

degrees. then turn both elements off. Let get quite cold in oven before removing.

Chocolate Jelly Sponge

Dissolve 1 packet of jelly crystals (any flavour) in 1 breakfast cup of hot but not boiling water. Beat 2 egg yolks till creamy, and mix well with $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk and 1 dessertspoon cocoa. Heat this slowly until slightly thickened. It must not boil. Allow both dissolved jelly, and milk and egg mixture, to cool. Then add the stiffly beaten egg whites to the milk mixture, and slowly stir all into the jelly mixture. Whip all lightly together, and set in a mould. Serve with cream and custard.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Smocking

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I see in this week's *Listener* that a correspondent has been having trouble with "Smocking Dots." I have done a lot of smocking, and when putting on the dots I always transfer them on the wrong side of the material. I then gather them up as usual, but instead of picking up at the dots, I pick up a piece between the dots, bringing the needle up at the dot. When it is all gathered up, I turn the material over, and work on the other side, and there is no chance of the transfer showing.

Hoping this information is clear, and that it may be of interest to someone.

Mrs. D., Dunedin.

Stored Linen Mildewed

Dear Aunt Daisy,

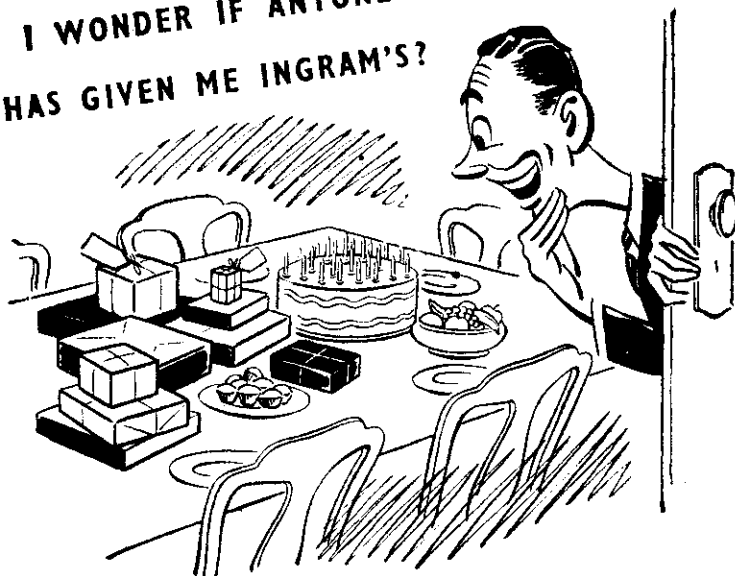
I am feeling very upset, as I have just gone to my box of linens, which have been stored for a year, and have found them covered in brown damp stains. All my linen is unused, and I would be grateful if you could let me know how to get the stains out. This linen is pre-war, and impossible to replace.

F.F., Auckland.

What a heart-break! At least, it would be so if there were no remedy for mildew. But so many people have been successful with the chloride of lime method, that I think you will be too. Dissolve $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of chloride of lime in 1 gallon of water—it will take some hours. Then strain through a cloth, so that no undissolved particles may be left in the water, for these would weaken the fabric. Soak your linen in this strained water for perhaps an hour—or more or less, according to the mildew. Watch the linen—some pieces may get clean before others, depending on the material. Look at it often. Then rinse well in 2 or 3 waters each containing a handful of washing soda—to "kill" the lime. Then wash and boil the linen in the usual way. People have told me that they have actually seen the mildewed spots fade away as they watched them soaking. You would probably get the same result by soaking the linen in clor-o-gene; but it is quite simple to make up the gallon of water as I have described. Don't forget the rinsing water.

For any coloured article which may not be fast, and would therefore bleach with the chloride of lime, try covering the dampened mildewed places with a thick plaster of starch paste, made with cold water, and with some soap added; or rub the place with soap before putting on the plaster. Leave the article out all night on clean grass, or on a towel. You may need to repeat this process, but generally once will do. Wash thoroughly afterwards. Some salt may be added to the starch paste.

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