

top of each loaf. Bake uncovered, at 350° degrees for 1¼ hours. For a sweet glaze: Spread (after 45 minutes) with mixture of ¼ cup brown sugar, ¼ teaspoon dry mustard, 1-3rd cup ketchup, then bake 30 minutes more. Serve one loaf hot for dinner, the other cold sliced for lunches (juicy). A firm-textured meat loaf.

Ginger Bread (Skim Milk Powder)

Quarter pound of butter, ¼ lb. brown sugar, 2 tablespoons skim milk powder, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teacup golden syrup, 1 teaspoon ground ginger, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water, 1 lb. flour, 1 teacup water. Warm together butter, water, sugar and lemon juice with golden syrup. Beat in the milk powder with dissolved baking soda and spices. Sift in flour. Place in a greased baking dish and bake 1½ hours approximately in a very moderate oven.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Hint for Sponge Cakes

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I heard you read a letter from a disappointed sponge maker. I, too, have had the same disappointment.—The coarse sugar is to blame! The remedy is this: When beating the eggs and sugar, stand the basin in really hot water. This helps to melt the sugar before it gets in the oven and prevents a "sad" sponge. I find the sink best for this purpose as in a larger basin the water cools too quickly. I am not really a good cook, but since trying the above hint my husband says "at last you can make a good sponge!" "Edith," Auckland.

Treacle Squares

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Please have you a recipe for treacle squares? I suppose golden syrup would do. My children had some and thought they were lovely, so they said, "Write and ask Aunt Daisy for the recipe!"

"One of Many Listeners," Tekapo.

Here is the reply, from Hataitai: I heard your request for a recipe for treacle squares, and as it is so seldom that I can give you any information in return for the many helpful and lovely recipes and hints you give me, I am hastening to let you have it. These are really very simple to make and are delicious. Half a pound of pastry (any kind of pastry does for the base, puff, flaky or Fleur pastry with egg—just whatever is your favourite), 8 tablespoons stale cake-crumbs, grated rind and juice of ½ lemon, 4 dessertspoons golden syrup. Slightly warm the golden syrup in small pan, add to it the lemon juice, and crumbs. Mix well together to nice consistency (not too stiff or too runny). Depends on amount of lemon juice, and crumbs. Roll pastry out thinly and line a sandwich or roll tin with it. Spread mixture over and make a pretty trellis of pastry. Glaze with a little melted butter and bake about ½ hour. When cool cut into squares. Although these have been known for many years as treacle squares, they are always made with golden syrup.

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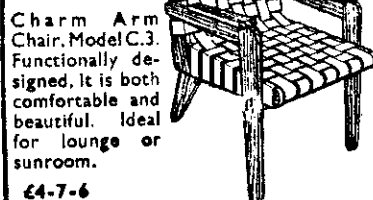
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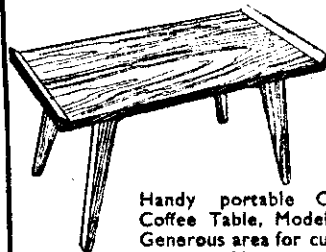
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