DOORMAT OR SLAVE DRIVER, WHICH IS BEST? M'LISS ASKS

If You Have an English Husband He's Likely to Call You "Old Dog," but Horrors! an American Will Let You Walk on Him

This you a little doormat in your home? This, according to the English point of view, is equivalent to saying: Are

you married to the typical American man?

For the typical American husband is a doormat-a sort of conjugal Fido who flat down and lets his pretty American wife tramp right over him, scraping the mind off her dainty feet as she goes.

These are not my views. Indeed not! For somehow, despite the slings and arrows of adverse criticism that are constantly being hurled at our men by the gracious and tactful foreign visitors who come to us, I have an abiding respect for the kind of qualities—the durability and chivalry and generosity—that characterizes the typical American husband.

They give all sorts of reason, do these foreigners, for the superiority of their own brand of masulimity to ours. One Italian writer went so far as to infer that did the American men wear green elastic corsets as do some gentlemen of Sunny Italy of her acquaintance, their charm would be infinitely enhanced.

A self-appointed English critic now sings a pacan of praise to J. Hartley Manners, the playwright, for his taste in having the American heroine of his play, The Wooling of Eve." "turn away from the too easy predominance assured to her if she marries her American, and embrace the less regal but more rounded existence that is open to her as the wife of the Englishman."

Less regal and more rounded existence! The wife of an Englishman, it seems, cannot expect to be a queen, but on the other hand she is sure of the "subordination, the discipline of self-sacrifice, and a contentious but full and exciting companionship," which it is said will provide for her a rounded existence. Contention, it is sad to observe, does sometimes manage to creep into even

the best regulated menage, but I rather imagine that the American girl does not exactly marry for it-except, perhaps in the play.

I know an English wife. I have no reason to believe that she is not typical. Certainly her position is less regal than that of the average American wife. Judge for yourself of the "rounded existence" that she enjoys.

When her husband is at home she trots around like a little puppy dog doing things that no American man would permit his wife to do when he is in the vicinity. For instance, the door bell rings, the maid has left for the night. John Bull does not bestir himself, but says with a large and complacent air: "Mary, the bell." Mary trots down. Let that door bell ring a dozen times, it never occurs to the man that he might go and answer it.

Mary has just come upstairs after the sixth trip down. She is a little breathless and asthmatic, it is true, but tries to hide the fact, so as not to annoy her lord and master with her wheezing,

"Mary, this pipe is no longer sweet." This is not only the statement of a fact; it is something of a command. Mary registers obedience and goes to the pipe rack for a sweeter pipe-he telling her from the comfy coign of vantage of his armchair which one he desires,

The hour groweth late, the room cold.

'Mary, It is chilly," Presto! Mary, who weighs but 125 pounds, and her husband nigh onto 190, bounds down the stairs. Directly pleasant little sounds of raking and coal heaving ascend. Mary, the well-disciplined spouse that our critic commends, returns, somewhat disheveled (indeed, that seems to be her perpetual condition; and small wonder!) and awaits the next order.

And the crowning insuit of all is that if her husband's digestion is good, if the world has been doing well by him, he rewards her with a negligent pat on the hand and calls her "old dog." This she regards as one of the fondest terms

Old dog, she is, poor thing, the mother of four children, the mistress of a large household, and alas, alackaday, the wife of an English husband. Much-tobe-envied woman, she of the "full and rounded existence,"

Personally, I think I prefer a doormat,

Letters to the Fditor of the Woman's Page Address all communications to M'Liss, care of the Evening Ledger. Write on one side of the paper only.

Mme. Helena Modjeska died on April 8. 1909, at Orange County, southern Call-fornia. She retired from the stage in May, 1905, her last appearance them at a benefit given at the Metropolitan Opera

My dear M'Liss—Will you please tell me how much the rag rugs that you wrote about the other day cost when made "Et home. I mean how much material is required, what it costs what kind to get and where to buy it. Also what colors to the control of the costs.

If you the same and will, of agone and white will, of by 24, done in bine calico and white unbleached mustin, which is an admirable correct control of the bine and six of the white.

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Dear M'Liss—Will you kindly inform speod of heavy sewing thread plus the me if Mine. Modisska, the Polish actress, is speod of heavy sewing thread plus the expenditure of time, for which you will be still living? If deceased, when did she die?

J. P. T.

amount of material required will, of course, depend on the size of the rug. A good-sized small rug, let us say one 26

me how much the rag rugs that you wrote about the other day cost when made it home. I mean how much material is required, what it costs, what kind to get and where to buy it. Also what colors to choose.

If you have saved your old rags, the rugs will cost you nothing, except the price of a coarse sewing needle and a sired white about the blue and six of the white. The Washington prints used to be 7 cents a yard. They are 10 now and in most of the blue and six of the white.

The Washington prints used to be 7 cents a yard. They are 10 now and in the base-ment. Of course you can pick up remnaits cheaper. Your rug ought not to cost more than \$1.25. If properly made, the rags being first faded thoroughly to prevent running, it will last for several lifetimes.

GARDENING FROM A WINDOW

Plants to Choose and Their Care By JOHN BARTRAM

Taking up from Thursday "Unfortun-ate's" query as to plants that will not only flourish but give constant bloom in a porthern light, I would suggest first of all begonias as fulfilling these requisites. There are two kinds, the tuberous rooted and the fibrous rooted, which require somewhat different culture and so should not be mixed. The former are the more striking in effect and have double flowers, but will not bloom so freely, though they are generous with flowers. The latter bloom continuously from May till frost, and may be taken indoors for later winter

Both can be grown from the soil up, one with bulbs and the other with clumps of roots, but it is really better to buy established plants, which are ready at the seedsmen's by or sometimes before May I. The begonins will permit a wide variety of color. Single flowering tuberous rooted of color. Single howering tuberous rooted are listed at 10 to 15 cents each in the named varieties, which insures control of the color scheme, or they can be bought for 5 cents each or 75 cents a dozen in mixed varieties, the selection left to the dealer. Personally I would buy the named varieties selecting a couple of harmonizing hues. A very good combination would be the Zepelin (vermillien) and the Lafaythe Zeppelin (vermillion) and the Lafay-ette (brilliant crimson). These special varieties are a bit dearer, 29 cents each, variaties are a bit dearer, 20 cents each, or \$2 per dozen. A dozen would be enough, planted nine inches apart in a single row for two small window boxes. Then for the background use some of the fancy leaved caladiums which come at 20 cents each or \$2 per dozen. Half a dozen of these would be enough for two windows. They can be chosen in a wide variety of foliage, to match the color scheme of the bagonias. The Fred Hause or the Itapoca would make a fine combination with a choice of red in the begonias.

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In the front of the box could be planted fachsias at \$1 a dozen or ferns like the maidenhairs (Adlantums) at \$1.50 a dozen, or these might be used as the entire combination, omitting the begonias altogether, though there would not be

entire combination, statisting the beginner allogs ther, though there would not be no much bloom.

Another suggestion would be to mix some of the Astarragus Madagasceriensis with ferne, if only a green effect is sought. This has glossy foliage and orange-red begries set freely on the tips of the branches. They cost 25 cents each or \$1.50 a dozen. The so-called assaragus fees. Plumanus Nanus, is very effective with its misty foliage; it costs 15 cents each or \$1.50 a dozen. The emerald feather is another asparagus fero—variety Sprenger)—which is excalent for window box use; it has a trailing habit and should be used on the edge of the box.

Other plants for trailing over the box are wince (variegated periwinkle) at \$2 a dozen ivy germium or trailing fuchsine. The tuberous rooted begonias require a soil that remains motes, but it must not be allowed to become waterlogged. Too much watering makes the plants soft and they break down under the burden of unrecoling. The fibrous-rooted begonias require regular watering, but not souking. Do not water the leaves, put the water along the side of the box and about the roots so that it will reach the plants from tempetate the leaves, put the water along the side of the box and about the roots so that it will reach the plants from tempetate the leaves, put the store a minute chains. Garantums a time that albertune plants as they continue the minute chains. Garantums a time the colors a single to fine.

Bring your problems of gardening the Evening Ledger for solution. In addition to practical articles, timely to the season, the editor will answer, either out of his own experience as a soull-scale gardener or through con-sultation with authorities, questions of renders. Address John Bartram, Evening Ledger, Philadelphia.

petunias planted in appropriate shade of mauve or red to flow over the sides. Verbenas in various colors cost 75 cents to \$1 a dozen and heliotrope \$1 a dozen. The Centefleur heliotrope is a deep violet; the Chieftan illac, the Mme, de Blonay, white. Heliotropes and verbenas mix very well for window box use. If white of both is used sweet alyzeum may be planted as an edging with white flowers. It costs in the dwarf form 75 cents a dozen. If purples, lilacs or violets are used the Kenliworth try (Linaria Cymbalaria), with its trailing

Petunias and sweet alyssum may be planted from seed which comes at 5 and 10 cents a packet. Nasturiums may be used for an entire box, the dwarfs or Tom Thumb varieties for the upright growth and the trailing kinds to wander over the edge of the box. These are very nat-

If seeds are planted see that the surface

THE CHEERPUL CHERUB The spring time in the country charms With fregrence weaving spells. In city street cars in the spring We get the smells

ivy (Linaria Cymbalaria), with its trailing habit and lavender and purple flowers, makes a charming horder. The price is 16 cents each or \$1 a dozen.

isfactory to handle from seed, which comes at 5 and 10 cents a packet. The plants are hard to buy, as the roots are fleshy and do not stand transplanting well. Do not let either nasturtlums or petunias run to seed by neglecting to cut withering biossoms.

of the soil is kept always moistened till the plants are properly sprouted and then kept well watered.

If blue is selected for the color lobelia will give a good foundation. If a dozen Latanas in pink, white, scarlet and yellow cost the same. For a blue box tradescantia.

Garden Cultivator



SEEN IN THE SHOPS

PASHION has set its seal on Jersey cloth and checked velour for sports costumes.

They include every color in the rainbow. A smart two-piece suit of rose and white Jersey is shown today. The coat features the old rose material, with collar, such and novelry pockets of the white The fastenings are white pearl buttons.

The coat may be wern us a sweater with light summer skirts. The skirt of the suit itself is very bouffant. The suit may be ordered in solid and in different color combinations. Price, \$15.

Striped sibner trims the crown of this posts but of Tables.

inbinations. Price, 335.
Striped ribbon trims the crown of this sports hat of Belgian split straw. Loose ends of the ribbon are seen hanging over the brim at one side. In any color, the

work.

Any attractive calleges are suitable
The Washington prints, made now by the
mills in the modern way, after the oldfashioned designs, are preferable. The
amount of material recovery.

HOW TO SNEEZE, COUGH AND SAVE ANNOYANCE TO PERSONS NEAR YOU

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

and various other infections graining entrance through the massi mucous membrane. To suppress a sneeze for a little white, as pending the conclusion of the serious of the most difference in the conclusion of the serious of the most difference in the conclusion of the serious of the most difference in the conclusion of the serious difference in the cough and makes you a comparatively safe invalid to be at large.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Secum Permeates the Entire System You doctors, contends an antisomething, have serium on the brain. Even whooping-cough must now be "injected!"

Answer—Every good doctor has his brain full of serium, also his liver, heart, lungs, and other functionally efficient organs. You antis, perhaps, rely upon a good grade of ink to maintain your dir-

night will be sufficient for this treatment for window hoxes under any exposure. In the case of sunny exposure take care not to water when the sun is on the creating an unpleasant effect. The cost is \$1.50 a dozen. Vincu is perhaps the best vine to go with the geranium.

If more color is sought heliotrope and verbenas may be the central feature, and petunias planted in appropriate shade of mauve or red to flow over the sides. Verbenas in earlier for this treatment and so specific on which is the impossional proposal to the nose. The wrong way to do thin is by grasping the problems if miles the problems is first and burst the ear-drums. The right way is by closling only one toostril at a time by pressure and then blow-ling the other. This obviates the risk of forcing infectious secretions up into the Eustachian tube and perhaps setting up bedroon

spider worth at15 cents each or \$1 a dozen ospider worth atta cents each or \$1 a dozen, make a good edging. Ageratum is a variation of blue flower that may be planted with lobella, \$1 a dozen. Abutilon, at the same price, is a good choice if yellow is the motif of the color scheme. It goes well with trailing nasturbum.

Occasionally use a little manure water made by making a very sale solution of

made by making a very pale solution of sheep manure in water or by using one of the patented plant foods which come at about a quarter a package. Once a fort-plants or is veering around to them, as

plants or is veering around to them, as this will burn the foliage and create general havoc.

After the summer blooming is over—and all the plants have been mentioned for constant blooming habit—the boxes may be filled for the winter with some of the little evergreen trees which are so attractive. When the plants begin to peak and pine in sildsummer, in order to stimulate fresh bloom, it is wise to give them an occasional dressing of a solution of nitrate of soda, one ounce to a square yard of surface, dissolved in a quart of water. Pour this gently upon the soil and do not let it come in contact with the roots or foliage.

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED

Ferns for Boxes Friend John Bartram—Kindly suggest a few ferns which would combine will in a window for. Today's gardening article contains several suggestions for choice and planting ferns, with

Friend John Hartram What is the price of a garden cultivator, if you advise the use? DOCTOR Most assuredly I advise the investment for anything largue than a 20 by 20 blot. The "wheel hoe," us it is usually cuited makes agreeming very says. A single wheel hee coats 12 by 18, with necessary attachments. The doubte wheel, which I like better for general gardening, nosts from 55 to 38, according to the number of attachments. Too should have plowwhares, cultivator teeth and foliage lifter. Offer.

Mesh Bags Mesh bags are fashionable again. They for very foose, with a wide frame and a wall for the Bottom. Gift and Walnut Street at 13th liver are occasing popular.

Nowadays the doctor has to teach people how to stand, sit, breathe, eat, brush the teeth, dress, work and play. We have offered suggestions about all of these things in this department. Now let us explain how one should stiegze, blow the nose and cough.

A good, hearty sneeze is an excellent thing for the health. It is nature's own artiflying or probybatic agreement over the house is muffled by the handkerchief. With house is muffled by the handkerchief. With traing for the health. It is nature's own tightly, not loosely. Then cough. The antidots or prophylactic against coryga boile is muffled by the handkerchief. With practice you can learn to cough almost trance through the nasal mucous members a success for a life to the cough almost of the cough almost of

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Why Our Grandfathers Rose Early When I was a young man I always got up before 6 o'clock, a grandfather writes, tril at a time by pressure and then blowing the other. This obviates the risk of
forcing infectious secretions up into the
Eustachian tube and perhaps setting up
caractic and inflammation of the middle
ear. Also it gives a more effectual clearing of the masal passage. Also it causes
no al normal congestion.

Troublesome cough often persists long
after the original irritation or cause has

Scintillant Coiffures

The fashion for peacock hair ornaments is said to be directly traceable to Bakst. All kinds of fancy combs are studded with sparkling blue and green stones. The wide-open fan arrangements are supposed to top off the Spanish colffure, after the style adopted in the "Goyescas"—the new Spanish opera. Barettes of studded tor-toise are also seen; some of them are oblong, others heart-shaped, and several were fashioned after a shield design.

VOGUE

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Here you may study the new est and smartest of the spring fashions exactly reproduced in Vogue Patterns. Exclusive and original designs of gowns, tailored suits, morning frocks, dinner or dance frocks, wraps, blouses and children's clothes are shown.



Marion Harland's Corner

All communication addressed to Marlon Harland should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a clipping of the article in which you are interested Persons wishing to add in the charitable work of the H. H. C. should write Marlon Harland, in care of this maper, for addresses of those they would like to belo, and, having received them, communicate direct with those parties.

HT HAVE communicated with Mrs. J. M. whose address you sent me, and have promised to send her my copies of the magazines she wants. Now about the inclosed clippings. I have several pages of paper dolls for B. R. I will try to send her some of the things H. H. L. asks for to comfort and cheer her. also have postcards for M. A. J. Last of all, I have a crocheted hood that I made for a friend's baby, but as her baby was exceptionally large I made her another for him and will send the other to H. H. L. As I am a rather busy woman, I may not be able to send everything at once, but you may be sure that it won't be long before requests are attended to, after receiving your reply.
"MRS. W. E. P."

We have here a letter that calls forth a fervent expression of thankfulness to the power that puts it into your heart not only to "devine liberal things" but to execute them. Every address for which you ask is now in your hands. As they went promptly to you by mail upon receipt of your communication, there may seem to be no reason for the publication of the foregoing. It is an act of simple Justice to the Corner and Cornerites that once in a while we let the outer world have a glimpse into the busy inner chambers where we work for the good of the great family.

Likes Privilege of Helping

"Thank you very much for the names ou sent me. I sent Miss E. S. a pair of blankets and received a nice letter of acknowledgment from her. I mean to go and see her. For Miss M. E. H. I have not done anything so far, but will soon, if possible. I thank the Corner for the satisface of helping. privilege of helping.

The Corner owes thanks to you, not merely for your beneficence to our needy members, but for considering that it is a privilege to work with us. From the first line to the last your report is flawless. You are kind and thoughtful to compre-hend the gratification it has brought to us in the reading.

Collecting Pieces for Quilts

"May I have the address of the woman "May I have the address of the woman who offers slik pieces for quilts? I am a woman 65 years of age, and have for years been trying to esilect pieces for a quilt. I shall be glad if I can have them. I hope to be able to do something for the Corner at some future time. I will gladly write a letter of cheer to some aged shutter.

No slik and velvet pieces are left in ou gift. But the perusal of your letter should "bring forth the fruits" of a supply suf-ficient to make a goodly beginning for that long-desired quilt. We hold your ad-Iress in the hope and expectation, "Aged thut-in" brings pictures to the imagination that make us comprehend what a boon a letter of cheer from the wide stirring world outside of one's chamber walls

Loads of Magazines and Music

"If you will send my address to some one of the many always calling for read-ing matter, I can supply any one who cares to pay carrying charges. I have loads of good magazines and music to loads of good magazines and music to give away, and, lastly, would state that I should like to correspond with some lonely shut-in who doesn't get much chance to know anything of the outside. "MRS. S. E. L."

Your offer reads like the revelation of a "bonanza". Do not fall to apprise us when to call a halt in the fire of requests for a share in the bountiful store of lit-erature and music. Also when you have all the correspondents you can manage of the class you aim to reach.

Hints for Hostesses

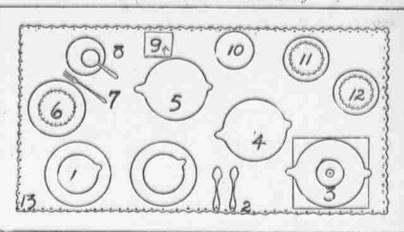
find that almost every variation in the menu has been tried. One woman does away with this calam-Ity by a rather ingenious plan. When she entertains or even when she goes to a dinner party or luncheon outside of her home, she makes a mental inventory of the menu. This she enters in a little book she keeps for the purpose, with the date, the number of guests, and the cost, if she happens to know it. Whenever she sees a good recipe in the

Whenever she sees a good recipe in the papers or in some cookbook, she cuts it out and pastes it in the back of the book. Oddments in eable decoration, color-scheme favors, salads, and anything of this sort are also noted. In this way she has a wealth of suggestions always at hand, besides widening her knowledge of artistic table decoration, palatable cookery and the art of being a real hostess. In another part of this book one may ery and the art of being a real hostess.

In another part of this book one may see the names of her intimate friends, and, opposite the name, their particular likes and dislikes. In this way there is no embarrassment in serving meals. Each one has some little pet delicacy, and told is noted down. The idea is a good one and open to many interesting variations.

PROPER SERVICE FOR PROPER TIMES By VIRGINIA E. KIFT

The Five o'Clock Tea Trav



Arrangement of tray-Service explained.

Sogar bowl 9 Naphine 12 Plate for breuit or Johnson 10 Finger bowl cake for breuit or Lemon fork and ten with the or bread strainer

Menu for a Five o'Clock Tea Tray

VERY often you have a friend calling to whom you would like to serve afternoon tea, or you are entertaining your best-loved chum in your own room and wish to have the 5 o'clock ten tray

trought to von there.

At such times it is nice to know that the tray which is coming will be attractive and properly fixed. There is a right and a wrong way to do everything, and the tea tray service is often in bad order. How the tray should be set:

First. Place the teapot and tile at the right of the tray.

Second. At the left place the cups on their saucers.

The most inexperienced maid can the plature correctly.

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Third. Beside the teacups place two

Fourth. The augar and cream, teastrainer and saucer are handlest when on a diagonal line with the teapot, as in Fifth. Place the lemon wheels on a doile and plate back of the left teacup. Lay the lemon fork flat on the tray.

Sixth. Place the plates for sandwiches and ten cakes at the right of the tray beyond the tennot.

Seventh. At the very back in the centre place a small finger bowl and the napkins, If you cut this diagram out and give It to your maid to paste in a cook book, or tack in the mantry, you will never have to leave your guest alone while you attend to proper tea tray arrangement.

The most inexperienced maid can copy

About Handbags

Bakst isn't lost to Philadelphia so long as women carry the odd and weirdly col-ored handbags that are the mode this sea-They may be fashloned of the darkest material, but it is sure to be lightened, if not absolutely glorified, by up-and-down panels of figured silk, brocaded over in dull gold and silver. Several kinds of metallic embroideries are seen on the one

Handles are brilliantly colored, too, They are of dull red opaque glass, jade, or abroad jet. Ornaments are seen at the top, such The mystic majesty of Light and God. as small electronics, parrots, Chinese man-darins and flowers

Care of Linoleum

Spring housecleaning means that every nock and corner of the kitchen must be scoured, as well as the rest of the house. Linoleum will look like new if it is washed clean, thoroughly dried and then coated with goo white shellac. This protects the surface of the linoleum itself, is easily washed, and pays, too, for good lineleum is expensive. Bugs placed before the kitchen sink and table will also prove an

Watch Your Rubbers

April showers bring up the subject of abbers. Did you ever know that a layer rubbers. Did you ever know that a layer of crushed tissue paper inserted into the heel of a pair of rubbers will do much toward lessening the wear at this point? The rather hard hoel on one's shoe makes a crack in this place ordinarily, and many fect have to be discarded.

Consecration Lift, lift my soul— Meet then the light that shafts through western panes. Braiding the gloom with gold, until God

reigns In thee sublime and whole, King of thins edger joy and sombre dole.

Then keys, dear keys, Touched by the hands that love thee, tell

Till heavenly raptures selse And on His altars by the souls of these! -Katharine Atherton Grimes, in South-

Fashion's Latest

ern Woman's Magazine.

Foulards are smart. They may be used as pipings or bandings on serge, taffets and Georgette frocks and blouses.

Picot edged faille ribbons are in the greatest demand. They trim dresses, hats and even lingerie. mian blouses look very smart with

white skirts.

Mobairs, alpacas and like materials will be used for street frocks.

In the Kitchen

Shears—big common shears, such as used to cut thick felt—are mighty useful around the kitchen. They are invaluable when it comes to cutting the joints of fowl, trimming lettuce, preparing grape-fruit and other things about the kitchen.



