

::: HOUSEHOLD HINTS :::

A LITTLE olive oil brushed over the fresh pork rind before it is cooked will ensure a good "crackling."

SHABBY, dark leather will look like new if rubbed over with either linseed oil or the well-beaten white of an egg mixed with a little black Indian ink. Polish with a soft duster until quite dry and glossy.

WHEN you are tired of corned meat, mince it with any left-over vegetables, add a teaspoon of tomato sauce, and grated nutmeg to taste, warm in the frying-pan, and serve on toast for breakfast.

WHEN making cutlets, croquettes, rissoles, etc., that need eggs and breadcrumb, beat about 1-teaspoon of baking powder into the egg just as you are about to use it. The egg becomes thick and foamy, holds more crumbs, and browns better in the cooking.

Baiting Tourists

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The same company is boosting the countries bordering the Pacific as hard as it can. It may surprise you to know that the Matson people spent a million and a quarter dollars on New Zealand publicity alone in America last year. In Wellington—the capital city—there's absolutely nothing for people to do at night. It's a disgrace."

At this stage, when practically all the other attractions in the world have been fully exploited and over-commercialised, New Zealand should be advancing its claims and doing everything in its power to attract tourists. Mr. L. J. Schmitt is a man with broad vision and he is doing a great deal toward putting New Zealand on the map—but he can do no more than our nineteenth century laws allow. America is our biggest market—and Americans are used to service and gaiety. Yellowstone Park has nothing on Rotorua—but the visitor to the American resort finds everything he wants for every hour of the day and night.

Our rail services, our road services, our hotels and our general attitude toward the tourist have improved out of sight in the past 10 years. We have modern places like the Chateau Tongariro and the Hermitage set in the loveliest parts of the country; we have modern information bureaux; we have co-operation between our transport and hotel services; but we do not seem to have—and this is the most regrettable feature of all—a spirit of whole-hearted co-operation between the North and South Islands. There is too much parochial feeling between the two islands—the South Island feels that it has been badly treated in the matter of tourist trade.

But the most pressing problem of all is the removal of the restrictions referred to above. If they were swept away New Zealand could enjoy the brightest and most successful tourist season in its history—and have the country's coffers bulging into the bargain.

KEEP two large haricot or butter beans in your kitchen dredger. You will then never need to clear the holes with a skewer.

A DRAUGHT from under a door is very unpleasant, and the following is an excellent preventive. Measure the width of your door. Cut a piece of strong material about 6in. wide and your door width in length. Sew on machine length-wise, also one end, and turn on right side. Fill this with kapok, old wool or old silk stockings, and sew up end. Attach to bottom of door with tacks. You will find this keeps the room cosy and the door opens and closes without difficulty.

NEXT time you have a chicken for Sunday's dinner, try stuffing it with the following mixture: Chop a small onion and fry it in butter. Then sprinkle in enough coarse oatmeal to absorb the fat. Add the chopped cooked chicken livers, some chopped parsley, two chopped rashers of bacon and an egg (if liked). Instead of roasting the chicken in the oven, try frying it all over and then cooking it very slowly in a thick saucepan with a little stock.

INSTEAD of using a knife, use scissors for cutting tripe, pastry, dates, parsley, lemon peel, etc. There are many other uses for scissors in the kitchen. Buy a black steel pair such as hairdressers use.

BLACKENING tan shoes is quite a problem as a rule, as the tan invariably shows through the black. The following method is reliable and never fails to be successful. Wring out a cloth in warm water in which a small piece of washing soda has been dissolved and rub over the shoes. Let it dry and then apply black shoe polish as you would to black shoes.

TO make this handy coat for working in, take two sugar-bags, or any similar material. Cut out coat required size and make up. Cut out cape for shoulders. Bind neck and armholes of jacket and neck of cape with soft material. To make it waterproof, take 1½ pints of linseed oil, ½oz. sugar of lead, and 2oz. white resin. Grind sugar of lead with a little of the oil, then add other ingredients and stir well together over the fire. Apply mixture to coat and cape while hot. When dry, stitch cape to coat, and make buttonholes and sew on buttons down front of coat. This coat is waterproof even in the heaviest rains.

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