By E. G. Whitney

Edward Weiss, advertising executive, bought what he thought was an Oriental rug. When the delicate shades of gold and green began to fade he realized that the $750 rug was a phony. Angered at being duped, Weiss enlisted the aid of experts on rugs, furniture, furs, etc. and, along with collaborating editor Maurice Mermey, he presented The Shopping Guide, (Whittlesey House, New York, $2.50) an informative book chock full of helpful hints.

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Tips on how to detect quality, imitations, etc. include: RUGS—quality of weave is determined by the number of rows of pile per inch on the underside of the rug. Good domestic rugs show as high as 13 rows while cheaply woven ones drop below five. In true Orientals, each tuft of pile in hand knotted varying in number from 180 to 250 knots to the square inch. Never beat rugs. Remove grease and dirt with carbon tetrachloride by saturating the spot and wiping with clean cheesecloth.

BEDDING: Avoid cotton blankets. They lose their ability to retain heat after washing. Pure wool or wool and 17 percent cotton make the best blankets. Look for the thread count in buying sheets the number of cotton yarns used per inch in the weave. Better grades show as high as 144. The minimum is 66 per inch.

FURS: Government regulations force dealers to write exact descriptions of furs on their invoices. Make sure you got what you wanted. When you see a certain fur advertised look for the asterisk (*) that may follow. A note below tells you the real name of the fur. As examples: "Hudson Seal" is dyed muskrat while American Broadtail is processed lamb; Bay Seal, Polo Seal and Lapin actually are all from the humble rabbit. French Chinchilla is only dyed hare.

CLOTHING: That "all wool" superbargain that caught your eye may be made of pulled wool (taken from a dead sheep) or it may be shoddy (wool reclaimed from rags). Under Federal regulation no "pure dye" silk may contain more than 10 percent weighting. Watch out for silks excessively weighted with metallic solutions to produce false heaviness and glamour. They wrinkle and crack easily. Likewise, beware of excessive use of starch, wax, etc., to give silk, linen, and cotton a smoother finish. After washing the sizing is lost, leaving poor material loosely woven. To detect oversizing slap the cloth sharply on some hard substance. The starch will fall out in the form of white powder.

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

The small boy had exhausted the resources of his penny bank, and was attempting to make a loan from his sister. She rattled the pennies in her bank and considered the proposition doughtfully.

"Aw come on, don't be so doggone stingy," argued the brother.

Miss Porter

"I'm not stingy, Jack, but I save my money and you spend yours," she retaliated, "and that's all you want to borrow some for, just to spend it!"

Overhearing the altercation, their mother waited for the outcome, feeling reasonably sure they would come to her for aid in settling the matter. She was right.

Jill was the one to carry the case to a higher court.

"Mother, would I be stingy if I didn't let Jack borrow 15 cents?" she asked.

Mother looked wise, "What does Jack want the money for?" she asked.

"Ice cream cones."

"Do you think you really **need** three ice cream cones, Jack?!" she questioned with the solemnity of a mother owl. "You know it isn't wise to borrow money unless you have to use it for some necessary purpose."

"Well, Gee, I owe these guys a cone each. Last time Nick bought the cones, and the time before that Spud got 'em, and now it's my turn."

"I see. If you and Nick and Spud went on treating each other indefinitely, it would cost you quite a bit, wouldn't it? It might even make a difference in your plans for going to camp next summer, you know the agreement was, you were to save one-third."

"I never thought about that." Jack turned over the corner of the rug with the toe of his shoe, and considered the matter. "That's one trouble about borrowing money for luxuries, Son," Mother said in a confidential tone, "Most of us do it without realizing we have to go without things we really want and need, to pay it back. Of course, I agree with you, this time you do owe Nick and Spud each a cone."

"Yes, and if Jill will lend me 15 cents, I'll tell the guys I'm saving my money to go to camp."

"When are you going to pay Jill, and how can you pay her, if you haven't any money?" Mother asked.

"That's what I want to know, too, Jack."

"I get my allowance this week, don't I?"

"Yes, it would take all of this week's allowance. Saturday you would have to turn over your 15 cents to Jill, you know. Because, if you didn't set a definite time for returning the money, I don't think I'd lend it, if I were Jill."

"O. K. I will. I'll give her my 15 cents, Saturday."

"Cross your heart?" Jill was still doubtful.

"Suppose we manage this loan the way people do in business," Mother suggested, as she produced paper and pencil. "Jack, you write on this paper 'I promise to pay Jill 15 cents on Saturday,' sign your name, put the date on, and give the paper to Jill when you receive the money. Then when you pay Jill, she will tear up the paper."

Surprisingly amicable, they agreed. With the solemnity of effecting an international loan, Jill shook 15 pennies from her bank, while Jack made out his "note" and signed it with impressive dignity.

The transaction over, Mother again took up her darning basket. "And that's the same boy, who 15 minutes ago tried to bulldoze his sister into a loan by calling her 'stingy', she thought.

Then as she bent over her work, she smiled the knowing smile, that comes with the rearing of a family.

By Carol Dwelley

"I wish I hadn't said I'd take it, but it's too late to back out now. Do you really think it's all right to take a blind date from someone you've only known a week? Yes I know, but suppose this boy is a goon? What'll people thing of me? You're all dress—

Miss Dwelley

c'mon up to my room and talk to me while I dress. I'm as jittery as a dog in a wet sack."

(The speaker is Fanny Freshman, and the scene is any college dormitory. It's a week-end night and Fanny, a typical freshman, has accepted a blind date for the evening. The rest of the action is as typical as Fanny, and what you might hear on any campus from here to Houston.)

"Do you think I should wear a hat; Oh no, I couldn't wear the black one. It has such a high crown, and he might be short, and then where would we be. Besides we're going to dance and that darned veil gets all snarled in my hair. This felt number looks sort of spotty since it got rained on at the game Saturday. I guess I won't wear any. My hair looks all right.

"Wha-at? Oh hey—save it for me and I'll be right down. Where's my towel? Sal just called that I could have the tub now. Hey pal, would you mind going up to Beth's room and asking if I can have my black pumps back? She wore 'em last night. Well, I can't help it if the heels are high— if this boy's so short even those measly heels bother him, he can go jump. Well, don't get ants—I'm coming as soon as I find my towel.

"Do you think this dress needs ironing? I wore it to the dean's tea, and goodness knows that wasn't so very strenuous. Yes, of course it was, but how did I know that only girls would be at the darned tea. Weren't those cakes feud? She kept telling me to have another because she knew girlies got hungry walking around, and I had this awful toothache anyway—oh Heavens! Don't start me laughing. This belt is so tight it almost suffocates me when I even breathe.

"Oh dear, I'm getting the jitters again. If this boy hops or anything I'll simply explode, right on the floor. Do you suppose I can follow him? I haven't noticed that their dancing was especially different here, but this one might be. There goes our buzzer! Push it for me while I put on some war paint, will you? My hand's shaking so I almost covered my ear with lipstick. Let's see now, what else do I need? Well for goodness sake! Of all the nerve—my room mate's gone and locked her bureau drawer. You'd think I were a robber or something. All I wanted was a dab of perfume because all I have is this stuff my grandmother gave me and that's now very . . . well . . . you know what I mean —it won't wow him much, will it? Oh, suppose he doesn't like me? Then that girl will be sorry she got me the date and I'll just die. I wish I didn't have to go down there and face a perfectly unknown male. Oh I **know** I should've worn a hat!"

State Parks Report 9 Million Visitors

That Michigan's tourist industry this year is comparable to that of the prosperity era of seven years ago, is indicated by state park attendances now being compiled.

The total number of visitors to Michigan's 55 open state parks during the past summer has exceeded 9,000,000. This is the highest total since 1933.

Parks authorities expect that when attendance reports are received from the parks that remained open throughout September, the attendance mark for 1937 may be boosted to near-record breaking proportions. The highest total number of visitors to Michigan's state parks was recorded in 1931 when 9,634,701 persons were tallied by parks authorities.

Three of Michigan's state parks had in excess of a million visitors each this year. Grand Haven state park coming closer to the two-million mark. Bay City, Holland parks had total attendances of well over a million while Muskegon state park approaches the half-million mark.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1937.

Present: Hon. James H. Lynch, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Hannah E. Ellenwood, Deceased.

Calvin D. Ellenwood, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 7th day of February, 1938, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

JAMES H. LYNCH,
Judge of Probate.

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LEAH KOCH (Martin),
Deputy Register of Probate.

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