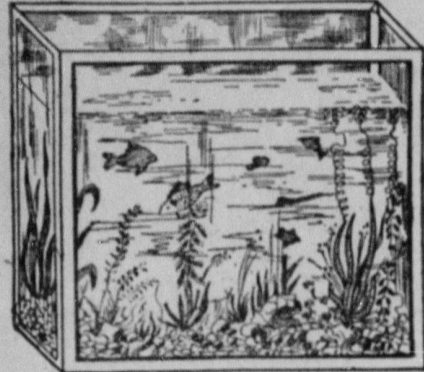


A HOMEMADE AQUARIUM.

Will Be a Source of Pleasure and Profit to the Young Folks.

When deciding upon a Christmas present for the children, select, if possible, something that will both amuse and instruct. An aquarium answers these requirements. A very good one may be made at home.

To make the tank get four pieces of thick glass, the size to be governed by circumstances. The most convenient proportions are 13 inches long, 13 inches high and 8 inches wide. The



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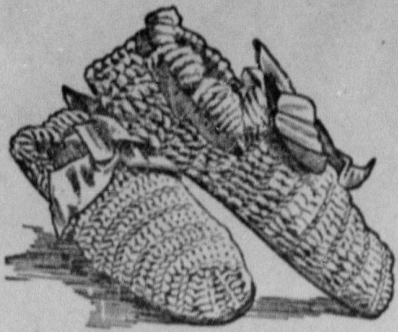
bottom of the tank consists of a piece of zinc nailed to a board. Zinc and board are to be an inch longer than the tank is to be. The extra inch of zinc is bent up to hold the glass. Four strips of zinc or galvanized iron are bent at right angles, stood upright and nailed to the edges of the wooden base. Test them and if firm stand the panes of glass in the zinc supports, strap the whole so that it is firm and then put a closely doubled strip of zinc around the upper edge. This will make the frame stronger.

When the glass sides are in place, the joining must be filled with cement and left at least five days to dry. On the sixth day fill the tank with water and watch it carefully to see that there is no leak. Assured of that, coat the zinc with green oil paint. This must dry for at least a week before plants or fish are put in. No paint should be applied to the inside of the tank.

CROCHETED SLIPPERS.

A Christmas Gift That Will Be Useful in the Invalid's Room.

For an invalid no more acceptable gift can be made than a pair of bedroom slippers for a winter night. The soles for the slippers may be purchased anywhere and are of leather covered with soft wool. The uppers are crocheted in loose pattern, the top being done in shell pattern, with one row of open crochet through which the ribbon is to run. Begin to crochet at the toe and widen at the instep by working in more stitches until it is two inches wider than the sole. Then half of the heel part is worked, and when the two halves will meet they are crocheted together, and the fancy shellwork around



CROCHETED SLIPPERS.

the top is done. Ribbon adds the finish. Any person who knows how to crochet can easily complete several of these pairs of slippers. They are nice to wear about the bedroom when shoes and stockings have been removed preparatory to retiring. They are a good thing to do in the bathroom and are sometimes called bath slippers. Although especially serviceable to invalids, their usefulness is by no means limited to them.

A Fanciful Holiday Remembrance.

A small footstool was employed to make one of the prettiest pincushions seen this season. It was the invention of a young girl. The stool was about six inches high and had bamboo legs—in fact, the whole thing was of that wood. The legs were tied with ribbon, and each end had a star of steel beads worked on it. The cushion was of pale pink satin, with a curious design in silver thread wrought over it, reminding one of the windings of the fabled labyrinth. The cushion was stuffed high, and all around the edges was a deep fringe made of steel or silver beads. The corners were rosettes of baby ribbon, each rosette holding six yards of ribbon. From the center of each rosette hung a fringe of the beads. It would be easy to imagine new combinations for this main idea. The one difficulty is to find a stool small enough. This is supposed to be just the thing to give big brothers. Another suggestion is a pocket for collar buttons.

How to Make Napkin Rings.

Something new in Christmas napkin rings has been lately devised by a clever woman. These rings are made of two thicknesses of heavyweight bleached grass linen. They are embroidered with an initial flower letter or bird.

The linen is cut in strips about two and a quarter inches wide and eight inches long, which allows of one-quarter inch turnings all round. A true half square point is made at one end of each strip before the rings are made up. The embroidery is also done on the upper piece before putting together. The embroidered piece is sewed to a lining, turned through the square end, smoothed, pulled in shape and the square end blind stitched up. A buttonhole is worked in the point and the ring completed by a button at the other end.

A RUSTIC FRAME.

It May Be Made of Wood, Covered With Leather.

A wooden photograph frame may be handsomely embellished with a cluster of small but symmetrically formed pine cones tacked to one corner of the frame. A few well chosen hemlock or spruce twigs will add to its appearance. The frame may be purchased or made at home of wood, sawed out and polished along the inside. A cigar box cover sawed out may be covered with leather. The edges of the leather should be tacked down with tiny upholstery nails. A decorative line can be drawn



FANCY PHOTOGRAPH FRAME.

in gold paint if it is desired. If the maker is artistic, a fancy design in gold paint may be added. The glass from honey boxes is valuable for the cover. A photograph of a loved one in such a frame will make a valued gift. The cones may be gilded or varnished.

When it is inconvenient to make a fancy gift, something which will be of practical use is often acceptable for the holidays.

There are many worthy and good men and women who are more or less dependent upon the thoughtfulness of friends for dainties. They are provided with the necessities of life, but many of them long for a little jelly or homemade preserves, such as most housekeepers make in abundance every fall. It would be a gracious thing if all women would think of the old folks of this most unhappy class and when putting up preserves provide a dozen glasses for them. A dozen glasses would go far to make each of these men and women happy, and the sweetmeats would be hoarded with care. Nothing rounds out a dinner so well for those who are old as a spoonful of jelly. Women can each spare a few glasses from their winter stock.

The best way to make a man acknowledge the corn is to stamp on his toe.

A UNIQUE HOLIDAY GIFT.

Costs Little to Make and Can Be Made From an Ear of Corn.

Fancy thermometers are displayed in such quantities in the shops and are of so many different designs that it is difficult to hit upon something which will be really novel. A corn ear thermometer, however, answers the description.

To make one take the finest and most regular ear of corn that can be found and cut out a place in which to fit a small bulb. It should be glued fast. Braid up one sheaf of the husk for a handle and tie the others with some bright ribbon. Gild the whole.

A thermometer may be made in much the same way with a pine cone, a piece of decorated birch bark or a shell.

In selecting the bulbs only those of the best quality should be accepted. Cheap bulbs get out of order in a short time.

A handsome bow of ribbon is a smart finishing touch for almost any piece of fancywork.

What to Give a Man For Christmas.

If a man has a den in which he takes any pride, there are many things from which to choose. A gayly embroidered sofa cushion or an Italian blanket in picturesque stripes will be an appropriate and welcome addition to his couch.

Tobacco jars come in many materials. Those of pottery in a dull finish, with touches of silver, are especially handsome. A small tabouret on which to stand the jar is a good idea too.

Ash trays come in glass, china, lacquer and several metals. The combination matchbox and ash tray for a man's desk or table is convenient.

The difference between a new fad and a new wrinkle is that young girls have fads and old ones have wrinkles.

If You Could Look

into the future and see the condition to which your cough, if neglected, will bring you, you would seek relief at once—and that naturally would be through

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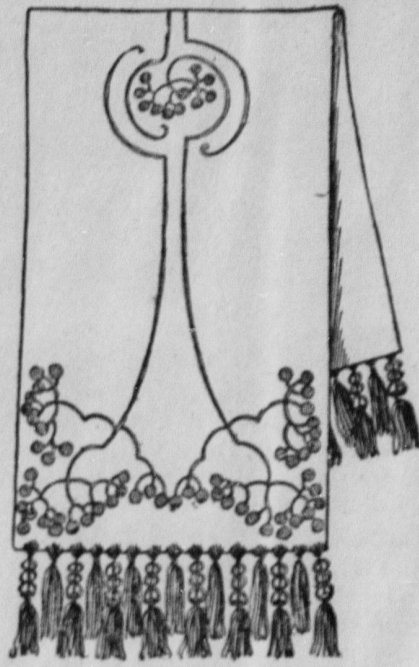
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BUREAU SCARF.

A Handsome Moire Affair Embroidered With Leaves and Berries.

By studying the sketches any needlewoman can make the piece of fancy work illustrated here. The material needed for this handsome Christmas



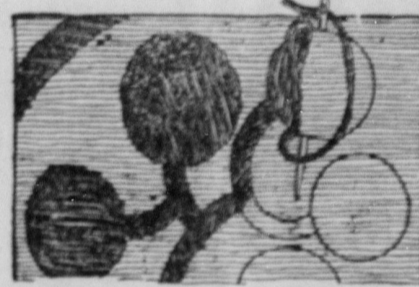
EMBROIDERED BUREAU SCARF.

present is pale blue moire, though any other color would be as suitable if adapted to the rich coloring in the embroidered berries. Similar designs are worked on both ends of the scarf. It is lined with pale blue moire silk.

The fringe which trims it is especially rich and is made of the two colors used in the embroidery. The shorter tassels of the fringe are of dull green floss, and the longer ones, which are partly crocheted, are of the dark red. All the lines and stems are in one shade of green, and that a dark one, while the berries are dark red.

The manner in which the embroidery is wrought is clearly shown and is called satin stitch. The tassels are attached directly to the satin, being sewed through so that they outline diamonds.

The scarf may be used on a table instead of a bureau. When mailed or



DETAIL OF SCARF EMBROIDERY.

given to the one for whom it is intended, it should be enclosed in a white pasteboard box and folded up inside of white tissue paper.

Prepared His Own Grave.

Samuel G. Moss, an aged citizen, of Lewisburg, ten years ago dug his own grave alongside of the grave of his wife in the cemetery at that place, and has kept it in repairs for use when the end comes. Mr. Moss is a stone mason and a plasterer by trade, and it was soon after the death of his wife that he decided to dig his own grave. After digging the grave the required depth he walled it to the top with brick, cementing these with a specially prepared cement of his own make. Then from a large stone he cut out a slab the size of the mouth of the grave, and with it securely closed the vault. It has remained thus to this day, except for the attention paid it occasionally by Mr. Moss in the way of little repairs.

Bought the Canal Bed.

A Harrisburg special says the Pennsylvania railroad company, according to a deed filed in the Dauphin county recorder's office on Friday, has bought all of the property of the Pennsylvania Canal company between Clark's Ferry, fourteen miles above Harrisburg, and Columbia, including the outlet of the canal into the Susquehanna at that place. The price paid was \$245,000, and the land is conveyed entirely clear of the mortgage bonds issued in 1871 by the canal company. This deed clears up the uncertainty about the canal. It will be filled up and made a bed for track for the Pennsylvania, except where it is leased for water rights or use as reservoirs.

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OWN A HOME AT OAK GROVE

The Oak Grove Town Association

Has laid out and offers for sale on EASY TERMS over SEVEN HUNDRED LOTS in the new town of OAK GROVE, in Clinton County, Pa., where the immense shops of the New York Central Railroad Company are being erected.

PRICE OF LOTS

\$75
TO
\$250

These lots range in value from \$75 to \$250, and in size from 40x150 to 40x250 feet, and are as near the new shops of the New York Central Railroad as is desirable, on account of the noise and smoke.

SIZE OF LOTS

40 x 150
TO
40 x 250

The lands of THE OAK GROVE TOWN ASSOCIATION border on the Railroad Company's property. The land has enough slope to insure perfect drainage and the lots are all from 50 to 150 feet ABOVE THE HIGHEST FLOOD ever known in the Susquehanna River. The town is beautifully situated, and the scenery in the vicinity is romantic. The Susquehanna River flows on one side and Pine Creek on the other. Three companies have been chartered TO SUPPLY WATER FOR THE TOWN and a company has been chartered to furnish ELECTRIC LIGHT. A charter has also been granted for A TROLLEY LINE that will connect OAK GROVE with the cities of Lock Haven and Williamsport and the borough of Jersey Shore.

It is expected that from three to four thousand men will be employed in the New York Central Railroad shops at OAK GROVE, and the VALUE OF LOTS IS LIKELY TO INCREASE WITH THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN. THE SALE OF LOTS HAS BEEN RAPID FROM THE START. The GRADING OF STREETS is in progress. The lines of TWO TELEPHONE COMPANIES have been already erected in the town.

For Further Particulars Inquire at the Office of the Company on the Grounds, or Address

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