



MRS. WINSLOW'S HAT

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Mrs. Winslow had a major problem. Easter was coming and she didn't have an Easter hat. She had searched and searched. Mrs. Dorcas Winslow never went to church without a hat. She simply could not do that. She wore her first hat when she was two, and hadn't missed a Sunday in forty-two years. She was desperate to find the perfect hat.

Mrs. Winslow looked through all the hat catalogs that come in the mail to her home. She got on the computer and searched. She found nothing that interested her. She went to the mall one Saturday and shopped for nine hours. She did not see one hat she liked in all that time. Mr. Winslow didn't care how long she shopped as long as he didn't have to go with her. It was not fun to shop for hats with Mrs. Winslow.

It was the Saturday before Easter and Mrs. Winslow was in a tizzy. She did not have a hat for church the next day. She went back to the mall and shopped some more. She didn't find a hat for church but she bought six dresses, three purses and eight pairs of shoes. When she got home Mr. Winslow helped her carry all her new things in the house. He wanted to know where the hat was and Mrs. Winslow told him she couldn't find one. Mr. Winslow just shook his head and went to read the newspaper.

Mrs. Winslow woke up on Easter Sunday morning. She was feeling out of sorts. She drank her coffee and ate the toast. Mr. Winslow got ready for church. Mrs. Winslow got ready to go with him. All of a sudden, she stopped and smiled. She got her stool and climbed to the top of her closet. She opened the white hatbox on the top shelf of her closet. I knew it! She thought. It was the

perfect hat! It was yellow with purple flowers on it. It looked just like Easter. Mrs. Winslow put the hat on and smiled and told her husband she was ready to go. It would be a happy Easter after all.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Mrs. Winslow think she needed a new hat?
 - a. She thought they were beautiful.
 - b. She had worn hats to church all her life.
 - c. Her husband wanted her to buy one.
 - d. Her children thought she was pretty.

2. Why didn't Mr. Winslow want to shop for hats with his wife?
 - a. She spent too much money.
 - b. It was not fun.
 - c. She wanted to go too much.
 - d. He hated hats.

3. What did Mrs. Winslow NOT buy on the Saturday before Easter?
 - a. six dresses
 - b. three purses
 - c. eight pairs of shoes
 - d. a hat

4. Where did Mrs. Winslow find the hat she wore on Easter Sunday?
 - a. in a catalog
 - b. on the computer
 - c. at the mall
 - d. in her closet