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QUEEN MARY ~~EXHIBITS~~ HOME EXHIBITION

The Queen Mother was received by Lord Rothermere on arriving at Olympia, where the Ideal Home Exhibition made a popular reappearance after an interval of eight years. It was a brave attempt to look forward, beyond this grim era of acute housing shortage and very little to buy, ^{and} ~~however~~, Her Majesty soon saw that manufacturers are making the best of a bad job by the clever use of plastics, metal alloys, and wood substitutes. Prefabs in aluminium and other materials undreamt of in housing before the war are a feature of this year's exhibition. Queen Mary went into some of the houses and praised the many modern improvements, which go a long way towards making life pleasant for the fortunate people who can get them.

For people with gardens there need be no shortage of flowers, though not many of us have this sort of garden.

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An old ^{*Lady*} ~~woman~~ who has brought the joys of flowers to thousands in her lifetime, Aunt Emma Baker, was presented to Queen Mary. ~~Now~~ ^{*Now*} 72, ~~Emma~~ ^{*Emma*} has sold flowers in Piccadilly Circus for 57 years - back in the days when quite ordinary people could afford to buy them. ~~Queen Mother at Olympia~~