

chloride or any solvent. The stain soaks through before it has time to spread. The best solvent for tar is benzene, not benzine. Benzine is from petrol, but benzene is from coal tar, and is a solvent for tar. It is both expensive and most inflammable. You must not light a cigarette anywhere near. If there is a slight stain left afterwards, try the old "plaster" of magnesia and carbon tetrachloride (or fuller's earth instead of magnesia). Leave on 24 hours or so and then brush off. Ask for benzene C.P., which stands for "chemically pure." Benzol is not quite so good, but might do if you can't get benzene.

Quick Marmalade

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Would you repeat through *The Listener* the recipe you gave about August last year for marmalade in which there was no soaking of the fruit: it was just made straight into jam. I used this recipe and found it to be excellent, but have now mislaid it. "Herne Bay."

Try this one, which takes approximately 2 hours. Nine sweet oranges, 2 large lemons or 3 small ones, 20 cups water, 9lb. sugar. Put all fruit through mincer, add water and boil 1 hour rapidly. No soaking required. Then add sugar and boil fast 1 hour or perhaps a little longer until a little tried on a plate jellies. Stir thoroughly so that sugar is properly dissolved.

For Cracked Jug

Dear Aunt Daisy,

To mend a crack in a glazed earthenware electric jug just smear white of egg on outside and keep on doing it for a few times as it dries. "Ray."

A New China Cabinet

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have a new China Cabinet and the smell of stain in it is very strong. I have left the door open, put a cut onion and also a bowl with chlorogene in the cabinet, but it still has that strong smell. Can you suggest anything I could do? "Baldwin."

Here is your answer, Baldwin, from the never-failing Daisy Chain:

I have just heard a call for an idea to get the smell of creosote out of a china cabinet. It is not really the stain that smells, but creosote put on the wood before it is made up. I had the same trouble and this is what I did. I damped some newspaper and put it in a tin inside the cabinet, and set a match to it. Have the paper so that it just smoulders, not burns. Close the cabinet and let the paper smoulder and fill the cabinet with smoke, taking care that there is no flame. Leave it there for as long as you like. Be sure that you place the tin on something fire-proof so that it does not mark the shelf. I have also used this method for damp rooms and wardrobes and found it successful every time.

"Daisy Chain Link," Kumeu.

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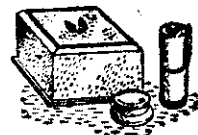
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