

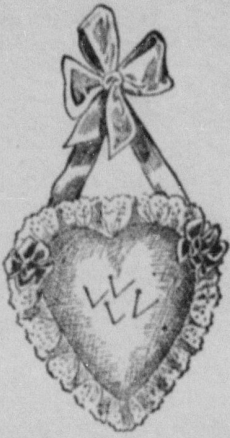
YULETIDE SOUVENIRS.

Gifts Which May Be Conveniently Made at Home.

LAVISHNESS IS IN BAD TASTE.

The Woman Who Gives Holiday Presents Should Study the Taste of Her Friends in Order to Decide What Each of Them Would Like Best.

Unfortunately American gift giving is too much marked by lavish ostentation. Gifts are regarded as of no importance unless they represent large intrinsic values. This is a mistake. It is a greater compliment to receive from a friend something that has been a matter of thought and of careful preparation than some tawdry trifle selected in a shop and probably dispatched with dozens of others directly from the counter.



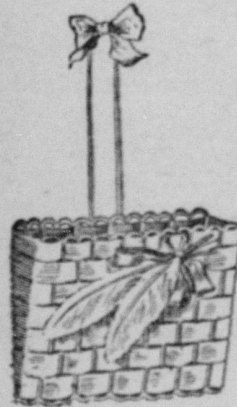
HEART SHAPED PIN-CUSHION.

There are really many dainty trifles which any woman with taste and comparative leisure may make at home and which carry with them the individuality that a ready made present never does.

Nothing could be more appropriate from a young woman in moderate means than a holiday gift consisting of a heart shaped pin cushion intended for the toilet table of her sweetheart. Men prize these personal gifts from the woman they love far more highly than costly remembrances secured in the shops. Pin cushions may be as costly and elaborate as means and taste justify.

Pin cushions are always acceptable gifts. A man who has a little daughter just learning to make simple fancy work will be inordinately proud of the tiny pin cushions which she makes for his Christmas stocking.

A pretty and useful pin cushion which any little girl who sews can make for father is cut in the shape of a heart and requires a back and front piece of silk, satin or velvet. The pieces are to be cut in the shape of hearts, four inches long and four inches wide. To shape them double the silk and cut the two sides together so that they may be alike on both sides. Then



USEFUL CATCHALL.

stitch them firmly together on the wrong side, leaving a small opening through which to insert the filling. Cram the cushion tightly with bran or emery, or even cornmeal when there is nothing else handy. After it is filled overhaul the open space and sew a full ruffle of white lace along the seam. A loop and bow of ribbon are put on to hang it up by, and two pretty rosettes of the same ribbon are set at the sides. A pretty fancy is to stick pins to form the name or initials of the one for whom this gift is made.

A useful catchall may be made by taking a new galvanized iron broiler and cutting off the front handle. The iron should then be covered with a coat of gold or bronze paint and left a day to dry. When the paint has hardened, weave in and out ribbon of the proper width to fill all the spaces. Leave the ex-broiler so that it will hang open slightly. Tie a bow at the top of the handle and another to a couple of quill feathers to ornament the front. The quills may be gilded like the bars. Blue ribbon is prettier than any color and keeps fresh longer than light shades. It requires ten yards of ribbon to make the knots. The broiler costs only 10 cents and the paint much less. The cost is chiefly for the ribbon.

Something that any one is glad to get for Christmas is a calendar, one to hang upon the wall, where it will not get lost. If the gift giver paints, it is better to prepare a calendar which will convey some sentiment. The slips bearing the dates are obtainable at any stationery store. They are to be glued to the heavy cardboard back or, if preferred, tied there by baby ribbon.



PRETTY CALENDAR.

The upper part of the cardboard may be decorated suitably and the letters "Merry Christmas, 1902," done in gold paint. A photograph of the giver, if a daughter or son, can be substituted for a picture. The finishing bow of ribbon is to go on at the top.

Unique Sachets For Christmas.

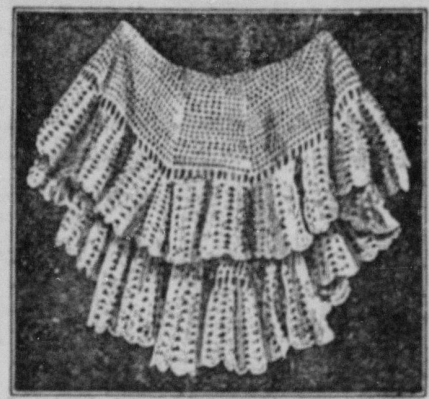
Quaint sachets in the form of fruit make unique gifts. A pansy is easily concocted from white silk with a yellowish tinge. A tapering carrot is another suggestion. A realistic looking apple may be evolved from soft green silk and cotton batting painted and molded to represent the fruit.

A SHAWL FOR GRANDMAMMA

Remembrance For the Woman Who Feels the Frosts of Age.

A desirable yuletide gift for an elderly lady is a circular crocheted shawl. To make one, buy nine skeins of Shetland floss or split zephyr of any light color. The wrap may have the center white with a colored border for evening. Take a large bone crocheting hook and begin with a chain of six stitches in a ring. The first row should have twelve double stitches, with the thread pulled out loosely after every stitch. In the second row work in double crochet between every two double of the previous row and two in the next, alternating single and double to start the ribs, working around the ring, enlarging as it is found necessary to make a perfect circle, increasing the spaces between the double crochet, which forms the rings. The shawl is fourteen inches from the center to the border and should be widened as it makes the complete circle.

For the shawl border complete a chain of ten stitches, with single crochet caught into every other hole. The second row should have in each chain of ten a shell of two loose double crochet, two chain and two loose double crochet. Make four rows of this. Then add three rows with a shell made of three double crochet, two chain and three double crochet. After this apply



KNITTED SHOULDER SHAWL.

one row with shells made of four double crochet, two chain and four double crochet. Cut a scallop of ten double chain in each shell. This pretty wrap may be made larger by carrying out the plan of enlarging the shells as the rows are increased. The design is a very easy one for the little girls to follow. Mixed gray for the center with a heliotrope border is a combination of colors that pleases grandma.

DESIGN FOR LAUNDRY BAG.

A Gift That Will Be Useful Every Day in the Year.

A stout laundry bag made of canvas and ample enough to hold all of the soiled clothes of the week is a convenience which any housekeeper appreciates. For those who prefer to make useful Christmas presents rather than those which are merely ornamental the bag is to be recommended.

Every housekeeper would welcome one, and its value would grow with experience. For a family bag two and



STITCHED LAUNDRY BAG.

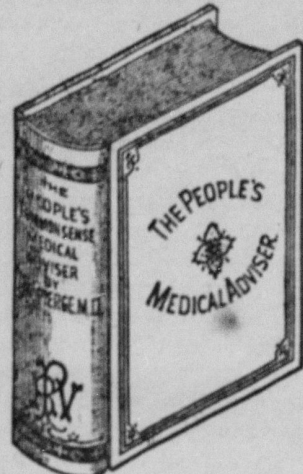
a half yards of coarse linen canvas and half a yard of turkey red calico are needed; also four yards of linen cord, two ounces of flosselle, red and indigo blue, and half a yard of cotton ball fringe. The top of the bag may be faced with red, through which drawing strings of the cord run, and the bag is done, of course, supposing that the figures are worked before the pieces are sewed up. The work is done in plain Bulgarian cross stitch. A glance at the figures will show how they are outlined. The men's pantaloons are stitched red, and the rest of the pattern is stitched blue. Alternate knotted fringe is placed with the balls.

A Valuable Sachet Bag.

Almost any housekeeper would be glad to have a lavender sachet bag among her Christmas gifts. Our grandmothers had another fancy—to get the sweet clover which grows wild almost everywhere and while it is in blossom strip the flowers and leaves off the stems and put them into bags for perfuming their clothes. Clover smells like the new mown hay and keeps its scent. It also reminds one of the sweet grass of the Indians. This should be gathered on a dry day, and from a big armful of the branches one can strip a pint or more of the perfumed blossoms and leaves. These are to be dried well and then put into little bags, preferably made of silk muslin, as it is better to have a porous bag. Hundreds of ways to make these little bags will suggest themselves. They will delight the hearts of the old more than any other sachet bags that could be made.

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