

away, for the demand by tourists for python bags is very high; so the temptation to supply them is very great, although the real secret of successfully curing the skins is not known there. Consequently the salt causes continual "sweating" in a damp atmosphere. Nothing can be done to your bag, now, that I know of.

Dry Bread

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have listened with interest to your broadcast on bread making and think you are going slightly astray in trying to find out how to overcome dryness in bread. The oven temperature won't affect it so much as the use of too much yeast. The yeast tends to make it dry so I would cut down on the quantity a little. Also lard is a good thing to use in making bread, with or without salt. The following is quite a good recipe: Two pounds flour, 1 oz. lard, 1 dessertspoon cold mashed potatoes, 1 level dessertspoon condensed milk, ½ packet compressed yeast mixed with pint lukewarm water (this amount would do for 3 lb. flour), 2 teaspoons salt (or without if no salt is allowed). Bake at 375 degrees in electric oven or Regulo 7 in a gas oven. "Robert," Christchurch.

The Shiny Collar

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I heard you talking about the spoil silk frock caused by pressing the collar on the right side. If your correspondent wrings out a cloth in vinegar and very lightly sponges it (taking care not to make her frock wet), and then hangs it out in the air for a while, the vinegar smell will completely disappear and the marks also. This is quite successful on dark colours and also for serges and woollen garments. "Mt. Maunganui."

Sun-scorched Woollens

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Here is an idea for "Islington" and her sun-scorched woollen "Bulkie." I once had a similar experience and I washed my white cardigan again in the same way as before, giving it several rinsings. Then I put it to dry as before, leaving it fairly wet, but this time I hung it inside out where there was wind, but where no sun could shine on the right side of the garment. My cardigan was washed many times and always dried in this way after the first trial, with complete success. "Conifer."

Bottling Tomatoes

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Listening to your session one morning, I was amazed to hear of the difficulties some of your listeners are having with bottling tomatoes. I have been bottling fruit for over 40 years, and have always found tomatoes one of the easiest to do and have never had a failure. I have kept one bottle 12-14 years just to test its keeping qualities. My jars are pre-war, so I don't know about the new make. This is my recipe: To one quart water allow 1 small teacup sugar and ½ teaspoon salt. Let this boil about 5 minutes. Then drop in tomatoes (small ones are best) and allow to come to boil again. Put tomatoes into hot jars and fill to overflowing with boiling syrup and screw down at once while hot.

"Green Island."

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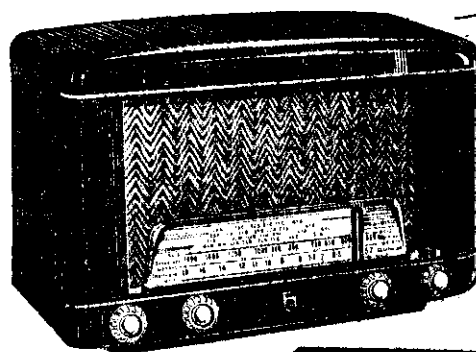
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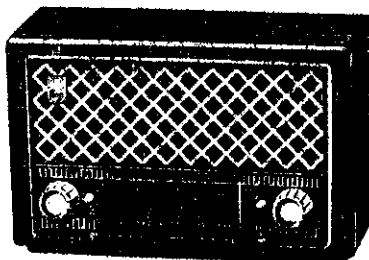
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