

pour on plant. Never leave more than 24 hours. If plant gets too "hot" it may be divided or thrown out. Never have more than $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch plant in the jar.

Here is a more modern and quite an easy recipe for a ginger beer which does not require bottling. Boil in about a quart of water $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons ground ginger; 3 cups sugar. Pour through sieve into jug. Have clean 1-gallon bottle or jar, and half fill with cold water. Pour in the hot syrup, add 1 tablespoon yeast, and fill the jar with more cold water. Leave about 24 hours, uncorked. Pour off about a cup from the top, cork, and drink as wanted.

Verdigris

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Here is an experience of mine which may help somebody. I was washing a white linen tablecloth. We have the Gas hot water over the copper, and it drops a white powder which, when wet, goes green like verdigris (I suppose that is what it really is). Anyway, I was lifting the tablecloth out of the copper into the tubs, and didn't notice that it got some green on it. I looked up your Handy Hint Book, but the only thing I could find was how to clean verdigris off a copper with cream of tartar. I thought I would try this, as the cloth was ruined as it was; so I put it into a basin of water, and put almost a tablespoon of cream of tartar on the spot, and left it for 24 hours as for cleaning the copper. It didn't take all that time at all and the mark came out completely. It doesn't seem to have done any damage to the material either. I left the cream of tartar in a thick paste on the spot, not letting it mix in with the water too much.

"Helpful," Northland.

Stain from Cordial

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have had some orange cordial splashed on a grey woollen coat. So far I have used only warm water for sponging (no soap). Can you give me some advice as to how to remove the remaining stains? I have some carbon tetrachloride which I could use if considered advisable.

"Viola" (Feilding).

Carbon tetrachloride is only a grease solvent, so would not do for fruit stains. I would try a thick paste of starch and cold water. Lay this on, like a plaster, for 24 hours or so, keeping it damp. Then flake off the starch, and the stain should be much lighter, and a second application should finish it. This method does for fruit stains; but cordial may contain an ingredient harder to remove.

Tea Stains On Blankets

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you could tell me how to remove tea stains from white blankets. I have three with tea stains on

"Westport."

The best way is to damp the stained places thoroughly with warm water and then lay on a thick layer of borax. If the stain is bad, put the borax on both sides. Leave for 24 to 48 hours, keeping it damp. Then sponge with luke-warm suds containing a dash of ammonia. If very stubborn, you may have to repeat. Sometimes soaking the tea stains in glycerine for 24 hours, and then washing as above, will remove the stains. Do write and tell us how this works out—it helps others.

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