

Of Interest to Women



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YOU'RE ELECTED TO DO YOUR OWN CANNING

Hello Homemakers! To-day's knowledge of nutrition—particularly of the importance of vitamins and minerals in our daily diet—has made us realize the value of home-canned vegetables. Grocery store shelves are no longer plentifully stocked with canned goods. So nowadays canning for the family really comes under the heading of "duty," especially if you haven't adequate storage facilities.

Canning kitchens have been busy making thorough studies in search of a sure canning method. Water bath sterilization is the method we recommend, although the pressure cooker (not available at present) is best. For those who have pressure cookers, canning "rules" could be organized to help can our vegetables to the fullest possible extent.

STEPS IN CANNING VEGETABLES

1.—In buying war-grade rubber rings, buy according to type of jar: read label on the box. If pre-war rubber rings spring back after being folded double, they may be used. Before using, pour boiling water over rings and zinc tops and let stand about one minute.

2.—Pint jars are preferable for vegetables. Jars and glass tops must be free from nicks and cracks. Match lids—do not let lids "rock" on jars.

3.—Sterilizing equipment is important. Thoroughly scrub every utensil and bowl to be used with a good brush in hot, soapy water. Then rinse and sterilize. For water sterilization, half fill each jar with clear water, place glass tops in position and stand jars in boiler or large kettle. Add spoon, knife, bowl and funnel. Bring water to boiling and let boil 15 minutes. Take jars out when ready to fill, one at a time.

4.—Preparation of Vegetables: (a) Use fresh vegetables. Can them an hour or so after gathering and meantime keep in cool place as tenderloins begin to grow when they are in warm kitchen. (b) Sort according to size, discarding oversize, bruised or blighted ones. (c) Washing cannot be stressed enough—wash pods or vegetables thoroughly in two or three waters. Then pod, stem or trim, and wash again. Lift out instead of draining and put in sterilized bowl. Don't wash too many at once. (d) Cut in uniform size, using scalped knife, and put in scalped kettle.

5.—Pre-cooking is recommended to ensure quick and thorough heat penetration. Cover vegetables with boiling water and boil for 3 or 4 minutes.

6.—Prepare to fill jars. Place sterilized jar on scalded pie plate; put rubber ring on; insert funnel and have scalded utensils ready. (Keep utensils on plate—not on unclean table.) Work quickly; pack fairly loosely to allow for expansion. Fill to within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of top, or 1 inch if canning peas or corn. Pour liquid in which they were pre-cooked, up to brim; slide sterilized knife down in jar to let out air; add $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt to each pint jar; place glass top on and partially seal. With screw-top sealer, screw tightly, then unscrew a half turn; with wire-clamp jars, adjust top clamp but do not spring down lower one.

7.—Processing by hot water bath. Set filled jars on rack in wash bath. Large preserving kettle or galvanized iron pan. The rack may be a wire rack, a shingle or a chopping board. You may have to improvise a lid to fit container. Pour hot water into processor or cooker to cover the jars



CANADIAN ACTRESS

Chronicles of... Ginger Farm

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I have quickened my lastberry for this year and used my preserving sugar to the very last ounce so now I think I can turn my thoughts to some other line of activity. Ten strips I made for bunnies altogether, some of which we used on the table, the rest went into sealers and resulted in twenty-eight jars of fruit, only four of which are quarts.

On our last trip we went up the mountain and something happened which I have always been afraid might happen even since I have driven a car. That is, I was nearly to the top of a steep, narrow and winding hill—and the car stalled. Fortunately our Lizzie has good brakes and they held. I had a passenger with me and she said "What are you going to do, Mrs. Clark?" "I don't know yet," I answered. "But you had better get out and stop any car that might be starting up the hill!" So my friend got out and when I knew it was only responsible for my own safety I felt better. But I certainly didn't fancy backing off the way down that hill and I had no intention of doing so if I could help it. So if I let go the brakes very, very slowly and watched my opportunity. Presently along the bank I saw a good rock road against which I backed the car, thus angling across the road so that I was able to release the brakes and start the motor again. When I put her into low and took the rest of the hill without any trouble at all. But I didn't stop to pick up any passenger—she had to walk, poor dear, until I reached level ground. It was not the car's fault that it stalled, but mine. I thought I could make the grade in second, found that I couldn't change gears, and that was the end of that.

The next day it was Partner who provided the thrills by trying to make a widow of me. He fell and twisted, strained the ligaments in his shoulder. And the place where he fell was none other than the ball-pen. He was carrying a full of water to that indolent animal and tripped. To save himself from getting mixed up with hooches and horns Partner somehow managed to twist his body so that all his weight came down on one shoulder. When I realize what might have happened it sort of turns me cold. Had Partner fallen under the board he would have been trampled to death before I knew anything about it. One thing is certain if all things that nearly happened did happen we would all be dead long ago. To tell of the narrow escapes we have had from time to time.

Partner put in a pretty bad time for a day or two with his shoulder—but say nothing of the nights—but generous applications of liniment helped the situation and he is now able to work again, albeit with difficulty. It was a bad time to get hurt. As a result our wheat is still in the field, which otherwise would have been in the seabank stable.

If Takes Weight

One of the things that helps Gloria is her weight. Seabrook explained that recently a trooper ran away with a 12-year-old boy, but Gloria, with her strength and 189 pounds, could have pulled him to a quick stop.

Despite her love for horses, Gloria confides that driving is her work. She said that driving is work, "harder than washing dishes, but it gives plenty of results," she said. "I have worked off 30 pounds in recent months and I will probably lose much more."

TIME CHART

| Pre-Cook | Water Bath |
|---------------|--------------|
| Beans | 2 min. |
| (Tomatoes) | 3 min. |
| Beans | |
| Beets (whole) | 15 min. |
| Corn | 1 min. |
| Spinach | Steam 5 min. |
| Peas | 3 min. |
| | 1 hr. |

Write Anne Allen for copies of "Home Storage of Vegetables," "Preparation of Vegetables for Freezing Lockers" or "Canning with Pressure Cooker." These will be sent without obligation.

STEEL FROM CEYLON

COLOMBO, (CP)—Steel bars are being turned out for the war effort from Ceylon's first-steel-rolling factory. The bars, made from the island's scrap steel, will be made into nuts and bolts in armament manufacture.

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