

Belgium's Terrain
Belgium's polder country near the coast was once a region of lagoons. It has been reclaimed for agriculture by pumping and draining. The tracts of sandy, clayey soil—at or below sea level—are protected by dikes and laced by canals. Raised causeways cross the fields. The landscape is treeless except for rows of poplars planted along the dikes and causeways. The second strip of sandy soil stretches almost across the country. Its highest points are not more than 250 feet above sea level. Much of the land is barren heath; reclamation has been a continuous project. The western part of this strip is the plain of Flanders.

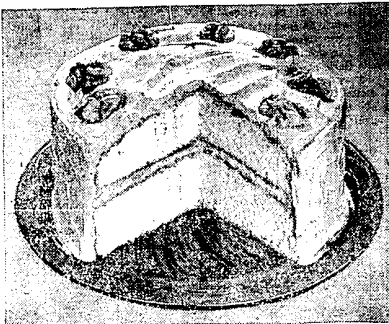
Divide Room
If you live in a one room apartment, and pine and sigh for the convenience of a bedroom, hang a huge blind to segregate living and sleeping quarters. It creates a niche for the bed and makes an acceptable background for living room furniture.

Camp Fire
To put out a camp fire, stir the coals while soaking them with water. Turn the small sticks and drench all sides. Wet the ground around the fire. If you can't get water, stir in soil, mix thoroughly and rub the fuel with it. Be certain it is clean mineral soil containing no organic matter. Then tread the soil down tight over and around the fire. Be sure the last spark is dead.

New Trade Established
Failing to find either gold or silver, Captain John Smith established a lucrative trade with the old country in lumber, tar, and pitch. This was the foundation of established trade between the New World and the Old.

Travel Farther
For 80 cents, including government transportation tax, a person can now travel by rail a greater distance than one dollar would have permitted in 1920.

SAVE RATION POINTS, MONEY AND YOURSELF BY THIS NEW METHOD FOR A NEW CAKE



CAKE IS NEWS when you and your family can make a better cake with fewer ration points, less money, less time and less work. This New-Method cake recipe is for the delicious white cake pictured above. Requiring, for best results, only the highest-grade improved vegetable shortening (like Crisco) this cake is lighter and tenderer. It is richer and finer—stays fresh longer.

Thousands of technicians in the laboratories of the leading manufacturers of cake ingredients, have tested these New-Method recipes. Thousands of homemakers everywhere have made better cakes than they ever made before with any other shortening in any other way. And they have made them with as little as 4½ minutes mixing time for all the ingredients.

Try this New-Method cake recipe today in your own kitchen and see for yourself.

WHITE CAKE
Bake in two 3-inch layers (1½ in. deep).
Fat loaf pan (3 in. square) or as cup cake.

Baking temperature: 350° P.
Baking Time: 25-30 min. layers
10-15 min. loaf
15-20 min. cup cakes

Measure into mixing bowl:
2 cups cake flour
(sifted before measuring)
1½ cups sugar
½ cup Crisco
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup milk

Stir vigorously by hand or with mixer (medium speed) 2 minutes. Now stir in (yes, all by itself):
½ teaspoon baking powder*

Add:
1 egg whites (unbeaten)
½ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

Blend by hand or in mixer (medium speed) for 2 minutes. The batter will be smooth and thin. Pour into pans rubbed with Crisco and lined with waxed paper. Bake in preheated oven for the required time, and frost with your favorite frosting.

*Double-Action or phosphate type (Calumet, Davis, Claiborn, etc., etc.). With tartrate type (Royal, etc.) use ½ teaspoon.

Staining Floor

If you wish to apply stain to a painted floor, first remove the old paint with paint remover, then wash the wood thoroughly with a cloth soaked in turpentine to take off any wax left by the remover. Apply stain according to directions on container. When dry, give floor a coat of shellac.

Protective Sell

The soil that has an abundant and well-balanced supply of the necessary nutrients has the best chance of producing top yields.

Puffing Billy

The first crude locomotives were so called by the humorists of their day. They were mounted on wooden frames and with wooden wheels. They burned wood and hauled trains of wooden cars. Then, as now, all rails were laid on cross-ties of wood.

The 'Seed' of Plastic

The first plastic was celluloid, the result of a search for a substitute for ivory with which to make pool and billiard balls. Originally made from cotton, celluloid is now made from the cellulose of wood.

Moisture Reduction Aids Dehydrated Food Life

Keeping quality of dehydrated vegetables increases markedly with a decrease in the moisture content, according to tests made at the Western research laboratory of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Dehydrated vegetables lowered in moisture content beyond present commercial attainments have been found to retain their quality proportionally better, without refrigeration as a protective measure, according to L. B. Howard of the laboratory staff. Although current dehydrated vegetables are serving their purpose, they are still subject to deterioration during storage, especially if they must meet the hazard of high temperatures for prolonged periods. Consequently there is need for an efficient and feasible method of lowering the moisture content below present purchase specifications.

Still lower moisture contents are attainable only through a limited number of measures. Dr. Howard points out. These would require additional costs. Of the methods now available, the use of the "in package" desiccant, or drying agent, such as calcium lime held in moisture-permeable packages, seems to offer the most promise.

Photoflash Camera

Details concerning the electric illumination of an astounding new photoflash camera, now in use by the armed forces, and designed to take clear bird's-eye pictures by night from reconnaissance planes have been divulged. For proper operation, the flash tube is plugged into any one of three rather complex electronic devices designed for its use. Purpose of the auxiliary system is to pile up a tremendous amount of electrical energy which, when released suddenly into the flash tube, results in a blinding "explosion of light." Although each flash of the new tube is many hundred times as bright as that from flash bulbs used by news photographers, its duration is confined to a mere one thousandth of a second. So great, however, is the heat developed, that a steady blast of air must be forced through the jacket to cool the coil. Despite the forced cooling of the light source, heat from the flash is so intense that it chars wood at a distance of a foot or so from the tube.

Storing Insecticides

Plainly mark all containers in which insecticides are stored with date of purchase. Keep these tightly closed and in a specially selected place, preferably under lock and well out of reach of children as well as others who may be unfamiliar with them.

Cattle Losses

In 1940 there were 4,559 beef carcasses condemned as inedible under federal meat inspection for pericarditis—inflammation of the membrane surrounding the heart. Nearly all of such cases result from wires, nails, etc., entering the heart from the stomach. In 1943 there were 4,327 beef carcasses condemned for pericarditis—a loss of approximately \$350,000 for the year. In 1943 there were 616,481 beef live animals condemned for abscess under federal inspection, constituting loss of approximately \$1,800,000. From recent observations on 2,042 cattle slaughtered in Chicago and Omaha, metallic objects were found in the stomachs of 570 or 30 per cent of these cattle, and short pieces of baling wire or nails were found penetrating the livers in 387.

Wards Of Wrinkles

Packing with tissue paper helps to ward off wrinkles. Unpack clothes as soon as possible. If fabrics are well chosen, they will be smooth in a few hours.

Lay More Eggs

The average pullet lays from 20 to 25 more eggs in a year than a yearling or older hen of the same breeding.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Auten and daughter, Edna, of Royal Oak, were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten.

Mrs. Charles Pettibone and son, John, are spending a few days in Tecumseh.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Turnbull and sons of Orionville were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten.

Mrs. Clarence Bicking spent the weekend with her daughter, Christine, in Muskegon.

Mrs. Frank Bradley and Mrs. Charles Pettibone have returned from St. Thomas, Ontario, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Bradley's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten and Mrs. Harold Westfall and daughter, Mrs. Marion G. Brown, of Lexington, Kentucky, as the guest of Mrs. Westfall and daughter, Judy, remained there for a visit.

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