

# How to Detect the Alum Baking Powder

"Which are the alum baking powders; how can I avoid them unless they are named?" asks a housekeeper.

Here is one way: take the can of a low-priced powder in your hand and read the ingredient clause upon the back label. The law requires that if the powder contains alum that fact must be there stated. If you find one of the ingredients named alum, or sulphate of aluminum, you have found an alum baking powder.

There is another and a better way. You don't have to know the names of the alum powders. Use Royal Baking Powder only; that assures you a cream of tartar powder, and the purest and most healthful baking powder beyond question.

## PURELY PERSONAL

C. M. Akers had business at Davis City last Friday.  
 L. J. Hill was a business visitor at Davis City Monday.  
 Miss Mabel Wright was a visitor at Decatur City Monday.  
 John Frazier was a business visitor at Keyle last Thursday.  
 E. S. Harris went to Garden Grove Tuesday on a business trip.  
 J. H. Newman was transacting business at Lamoni Monday.  
 Miss Bessie Upheld, of Delray, was a visitor in this city Monday.  
 B. F. Stettler, of near Keyle, was a visitor in this city Monday.  
 J. G. Cochran, of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city Saturday.  
 Phillip Williams was visiting with friends at Davis City Monday.  
 Gould Wallace was a business visitor at Decatur City Thursday.  
 A. T. Weldon went over to Decatur City Friday to visit a few days.  
 Mrs. J. F. Gill, of Garden Grove, was visiting in this city Monday.  
 Mrs. L. A. Blackman, of Blockley, was a visitor in this city Monday.  
 Mrs. Wm. Asbach, of Davis City, was visiting in this city Tuesday.  
 E. O. Alexander was a business visitor at Davis City last Thursday.  
 Mrs. C. F. Fierce, of Van Wert, was a visitor in this city Monday.  
 Miss Leoti Peters, of Pleasanton, was a visitor in this city Tuesday.  
 Miss Lola Bright, of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city Saturday.  
 Mrs. C. R. Riley, of Decatur City, was visiting in this city last Friday.  
 Marion F. Stookey had legal business at Decatur City last Thursday.  
 Mrs. Clell Hill, of Pleasanton, was a visitor in this city last Thursday.  
 Miss Nellie Little, of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city last Friday.  
 Clark Biddison, of Cainsville, Mo., was a visitor in this city last Friday.  
 E. Beers, of near Delray, was a business visitor in this city Monday.  
 James Miller, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.  
 W. K. Aten, of Garden Grove, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.  
 F. M. Euritt, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.  
 W. A. Maxwell, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Tuesday.  
 Charles Tellier, of Davis City, was a business visitor in this city Monday.  
 J. B. Dobson, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city Monday.  
 Fred T. Smith, of Pleasanton, was a business visitor in this city Saturday.  
 Mrs. W. M. Akers, of Decatur City, was visiting in this city last Saturday.  
 Mrs. E. O. Stearns, of Van Wert, was a visitor in this city last Thursday.  
 C. W. Robinson spent Sunday at the home of his parents in Davis City.  
 C. O. Whisler and wife went to Ridgeway, Mo., Thursday for a short visit.  
 W. E. Kemp returned Monday evening from a business trip to Van Wert.  
 C. C. Beck, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.  
 Ray A. Easter, of Van Wert, was a business visitor in this city last Saturday.  
 Mrs. H. O. Mitchell, of Weldon, was a visitor in this city last Saturday.  
 John McKee, of Grand River, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.  
 George Boyce, of Garden Grove, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.  
 S. W. Robbins, of Decatur City, was a business visitor in this city last Friday.  
 J. N. Painter, of Pleasanton, was transacting business in this city last Friday.  
 Miss Edith Myers went to Weldon Tuesday to visit a few days with friends.  
 Dr. W. F. Waight was called to Mt. Ayr on professional business Friday evening.  
 W. A. Ramsey, of near Van Wert, was a business visitor in this city Monday.  
 Miss Peachie and John Bailey, of Davis City, were visiting in this city Monday.  
 John Robertson returned Thursday evening from Des Moines, where he had been looking after real estate business.

John Perks returned to his home at Saline, Mo., Tuesday evening after visiting a few days in this city.  
 M. S. Jones went to Lamoni Tuesday evening to look after some insurance business at that place.  
 Mrs. Mary Roberts went to Kellerton Tuesday evening to visit a few days with relatives and friends.  
 Mrs. J. W. Rush went to Derby Friday to visit a few days with her sister, Mrs. R. F. Throckmorton.  
 R. W. Braden returned Friday evening from Des Moines where he had been on real estate business.  
 Pete Parker, of east of Leon, went to Davis City Saturday evening and visited over Sunday with friends.  
 C. M. Ketcham went to Des Moines last Thursday and visited until the following day with his son Willie.  
 Mrs. F. M. Kite, of Osceola, is a guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Russell Manley, in this city.  
 Green Parsons went to Chariton Friday to visit a few days at the home of his daughter in that city.  
 J. J. Hogan, of Bethany, Mo., was a visitor in this city last Thursday being on his way to Cainsville, Mo.  
 Dixon Newton went to Davis City Saturday evening and visited over Sunday with relatives and friends.  
 E. W. Teale returned to his home at Davis City Monday evening after spending a few days in this city.  
 Miss Helen Griffin, of Grand River, came Thursday evening and visited a few days with friends in this city.  
 Will McKern returned last Thursday afternoon from Lamoni where he had been for a few days on business.  
 Mrs. Leslie Grimes and little son went to Pleasanton Saturday and visited over Sunday with her parents.  
 Jacob Ross returned Saturday from Weldon, where he had been visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. B. Simpson went to Davis City Sunday for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burrell.  
 Joseph Frantz, who had been here for some time husking corn, returned to his home in St. Joe, Mo., Saturday.  
 Mrs. U. S. Muck, of Crown, and her sister, Miss Mae Scott, of Garden Grove, were visitors in this city Tuesday.  
 Miss Mabel Thomas returned to her home at Weldon Friday after visiting a few days with friends in this city.  
 Mrs. O. L. Butcher, of Newark, N. J., is visiting at the home of her father, Mr. Jas. G. Springer, in this city.  
 E. A. Silvers returned to his home at LeRoy Friday after spending a couple of days in this city on business.  
 County bridge foreman Fred Barrett, was down at Pleasanton Monday looking after some bridge business.  
 Geo. E. Starks, who is yardman at the Ballew Lumber Co., went to Davis City Saturday evening for a short visit.  
 Mrs. Albert Kelley returned to her home at Mt. Ayr Monday after a few days visit with relatives in this vicinity.  
 Mrs. E. E. Keller, of northeast of Leon, went to Weldon last Thursday to visit a few days at the home of her parents.  
 Mrs. Carl Banks and children went to Lamoni Saturday evening and visited a few days with relatives and friends.  
 Will McKern went to Lamoni Monday to spend several days taking orders for nursery stock in that vicinity.  
 L. H. Fisher, who had been visiting with relatives near this city, returned Friday to his home near Spencer, S. D.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sankey, who are making their headquarters at Davis City, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.  
 Mrs. Lucy Allbaugh returned last Thursday from a ten days visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Stanley, at Chariton.  
 Mrs. E. Reed and sister, Mrs. Hannah Burkland, of Van Wert, were holiday shoppers in this city last Thursday.  
 Mrs. D. R. Springsteen, of Decatur City, was a visitor in this city last Thursday.  
 Capt. J. L. Gooding, the well known auctioneer of Kellerton, was a visitor in this city last Saturday afternoon.  
 Sam Johnson went to Davis City Thursday evening to attend the Apostolic meetings in progress at that place.  
 Patrick Griffin and daughter, Miss Helene, of Grand River, came Tuesday evening to visit a couple of days in this city.  
 J. A. Caster returned Saturday noon from Des Moines where he had been closing up his business affairs in that city.  
 M. E. Wasson, of Des Moines, was visiting with his father in this city Friday, going to Mt. Ayr on the evening train.  
 Mrs. Mary Roberts returned Monday evening from a visit at the home of her brother, Uncle John Ross, at Decatur City.  
 Miss Anna McDaniel returned last Thursday to Garden Grove after visiting couple of weeks with relatives south of Leon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Blair, of Van Wert, passed through this city Friday, returning from a few days visit in St. Joe, Mo.  
 Mrs. C. G. Cline and daughter Dorothy returned Thursday evening from a few days visit with relatives in Des Moines.  
 Walter Lovett, of Pleasanton, was a visitor in this city Friday afternoon, while on his way to Lamoni for a short visit.  
 Mrs. R. I. Mitchell, of Oskaloosa, came Tuesday to visit a few days with relatives and old friends in this city and vicinity.  
 Mrs. S. C. Maxwell, of Cainsville, Mo., was in Leon Thursday, being on her way to Davis City to visit a few days with friends.  
 Mrs. Kim Hickman went to Kellerton Tuesday evening to visit a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. E. Turner.  
 Mrs. Fred Hembrey, of near Grand River, came to Leon Saturday to visit her son, Clyde, who is a patient at the Leon hospital.  
 Mrs. Bert Redman returned to her home near Delray Monday after a few days visit at the home of Mrs. A. Cox in this city.

Mrs. Emma Pace Crouse and Mrs. Asbury Johnson went to Davis City Thursday evening to attend the Apostolic meetings.  
 L. J. Little, of Tingley, came Monday evening to attend to some business matters in this city and visit his son, Lee Little.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Detwiler, of Dunlap, Iowa, came Saturday evening for a visit at the home of F. M. Smith near this city.  
 Mrs. Lillie Nicholson and children, of Decatur, came Monday evening to visit a few days with her parents near Woodland.  
 Roy Hatcher, of Chariton, was in Leon last Thursday assisting the K. P. band with their music at the funeral of Rollin Benefiel.  
 J. A. Daniel who is working in this city at the carpenter trade, went to his home at Garden Grove Saturday and visited over Sunday.  
 Jesse Tatman returned to his home at Newton, Iowa, Monday, after visiting a few days in this city at the home of C. H. Holliday.  
 Miss Rhea Butler, who is a student in the Leon High School, went to her home at Saline, Mo., Friday evening and visited over Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. David Turpen, of Mt. Ayr, were in Leon Tuesday, being on their way home from a few days visit at Pleasanton.  
 Eugene Massey, of near Woodland, returned last Thursday from a few days visit at the home of his brother, John Massey, at Cainsville.  
 Miss Maree Sears, assistant principal of the Leon High School, went to Kellerton Friday evening and visited over Sunday with relatives.  
 George Youngs, who is attending the Leon High School, went to his home near Pleasanton Friday evening and visited over Sunday.  
 Miss Cora Hembrey, who is attending the Leon High School, returned Monday from a few days visit with her parents near Decatur City.  
 L. G. Holloway, who has been assisting with a series of meetings at Pleasanton, was in Leon Tuesday on his way to his home at Lamoni.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McGuire, of Humeston, came Friday to visit a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Alexander in this city.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tansey, of Chariton, came down Thursday to attend the funeral of Rollin Benefiel and visit with friends in this city.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Orville Drury, of Cainsville, Mo., came Monday to visit a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Gray, in this city.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ferguson, of Chariton, came Saturday and visited over Sunday at the home of her brother, Henry Wilson, in this city.  
 Miss Faye Evans, who is teaching near Pleasanton, was visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans in this city last Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Massey, of near Saline, Mo., were over night visitors in this city last Friday, while returning from a visit at Kansas City.  
 Mrs. Mart Leffler returned to her home at Van Wert Friday after visiting a few days in this city at the home of her brother, S. E. Benefiel.  
 H. C. Beard, who has been working in this city with the paving gang for several months, departed Tuesday for his home at Marshfield, Mo.  
 Mrs. C. S. Frazier and daughter Dorothy, of Davis City, were in Leon Friday, returning home from a few days visit with friends at Cainsville, Mo.  
 Mrs. Harry Crago, of Garden Grove, came last Thursday and visited a few days in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pickering.  
 Mrs. F. J. Stewart and son Francis, of Centerville, came Saturday evening and visited over Sunday with Mr. Stewart, the city engineer, in this city.  
 Mrs. Sallie Coyne, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived Saturday evening for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Ray and other relatives in this city.  
 C. G. Cline returned last Thursday evening from Jonroe, Iowa, where he had been for several days finishing up some heating and plumbing work.  
 F. C. Mullinix, Milan Sanger and Harry Jenkins went to Davis City Tuesday to finish up the brick work on T. A. Sutherland's new business block.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore, of Pleasanton, who had been attending the meetings in progress at Davis City, were in Leon Monday on their way home.  
 Mrs. M. L. Dale, of south of Leon, returned Thursday evening from Des Moines, where she had been visiting a few days with her daughter, Miss Nellie.  
 Abe Blakesley left Tuesday for Decatur City and after visiting there will go to Menlo and Iowa City for a visit, expecting to be gone about a month.  
 Mrs. Leoni Evans, who had been visiting relatives in this city, went to Davis City Thursday evening to visit a few days with relatives and friends.  
 Miss Vera McClaran, of Decatur, who is attending the Leon High School, went to Davis City Friday evening and visited over Sunday with friends.  
 Miss Olive Bright returned to her school near Kellerton Thursday evening, having been called here to attend the funeral of her cousin, Rollin Benefiel.  
 Mrs. Lulu Mitten, of Davenport, arrived last Friday evening to visit a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Benefiel in this city.  
 C. T. Rhoades, H. B. Murray, I. N. Payton, John Bucy, Foster Robertson and Ed Scott, of Tuskegee, were business visitors in this city last Thursday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Saylor returned to their home at Van Wert Monday, after visiting a few days in this city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Benefiel.  
 H. D. DeKalb, of DeKalb, came Tuesday evening for a short visit at the homes of his sisters, Mrs. L. P. VanWerden and Mrs. Ed H. Sharp in this city.  
 Mrs. Nellie Dorn departed last Friday for Des Moines, where she will make her future home. Her daughter, Miss Helen, went to Chariton, the same day to visit over Sunday with friends and will then join her mother in Des Moines.

Mrs. J. W. Long and daughter Margery went to Decatur City Friday to attend an entertainment given that evening and visit her mother, Mrs. J. W. Laney.  
 Mrs. J. W. Atteberry and children, of Cainsville, were in Leon Tuesday, being enroute to Davis City to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown.  
 Raymond Howell returned to North Platte, Neb., Saturday, after visiting a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Howell, in this city.  
 A. K. Hartman, who has been here ever since the Ford Paving Co. commenced work last fall acting as time-keeper, returned last Thursday to his home at Cedar Rapids.  
 Harvey Lester, who has been visiting for several weeks at the home of his great-uncle, J. L. Harvey, departed Saturday for his home at Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
 Mrs. James T. Sharp and sister, Mrs. Cora Houdesheldt returned Friday afternoon from a short visit at Davis City, being called there by the serious illness of a niece.  
 Leslie Grimes went to Pleasanton Saturday evening to join his wife and son and visit over Sunday at the home of Mrs. Grimes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Edwards.  
 Miss Ella Officer, of Ridgeway, Mo., who was visiting at the home of her cousin, Fred Barrett, in this city, went to Saline, Mo., Monday to visit a few days with friends.  
 Riley Buchanan went to LeRoy Monday and visited over night at the home of his brother, J. A. Buchanan, and cried a big sale near Smyma on Tuesday for L. E. Clark.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bert Neely returned to their home at St. Joe, Mo., Monday, after visiting a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Baker, near this city.  
 Mrs. Jonas Cook and daughter, Grace, who had been visiting at the home of W. H. Elwell and other relatives in this city, returned to their home at Allerton Friday.  
 George Myers came home from Kellerton Friday evening and visited over Sunday. He is building a new house near Kellerton, but the rain Friday interfered with working.  
 Mrs. Jack Wallace and children returned to their home at Creston Monday after visiting a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Garner, of Eden township.  
 Dr. W. F. Sherman, J. W. Forney and L. C. Lawrence, of Winterset, visited over night in this city Friday, being enroute to Lamoni to look at some land with a view of investing.  
 Mrs. R. C. Bowman, of Chicago, who had been visiting with her husband, the special piano salesman at Estes & Co., went to Murray, Iowa, Monday, to visit a few days with friends.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen and baby returned to their home near Kellerton Thursday evening after visiting a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Edgington, of southeast of Leon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smithson, of Mt. Ayr, who were visiting at the home of James Grandstaff in this city, went to Lamoni Friday evening to visit a few days with friends before returning home.  
 Mrs. A. P. Wooley, of Red Oak, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. A. Cox in this city, went to Grand River Monday to visit a few days with her son, Fred Wooley, before returning home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowsher and son Vogt and Mrs. Robert Bowsher returned Friday evening from Des Moines, where they had been for several days attending the implement dealers convention.

Miss Clita Worden and brother, Harvey, of near Weldon, were in Leon Tuesday, being enroute home from Pleasanton where they had been visiting at the home of their sister, Mrs. L. E. Clark for a few days.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hickman departed Monday afternoon for Des Moines, where they left their car a couple of weeks ago, and will make the drive across the country to their new home near Woods, S. D., if the roads are in shape to travel by auto.  
 Will Ketcham, of Des Moines, arrived in Leon last Friday, a pretty sick young man, suffering from pneumonia, but is receiving the care and attention which can only be given by a mother at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ketcham, in this city.  
 Mrs. Marion E. Wasson, of Des Moines, came Monday evening, to visit a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion F. Stookey, way. While here she will drill the contestants from the Leon schools for the county declamatory contest next week.  
 W. R. Clappitt, who is station agent for the Burlington at Danville, Iowa, returned to that place Tuesday, after visiting with relatives in the vicinity of Pleasanton. He has been taking a month's layoff on account of sickness, but has now fully recovered.  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kemp, of Jewell City, Kansas, who had been visiting at the home of G. G. Meek and other relatives in this vicinity went to Koyla Thursday to visit a few days before leaving for Atchison, Kansas, where they will visit relatives before returning home.  
 Edgar Ketcham, who for the past year has been train dispatcher for the Canadian Pacific R. R. at Field, B. C., arrived last Friday and will visit for a month or six weeks in this city with his parents. He was accompanied to Leon by his friend, L. R. Anderson, also of Field.  
 W. W. Lemmax, who for the past year has been employed as engineer at Swift & Co.'s plant at Clarinda, came in Monday evening and visited here until Tuesday afternoon, when he departed for Oskaloosa, where he has accepted a position with the Oskaloosa Light and Traction Co.  
 Mrs. W. M. Snook and daughter, Miss Hattie, who stopped off in this city for a short visit at the home of B. W. Lanning, while enroute home from Grand River, where they had been visiting at the home of Mrs. Snook's brother, Jacob Switzer, departed Thursday for their home at Hiawatha, Kansas.  
 Rev. E. Luny, who recently closed a series of meeting south of Leon, and who is now holding a series of meetings at Palestine church, west of Leon, was a visitor in this city Saturday. The meetings at Palestine will continue all of this week. Much interest is being manifested and there is a good attendance.  
 Mrs. Frank Dye, who has been a patient for several months at the Leon hospital, returned Saturday to her home at Metz, Mo., almost completely restored to health. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Franks, of Giltner, Neb., who has been here with her, accompanied her to Metz for a few days visit before returning home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shular and family arrived last Thursday from Black Fields, Canada, where they have resided for a number of years, and will become residents of Leon again, Mr. Shular becoming associated with his father-in-law, J. R. Bahaw, in his jewelry and book store. Mr. and Mrs. Shular have many friends in this city who welcome their return to Leon.



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## A Merry Christmas to You All!

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### OUR WEEKLY RECIPE.

**Sponge Cake.** Five eggs, one cup sugar, powdered or fine granulated, one saltspoonful salt, one-half lemon, and juice, one cup pastry flour. Beat the yolks until light or lemon colored and thick. Add the sugar gradually, and beat again. Add the lemon juice or flavoring, and water, if that is to be used. Beat the whites until stiff and dry, and cut or fold them in lightly, then sift in the flour and fold in carefully without any stirring.

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