

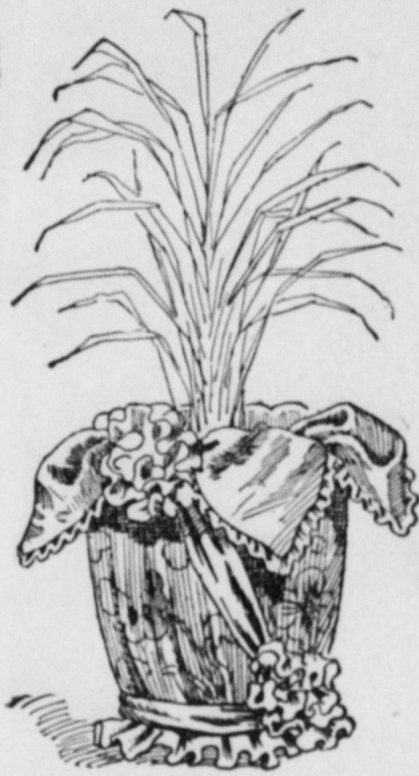
HOMEMADE PRESENTS.

Useful Hints for the Happy Christmas Time.

HANDSOME FLOWERPOT HOLDER.

A Gift That Will Be Appreciated by a Lover of Plants—How It is Made. An Attractive Newspaper Holder For the Household.

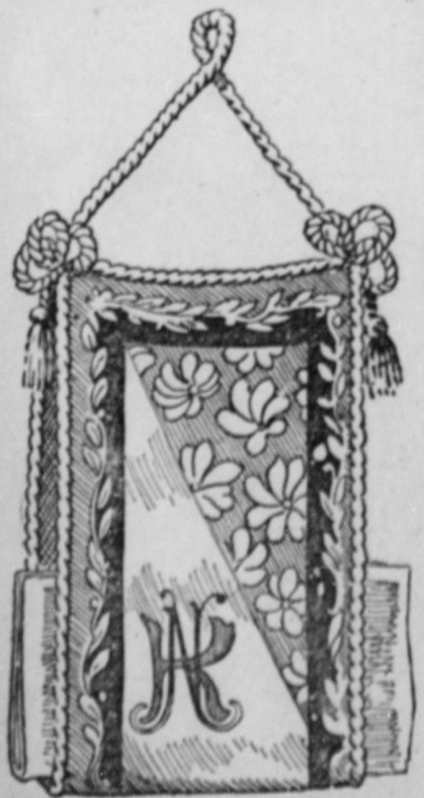
The givers of Christmas gifts are often at their wits' end to think of suitable presents, yet they almost as often entirely forget to reckon the possibilities of attraction in small foliage plants—little hardy ferns, small palms and grasses—which will grow without a greenhouse and will serve for table ornaments. Such plants are often very acceptable gifts, but should be well wrapped in many thicknesses of paper



FLOWERPOT HOLDER.

to keep them from being chilled while being delivered. A pleasing addition to such a gift is a holder made to conceal the pot, which is always unsightly. The holder may be of pasteboard, or, if the pot is large, it may be one of the round willow wastebaskets of the smallest dimensions. Such baskets may be had of a size holding about half a peck. Over the foundation, whether of pasteboard or willow, a full covering of soft silk is placed. It is shirred with a fringe at the bottom and gathered at the top edge. Over the top fall four corners of satin bordered with gold gimp. At one side is a chon of satin, from which passes diagonally a band of satin which is secured at the bottom by another chon. A similar band of satin conceals the shirring at the foot. The coloring of the silk and satin may be suited to the room where they are to be used, but for general purposes olive green tones, light and dark, will be found to harmonize best with the foliage. Yellows are also attractive, especially for the corners of rooms.

The problem of gifts for men is one which returns with hopeless insistency every year. It is difficult enough when the gift is to be simply bought, but when it is to be made at home, as many women prefer, the question is almost insoluble unless one is willing to give something which is of no earthly use, hoping it will be welcomed simply for the giver's sake. There are embroidered photograph frames, but they are rather stale. Worked slippers are out of date. A couch pillow is always acceptable, provided it is not made of flimsy material and delicate tints which will not bear usage. Silk or linen handkerchiefs, with a monogram embroidered by the donor, are serviceable as well as sentimental, but the linen must be fine and the embroidery neatly done. A newspaper holder, provided it is strong and capacious, is usually liked and gives scope



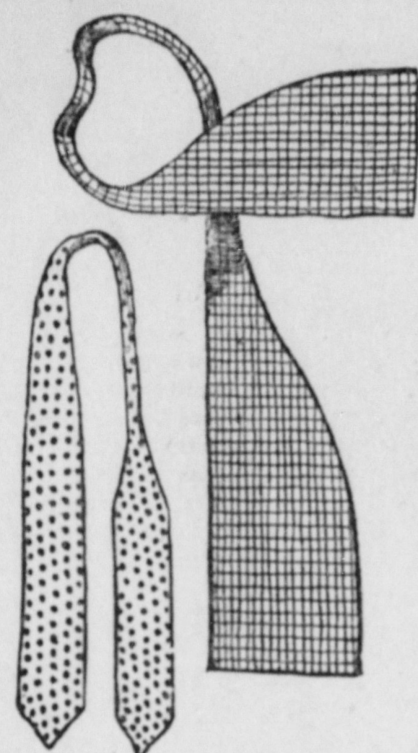
NEWSPAPER HOLDER.

for a great deal of originality in the way of decoration. It is a broad, flat band, lined, stiffened and doubled together to form a loop in which the papers may be laid. It is advisable to put a flat strip of wood, like a piece of curtain stick or narrow lath, across the top, inside, to hold it out straight. As for the material, it may be cloth, silk or velvet, embroidered, painted or simply figured. Worked canvas is strong and effective. The holder illustrated is of old brocade with a band of plain moire, upon which is an embroidered monogram. The edges are finished with a heavy cord.

NECKTIES FOR CHRISTMAS.

How to Make Those a Man Will Cheerfully Wear.

It is always difficult to decide upon a gift for a man. What few articles seem appropriate he usually possesses, duplicated several times, and that is particularly the case with homemade presents. The most suitable gifts, therefore, are those whose duplication is not undesirable, such things as handkerchiefs and cravats, for example. It may be said that the average man will not wear a homemade tie, and it is quite true that he is often



CHRISTMAS NECKTIES.

reluctant to wear even a bought one selected by a woman. It is possible, however, to overcome his prejudices if one can make a tie which is more attractive than the purchased ones. To that end never attempt a made up scarf, which can only be successfully accomplished by professionals. There are straight scarfs of various styles to be tied by the wearer which require only neatness and good taste to be easily made by the amateur. Chief among these are the four-in-hand ties. These have a narrow neckband and are wider at one or both ends and are interlined with stiffened cotton flannel to give them firmness. It is possible to select very attractive and suitable materials for them at the dress silk counter, materials which are much more refined and delicate than those usually made up at men's furnishing stores. Half a dozen four-in-hands in a box would be acceptable to most men if the colors were wisely chosen. There might be one each of pearl, silver gray and navy blue faille, another of gray satin with tiny white stripes, another of dark blue satin with white pin dots, another of a fine blue and white check. A newer tie is an English style, with very broad ends, one larger than the other. These must be made of silk which is alike on the two sides, as only the neckband is lined. Very small figures and subdued colors are always to be chosen. A picture is given of the two shapes, but the woman who is uncertain of herself would better buy a cheap tie of the desired style, rip it apart and use it as a model.

TO MAKE A LAMP SHADE.

A Christmas Gift That May Be Designed at Home.

Women who are racking their brains for an idea with regard to Christmas presents for men friends will be glad to hear of a new version of an old scheme. Ornamented lamp shades are far from being a novelty, and the frill-



LAMP SHADE.

ed, furbelowed, inflammable kind are still farther from being welcome to the average man. There are other kinds, however, the most suitable being those of heavy water color paper or thin cardboard, which are cut out in the shape of a segment of a circle and then joined by little clamps which come for the purpose and mounted on a little gilt framework. The new idea with regard to them is one which will render them individual and peculiarly appropriate to the person for whom they are meant. It consists in ornamenting them with unmounted photographs, mounted in such a way that the light of the lamp will shine through them. Several large ones or many small ones may thus be used, spaces for them being neatly cut in the shade, so that the material of the shade does not pass beneath them. For example, if the pictures are to be arranged in medallions they are cut in a round or oval form, and a correspondingly shaped hole, just a little smaller, is cut in the shade. The picture is then mounted on the inside of the shade, facing outward. In these days of amateur photography the suggestive possibilities are innumerable. Familiar scenes, reuniting pleasant associations, may be grouped together, the remainder of the shade being covered with some harmonious painted decoration. As for personal photographs, there could hardly be a more effective way of keeping one's face in the sight of one's friend.

A BUBBLE BURSTED.

Warrants Out For the Arrest of "Napoleon of Finance" Miller.

THE CREDULITY OF AMERICANS

As Shown by the Manner in Which They Poured Money Into the Co-fers of the Franklin Syndicate. Other Alleged "Bankers" Arrested.

Brooklyn, Nov. 28.—William F. Miller, head of the Franklin syndicate, which has accepted the deposits of thousands of persons under promise of paying dividends of 10 per cent a week, or 520 per cent per annum, and Cecil Leslie, his secretary, were indicted by the King's county grand jury last Friday. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of these two men, but they have decamped. Police think they are in hiding somewhere about New York, and say they cannot elude capture.

Last Friday night the police raided the premises occupied by the syndicate, on Floyd street. There was a great crowd of people around the building, and the police surrounded it. Inspector Brennan arrested Louis Miller, brother of the head of the syndicate, and the cashier of the concern, and took possession of \$15,000 in cash. There were 40 employees engaged at work in the offices, and these were allowed to go. It was stated by Louis Miller to the police that the offices were then in the hands of ex-Sheriff Dalley, of Richmond, to whom, he said, the concern had assigned.

Miller has been advertising liberally, and his victims are in all parts of the country. The money poured in so rapidly that barrels were brought up from the cellar to hold the cash. It is said that within the last week Miller had received deposits of hundreds of people, aggregating a daily amount from \$30,000 to \$40,000. It is easy to see under these circumstances how the Franklin syndicate could readily pay out 10 per cent of this amount a week and still make money.

The extensive operations of the Franklin syndicate and exhaustless credulity of the American people are shown by the number of dividend drafts which are held by the different city banks. These drafts, sent through the mails by Miller to subscribers living at distant points, and they deposited them in their local banks for collection. The local banks in turn sent them to the New York banks, which act as their agents here. These drafts arrived on Saturday. Many more are expected this week. As the syndicate has assigned, the drafts will be returned to their dupes. These drafts come from Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey and other states.

A vast crowd of furious men and women surged about the closed headquarters of the syndicate. The men in the crowd raged and swore in excess of fury. The women were worse than the men. They raved and shrieked in impotent rage. Most of them cursed the authorities rather than Miller and declared that the man was persecuted and hounded by those who were jealous of his success. It was altogether a vivid exemplification of the credulity and fickleness of humanity.

The following will show Miller's winnings: Total receipts or deposits, \$10,000 per day for 150 days, \$1,500,000. Paid out in dividends, estimated, \$500,000. Recovered by police, \$5,500. Expenses of office, advertising, etc., \$200,000. Money now in Miller's hands, \$721,500.

Hubert G. Taylor, the lawyer who was appointed receiver of the syndicate, has asked to be relieved of the appointment on the ground that he does not like to have his name associated in the public mind with that of Miller and his unsavory supporters. Bankruptcy proceedings were begun today against the Franklin syndicate. The attorneys represent holders whose claims aggregate \$30,000.

Yesterday John R. Agnew was arrested in this city on a syndicate swindling charge, and today two other alleged bankers were arrested in New York. They are Louis A. Gourdain, said to be an ex-lottery shark from New Orleans, and Charles D. Hughes.

For Selling Washed Stamps.
New York, Nov. 29.—David D. Badeau, 42 years old, who has conducted a stamp store at 12 Broadway for the past 16 months, was arrested yesterday, charged with buying and selling washed internal revenue stamps. He was held in \$5,000 bail. Internal revenue officials allege that he has been buying and selling washed stamps at the rate of \$6,000 to \$8,000 a day, and has cleared about \$30,000 by his transactions. Five thousand revenue stamps, worth from \$1 to \$30 each, many of them washed, were seized in Badeau's store.

Medal of Honor For Colonel Bell.
Washington, Nov. 29.—The president has directed that a congressional medal of honor be presented to Colonel J. Franklin Bell, Thirty-sixth volunteer infantry, for most distinguished gallantry in action, Sept. 9, 1899, near Forac, Luzon, P. I.

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MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	2 7:47	Full Moon	16 8:31
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DOGS TATTOOED.

An English Method of Marking Valuable Animals Adopted in This Country.

It has been the practice in London for some time to tattoo dogs. In some cases it has been done as a means of identification; in others it is just a mere fad for the ostentatious show of a newly acquired crest or coat of arms, says the New York Herald.

The most sensible reason for such a fad seems to be for identification in case of theft or loss. Certain breeders have certain private marks by which they can identify dogs of a particular family. These marks are kept close track of, and the age and pedigree of the dog can be settled at once by referring to the records.

Dog tattooing is now done in this city. A well-known fancier has tattooed dogs for the Astors, the Vanderbilts, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Gould and other men who own valuable dogs.

"The plain markings, such as crosses, double X and private marks," he said, "are not done by tattooing, but with a long, fine needle, such as milliners use, and a fine thread dipped in Indian ink. This needle is run under the skin in longstitches, the thread pulled through and left there for some little time, and then pulled out again, leaving the stain of the ink under the skin, and that stain can never be destroyed."

"Dogs are mostly marked right in the bend of the fore or hind leg, where there is no hair and the skin is very tender. Sometimes it is done in the ears."

"Perhaps you did not know that high priced fowls are tattooed and marked for pedigree identification? Well, nearly every game chicken has some special mark upon it, and anyone at all familiar with the raising of game fowls owns a book which gives all the private markings of valuable species."

HOW IT WAS DONE.

A Bit of the Inside History of the Movement for a Statue of Miss Willard.

A rosy little woman with an air of great satisfaction about her ran up to me after the matinee the other day, says a writer in the Washington Post.

"Did you see it in the paper?" she said.

"See what?" I asked.

"Why, that the Illinois legislature has passed a bill for an appropriation to buy a statue of Frances Willard to put in Statuary hall at the capitol. I knew we'd do it, and we did do it. Isn't it lovely?"

I confessed my lack of comprehension, and she went on:

"You see, just a year ago I told you that there was a movement on foot among the Women's Christian Temperance union to erect a statue to Miss Willard. I believe I even went into details. Well, there wasn't a word of truth in it, I made it all up myself. I don't know a soul in the Woman's Christian Temperance union, but I did know Miss Willard, and I wanted so much to have somebody start the statue idea, so I started it myself. The Illinois legislature may think they've done it, but they haven't. They've merely followed out an idea I gave them. I started the whole thing just by telling you something that wasn't so. You made the first mention of it, and I put you up to it. I'm mighty proud of myself to-day. We started, we did, but a state had to take it up, for only states are permitted to put statues in Statuary hall. Never tell me again that it's always best to stick to the truth. Just see what a little judicious prevarication has done!"

A SHREWD VENDER.

He Gave a Magnifying Glass with Every Basketful of Strawberries Sold.

"My pal and I," said a New York fruit vender, "started out the other morning with strawberries; same stock, bought at the same time, from the same dealer, and we went uptown and started in, he along one tier of blocks and I along another. When we met at noon he had sold every basket. I had sold not more than half of mine."

"How did you do it?" I asked him.

"Why, I gave 'em a magnifying glass with every basket," he said. "And so he had. The folks would say, as they always do when you go around with those small little baskets: 'Where are they? Basket's so small I can't see it.' Then my pal outs with the magnifying glass and hands it over and says: 'You just take a look at 'em through that,' and it brings the basket and the berries all up so big that what with the size of them as they now appear, the desire for the early strawberry, and bein' kind o' dazed with my pal's cheap, they buy 'em. And he gives a magnifying glass with every basket, as he can afford to do, the magnifying glasses being cheap and strawberries dear."

"Oh, he's a shifty chap, my pal, with a head full of wit and readiness, equal to any situation. It's too late for me to do the same thing now this year, for the big boxes have come in; but next year, early, when I start out with the strawberries in nutshells, I gives a magnifying glass with every basket."

Human Birds of Prey.
One device of the human birds of prey that haunt London is to take out policies of insurance on the lives of certain persons, and then put temptations to excessive drink in their way, thus driving them into early graves.

Genius Unconscious.
It is as difficult to talk entirely ungrammatically as to play in discords. A country lady, standing in front of a picture in an eastern gallery, took the prize when she said: "Them deers is drew terribly bad."

Many a Wink.
An English scientist has calculated that a human opens and closes his eyes no fewer than 4,000,000 times per year.

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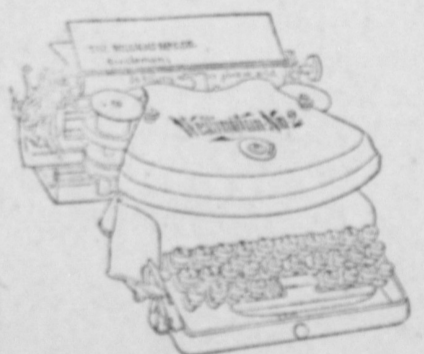
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