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a little of the grated peel, ½ cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons melted butter or

NEXT WEEK: Passion Fruit Suggestions

cream and 2 tablespoons of honey. Beat and keep in little jars. A pinch of cinnamon may also be added.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Spotted Gabardine

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you would be kind enough to help me, please? Two years ago I bought a wool gabardine coat which almost cost me the earth! I do not want to have it dry cleaned yet. Unfortunately, it has two tea stains on one sleeve and cake or tea or coffee spots (three) on the front. As well, the collar is a bit grubby, too. Could you please suggest a way of cleaning it, other than the cleaners. I have not tried anything on it. The stains have been on the coat 4 to 6 months. Would you please answer me in *The Listener*, because we cannot always hear Wellington up here.—*Hopetful, Kaitia.*

I feel sure that you cannot do anything satisfactorily at home, and that so good a coat does not deserve to be experimented upon! Furthermore, gabardine does not always react quite safely to home remedies, such as soaking in glycerine and so on. Also, as you say, the collar is grubby, and the tea stains have been on 4 to 6 months. I wonder why you are hesitant about the dry cleaner? I get all my clothes dry cleaned and they come home just like new. Explain to the cleaners what the stains are.

Pickled Crab Apples

Dear Aunt Daisy,

A listener in Otago was enquiring for crab apple pickle. Now, don't you think this enquirer meant pickled crab apples? We do them every year and they are really beautiful. All one needs to do is see that the apples are clean and not codlin infested. Just wash and dry—even leaving stems on because they look so nice when pickled. Have a saucepan of spiced vinegar boiling just gently, then drop in the apples whole, simmer until tender but not broken; lift the apples out gently and put into jars, pour over the boiling spiced vinegar and seal either cool or hot.

Spiced Vinegar: To each quart of best vinegar add ¼ oz. cinnamon, ¼ oz. cloves, ¼ oz. mace or nutmeg, ¼ oz. spice, ¼ oz. ginger, 3 or 4 peppercorns, ¼ teaspoon (or less) cayenne. Boil and strain through muslin, then add 2 cups sugar. This will do for pickling peaches, pears or apples. I hope this is it because it is just scrumptious.—*Pickles, Mt. Maunganui.*

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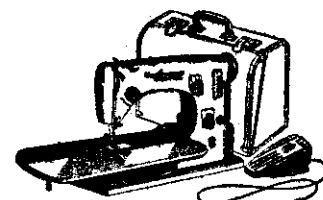
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