plenty, I put 4). ½1b. butter, 1 table-spoon golden syrup, 1 teaspoon vanilla flavouring, 1 tablespoon wine, if possible.

Method:—Sift flour, sugar, baking powder; add fruit and peel; cut up butter with a knife (do not melt it) and add to other things. Beat eggs, add wine and syrup. Make a well in centre of mixture, and mix these in well with wooden spoon, or broad knife. Bake in moderate oven, 340 degrees, electric stove, about 134 hours. DO NOT TAKE CAKE OUT OF TIN. A hat pin or fine piece of wire will show if cake is cooked. Next day I iced the cakes with the white of an egg beaten stiff, enough icing sugar to make the mixture hold a spoon upright and a few drops of vanilla. Pour icing over the cake, allow

this to stand overnight, when it will be well set. Now a few sheets of luncheon paper, then a piece of good clean brown paper; put on the lid; put friction tape (the black sticking tape) around the edge of the lid. which keeps the cake well airtight. I stick the paper-wrapping with gloy and tie string around. I have had wonderful praise, no failures, although my cakes went all round the world.

Trusting this will help, as it is very heartbreaking to have a failure,

Marguerita.

Bottling Beans

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I would be grateful if you would publish in *The Listener* a recipe for bottling beans. I have tried putting them down raw with salt, and would like

to try them cooked and bottled. I feel sure that there must be some method of doing this. With many thanks, Yours faithfully, "Constant Reader."

Here is a recipe which has just come in. Be sure ALWAYS TO BOIL home-preserved peas, beans and corn (all non-acid vegetables) before eating, for 15 MINUTES, unless preserved in a pressure-cooker, as a safeguard against botulinus poisoning.

To every pint of water allow 1 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon vinegar. Bring this to boil. Add sliced beans, bring to the boil again. Bottle in airtight jars, overflowing with boiling liquid. Used in winter time, they taste like fresh beans. Cook in usual way when taken from jars.





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