

loosens fur, which can then be thrown away. 2. Put a dessertspoonful of lime into kettle with some water and boil hard. Repeat if necessary. Or boil half an oyster shell in kettle.

Coffee Percolator

Dear Aunt Daisy,

My husband has presented me with an electric coffee percolator and I don't know how to use it. Does one fill the container tightly with coffee grounds, or loosely to allow the water to filter through? How long are the grounds used before being thrown out?

"Jean, of Whangarei."

There should have been directions issued with the percolator. The general rule is to use one heaped tablespoon of pure coffee for every breakfast cup of water. It is quicker to start the percolator with hot water. When the water boils it is allowed to continue boiling and thus to percolate through the coffee for 5 to 10 minutes, according to the strength of infusion desired. Then throw away the grounds. They are never used twice.

Success with Copper

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Please convey my heartfelt thanks to your correspondent "Te Awamutu," whose letter was published in *The Listener* with a kerosene hint for cleaning the copper. After emptying my copper which had held soap suds for several days, saved for scrubbing purposes, I tried kerosene for cleaning it and what an easy job it made of the cleaning.

"Taihape."

The hint given was to rub briskly with a kerosene-soaked rag, and then wipe over with a clean dry one.

Skin on Boiling Milk

Dear Aunt Daisy,

How does one stop a skin forming on coffee made with boiling milk?

"Oamaruian."

The only way I know is to keep the hot milk and coffee tightly covered. You notice that the skin forms much more rapidly in the cup after the milk is poured out. Just pour a little at a time and drink it up at once.

Repairing Vulcanite

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you give instructions for repairing vulcanite?

"Christchurch."

I am assured by experts that it is impossible to repair vulcanite at home. However, I do know how a woman repaired the plastic frame of her spectacles, and can give you the trade name of the product used if you send me a stamped addressed envelope. It is by no means certain, however, that it will be effective for vulcanite.

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