(Continued from previous page) tomato with equal parts of pineapple and celery mixed with mayonnaise. Serve on individual salad plates. This recipe serves six people - one tomato for each person.

#### Tomato Baskets

Take as many sound tomatoes as are required, scoop out most of the centres, keeping them as neat as possible. Mince or chop a large eating-apple and a stick of celery, then fill the tomatoes with this. Pour over them a good salad dressing. Make a handle of a stick of angelica and serve each tomato on a leaf of lettuce.

### Kentish Stuffed Tomatoes

Six tomatoes, 1 hard-boiled egg, 1 tablespoon of chopped cucumber, 2 boiled potatoes. 2 tablespoons of cooked peas. 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise. Wipe the tomatoes and remove the tops. Scoop out the pulp. Cut the potatoes into dice, mince up the egg and mix with the peas, cucumber, and mayon-

#### KEYS WANTED

Aunt Daisy wants a million Yale keys. It is an eccentric request, concealing a novel drive for non-ferrous metals. The idea was passed on to Aunt Daisy by a member of her "Daisy Chain" who had received a letter from Aberdeen describing a campaign which had brought in 11 tons of metal this way. Although Aunt Daisy has only mentioned it over the air a few times, 2ZB has received over 1000 keys so far, and other stations are not far behind.

All sorts of metal ornaments and trinkets which have escaped the Government's appeal for non-ferrous metals have also turned up. One old woman sent in a pair of beautifully engraved brass candlesticks. These were obviously too valuable to destroy, so Aunt Daisy is auctioning them over the air and adding the amount realised to the pool. She has already received an offer of £1.

naise. Pile up in tomato cups. Arrange in entree dish, lined with a green salad. Decorate each with a cross of pimento, or with minced ham or tongue.

#### Tomato Cup Salad

Six tomatoes, 1 cupful diced cucumber, 1/4 cupful chopped green peppers, 1/4 cupful of sliced radishes, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon paprika, 6 tablespoons salad dressing. Wash cold, firm tomatoes of a uniform size. Cut a slice from the stem end, and scoop out the seeds and pulp. Save the pulp. Sprinkle the inside with salt. Invert for five minutes, Mix the cucumber, green pepper, radishes, onion, tomato pulp, paprika, and salad dressing. Fill with the mixture and refill the shells. Have all the ingredients cold, and serve at once. If the mixture stands in the tomato cups very long, it becomes watery. The tomatoes may be prepared and kept cool, and the mixture prepared, all but the onion, and placed in the ice chest until ready for use. Never put anything containing onion in the ice tuce leaves.

In all cases where the pulp is scooped out from the tomato, this pulp may be incorporated in the filling, and not

# FROM THE MAIL BAG 1

#### Waterproofing Coats

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I do not always find it convenient to listen in to your session, so I would be very grateful if you would publish the following in The Listener, I would like to know how to waterproof navy blue school coats. I read about it in The Listener some time ago, but unfortunately mislaid the paper.

#### **Broken Petrol Gauge**

Also, I wonder if any of your wonderful "Daisy Chainers" could help in the following: My husband's suit was sprayed with some liquid from a broken petrol gauge, which couldn't be noticed until about half an hour later, when it changed to a blood-red colour. I have tried benzine, and cleaners of every description, and even tried the scrubbing brush, finishing up by putting the hose on it, and all that remains is a dreadful brown stain across the back of the coat. Hubby says it is not worth sending to the cleaners, but it is quite a good suit, and so I have decided to "Ask Aunt Daisy." -G.M.S. (Te Aroha).

First, to waterproof the coat. Put 1/2lb. powdered alum and 1/2lb. sugar of lead into a pail of rain water-or very soft water, if you cannot get the rain water. Let this dissolve thoroughly, stirring every now and again, till the mixture becomes clear. Pour it off into another vessel, carefully so as not to disturb the sediment. Then just soak the raincoat in this. If there is not quite enough liquid to cover the coat properly, more water may be added, and then stir it up again to mix it. Leave the coat in for twenty-four hours, then hang it up to dry, without wringing. This is also useful for waterproofing tents.

TO FRESHEN THE COLOUR: -While we are on the subject of navy school raincoats, a question we are frequently asked, is how to freshen them when they are faded. Make up a good reliable dye according to directions, then lay the coat flat on the table, and brush the dye evenly all over it. A nailbrush is a handy little brush to use. If it is very faded in spots, it may need two applications. Then hang it to dry.

THE PETROL GAUGE: - I am atraid that we really cannot hold out any hope for the stain on the suit, caused by the broken petrol gauge. We rang up the specialist in one of the big dry-cleaning firms here, who are always generous to us with help and suggestions; and he said that it is hopeless. There is a quantity of old oils, besides dissolved metal, dirt, and a certain amount of acid accumulated in the gauge, and he didn't seem to think that it would ever come out - it is more than a stain, and has apparently interfered with the dye.

However, you could try dyeing the suit, and see if that camouilaged the stain; if your husband does not think chest. Serve the tomatoes on crisp let- it worth sending to the dyers, you could perhaps do it yourself, and if it was successful, they could give it just the professional pressing, and it would be as good as new. Let us know how you get on, won't you?

#### **Red Pine Food Bins**

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you could help me through your pages in The Listener with a problem which seems to be rather difficult?

Recently I bought a set of kitchen bins, but find I am unable to use them owing to the fact that they are made of red pine, which imparts a musty, woody odour to any flour, sugar or bread kept in them. Could you tell me of anything to deodorise them? I have scrubbed them thoroughly with sandsoap, and soda, and rinsed them well, but with no effect. I should be very grateful if you or any member of the Daisy Chain could help me.-Joyce (Gore).

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