

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RULES:—Full name and address must accompany all communications; *not for publication*, but for filing.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.

BABY BUNTING, HAMILTON.—1. The girl who is getting her toilet table prepared for the many toilets she will have to make through the gay season, should provide several drugs and cosmetics, which she will need to keep herself in the best and pleasantest condition, and it would be as well that she should purchase a dozen small glass-stoppered bottles to contain them, or little glass boxes, such as can be purchased in almost any china shop. If she is wealthy, and artistic in her tastes, she will find in the bric-a-brac shops lovely enamelled and silver boxes, or little wedgewood jars, that will greatly ornament her dressing-stand and hold the cosmetics quite as well as the plain glass ones. One bottle should hold camphor, and she will find that, after late ball suppers and elaborate dinners the night before, if she puts two or three drops of camphor on her tooth-brush, it will greatly sweeten her mouth and give it an agreeable feeling of freshness. Any little roughness of the skin should be bathed in clear alcohol, that is, by wetting the stopper a great many times, and touching it to the inflamed spot. A box of powdered alum should be kept and, at the first symptom of fever blister, rubbed upon the spot. If her hands perspire she should put a little of this alum into the water. Ammonia will remove any stain on the fingers from the pen or any other cause, and whenever she comes in from a long walk or drive in the wind she should spread vaseline over her face, and then rub it out briskly with a towel. A little of it brushed into the edges of her hair, once or twice a week, will keep it from becoming dry and harsh. A bottle of rosewater and glycerine should stand on the wash-stand and every time she washes her hands, if she will rub them with this before wiping them, they will be white and soft, her nails will be clear and never break. 2. In reply to your query, "Are dresses without collars really fashionable?" we would reply, Yes, in some localities, and by some ladies, they are often worn. For the warm weather they are found very comfortable. Only ladies with round, white necks like them, and they are very few in number, because the linen collar which has been in vogue so long has marred almost every throat.

HOUSEKEEPER, PARIS, ONT.—The best plan to clean white or cream cashmeres is as follows: If the fabric is but soiled the best plan is to rub magnesia all over it, thoroughly, and then brush it off with a clean white flannel. If the goods is really dirty and the garment is ripped apart, wash it in clear soft water with two tablespoons of ammonia to a gallon of water. Afterward carefully rinse it.

MRS. M. A. R., CITY.—The usual contents of an infant's basket are a powder-box, a packet of violet powder, a packet of prepared fuller's earth, brush, comb, two boxes of safety pins, three sponges, and pot of cold cream, small bar of castile soap, skein of white thread and scissors. The usual length of an infant's morning robe, without the bodice, is 36 inches, or for a more elaborate one, 38 inches. Shawls have not replaced cloaks.

MIRANDA, BRANTFORD, ONT.—You will find the subject you inquired about specially treated in our flower page in this number of THE BAZAR.

EGLANLINE, B. I. X. and others, are too late for answers in this issue.

REMNANTS.

"Marriage is indeed a lottery," sighed Tomnoddy, after a tiff with his wife. "And we both drew prizes," returned the lady. "Ah!" said T., somewhat mollified. "Yes. You got a capital prize, and I took the booby."

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Graduate of Yale,—"This encyclopædia is very imperfect. I have looked all through the letter 'P,' and I don't find a single word about 'Possum.'" Graduate of Harvard,—"It is not worth a continental! I've carefully examined the letter 'C,' and not the slightest allusion is there made to 'Coon,'" Vassar Graduate,—"Suppose, Uncle George, you look under 'O' and 'R.'" Graduates.—"Oh!" "Ah!"

"Bressed goodness, boss!" said Rastus to the dentist, "when you said dat toof wa'n't gwine hurt, you must er meant it wa'n't gwine hurt you."

The photographer is nothing of an enigma, but he is a good deal of a poser.

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"How is your wife now, Smithers?" "All right now; able to go out." "I congratulate you." "Hum! Well, I dun'no"; she goes to the dress-maker's every time."

"Here, Brown, let's see how much you weigh. Drop a nickle in the slot." "No, I'll not do that; but you drop a nickle in my hand, and I'll tell you how much I weigh, my age, and the size of my hat."

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"I think the man in the moon must be sick or lazy," said Johnny Traddles one dark moonless night. "Why, my boy?" asked his mother. "Because he hasn't lit her up to-night."

In Russian society the question "who is who," is never asked. It is always "vitch is vitch."

Rev. J. B. Huff, Florence, writes: "I have great pleasure in testifying to the good effects which I have experienced from the use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery for Dyspepsia. For several years nearly all kinds of foods fermented on my stomach, so that after eating I had very distressing sensations, but from the time I commenced the use of the Vegetable Discovery I obtained relief."

"Papa," said Amy, hesitatingly; "I—I must confess something. Harry and I had arranged to elope to-night, but my conscience troubled me, and I just had to tell you, and spoil it all." "It need not spoil it," replied the fond parent; "go ahead and elope, but never tell I knew of it. It will save the expense of a wedding."

The Duke.—"And here, madam, is where my forefathers lie buried." Mrs. Noovorich,—"Massy! Mr. Dook, was your poor mother married four times?"