

Who Knows This?

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if a reader of *The Listener* could supply me with a recipe for Chiffon Pie made with tennis biscuits. Thanking you for the many excellent recipes you have given and which I have used so successfully.—Constant Reader, Grey Lynn.

Rust Stains on Linoleum

Dear Aunt Daisy,

While we were away on holiday, the plumber came into the house to fix a leak in the hot water cistern. The whole cistern had to be removed and some of the contents spilled on to a new inlaid linoleum. It has left a horrible stain—presumably of rusty water. We have not been able to remove it and I wondered if you would be able to offer any suggestions.—Mrs A.S.P., Ruatahuna.

I asked the listeners for suggestions, other than the diluted oxalic acid which we use (very weak) for rust on white material, because I think the acid might spoil the lino, even though it was thoroughly rinsed off quite quickly. From a Titirangi listener came a letter saying how she removed mildew, rust, paint and grease from her inlaid lino just by rubbing with a modern pot-scrub, which did not damage her lino even with hardest scrubbing. Another listener said she had removed rust from her lino with bath cleaner.

As Others Saw Us

SEEING ourselves as others see us is always a fascinating pastime, and New Zealanders are perhaps more self-consciously fascinated than others. For *Mirror to New Zealand*, six programmes in the Women's Hour being heard now from 2ZC and 2ZB, and later from other commercial stations, Shirley Maddock has collected opinion on New Zealand from our visitors and settlers, using their diaries and letters as a mirror in which we could view our past. "If one is to breathe any life into our forebears," she says, "it isn't enough merely to read about their official exploits or study them looking brave and resolute in patriotic paintings." Accordingly she has prepared a series of candid snapshots from such diverse sources as Tasman's laconic remarks and Robin Winks's rather more provocative ones. Seeking reactions to everyday life in pioneering days, or the hectic times of the gold-rush, or the more solid growth of the new dominion. Shirley has found some interesting comments on our family history and character. In the 1840's, Mary Taylor complained to Charlotte Bronte that the only topic of conversation was the price of meat—the rest was gossip; but Beatrice Webb some 50 years later found a more advanced colony. The major part of the conversation was on "football, racing and cricket."

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