

of cinnamon, a level tablespoonful of allspice and one of ginger (ground), one level teaspoonful each of cloves and mace, a grated nutmeg, six bay leaves. Crush the bay leaves and mix them with all the spices; then put them into four small pieces of cheesecloth and tie them up loosely; boil for a moment the sugar and vinegar, throw in the bags of spices, and then the fruit. Soft fruits must remain only a minute over the fire. Take from the fire and stand aside to cool. Next morning lift the fruit with a skimmer and put it into stone jars. Boil the syrup, pour it over the fruit and let it cool. Do this for nine consecutive mornings, the last morning cooking the fruit until it is tender to the center.

Query Box

M. M.—Answered you by letter. If paper asked for does not reach you, write me again.

B. D. G.—I have no way of getting the information you ask for concerning white bronze monuments.

E. S. M.—Plums make a nice catsup to use with cold meats. Will give recipe in next issue.

Ella M.—Lavender is not a cosmetic; a few drops in the toilet water is refreshing, however.

J. L.—To make your vinegar sour, put yeast cakes in it. To each five gallons of the vinegar allow one cake of yeast.

Josie—Olive oil soap is the purest vegetable oil soap, but it may not be what you want. It is green and oily. For a shampoo, soften a bar in hot water and bottle. Use as required.

Alice G.—The phrase, "nom de plume" is best avoided; pseudonym is the better word to use. Either is used to signify the name used instead of one's own, by writers.

A. W.—To set the blue color, soak the goods two hours in a solution of one ounce of sugar of lead to two gallons of water. Let dry, and wash as usual.

Mrs. G.—To clean the brass or copper kettle, scour with a solution of salt and vinegar—as much salt as the vinegar will dissolve; apply with a

woolen rag, rubbing vigorously, and when clean, rinse well and polish with pulverized chalk or Spanish whiting.

Anxious Mother—If you had sent your address, I could have directed you where to get the children's magazine, but cannot give addresses here.

Pattie D.—Pastry flour is made of winter wheat, and is deprived of almost every trace of gluten. Two level tablespoonfuls less of bread flour should be used when it is substituted for pastry flour, as bread flour has greater thickening properties.

L. E.—I can give you a formula for a skin food preparation that is highly recommended by many specialists, but I cannot promise that it will do all you require of one. A few applications will do no good. Its use must be persisted in for months, in order to show results.

S. M.—For smoothing and whitening the hands, take the expressed juice of two large lemons, as much rose water as there is juice, and twice as much glycerine—that is, as much glycerine as the amount of both water and juice. Keep in a bottle on the wash stand and after washing, while the hands are still damp, rub a few drops thoroughly into the skin and let dry on. This will prevent and cure rough or chapped hands.

Anna M.—For the horseradish sauce, mix four tablespoonfuls of grated horseradish, four tablespoonfuls of powdered cracker, one-half cupful of cream, one teaspoonful of powdered sugar, teaspoonful of salt, half teaspoonful of made mustard, and two tablespoonfuls of vinegar. Cook very gently in a hot water bath (double boiler) until thoroughly heated through and serve with roast meats.

Mansie.—For cleaning the sink, where soap and hot water fails, put a heaping tablespoonful of concentrated lye in a basin, pour boiling water over it to dissolve, and with a little mop give the sink a light rubbing, and the dirt will slip off as by magic. The mop may be a rag tied to the end of a stick. Be sure to rinse the sink well when done.

A Missouri Reader.—I know of no school especially for middle-aged people, but think a person past school age can enter any seminary or college by paying the tuition. In cities there are night schools—perhaps in your own city. (2) I cannot recommend any correspondence school, as I know nothing of them. A Chautauqua reading course might be what you want. You did not say what line of study you wish to pursue. Will you write me again?

"Ignorance"—I can not give you a list of the kitchen things you will need, knowing nothing of the amount of money you have to spend. Any good housekeeper among your acquaintance will help you.

Mrs. G. L.—Every sauce containing butter and flour is made after the same formula. Melt the butter, add the flour and cook to a paste; then add whatever liquor is required—milk, stock, strained tomatoes or cream—and cook, beating constantly. The result should be a smooth, creamy sauce.

J. H.—If your wife is not a good housekeeper, you will not mend matters by fault-finding. Praise what you can, and encourage her with your patient helpfulness. If you can not do this for love of her, do it out of respect for yourself as the "head of the house." A great many young wives are "poor housekeepers" at first. Good housekeeping generally comes by education, not by instinct.

Amasie—A fine quality of black tea is generally advised. In curing green tea, the leaves are steamed as soon as gathered; in the case of black tea, the leaves are allowed to ferment before drying. The result is that the black tea contains far less tannin than the green.

C. D. L.—For vegetable puree, cook

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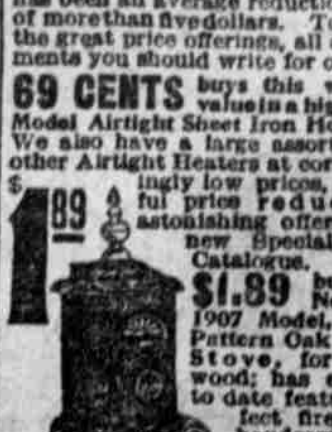
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