

oven, 3½ hours approximately; oven 300 degrees to begin with. After first ¾ hour, heat may be lowered.

Dark Christmas Cake

Three-quarters pound butter, 1 lb. flour, ¾ lb. raisins, ½ lb. lemon peel, 6 eggs, ¼ lb. almonds, 1 small teaspoon baking soda, 6 level tablespoons black currant jam (the secret of the cake), ¾ lb. sugar, ¾ lb. sultanas, ¾ lb. currants, ½ lb. preserved ginger, ¼ lb. walnuts, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 tablespoon treacle. Cream butter and sugar, beat eggs one by one and add separately. Then add flour, to which baking soda and salt have been added. Then work in fruit, treacle, and lastly black currant jam. Grease tin well, line with brown paper and bake 3½ to 4 hours. Will keep for months and may be used as a wedding cake. Makes over a 7 lb. cake. Put in oven at 350 degrees, top off and bottom low. Lower the temperature after an hour and leave till cooked. Can cook on stored heat the last ½ hour. These times are only a guide and approximate.

No-rising Christmas Cake

One and a half pounds flour, 1¼ lb. butter, ½ lb. sultanas, ½ lb. raisins, 1 teaspoon spice, 1 lb. sugar, 6 eggs, ½ lb. currants, peel if liked, ½ teaspoon baking soda in 1 cup of milk. Cream

butter and sugar, add eggs one by one, beating each 5 minutes. Milk and baking soda, then flour and fruit alternately. Put in dish to be baked in and leave all night. Next day cook 4½ to 5 hours in slow oven.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Oily Marked Wallpaper

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Could you please tell me a hint for getting a hair-oil stain off the wallpaper? We have recently shifted into a lovely new home and a man visitor sat with his head against the paper and left such a mark. Very disappointing.—H.R.S., New Plymouth.

Try this: Make a paste of either Fuller's Earth or powdered magnesia with carbon tetrachloride and lay it on. When it is dry, it will flake off and the stain should be gone. Repeat if necessary.

A Cold Night Tragedy

Dear Aunt Daisy,

One cold night coming home in our truck, I put an uncovered hot water bag on my knee. I was wearing a fawn woollen skirt and have found that the water bag has left a dull red stain in several patches on the front. Could you please tell me how to remove these marks, if it is possible?—D.K.S., Heriot, Otago.

I'm sure that the only safe thing to do is to take it to a good dry cleaners. The mark is really a dye, and it would not be safe to use a home remedy.

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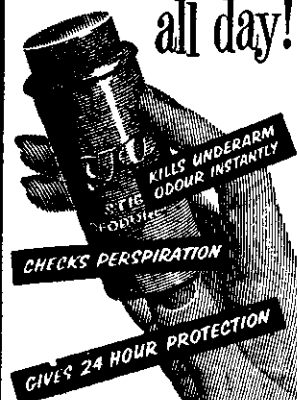
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