

The Wedding Veil

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Would you let me know the best way to keep a satin wedding frock and veil? "Eketahuna."

The satin frock should not be a problem—hang it on a padded hanger and cover it completely with a white cloth of some kind to keep it clean. Look at it sometimes to make sure that no moths are attacking it. Some cakes of camphor in little bags could be put in the armholes and hung on the hook, to discourage moths. The veil needs more care—it should not be folded, but covered with white tissue paper and rolled so that the veiling does not touch itself. If very large, it may have to be folded over once, but fill out the fold with plenty of tissue-paper, so that the fold will not be pressed. After a year or so, shake out the veil and re-roll it the opposite way. A little fullers' earth sprinkled over it will help keep it white.

Cod-fat for Shortbread

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have been quite successful with shortbread made with cod-fat. When I make my cod-fat I do not use water or milk as some people do. I buy 2lb. cod-fat, mince it, put it into a meat dish in a slow oven, and, when melted, put it through a fine strainer. When nearly set I beat the strained juice of two lemons into it. This way it keeps good for weeks. The shortbread tastes as though the juice of lemon had been used for flavouring and I did not find that a bad fault. The shortbread I make is as follows: 1¼ cups flour; ¼ cup cornflour; pinch of salt; ½ cup icing sugar; ½lb. cod-fat, and essence. Mix well the fat and sugar, add other ingredients, roll into small balls, press flat with back of fork, and bake in slow oven. "E.T."

Another Link says she has tried cod-fat, but found the fat too dry to mix the flour in properly.

A Christchurch Link warns against making a large quantity at a time with cod-fat, but finds it quite successful to make some from the following recipe, which she has used ever since we have had butter rationing: ¼lb. cod-fat, 2oz. icing sugar; beat these together very well. Use a few drops of lemon essence (not juice) in the cod-fat. Then work in ½lb. of flour from which you have taken 2 tablespoonful and substituted the same quantity of best cornflour. Add the flour in very small quantities at a time as it doesn't seem to take as much flour as butter-shortbread.

Margarine is successful as a substitute for butter in shortbread.

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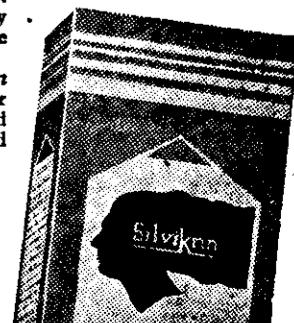


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