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half an inch thick. Cut in rounds and  
bake 20 minutes in a good oven, but  
not too hot.

### Novelty Biscuits

Place in a bowl—2 cups of dessicated  
coco-nut, 1 cup of chopped raisins and  
sultanas mixed, 1 cup of chopped dates,  
and 1 cup of chopped walnuts, and a  
10d tin of sweetened condensed milk.  
Mix all together, shape small balls about  
the size of a walnut, and bake on a  
greased oven shelf very slowly for about  
15 minutes. They will keep well. This  
recipe has no flour, butter, sugar, or eggs.  
Use breakfast cups for all measures.

## FROM THE MAIL BAG

### Durable Whitewash

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if any of the Daisy Chain  
could give me the recipe for white house  
paint made of lime and skim milk.  
Would it be suitable for outside paint-  
ing?—"Timothy" (Te Kuiti).

I am not sure about using skim milk  
but I know that equal parts of buttermilk  
and water, mixed to the usual consist-  
ency with fresh well-slaked lime will  
make a good and durable whitewash. It  
should be applied while hot. Here is  
another recipe which is supposed to  
withstand rain also. To every bucket of  
whitewash allow a cup of plain flour  
mixed to a fine smooth paste with cold  
water, and then made into a starchy  
paste by the addition of boiling water,  
being careful to stir all the time, just  
as if you were making starch. Add this  
to the bucket of whitewash, and use  
always a little washing blue in the water  
as you mix your whitewash. This makes  
it very white, and with the addition of  
the boiled flour starch you will find that  
there will be no flaking or rubbing off.

Here is another recipe for whitewash:

One pound of whitening, 1 cake of  
laundry blue, 1 lb. of size, and 1 table-  
spoon of alum. Pour boiling water on to  
the whitening until it becomes a thin  
paste. Add the size, already melted in a  
saucepan, the blue dissolved in water,  
and lastly the alum. Tint if needed with  
red ochre, for pink; yellow ochre for  
buff; and Brunswick green for green. It  
will be found that if whitewash is mixed  
with salt water, or a salt and water solu-  
tion, it will not powder off so easily.

### Delicious Baked Potatoes

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have been very interested in your  
page and in trying the recipes, and as  
I am to be married very soon I shall  
be able to try as many of your recipes  
as I like. I wonder if you have ever  
tried baked potatoes the way I do them.  
Everyone who has tasted them votes  
them delicious, and a decided improve-  
ment on the usual way. I peel them and  
dry them well, then either beat an egg,  
or make a fairly thick batter of flour,  
salt and milk. Dip the potatoes in this,  
roll them in bread crumbs, and drop  
them into the dish with the meat. The  
fat must be boiling or the crumbs will  
come off.

**Salad Dressing:** Also have you ever  
tried whipping the cream used for  
salad dressings? It goes further and is  
much better in flavour. I just put every-

thing except the vinegar in a basin, beat  
with the egg beater until stiff, and then  
put in the vinegar. It is truly delicious.  
—"Marjorie" (Marton).

Both excellent hints, Marjorie. I don't  
know that I have ever heard of either  
of them before. The potatoes would be  
delicious, I'm sure. I am quite sure that  
your married life will be a success, and  
send you my best wishes.

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