

Christmas Presents.

HOW TO PASTE PROPERLY.

Ability to Do It Well Makes Christmas Gift Making Easy.

Since pasting is done on so many Christmas gifts, suppose we tell you how to do it.

In the first place, always use the white photographer's paste instead of mullage or flour paste. The kind that comes in tubes is most easily put on.

First paste a piece of cotton wadding over your cardboard, but do not turn the edges on the under side. After it is very smooth and dry, cut it close to the edges of the picture opening.

Then cut your cretonne, or whatever material you use, about an inch bigger all around than the frame. Turn it right side down on a clean table and put your frame down in it, with the cotton wadding to the back of your cover.

Turn over one end, fasten it with pins and then turn over the other end and paste. Take out the pins, stretch very tight and smooth and paste it. Be sure to rub plenty of paste on the cardboard, otherwise it will not hold; do the same for the sides.

If you have been careful, your frame is now smoothly covered with cre-



Easily-Made Frame.

tonne, but it has no opening. Take sharp scissors and make a lengthwise cut in the middle of the material. Be sure not to cut too close to the edge. Then at each corner make diagonal cuts as close as you can without the material fraying. Sometimes the pieces thus formed on the side are wider than necessary and can be cut off.

Now put the paste on the inside edges of the frame back of the opening, and fold your material back on it. This part of the work is very particular, because nothing looks uglier than a wrinkled cover. Be sure each time you paste a side that it is stretched tightly and smoothly. In pasting around an oval frame make a number of slits in the material so as to keep it smooth.

After your frame is covered, place it under heavy books, and let it stay over night. This will prevent warping.

The next day paste the back on and again put weights on top.

All this sounds more difficult than it is. A little care and extreme neatness is all that is required to make your work very smooth and well done.

A NOVEL PIN CUSHION.

It is Made from One of Baby's Fine White Stockings.

Do you want to make just the cunningest pin cushion for mother's darning basket? Get one of baby's fine white socks, the little close woven ones are best. Cut a blue or pink lining just the same shape. Slip it in-



Novel Pin cushion.

side the sock and stuff with bran. Sew tight at the top and cover the stitches with a bow of ribbon the same color as the lining. Another little bow at the toe looks pretty, but that is not really necessary.

If you like, you can stick some safety pins, a few big beaded black and white pins, ordinary pins and several sizes of darning needles to the cushion before you give it.

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 a monogram may be set in with a wreath of blossoms.

CITY OWNERSHIP REPUDIATED

REPEATED FAILURES PROVE THEORY NOT PRACTICAL.

Investigations Show Results Different from Those Painted by Socialistic Speakers.

Des Moines, Iowa.—The disclosures which have been made in Omaha concerning the failure of municipal ownership in that city have spread attention over the entire country, and especially have the people of Iowa and adjoining states watched the city's progress with great interest because of the proximity of Omaha as well as because of the general principle involved in the Omaha trouble.

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When the Iowans began looking around and investigating municipal ownership, they found that not alone was that system a failure in Omaha, but that in various other parts of the country similar reports were being made. For instance, Muncie, Ind., which has for years owned its electric light plant, has just abandoned the city-owned plant and has gone back to a privately owned electric light company. In Richmond, Ind., the mayor, who was elected to that office on a municipal ownership ticket, has recommended that the city sell its electric light plant and go back to a private corporation. Logansport, Marion and several other Indiana cities are advocating the same thing, and there always remains the city of Hamilton, Ohio, whose waterworks claimed at one time to be a model of municipal ownership.

Under official investigation showed itself to be reeking with graft and a source of constantly increasing burden for the tax payers. In Omaha, the municipal market house was a complete failure and a total loss and the city's waterworks, without a doubt, this together with the asphalt plant and the waterworks muddle, has stirred Omaha taxpayers to a point where they are declaring that Omaha has had enough of municipal ownership, must get rid of what it now has on hand, and must thereupon find a wide berth for all time to come.

Because of the political unrest in Iowa, Wisconsin and other middle west states, the agitators who are preaching municipal ownership, socialism and other theories of this kind, gained a ready hearing and for a time seemed to be making headway among the adherents in every direction. But the fundamental hard common sense of the westerners would not permit them to accept the mere sound of the socialistic siren, however sweetly sung. They began investigating for themselves. They wanted to know how far the municipal ownership theory jibed with the results.

One of the very first results of these investigations was the discovery that the greatest loss to municipal ownership was not in Milwaukee, Paterson, N. J., and Chicago. The socialists openly boasted that they had inaugurated the campaign as an entering wedge for their beliefs with the expectation that their cause would be made thereby.

Then, again, it was found that wherever municipal ownership was in operation, taxes had been increased, the services rendered were inadequate and that a horde of political bores were kept in sinecure at the public expense. The work which was conducted as normally as where private enterprise had developed the business; waste was at its height. Political rings were strengthened on every side and the party which chanced to be in power when the system was inaugurated continued in power right along. The public officials were not men with the proper training to handle business of that kind, usually having no technical knowledge of the business, and therefore the city's losses were suffered. Individual effort was discouraged and young men filled with enthusiasm to make something of themselves found that their services were really not wanted by the political bosses who usually ruled the municipally owned corporations. It was not intelligence, not skill in the work in question that was wanted or that was employed. What was wanted, the sole qualification demanded, was political "pull" or the recommendation of some political boss, who in the majority of cases was a saloon keeper.

The non-property owners who were investigating the subject suddenly discovered that whereas they had been taught to believe that all the increased taxes caused by municipal ownership were paid by the rich and by the owners of real estate, that eventually the increased taxation was shifted to the shoulders of the poor man himself in the way of increased rents and increased cost of supplies and raw materials. This point was one of the clearest which caused many a western man to change his mind concerning the beauties of municipal ownership.

According to reports, the citizens of Omaha are congratulating themselves that they discovered early in the game that the municipal ownership road was not altogether rosy, and that they did not rush pell-mell to acquire the public service corporations of their city at a cost of many millions, which would eventually have to be paid in the shape of high taxes and higher rents. On the other hand, the average Omaha citizen seems to have decided that he wants no more municipal ownership, but would rather get rid of even that little bit of the system which the city already has taken on.

This sentiment is gaining ground rapidly all over the middle west. The solid people have made up their minds and they will think a good many times before they make themselves the cat-paw for a lot of long-haired socialistic cranks. They have seen through the socialistic game. They are getting tired of being used as entering wedges for rank socialism by voting for the gradual extension of the socialistic doctrines through the preliminary process of extending municipal operations and ownership of enterprises which are operated on every side in the middle west and everywhere else—including Europe, as the former municipal ownership advocate, Mayor McClellan of New York city, has recently testified—has shown are better administered under the good old American system of private control and individual initiative.

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