

Fruit-stained Cloth

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you could help me. A good white linen cloth and also a coloured cloth, were stained with pear juice earlier this year. I boiled the white cloth, after soaking in soapy water overnight, but the stain showed and has continued to do so after subsequent washings. The coloured cloth was not boiled, but the stain shows just as clearly. Could you please suggest a remedy?

"Hilda of Sumner."

I should think the stains are now quite "set," and will probably not come out, especially the one you boiled. A

JELLY CUSTARD

Make a custard with 2 breakfast cups milk and 2 egg yolks. No sugar. When it coats spoon but is not quite boiling, pour it over 1 packet jelly crystals (any flavour). Stir gently until crystals dissolve. Whip up egg whites stiffly and fold lightly into custard and jelly. Set in wetted mould and serve next day with cream or custard.

good thing to do AT ONCE when a cloth gets a fruit stain is to cover the place with a thick wetish plaster of starch and cold water—even soaked white bread has been used successfully on a tablecloth when placed on stain immediately. This has been known to work even with beetroot juice at the meal table! A plaster of starch and cold water is also useful for scorch marks. Keep the paste wet, and leave on for several hours, in both cases. Now that your stains are old, you could try soaking for several hours in glycerine; then pour on hot water from a height; or dab with diluted oxalic acid (from chemist) about a dessertspoon to a breakfast cup of water, afterwards rinsing very thoroughly with water containing a few drops of ammonia.

Worcester Berries

Dear Aunt Daisy,

You passed on to the Daisy Chain a question about Worcester berries. I understand these are well known in England—perhaps under another name. They are almost black when ripe and like a gooseberry to look at. To me, they have a slight grape flavour. They are delicious, and make beautiful jam and jelly. I have made both over a number of years, and everyone who tastes it either remarks on how unusual and yet how delicious the flavour is. I make the jam from exactly the same recipe as for black currant, and the jelly just as either gooseberry or any currant jelly. I don't think it necessary to give these recipes as most people know how to make jam or jelly. I trust this will help the lady who is enquiring. I don't have very good health and am "shut in" quite a lot, so listen to your session daily, and besides learning quite a lot, I get much enjoyment from it.

"M.H.F.," Anderson's Bay.

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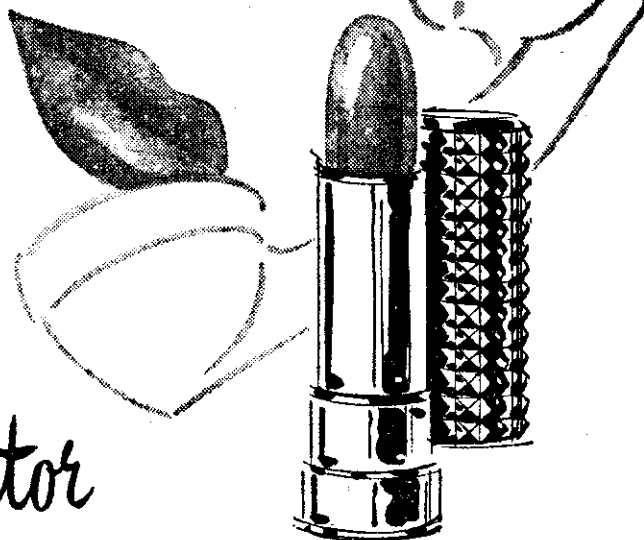
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