

FROM THE MAILBAG

An Old Tea Stain

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I was at a dance some time ago and spilt tea on a cream spun silk frock. It has been washed, but the stain still remains in it, and I am sure you will be able to give me a way to get this tea out. I will watch *The Listener* to see if you are able to help me.

"F.M.," Feildina.

Try soaking the stained place in glycerine for some hours, even all night. Then stretch it tightly over a basin and pour boiling water, from a kettle held well above it, through the stain. Afterwards rinse thoroughly in warm water (no soap), and dry as usual.

Damp Sugar Bin

Dear Aunt Daisy,

You told us of a Link who had trouble with her old kauri sugar bin being damp all the time. I, too, have a kauri bin nearly 25 years old, and mine was always damp and the sugar seemed damp, too. However, a young friend who is a painter said he would fix it for me! He scrubbed the bin well inside, and dried it out with the electric heater, because it was rather big to put out in the sun. When it was well dried he gave it a coat of knotting, let it dry well again, and then gave it another coat. It has been quite alright ever since, and that was about two years ago.

"A Rukuhia Listener."

Grass Stains

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you please tell me the best way to remove grass stains from material? My son's cricket long, of cream cotton gabardine, were badly stained after his last game, and the only help I could find in my recipe books was to make a paste of soap and baking soda. I did this and the green disappeared—but left a dark brown stain worse than any tea or coffee stain. Could you please let me know (1) how I should remove the dark brown stain and (2) the quickest way to remove green grass stains another time.

"Mt. Pleasant," Otago.

When grass stains are fresh, they can generally be removed by soaking for some hours in glycerine, then washing in soft sudsy water and rinsing well. Country people, however, especially in earlier days, always used kerosene for the soaking, and with excellent results. Kerosene was in every house, and white dresses as well as white trousers and children's pinafores, all were treated for grass stains with kerosene. Equally popular for this stain was, of all things, golden syrup! That, too, was in every home, and it did the trick perfectly well, at no expense, and still does. Soaking in methylated spirits is another good method. For the brown stains you now have, use glycerine. Soak in a saucer perhaps, and leave all night, then use soapy water next morning. Glycerine is also excellent for fruit stains, as well as tea and coffee, and does not damage the material.

SPEEDY PAINLESS RELIEF FOR BOIL SUFFERERS

TINOXID TABLETS take the place of unsightly dressings in the treatment of boils. Working from within, they get to the root of the trouble, and have proved effective in the treatment of boils, acne, pimples and other annoying skin eruptions. **TINOXID TABLETS** were developed in the laboratories of Ayrton Saunders and Co. Ltd., Liverpool, England, and are available through chemists everywhere.

N.Z. LISTENER, DECEMBER 9, 1949.



are a pleasure
to choose at

YOUR CHEMIST

From your Chemist's wide range of exclusive gifts you can choose to your heart's delight. You'll find excellent quality and value at competitive prices.

And you'll like shopping at your Chemist's . . . the pleasant unhurried atmosphere . . . the cleanliness and orderliness which reflect the pharmacist's professional standing.

For gifts this Christmas, go first to your Chemist.

Buy with Confidence



from your Chemist

MEDICINES . . . FIRST AID REQUIREMENTS . . . COSMETICS . . . SOAPS . . . TOOTHBRUSHES AND DENTIFRICES . . .
TONICS . . . EMULSIONS . . . HEALTH SALTS . . . HAIR BRUSHES . . . TOILET NEEDS . . . BABY FOODS . . . LOTIONS