BURNT SUGAR CAKE

¹ / ₂ cup sugar	Place in saucepan and stir over moderate heat until it throws off intense smoke. Remove from heat and throw in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water. Cover quickly and reheat until dissolved.
¹ / ₂ cup butter 1 ¹ / ₂ cups sugar	Cream thoroughly for five minutes.
2 egg yolks 1 tsp. vanilla 3-4 tbsp. burnt sugar	Add and mix well.
1 cup cold water 2 ½ cups flour 2 tsp. baking powder dash of salt (opt.)	Alternately add flour mixture and water, beginning and ending with flour.
2 egg whites, well beaten	Fold in gently
Bake in two greased and floured pans. ((8" 35-40 minutes. 9" - 30-35 minutes.) 350°F

Frosting for Burnt Sugar Cake 3 cups brown sugar Mix in saucepan; bring slowly to boil and continue \$\frac{1}{2}\$ cup butter to boil gently two minutes. 7 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ tbsp. evaporated milk (or use soymilk or cream) Remove from heat and add. \$\frac{1}{4}\$ tsp. vanilla Remove from heat and add. \$\frac{1}{4}\$ tsp. baking powder Beat with electric mixer or by hand until smooth and of spreading consistency. (Place saucepan in bowl of ice water to cool and thicken faster.)