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## Cook's Question Corner

**ANSWER** — Martha Daughdrill, Newburg, Md., wanted a recipe for soft pretzels. Thanks to Gina Hawbaker, Fannie Stoltzfus, Christiana, and others for sending recipes.

### Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzels

- 1 1/4 cup warm water
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups bread flour

Mix together ingredients. Roll into pretzel shapes. Place on cookie sheets; let rise 30 minutes. Sprinkle with pretzel salt. Bake at 450 degrees until browned. Dip into melted butter.

### Soft Pretzels

- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon dry yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 4 to 5 cups flour

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water. Add remaining ingredients and knead for several minutes. Cut into 18 to 20 pieces and shape into pretzels on an oiled counter. Boil 3 cups water in a pan with 1 teaspoon baking soda added to it. Place pretzels in the water for one minute. Use a slotted turner to lift out. Place on a greased cookie sheet and sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake at 450 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. You may brush pretzels with melted butter and sprinkle on salt after baking instead of before.

**QUESTION** — Conny Riggiman, Warriors Mark, would like to know how to make feather trees from goose feathers.

**QUESTION** — A faithful New York reader wanted a wholesale source for goose feathers to use to make old-fashioned feather Christmas trees.

**QUESTION** — Jenny Palovitch of Lancaster County would like to purchase a wrought iron bench that wraps around a tree. It may be new or used.

**QUESTION** — Several years ago, Harold R. Stoudt of Hamburg purchased aluminum-clad electric fence wire by direct shipment from South Star Industries in Tenn. The dealer discontinued his business. Does anyone know of the company or one that sells similar high quality aluminum clad maleable steel wire. It did not recoil when unspooled and could be hand spliced.

**QUESTION** — A Lehighon reader would like to know the market price for goose and duck eggs.

**QUESTION** — Fay Leslie, 46 Witt Rd., Woodstown, N.J., would like to know if anyone is interested in exchanging old-fashioned seeds and cuttings from their gardens. She loves to save seed for next year's gardens.

**QUESTION** — Louise Graybeal, Renick, W.V., wants to know where to purchase flaked hominy. She writes that a company called Pleezing used to sell it. She has inquired about this product for years and hasn't been able to find out if it was removed from the market, and, if so, why?

**QUESTION** — Marian Mosemann, Summit Hill, is looking for a wire jig that can be used for making patterns in any shape and size by bending the wire.

**QUESTION** — Marian Mosemann, Summit Hill, would like paper puzzles that were sometimes given away by the John Deere tractor franchises. The puzzles were made either out of thin cardboard or thick paper. The puzzle pieces were packaged inside a letter-sized envelope with instructions to solve the puzzle printed on the outside of the envelope.

**QUESTION** — Marian Mosemann, Summit Hill, would like to know where to purchase gift boxes for jellies and breads. Candy boxes are too small.

**QUESTION** — Blanche Hertzler, Mt. Wolf, would like to purchase some old readers used in public school in the 1930s. She wants the third through sixth reader of the Baldwin and Bender series, copyrighted 1911 by American Book Company. She has the second reader. One of the readers has the poem "Taming the Colt," which she wants.

**QUESTION** — Don Woodward, Honey Grove, would like to know where a corn cracker can be repaired and where he can purchase a small one.

**QUESTION** — John T. Los, 2350 Croll School Rd., York, PA 17403, would like to talk with someone about the lithographs with the following information on them: Artist signature — Fred S. Cozzens 1893. Armstrong & Co. Lith. Boston. Copyright 1893 American Publishing Co. — Hartford, Conn.

**QUESTION** — Edgar Jackson, Ligonier, would like to know how to puff wheat, rice, and corn for making cereal.

**ANSWER** — Ronald Alt, Wyoming, Del., wanted to know if the "Rural New Yorker," a farm paper, is still published and where. Thanks to Dorothy Elbel who writes that the paper was renamed about 20 to 25 years ago. It is now the American Agriculturist, 2389 N. Triphammer Rd., Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. Subscription rate is \$17.95 a year, but, she writes, it is not the same magazine that it used to be.

**ANSWER** — This is the last answer we will print for Vernon Bryant's inquiry about a formula for old-fashioned whitewash. Roy Leaman of 534 Park Drive, Boiling Springs, PA 17007, writes that there is a whitewash material available that is similar to materials used in the 1700s and 1800s by the new settlers in this country. Shellbond Products Inc. developed and patented the process using a kiln to make a whitewash from discarded sea shells, just as the settlers did. The processed shell will bond to wood or stone and can be used with oil instead of water, in which case it makes a water-repellent seal. The product may be applied to metals or painted surfaces if the painted surfaces are prepared by brushing off the flaky material. Colored chalk may be added if desired. Leaman is starting production of Shellbond Products on his farm near Carlisle in cooperation with his cousin Norman Filbert, who is the developer of the patented process and co-founder of the company. The product is \$47 for a 30 pound bag or \$74 for a 50 pound bag, which is ready to be mixed with water for application as a white wash. Contact him at the above address or call (717) 258-6247.

**ANSWER** — Doris Hellerick, Antes Valley, wanted a source for celosia pink tassel. Thanks to J. Conner, Dingmans Ferry, who writes that the following source has five varieties of celosia including pink tassel. Pine Tree Garden Seeds, Box 300, New Gloucester, ME 04260. Call (207) 926-3400.



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