

with piece of same material, working outwards from centre, leave a while; then put double blotting paper beneath and also above stain and press with hot iron. Remove blotting paper and rub chalk off with clean piece of same material, working outwards from centre. The hot iron causes the magnesia to absorb the stain.

#### Crab Apples in Vases

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have a lot of crab apples growing, and I want to ask you, through *The Listener*, if there is a way of preserving them to put in vases. My husband and I cannot have flowers inside the house on account of our health.

"M.S.," Karori.

I consulted a florist of national reputation about this. She says that branches of this decorative fruit are often kept just in water for quite a long time, and sometimes in big vases without any water; but the accepted way to keep the crab apples with their vivid colour is to varnish them over carefully with a clear varnish.

#### For Herne Bay Copper

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I always read your page in *The Listener* and have derived many helpful hints from it. I want to help the woman who has had trouble with her copper, as I have had the same trouble. If she will take a cloth dampened with kerosene and rub it all over the copper before doing her washing, she will find that she will have no more trouble.

"Preston," Nelson.

#### Iodine on Lino

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Listening to your session recently, I was interested in the hints on iodine stains. I am wondering if my very easy and simple cure would help the stain on the lino? I know my cure works like a charm with liniment of iodine, which is stronger than the medicine chest type, so here it is: Sprinkle a liberal amount of baking soda on marks and have kettle of boiling water handy and pour on marks till stains disappear. It really doesn't take much water—the stain disappears like magic.

"Bib and Bub," Hamilton.

#### Silver Polish Cloth

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you tell me in *The Listener* how to make polishing dusters for silver and brass? I once made such a duster for silverware by soaking it in some preparation, but have lost the recipe; and I see brass polishing dusters are now for sale in the shops.

"Nonie," Kawakawa.

I am sure that the proper polishing cloths on sale are much better than any home-made ones, as the big manufacturing firms have a proven formula and method. However, here is the old recipe which we used to make up years ago: Bring to the boil 1 quart water, 2 table-spoons plate powder, or whiting, and ½ cup cloudy ammonia. Drop in two clean dusters, stir well in boiling solution for 10 minutes, and hang on line to dry. Do not wring.

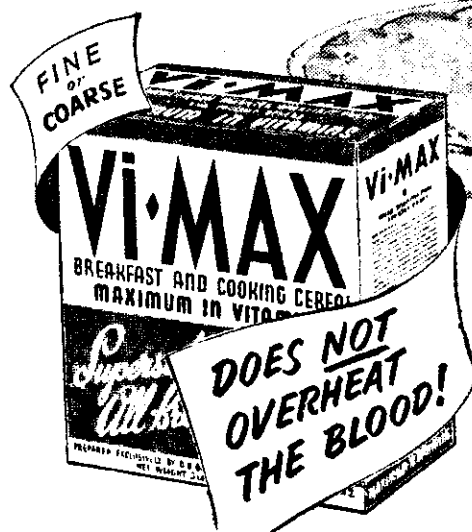
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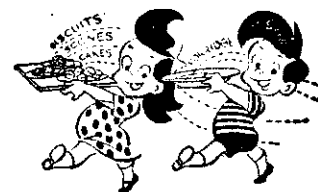
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