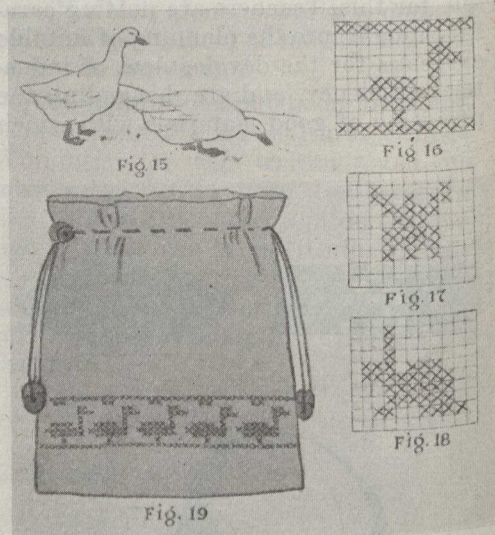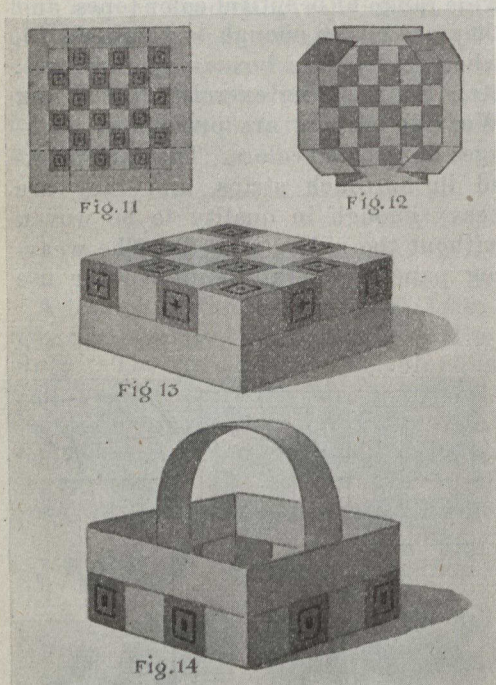If the weaving papers are used, cut on alternate ruled lines. This will give you the inch-wide strips that are better for the basket than narrower ones. Cut five strips of gray paper one inch wire and eight inches long. Cut five strips of green paper in the same dimensions. By a weaving process, arrange the ten strips as in-

inch from each edge, making an inner square. Set off inch squares on the upper and lower sides of the square. Rule lines connecting these dots (Fig. 5). Fold the mat and cut the slits (Fig. 6). From gray squared paper cut strips eight inches long and one inch wide, for weavers (see Fig. 7). Weave the strips in and out, to form the mat (Figs. 8 and 9). On the gray squares, draw with colored crayon a very simple design (Fig. 10). The crayon should be of the same color (in a lighter or a darker tone) as the body of the mat.

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dicated in Fig. 1. With a brass paper-fastener. secure the five upper ends together. Fasten by the same means the ends on the right, left and lower sides. Your work will then look like Fig. 2. Add two strips of paper each one inch wide and eight inches long, for handles, as shown in Fig. 3. These little baskets are charming receptacles for small wild flowers.

A New Paper Mat

Gray squared paper used as weaving strips in a mat of violet or orange construction paper gives an opportunity for the added enrichment of design. Use an eight-inch square of colored paper for the mat (Fig. 4). Rule lines one

Boxes and Baskets Made From Woven Mats

Figs. 11 and 12 show how the woven mat may be folded and cut to form a box cover. The bottom of the box may be made from an eight-inch square of paper, matching the mat in color. Fold the paper into sixteen small squares, cut incisions indicated in Fig. 12, fold and paste to form a box. Fig. 13 shows how the box will look when the cover is placed upon it. A basket is formed by simply pasting an inch-wide strip of paper to a folded-up mat. (See Fig. 14.)

A Design for Cross Stitch Embroidery

Of a quite different nature is the