

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as strength.—St. Francis de Sales.

Christmas Gifts that you can make.—A group of Christmas presents, easy to make, pretty to look at, and useful, too, are described as follows:

A dainty little ribbon roll requires five-eighths of a yard of ribbon five and one-half inches wide, three-quarters of a yard of half-inch ribbon for a hanger, three-eighths of a yard of baby ribbon to tie, two rings buttoned over with silk, a bodkin and a bolt of wash ribbon. Featherstitch a narrow hem in the ends of the wide ribbon, and gather up the sides and fasten firmly to the rings. Sew the ties and hanger in place and put the bolt of ribbon in the bag, fastening the bodkin to one end of the ribbon.

For a very complete case for sewing and toilet articles.—The foundation is a piece of flowered ribbon nine and a half inches wide and twenty-two inches long; a yard and a quarter of plain ribbon six inches wide and several yards of narrow ribbon to match will also be required. But from the six-inch ribbon a piece thirty inches long and whip it on one side of the flowered ribbon. Stitch a piece of narrow ribbon along the inside of the plain ribbon one inch below the edge, and through this casing run a piece of narrow elastic. Turn the plain ribbon up on the flowered ribbon to the depth of four and one-half inches, feather-stitching the ends together, thus forming a big pocket. Divide this into four small pockets by working rows of feather-stitching through the center and quarter sections. In the lower edge of each of the pockets make a buttonhole. Take a square of the plain ribbon and feather-stitch on the flowered ribbon making pockets for the two glass hat-pin holders. Fasten a needle-book at the upper right-hand corner of the case and a pin-cushion at the opposite corner. Cover two pieces of narrow ribbon and stitch on the flowered ribbon three inches from the upper edge. Divide these into sections to hold scissors, thimble, etc. Place bolts of underwear ribbon in the pockets and sew five rings on upper edge of case.

A set of bands for underwear which is most attractive and easy to make. The bows and straps are made of ribbon two and a quarter inches wide, while ribbon one and a quarter inch wide is filled over inch-wide elastic for the hands proper. The plain strap of wide ribbon bears the name of the garment for which it is to be used, done in gold letters.

A novel pin-holder made to represent the four suits of playing-cards,—spades, clubs, diamonds and hearts. The different shapes are cut out of cardboard, covered with silk, and joined to the ribbon roses by narrow ribbons. These pin-holders are particularly effective when made in the different color colors.

A flowered muslin work apron requires one yard and a quarter of material twenty-seven inches wide. The strip is folded in half, crosswise, and the two sides are sloped off from the bottom up to the top, where the piece is only twenty-two inches wide. Two pieces thirteen and one-half inches long and three wide are cut out of the front or upper half of the apron, and the opening thus made is hemmed and finished with a narrow lace edge. The front and back are then stitched together and the edge finished with lace to match the opening. The top is put into a ribbon belt, the ends of which are enough to go around the waist and tie.

A letter-holder.—A most convenient little desk accessory. To make it, one requires one piece of cardboard three and a half by one and a half inches, two pieces measuring one and one half by one and a quarter, three-quarters of a yard of one and a half-inch ribbon, and three-quarters of a yard of fine white cord. Cover the three pieces of cardboard with embroidered linen, cretonne or flowered ribbon, and finish the edges with the cord. Hem the largest card down in the center of the ribbon, using the latter as a lining, and after joining the two small cards together at the sides, leaving the ends free, slip the ends of ribbon through in opposite directions.

A combination pin-cushion and hat-pin-holder.—Get an empty talcum powder box—a cardboard one is best,—three glass test tubes, a yard of narrow lace, a yard of ribbon and a piece of silk large enough to cover the box and pin-cushion on top. After covering the box, make a round cushion just the size of the top and pin it in place with round-headed white or gold pins. Edge the top of the box with lace, leaving three loops equal distances apart through which the glass tubes may be slipped. Sew a similar row of lace and loops around the lower edge of the box, and after slipping the tubes in place tie a bow of ribbon around each one.

For a fascinating little housewife.—The materials needed are three-eighths of a yard of flowered ribbon eight inches wide, one-quarter of a yard of taffeta to match, one yard of one-inch ribbon, four circles of cardboard two and a half inches in diameter and a piece of crinoline the size of the wide ribbon. Cover the cardboard circles with the taffeta, and overlap together so as to form the two end-pieces. Cut three pieces of flannel for a needle-book and featherstitch in place on the taffeta lining; make a small pocket of the taffeta and stitch in place at the opposite end. Make a tiny holder for the thimble and work two bars of close casing through which the bodkins and scissors can be slipped. Lay the crinoline between lining and outside, turn in the raw edges, and over hand or feather-stitch all around. Then cover the sides of case to the silk-covered circles, leaving about one-quarter of the circle free. Fasten an emery on a narrow ribbon, attach to one of the cardboard ends and fasten the ribbon ties in place.

A gift for the baby, which will also be appreciated by the baby's mother, is a pair of shoes made of eider-down flannel and lined with China silk are shapely and warm, and as patterns for these little shoes can be bought, the work involved amounts to but little.

Temperance Mint Julep.—Bruise the sprigs and leaves of two or three sprays of fresh mint and place in a glass half filled with shaved ice. Macerate thoroughly, add four tablespoonfuls of grape juice and fill the glass with seltzer or carbonated water.

Seizes 12,000 Pounds of Oleo. More than 12,000 pounds of oleomargarine shipped by the Narragansett Dairy Co. of Narragansett, R. I., to the Eastern Provision Co. in Philadelphia, were confiscated at the freight station here by United States internal revenue agents. The revenue officers say the oleo is artificially colored, but was being handled as an uncolored product, and as such the manufacturer paid a government tax of one-fourth cent a pound, as against a tax of 10 cents necessary on colored oleomargarine.

Historical Residence Burned. Malvern Hill, the historic colonial residence in Charles City county, Va., below the city of Richmond, on the James river, now the property of William H. Hall, of New York, was completely destroyed by fire. Malvern Hill house was built by Governor Randolph 270 years ago. It was occupied at one time during the Revolutionary War by General Lafayette, and the farm was the scene of the battle of Malvern Hill.

Drowned in Four Inches of Water. While sitting on a bench where its mother had placed it while she was busy washing, the two-year-old child of Mathew Morgan, of Greenwood, Del., slipped and fell backward, striking its head on a tub, which was returned close by. When the mother returned from hanging clothes in the yard she was horrified to find the child dead inside the tub, which contained about four inches of water.

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