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Dr. to M. N

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NOT ANSWERABLE FOR LOSS FROM FIRE UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED.

Nov. 13	12 pr Stockings mended washed 5/6 Satin night dress ^{2/6} - 5 pairs Stock
	Red dress 5/6 - washed altered
Dec	6 pr Stockings ^{some packed} 3/6 - ^{wash mended} lace hat 2/- 6 pr
"	new canvas for revers on coat 5/6
Feb.	brown nicker 6/11 ^{some washed} pairs Stocking.
March	mending Hantairs 2.6 - 6 pr Stock 4 pr Stockings 1 pr gloves 3/6
April	grey wooly coat washed mended 1/6
May	6 pr Stockings - 2 muslin blou