

Trials in Tact or ***What Would You Do?***

(Conducted by Savoir-Faire)

UNDER this heading, an every-day problem will be set week by week, and readers are invited to send in their solutions, for which marks will be awarded. Prizes are offered to those obtaining the most marks over a series of ten. First prize, £2/2/-; second prize, £1/1/-; and third prize, 10/6 for each series.

Competitors may send in their own problems for publication and solution and a prize of 10/6 will be given for the best one sent in during each series, and 5/- for each contributed problem used.

Problem No. 5.

1st Series.

Mr. A. and Miss B. are at a shop counter, collecting their change. Mr. A. drops several coins, and while he is looking for them Miss C. enters the shop, and seeing a half-crown on the floor at the feet of Miss B., who is standing near the counter, "fiddling" in her bag, picks up the coin, and, thinking Miss B. has dropped it, offers it to her. Miss B., being unscrupulous, takes it.

The girl behind the counter, Miss D., witnesses everything, and knows that Miss B. is perfectly aware that the half-crown belongs to Mr. A. What should Miss D. do or say?

Suggested by Miss R. Baker.

(Answers must be postmarked not later than March 6, 1930.)

Problem No. 6.

1st Series.

Mr. A. and Mr. B. are neighbouring farmers. Mr. A. is continually imposing upon Mr. B. and taking advantage of his generosity at every turn. Despite Mrs. B.'s attempts to snub Mr. A., he refuses to take offence. Mr. B.'s nature prevents him from assisting Mrs. B. in her attempts to discourage Mr. A. Suggest any means of effecting Mrs. B.'s purpose.

Suggested by Nintz.

(Answers must be postmarked not later than March 13, 1930.)

A nom-de-plume may be used, but names and addresses must be sent. The same nom-de-plume must be retained throughout the series. All replies must bear a postmark dated not later than the Thursday after the date of the journal in which the problem appears, and should be addressed to "Savoir-Faire," "Radio Record and Electric Home Journal," P.O. Box 1032, Wellington.

Savoir-Faire's decision must in every case be accepted as final.

Notes

Will competitors kindly note that the solution that appeared in last week's issue was that of Problem No. 3, and not No. 2, as printed.

Jean, Te Puke; and Aussie.—Your solutions to Problem No. 3 were received after last week's issue went to press, but they were correctly postmarked, and you have each been credited with 5 marks.

Solution to Problem No. 4.

IT is, of course, always very hurtful and a great shock to find that a member of one's own set has "transgressed the code." I think, however, that as Mrs. C. has decided to keep the matter as private as possible, and to give the young man a chance to "turn over a new leaf," that Miss A. should not let Mr. C. know that she has heard of his misdoings. She should, of course, having regard to Mrs. C.'s warning, be on her guard, but should endeavour to meet him the next time in as friendly a manner as possible.

Miss R. Baker's solution seems to me to meet the situation perfectly. It is as follows:—

"Miss A. should outwardly be as friendly as usual when she next meets Mr. B., so that he shouldn't suspect that she has heard anything about his past conduct, as he is then more likely to follow the advice which has been given him. It is fairly obvious that a cold stand-offishness on the part of Miss A. would tell him plainly that she has heard everything, and he would be so despairing of making anyone trust him again, that he would be very much inclined to go to the bad altogether. But Miss A. should be very cautious and circumspect till she sees whether he intends to behave better in future or not. She has called him her friend, therefore she must give him a sporting chance to make good."

Many other good answers more or less to the same effect were received. That from "Phillipa" would have been admirable had the problem suggested that the situation arose in any way from idle gossip, but I see nothing in it to indicate that it was not a serious one, to be dealt with seriously.

Marks have been awarded as follows:—A Trier, 5; Anon, 3; Apple-Pie Mary, 5; Bonza, 2; Miss R. Baker, 5; Clara, 3; Duplex, 3; Equity, 4; Deerfoot, 3; Fiat Pax, 5; Frances, 0; Grace, 0; Miss R. Green, 3; Haven, 2; Irene, 3; Jean, Te Puke, 5; Miss N. Johnston, 3; Jonquil, 0; Kummel, 3; Lucid, 3; Listener-in, 5; Mrs. Mason, 5; Michael, 5; Myra, 0; Mayflower, 4; Natural, 3; Nomen, 0; Nintz, 5; Olivia, 2; Priscilla, 5; Pumpkin, 3; Phillipa, 0; Query, 3; Radex, 4; Radio, 0; Rosa, 0; Scylla, 4; Senga, 5; Summit, 3; Thames, 2; Tuner, 4; Topaz, 0; Undine, 4; Viola, 4; Verity, 3; V.L.A., 5; Wynward, 0; Weaver, 3; Xylonite, 3; Xerxes, 4; Yum-yum, 3; Zenobia, 4.

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will if too much butter is used, or the oven is not sufficiently hot.

Temperatures.

DO not have anything else in the oven at the time cakes are being baked, do not open the oven door unless absolutely obliged, and, above all, avoid slamming the oven door, as it causes an inrush of cold air from outside. For a hot oven, heat to 450 degrees Fahr.; a moderate oven, 350; and a slow oven, 275 degrees.

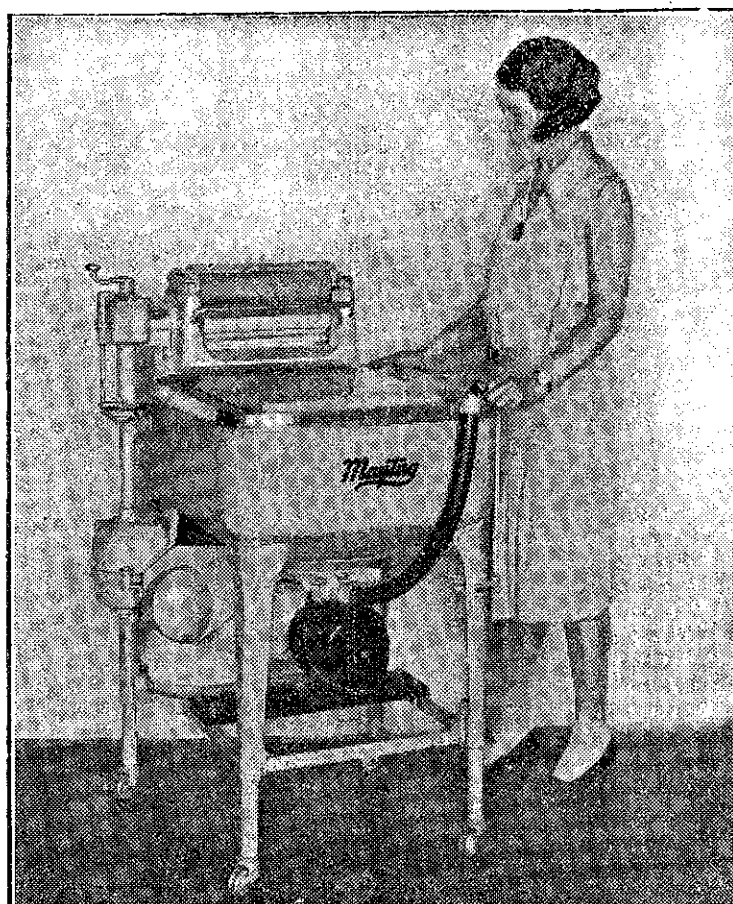
Scones and small cakes take from 15 to 30 minutes, plain cakes in tins about 1½ to 1¾ hours, and rich fruit cakes a considerably longer time, depending on the richness of the mixture and the size of the cake. Practically all should be cooked on store heat.

Testing.

WHEN done, small cakes should be firm to the touch, when lightly pressed with the finger. Large cakes should also be firm in the centre. When ready, they begin to shrink from the sides. Do not pierce with a cold knife, or it will make the cake heavy, but use a clean, bright, hot skewer, insert it well into the middle of the cake, and if bright and clean when withdrawn the cake is done.

Leave a large cake in the tin for a few minutes, then turn it on to a wire sieve or cake rack until cold, but do not allow it to cool in a draught. Many perfectly baked cakes are afterwards spoiled by the neglect of these simple precautions.

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