

The décor for this year's Daily Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, at London's Olympia, was of the Regency style --- and so, six-year-old Rob Truefitt was dressed as a page of the period for his important job of presenting a bouquet to Her Majesty the Queen.

~~The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh made~~ an extensive tour ^{made} of this ever-popular show, ~~and they took~~ ^{and} more than a merely-polite interest ^{was taken} in the sections devoted to household appliances. The home is becoming more and more a place for ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ doing things for yourself --- and here's a machine with which a girl can make her own sweaters. ^ Fully fashioned? /

Among the gadgets devoted to the satisfying of the inner man --- see what happens to a stick of rhubarb, for the man who likes the juice, without bothering to eat the fruit. The world might have had a different story to tell, if ~~xxxxxxxx~~ there had been an electric plug in the Garden of Eden. /

Before leaving, ~~the~~ Queen ^{Elizabeth} and the Duke ^{of Edinburgh} had a look at the various types of houses, and flats, and bungalows in what was called The Village on the Hill; ^ and the occasion was rounded off neatly, by the presentation of Dutch Dolbs by a little girl from the Dutch Market Place. /