

and are cooked in very deep boiling fat for only 2 to 3 minutes. It is a good idea to have the pure white butchers' dripping for this because quite clear and tasteless. Cut big onions in thick slices (quarter-inch) and separate into rings with the fingers. Dip these first into milk, then into flour; shake off surplus flour and drop into the boiling fat, only a few at a time. Take out with perforated spoon and drain on paper, sprinkle with salt. Serve with liver cut in 1/2-inch slices and rolled in seasoned flour. Fry these lightly in hot bacon fat or butter, turning with a spoon (not a fork) so that no juice runs out. Five minutes is sufficient. Should be soft and tender and juicy.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Porcupine or Hedgehog?

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I noticed a letter in your "Mailbag" column of *The Listener* of April 20 from "M.A.S." Westfield. She asked for a recipe for porcupine cake, saying it contained 1/2 lb. wine biscuits. You gave her a rich luxury cake, but I thought that perhaps what she wanted was what I call hedgehog cake. The two animals being similar it's probably the same thing! Here is the recipe:

Quarter pound butter, 1/4 lb. sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa, 1 egg. Stir this mixture over fire until it thickens. Crush 1/2 lb. wine biscuits and add to mixture. also 1/2 cup chopped walnuts if available. Vanilla essence to taste. Press into buttered dish about 1/2-inch thick. Leave to set for 24 hours and cut into fingers. If wanted in a hurry place in freezing part of refrigerator and it sets in half an hour. I find this very useful if visitors come unexpectedly as it only take a few minutes to make and is always popular. Coconut and dates can always be added to vary it.

"E.M.," Wanganui.

Tarnished Silver

Dear Aunt Daisy,

I have some silver-ware that has been packed away for some considerable time and has become badly tarnished. I have tried liquid silver cleaner with no good result.

"Roxburgh."

You can clean tarnished silver successfully by using the old-fashioned pink plate powder mixed to a paste with either water or methylated spirits. Rub the paste well on to the articles and leave it on about 2 hours till thoroughly dry. Then rub off, and if necessary put on another lot. Finally wash in hot soapy water containing a dash of household ammonia and polish with a soft cloth. This advice was followed by a bride whose silver teapot, a wedding present, had become badly tarnished. She wrote to thank me for this advice which had restored her silver after three applications. When storing silver be careful not to use rubber bands, as these cause tarnish. Sprinkling with powdered starch helps to keep off tarnish, and a lump of camphor in the box is also a good idea.

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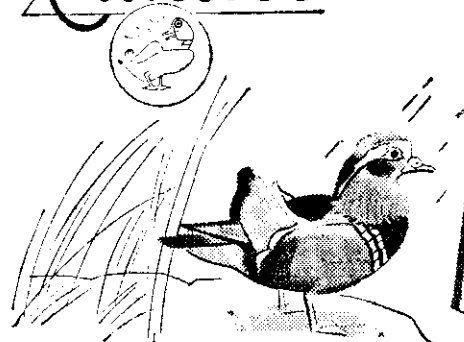
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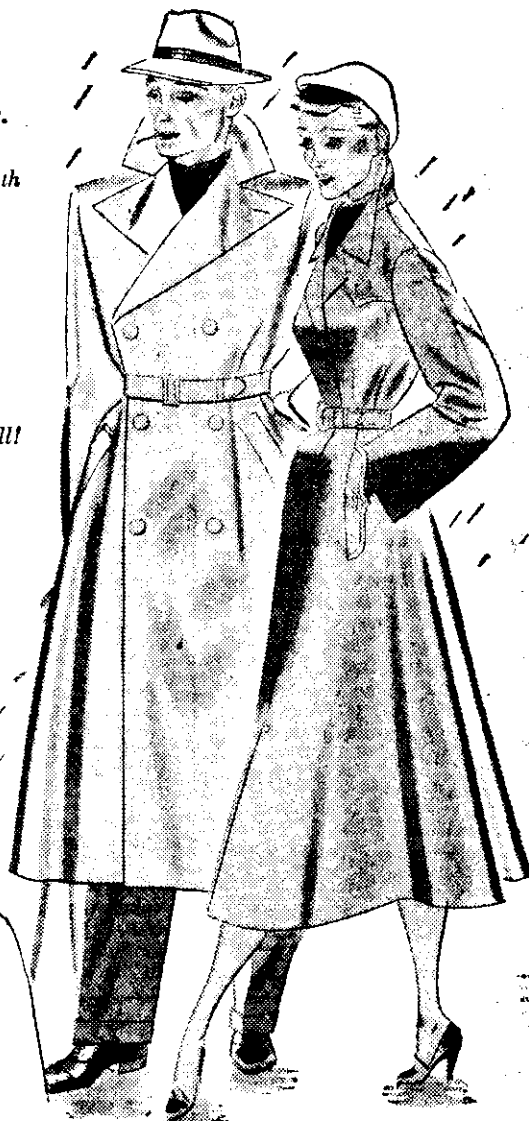
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