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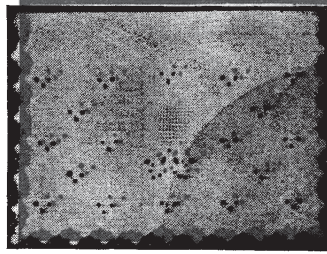
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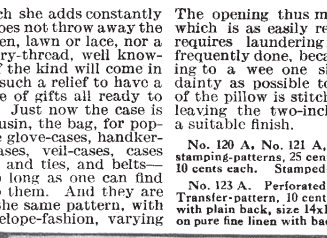
By ESTELLE DE LAMOND

NOWADAYS, when the needle is so much in evidence, and there are so few women who do not employ this little implement as a decorative agent to greater or less degree, no "made" gift, at least, is considered quite complete without a touch of embroidery, which may be as simple as one pleases, but must always be neatly done. The wise gift-maker, with her Christmas-box to which she adds constantly throughout the year does not throw away the merest remnant of linen, lawn or lace, nor a needleful of embroidery-thread, well knowing that everything of the kind will come in good play. And it is such a relief to have a baker's dozen or more of gifts all ready to choose from, isn't it? Just now the case is vying with its first cousin, the bag, for popular favor. There are glove-cases, handkerchief-cases, napkin-cases, veil-cases, cases for jabots, and bows, and ties, and belts—cases without end, so long as one can find anything to tuck into them. And they are all made much after the same pattern, with pocket and flap, envelope-fashion, varying only in size.



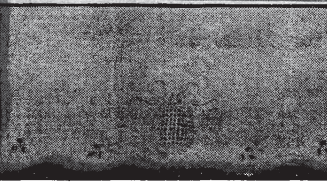
No. 120 A. Handkerchief-Only-Case

Three wonderfully dainty pieces are illustrated, designed primarily for napkin, handkerchief and gloves, but which may, as suggested, serve to hold other accessories—and if the donor wishes to tuck in a pretty handkerchief or jabot or veil, to designate the purpose of her gift, all the nicer, of course. The napkin-case requires a strip of linen twenty inches long and nine inches wide. One end is finished with triple scallops, finely buttonholed, and has a scattered design of eyelets in groups of three, with tiny solid dots. The central motif is especially pleasing, with its touch of the still popular punchwork. A half-inch hem finishes the pocket, which is turned up and side-seamed to form the pocket.



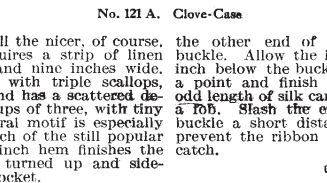
No. 121 A. Glove-Case

The glove-case has also an oval medallion in punched embroidery, surrounded by a row of tiny scallops, the space between which and the medallion is filled with seed-stitches. Eyeleted leaflets constitute the further decoration, and the edge of the flap is finished with very small scallops forming wide ones. Complete, this case is five by ten inches. The rounded flap of the handkerchief-case is also edged with tiny scallops, five in one, and in each is a semicircle of graduated eyelets—five in number, ending with three French knots on each side extending toward the center. A plain, quaint initial—that of the owner—of the case—is worked in well padded satin-stitch at the center of the flap, and the pocket is finished and seamed up as usual. Remember that a bit of really fine embroidery, whatever its purpose, is in itself a delight.



No. 122 A. Napkin-Case

A gift to a baby is really a gift to baby's mamma, who will not fail to appreciate a pretty pillow for the little head so precious to her. The suggestion that embroidery for any of baby's belongings should be as dainty as possible, and not too elaborate, is scarcely needed. One may, if desired, repeat the attractive corner motif used on the model in the opposite corner, and the pillow would still be in perfect taste; but the single decoration is quite sufficient. It is entirely in eyelet-work, save for the diamond-shaped center in punched-embroidery, and the French knots at the center of each flower-form; and a pillow



No. 123 A. A Pillow for Baby

of delicate color, pale pink or blue, shows through very prettily. The pillow-top is cut so that when the fine buttonholing of the scalloped edge is completed, it is two inches larger all around than the back or lining. The latter is cut in two parts, the edge of one part, finished with a hem and buttonholes, overlapping the edge of the other, upon which are sewed corresponding buttons. The opening thus made admits the pillow, which is as easily removed when the cover requires laundering; and this should be frequently done, because everything belonging to a wee one should be as fresh and dainty as possible to have it. The back of the pillow is stitched neatly to the front, leaving the two-inch scalloped margin as a suitable finish.

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BUREAU-SETS are lovely when fashioned of scrim. Cut the scarf the exact dimensions of the bureau-top, allowing material for an inch-wide hem to form a hem-stitched border. At both ends work a border in a conventional flower design combining punched and darned work. The oblong pin-cushion can be embroidered to correspond with the scarf. Scallop the edges with rather wide scallops, using a coarse twisted thread to button-hole-stitch them. Cover the pin-cushion first with a color and over this place the scrim.

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