

HOMEMADE PRESENTS

SOME OF THE PRETTY NOVELTIES THAT ARE BEING FAVORED.

The Suggestions Given Are All Simple Ideas That May Be Easily and Quickly Materialized—Some Acceptable Gifts.

At this season of the year everybody is busy with Christmas preparations, and the ladies are searching everywhere for ideas in fancy work. There really are a great deal of genuine satisfaction and pleasure in the exchange of gifts in one's own handwork—a sort of true delight peculiar to the feminine fancy. The average woman resorts to her needle and embroidery silk for Christmas fancy work; some prefer to paint or sketch; others etch; many do exquisite china painting and not a few turn out some real gems in crochet work.

For the embroidery worker there are some pretty new things along the line of heavier work than was fashionable last season. Veil, glove and handkerchief cases, necktie folders, etc., are made of pique embroidered in conventional designs. One of these, a veil case, recently done by a girl of original ideas, had the flap worked about the edge with a plain, heavy scallop in red and a large monogram in solid red cross stitch worked in the center of the flap. A handkerchief case of pique is very elegant, with a border scallop of blue and a conventional scroll worked at the center of the cover in three harmonious shades of blue.

A simple way to make a catchall bag, one of those very handy adjuncts to the dressing table, is to cut from linen two pieces, 14 inches long, rounded at the bottom and to the casing for the gathering cord or ribbon. Above this allow three inches for the flaps, which will fall over the bag when drawn together. Stitch the two pieces together on the machine from the casing around to the casing, allowing a margin of one inch all around the edge. Do not stitch the pieces together above the casing.

Then embroider a plain scallop all around the margined edge, holding the two pieces together, but above the cas-



Gloves.

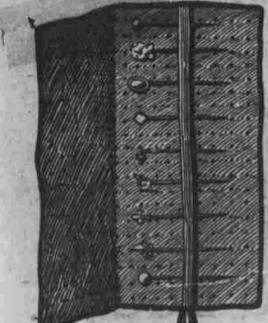
SUGGESTION FOR GLOVE CASE.
ing the scalloping is done on the single cloth to permit of an opening. Any naturalistic design of flowers to suit the worker's fancy can adorn the bag, and of course the ribbons should match in coloring.

Dresser scarfs of sheer material and ruffled about the edge are always appreciated things to receive, but there is a much newer idea that is irresistibly pretty. Fine and delicate muslin or even organdie is used and a sort of sachet (like a pillowslip) made of suitable size, with both ends left open and finished with a deep hem and hemstitching. A fancy embroidery stitch can be added if desired. A pad of some dainty tint—pink, blue, lavender, yellow or green—is made of china silk, filled with one layer of cotton and scented with sachet powder. This is slipped into the case, and a large cushion bow of wide satin ribbon of the chosen color fastened in the lower left hand corner holds the pad in place.

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To make a pretty scarf pin roll, line with silk and fill with a cotton wadding and bind the edge with a silk cord. Two inches from one side fasten to the lining a felt belt half an inch in width, as shown in the illustration. The belt is made of two thin pieces of felt. At intervals of three-quarters of an inch tack the belt down with two rows of stitches a quarter of an inch



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apart, making openings through which the scarfpins are to be inserted. Ribbons are fastened at one end to tie the roll. Close the roll like a book, roll it up and tie with the ribbon. It should then be four inches long and one inch in diameter.

Pins should always be inserted in the belt with their heads toward the middle, where they are covered with the flap, so that when closed up they will not fall out. For greater safety two flaps may be used, but it is not necessary. The same thing will serve to keep a lady's stickpins if it is not needed as a gift for a gentleman.

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