

her majesty. Really if the Government wish to help the shop assistants they should amend the act so as to provide for the forcible arrest of these inconsiderate shoppers, either on the ground that they are obtaining services under false pretences or are mentally incapable of doing their own shopping. If the inspectors will only keep track of the worst offenders they will be ready when the proposed amendment is introduced into the Act



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to pounce down on the culprits. It would be sad no doubt to see an otherwise eminently respectable lady, and perhaps a pillar of society, being marched off to the cells between policemen X and Y. Some of our own dearest friends too might suffer, but we have to consider the case of the poor shop girls whom the Government has pledged itself to protect, and the only way to save them from these shopping vampires is the method I have indicated. Make an example of a few of them.

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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'G.P.B.'—It would be quite correct for you to give the young lady a book on her birthday. An article of jewellery might be misconstrued, but there could be no harm in a book, provided you are pretty well acquainted with her. Nowadays there is much more latitude in the giving of presents than formerly.

'Cora.'—You had better get your father to ascertain the young man's intentions, as he has left you so long in doubt of his meaning.

'Bet.'—It is hard to say whether you or your friend write the more ungrammatically. As for legibility, there is absolutely nothing to choose between you.

'C.C.'—You can cure rheumatism (so I am assured) by putting 1oz of alum into a quart of hot milk. Bathe the rheumatic parts with the whey, then put on the hot curds as a poultice under flannel. Three applications should cure.

'Parnell.'—It is considered more polite to lift your hat also if the man with whom you are walking should doff his to a lady acquaintance.

'R.T.P.'—In Dunedin very many ladies wear somewhat short skirts and gaiters. This style would suit you for golf on that wet grass.

'Dolly.'—(Invercargill).—There is no appeal against the decision of the judges.

'Would-be-Student.'—Advertise for a coach.

'Query.'—Up to the age of twenty-one an ordinary person requires nine hours' sleep out of the twenty-four. Later on please yourself, but all who use their brains should have eight.

'W.S.L.'—The Czar Nicholas was the first to describe the Turkish Empire as 'The Sick Man.'

'Critic.'—'Do not judge a work by its defects, but by its beauties' is a kindly rule.

'Nervous.'—A celebrated London physician says: 'The best chest protector is worn on the sole of the foot.'

'Fail or Brail.'—Your pseudonym is hardly legible. You are a better judge than a stranger can be as to the possibilities of happiness in your contemplated marriage. You may recollect Punch's advice, 'Don't.'

'Essie.'—Many thanks. Your dainty writing is quite a pleasure to read.

'Perplexity.'—The most restful colour for the eyes is green, but select paper free from arsenic.

'Ionic.'—It is said that good cold water is as refreshing to an exhausted person as brandy. This may be purely a matter of taste.

'John.'—Yes, a woman is quicker in perception than a man. She is also far more impulsive.

'Tea.'—Steep spent tea leaves in water, strain, and then use to clean all varnished paint, window sashes and oilcloths. It will not do for unvarnished paint.

'Kaitangata.'—Much obliged for your thoughtful letter. Will act on your second suggestion at once.

'Cough.'—Sugar-candy 2oz, 1oz liquorice, juice of three lemons, two tablespoonfuls of whole linseed added to a quart of boiling water, strained after standing for three hours in a warm place, will greatly ease your cough.

'Elsie.'—Why not use Japanese crepe for your curtains?

'D.R.'—Very rash of you to promise. Better write and offer the most respectable excuse you can find to withdraw from such a false position.

'S.P.M.'—Such an event is most unlikely to happen.

'Ruby.'—Decidedly pretty, but far too expensive for a slender purse.

'L. and Y.'—Buy a small spirit lamp, cook your own breakfast and tea. Dine at a restaurant.

'Dunnie.'—No, you could hardly call again just yet.

'E.P.'—Should advise you to see a dentist.

'C.B.S.'—Thank you very much.

'Maggie.'—In the waste paper basket.

'Fred S.'—Under the circumstances, yes, with thanks.

'Botanic.'—Very good of you. See next week's paper.

'L.R.'—You can clean your soiled wall paper by soaking the inside of a loaf of bread in good ammonia and rubbing lightly with it, using fresh pieces of bread continually.

'In doubt.'—I regret I cannot tell you whether you would be able to make a 'good living' in Johannesburg, from a literary point of view. If you are such a good writer, why did you leave England?

'J.M.'—Bathe your feet in hot salt and water, rub briskly. Standing all day is very trying at first.

'Oma.'—You had better re-write your story. The plot is excellent, the working out thereof very poor indeed.

'C.C.'—No. You are perfectly right.

'Rose.'—It is getting very fashionable to add 'flowers are respectfully declined' to funeral notices, especially in Dunedin just now, when flowers are scarce.

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