

WOMAN and HER WORK.

Christmas will soon be here girls! Almost too soon, because that wonderful old gentleman always manages to take us by surprise and come before we are ready for him; he is almost like death in that respect, because he generally finds us unprepared.

Every year we make great resolutions and declare that we will not be caught in this way another year, we will begin our presents in September and have them ready in time; but still the Christmas rush overtakes us and at the last moment we are not quite ready but have to sit up till midnight on Christmas eve to finish that last piece of fancy work, or give the finishing touch to the doll we are dressing for some little friend. I believe we all enjoy the bustle and hurry that the Christmas season brings and the sigh of relief with which we lay our heads on the pillow when Christmas day is over, is also partly a sigh of regret that the merry bustle will not return for a whole year, and that the hum-drum of life will seem a little monotonous after so much excitement.

How hard it is to plan for Christmas presents even if the purse is long; and how much harder when it is so short that no amount of stretching will make it cover half the ground it should, what planning and considering there is to make the one dollar do the work of five, and how the head has to help the fingers and plan for them! But perhaps the one with the slender purse gets more enjoyment out of the thinking and planning than those who scarcely need give a thought to the cost of their presents, can ever obtain. The gift we make ourselves is always a love gift, there is a certain amount of ourselves in it, and it should be valued accordingly, because more thought, and more love goes into the shoe bag, or necktie case worked with one's own hands, than into the most expensive present, however carefully selected, which is merely purchased.

There are many trifles that any girl can easily make at her own home, and at very little expense, but which will give quite as much pleasure to the one who receives it as the most elaborate gift could bring. Once, and not so very long ago, there was no possibility of doing much fancy work without having recourse to the stamping machine, or worse still, the tiresome stamping paper which seldom did its work well, and nearly always left a streaked and soiled surface in its wake, which usually made the work look as if it had been picked out of a rag bag, by the time it was finished; but now all that is changed, and the loveliest art linens are to be had already stamped in really artistic designs, ready for working, and so cheap that we look back with wonder at the time when the stamping alone would have cost more than the whole article does now.

Charming centre pieces for dinner and tea tables, in pansy, chrysanthemum, or autumn leaf designs, with d'oyles to match, can be had very cheaply, both in butcher's linen and satin, and when worked either in white or yellow silk, they make a very useful and a really handsome present. A necktie, glove, handkerchief or veil case, is equally useful and easily worked, while hot roll d'oyles, baked potato, hot corn, and muffin d'oyles, are all suitable for Christmas gifts.

Handkerchiefs and aprons almost without limit, are also to be numbered on the list of eligible presents, since nobody despises the offering of two or three fine lawn handkerchiefs or even a good large white apron with wide hem and a cluster of tucks to lend style to it, and a sufficiently ample width to preserve the best dress from injury on those occasions when Sarah Jane has her afternoon out and the mistress of the house has to get the family tea.

The girl who knows how to tat can make an endless variety of pretty things for Christmas without spending anything more than just enough money for a spool or two of washing silk; silk tatting is lovely, and useful for all kinds of work, especially for the borders of mantel, chair and table scarfs, for the covers of silk cushions, and for the centres and corners of cushions, and squares for table covers. The crochet work in silk, over metal rings is also very pretty, and suitable for photograph holders, postal card cases, and also a finish instead of fringe, for wall banners, and pockets.

Pen-wipers are always in demand as small remembrances for masculine friends who do not care for Christmas cards and yet to whom you do not care to send an elaborate gift, and the floral pen-wipers in the shape of daisies or pansies are a vast improvement upon the old style of full skirted doll, or apple-pie cat seated on a disc of funeral black cloth; which was dear to the hearts of our mothers and which the last generation seemed to consider triumphs of art.

A pansy pen-wiper is easily made of a piece of yellow, purple or bronze plush, or felt, cut out in the shape of a large pansy the edge can be button holed in some contrasting shade to simulate the deep border so often seen in the finer pansies, a few stitches with silk will give the desired "face" in the centre, and then a piece of chamois cut in the same shape and fastened firmly in the centre to the upper part, finishes the pen-wiper and supplies the useful part of the ornament.

Another, and still more artistic pen-wiper simulates a cluster of yellow and white

daisies hanging loosely by their stems, and though it is far too pretty ever to be put to such a base use as wiping pens, it makes a very pretty ornament to hang over a picture or against a curtain. The materials required are white, and buttercup yellow felt, a dozen button moulds about the size, or a little larger than a five cent piece, enough brown velvet or plush, to cover the moulds and several yards of dull, stem-green baby ribbon, eleven daisies makes a good cluster. First cut a paper pattern the required size and shape for the daisy petals making them whatever size is desired, but the flowers should not be less than two inches in diameter when finished. Cut a double row for each daisy, as it is only the under row which is used to wipe the pens upon, each petal should be about an inch long, pointed like a myrtle leaf at one end and slightly cut off at the other in order to allow a little pleat to be put in when it is sewed to the centre, to give the petal a natural curve. Cover the button moulds first with the brown velvet, then sew on the two rows of petals fastening them securely at the back. Attach a long strip of the green ribbon to the back of each flower, as it is finished, and when all are completed tie the ends of the ribbon together into a bow, taking care that the "stems" shall be of unequal lengths, they will look surprisingly like a cluster of real white daisies and "black eyed Susans."

Another suitable gift for a man is a razor bag, which is really a useful and serviceable present, since a razor really needs some safe receptacle where it shall be free from the danger of rust, and always at hand when wanted. Two long, narrow strips of chamois are joined at the sides with leather stitching of red silk, a strip of the chamois cut into fringe is sewed across the bottom, and at the top it is finished with a bag of red silk, the deep hem of which is turned down and a casing run in, to hold drawing strings of red ribbon. On one side is the motto, "With Edge as Keen as Wit," either in outline stitch or ink, and below the motto a tiny spray of flowers embroidered in red silk.

A bag for carrying a pack of cards is a most acceptable present for a whist player, and is very easily made. Take four pieces of card board, slightly larger than a playing card, and one square piece for the bottom; cover them all carefully with silk or satin, but silk is best, because the satin will fray. It is quite easy to cover them smoothly if the silk be first basted carefully and then oversewed; yellow silk is prettiest. Work on the outside of the four panels the exact counterparts of the cards, say the four of diamonds in red on one panel, the six of spades in black on another, the two of hearts on the third, and the four of clubs on the fourth. Then add a bag of the silk to the top, turn down a deep hem, run a casing and put in a drawing string of ribbon. This is suitable for either a lady or gentleman who plays whist or goes to whist parties much.

A head rest for a chair is a pretty and useful gift, and it has the charm of being comparatively inexpensive for those who are not able to spend much on their presents; half a bundle of cotton wool and a small square of China silk with enough ribbon to make loops for the corners, are all that is required. Make a cushion of the requisite size with the cotton wool, then cover it with cotton first, to save the silk from any strain, dust sachet powder through the cotton before closing, and then make the silk into a bag, slip it over the cushion, and either finish with cord or simply oversew it. Sew loops of ribbon to the corners from which to hang it over the chair, and finish the lower edge with ball fringe.

Anyone who has not seen a photograph frame made of birch bark would be surprised to see what a pretty thing it is. Of course the bark must be clean, smooth and unbroken, and it will require to be very carefully selected. Cut a piece the right size and shape for a photograph frame, glue it firmly to a strong pasteboard back, and then cut it in the form of a cross in the front, turn back the pieces as you have seen them in celluloid frames, attach them to the bark, so they will not get out of place, fasten a cardboard rest at the back and the frame is made. In attaching the birch bark to the back, be careful to leave the top open, that is a space between the cardboard and birch bark, so the photograph can be slipped in. If the bark is covered with moss or lichen on one side, it will make all the prettier frame.

A very practical, and at the same time quaint and pretty present is a duster and holder, which is quite a pretty parlor ornament; one of the little colored leather dusters sold especially for dusting small pictures and articles of bric-a-brac can be purchased at any hardware shop. For the holder take the head of a Chinese doll, and make an opening in the head large enough to admit the handle of the duster to pass through freely; secure the head firmly upon a disc of pasteboard, it will require to be almost imbedded in glue in order to be sufficiently secure. Then arrange strips of either olive green or yellow satin ribbon, with pointed ends, upon the disc and about the doll's head like a gorgeous head-dress when the duster is in place. The holder should be provided with a loop or ring, and hung on the wall.

A pretty hanging pin cushion is made of two pieces of cardboard cut in the shape of a bellows, cover them with silk, chamois or satin, either work or paint some floral design on one side, join the two sides by satin ribbon half an inch wide and place carded wool between the sides to make the bellows stand out as though filled with air and to serve as a cushion for the pins, a stout steel bodkin will represent the pipe of the bellows and a bow and loop of ribbon serves to hang it up by; the pins are inserted all around the sides.

A carving cloth, and d'oyles are another useful present for a housekeeper, and of course a tea cloth is a standard gift and never out of style. Tea cosies are both useful and ornamental, but a good deal of trouble to make up, and I almost think it pays better to buy one made up and all ready to be covered.

A pretty present for a girl friend consists of a vest front of China or silk, in some pretty tint, they are easily made, and very dainty and pretty with an Eton jacket or any of the vest costumes so much worn now.

BEATRICE, Fredericton.—You are quite welcome to a place in our column. I cannot always, or even often, answer letters the week after I receive them; they have to wait their turn, and sometimes space is limited and they are crowded out. I think the leather collars are very well, but I much prefer fur, which is becoming to every one. No, I do not think it wrong for girls to whistle; I think it a very innocent amusement, and if well done, a charming accomplishment. The best remedy for cold sores that I know of, is to touch the spot when you first feel them coming, with spirits of camphor, which is said to be a specific. I should simply say that he was a good friend to them both, and liked one as well as the other, but had no special affection for either, and I do not see that he could be blamed, unless he led each to think that he was in love with her; then, of course, I should blame him very much. But you know a man has a perfect right to choose his own lady friends, and to have as many as he likes. A girl cannot expect to keep him all to herself, unless he is engaged to her.

STAR, St. John.—Yes, it is a long time, I thought you had given me up. The answer to your question must depend entirely upon yourself; if you care for the young man and your parents are willing there can be no objection to your writing to him once in a while, but if, as your letter would indicate you do not care to continue the correspondence, write him briefly to the effect that you will return his letters if he persists in writing to you; if you dislike to do this take no notice of his communications and he will soon grow tired and cease to trouble you.

Among the Bedouins.

An American woman, Mrs. Mary Virginia Treherne, has just embarked on a perilous enterprise, a pilgrimage through the desert of Syria to the Bedouins and lepers of that region, varied by a week's stay as an inmate in the most noted harem of Damascus and various points of interest. She is accompanied only by her son, a muscular youth of 18, except that she holds guides on entering the holy land. She has letters commending her to all the tribes in Syria, and expects to live in the tents of the Bedouins and follow their customs. Her journey will end at Beyrout.

True to Life.

A married couple, being invited to a friend's house to dinner, commence quarrelling with each other as soon as they are seated at table. Their host ventures to remark that such conduct is somewhat unseemly, whereupon the husband retorts: "When you invited us you said that you hoped we would feel quite at home, and we certainly do not intend to disappoint you."

Very Fortunate.

Mrs. Muggins—"Mrs. Brown is a very fortunate woman." Mrs. Buggins—"Fortunate! Why, didn't you know that her husband died a week ago, and her two children are down with typhoid fever?" Mrs. Muggins—"Yes; but she has had the same cook for five weeks."

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"ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL of land, situate and being in the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, fronting on Queen Street, and being forty feet on the said Street and extending back one hundred feet, preserving the same breadth to the rear, known and distinguished on the map or plan of the said City as lot Number One Thousand and Thirty three (1033) the said lot being on the Corner of Queen and Wentworth Streets and having been conveyed by Timothy Daniel and his wife to Gilbert Jordan by deed dated the Twenty-fourth day of December, A. D. 1823."

For terms of sale and other particulars apply to Plaintiff's Solicitor.

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Express for Halifax, Dec. 16th, 1893, 13.50
Express for Sussex, Dec. 16th, 16.30
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Express from Moncton (daily), Dec. 16th, 10.30
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LEAVE ANNAPOLIS—Express daily at 12.55 p.

4.55 p. m.; Passengers and Freight Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5.50 a. m.; arrive at Yarmouth at 11.15 a. m.

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