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## CORRESPONDENCE.

FASHION OVERIES.

A. M. C.—Sateen or any good glace material does very nicely for the foundation skirt where either organdie or grass linen is the over material. The silk is certainly richer, and the soft sound of it adds materially to the impression of richness; but to buy new silk for lining is a luxury many of us cannot afford. of us cannot afford.

KATIE C .- A small silk umbrella and one parasol is quite enough for the ordinary girl's summer wardrobe. In such case buy a soft parasol with shirred and lace finish, for dress. The umbrella will answer for morning gowns.

A KINGSTON FRIEND.-In Toronto the blouse with skirt finish is just coming in. It is worn with a narrow belt of tan leather or white military.

BEGINNER.-Bicycle skirts should not exceed 3½ yards in width. Six inches from the ground is an ordinary length. A large number of wheelswomen are having old skirts cut down for daily use on the wheel. Even a woman hicyclist cannot be always on dress parade.

#### ABOUT BOOKS.

TEACHER.—I can heartly recommend both 'Titus' and 'Stephen' as books for your library. No, they are not dry; but have a vivid colouring and bright atmosphere. I found them most attractive, and disposed to put one in mood reverent and thoughtful, yet not in the least morbid.

A. F. C.—I heartily approve of your idea of a Canadian shelf in your little library. Only we are discovering so many good writers among us lately that the list will exhaust your purse if you purchase all at

I should suggest in the short story line, E. W. Thomson's 'Old Man Savarin,' Gil-hert Parker's 'Pierre and His People,' F. Clifford Smith's 'Lover in Homespun,' just

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'Earth's Enigmas,' by Chas. D. Roberts, and 'In the Village of Viger,' by Duncan Campbell Scott, are new books of short sketches by Canadian writers, which I have not yet read, but which are highly commended.

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As for our Canadian poets, we have at least half a dozen whose poems should be upon your shelf, — Lampton, Carmen, Roberts, Scott, Campbell,—these are a few names.

#### HOUSEHOLD.

C. K.-A housekeeper tells me that the reason your tumblers look cleudy is probably because after using them for milk you have plunged them into hot water without first rinsing in cold. The heat drives the milk in and gives this cloudy appearance.

MARY F., Toronto.—Summer cottages should have only simple furnishings, bamboo in cane wood, chintz curtains and linen-covered cushions. Have plenty of

linen-covered cushions. Have plenty of rugs and cushions.

For bedroom finish, the crepe paper is serviceable and attractive. It makes any chamber look dainty. A dressing table made of plain pine and covered first with canton flannel and over it the crepe paper, with flounced edge; mirror curtained with the crepe, and bows of the paper used liberally for the curtains, is a really effective parnishing for any summer home. tive garnishing for any summer home.

HOUSEKREPER.—I do not know any effec-tive remedy for water bugs when they have once established, but it is said that these insects dislike the cucumber, and if the peelings of cucumbers are scattered at night around the pipes and places where bugs are seen, they will disappear.

AMATRUR. Our space is usually much crowded, and we have little room for special articles; but we are always open to receive bright personal sketches, or a ood short story.

### STAMP DEPARTMENT.

[We will be pleased to answer any questions which readers of this journal may send. To benefit all is the aim of this department,]

Last month we chronicled the new issue of Greece, to celebrate the Olympian games. The stamps are printed; the four lower values being small, and the others large, being either oblong or rectangular in shape. Design and colours are as follows:— ic., brown, Wrestlers; 2c., rose, Wrestlers; 5c., violet, The Disc Thrower of Mepon; 10c., grey, ditto; 20c., red-brown, Vase with Minerva; 25c., red, Four-horse Chariot; 40c., violet, Vase with Minerva; 60c., black, Four-horse Chariot; 1d., blue, Stadium at Athens; 2d., brown, The Hermes of Praxiteles; 5d., green, The Victory of Tausanias; 10d., brown, The Aeropolis of Athens. The set are very attractive.

No other country in the world is so free from unnecessary issues or exempt from the money-grabbing tendency of making money out of collectors as in Canada. When the pence issues and 8 cent registered stamps were withdrawn from circulation, the Government destroyed the remainder. Many countries have made thousands of dollars by selling such remainders. It would be a good thing were a rew issue of stamps to appear in Canada, the present 1, 2 and 3 cent values having now done duty for the past quarter century.

Any one beginning new in stamp collecting cannot do better than buy a packet of 1000 different stamps, which can be bought at prices ranging from \$6.00 to \$10.00. Were these stamps bought singly off sheets they would cost the buyer about \$40 00. With such a beginning one can buy from sheets, and if he carefully chooses his copies of stamps, and in after years sells his collection, he will, in every case, receive more than the original cost, and in addition have enjoyed the pleasure of hunting stamps to complete his sets, etc. Collecting is much like book hunting, and usually appeals to people of a studious nature. In the young collector, you will, in 99 cases out of 100, find a boy or girl smarter than all the others in school or elsewhere. Collecting facinates, trains the memory, and observation, and with the knowledge learned of countries from where stamps are issued, it can readily be seen what a field is open to anyone.



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