

## FROM THE MAILBAG

### Two Good Hints

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Here is a very good recipe for ginger beer made with compressed yeast. I also enclose a method of curing warts as I feel sure many listeners would be glad of it. I have never known it to fail and have given it to many people, all of whom have been delighted with the results. **GINGER BEER:** 1 lb. sugar, 1 gallon warm water, 1 teaspoon lemon essence, 1 teaspoon compressed yeast, 1 dessertspoon ground ginger. Stir sugar and ginger in water until sugar is dissolved. Add lemon essence and stir again. Lastly mix in yeast which has been well blended with a little water. Strain and bottle. Cork very tightly. Ready for use in a few days. **CURE FOR WARTS:** Soak some orange peel in vinegar until well saturated—the longer the better. Apply a small piece to wart, pith side down, and bandage. Repeat until wart is dead, and slowly falls off. "Houghty."

### Tomato Sauce Ferments

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you can advise me concerning my tomato sauce which persists in fermenting each year in spite of precautions. I have tried sterilising bottles and corks. Each bottle ferments a few days after being opened (not before). Boiling up the contents of each bottle on opening it has not helped much either. Have you any clues?

"Hopetful."

If you added a pinch of baking soda to the sauce you are reboiling, after it comes to the boil, it would probably stop further fermentation. Still, the sauce should keep a reasonable time after the bottle is opened. Do you bottle the sauce straight after straining, or do you bring the strained sauce to the boil again for a while—even up to 30 minutes? The second boiling after straining is an excellent safeguard.

### New Blankets

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I recently bought 2 pairs of white English woollen blankets, but it has been impossible to use them because of their objectionable smell. They have been well washed with soap-flakes and though there is a slight improvement, they are still unpleasant. I wondered if other readers had had this experience and would be most grateful for any advice.

"Disappointed."

Yes, there often is this unpleasant smell with new blankets—though not always. Try soaking them in cold water with a handful of salt, or a little less baking soda.

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