

How I will Spend my Guinea

A wedding to attend---I dare not ask for a sub. again---

I simply must win a Prize in the Spelling Bee says "Viva"

OF course, we are going in for the spelling bee! And so are you, you say? Well, good luck! I wonder how you are setting about it? We have decided on miniature spelling-bees of our own for practice, and check each other up on results. The only disadvantage is that each one of us, in our minds, anyway, has won at least a guinea prize. Then our thoughts begin to wander and we start discussing how we will spend it.

Amy, my sister, is all for utility. More power to her, say I. For myself, there is a wedding, to which I am invited, in the not too distant future. Would that it were more distant, or just so far ahead that my pocket money allowance would be due before the happy day. Since I dare not ask for a "sub." again, I simply must win a prize and solve the difficulty that way. If only I can be one of the lucky twenty-one, the difficulty will be solved. I have made a preliminary skirmish around the shops, and much can be achieved electrically with even a solitary order for a guinea in one's purse.



First of all, there is that dear little portable electric iron, made in such fascinating colours, tucked away in a case to match. Any bride, surely, would love to take it with her upon her honeymoon, to keep her frocks and "pretties" looking fresh. And hush! that only costs 12/6—I could squeeze out a couple of new lamps for my own bedroom, too, couldn't I? I even might persuade Dad that they were a necessity and get him to pay me

cash for them. That would be a real stroke of finance, wouldn't it? Or do you think that's mean? I think perhaps it is, a little, and yet it's so awfully tempting.

What I should really love to get is the darlingest little table lamp I ever saw. It is really a bargain, too, at only 19/6. Made in porcelain, the absurdly low price actually includes the artistic little shade. Just the thing for a bride's new sitting-room. There are others, as well, dainty porcelain statuettes, quite out of the ordinary, from about 22/6. I think it would be nicer to manage one of those.

THEN, someone suggested a portable heater. That really would be a sensible present. Ever such a nice one can be bought for 19/6. It would answer so many purposes, wouldn't it? It would take the chill from the bedroom at nights, make the dining-room cosy for breakfast in the mornings, warm the bathroom up to a "comfy" state, or warm the hall. I must sound the bride about it.

Mother

favours the idea

of a lamp-shade, and

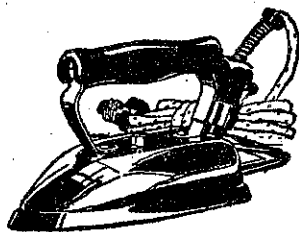
certainly they are lovely, and

such a selection from which to make a choice. All of them are artistic, and they

can be dignified-looking or as frivolous as you please.

Goodness knows, they are cheap enough, too! Quite pretty ones, in silk, are only 5/6, going up to 25/- or 30/- for really important-looking affairs. Paper ones are not to be despised, either. Of course, not the old "common or garden" frilled ones, but those that are already provided with suitable wire frames, go right over the top of the lamps and are decorated with delightful little figures in silhouette.

One could manage a whole set of those, in different sizes, for a guinea. They are such lovely colours, too.



A BED-HEAD lamp

would be a good present, I think, and could be managed for a guinea or very little more. Not one of those straight-up, rigid contrivances that send the light everywhere but the place you want it, but those that wriggle round to any angle, with shades that can be adjusted as well. Some of these are made in a new material, with a marbled and opalescent effect that lets some of the light shine softly through. Anyone should be pleased with any one of them.



I can't remember now whether the bride is keeping her permanent wave for a permanent possession, or I would give her a pair of electric curling irons. They really are nice, and so quick and reliable. Fitted with a comb, too, they can be used also for drying the hair after a shampoo, and will also set a lovely wave. If she prefers the old-fashioned variety, she might like one of those neat little electric heating stands, which will also warm up a glass of milk or hubby's shaving water. That would be useful on a honeymoon, I should think.

If someone would join forces with me, we could get a really handsome standard lamp for from two to three guineas. Everyone admires those. I heard of a doctor who bought six (Continued on page 40.)

