

SPENDTHRIFT

Fidelia Montero
can not tolerate a garment
more than two months
During Lent
she cleaned her closets
nine consecutive days
Finally
her husband Manuel asked
Wife
are you making a novena
each day
you offer something up
a pile of dresses
a heap of shoes
a box of costume jewelry
When
will my prayers be
answered

STYLE

Armondo has style
when he goes for his food
stamps
he wears a purple velvet
jacket
with a well known label
Word has it on Persimmon
Road
he stole it from a men's
store
while his friends distracted
the clerk