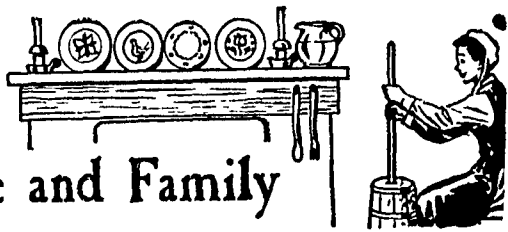


# For the Farm Wife and Family



## Questions And Answers

by Mrs. Richard C. Spence

Today we are going to deviate from our usual recipes; instead, we have some questions and answers which we hope will be interesting as well as helpful to you. Qualified home economists have provided the answers to these questions, thus providing you with the latest information on these subjects.

**Q. How can you remove water marks from aluminum pans?**

**A.** In hard water areas when you let an aluminum pan air dry the minerals in the water form a white spot. If you add softener to the rinse water more water drains from the pan so there will be less chance of spots. Water spots don't harm a pan and most women seem to feel that they'd rather air dry pans than wipe them, even though some spots are formed.

**Q. Can you air-dry stainless steel flatware?**

**A.** If you use very hot soapy water for rinsing and loosely stack the silver you'll have as little water spotting as possible. The hot water seems to drain off more

quickly thus leaving less spots. But you may still find that a quick buffing with a soft towel will better satisfy you.

**Q. What kinds and how many knives do you need?**

**A.** What knives you buy depends somewhat on the kind of cooking you do. You may want to start with a paring knife with about a 3-inch blade and a 6-inch utility knife. A butcher knife, French cook knife and bread knife, all with 8-inch blades, are good to have in a starter set. A swivel vegetable peeler, small spatula, 9-inch slicer, 4-inch curved fruit knife and a second paring knife may be other choices.

**Q. Is canned chicken safe for eating if it was frozen**

and now has been thawed for some time?

**A.** The canned chicken should be safe to eat if the freezing did not in any way break the seal on the jar. When food is frozen, it expands and frequently this causes a lifting of the lid, producing a leak in the jar. If this happens, the food is unsafe for human or animal consumption. However, if the jar seal is still perfect, the fact that the chicken has been frozen will not destroy the sterility of the meat, and the chicken would still be safe for use.

**Q. How do you keep berries from floating in jam?**

**A.** Fruit that isn't fully ripe or isn't thoroughly crushed may float in jam. More often it may be because the jam isn't stirred for a full 5 minutes after taking it from the heat. When the jam is cooked take it from the heat, skim off the foam, then stir and skim for a full five minutes.

**Q. How do you make uncooked strawberry jam?**

**A.** If you have freezer or refrigerator space for storing an uncooked jam you'll enjoy the fresh flavor and the ease of making it. Hull a quart box of berries and cover with a fourth cup of sugar. Let stand until juice is formed. Measure out two cups of fruit, add 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 2½ cups sugar. For one minute, boil 6½ tablespoons powder

Stir the hot pectin into the berries being sure that it is thoroughly mixed.

**Q. Why does some cheddar cheese not melt smoothly?**

**A.** Cheddar cheese may be good quality and flavor but not melt smoothly if it's too young. With a piece of cheese the size of a walnut, crush it in your fingers and try to knead it until it's waxy. If it doesn't work into a smooth round ball the cheese may still have a curdiness found in young cheese. Then it's not apt to melt smoothly but will get tough and waxy.

Because properly ripened cheddar cheese generally has a more distinct flavor than process cheese, many home makers prefer natural cheddar in cooked dishes. However, if the homemaker wants both distinct flavor and "incitability", her buy is softened aged rather than under ripened Cheddar, even though it is likely to cost more.

**Q. Every year for the past three years our rhubarb gets wormy before it's big enough to use. Can you recommend some spray that we can use that is harmless?**

**A.** The insect pest which makes your rhubarb wormy is the rhubarb curculio. This insect is a common pest with rhubarb and can be controlled by spraying or dusting with rotenone. Rotenone leaves no toxic residue and you can spray or dust your rhubarb until a day before

you harvest it. The rhubarb curculio doesn't breed in plants but just feeds on them. It lays eggs in weeds as curled dock. If these weeds grow around your rhubarb bed, you should get rid of them.

**Q. When I use several electric appliances they seem to heat slowly, what can I do?**

**A.** If you're planning a meal that takes several appliances check that you have no more than two heat appliances on each circuit. This will keep you from overloading a circuit and blowing down the heat. You can also plan the meal so that you use an appliance like a griddle, grill, fryer-cooker for the first part of the meal then use the coffee maker.

**Q. How do you clean a ceramic tile?**

**A.** Use either a regular (Turn to page 11)

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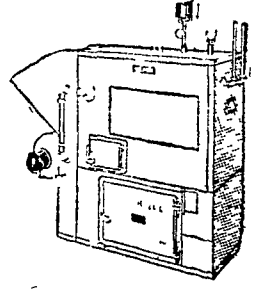
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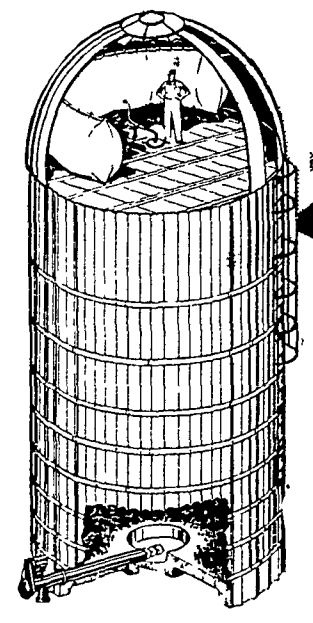
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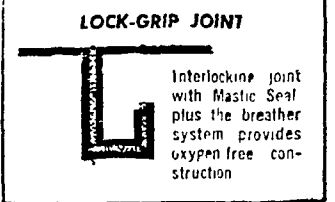


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