

The Windrow.

The moving-picture machine is being used more and more extensively for selling goods, thus supplementing the usual mail-order department of departmental stores and manufactories.

The Canadian Society for the Protection of Birds, founded a year ago by Miss L. B. Durand and Miss Helen Merrill, now numbers over 200 members, and will soon hold its annual meeting. Ten thousand posters appealing to the public to protect the birds have been published, and are being distributed throughout Ontario.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is issuing an urgent appeal for warm flannel garments, especially shirts and socks, for use in Europe. Money or goods intended for Red Cross work should be sent to the Treasurer, Canadian Red Cross Central Committee, 77 King St. East, Toronto, Ont., or to the local committees wherever a branch of the Society is established.

The Hon. W. S. Fielding has written a poem to be sung to the tune of "God Save the King." At this time it is well to recognize in song the new and true unity of the Empire in action. Any fault that we find with it is in its length. People cannot memorize nine verses. Therefore we suggest that the three following verses should be used wherever possible on public occasions:

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King.
From Thee all blessings flow,
On him Thy grace bestow,
Guard him from every foe,
God save the King.

Grant us sweet peace, O Lord;
The ploughshare, not the sword,
We fain would wield.
If, through man's lust for power,
Dark war clouds o'er us lower,
Be with us in that hour,
A strength and shield.

Not Motherland alone,
Loyal to King and Throne,
Thy blessing craves.
Vast lands beyond the seas
Repeat the earnest pleas,
Where proudly in the breeze
His banner waves.

There lies a true patriotism, and we hope that it will be sung in all the Dominions and at home.—T. P.'s Weekly.

The Rockefeller Foundation has determined to employ its immense resources for the relief of non-combatants in the various countries affected by the war. Millions of dollars are at the disposal of the "Foundation."

News of the Week

On November 7th The fortress of Tsing-Tau, in the German colony in China, surrendered to the Japanese and British.

During the week the British vessel "Good Hope" was sunk, and the "Monmouth" driven ashore in an encounter with German vessels off the coast of Chile. The fact that the enemy possessed guns of longer range is blamed for the disaster.

The allied troops are still holding along the whole front of the battle line in Europe. During the past fortnight the Belgians and French, aided by the fire from British vessels, effectually beat the German forces back from their attempt to reach Dunkirk, and there is now a lull in that part of the war zone, the heavy fighting being transferred to the district between Ypres and south-eastward into France, where the British and French are massed, the British chiefly at Armentieres, near Lille, and the French about Ypres. It is believed that the Germans will now attempt to reach Calais, and heavy reinforcements

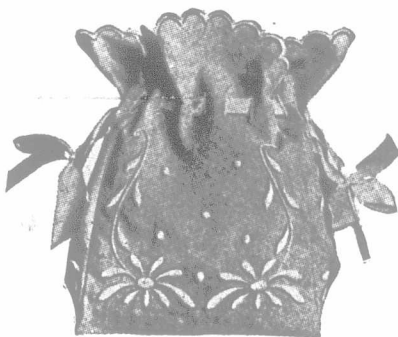
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Christmas Gifts.

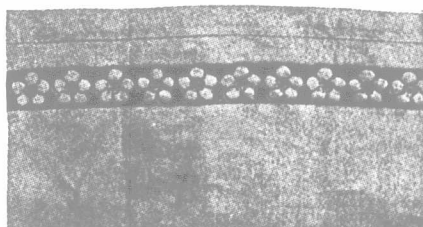
Honestly, I do not think anyone should bother much about making Christmas Gifts this year; the Red Cross surely should demand every stitch that can be



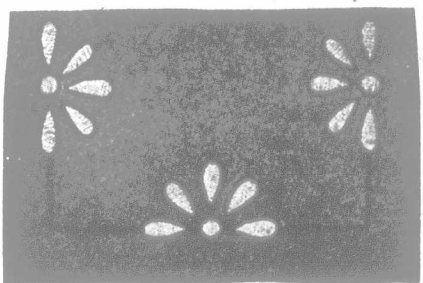
Work-bag, four-sided.



Bib and child's tray-cloth done in cross-stitch.



Guest-towel, background darned in with blue.



For card-case, table-cover, etc.

Written Ten Years Ago.

Very often the poets are truly prophets of the time in which they write. In looking over a little volume, entitled "War Melodies and Other Songs," published in 1904 by Morley L. Swart, son of a Middlesex Co., Ont., farmer, we noticed the following lines under the heading "War." Reading the second stanza imparts an almost uncanny feeling in its terribly realistic forecast of the recent destruction of the British cruiser "Hawke" and other battle ships a short time ago:—

"Roar of a hundred cannon and the tramp of ten thousand feet,
Piles of corpses and rivers of blood
Where hostile armies meet,
Death where men charge to victory or feel the sting of defeat.

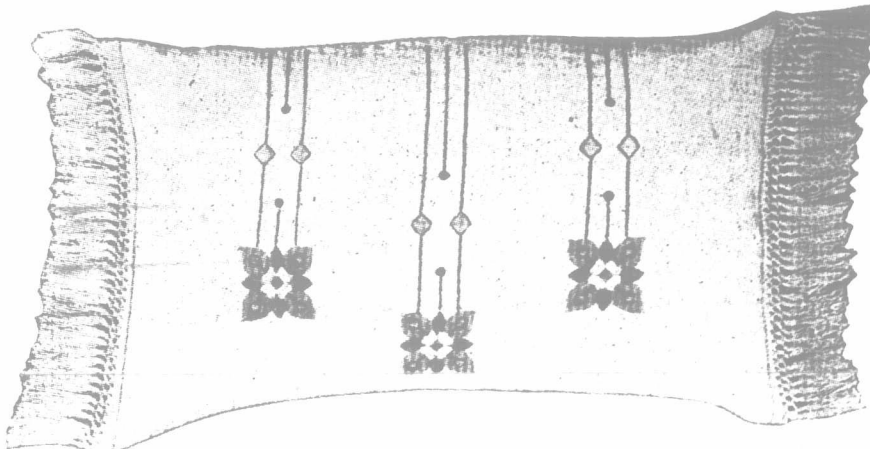
"Swift torpedo-boats speeding on under the cover of night,
Silently, stealthily nearing the foe,
Then the torpedo's flight,
And the battleship with five hundred souls goes down and out of sight.

"Blare of trumpets and waving of banners, and ringing shouts and cheers,
But back of it all the hidden sorrows,
The agony and tears.
Back of it all the fierce brutality,
Passion on that blights and sears.

"Hate and bitterness, pain and anguish,
Crying of little ones,
Sad disconsolate wives and mothers
Who mourn for husbands and sons,
Lying disfigured, maimed and bleeding,
Slain by the deadly guns.

"O when shall the needless slaughter, O when shall the conflicts cease?
O when shall the weary nations from War's burdens find release?
O when shall men heed the teachings of the lowly Price of Peace?"

Royalty was on a visit to Doncaster. An old Yorkshire woman had gone on the course for the sole purpose of seeing England's greatest, and she called out excitedly: "Which is the king? Which is the king?" "There he is," said some one near. "That's him with the handkerchief in his hand." "Ah!" gasped the old lady, a touch of reverent awe in her tone. Just then His Majesty, who had a cold in his head, performed a commonplace little operation. "Goodness me!" the old lady exclaimed aghast, "he—he blows his own nose!"



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