FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have a coal-bin which is rapidly getting filled with slack coal and coal dust. I believe there is some way in which you make brickettes from this by mixing sawdust. I think, I have asked many friends, and looked in books, but cannot find anything about it. Perhaps some of your Daisy Chain may know the answer. "F.E.W.," Thames

Coal Dust and Slack

It is rather a thankless job to try to make brickettes, and an easier way to use slack coal is to fill a shovel, or dustpan, with coal dust, and sprinkle it well all over with a little finely-crushed washing soda, then gently empty this over the fire. This gives out a bright fire, I am told. However, here is also a method of making brickettes: To each dustpan full of coal dust use 1 teacup of kerosene, 1/4 dustpan of sawdust, 5 oz. flour, 1/2 pint cold water, and 1 pint boiling water. Make a smooth paste of flour and cold water, stir in the pint of boiling water, and boil till thick. Put paste in a pail with kerosene and mix together, then stir in the sawdust and enough coal dust to make a stiff mixture. Form into balls. Place on paper-covered tray to dry. Another listener says that she dissolves a handful of washing soda in 2 quarts of water, and pours this over a sackful of coal dust or slack. Then she gets the children to make little paper parcels of this, or fill paper bags, and uses them to bank up the fire. Clean and easy to pick up, too.

Preserving Passion Fruit

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I am sending you a very good and reliable method to preserve passion fruit as requested by "M., New Plymouth," in The Listener. To each cup of pulp, allow 1 cup sugar. Place in a bowl and put in a warm place and stir frequently until all sugar is quite dissolved. A sunny spot, near a window, is a good place to put the bowl. Bottle into small jars, and make quite airtight. Store in cool place. This, of course, is just as good as fresh fruit and keeps indefinitely

"Bluff Hill," Napier.

This method has been used successfully by many links in our Daisy Chain, except that some used only 3/4 cup sugar to each cup of fruit.

More About Pickles

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I would like to tell you how I keep my pickles or relish from shrinking. I screw-top jars (yeast or malt jars are ideal), and the pickles keep indefinitely without shrinking. In fact, there is always a little moisture on top of the pickles when opened. This hint was given at our Women's Institute meeting a few years ago, and I have used it with great success ever since.
"G.T.," Macandrew Bay.

POCKET-SIZED RELIEF FROM INDIGESTION

People who suffer from indigestion know that it can occur anytime, anywhere. That's why thousands have adopted the wise course of carrying the handy-stred tin of Ayrton's Heart-Shape Indigestion Tablets in pocket or purse. Bismuth, Pepsin and Pancreatin give triple relief for indigestion troubles. Pleasantly flavoured with pepper-mint. In tins of 40 for 2/3 from your chemist. Compounded by Ayrton Saunders & Co., Ltd., Liverpool, England.

CATALOGUE OF CHOICE NURSERY STOCK

Now is the time to order for this season's planting.

Our comprehensive catalogue and supplementary list of choice ornamental trees and shrubs, climbers, conifers, perennials and rock plants, fruit trees, citrus fruits, hedge and shelter plants, etc., is available free on application.

R. A. DUNCAN NURSERIES LTD.

177 BROOKLANDS ROAD,

NEW PLYMOUTH.



I like the pleasant. refreshing smell of

SANPIC is a powerful germicidethan carbolic acid-vet stronger pleasant to smell and safe in use. Use it for sinks, drains, for washing floors-everything about the homeit's the safe, pleasant way to disinfect! Try SANPIC to-day in 2 sizes.

SANPIC KILLS GERMS

Made by Reckitt and Colman (New Zealand) Limited, Forth Street, Dunedin,

