

practically a "Pound Cake" with ground almonds and beer to make it different. One and a quarter pounds of flour, 1 lb. butter, 1 lb. castor sugar, 4 eggs, 1 lb. currants, 1 lb. sultanas, 6 oz. shredded candied peel, 2 oz. ground almonds, 2 teaspoons baking powder, pepper and salt, 1 tumblerful of beer or stout. Beat butter and castor sugar to cream, then beat in 4 eggs, one by one. Stir in flour, which should have been sieved with the salt, pinch of pepper and baking powder. Add a tumblerful of beer or stout; last of all stir in currants and sultanas well cleaned, candied peel finely shredded, and ground almonds. When well mixed, put into a greased tin lined with greased paper. Place tin on a baking tin spread with sand or salt to prevent burning, and bake in moderate oven 2½ hours. The recipe added that the cake would be better if kept for 4 days or even a week before using.

Sand-blasted Glass

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have a problem which I would like you to help solve. I have a lovely new home, but there is just one disappointment. My husband has recently finished the last little bit—double sand-blasted glass doors, from the entrance hall to the lounge. But my 3-year-old son will keep putting finger-prints all over them, also my husband marked them a little when putting them in. Could you please tell me how to get the marks off? Can I clean them with ordinary window cleaner? Will that mark worse or is there something else I don't know about?

"Patricia," Avondale.

I asked "over the air" about your problem with the marks on your sand-blasted glass doors, and, as usual, help was immediately forthcoming. A tradesman rang to tell me what to do. First wipe over the glass with a rag well dampened with mineral turps. This will remove, or loosen, the greasiness. Then rub over with a rag dipped in dry flour, while the glass is still damp with the mineral turps. Let it dry a few minutes, then wipe it all over with a clean soft rag. It is best to do a small piece at a time, not the whole door.

Ball Point Ink

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you tell me through *The Listener* how to remove ball point pen ink stains from woollen and cotton materials?

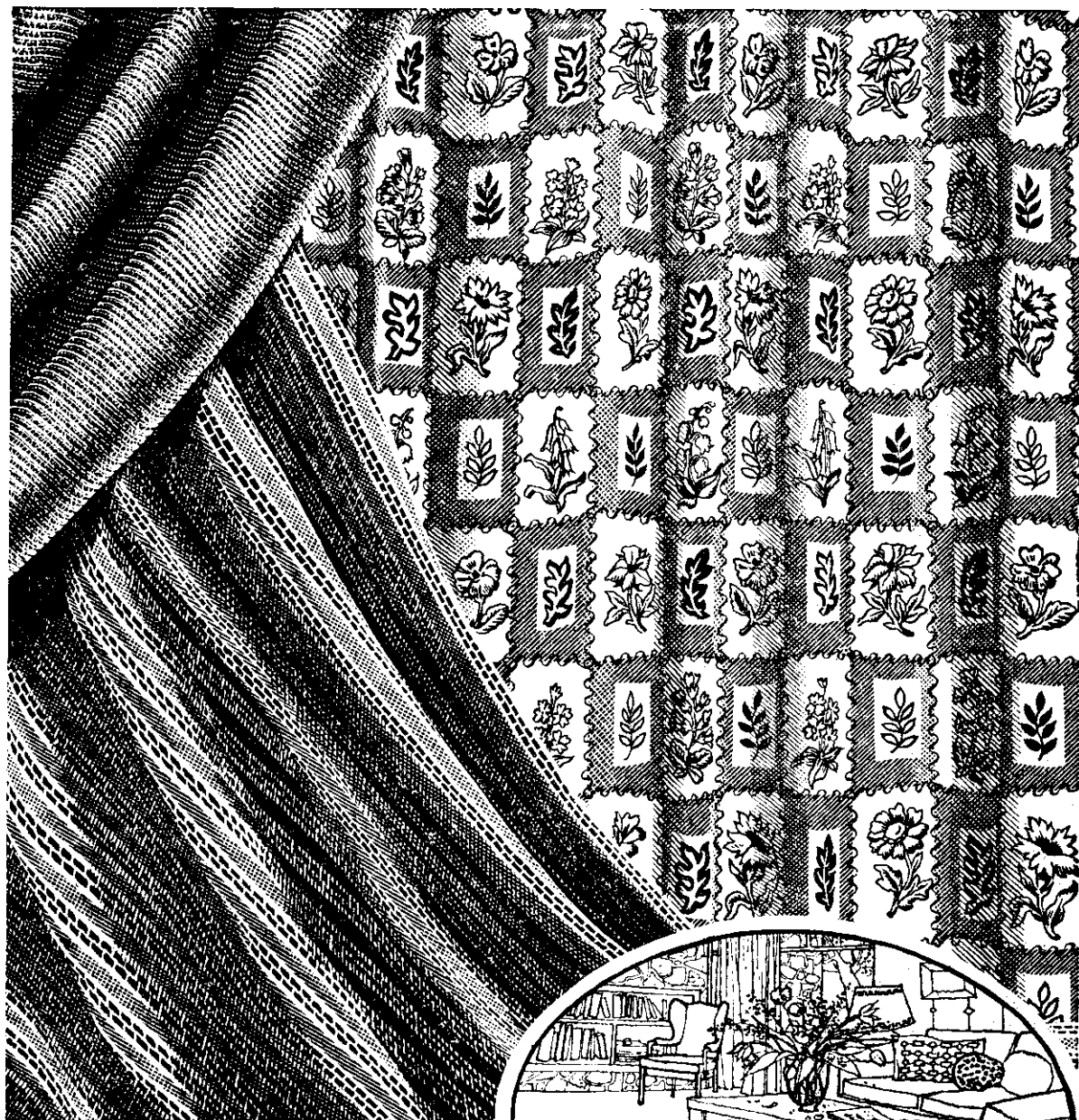
"N.S.," Gore.

Sponge or dip the stains in pure methylated spirits (from chemist), adding a few drops of household ammonia if material is white. Rinse well in luke-warm water. The meths. alone will generally suffice. If any mark should still remain, you may dip the material in a weak solution of oxalic acid (a level dessertspoon to a breakfast cup of warm water), for a few seconds, afterwards rinsing thoroughly in warm water containing a little ammonia and then in fresh water. Nearly always, however, the first treatment with pure methylated spirits will be found sufficient, rinsing afterwards.

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