

Correspondence

To the Editor,

Sir:—Re our conversation the other morning, and your request that I would obtain some fashion notes for your enterprising literary phenomén, I visited the Sergeant Mess, Enquiry Office, and the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Y. M. C. A. management, and append herewith the results.

yours, etc., H. S. S.

P. S.—Do you pay your contributors per word, column, or square yard?

Tailor made tunics of buff-colored drill are very fashionable just now and when worn in conjunction with leggings, give at a distance of twenty-five yards, quite an Officers effect; tucks two inches wide in the breast pockets and double hem-stitched raised seams add the "Dont-give-a-dam-if-its-nows-bombs" air so much admired by the Ramsgate belles. (the what? Ed.) This may be procured for about thirty-five shillings and is recommended to all above the rank of Corporal, especially if the rank is acting.

The rolled collar effect so much in evidence with "blues" should really be white on a blue ground, though blue on a white ground is preferred by some of the "Jeunesse d'Or", whilst of course for promenade wear the really smart thing is to have the usual red neckerchief round the waist, where it is more easily get-at-able for conversion into a dog lead. Many delightful shades of blue are at present on the market, varying from the rich ultramarine to art tones of washed purple and crushed quince.

The leather strappings on riding breeches should be always rubbed down with sandpaper and coconut oil, two treatments usually being sufficient to produce the correct Cavalry touch. Spurs (worn with the points up), a crop, and a few remarks about "Exercising my mare Old Top" completing the hallucination to satisfaction. This tout ensemble is highly recommended to C.A.M. C. orderlies on leave.

Hats of a soft variety, worn to cover the left or right ear according to taste, have been seen on a number of the elite and are greatly favoured by the ultra smart Motor Transport; when used with a tight reefer jacket, cut to just cover the—that is, to come just below the hip, you are quite likely to be taken for a member of the Royal Flying Corps and so "Gain extra glory in Dulcinea's eyes."

The wearing of one gold stripe is really shocking bad taste; they should be in pairs on both arms so as not to disturb the symmetry of the costume.