

salted almonds, chopped, dash of salt and paprika, lettuce, brightly coloured jelly, and mayonnaise. Blend cream cheese, chopped almonds, salt and paprika. Arrange 2 peach halves on lettuce on each plate, fill centres of peaches with cheese mixture, heaping roughly. Top off with spoonful of mayonnaise, and a bright dot of jelly. Salted peanuts may be substituted.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Keeping Mats Flat

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Can you help us? My mother bought body carpet for our sitting room and had a strip bound at both ends for a hearthrug. But it will not lie flat and

HOT CROSS BUNS

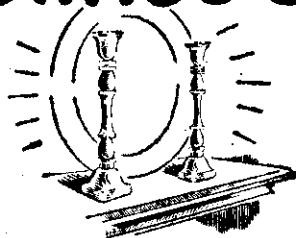
ONE pound flour, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. yeast, 1 level teaspoon powdered cinnamon, 2 oz. mixed candied peel, 2 oz. sultanas, pinch salt, 2 table-spoons castor sugar, 1 teaspoon mixed spice, 2 oz. butter, 2 oz. currants, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk, 1 egg. Sift flour with salt and spice, rub in butter and add prepared fruit and sugar, keeping back half a teaspoon of sugar to mix with yeast. Mix sugar and yeast till liquid, then stir in luke-warm milk. Strain this mixture into centre of dry ingredients, make into soft dough, adding also beaten egg. Divide into small portions, shape into buns, put on greased slide. Mark with a cross, leave to rise until twice the size. Bake in hot oven, brush over with sugar and milk, and return to oven for 2 minutes.

rides up in a most annoying fashion. As we have profited from many of your hints we decided to ask your advice. Please reply in *The Listener*.

"Masterton."

Yes, this problem has arisen again lately in my morning programme. Some-one had body carpet laid throughout her flat, and had mats of the same made to put down over the most walked-on places. These mats won't stay put. The answer comes from Lincoln. Back the mats with carpet, either an old piece, or with an equal-sized piece of the new one which then has the additional merit of being made reversible. The idea is that only "pile" will really grip and stick to "pile." Just a hem turned over is not enough; it needs either the whole back or a strip at least 8 inches wide.

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