

stiff dough. Roll out thinly. Mash bananas, sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice and spread over pastry. Roll up. Place in pie dish, pour over 1 cup boiling milk. Bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes, by which time milk should be absorbed and pudding light and brown. Serve with whipped cream.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Bleaching Sugar Bags

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I wonder if you can help me once again? How does one bleach sugar bags? I believe there is a method whereby they become a creamy colour and much softer. "Taupo."

I had to consult the Daisy Chain about this, because we have hitherto considered only flour bags. Here are two replies.

When I was a young girl in Taranaki my mother used to bleach many sugar bags for use as oven cloths, and scrubbing aprons. As far as I can remember she used no special treatment, but after every wash day she would pop the unbleached bags into the copper, and give them a short boil in the water used for the wash. It used to take 3-4 boilings to achieve the right effect. A good slogan would be, "The longer you boil, the whiter the bags." "Petone."

I can thoroughly recommend this method: Make a solution of ½ oz. washing soda, 4 quarts cold water, 1 oz. chloride of lime. Dissolve soda in half the water, add rest of water to chloride of lime; then the dissolved soda and water. Strain through muslin. Soak the bags (unpicked) in this for 24 hours, moving about at intervals. Take out and wash thoroughly. Leave on line a day or two. The result is a soft towel of creamy coloured hessian, ideal for hand towels in kitchen, scullery, or bathroom. Can be bound with bright colours.

The Right Advice

Dear Aunt Daisy,

About 15 years ago I wrote for advice about fermenting honey. My honey was in a large tin, and as quickly as I scraped off the frothy fermented top it formed again. From Aunt Daisy's advice that it was excess moisture, I put the tin, with a light cover, in my warm sitting room behind a large chair. In one month it was right, and I moved it into another room, but not into the open-windowed dairy where it would absorb more moisture. This process was simple and effective, and I hope that my experience may help others. You also told me of a successful method to remove cold water stains on polished table and chairs. Dab ordinary household ammonia on the stains and next day hold a hot iron close to the stain for a minute or two. After this use an ordinary polishing liquid. "R.R." Takapau.

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