

cakes. I followed a recipe but the kisses went flat and spread. They tasted good, but were not very elegant to look at. My recipe was $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cornflour, 1 egg, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder. Please reply in *The Listener*.

"Fell."

Perhaps your oven was too slow, so that they spread before they rose. Also, it may be better to have a little less butter, say, 3 oz. instead of 4.

Stiffening a Rug

Dear Aunt Daisy,

There was an enquiry in *The Listener* about stiffening the back of a rug that had been washed. To make it just like new, get some glue size from any paint shop and mix about $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup to 1 quart boiling water. Then scrub lightly into back of rug with an old broom or scrubbing brush, paying extra attention to edges. Leave face down until dry. If the rug has developed a crease up the centre as they sometimes do, dip a piece of scrim or coarse calico in the solution and, without wringing, press firmly to the back of the rug along crease. Have scrim about four inches wide. No sewing is necessary, and if pressed down the edges will never fray. Somebody asked how to remove the stain of tomato plants from the hands. If you have any ripe tomatoes, just squeeze one in the hands and "wash" the hands with it, following with a wash in cold water. If no tomato, use a lemon. "Opawa."

Stained Enamel Bath

Dear Aunt Daisy,

Would you answer a question in *The Listener* for a friend of mine. She has an old enamel bath which is stained a light brown; also where the heater has dripped, it is green. I told her about cream of tartar and peroxide but could not remember how long you said it was to be left on. She left it on for about 15 minutes but it did no good. Is there anything else that would do?

"A Link."

The paste made of cream of tartar and peroxide must be left on as long as possible, until you have to use the bath again. This may be 24 hours. As the stains are old, the process will probably have to be repeated, perhaps two or three times. A good soap powder mixed to a paste with kerosene may be used in the same way.

Banana Pudding

Dear Aunt Daisy,

One cup each mashed bananas, bread-crumbs, raisins, 1 egg, 1 teaspoon baking soda in 1 tablespoon hot water. Mix and steam 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. This makes a very dark pudding with a delightful flavour. Next time I make it I might add the juice of a lemon and see what happens.

"K.L.N.," Palmerston North.

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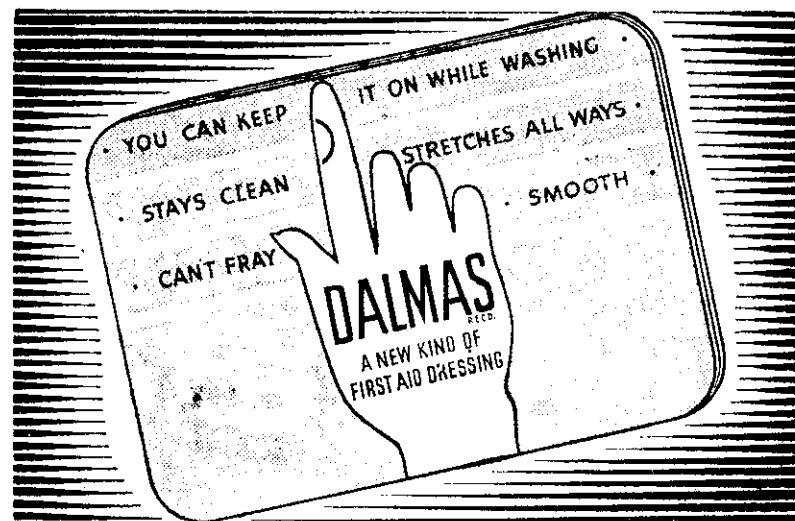
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