

is mildew, and the rest is stain of some kind. They are unfit to use in this condition.
"A.E., Auckland.

Perhaps you had better begin all over again. First of all, to make unbleached sheets white, you soak them for 24 hours with a good handful of Epsom salts in the water. Then put them twice through the wringer; and afterwards into a copper of cold water to which has been added 2 tablespoons turpentine. Boil for about 15 minutes, rinse twice in fresh cold water; no blue. Then peg out on line. In this method they won't mildew nor get the dirty marks or stains which you have noticed. After the second wash the sheets should be white—or very nearly. Don't use blue until they are white. For mildew, try soaking in diluted chlorogene, watching all the time to see the mildew fading out, and rinsing very thoroughly afterwards in cold water either under a swift-running tap or in water to which a little baking soda has been added, to kill the lime. If you make your own chloride of lime solution, use ¼ lb. to one gallon of water. Strain thoroughly so that no small lumps of lime remain.

Making Coffee

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I was recently given a coffee percolator and have so far not been able to make really nice coffee in it. I wondered if you could give me a few hints on the art of making good coffee.

"P.G.C.," Mataroa.

You do not say what kind of percolator, and there are several. But the main rule is to use enough coffee—and preferably pure, expensive coffee. I use 2 level tablespoons to a breakfast cup of water, which makes it strong.

Aqua-Bowls

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Can you please tell me if anything is added to the water for an aqua-bowl to keep the flowers fresh for a longer period than just two or three days? I understood that they lasted for a number of weeks, but mine have to be changed after a few days as the water gets cloudy and the flowers wilt.

"J.D.," Ellerslie.

One owner of an aqua-bowl has told me that the reason may be that the bowl was not absolutely full—but had a small air space at the top. She had the same difficulty with cloudiness, and felt that was the reason. Another woman has sent in the following warning:

"The aqua-bowls are very nice to look at, but they may become a fire menace. They become a magnifying glass when filled with water and placed in the sun. I ruined my lovely polished table once. Next time I put the bowl where I thought the sun would not reach, but, much to my regret, it did reach, burnt through a new brushed wool jumper, and made a hole in the top of my glory box. On both occasions I was only minutes in discovering it or else maybe I would have lost part of my home. If a child slept near, maybe also a life would be lost. I hope you can warn people of this danger." J.S., Woolston.

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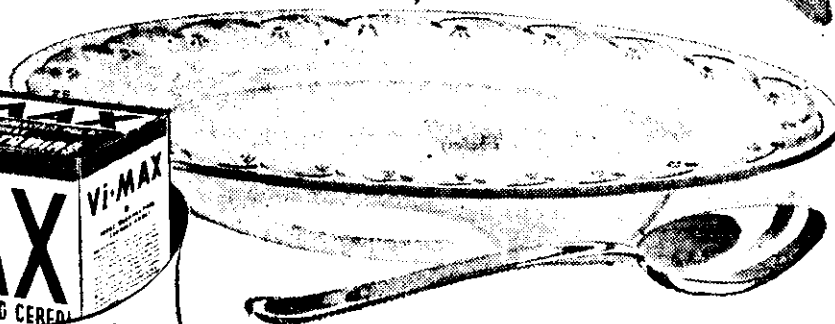
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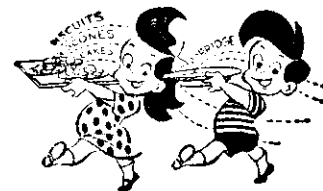
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