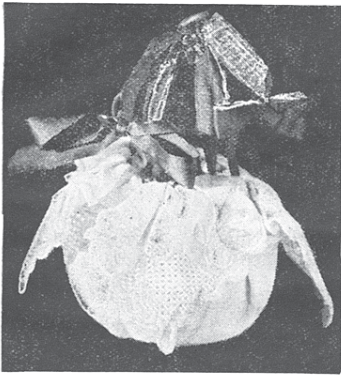


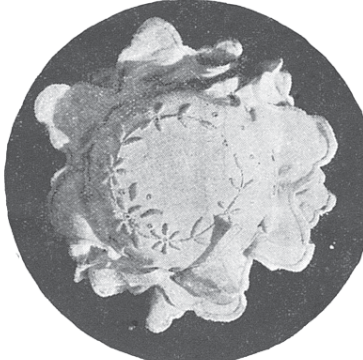
A Budget of Christmas Novelties

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No. 375 D. A Twine-Holder

A strip of white linen eighteen inches long and four and one-half inches wide is required for a combination-case to hold handkerchiefs and jewels. Buttonhole the ends in plain scallops, allowing one fourth inch for seam. Fold up the pocket for handkerchiefs to a depth of four and one-half inches, and that for jewels three and three-quarters inches; then embroider the back of the latter, which will be the front of the case when folded. The design used on the model is a dainty one in solid embroidery, worked with violet silk. Seam the pockets, finish the space between with a narrow hem, put a buttonhole loop of the silk at the bottom of the jewel-pocket and a small pearl button on the other, and the case is complete. If a pretty handkerchief is slipped into the pocket designed for it, and a bit of jewelry into the other, thus giving pleasing evidence of the purpose of gift, all the better; but it is sure to be very acceptable without these additions.



No. 378 D. A Pretty Pincushion

ALL over our big country, in the hundreds of thousands of homes which Needlecraft visits, the gift-boxes are being added to, week by week. This is a most sensible plan. Having adopted it, one is spared all the hurry and flurry of the eleventh hour, and there is always something, too, for the "emergency gift" at any season.

A wise little woman I know keeps a notebook with pencil attached in or near her gift-box, and whenever she hears a friend or acquaintance express a decided wish for some article, down goes the "memo." There is then no question of what she shall get for this friend or that one, and when it comes to giving-time the recipient is scarcely less pleased because of the thought evinced in the selection than by the gift itself. She has not a particularly long purse—this wise little woman—and must count her pennies carefully, to make them go around; but all through the year she is picking up pretty things for embroidering as she can, and her stitches are nearly all taken in spare minutes or when she is "resting." Yet the amount she is able to accomplish seems really wonderful to the uninitiated. Her gift-box is always full; and, what is more, she takes the utmost pleasure in keeping it so. As soon as one "season of loving and giving" is over she begins to prepare for the next; hence there is always a supply for Easter, birthday- and wedding-anniversaries, or for other special occasions when a pretty gift seems quite the thing.

There are so many little things that we may give that it is somewhat difficult to choose among them—making selections of such as are useful as well as pretty, and rejecting such as are really worthless from the utilitarian point of view. The writer feels sure that those which follow will prove generally pleasing, both to the donor and recipient.

First, there is a pretty pincushion, just the size and shape for the college-girl's dressing-table. The simple design is in solid and eyelet-work, and the wreath may enclose the initial of the one for whom the gift is intended. The edge of both back and front is finished with deeply indented scallops, the lacing-eyelets being so arranged that the point of each scallop on the embroidered circle comes between two of the other. Place a cushion of proper size between and lace with ribbon matching the other fittings of the dresser, tying the ends in a looped bow at one side.

Another charming "combination" is a bag for clean and soiled handkerchiefs, to make which a strip of linen thirty-three inches in length and eight and one-half inches wide is needed. The embroidery is in pale green, a simple design in solid work, and the ribbon drawstrings match the silk in color. The casing for drawstrings at each end is one and one-half inches wide. For the longer bag—intended for soiled handkerchiefs, collars or laces, as desired—fold up nine inches, for the shorter one six inches. The fold which comes between the two bags serves as a draw-casing for both, and a very convenient receptacle is the result. An attractive and useful mending- or workbag may be made in the same way, using cretonne, crash or any suitable material.



No. 376 D. Bag for Toilet Articles



No. 377 D. Case for Handkerchiefs or Jewels

And there is the triple bag, requiring three folds. A novel purpose is served by the dainty creation pictured—that of holding toilet-articles, tooth-paste, a box of powder, and so on—but the model is an excellent one for a work-bag or laundry-bag, especially where it is desired to assort articles as they are tucked into it, or to keep materials for work separate. The case illustrated is four and one-half inches in width, the side pockets or bags three and one-half inches deep, including the casing at the top, and the middle one five inches. The decoration consists of tiny daisies and dots in solid embroidery. First make the inch-wide casing at each end of the strip, fold the ends toward the center to a depth of three and one-half inches, which will leave ten inches for the middle bag, in both folds of which a draw-casing matching those of the ends is run. After embroidering the linen, sew up the sides of each bag or pocket and run in the ribbon draw-strings.

The most prominent color—red in the case of the model.

The hints given are intended in a suggestive way, to be varied and elaborated according to the requirements or materials of the worker. Scarcely one of the gifts described may not be made at home, of scraps of linen or other goods already in one's possession, and so require no expenditure of aught save love and good wishes; and that we should be ready to give in unstinted measure.

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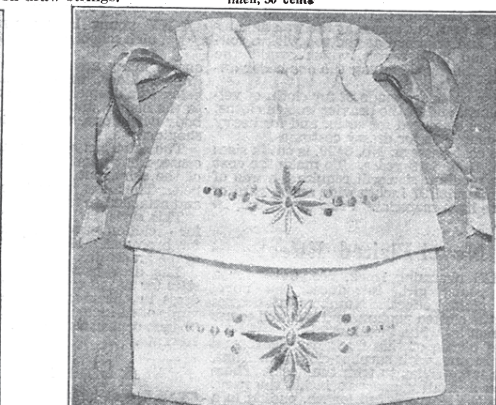
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No. 379 D. A Bag for Shoes



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No. 381 D. Another "Combination" Useful and Pretty

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