

12 teaspoon peppercorns, 2 cloves, and a 12-inch stick of cinnamon. Boil vinegar, sugar and spice 20 minutes. Then pour it boiling over the fruit and cover immediately.

#### FROM THE MAILBAG

##### Crumpled Artificial Flowers

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you please let me know through your column in *The Listener* whether there is any way of freshening artificial flowers which have become crumpled?

"Just Wondering," Masterton.

We have freshened artificial flowers very well by holding them over steam and adjusting them with our fingers while damp. Quite a good way.

##### Marks on Flour Bags

Dear Aunt Daisy,

In reply to "L.A.M." about taking the writing from flour bags, I have done this way for years. I soak them in cold water for a while, then put through wringer and put them on washboard and soap the writing well. Fold the writing in, and roll up. Leave a day or so. I usually do this before washday, then after washing, I rinse them through and then boil them up after I have removed all the other clothes. After two or three washes they have lost the unbleached look, and have generally lost all writing after the first wash. Another hint, which may be of interest to listeners when making cream puffs. After mixture has cooled, beat the 4 eggs together and add beaten eggs, instead of adding 1 whole egg and beating in until you have used the 4 eggs. I never have a failure now and I put them in an oven of 450 deg. or Regulo 8 and leave for 1/2 hour (coal range).

"Constant Listener and Page Reader," Kamo.

##### Sequins—Sew or Stick?

A listener wrote for an easier method of decorating a tulle stole with sequins than by sewing them on. Several replies came, some recommending the glue in a tube used in making model aeroplanes, but the majority said to use nail polish.

My daughter made a really lovely stole by sticking the sequins on with nail polish. She made a little design, dabbed the tulle with the nail polish, and dropped the sequins on with tweezers. The stole has stood up to quite a lot of wear, looks very pretty and does not "cockle."

"Charlotte," Dunedin.

I have simply and successfully stuck 300 sequins on a tulle stole with nail polish. I have not had it cleaned since but imagine it would be successful as when a run in a nylon stocking is stopped with nail polish, washing does not affect it.

"Christchurch Listener."

I have used colourless nail polish with great success. Merely place a sequin on finger, dab with nail polish brush, and place lightly on net. They will dry quickly and remain firm, and you can replace them as often as needed. They do not leave a mark if they do come off.

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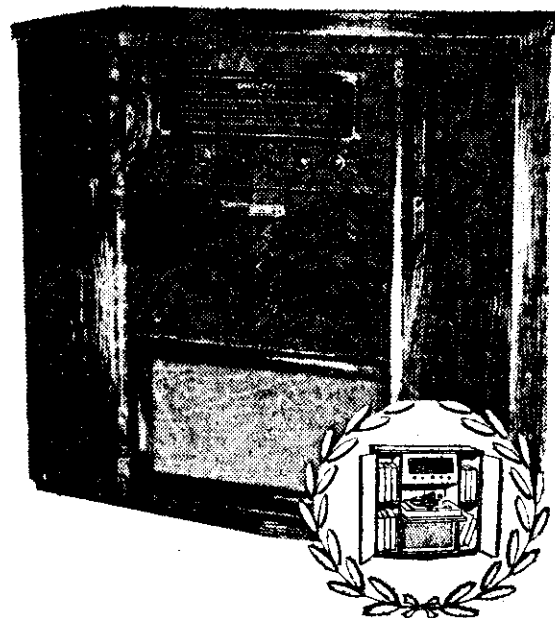


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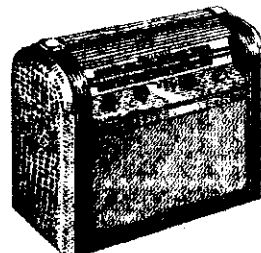
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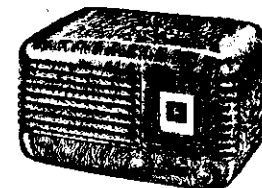
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