What did the man expect to find under the stairs?

After her husband had gone to work, Mrs. Richards sent her children to school and went upstairs to her bedroom.

She was too excited to do any housework that morning, for in the evening she would be going to a fancy-dress party with her husband.

She intended to dress up as a ghost, and as she had made her costume the night before, she was impatient to try it on.

Though the costume consisted only of a sheet, it was very effective.

After putting it on, Mrs. Richards went downstairs.

She wanted to find out whether it would be comfortable to wear.

Just as Mrs. Richards was entering the dining room, there was a knock on the front door.

She knew that it must be the baker.

She had told him to come straight in if ever she failed to open the door and to leave the bread on the kitchen table.

Not wanting to frighten the poor man, Mrs. Richards quickly hid in the small storeroom under the stairs.

She heard the front door open and heavy footsteps in the hall.

Suddenly, the door of the storeroom was opened and a man entered.

Mrs. Richards realized that it must be the man from the Electricity Board who had come to read the meter.

She tried to explain the situation, saying 'It's only me', but it was too late.

The man let out a cry and jumped back several paces.

When Mrs. Richards walked towards him, he fled, slamming the door behind him.

Mrs. Richards had dressed up as a ghost and was just going into the dining room when there was a knock on the door.

Thinking it was the baker, she hid in the storeroom under the stairs.

She heard footsteps in the hall and then the man from the Electricity Board opened the storeroom door.

Though she said “It's only me,” he got a bad fright.

When she walked towards him, he fled, slamming the front door behind him.

Mrs. Richards immediately went upstairs and took off her costume.

She felt sorry for the poor man from the Electricity Board, but at the same time, she was rather amused.

Suddenly, there was a knock at the front door and Mrs. Richards opened it at once.

The electricity man had returned, accompanied by a policeman, so she invited both in \* The man told Mrs. Richards that he had tried to read her metre and that there was a ghost in the storeroom.

Though Mrs. Richards explained that she had dressed up as a ghost, he refused to believe her.

She told him to open the storeroom door, but he was too frightened, so she opened it herself. While the electricity man and the policeman were looking for the ghost in the storeroom, Mrs. Richards fetched her costume.

She showed it to both men and only then did they believe her.

I'm late already, so I must go now.

I must be at the office by nine.

John is late.

He must be in a traffic jam.

You mustn't speak to your father like that.

I've written to you, but you needn't answer my letter.

I was late for work because I had to go to the bank.

I ought to have told you, but I forgot.

I was sorry when I learnt that he had had an accident.

I was sorry to learn that he had had an accident.

He was delighted to learn that his offer had been accepted.

I was glad to hear that he had arrived.

I was pleased to hear that you now feel better.

He was anxious to leave early.

I was glad when I heard that she had gone away forever.

He said he was sorry if he had upset me.

You will be sad when you hear what I have to tell you.

I was glad to hear that she had gone away forever.

He said he was sorry to have upset me.

You will be sad to hear what I have to tell you.

I'm pleased to tell you that you have been promoted.

We're proud to announce that we've just had a son.

I'm delighted to be here again.

I was shocked to learn that she is in hospital.

Mrs. Richards went upstairs because she wanted to change into her fancy-dress costume.

Mrs. Richards did not go to the door because she thought the baker might be taken in by her disguise.

By saying “It's only me,” Mrs. Richards hoped the man would recognize her.

She wanted to find out how comfortable it would be to wear.

Anxious not to frighten the poor man, Mrs. Richards quickly hid under the stairs.

Trying to explain the situation, she said, “It's only me.”

On seeing Mrs. Richards walk towards him, he fled.

It was the man from the Electricity Board who had come to take a meter reading.

The man gave a cry.