

teaspoon each of salt and castor sugar, gradually stir in one tablespoon vinegar, then add ½ cup fresh or sour cream.

Tomato Mayonnaise

Use ½ cup any good thick mayonnaise, and work in ¼ cup of clear tomato juice with a wooden spoon. Chill for ½ hour. Especially good with mixed salad, or a fish dish.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Preserving Tomatoes

Dear Aunt Daisy,

One morning I heard you replying to a Link who preserves gooseberries and plums with boiling water only. This I have done many times and always with success. Now I want to tell you how I do my tomatoes. I have done them this way for 25 years and never had a failure. Fill quart jars with medium firm red tomatoes. Bring oven very slowly up to a good heat until the tomatoes are hot but not cracked in the skins. Lift out one jar at a time. Put in half a teaspoon of salt, fill till overflowing with boiling water and seal. These I have kept for 6 years and they were just as fresh as if done only 6 months.

"Lucky Lou," Addington.

Hop Beer "Plant"

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I heard you ask for this recipe, and knowing I had it somewhere, I went through all my recipes, and here it is: 2 tablespoons malt, 1 small handful hops, 1 small cup brown sugar, ½ gallon water. Boil hops and sugar in water until hops sink (about 20 minutes). Strain and when at blood heat add malt and a little more than ¼ cake compressed yeast. Let stand about 24 hours, then skim top, strain and bottle. Retain the top skimmed off, and the sediment for making the next brew; but after the first brew do not add any yeast. This quantity makes 4 bottles, and to keep up a supply the beer should be brewed each day. A mild beer.

"Northern Wairoa."

Removing Grass Stains

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I heard you giving help to a worried mother about grass stains on white flannels, and thought these hints may help someone. Soak in methylated spirits or rub stains with a damp cloth that has been dabbed in dry sugar. Wash in usual way. To remove mildew, wet the material, rub with soap, and sprinkle with powdered chalk. Place on grass to bleach. Repeat when article is dry if mildew is bad: Boil and rinse well. To wash fine old lace, place in screw top jar of sudsy water, shake gently till clean, rinse well, adding a little gum arabic to last water, to slightly stiffen. When nearly dry, use only warm iron.

"Blue Eyes."

Other methods used by country people for grass stains are soaking in kerosene and rubbing golden syrup well in. In both cases wash well afterwards in warm suds.

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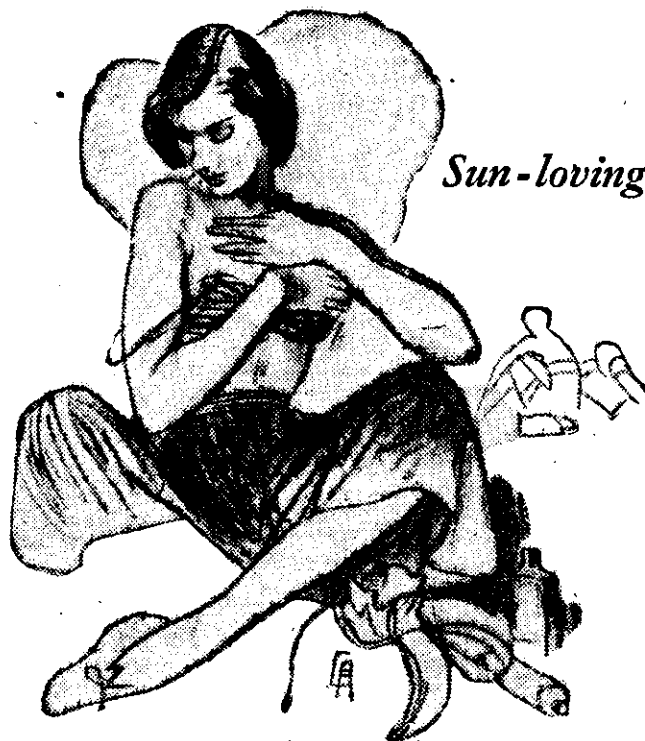
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