

A FEW IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Turn-over Collar Case.—Take two pieces of stiff cardboard, about fifteen inches long and six inches wide. Put holes through one side of each to run the ribbon ties for the back through. Cover the outer side with figured or plain silk and the inside with sateen of the same shade. Tie the backs to-



Fig. 1.—Turnover Collar Case.

gether with baby ribbon and put loops of it on the front to open the case with.

Memoranda Tablet.—Get a piece of white linen or a very fine canvas. Trace any design on it and work in



Fig. 2.—Memoranda Tablets.

outline stitch. Get a piece of heavy cardboard of the size you wish the tablet, covering one side with sheet wadding which can be pasted on. Stretch the linen cover smoothly on,

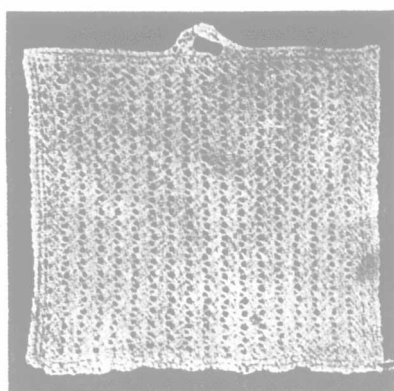


Fig. 3.—Knitted or Crocheted wash cloth.

fasten the edges down firmly on the back, finishing it afterwards with a lining of some light material in a pretty shade. Last of all, on the right side

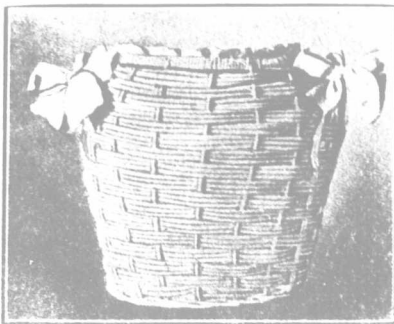


Fig. 4.—Waste Paper Basket.

fasten the celuloid tablet and little calendar.

The knitted wash rag needs no explanation except that soft white string or coarse white thread may be used.

The waste paper basket is made from a wicker demijohn cover, the edge being wound around firmly with raffia, the whole basket painted a deep cream color and lined with cherry-colored China silk.

Kimono, made up with six handkerchiefs, no cutting required. Directions—Turn over one corner of each handkerchief to form neck. Stitch two together for back. Stitch down 8 1-2 inches from neck of other four. The middle handkerchief each side will form sleeves; then join back and front by sewing 2 1-2 inches together at bottom; arrange pleats back and front; trim with ribbon.

Knitted Bed Slippers.—Materials required, 2 skeins of white, and 1 of pink, Baldwin's (4 ply) fingering. Knit 23 rows in plain knitting, increasing one at beginning of each row till you have 117 stitches on needles. Join on pink wool. Find centre stitch, knit three together on each side of centre stitch every other row. This decreases and shapes the shoe. Knit alternately 6 rows of pink,

6 rows of white,
6 rows of pink,
6 rows of white,
6 rows of pink.
For ankle knit 2 pearl and 2 plain, beginning with 10 rows of white. Then 6 rows of pink,
6 rows of white,
6 rows of pink,
6 rows of white.
Cast off and sew up.

THE USEFUL WILD TOMATO.

Dear Dame Durden:—Will you pardon my tardiness in replying to your Chatterers' requests regarding the uses of carrots. Am sending three different ways of using them and I am told they make good sweet pickles and puddings. Can any of the Chatterers tell us how to make either?

If the wild tomatoes Leeds Loiner speaks of are of the strawberry or husk variety, she has a treasure sure enough, for they do make lovely preserves. Dried in sugar they are superior to raisins for fruit cake and puddings. For pies prepare them the same as cherries or other small fruit, stewing first or not as preferred and flavoring to taste. The fruit may be kept in a dry, cool place over winter in the husks, so that they can be had fresh for use at any time. Like the tomato they are too tender to grow here in Central Alberta so I am growing a garden huckleberry and tomato in the house.

A bachelor says he keeps bread sponge from getting chilled in cold weather by using a barrel and lantern. Nail a couple of cleats near the top of the barrel, light a lantern, set inside the barrel, turn down so that it will not be too warm, but not low enough to smoke. Place the sponge on top of the cleats and cover the whole with a blanket.

Hoping this will help someone, as I have been helped by some of the chatter.

"SPRING BROOK."

(The recipe for carrot pudding has been given before, but as it makes a splendid and economical substitute for the orthodox English plum pudding, it may be well to repeat it for Christmas use. You will find it in our recipe column. D. D.)

SYSTEMATIC HOUSEWORK.

Dear Dame Durden:—I have been silent so long, I think I must once again have a little chat with the Ingle Nook. I was very much interested in the letter sent by Mary about tidiness. I quite agree with her, for I myself think cleanliness next to godliness. I think if a person just makes a practice of doing her work up properly she would not find so much to do. I always have a day for each job; Monday, I do my

washing; Tuesday, I iron and bake bread so that the one fire does for both; Wednesday I scrub and do the mending; Thursday and Friday afternoons I have to myself; on Saturday I do the cleaning up for Sunday, such as scrubbing, dusting, also the pastry baking. So I find the work much easier than if

INGLE NOOK NEWS NOTES.

The letter from "Martha" to "Mary" was forwarded. That combination of names sounds familiar, and a correspondence should flourish between those two.

The Farmer's Advocate office in general and Dame Durden in particular were favored with a little visit from "Resident," one day last week. She has lived in Saskatchewan for many years and knows all the hardships of pioneer life. But she knows also the success that attends honest and ambitious effort. It would do



TABLE SET, READY FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

two or three jobs were left for the same day.

I like housework very much. I was alone for three weeks this summer. Father and mother went up to Banff, Alta., for their health. They enjoyed it immensely. The scenery is very nice and father has promised to take me to see it next summer. I think it would be a nice trip.

I intended going to Brandon college this winter, to learn typewriting and shorthand. But the crops are so dreadfully poor I don't know whether I will be able to get away or not, although I will make a great effort to go. I think it is nice to be independent and to have a trade in case a person might need it some time.

Well I will surely have to close now, I will call soon again. Sending you all, as well as Dame Durden, my best wishes and kindest regards. BROWN-EYES.

(You surely will enjoy Banff when time comes for that trip. It is beautiful and appeals especially to one who has lived on the prairie. D. D.)

you all good to hear of all she and her daughter have accomplished in their garden.

All the good advice about dressing neatly while at work must have been taken, or else must have been unnecessary, judging from the orders for kitchen aprons that have come in—twenty for aprons alone in a week.

SELECTED RECIPES.

Cocoanut Pie.—Bake under crust; put a pint of sweet milk in a pan and set it in a kettle of hot water. When the milk boils add three tablespoonfuls of sugar; then two tablespoonfuls of corn starch, dissolve in a little cold milk. Cook until it thickens then add one-half box of cocoanut. Take off the stove and add whites of three eggs whipped to a stiff froth. Turn the mixture into the shell and place in the oven to brown.



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