baking powder, a pinch of salt, a cup of fruit and nuts, 1 large tablespoon golden syrup, and milk to mix to the same consistency as fruit cake. Bake in a tin in a moderate oven for about an hour.

Savoury Biscuits

Sift into a basin 1½ cups flour, 1½ teaspoons of baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon cayenne. Rub into the dry ingredients 6oz. butter and 2oz. of mashed potato. Add 2 tablespoons grated cheese, moisten with milk to make biscuit dough. Turn on to a floured board, and roll to ¼ of an inch in thickness. Cut with cutter. Glaze with beaten egg yolk, sprinkle with chopped salted peanuts. Bake in a moderate oven till pale brown.

FROM THE MAILBAG

A Nice Jam

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Here is a very nice jam — equal quantities of blackberries and cut-up peaches, a very little water, and ¾lb. of sugar to each pound of fruit. Boil the fruit first till tender, add the warmed sugar, and stir till dissolved and the jam is boiling again. Then boil smartly till the jam will set when tested.

Best wishes from an old Link. "Nuke."

"Nuke." Removing Transfers

Dear Aunt Daisy.

Could you tell me how to remove transfer marks from crepe de chine? I have smocked a baby's frock in white silk, and the blue dots show more than the working. I tried a small piece of material with transfer stamping on it, by soaking it in methylated spirits, but that had no effect at all.

"E.M.S.," Lower Hutt.

The soaking in methylated spirits does not remove the transfer marks, but loosens the stain so that it is removed by subsequent sponging or washing in thick cool soapy solution, afterwards rinsing and drying as usual. The same rule applies to the use of alycerine, which will act for tea and coffee stains as well as transfers. Soak the stains thoroughly for about an hour for transfers, and all night for tea and coffee. Then sponge with cool suds. Another excellent remover for transfers is eucalyptus, strange as it seems. The idea is to soak the stain and let the eucalyptus dry in. Then sponge as usual. Do let us know how you get on, so that we may help others by your experience.

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