THE BOUDOIR
Dame Fashion's Diary

HOME-MADE GIFT BEST

MORE APPRECIATED THAN ONE BOUGHT AT STORE.

Some Suggestions That May Prove Helpful for Those Undecided What to Give for Birthday Remembrance—Simple and Easy.

Very often we are at a loss to know what to give as a birthday remembrance or to a friend who is leaving for an extended trip.

Some small trifle made by yourself is usually more appreciated than an elaborate gift purchased at the shop.

Here are given a few suggestions which may prove helpful.

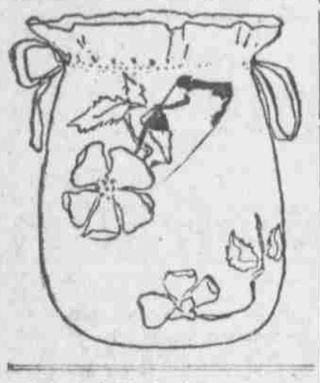
They are extremely simple to make and the "handy woman" will experience little difficulty in duplicating them.

Personal taste and originality may be considered when designing your own gifts.

The first suggestion is for a letterband. There are always some few letters we desire to keep. A dainty letterband would be a welcome gift.

An oval of cardboard is carefully and neatly covered with silk or satin. The edge is finished with fine silk cord.

A pretty flower design done in water-colors decorates the top. Narrow white elastic is attached to the oval



and firmly holds the letters in a neat packet.

Pale yellow satin, decorated with pink roses, makes an attractive letterband.

They may be neatly lettered. "Paid Bills," "Old Letters," "Unanswered Letters," or as your fancy desires.

A pair of pretty hangers for a blouse would be appreciated by any one.

When going away for the week-end the suitcase will not permit taking the large hanger.

These may be fastened to the freshly laundered blouse, which may be packed without requiring any additional space.

Two loops of narrow satin ribbon 2½ inches long are attached separately to safety pins.

The ribbon is decorated with a smaller design done with watercolors. Any tint is lovely used for these "hangers."

A strawberry shaped emery bag is pretty made from silk and decorated with tiny flowers.

It is much more dainty and attractive than the conventional "red strawberry" emery.

The next design is a bodkin holder. A piece of narrow ribbon is folded together and stitched up at the sides.

The top is turned down and finished by two rows of stitching. Through

this is run a piece of baby ribbon which draws together, forming a tiny bag for the bodkin.

A decoration painted with water colors adorns this fairylike bag.

The last suggestion is for a bag to contain the powder puff. It is fashioned of satin ribbon, the corners rounded.

A design of flowers done with water-colors artistically decorates the bag.

Every one of these makes a lovely little remembrance and costs almost nothing.

They may be fashioned from "odds and ends" of silk and ribbon much too small for anything else.

Flame Color in Vogue.

A positive furore is noticeable now for flame colors. The glowing red tones that are seen in the feather-decked hats of the winter season are repeated in the ballroom, where flame, carnation, rhododendron, cerise and currant shades make vivid splashes of color.

In simple lustrous velvet softened about the bodice by silver lace or cream net these red frocks are especially effective for midwinter entertainments, and while the dowagers and young married women choose this fabric and satin the debutantes appear in chiffon and mousseline de soie that are equally bright, in some cases made up over white and usually touched with silver, crystal or cut steel embellishments.

Lace and Velvet.

A very dainty and new fashion of treating lace of an openwork pattern is to insert under round motifs raised flowerlike designs of velvet. On a gown of gray crepe adorned with lace the bodice had applications of rose velvet under the lace rose designs. With a touch of the same velvet at neck and wrists the effect was charming.

TEA COSY OF NOVEL SHAPE

Fits Over Teapot Easily and Is More Ornamental Than the Ordinary Affair.

In our sketch may be seen a tea cosy of a somewhat novel shape, and it is quite as simple to make as an ordinary cosy, and it will be found to fit over the teapot much more easily, and is also more ornamental.

The colors of the materials for a tea cosy should always be selected to harmonize with the tea service with which it is to appear, and the cosy from which our sketch as made was carried out entirely in blue and white.

It is composed of six separate panels, and each one may more or less be

Hexagonal Tea Cosy.

completed before being sewn together.

The side of the cosy facing you in the sketch shows the shape in which each panel should be cut out, and in this instance white satin was used, and the conventional design shown worked in dark blue silk. Each piece must be well padded with wadding, and then the whole six portions are sewn together at the edges, the seams afterwards being hidden with a blue and white silk cord, which is carried into three little loops at the top and forms a kind of handle by which it may be lifted. The little diagram on the right-hand side shows how wonderfully well this shape fits over any ordinary teapot. The cosy should be lined with soft silk, and instead of having the same design on each panel they can be varied if desired, and there are numbers of transfer patterns of suitable designs that are easily obtainable at a trifling cost, that may be used for this purpose.

A Striking Gown.

A gown that is memorable for its color effect had a foundation skirt of very pale pearl gray satin, and over this were used two layers of cornflower blue chiffon, the under one a shade darker than the upper one. The outside chiffon gown was a brilliant green. The only trimming was an edge of flat metallic blue and green beads around the skirt draperies, and cross-over waist finish. The iridescent play of lights as the wearer moved reminded one of the shimmer of a butterfly's wing.

For Matinee Sweets.

Smart confectioners are showing exquisite bags to hold the boxes of sweets that one takes to the matinee. These creations are of gold gauze ribbon or gold cloth, combined with strips of rich flowered brocades. They are drawn up with the gold or silk cord and tassel, and, needless to say, can be put to other uses when they have served their original purpose.

LITTLE FADS OF FASHION

Carpet and Wool-Work Embroidery Seen Upon the Collars of the Latest Coats.

The newest little fads of fashion are many, and the carpet embroidery introduced upon the collars of the latest coats is of eastern design. Most of them, with their ancient coloring and velvety softness appear like pieces cut from old prayer rugs.

Another type of embroidery is the rather crude wool-work wrought by the peasantry of central Europe. With the wools dyed by vegetable agency and the long bold stitches used in the design, they seem ages old.

Green, blue, yellow and red are used in the set mosaic designs. This used on a coat of a dark color gives a striking effect.

Novelty fur coats are much sought after. Ermine is used without the tails. A coat of this fur had a band of sealskin at the hem. The same fur formed collar and cuffs and produced an extraordinary combination.

A most unusual costume was fashioned from black velvet. The skirt, slightly wider than those popular earlier in the season, had a hem of ermine. The coat was a tunic, resembling those worn at church. A design of roses and tendrils made of ermine completely covered the back and front. An ermine scarf was worn with this.

The blanket coat is another novelty. This is made of material resembling soft blankets. It is reversible and comes in all shades and tints. A coat made of this heavy cloth was of mauve and rose. A double hood turned back with huge revers formed the only trimming.

Collars Are Smaller.

While the large collar is much in evidence, it is not as extreme as it was, and the revers are also a little smaller. A few collarless coats are being shown and many have collars and revers broken at the shoulder line instead of being made in one piece. Single revers are frequently seen, and the low side fastening is still much in evidence.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

WAY TO KEEP OVERSHOES ON

Pennsylvania Woman Designs Band to Fit Around Ankle With Hook Fastened to Button.

Any person who has ever had an overshoe come off while crossing a muddy street will appreciate the fastener device designed by a Pennsylvania woman to prevent this annoying accident. An elastic band fastens around the ankle and this supports a suspender-like arrangement at the heel of the overshoe. Attached to one side of the gumshoe is another elastic supporter, with a hook which engages a button on a button shoe, or a hook on a lace shoe. It takes only a few seconds to fasten the overshoe on with these devices, and it is worth the trouble. After a rubber has once come

Fastened in a Twinkling.

off in the mud, and it usually does this when you are going somewhere you want to look your best, there is not much use in putting it on again. The attachments are made so that they can be removed from the overshoe when not needed and quickly put on again.

THEORY OF EARTH MOVEMENT

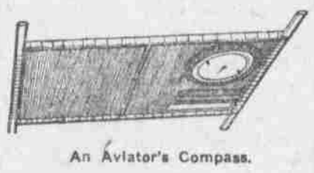
Sir George Darwin, Noted English Scientist, Delivers Interesting Address on Tides.

Sir George Darwin, the noted scientist, who was the guest of the Authors' club in London recently, delivered an interesting address on his theory of the tides. Everybody knows that the tides are due to the moon's attraction. In the tidal motion the movement of the water causes friction and a consequent slowing down of the motion of rotation of the earth, as a brake would do. The effect, though almost infinitesimal, becomes appreciable in time, although it has not yet been measured. But it must exist, and this slowing down being due principally to the moon it must be accompanied by a reaction on it, with the result that the moon will move further and further away from the earth, owing to the yielding of the system. The opinion of many authorities is that the moon was shot off from the earth at the portion now filled by the Pacific ocean. As it is still moving further away and the rate of rotation of the earth diminishing the time will come when the length of the day and that of the lunar month will be the same, and the earth and moon will again revolve as a rigid body. When that occurs the day will be 55 times as long as our present day. But the sun also produces tides and similar effects, though on a smaller scale. So the year, too, will be lengthened.

COMPASS FOR THE AVIATORS

Device Invented by Englishman Is Combination Known as "Shadow-Plate"—Directs Aeroplane.

A device, which is to direct an aeroplane in the same manner as a compass directs a ship, has been invented by an Englishman. It is an ingenious combination of the sundial and the compass, and is known as a



An Aviator's Compass.

"shadow-plate." Its dial is of celluloid, and in the center is a small pin that throws a shadow as the light passes through, says the Popular Mechanics. When it is fixed to the forward part of the upper plane of the aeroplane, the aviator can tell the course he is taking by the variations of the shadow.

Singular "White Water."

In a recent pilot chart of the British meteorological office many observations of the singular phenomenon called "white water" are collected. It is more frequently seen in the tropical parts of the Indian ocean than anywhere else, and it impresses some observers as weird, ghastly and awe-inspiring. The ocean has a milky look and the ship seems to be passing through a kind of luminous fog, in which sea and sky appear joined and the sense of distance is lost. The phenomenon is believed to be due to some form of phosphorescence, but a satisfactory explanation of it is yet lacking.

Leather Pavement.

A leather pavement has stood a successful trial of a year near Birmingham. The material is leather waste, shredded almost to pulp, and treated with bitumen and tar. The road is not affected by heavy wheels, gives off little dust, resists wear, and is not influenced by weather. Its noiselessness and springiness give a novel kind of comfort to horses and drivers.

DEADLY EXTERIOR OF FRUITS

Made as Germless as Sterilized Water by Simple Process of Washing Off Bacteria.

Professor Metchnikoff has had so much to say in recent years about the enormous proportion of diseases that are acquired by taking bacteria into the system on raw fruit that a certain class of people afflicted with the modern mania which may be called germiphobia will be interested in the findings of Drs. Filiasier and Sartory, who assert that a little common washing will render the deadly exterior of all fruits as germless as sterilized water.

These men are members of the French Academy of Sciences, and becoming interested in the charges brought against raw fruit they recently set about the experiments of a simple character which proved the complete efficacy of cold water as a germ chaser. They placed a few grapes in a little water and found from 120,000 to several million germs in a cubic centimeter in the water. A second washing produced a few thousand of the Metchnikoff terrors, and at the end of a fourth rinsing scarcely any germs could be found in the water used.

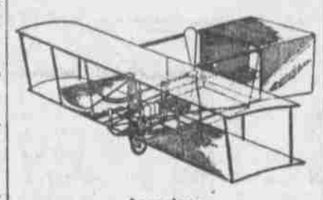
The interesting part of this work was that with each washing a constant decrease of germs was noted—90 per cent. being eliminated each time the process was repeated. In addition to demonstrating how simple it is to ward off all danger from germs on fruit the Frenchman asserts that not half the specimens which do find a habitation on fruit are harmful.

IMPROVEMENT ON AEROPLANE

Object of Recent Invention Is to Provide Propellers to Drive and Also Steer Machine.

In describing an aeroplane, the invention of G. W. Thompson of Kingston, Okla., the Scientific American says:

This invention relates to flying machines of the heavier-than-air type, and the object is to provide a machine of this class which has its propellers so arranged that they not only drive the machine but steer it also. By such a construction the inventor minimizes the necessity of using movable



Aeroplane.

rudders heretofore used to control the machine's course of travel. Balancing is accomplished by locating the power plant directly below the center of gravity of the supporting planes, and by the manner in which the planes are tilted with reference to the line of travel. The improved aeroplane is shown in perspective in the accompanying view.

No Clocks on Aegean Sea.

There is no need for clocks on the Aegean sea any day when the sun is shining. There nature has arranged her only timepiece, one that does not vary though the centuries pass. This natural time marker is the largest sun dial in the world. Projecting into the blue waters of the sea is a large promontory which lifts its head 3,000 feet above the waves. As the sun swings round, the pointed shadow of the mountain just touches one after the other a number of small islands, which are at exact distances apart and act as hour marks on the great dial.

Sugar and the Teeth.

Dr. Francis Delarette, a French physician, disputes the general belief that sugar causes the decay of human teeth. How the idea ever came into existence is to him a mystery, seeing that the finest, whitest and strongest teeth are found in the mouths of negroes brought up on sugar plantations, who consume more sugar than any other class of people. Candy eaters, as a rule, have the best teeth.

First Sewing Machine.

The earliest patent for any kind of a sewing contrivance was granted in England, June 24, 1755. The first complete sewing machine designed for general purposes was patented in the United States, September 10, 1846.

Effect of Drainage.

Recent experiments in Germany indicate that drainage waters do not take any more plant food away from fertilized soils than from unfertilized.

NOTES OF SCIENCE AND INVENTION

The first typewriter was produced in England 200 years ago.

The only gem in the world which cannot be counterfeited is the opal.

The controversy regarding Mars being an inhabited planet began in 1877.

At the height of 3,000 feet a man in an aeroplane can see a submarine gliding along 30 feet under water.

It has been estimated that the eye of a fly can discern an object one-five-millionth of an inch in diameter.

Aerial propellers, driven by gasoline engines, are being tried in France as means of propulsion for canal boats.

An inventor has placed a small horseshoe magnet on the side of a thimble to help tailors pick up needles.

A pocket comb, penknife and cigar clipper have been combined in a single implement by an ingenious inventor.

An attachment for converting eyeglasses or spectacles into automobile goggles has been invented by a Philadelphian.

Oil lamps can be prevented from smoking if a little liquor distilled from onions be placed in the bottom of their reservoirs.

PROMINENT PEOPLE

STRONG MAN OF FRANCE

Raymond Poincaire, the new prime minister, is one of the most interesting figures in the French republic. In him are combined all that one understands by French culture, dignity and charm of manner, added to a reputation of stern integrity that is nation-wide.

This is the third time that the French Academy has supplied the third republic with a prime minister. The first was the duke of Broglie in 1873, and the second was M. de Freycinet in 1890.

Poincaire comes to power with ripe ideas on the subject of government. He once expressed the triple wish, which may be taken as the key to his attitude, that deputies would legislate without attempting to govern, that ministers would govern on their own responsibility and that justice should know no politics.

The new premier's versatility is to a considerable degree a matter of family influence, for his father, uncle, elder brother and cousin have all been distinguished in science and literature, and, as was said by Lavisse when Poincaire was introduced into the academy, they might be said to constitute a little family university all by themselves.

In his private and domestic life, the new premier is anything but a recluse. He has a fine house near the famous Bois de Boulogne, where he entertains largely, but his family, his friends, his books and his works of art occupy the greatest place in his affection and his attention. He does not miss many first night performances at the theater. He is fond of racing.

What from henceforth will be known as the Manouba incident, and which in certain respects recalls the Trent controversy between the United States and Great Britain of a little over 50 years ago, has happened very opportunely, to divert popular attention in France from the latter's troubles with Germany, and with Spain, in connection with Morocco. And when the smoke which now befogs the situation has cleared away, it will probably be found that Premier Poincaire, at Paris, has taken advantage thereof to bring to a final conclusion the agreement with Germany, and that he has succeeded in effecting a mutually satisfactory and mutually honorable settlement with Alfonso XIII. and his government.

At the same time, Poincaire has by his prompt action in the Manouba case imbued his fellow-countrymen with confidence in his ability and determination to conduct the foreign relations of France with a greater degree of vigor and dignity than his predecessors in office.

BIG LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

The largest amount of life insurance held by any woman in the world is now carried by Mrs. Charles Netcher, head of a Chicago department store.

Mrs. Netcher has just taken out a life insurance policy for $200,000, which raises her total insurance to $1,200,000, more than that of any other person in Chicago, it was announced.

Mrs. Netcher has followed a platform of her husband, who, when he died in 1904, was insured for $500,000.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Netcher assumed control of the store and has conducted the business ever since, building it up and constantly increasing her holdings in real estate as the profits from her business increased.

She soon became what is known in insurance circles as "a good risk." When she decided to take out large policies on her life the various companies extended to her the usual rights allowed business men. And, according to the Chicago executive representative of a big eastern company, who has written her insurance, it is uncommon for a woman to be allowed the same rights as a man in the writing of large policies.

"Women are usually limited in the amount of insurance they are allowed to take out," he said. "However, we regard Mrs. Netcher as an extraordinary business woman and one who is important enough to carry the largest insurance in Chicago."

Mrs. Netcher's policies are with three companies. All the policies are of the straight life variety.

As to the reasons for the insurance, Mrs. Netcher says they are simple. She is the head of a great business, she has many holdings, and besides she has four children whom she loves and to whom she desires to bequeath everything possible. All the children are under age.

In her store Mrs. Netcher is sagacious, pleasant, yet thoroughly business like and knowing.

WIFE OF LEADING SOCIALIST

The Hon. Victor Berger of Milwaukee is the first Socialist in congress and his wife deserves attention as an educator and reformer. Since her arrival in Washington, when Mr. Berger took his seat in April, she has been busy studying social conditions at the capital as if she were a member of the house committee for the District. She visits the schools and learns their needs, and many a Washington pupil will have her to thank for some needed improvement. In appearance, Mrs. Berger is a typical German-American woman, of the type one imagines in a comfortable home, busy superintending the children and presiding over a breakfast table. Yet there is another side to her character. She is an earnest reformer, who has taken such an active part in political work in Milwaukee that she has been elected a member of the board of education, and has helped to put into execution such ideas as penny luncheons, teaching sanitation in the schools, and giving girls lessons in dress-making and millinery. Most of the children of the public schools have to drop their studies at fourteen or sixteen, in order to learn a trade; and Mrs. Berger believes that it should be made possible for them to complete later in life the education which early work prevented. Before her marriage, she taught in the Milwaukee schools, and is, therefore, perfectly conversant with the matters in which improvement is needed.—Family Magazine.

ABDUL HAMID STILL ALIVE

Abdul Hamid is alive! The former sultan is in Salonica and has not been secretly conveyed to Constantinople.

Those are the replies to two recently circulated reports which have told of the former sultan's demise and of his having been spirited away during the night to the capital. The latter report was merely founded upon the passage of a train full of munitions, concerning which quite special precautions were taken.

If you want to set yourself a difficult task it is in going to Salonica and trying there to find out some details concerning the physical condition and mode of life of the deposed sultan, who for so many years was the political chess player who kept the diplomatists of Europe busy, and who was so skilled in the game that he usually saw 20 moves ahead, while the ambassadors at Constantinople saw but two or three.

Abdul Hamid in his confinement as the prisoner of his people is enveloped in much the same mystery as he was in Yildiz Kiosk at Constantinople, and rumors and reports unlimited circulate concerning him—most of them inventions, a very few approaching the truth.

HAD THROAT TROUBLE SINCE CHILDHOOD

All Treatments Failed. Relieved by Peruna.

Mrs. Hohmann.

Mrs. Wm. Hohmann, 2704 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I suffered with catarrh of the bronchial tubes and had a terrible cough ever since a child.

"I would sit up in bed with pillows propped up behind me, but still the cough would not let me sleep. I thought and everybody else that I had consumption.

"So reading the papers about Peruna I decided to try, without the least bit of hope that it would do me any good. But after taking three bottles I noticed a change. My appetite got better, so I kept on, never discouraged. Finally I seemed not to cough so much and the pains in my chest got better and I could rest at night.

"I am well now and cured of a chronic cough and sore throat. I cannot tell you how grateful I am, and I cannot thank Peruna enough. It has cured where doctors have failed and I talk Peruna wherever I go, recommend it to everybody. People who think they have consumption better give it a trial."

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FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

EARNING AN HONEST QUARTER

Great Painter, Unrecognized, Accepted Gratuity and Turned Good Stroke of Business.

Winslow Homer was a great painter who had the unusual good fortune to have his merits appreciated early in life. But one one ever presumed less on a wide reputation. Affectation was a weakness from which his sense of humor saved him.

In his biography, lately written by Mr. W. H. Downs, is printed the story of a New York gentleman of wealth and artistic tastes who made the journey to Scarboro, Me., where Homer had his studio, to make the artist's acquaintance.

On his arrival he found the Studio door locked; the owner was nowhere to be seen. He wandered about the cliffs for awhile, until he met a man in a rough old suit of clothes, rubber boots, and a battered felt hat, who carried a fish-pole. He accosted the fisherman thus:

"I say, my man, if you can tell me where I can find Winslow Homer, I have a quarter for you."

"Where's your quarter?" said the fisherman.

He handed it over, and was astounded to hear the quizzical Yankee fisherman say: "I am Winslow Homer."

The sequel of this unusual introduction was that Homer took his new acquaintance back to the studio, entertained him, and before he left sold him a picture.

No Sale.

"Hill work?" replied the demonstrator, after Stiggins had inspected the new car carefully. "Hill work? Why that's our strong point, Mr. Stiggins. This car can climb a tree."

"Ha! hum!" demurred Stiggins. "Then I guess I'll look elesewhere. I never saw a car yet that climbed trees that was any good afterward."—Harper's Weekly.

Too Far or Business.

"I see King George's uncle is in New York."

"H'm! That's bad for George."

"Why so?"

"What will he do if he has occasion to go and see his uncle?"

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