HINTS FOR THE FARM WIFE

Bread is less likely to grow mould if you dust the bottom of the bread bin with salt, then cover with a sheet of paper.

You can improve the appearance of linen blinds by rubbing them over occasionally with a light coating of floor wax. This simple treatment also combats mildew spots and splitting.

You can keep putty soft and ready for use by placing it in a screwtop jar and covering with water.

Equal quantities of resin and suet melted together make a good wax for sealing bottles of fruit or pickles.

A good method of keeping a dinner hot without drying out is to put it over a saucepan of hot water with a colander on top.

A generous spoonful of marmalade added to a rock cake mixture gives a delicious flavour and good colour.

Fresh mildew can be removed from laundry with kerosene. Roll the article up tightly, allow it to stand for 24 hours, then boil and wash.

A broom sprinkled with kerosene gathers dust more easily.

Orange and lemon pips browned in a slow oven have a nutty flavour, and crushed provide an unusual fragrance in cakes and puddings. Lemon and orange peel run through the mincer, browned and crushed can be used for topping milk puddings and custard.

A small piece of blotting paper at the bottom of a silver salt shaker will absorb moisture in the salt and keep it running freely.

The first time you fill your new hot-water bag add a little glycerine to the water. The bag will keep supple and last much longer.