

## FROM THE MAIL BAG

### Cooking Preserved Peas

Dear Aunt Daisy,

When the peas and beans were plentiful, I preserved several bottles of each, and have had great success. I did them with the boiled water and a little vinegar, and sterilised them over two hours in the oven.

What I would like to know is, do you leave the peas in the same water when you heat them up? With the bottles I opened, I strained the water off, put fresh water, and added more salt; but I don't know whether this is right. Will you please put the reply in *The Listener* as I don't always hear your session.

"Puzzled" (Kanieri).

I think you did right, "Puzzled." I think it is correct to strain off the water in which the vegetables were preserved, put them into fresh boiling water with a little sugar and salt, and a sprig or two of mint, and boil them for a few minutes, or until soft and like fresh

peas. If they were preserved very young, and seem inclined to go too soft with boiling, you may just heat them in a double saucepan with a piece of butter and the sugar, salt and mint; or in a covered basin standing in a saucepan of water. But I think you will probably find you can boil them for a while. Were you pleased with the flavour of

### FOR YOUNG COOKS

*She measured out the butter with a very solemn air,  
The milk and sugar also—and she took the greatest care  
To count the eggs correctly, and to add a little bit  
Of baking powder, which, you know, beginners oft omit.  
Then she stirred it all together, and she baked it full an hour;  
But—she never quite forgave herself for leaving out the FLOUR.*

those you have tried? I am sure you were glad you did try the preserving; it is wonderful to have peas and beans in the middle of winter, isn't it?

We should all be glad to have reports from other people who preserved vegetables in the summer.

### Sausage Skins

Dear Aunt Daisy,

"Instead of sausage skins . . . use sheep's intestines"—*Listener*, 13/6/41, page 46.

What on earth do you suppose that sausage skins are? Perhaps you think, as I did when a small boy, that sausages are cows' teats. The crossword in the next column accounts for my noticing this.

—XXX.

Thank you, "XXX," you have helped me to clear up my somewhat hazy ideas about sausage skins. I did know that they used to consist of the cleaned and prepared intestines of sheep or pigs; but it certainly seemed to me that there could not be enough of these natural skins to encase the miles of sausages made in the world, even though the intestines of each animal are of a surprising length. I concluded that a great proportion of sausage skins could be artificially manufactured; and indeed, this is the case with some of the large red luncheon sausages. However, after your letter came, I had a chat with my butcher, who assured me that the American Hog Industry supplies great quantities of skins; besides those which we obtain from our own sheep and pigs; and that all ordinary sausages are made with these. So you have helped me to learn something, you see. Do the crosses in your signature carry the usual significance?



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### China

XPSA Kweiyang, Kweichow. Announces as "The Voice of China." Government owned. QRA: Kweichow Broadcasting Station, Kweiyang, Kweichow.

XGOX and XGOY Chungking, 10,000 watts. QRA: China Information Committee, Chungking, China.

XMHA Shanghai. American announcers. Often advertises. Owners, Continental Broadcasting Co., 445 Racecourse Rd., Shanghai.

FFZ Shanghai, 400 watts. Relays long-wave station FFZ. QRA: Station Radiophonique de L'Alliance Française, 193 Avenue Joffre, Shanghai.

### Columbia

HJAB, Barranquilla, 3,000 watts. Relays HJAA. Announces as "La Voz de Barranquilla." Closes with organ number "La Golondrina." QRA: Apartado 715.

HJAE Cartagena, 1,000 watts. Relays HJAF. Announces as "La Voz de los Laboratorios Fuentes" and "El Progress Cartagena." Uses bugle call and chimes as identification signal. Usually closes with "Aloha Oe" played on an organ. QRA: Apartado 31.

HJAG, Barranquilla, 1,000 watts. Announces as "Emisora Atlantico." Closes with their national hymn and "Los Cadetes." QRA: Apartado 674.

HJAP, Catagena, 1,000 watts. Relays HJAR. Closes with march "Under the Double Eagle." QRA: Apartado 37.

HJBB Cucuta, 750 watts. Announces as "La Voz de Cucuta." Closes with organ number "Dreaming the Waltz Away." QRA: Pompilio Sanchez Cucuta, N. de S.

HJBJ Santa Marta, 1,500 watts. Announces as "La Voz de Santa Marta." QRA: Radiodifusora HJBJ, Santa Marta.

HJCD Bogota, 1,000 watts. Announces as "Emisora Nueva Granda." Closes with their national anthem and "Para ti Rio Rita." QRA: Apartado 509.

HJCF, Bogota, 1,000 watts. Announces as "La Voz de Bogota." Closes with "Good-night, Sweetheart." QRA: Apartado 312.

HJCH, Bogota, 1,000 watts. Announces as "La Voz de la Victor." Closes with organ number, "Russian Lullaby." QRA: Apartado 565.

HJCX, Bogota, 1,000 watts. Relays HJCZ. Announces as "La Voz de Colombia." Closes with "Indian Love Call," from *Rose Marie*. Owners, Voz de Colombia Inc. QRA: Apartado 2665.

HJDE, Medellin, 1,500 watts. Announces as "La Voz de Antioquia." Closes with organ selection from *Rose Marie*. QRA: Carrera Junin, No. 52-74, Medellin.

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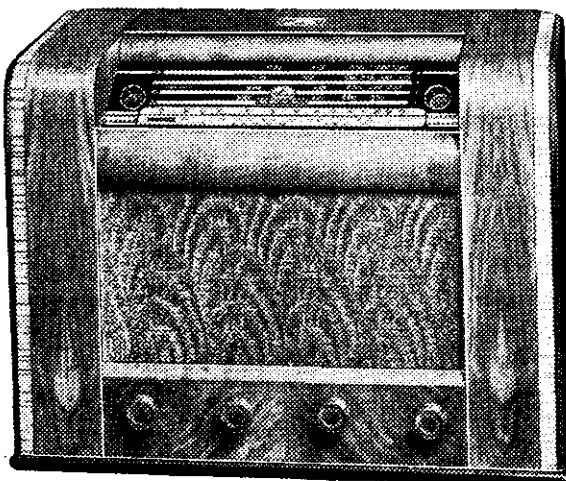
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