

CONSTANT READER.—1. Residing in such a city as Edinburgh there must be many excellent corset-shops within easy reach of you where you could be fitted satisfactorily.—2. You had better fulfil the divine command without delay. It is wrong that you should have grown up and still continue in such a course of rebellion against your Divine Master's command.—3. On the question whether having had your name registered as Eliza, you could have it changed to Elizabeth, with a second annexed to it, you should consult a lawyer, or perhaps you could obtain information from the actor of your parish.

MAJESTY.—Such paintings can be advertised in the *Bazaar Exchange and Mart*, and through that useful paper you can obtain an opinion as to the value from an expert. You had better obtain a copy and see. The painter's name is not to be found in any of our biographical dictionaries, and you must have made some mistake; but there are many painters unknown to fame, or only locally-known men of course.

LEFT LILY.—The most fashionable material at the present moment seems to be cashmere, and nothing could be prettier than a grey one, for a wedding, with white satin trimmings for your dress. Also a grey hat, or bonnet, with white and grey feathers, and chiffon or tulle. A bolero jacket would be pretty with a white satin, or a white muslin with satin ribbons for a blouse or front. This would be useful afterwards.

YOUR COOK (Nini Novgorod).—We are pleased to hear our young Russian "Constant Reader" enjoys our paper so much. To make "cross buns" you will require 1 oz. of fresh German yeast, 3 lbs. of fine flour, 8 oz. of good butter, and a small pinch of salt. Rub the butter and salt well into the flour. Turn the yeast into a basin, and beat it up well with a tablespoonful of moist sugar till it be a liquid. Add a pint and a half of milk (or water) and two well-beaten eggs. Then mix all with the flour so as to make a batter. Sprinkle a little flour over the dough, cover the bowl with a cloth, and let the dough rise before the fire for a couple of hours. Then knead it up well with 1 oz. of sugar, 1 lb. of washed and dried currants, and spice it with grated nutmeg. The mixture may then be divided into buns, to be laid in rows on a baking-tin, flatten them a little on the top, and make two cross-cuts on each, and let them rise before the fire for ten minutes and then bake in a quick oven. The quantity, as given above, will make about three dozen buns.

K. M.—There is a Home of Rest, at 88, a week, at Broomfield, Lindfield, Hayward's Heath, apply to the Lady Superintendent. There is another at 78, per week, Holly Cottage, Wiley, Godalming, apply to Miss Hall-Hall, Witley Manor, Godalming; and another at Brighton, at 88, a week, for two weeks' residence, Hampden Cottage and Home of Rest, 11, Michell Street, Dorset Street, apply to Mrs. Scott, 15, German Place, Brighton. One specially for young women in business is at Bickley, Kent (Buckingham Cottage), also at 88, a week, and no special limit of residence. Apply to Miss Lyell, 9, Cornwall Gardens, S.W.

ANNOUS.—You do not give any information as to the position and private means of the young couple who propose to emigrate to Canada. That country offers very many advantages. For gentlemen there are few appointments open, as there are so many young men native-born who secure such, and the banks are full of them. But respectable young people, taking out good testimonials and introductions from their clergy and others, may find employment in shops, manufactories, on railways, and other places. The locality you propose to select seems well chosen.

SHEILA and B. H.—First wash the ivory with warm soap and water. If there be spots from wine or fruit scrape off carefully with very fine sandpaper. Immerse in a weak solution of chloride of lime and water, place it under glass, and expose it to the sunshine. "Sheila's" writing is good for her age. For taking wine stains out of linen, refer to our Indexes. Try holding the article in boiling milk while boiling on the fire, or spread the stained part of wine-marked tissues over a bowl or basin, rub some common salt into it, and pour boiling water through it.

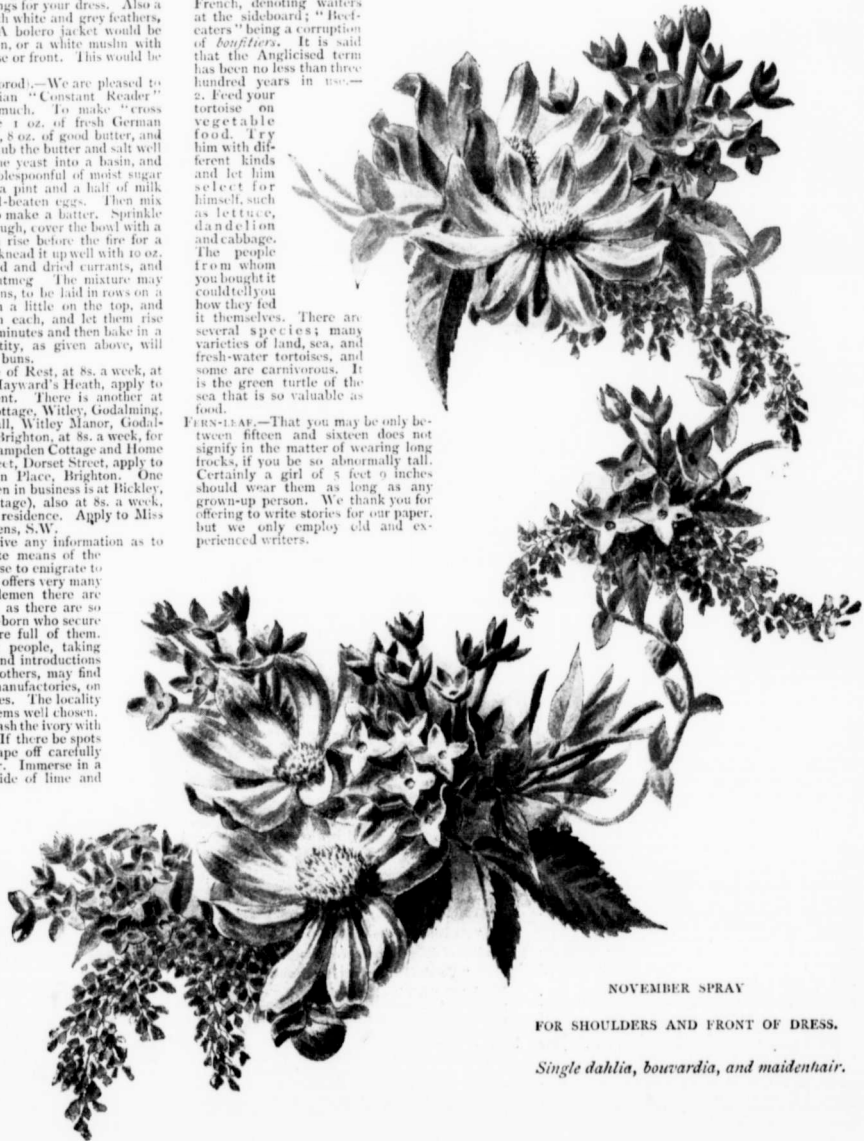
A DUTCH GIRL.—There is an excellent Baedeker for Great Britain; you could not have a better guide, and you will find plenty of small and inexpensive local guides to most of the tourist's haunts in England and Wales.

THESPIS and FLORA.—We do not answer such questions as yours. Our advice would be select a different occupation, one less full of temptations and dangers of all kinds. "Thespis" should remember that she is only a minor, and it should be regarded as both a sacred duty and an important object in her daily life to give some return and proof of gratitude and love to her parents, and to conform to any wish of theirs, even when costing some self-sacrifice, remembering that such an act is pleasing to God also, for they are "over you in the Lord." M. K. E.—There seems to be much misconception about the meaning and scope of the word "Mahatma." Professor Max Muller in the *Nineteenth Century*, in an article called "A Real Mahatman," says it is a very common Sanskrit word, meaning, literally, "high-minded," "great souled," "noble." Thus it does not represent an adept, nor one possessed of supernatural powers, as has been imagined.

CANTON.—1. The Women of the Guard are called "Beefeaters," because it was a part of their duty to wait at the royal sideboard, *buffet* being the French term for the latter; and *buffetiers*, in Norman French, denoting waiters at the sideboard; "Beefeaters" being a corruption of *buffetiers*. It is said that the Anglicised term has been no less than three hundred years in use.—2. Feed your tortoise on vegetable food. Try him with different kinds and let him select for himself, such as lettuce, dandelion and cabbage. The people from whom you bought it could tell you how they fed it themselves. There are several species; many varieties of land, sea, and fresh-water tortoises, and some are carnivorous. It is the green turtle of the sea that is so valuable as food.

FIFTEEN-EIGHT.—That you may be only between fifteen and sixteen does not signify in the matter of wearing long frocks, if you be so abnormally tall. Certainly a girl of 5 feet 6 inches should wear them as long as any grown-up person. We thank you for offering to write stories for our paper, but we only employ old and experienced writers.

J. L.—1. "The Freedom of the City" is obtained in different ways. By patrimony, if born after the admission of the father, and having obtained their majority; by free presentation; and by purchase (with or without the interference of a company). But, if the person desiring the "freedom" be carrying on no business, nor holds any premises within the City or its liberties, would have to pay upwards of £27 fees.—2. The origin of the sum charged as a solicitor's fee fixed at 28, 40, 68, 80, and 138, ad., is to be sought for several centuries ago; and the explanation seems to be found in the representation respectively in those sums of the money then current, 2s., the mark, half-mark and quarter-mark. **SUSANNA** should certainly leave her father's and mother's cards, when she pays a visit on an "at home day," unless with very intimate friends, when it may be omitted sometimes.—3. Visitors staying in your house may accompany you, if you like to take them. You must be careful in introducing them to the lady of the house when you go in, and make any explanation of who they are, that may make the visit acceptable to her.



NOVEMBER SPRAY

FOR SHOULDERS AND FRONT OF DRESS.

Single dahlia, bouvardia, and maidenhair.