SEWING ADVICE—"SHORT-WEIGHING" THE CONSUMER DISCUSSED BY M'LISS—JOHN BARTRAM

GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR, M'LISS ADVISES, OR KNOW WHY

A Market Adventure Discloses a Wholesale Tendency on the Part of the Petty Merchants to Cheat

BEFORE I had a certain little adven-"yarns" that are current concerning the wily and auccessful attempts of the propristors of the corner groceries in "shortweighing" their unsuspecting customers. But yesterday I went out with a friend who was provisioning her apartment for several days, and I learned things.

Come with me," she said, swinging an art basket on her arm with great show of nonchalance. My friend Mary carries her parcels and baskets with an air which says more plainly than words: "See what an independent woman I am. I don't care a tinker's dam for what my neigh bor thinks."

But her packages are always such dec orative affairs and her baskets so unlike any one else's baskets that you feel she is an arrant "poseuse" all the while.

Into the highways and byways we went, having many good things to eat. Some things, like string beans, Mary pinched with her fingers to judge whether or not they were fit for purchasing; others, like cantaloupes, she elevated with a superior resture to her nostrils and sniffed with gustatory sniffs. The tradespeople, seemingly, were much impressed with the highbrow lady's-for she looks like that-practical knowledge of foodstuffs. At least I up amusing myself by watching Mary and fixed my attentions on them.

We were at the cheese counter. The old cheese woman whom Mary picked out "because she was an interesting type" had a wizened face like the Witch of Endor.

"A pound of sharp American cheese." anid Mary, in the crisp tone she employs when doing business.

The time-saving Mary then gave over her attention to rhubarb. The old cheese woman took the sharp American cheese off the scale when the indicator had barely passed the % mark.

"My friend ordered a pound, not just three-quarters," I reminded her.

She regarded me with a fishy eye and gave vent to an astonished "Oh!" But she added an extra quarter pound of cheese. Mary was astounded. She said she'd been dealing with that woman for three years and had never before caught her cheating.

The potato man inserted a fist that would have done justice to a blacksmith into the dry measure that he was filling with the quarter peck of potatoes we had ordered. Mary, now thoroughly alert. observed him as though he had been the original thief.

"If you remove your fist," she said tartly when he was about to dump the quarter peck minus into a paper bag, 'you will be able to get at least four more potatoes into that measure." Resentfully he uncarthed his hand and

added enough potatoes to make a meal for two persons.

The man who sold us bacon had an affectionate little finger which hung onto our end of the scale like a pudgy barnacle. It was no featherweight, that little finger, for when he removed it at our request the scale went back three-eightha of a pound.

Up in the Parkway Building Philadelphia maintains a Bureau of Weights and thought they were impressed until I gave Measures, with John Virdin in charge. The energies of a whole corps of trained men are bent toward protecting women from fraudulent shopkeepers. Thousands of false scales and measures are confiscated annually, but the city cannot provide an agent for every woman who goes a-marketing. It cannot insure her against dishonesty, if, having eyes to see, she refuses to use them.

> Our experience was casual. I am sure that if in the course of an afternoon's shopping three dealers tried to cheat us other women must be suffering likewise. Do you get what you pay for? and if MTLISS. not, why not?

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A law party. With all the girls dressed in the law to be a still of the college armulate their daintiest frocks, or a campire party, with all the girls dressed in the sector of the state of the sector of the sect

Dear M Liss-Honestly, are you not a little too hard on the female mob? Don't you think that a girl who has just completed a college ourse should be proved of the fact? True, sho has inhibed a lot of knowledge which is of no sarthly use to her in the battle of life. This provides may represent 15 per cent. of her ducation, but surely the other 25 per cent. must be of some value and must count. A girl who knows everything that is to be known of biology, crinthology, psychonosology. The college girl may be a snob and a nuisance and yet he a big success in any walk of life into which fortune may lead her. MALE ANTISNOBOLOGIST.

LOVE LETTERS OF A GUARDSMAN AND GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND HIM

Being the Intimate Sentimental Correspondence Between a Beginning-Lawyer Recruit and a Woman Who Has Both Brains and a Heart

MARION HARLAND'S CORNER

SEEN IN THE SHOPS

ATTRACTIVE SPORTS COSTUME

ONE of the late models is this one of Jersey silk, which may serve as a sports coat O or blouse. It features the combination of plain and striped material in rose, copen and hunters' green. Cording emphasizes the yoke, from which fulness is introduced. The sash and acorn buttons are of self-material. Price, \$3.50, in very good quality of silk.

The skirt, also of Jersey silk in a good quality, features long slit pockets trimmed with self-covered buttons. A frill finishes the adjustable belt and a cord the hem. In white only ; price, \$11.75.

This new sports hat is of green velour, with a facing of white grosgrain ribbo stitched by hand in green. A band of the same, also stitched in green, is finished at the left with a tailored bow and at the right with a large white silk tassel. It may be ordered in various colors for \$12.

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THE WOMAN WHO SEWS

Readers scho desire help with their dress problems will address communications to the Fashion Expert, care of the Editor of the

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED By JOHN BARTRAM

Baby Rambler Roses

C. K .- The Baby Rambler or Polyantha C. R.—The Baby Rainfoler of Polyantha roses are very mainfactory. They bloom virtually every day over a long season. Often the bushes are a mass of bloom. The flowers are fragrant and pretty. Of course they are not so shapely or colorful as some of the tess or perpetuall, but they serve a corr unstall for massing as some of the tens of perpetualt, but they serve a very useful purpose for massing or low hedges. The plants are somewhat dwarfish for a hedge or border. They can be planted about one foot apart and kept trimmed to a height of threes or four feet. Pots from specimens, blooming or about to bloom, can be bought now at from 10 to 50 cents each La the states the about to bloom, can be bought now at from 30 to 75 cents each. In the winter the roots should have a little earth banked over them and a light protection of atraw The Mme, Norbert Lavavasseur is the red; Katharine Zeimet, while and pink; Dorothy Perkins, pink, that are hardlest and most doriference. floriferous

Strawberries

H. J.--You won't get a very large crop from a dozen strawberry plants, but you can have a certain degree of satisfaction in growing a few choice specimens, eating them, germs and all, as they ripen. It is about the right time to plant now, and I would advise purchase of pot-grown va-rietles for your purpose. They cost about 10 cents each. Plant about one foot apart, in soil which has had some sand mixed in. Brandywine, Cardinal, Gandy and Ohmer are reliable kinds.

Care of Fern

Care of Fern ESTHER—I am sorry that your fern is poorly. The only thing to do is to cut the plant to the roots, burning the diseased leaves. Dig in a little bone meal to stimu-late growth and give a pretty good amount of water while the plant is developing. Proper care for a healthy fern includes washing of the fronds every week and watering twice a week by putting the pot into a pan of water overnight. This is better than surface watering.

For a Rustic Box

S. T. P.-For a rustic box I would ad-vise a combination of ferns, of the hardier sort, such as Scotti, Teddy Junior, Roosevelt; some small paims for the centre, sev-eral colors of crotons to give gay effect and pandanus, which has dainty green and and pandanus, which has dating into have white leaves. Of course, you will not have any flowers on these, but then you will not have the out-of-blooming periods which not have the out-of-blooming periods which are so discouraging to many amateurs.

Coloring Hydrangeas Blue

Coloring Hydrangeas Blue ARTHUR C.—There are said to be sev-eral ways of securing the deep blue color in the summer or herbaceous hydrangeas. One writer says to mix in some iron filings about the soil. Another says powdered alum dug the shout the roots will give the effect in about the roots will give the effect sought. Of course, some of these hydrangeas are naturally blue in bloom

For Turnips

C. D. S.—One of the best things for tur-nips to kill the small bugs and to fertilize the ground is to sprinkle soot on the plants and about the roots.

Inter Rows in Asparagus Beds

D. F.--If as you say you have four feet between the rows of asparagus and the ground is very heavily fortilized with wellground is very heavily fertilized with well-rotted maunre since last fall. I see no rea-son why you abould not take advantage of the space and fertilizer by planting some-thing between. Bush limas abould flourish in such an environment. Salad plants should come to head very quickly under the conditions. Other things that might be planted there would be dwarf brussels approved as the set of the state of the set of the set. be planted there would be dwarf brussels sprouts or flowers for cutting, such as asters. These should be bought in plant form now and put in immediately. Do not put in anything that runs and thus might choke down the asparagus. It is about time to stop cutting the asparagus now.

Tree Seeds

OLNEY-Yes, it is possible to buy tree I thought that you might have some idea of a stylish-looking dress for this purpose and would let me know. I have tried shirtwaists and skirts, but they mails too much laundry to carry around. Can you help me? E. M. F. seeds, but unless you wish to plant them simply for the fun of the experiment, it will be more satisfactory for you to buy your saplings; those sold by reliable firms cost Fashion E-pirit, the Evening Ledger. Womas's Page, the Evening Ledger. Have you seen the new collapsible hats? They're not things of beauty in every in-stance, it is true, but they are practical enough to appeal to any woman who puts comfort before style. E. M. F. I saw a gown recently that was ex-made of novelty volle, in a dark shade of navy for the background, and striped with comfort before style. E. M. F. I saplings; those sold by reliable firms cost only 25 cents to 75 cents, according to size and variety. You can plant seeding apples and pears and peaches, but to be sure of results they should be grafted. Apple

of lettuce. Trim the root ends to a point, but do not remove them. Boil in salted water for about 10 minutes, then let them remain under the cold water spigot until all remain under the cold water spigot until all sand and grit has been removed. When thoroughly clean, drain, cut in halves and fill the centre with the following stuffing; Three ounces of lean meat, two ounces of fat, two ounces of soaked bread, well squeezed, seasoned with salt, pepper and nutmeg, and one beaten egg. The the halves seed is listed in the catalogues at 10 cents an ounce; box, 10 cents an ounce; catalpa. 20 cents. From these prices you can get an idea of how tree seeds run. I am sending you the address of the firm that specializes n these by post.

Rutabaga

Rutabaga MRS. T. M.—The rutabaga is otherwise known as the Swede turnip. The flesh is either yellow or white and very nutritious. It has the turnip flavor. Rutabagas grow best in a light, sandy soil. The seed can be sown in drills from late June till the early part of August. The drills should be from 15 to 24 inches apart and the plants about six to eight inches apart after thin-ning. In planting put the seeds about half an inch deep. Cultivate frequently. An ounce of seed will be plenty for 250 feet of drill. For the purposes of a small family drill. For the purposes of a small family garden a five-cent packet will be enough for several short rows planted in succession. Improved purple top, large white French and white rock are standard va-rieties.

Everbearing Raspberry

Everbearing Raspberry E. T. R.—The everbearing raspberry is the St. Regis. The canes bear heavily from June till October. The berries have the true raspberry flavor and are deep orimson in color and large in size. This is more than a mere novely, as its merits have been tested. However, I would not advise you to put the raspberries out this time of year. It will be better to wait till the late fall or the early spring. The plants cost about 75 cents a dozen or \$2.50 per hundred. Of regular cropping raspberper hundred. Of regular cropping raspher-ries the best blacks are the Plum Farmer, a fine blackcap which bears heavily for shout a week, and the Cumberland, which is the largest of the blacks. The Cuth-bert is the best of the bright reds. The Golden Queen is the old-fashioned yellow raspberry. It is large and very sugary in flavor.

Love

Implacable is Love-Foes may be bought or teased From their hostile intent. But he goes unappeased Who is on kindness bent. -Henry D. Thoreau.

Still They Come

Painted mica birds and butterbles have invisible wires attached so that when they are stuck into the flower bowl it looks just as if the insect was hovering over the blosms, ready to alight; a very pretty illu-

To My Grandmother

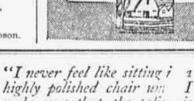
sion.

This relative of mine. Was she seventy and nine When she died? By the canvas may be seen How she looked at seventeen,

Lace, ribbons and coquette Falbala; Were Romney's limning true, What a lucky dog you are,

-Frederick Locker-Lampson

Grandpapa!



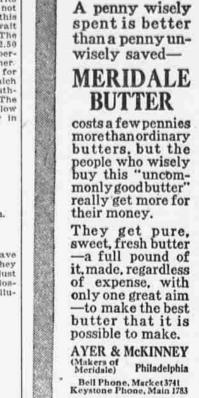
make sure that the polis. is hard and not sticky." (From the unspoken thoughts of a society queen)

(From a portrait by Romney.) As a bride. In bridal coronet,



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Lettuce Hints

together and place in a saucepan, cover with water, to which add a slice of sust or cooking fat to each lettuce. Stew for about two hours, when the lettuce should be done. Drain and serve.

Boiled Dressing

A bolied dressing for fruit saind is made by beating the yolks of two eggs until they are creamy, adding a quarter cupful of fruit juices—orange or pineapple—and a quarter cupful of lemon juices and the same amount of sugar. Stir over hot water

in a double boiler. This is a pleasing dress

ing for fruit salad.

Remove the outside leaves of two heads



From "Private" Richard Harrison, Penn-sylvania National Guard, to Miss Helen Martin, Spruce street, Philadelphia.

My Dearest Nell-By the time this letter of mine reaches you we'll be in El Paso. Am I glad to get there? Gee! Dear, I don't need to tell you that I'm

not celebrating any gladness that comes of the thought of the distance between us; nor am I so spoiling for a fight that I can't wait with patience the completion of the ride.

Why the joy then, you ask? Well, the fact is, Nell, I and every bloomin' last one of us, including Carl and Tom, want a comfortable bath and the reasonable surety of regular meals.

Uncle Sam, when he tends to things him-self, as he does in the army, takes care of his, men. When he leaves it to the railreads, as he did in sending us south, the men seem to be the least important part of the journey. Freight comes first. When you really stop to analyze the feelings of all of us. Nell girl, I don't think what hurts so much is the discomfort we endured, though it was considerable. The burt is mental rather than physical-Uncle Sam, when he tends to things himhurt is mental rather than physical-psychological rather than physiological. To think it was permitted to happen rather

than the fact that it did happen is what makes us sore. Insufficient drinking water, hungry 24

hours at a time, and then beg charity from those splendld Middle Western folk—to think that such things were possible in our boasted age of efficiency. All profes-more I ever had and all the magazine writ-srs I have been reading insist that this Thatted States is growing lazy fat with its United States is growing lazy fat with its interest statisty. Pennsylvania's soldiers suf-fered through plain, hungling incompetence, and it aught to be told to the responsible officials, and if they don't hear the angry whispers it ought to be bellowed in their to enjoy them-vicariously. Good-by, dear Dick

Why don't you get your women's or-sanizations to start something? It always seems to me that a woman's indignation registers most quickly with the men. I know one thing: You'll never let me go hungry if I furnish you with a proper allowance. I must say in all seriousness, dear. I believe if women had had charge of our trip we'd have got to our destination much sooner and in a great deal more comfort and good humor. Isn't it so that when women want men to do something for them they always tickle them into the right mood with an appeal to their stomach? Surely, if they wanted men to fight for them—and what more can one do?—they would see that the new were fed properly. Really, I'm serious

men were fed property. Really. I'm serious. Start something in one of those Philadel-phia clubs you always tell me about. It would be great news to tell the boys here. Honey. I've got your picture right where it ought to be-in my left-hand pocket, over my heart. I hope you'll forgive me, but I cut away all that expensive cardboard and

The function of the second state warm soapsuds.

Dear Madam-I want to wash inv white cord roy suit. It is a Norfoik model and very plain I am alraid to attempt it, yet cannot afford to have it cannet. Is it possible to do it success fully at home? Kindly five ms directions an obligs MRS, II, J. V. Your suit may be laundered beautifully at home. The secret of doing up corduroys is to allow them to stand in the water long enough to get out all the dust and dirt withtimes you're having, and I'll do my

-solution of soapsuids and add a dash of ammobia to it. Let your suit soak in this for an hour or more, then take it loozely in the hands and dip it in and out sufficiently to get the dirt out; then rinse in luke-warm clear water. Don't wring, simply press out as much water is you can, and hang it out to drip until dry. If the nap looks rough, iron on the wrong side with a clear coal iron or brush the map with a clean whisk.

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Manna a California Seed

TILEANOR describes what she call manna, and which was known when If manna, and which was known when I was a boy as California seed, in 1876. The seeds were like proposer. Place 12 seeds in resonant water. They will swell up to double the sha and begin the up and down movement, always separating at the top of the water. Then place them in a larger result, and more avected water, and they will again awell and separate to produce a drive dominant to persimplicity. The seed mine from California. W. M. H."

Thousand Island Dressing

turnand behaved dreaming (avked for by al (intrustriest) Mix carefully into a h and west-wisended mayannalas two at nil, yoing of threse sums and haif cup sur. It will take tuily half an hour, the success of the mayonnalas depends the sking of it. Now, atir in slowing child aver ut. Now, atir in slowing of chill assoc until will mixed at fine one kunch of dilyan mind tage, two amounts and

half a green pepper. Add paprika and sait to taste and mix with the mayonnaise. This makes about a quart of dressing. It, will keep a long time in a cool place if covered when not in use. _____ E. W. R." Dear Madam-I am going away on an exten ed automobile tour and am on the lookout for one-plece frock that will be next and surviceabl

Removes Blood Stains

"I read of H. L. C., who wishes to know how to remove blood stains from corduroy. Plause tell her to make a thick pasts of starch and a little water, then spread it over the stains. Let it stand until perfectly dry. I have used this method a number of times and speak from experience. "EEADER." "READER."

Crocheted Rug From Hoslery "I want to tell F. H. B. how I made a beautiful crocheted rus. I wrote to all my with home, first cut the stocking round and round in cros long strip an inch wide or a little wider, if the slik be thin while or a little wider, if the slik be thin while or a little wider, if the slik be thin while then took yellow, bronse, brown, rean, black, green then black again as a bong as you like. Croches round and round four rug will then be crail in shape and be made any size. My easter made one of red slik petiticets. It is beautiful. "L. H." Crocheted Rug From Hosiery

sleeves, with white collar and cuffs. The skirt and bodice were made all in one, with The idea is to provide a becoming hat that can be made flat enough to slip into a suitcase. This is no easy matter, for the box plaits from the yoke to the knees. The rest of the skirt—the real skirt part—was short and full. A patent leather belt comaverage hat that undergoes such a process unless it be a panama, is a sad and painful picture when it emerges from the ruins. pleted the outfit. It was cool, trig and serviceable. But these little hats are as smart and hero ing?

trig as the day they came in their striped boxes from the shop when you get to the end of your trip. They're built that way. end of your trip. They're built that way. The intricate and devious way by which this marvelous nonmussableness is effected not evident to the inexperienced eye. It's like a sleight-of-hand trick—the hat is slipped into the case as flat as a flounder.

slipped into the case as flat as a flounder, it may be pushed up into the cutest little rose silk toque or black velvet Turk's cap you ever saw. Less conspicious ones are fashioned of dark silks, with a tassel at the side, but they're all, in the words of the automobile ads, "built for comport"

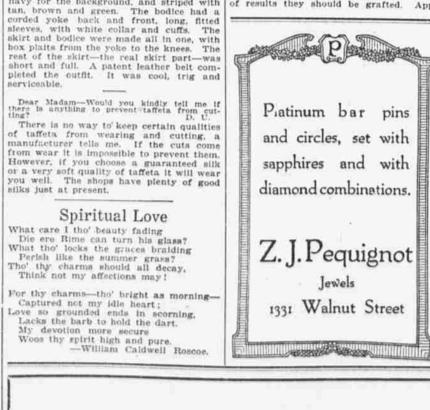
Dear Madam-A few weeks ago I went on an automobile trip. The reads were oiled and as we rode through this soil some of it apattered on my dress. Is there anything you know of that will remove this road preparation? ANXIOUS.

If the stains are fat tarvia spots, you If the stains are fat tarvia spots, you should rub butter or lard well into them. This should have been done right away, but you can get the same results by vigorous applications. When the spots are well greased and loosened up, wash them in

Captured not my idle heart; ove so grounded ends in scorning, Lacks the barb to hold the dart. My devotion more secure My devotion more secure Woos thy spirit high and pure. —William Caldwell Ros

Spiritual Love

What care I tho' beauty fading



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