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Hello Homemakers! For sure results, the quickest way to make excellent jelly or jam of small fruit is the pectin method. Using either commercial liquid or crystal pectin is easy. In fact, jelly making is now so easy, it's a temptation to slight the few easy-but-right rules.

TAKE A TIP
1. Select good to look at, ready to eat fruit and prepare exactly as directed in the recipe accompanying the package.
2. Scrub, scald and drain jelly jars and tin lids.
3. When a recipe states simmering time, bring mixture to boil, reduce heat, cover and turn heat to simmer or lowest you can. A quart of fruit will simmer on a closed element turned to Off position for ten minutes, covered.
4. To drain off the juice, spread a square (about 1 yard) of Canton flannel over a colander in a pan and pour in the prepared fruit. Bring corners of cloth together and twist gently. Press the bag with potato masher.
5. If there is a slight shortage of juice, mix a little water with the pulp in the cotton bag and squeeze again.
6. Be sure to measure accurately. Use the same 2-cup measuring cup for both sugar and fruit or juice.
7. Use a large, deep saucepan as the sweetened juice comes to a full rolling boil. This is a tumbling boil that cannot be stirred down but boiling period is short. Use wooden spoon to keep fruit from scorching on bottom of kettle.
8. After pectin is added, skim off any scum with metal spoon.
9. Fill jelly jars to within 1/4 inch of top and apply a thin film of melted wax. When jelly is cold, pour on a little more wax. Leave lids off if there is any danger of preening wax on jelly or jam as this causes seepage and then spoils.

10. Label all jam and jellies and store in a cool, dry place.
REQUESTED RECIPES
Rhubarb Jelly
2 1/2 cups prepared juice
3/4 cups granulated sugar
1 box pectin crystals (2 1/2 ozs.)
1. Wash and trim about 2 lbs. fresh rhubarb. Put through a food chopper and place in jelly cloth and squeeze out juice. Add 2 drops red coloring.
2. Measure out sugar.
3. Measure juice into large kettle and place over high heat. Add pectin crystals and stir constantly. Add sugar and bring to a full rolling boil. Then time fast boil 1/4 minute by the clock. Remove from the heat immediately, skim and pour into jelly glasses. Cover with paraffin label and store.

Red Currant Jelly
6 cups prepared juice
6 1/4 cups white sugar
1 box pectin crystals
1. Crush 3 quarts washed, ripe red currants. Add 1 1/4 cups water, bring to simmer, cover, cook 10 minutes. Place in jelly cloth and squeeze out juice.
2. Measure out sugar.
3. Measure out to juice and bring quickly to full rolling boil. Add sugar as liquid heats and stirring continues. Boil fast for 1/4 minute. Remove from heat; skim and bottle. Cover with thin layer of paraffin, then a thicker layer when cold. Makes about 12 small glasses.
Sweet Cherry Jam
3 1/2 cups prepared fruit
4 cups white sugar
1 box pectin crystals
1. Pit about 3 lbs. washed, fully-ripe cherries. Chop fine, or put through a food chopper.
2. Measure sugar into bowl to be used later.
3. Use same measuring cup to measure fruit into 6-quart kettle. (May add water to make up a small fraction of cup of fruit.)
4. Add pectin crystals to fruit and bring to boil.
5. Stir in sugar and use wooden spoon to keep mixture from sticking to pan. Bring to a full rolling boil and time period for 1 minute by the clock. Remove from heat.
6. Skim with a metal spoon and ladle out into scalded glasses to within 1/4 inch of top. Makes about 7 glasses. Seal with thin film of melted wax, then thicker layer of wax when cold.

Chronicles of .. Ginger Farm
Written Specially for The Acton Free Press
OWEN DOLINE P. CLARKE

This has been one week-end without any complaints about it being too cool. Far from it. Such heat... so much humidity—and I wanted to get a lot of work done during the last few days. You see, Bob was away for a long week-end—and it looked like a good chance to get a bit of painting done in the kitchen—a good chance because experience has taught me that men and wet paint are better kept apart. But how could anyone paint with thunderstorms rolling up every hour or so and the humidity so high it would have been like painting with a damp paint brush? So I left the paint job alone and concentrated on helping Partner with the chores and getting a bit of writing done in between times.

Actually I enjoy that job—the chores, I mean. I like going down to the barn and being among the cows and calves again. Giving the calves their morning and evening feed seems to turn back the clock about twenty years. Naturally, that was always my particular job until Daughter was old enough to take over. Many things have changed in our barn since then but cows and calves are much the same as they always were. Cows still step around at milking time and if they catch a person off-guard they can still switch their tails across the eyes of the unwary. Calves still bawl lustily as soon as milking begins and then when you take them fresh, warm milk, what do they do? Promptly punt the pail and do their best to drown the one who feeds them. But not quite... if you have once had dealings with calves you never quite forget the antics they can indulge in.

THE QUESTION BOX
Mrs. T. R. asks: Do you remove skin from rhubarb when making Rhubarb-Strawberry jam?
Answer: Leave skin on rhubarb.
Mrs. C. M. asks: Can you substitute molasses for sugar to make black currant jam?
Answer: No. The molasses flavour "overpowers" the fruit.

Needed Affirmatives
By Joseph Luter Rutledge
There is a certain sense of satisfaction in a ban of anything with which we do not agree. But, like banning bad books or bad plays or bad people, its main result is to give them an added and feverish interest. The banned book sells in amazing quantities to people who would be indignant at any suggestion that they themselves were bad. The misbehaviour of certain movie personalities did not end their career. Rather it lent them, momentarily, a certain feverish interest.
So it is with ideas. They didn't kill Christianity by persecuting the Christians, compelling them to hide in catacombs to escape with their lives. And we will never destroy communism by driving it underground. There are 19 foreign language newspapers in Canada that are more or less following the communist line. They influence some people, no doubt, but not as many people as would be influenced to their way of thinking if we suddenly decided to ban them all. Force never yet answered an argument. It merely silenced it for the moment. If we haven't an argument to offset the arguments of communism, then we are already lost, no matter how much force we may bring against it.
Our trouble is that we have grown used to benefits. They are not vivid to us any more. We accept them as rights, as though they were common to all men, because we have never known the lack of them. You don't miss freedom till freedom is lost.
Agnes Newton Keith, who, with her husband and child, spent years as a prisoner of the Japanese in the far East, wrote about it in a book called "Three Came Home," which is soon to appear as a movie. "In all my life before," she wrote, "I had existed as a free woman and hadn't known it. This is freedom to me... The right to look about me without fear of seeing people beaten... The possession of a room of my own, and a key with which to lock it... A place in which to weep, with no one to see you doing so. Freedom of my eyes to scan the face of the earth... without barbed wire across my vision. Freedom to walk... and no sentry to stop me... Opportunity to earn the food to keep me strong."
There may be more to life than these things. But there is no life without them.
And what about us? Is democracy only a meaningless word, a word without persuasion? That is all it is unless it speaks to us of what can be found nowhere else, individually, the freedom of choice and action and belief, the recognition of human dignity. Think of these things lost. What would life be without them?

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Our twin heifer calves are doing fine—they really should have different color ribbon bows around their necks so we could tell them apart. Not that it really matters except that when I feed them I naturally have two pails and before I can stop them there are often two heads in one pail and none in the other. Getting them sorted out and deciding which one had its head in first and therefore had the most to drink is little short of a Chinese puzzle.
Now that we have a milking machine, milking isn't the chore it used to be for which I am very thankful, especially if Partner has it to do alone—which isn't very often. But even a milking machine isn't infallible. Things can happen to it... or the power go off... and there you are, back to the "good old days." With terms all around us I was thankful each time we got through milking without a power failure. We did not think of any other trouble, therefore it was quite a shock Saturday night when the milker suddenly petered out—fortunately there were only two cows that hadn't been milked. We sent for our "trouble man" who found the pulsator was at fault. He soon had things fixed up so we were able to carry on next morning. But why did it have to happen with Bob away... and just at a time when it was so hot?

But should we grumble... not really—not when we have had such a wonderful rain. It will be so good for the wheat and pastures... to say nothing of the spring crop and gardens. Actually, the last two days, it has been almost possible to watch the oats and barley grow. Now the heat seems to be lessening and it is raining again. A quiet, gentle rain. That, of course, is unfortunate for farmers with hay still out in the field. But that's the way it goes—one man's meat is so often another man's poison.
But oh dear, was there ever a time when mosquitoes were so bad? I have bites and bumps all over the place—even on my head. Why I am more allergic to mosquito bites than some people I have never yet found out. They definitely have a way of spoiling summer evenings for me. I love to get outside and watch the birds but how can anyone enjoy bird-watching with a mosquito making a meal off one's neck or ankle? In the event of a bacteria war mosquitoes would surely spread the germs around.

And speaking of war brings us around to the disquieting news that reached us last night... war in Korea. How strange it is that while the threat and talk of war may go on for months, or even years, whenever and wherever it does start, it always comes as a shock and a surprise. It is something we all fear and yet cannot believe will actually happen. Perhaps if the problems of peace were solved more quickly, new wars would not develop so readily.



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TOBACCO INDUSTRY ACCEPTS FIRE PREVENTION DUTY

Since forest rangers attribute a substantial proportion (nearly 20 per cent) of all forest fires to the carelessness of smokers, it would seem only fair and right that the tobacco industry should invest generously in a campaign to educate the public away from the careless use of their product, says The Financial Post in Ontario alone last year smokers were blamed for 340 costly conflagrations.
"Some cigarette manufacturers have made efforts from time to time to put fire prevention slogans in front of their customers eyes, but these have in many cases been highly ineffective," contends The Post. "Some cigarette packages, for example do carry a 'Be Careful' warning, but printed on the bottom fold of the inside slide where it is unlikely to be read in normal use."
"Imperial Tobacco is taking the lead now with a nation-wide campaign—magazine, radio and outdoor advertising are all stressing the 'Enjoy it, then be sure it's out' theme and a short educational movie has just been released."

YOUTH'S INSPIRED VISION

The future belongs to the ideology which can capture the imagination of youth.
Morgan Firestone, grandson of the founder of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, wrote the Beacon Herald, his home town newspaper in Akron, Ohio, and said:
"Last year I finished a year of education at Princeton. This summer I worked in the Firestone Retread Factory—a wonderful experience. The men at that plant are the heart and backbone of our nation... I was starting out on the same path any boy in my shoes might take to equip him for a job in industry: high school, college, a job during summer vacation, the life of work and fun typical of youth.
"Then," he said, "I was yanked out by the roots from this experience and planted again in Europe. I came to Caux, Switzerland, to the World Conference of Moral Re-Armament... It was as if I had been seeing with only one eye... My training for a job in industry was good. But viewed against the background of world events today, it was not enough.
"Like too many others, I was completely ignorant of the fact that we had moved from an industrial to an ideological age.
"During the industrial age leadership went to the nation with the best machines and skilled technicians. In an ideological age leadership goes to the nation with the superior ideology, and only a superior ideology will answer the ideology of communism. You can't buy it off, fight or organize it out of existence.
"If the western democracies find no stronger ideology to match the communists, soon our hard-built industries will see their markets captured by alien ideas—ideas that are strong enough to win loyalties—and therefore markets; our trade unions captured and turned against us."

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