

with chopped parsley, roll up and tie round. Fry olives in butter till they are nicely brown. Prepare a sauce with butter, flour, stock, and 1 or 2 chopped onions, previously fried. Put fried olives into this and cook for about 1/4 hour. Serve with cabbage or macaroni.

**SAUERBRATEN:** This is a pot roast. Soak roast of beef some hours in a little vinegar, turning once or twice. Then rub in well a little mixed salt, pepper and sugar. Proceed as usual for pot roast, browning first in hot fat, and then cooking long and slowly in a little vinegar seasoned with pepper, salt and sugar. Serve as usual, except that ginger snaps are used to thicken gravy.

## FROM THE MAILBAG

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"Te Awamutu."

### An Unpleasant Surprise

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I would like to let you know of a misfortune I met with, as a warning to others. I had preserved 19 small bottles of small fruits, covered with porous skin. They were most successful and I stored them in a cupboard under my water tank, which I had once used as a dairy. It was cool, clean, airy and dimly lit by 3 windows covered with perforated zinc. I noticed one day some juice on the floor and later the bottles splashed with juice. So I investigated and drew out all the little bottles which were behind the larger ones with screw-top lids. To my dismay I discovered a rat had gnawed holes in every bottle cover. The holes were only large enough to enable the rat to insert its tail and suck the sweetened syrup, but I did not fancy "rat-tail syrup" and reluctantly consigned the contents of all the bottles to the compost heap. The porous covers are excellent and a great boon; but I would like to warn others to beware of rats.

"Lydia."

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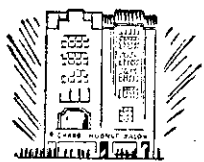
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