### FROM THE MAILBAG

#### Grubby and a Rust Mark

Dear Aunt Daisy.

Sorry to worry you with a request for a hint that has already appeared in your pages, but I just neglected to snip it out when I saw it. I have two little smocked baby dresses. One has an old iron-mould mark on it, and the other has a grubby collar and front. Could you tell me how

#### CANDIED ORANGE PEEL

Cut the peel of bright yellow oranges into long strips, about 1/sin, wide, Cover them with cold water, and bring slowly to boiling point. Drain off the water, add fresh water, and repeat this process three times. Measure the orange peel, add an equal amount of sugar, and just enough boiling water to cover, and simmer until the rind is tender and clear. Cool; drain from the syrup, and roll the strips in granulated sugar, Spread them out to dry for several hours, and roll again in granulated sugar if at all sticky.

### CANDIED LEMON PEEL

Proceed as for candied orange peel, substituting lemon peel, and allowing it to stand overnight in cold water before cooking.

to freshen these up ready to wear again? I also have a few little fine woollies that need freshening; ordinary washing just does not seem to do. I would be much obliged it you could help me.

"Pahiatua."

For the iron-mould (or iron-rust) mark try oxalic acid crystals from the chemists. Dissolve about 2 teaspoons in a breakfastcup of warm water. Put a pad of folded towel under the stained place, and then dab on the liquid with a rag or a pad of cotton wool. Watch it, to see how it fades away--it may take 10 or 20 minutes. You may have to dab on a little more of the oxalic acid solution. As soon as the mark has gone, wash very thoroughly in running water, under the tap to get all the acid out of the material. To make this doubly sure rinse in a bowl of water containing baking

For the grubby-looking woollies and frock the powdered chalk method is good. Make a thinnish paste with warm water and powdered chalk (from the chemist). The proportion is twice as much powdered chalk as the garments by weight. Knead the woollies and frock in this paste for a while afterwards washing as usual with a dash of ammonia in the waters both washing and rinsing. Dry out in the sun. Borax is another safe whitener-add some to the water. add a little peroxide to the rinsing water and leave the woollies in for a tew minutes. I hope you will let me now how you get on.

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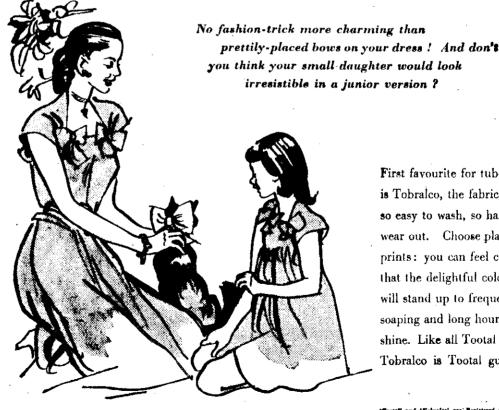
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