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Never before has the St. Paul Store made a Christmas showing like this year. We urge our many patrons to do their Holiday Shopping early, and don't wait until the last few days. Our stocks are more than twice as large as any other year heretofore. Nevertheless we urge you to come in early, as hundreds of items will be closed out the first few weeks and which can not be duplicated again this season.

THE ST. PAUL STORE

MADE OF NUTSHELLS

LITTLE GIFTS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED REAL NOVELTIES.

Not Nearly So Hard to Make as They Would Seem—Unique Chinese Figures for Calendars—An American Indian.

Hidden away in a nutshell are endless possibilities for pleasing Christmas remembrances, and those endowed with the fairy gift of imagination may spend a pleasant hour in discovering what cunning little contrivances may be fashioned with the aid of a handful of nuts of different species.

One of the newest calendars for 1907 is decorated with a pair of Chinese figures. It is one of the "tear-off" variety, and the bulky little packet of days is fastened in the right-hand top corner of a narrow, upright card, measuring 12 inches by five inches, neatly covered with art paper of a dark shade. This represents a box-kite, and is ornamented with silver tissue and devices cut out of tinsel. A gold cord depends from it, to which clings a terrified boy, who is evidently being borne rapidly aloft, in spite of



A Chinese Calendar.

the strenuous efforts of his companion to recall him to earth by tugging at his long black silk queue. The heads of these small people are formed of half walnuts, with the features carefully painted. Their attire is cut out of satin and brocade, and gummed on. It is a good plan to paste white paper on to the back of the scraps of material made use of, sketch the shape of the tunic and trousers on this, and then cut them out with sharp scissors, allowing a little margin for the overlapping of the various parts. Tiny

hands can be cut out of yellow brown paper, and shoes look best made of black velvet. A strip of green paper represents ground on which the lower figure is standing. The words "Calendar for 1907" are painted in gold down one side.

A Red Indian is a new and effective design. Seated before his wigwam, smoking the "pipe of peace," he appears a very picturesque personage indeed, in his scarlet blanket, edged with white borders, painted with Indian devices, over which fall his heavy plaits of black hair, interwoven with strands of silk and chains of colored beads. The hand grasping the quill



An Indian Memorandum Tablet.

pipe, and also the moccasins peeping beneath his fringed leather leggings, are formed of monkey nuts. His inscrutable countenance is composed of a walnut shell, behind which is a head dress of feathers and melon seeds. A brown paper foundation must be cut out for a draped figure of this description, to which the costume is secured by a few stitches, the feathers being gummed in place. The little model can then be mounted bodily on any background. He looks uncommonly well on a large card, covered with brown paper, to which is secured a memorandum tablet and pencil. If this is suspended by narrow strips of leather with beaded tassels, and a few touches added in water colors to suggest an appropriate background, the result will be certain to please.

A pretty button bag is made of ribbon about four inches in width, and of any length preferred, connected by stitches as in embroidery. At the top of the bag make a deep frill, and run at the opening a casing of ribbon by which it can be hung.

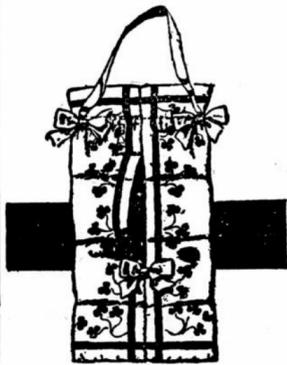
A Christmas Vandal.

The head of a family who can deliberately make up his mind that Christmas shall "make no difference" to his ordinary kitchen arrangements and carry out his resolution, is a marvel of courage, or of eccentricity, who is yet to be discovered.

APPROPRIATE FOR A MAN.

Laundry Bag That May Be Easily Made from a Handkerchief.

A gift that almost every man will appreciate is a laundry bag for soiled handkerchiefs is suitably made from a large handkerchief, men's size being preferable. Select one with a pretty design in color, and fold it wrong side out, so opposite hems meet. Along this edge overhand for a length of about eight inches, to make the lower part of the bag. Then leave five inches



A Laundry Bag.

unsewed to form an opening, and overhand the rest of the edge. Now adjust the handkerchief so this seam will be in center of the folded oblong, which will appear bag-shaped. Overhand the bottom edges. Turn the bag right side out. Two and a half inches from the top make a runway, and insert a dress-bone seven inches long, shirring the bag slightly on this. Place ribbon for hanging the bows according to cut.

A PIN-TRAY FOR MOTHER.

And the Wee Little Daughter Can Make It if She Will Try.

Here is a nice pin tray which mother can put on the table to use for odds and ends. Make it of stiff cover paper



in red or blue. Paste the outside of every division to the little triangular piece next it. The tray is cut from a circle divided into hexagons to make the bottom and sides.

CONVENIENT NEEDLE BOOK.

It is Suitable for a Christmas Present and is Easily Made.

A nice needle book can be made by taking two circles of stiff cardboard. Put on an inner ring and cut out the center, leaving a margin about an inch or an inch and a quarter all around. Wrap this with bright col-



Needle Book.

ored raffia and in the opening fasten four strips of raffia across one another and weave in and out like a cobweb to fill up about a quarter of the opening. Do both circles alike, and sew them together at the top, first putting between them several layers of nicely pinked white flannel to hold the needles.

A Christmas Pincushion.

A small pincushion may be made of two squares of linen. Around all sides make a half-inch hem, and above it a line of hemstitching. Between these two squares slip in a flat cushion which is held in place by a No. 1 ribbon, run in and out, terminating with small bows at each corner. One of these covers may be decorated in an embroidery of floral effects, or monogram may be set in with a wreath of blossoms.

Apple Cups.

Make the prettiest possible accompaniment to the goose on Christmas day. Pare, core and cut eight apples in eighths. Put in stewpan and add one cupful of sweet cider, one-half cupful of maple syrup, two slices of lemon, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of butter and a few gratings of nutmeg. Cook until the apples are soft and rub through a sieve. Take a thick slice from the stem end of bright red apples and scoop out the pulp, leaving the apple cups. Fill the cups thus made with apple sauce.—Woman's Home Companion.

MADE OF MONKEY NUTS.

Pretty Ornament That Will Make an Acceptable Christmas Present.

Doubtless many are familiar with brilliantly attired Chinese mandarins, doing duty as hanging pincushions, the ornamental pins stuck round their large, flat, circular hats forming the excuse for their highly ornamental existence. These figures are formed entirely of monkey nuts, threaded on fine wire, with the exception of one



A Mandarin Pincushion.

large walnut which does duty as a head. If a Mongolian cast of countenance is faithfully portrayed the result is excellent. Richly dressed in oriental satins and brocades, these find a ready sale, and can be made additionally attractive by the use of embroidery, beads, jewels, fans, and any other embellishments that may suggest themselves.

A Simple Sewing Device That is Ingenious and Very Useful.

Grandmother's eyes are growing dim and she finds trouble in threading needles easily. Here is a simple device that may be easily made and one which she will greatly appreciate as a Christmas present:

First take an oblong piece of wood nine inches long and about one and three-quarters wide. The wood should be half an inch thick, so that the peg to hold the spool of thread may be driven firmly in. Finish the wood of base with a little black-walnut or cherry stain and varnish.

Now select a narrow oblong pasteboard box, fill it with bran for the cushion, and stretch a cover of cotton goods over it, letting the cotton pass under the box at sides and ends, and sewing it strongly. A silk or bright-colored woolen cover is put over this and the cushion is finished with a frill of lace or ribbon.

Glue the box cushion on the wooden base. Whenever grandma has a certain piece of sewing to do, some pair of bright eyes can sit up the cushion

with a paper of needles the desired size, threaded with the silk or thread grandma wishes to use, without breaking the thread.

The needles are placed in an even row in the cushion. Be sure the needles are all crosswise of the cushion,



Grandma's Friend.

so the thread may pass through them easily as grandma takes a fresh needle. When one needful is exhausted, grandma selects the needle farthest from the spool, holding it gently with thumb and forefinger until she has, with the other hand, pulled as long a thread as she wishes, then removes the needle from cushion and breaks off thread. The used needles are quilted into cushion at one side, ready for bright eyes to thread again some time.

This device is also most useful for blind persons who like to sew. Place a spool of white thread on one peg and thread from it a row of needles stuck in the cushion. Put a spool of black thread on the other, and thread a second row of needles, the thread passing through on the opposite direction.

When ready to sew take the needle farthest from the spool, draw gently away until a thread long enough is in hand, then break, and when the thread is used quilt in the needle to be threaded again, and use the next one.

HANDY BAG FOR BUTTONS.

It Will Be Appreciated as a Present by Mother or Grandmother.

A bag for buttons can be made from the top of a long black kid glove (the shiny glace kid is best). Cut two pieces the shape of the picture, and



A Bag for Buttons.

buttonhole them together with red silk. Put in a red ribbon for a draw-string and you have a very pretty and useful present for mother or grandmother.