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water. Better still, however, and much quicker, is the use of a commercial household cleanser, the name of which I cannot give here, but will gladly supply by letter, if you send me a stamped, addressed envelope. After soaking the overalls thus, they will come clean without the slightest trouble, especially if you are the lucky possessor of a washing machine.

RENOVATING LINOLEUM: The linoleum can be painted over most successfully, provided every bit of floor-wax and polish is first scrubbed off with painters' sugar soap, or even soda water, and the linoleum afterwards rubbed over with turpentine. The preparation will not set evenly on a greasy surface; and it is not easy to get every bit of floor-wax out of linoleum, for some of it seems to become deeply absorbed. Still, if well scrubbed and "turpented" as I have described, an excellent job can be made; and I have had scores of letters from "Links in the Daisy Chain" who have transformed their shabby old floor-covering into a smart new one. Some have even painted a design on it—perhaps a wide band all round of a dark brown, and the inside a light fawn; others have used two shades of red, or green, or contrasted colours. It is well worth the trouble when finished, besides being really an interesting job to do. Most housewives are anxious and worried these days, and doing a big job, like painting the floor-covering and perhaps the wainscoting and doors and window-ledge, as well, and making curtains to match, creates a real interest and takes one's mind off the war for a little while. Two thin coats make a very permanent job, and are much better than one thick coat.

A Tanned Complexion

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I feel quite sorry for the lady of whom you spoke, who has spoilt her complexion by getting all sunburnt and brown.

I once had the same trouble when I spent a fortnight at the beach. Tell her to squeeze a little lemon juice into a little fresh milk (not quite enough juice to curdle the milk), and put this on her face and neck, two or three times a day. If she leaves it on to dry, so much the better. Too much lemon juice will make the skin smart. This is what I used, when I got so tanned, and in two or three weeks all the brown had disappeared, and I was happy again. — "Bunny" (Paparoi).

Home-Made Bread

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I am writing to ask if you will kindly give a real good recipe for home-made bread. I have nine children, and I can get only one tin of baking powder a month! So I have decided to make my own bread. The recipe I want is one made with compressed yeast. I should be very grateful to you for this.—"Mrs. M." (Rangitata).

Yes, indeed, here are some good recipes—chiefly wholemeal, too. Home-made bread is very good and quite economical. You will soon get accustomed to the cooking of it. Most people assure me that it is easier to make than cakes.

WHOLEMEAL YEAST BREAD:

One ounce of compressed yeast, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. salt, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. sugar, $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of wholemeal, $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of fat (butter is nice), and $1\frac{1}{2}$ pints of milk. Dissolve the yeast in a little lukewarm water, and stir in the sugar. Scald the milk and let it become

lukewarm. Sift the flour into a slightly warmed basin, and rub in the salt and the fat. Work together to a smooth dough with the milk and yeast mixture. Cover and leave to rise $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours in a warm place. Punch down, and leave another half hour. Mould into shapes, and leave in the tins for a while. Cook for thirty minutes, or longer if necessary, in a medium oven.

To convert to scones, rub in extra fat, and an egg. Leave to rise a little.

BROWN BREAD: Five breakfast cups of white flour, 3 breakfast cups of wholemeal, 1 breakfast cup of bran, 4 cups of lukewarm water, 1 tablespoon of salt, 2 tablespoons of sugar, and 1 tablet of compressed yeast. Into one

breakfast cup of the warm water, put the tablespoon of salt. Into the three remaining cups of warm water, put the 2 tablespoons of sugar, with the yeast tablet broken up. Now mix together in a large warm bowl, the flour, wholemeal and bran. Stir in the sugar and yeast liquid, then add the salt liquid. This will, when mixed, be of a good scone consistency; let rise to double its bulk in a warm place for one to one and a-half hours. Knead, place in pans, let rise again about half an hour, and bake in a hot oven 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

Perhaps some country housewife who is successful with baking her home-made bread would send in her method to help this beginner.

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