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damped down for ironing, and then left for a few days, during which time it became mildewed.

Also, how can I get paint off window-panes? This paint has been on a long time. Also, what can I use to polish and brighten up an old, dull black wood-range, that never seems to shine? — "Jimmie" (Bulls).

Poor "Jimmie," you certainly have some problems. However, I think they are all solvable:

First, the mildew. The old-fashioned, safe method, is to soak the article in Javelle water, which can easily be made at home. Leave $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. chloride of lime to stand in 2 quarts of cold water overnight. Dissolve 1 lb. of washing soda in a quart of boiling water; and when cold, add to the lime water which has been well strained through muslin. Use in the proportion of half and half with plain water, soaking for a few hours, then boil the clothes in the usual way. Javelle water is suitable for white clothes only, as it is a bleach. Nowadays, it is much quicker and easier and just as cheap, to buy a similar preparation of chloride of lime ready made. I will give you the name if you send me a stamped addressed envelope. It is a useful thing to keep in the house, too, for bleaching stains on sinks, etc. Mildew is also sometimes removed by soaking the article for some hours in thick starch, made with equal parts of boiling milk and water, and well stirred with a "soap-saver." Use plenty of soap. Then put the article on the grass in the sun. Repeat until clean.

PAINT ON THE WINDOW PANES: Gently scrape these with a razor-blade, using the blade flat on the glass, and trying to press it upwards between the paint and the glass. If this does not work, try rubbing hot vinegar on the paint spots. Perhaps a combination of both methods may be necessary.

POLISHING THE RANGE: For the discouraging old wood-range try this concoction which the sender assured me made her stove very black and shining and was not dusty: Mix well together, 4 cakes of blacklead, 3 table-spoons of floor-wax, and 1 cup of turpentine.

Acid in Preserved Peas

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have never written to you before, although I have often been tempted to. However, I was very interested this morning in what you were saying about putting lemon juice or vinegar in preserved peas. Last year I went in for a lot of preserves, and did not have one failure. I did all kinds of fruit, but what pleased me most were the vegetables. I did peas, beans, and tomatoes, some whole, and some strained for soup. We have just finished the last of the peas and beans. I just blanched them, packed them in jars, put in a little salt and sugar, poured in boiled water, and put them in the oven with the regulu at "O," and the oven tap half off. Personally I think the storing of the jars is very important. Until this year, my preserves have always been in a cupboard indoors, but this time my husband made a rough cupboard of fruit cases under the house, and everything kept beautifully.

Now a hint about a cake fruit mixture. I chop some up — it sticks together better if chopped — and put it in sandwiches for my husband's lunch. He prefers it to just raisins, for it has more flavour. It is also very tasty on

plain biscuits as a "sweet savoury" (if there is such a thing)! — "Just Another Listener" (Mount Albert).

Very many thanks for your good hints. Yes, the cool storage of the sterilised fruit and vegetables must be a tremendous help. It is the non-acid vegetables,

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