

QUESTION DRAWER.

RULES:—Full name and address must accompany all communications; *not for publication*, but for filing. Please write plainly, and do not ask more than three questions in any one communication. We shall be pleased to hear from our readers through this column and to answer any questions of general interest pertaining to the home, cookery, domestic economy, decorative art, music, literature, etc., etc.

A. E. B., BRANTFORD, ONT.—See figure 1, in April number of the BAZAR, for a charming fashion after which to make your cheviot and velvet dress; using the latter fabric for the sleeves, skirt gores, and collar. The passementerie shown in our engraving would not be appropriate for a tweed costume, absolute plainness being most desirable as in the days of the "tailor-made." The number of the pattern is 3140; price, 35 cents.

HYPATIA, TORONTO.—1. Yes, I think it would be very pretty. 2. The newest perambulator rugs are of satin sheeting, with a monogram in velvet outlined by silk button-holing; or one of rough colored serge, bound in leather, with monogram to correspond, would be serviceable and pretty.

MARY X., PERTH, ONT.—1. Nothing could be prettier than a wide lace crocheted of No. 36 thread for the purpose you mention; it is delightfully easy "pick-up" work, and there are many rich patterns available. We devoted some space last month to illustrating and describing some simple varieties, and will endeavor to do so soon again. 2. The song you mention, "The Power of Love," is to be found in Balfe's opera "Satanella."

MRS. ROBERT H., WHITBY, ONT.—We are very much obliged to you for your complimentary letter, and are glad you enjoy the "talk about flowers." The clematis is considered a very rapid grower, but I think you will find the wild cucumber vine will answer your purpose quite as well. It is the hardiest and quickest growing vine I know of. Your lilies of the valley will not bloom until next summer, but I should judge that the little nook you describe would be just the place for them.

ADELAIDE L.—We will be pleased to receive your contribution, and if it has the merit we foresee from your charming letter, will be glad to give it a place in our columns.

MOTHER, CITY—Lovely costumes for small boys of four can be made of white and navy-blue "duck," ornamented by feather-stitching executed in white twisted thread sold for that purpose. Use pattern No. 3133; price, 25 cents. Allover embroidery will be used more than ever this summer in children's dresses; indeed, some of the newest models are composed of it entirely, and are made after the old-fashioned "Gabrielle" style in vogue twenty years ago. No; I would not advise you to get a beaded shoulder-cape, they are going slowly "out"; those of lace, gathered high at the shoulder, are much more stylish and decidedly newer.

MARGUERITE, TRENTON, ONT.—Have you seen those quaint narrow bangles of oxydized silver with a quotation from Shakespeare engraved around them in tiny raised letters? They are very new and pretty. Why not present your friend with one of them (bearing a suitable quotation), for her birthday gift. Then there are numerous pretty things you yourself could fashion (see our fancy-work page in this number of the BAZAR), such as a pretty head-rest for her pet easy chair, a bundle of sachet bags, a perfumed glove or handkerchief case, bedroom slippers, a pretty laundry bag decorated by outline embroidery, or any other little article which says "I have not forgotten you."

MYRA H. CONSTANTIA, and E. P. are too late for answers in this issue.

REMNANTS.

A blushing young woman entered the Circuit Clerk's office in Perryville, Mo., the other day, and asked if a certain young man had taken out a license to marry a certain young woman. She looked much relieved when the clerk said "no." "Well, don't give him one," she said. "I've got the first claim on him."

Fever and Ague and Bilious Derangements are positively cured by the use of Parmelee's Pills. They not only cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter, but they open the excretory vessels, causing them to pour copious effusions from the blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by natural passage of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results.

First Politician.—"There goes a man who carries New York State in his hand." Second Politician.—"What is he." First Politician.—"A map agent."

If you are despondent, low spirited, irritable, and peevish, and unpleasant sensations are felt invariably after eating, then get a bottle of Northrop and Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and it will give you relief. You have Dyspepsia. Mr. R. H. Dawson, St. Mary's, writes: "Four bottles of Vegetable Discovery entirely cured me of Dyspepsia; mine was one of the worst cases, I now feel like a new man."

Patient:—"Oh, doctor, you don't know how it worries me to think that I might be buried alive." Doctor.—"Calm yourself, Mr. Blank, you need have no fear of anything like that. Trust to me, and I assure you that you are in no danger."

"McCrackle.—"That pair of trousers reminds me of the condition of affairs in Europe." McCorkle.—"How so?" McCrackle.—"It has a *worelike* aspect."

One or two bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery will purify the blood, remove Dyspepsia, and drive away that extreme tired feeling which causes so much distress to the industrious, and persons of sedentary habits. Mr. W. E. Ellis, Druggist, Fenelon Falls, writes: "The Vegetable Discovery is selling well and giving good satisfaction."

A fly, in one of Æsop's fables, once sat upon the axletree of a chariot-wheel, and exclaimed, "What a dust do I rise!" "So," says Lord Bacon, "are there some vain persons that, whatsoever goeth alone, or moveth upon greater means, if they have never so little hand in it, they think it is they that carry it."

"Most of the action in my story takes place in a cemetery." "Indeed! Well, that's a good place for a plot."

Larkin.—"A man in Pennsylvania has a rooster trained to jump four feet high." Gazzam.—"A spring chicken evidently."

Mrs. W. J. Lang, Bethany, Ont., writes:—"I was one of the greatest sufferers for about fifteen months with a disease of my ear similar to ulcers, causing entire deafness. I tried everything that could be done through medical skill, but without relief. As a last resort, I tried Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and in ten minutes found relief. I continued using it, and in a short time my ear was cured and hearing completely restored. I have used this wonderful healer successfully in cases of inflammation of the lungs, sore throat, coughs and colds, cuts and bruises, etc.; in fact it is our family medicine."

There are many queer answers given to questions on the census slip. We read some replies written by one of our citizens this week. One was especially remarkable. Question.—"How many children, and where born?" Answer.—"Two. One in the parlor, and one up stairs in the front room." The reply was certainly explicit.