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the cornflour with a little of the water and stir till smooth. Bring the sugar, water and butter to boiling point, pour it on to the cornflour, and return the mixture to the saucepan. Boil till it thickens, stirring all the while. Let it simmer for a minute or two, to cook the cornflour. Then add the rum, or the flavouring.

Lemon Sauce

The juice of 3 lemons, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. lump sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of water, 1 teaspoon of cornflour or arrowroot, and a pinch of salt. Boil the sugar and water together for 5 minutes. Moisten the cornflour with a little cold water, and add to the sugar mixture. Add the lemon juice. Boil for a few minutes, stirring all the time, until the sauce is quite clear.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

Curing Sheep Skins

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you tell me how to cure sheep-skins? I have heard baking soda is very good, but don't know the quantity or how to use it.—(A.B.C., Waimate).

We had occasion to inquire about curing skins before. Baking soda is used mostly for cow and calf skins, and it may be very good for sheep skins too. One way of curing calf skins is to tack them out on the floor, rub with kerosene till very wet all over, and then spread over about a pound of baking

EASY MAYONNAISE

Sift into a bowl $\frac{1}{2}$ a teaspoon of mustard, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt and a few grains of cayenne. Add the yolk of an egg, and mix thoroughly. Then add one tablespoon of vinegar, stirring all the time. Now comes the careful part—the adding of the olive oil (which is so good for one). First beat it in, a drop at a time, until you have used three teaspoonfuls. Then increase by a teaspoonful at a time, until the mixture thickens. You will need about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup altogether, and see that it is very cold. Keep it chilled in the refrigerator, if you have one. When the mixture is thick, add a tablespoon of lemon juice. Use a silver fork to beat with, or an egg beater. All lemon juice, or all vinegar may be used, instead of a tablespoon of each. Mayonnaise should be stiff enough to hold its shape

soda. Rub this well in, and it makes a sort of paste with the kerosene. Leave it for a week, rubbing two or three times during the week. Then pull off any loose inner skin, rub with a brick or pumice till it is soft and pliable. One listener said that when curing goat skins he just rubs in the baking soda, without any kerosene or anything else, and leaves it for about a week.

However, here is the way "Mrs. Porangahau" cures her lamb and sheep skins—also rabbit skins. She has done lots this way, and I have seen them.

They are beautifully soft and pliable. Scour the pelt well in warm soapy water to clean the wool or hair. Rinse in clean water. Shake the skin as dry as possible, and lay it on a clean sack, pelt side upwards. Boil 2 tablespoons of alum and 1 tablespoon of salt in 1 pint of water till dissolved. When at blood heat, wash the pelt with it, putting plenty on and using a soft cloth. Roll the skin up, folding it pelt to pelt to keep the mixture away from the wool or hair. Leave it for two days.

Repeat the process, giving three dressings altogether. Then spread out to dry, away from the sun and the wind. While it is drying, stretch frequently and pull, and rub between the hands

to soften. When it is nearly dry, work it with a blunt knife, or rub with pumice stone until the skin is as soft as suede.

Recipes Wanted

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you would give me two recipes. One is for yeast; we are out in the country and cannot always get compressed yeast. The other is for a Christmas cake that has curry powder in it. My mother had it before she died, and I cannot find it; and when mother made it it was beautiful. We are kept so very busy these days, with so many extra things to do that I do not get much time

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