

(Uh-huh)

Clean it up.

(How much lye would you put into a panful of--?)

A teaspoon.

(Was there ever any time when you could use something else besides lye?)

Mrs. Downing: Yeah, you could add ashes. They boil it then.

(You mean wood ashes?)

Uh-huh.

(Like right out of the stove where you had been burning wood?)

Yeah.

(And about how--would you take a cupful of those ashes or a glassful and mix 'em with that water or 'teaspoon or about how much?)

Mrs. Downing: Have about so many.

Yeah, so many.

Mrs. Downing: Lot of 'em. You had to boil 'em.

(About a quart, say.)

More than that.

(Two quarts?)

Something like that.

(For about how many ears of corn?)

About a gallon corn.

(To about a gallon of corn on the cob. About two quarts of those ashes. But now if you were using lye you only have to use a teaspoon full of lye. Is that correct? And then you put these on the stove and you boil them.)

Mrs. Downing: All together.

(Yeah. But now you used either the wood ashes or the lye. You