Did you know that a green salad can be made with silver beet, especially the light green kind? You can't tell the difference between lettuce and silver beet. We have had salads all the year by using silver beet, and for a long time my husband wondered where I got the lettuce! Cheerio, and good luck to you and to the Daisy Chain.

W.B.E. Auckland.

Well, I know that we use raw cabbage, and the Americans are very fond of Cole Slaw, which is shredded raw cabbage and mayonnaise, but that never tastes like lettuce! But how nice to know that silver beet does—we should eat raw greens all the year round.

Processed Cheese

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I shall be much obliged if you will explain what exactly is "processed cheese." I regret to say that I do not understand the meaning of the word with reference to cooking.

"Redhead."

Most of the packaged cheese which you buy in the shops is "processed" cheese. Without going into a long description of the whole process—a summary is that processed cheese is a special blend of various grades of cheeses. They come into the factory, are cut up very finely, and mixed in a certain proportion. Then it is heated under vacuum—which means that it boils at a very low temperature, so preserving the vitamins of the milk. This mixing emulsifies it and makes a very smooth cheese, which is then poured out by machines into prepared packages of tinfoil, and they are sealed airtight while the cheese is still hot. So when a recipe calls for an ounce or two of "processed" cheese, you'll know it is the sort bought in packets. In America, they are very keen on processed cheese, and have it in a great number of flavours, such as Pimento, Gruyere, and Celery.

More About the Persian Cats

Dear Aunt Daisy,

With reference to the treatment of the Persian cats published in *The Listener* recently. Remove the badly matted hair with scissors—comb the cat each day. Give 1 teaspoonful of cod liver oil or medicated paraffin oil each week.

These cats shed their coats at the approach of warm weather, so the fact that the hair is coming out is natural. I use the above treatment for a grey Persian, and it is in perfect condition.

"Persian Owner," Horopito.

Many thanks—your practical experience will help Miss E.A.K.

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