

around her body, and as the gay strands are used in the knitting, dolly not only loses her clothes but beautiful prizes fall



THE SURPRISE DOLL.

out to the great delight of her young mistress. This prize doll is easily made and is sure to afford any little girl a merry time as well as teaching her a useful lesson.

POCKET-HANDKERCHIEF BAGS.

Extremely pretty little bags may be made out of pocket-handkerchiefs, which any girl will find useful for holding neckties, her handkerchiefs or her gloves. Buy two plain hem-stitched handkerchiefs, but be sure they are made of fine linen. Baste the sides and the bottom together, then sew on rather full around the sides and bottom half-inch French Valenciennes lace. Use the same lace, only in a wider width, for the upper part of the bag, and make a shirring string of narrow white ribbon about three inches from the top. The bag is greatly improved by being lined with a pretty shade of bright silk.

HAT-PIN BOOK.

Every woman would be glad to receive a hat-pin book as a Christmas present. It is easy to make and extremely attractive when finished. Cardboard is used for its foundation. Four pieces of cardboard are necessary, as it takes two pieces to make the back of the book and two for the front. The pieces of cardboard are first wadded and then covered with linen, the edges carefully buttonholed. The two pieces of cardboard are then tied together at the back with many bows of narrow ribbon. They fasten in the front with but one bow, only much wider. In making these books it is advisable for the novice to buy stamped linen. Covers for hat-pin books can now be bought with not only a stamped floral design, but with the inscription 'Hat-Pins.' The embroidered cover is used for the front of the book, the plain one answers for the back. Of course, the book must be well stocked with hat pins, which are thrust through the wadded cushion inside. An artistic hat-pin book may be made of green linen embroidered with purple violets and tied with violet ribbons. The lettering may be worked in a darker shade of green, or in violet, matching the flowers in color.

SHIRT WAIST BOX.

An ordinary box may be converted into quite a thing of beauty by the ingenious woman. The big cardboard box which is always in the way may easily be made into a silken case for holding the modern girl's shirt waists. Take any box large enough to hold a shirt waist without folding it too much, and cover it inside and out with cambric. To this cambric lining sew either a piece of the new perfumed flannel which is so much the vogue just now, or cotton sprinkled well with sachet, and cover this neatly with an artistic design in China silk, or with a piece of rich brocade. Tie the box and cover together with a big bow of moire ribbon, and if you are skilled with your needle, embroider on one corner of the cover the owner's initials in threads of silver.

PERFUMED COAT HANGERS.

For the woman who is fortunate enough to have closet room in plenty, a perfumed coat-hanger makes a Christmas gift which she will welcome with joy. An ordinary wire coat-hanger, which can be bought in almost any shop for a few cents, is used for the foundation. Cover this wire frame with a thick padding of cotton sprinkled well with sachet. Over this neatly sew a covering of silk. The ends of the frame may be finished with little butterfly bows. A Christmas gift of this kind will not only keep the owner's pretty bodices free from wrinkles, but the waist fortunate enough to be suspended from the dainty frame will have about it a delicate perfume.

PIN CASE.

The pin case is now considered as a rival to the time-honored pin-cushion, though when it first appeared it was considered only as a travelling convenience. To make it, take a piece of brocaded silk about half a yard long and a quarter of a yard wide, wad it with a thick layer of cotton and neatly line it with plain silk of any shade which will blend effectively with the brocaded cover. Fill this case with a variety of pins of assorted sizes. When the case is filled, fold the ends one over the other. These pin cases may also be made of ribbons in the college colors instead of brocaded silk.

VEIL CASE.

A new sort of a veil case is a novel Christmas present which could be easily made in a hurry at the last moment. No matter what good resolutions have gone before, the emergency Christmas gift has come to be acknowledged as a perennial necessity; hence the directions for making the new veil case are well worth having. The case in shape is modelled after an everyday kitchen rolling-pin, but instead of it being made of wood, it is made of the gayest of satin ribbon, sweet smelling, and stuffed with cotton. The ends of the ribbon are fringed and tied with narrower ribbon, and the perfumed cotton inside the ribbon case is packed very closely. Over this pretty little rolling-pin the veils are wound, and are thus kept in perfect condition.

MEDICINE GLASS COVER.

A dainty little Christmas gift which would be most useful in a sick room, can be made at home by any woman who is at all clever with her needle. It is simply a cover for the medicine glass, but beside

its usefulness, it can be made a thing of beauty. Have a piece of ordinary thin glass cut perfectly round in shape and a trifle larger than the top of a tumbler. Have bored in the centre two tiny holes. Now get a round fine linen doily a little larger than the glass, and embroider it in any pretty design. An unconventional wreath of small pansies would be appropriate, for every one knows that pansies are for thoughts! or the doily, as it is to be given for a Christmas gift, may be decorated with bright sprigs of holly. In order to fasten the doily to the glass cover, be careful to neatly work in its centre a small buttonhole. This buttonhole must hold a tiny silk-wound ring. Through the two holes in the glass, baby-ribbon is run. This ribbon is then tied to the ring, and is finished with little bows, and as the ring is fastened securely in the buttonhole, the doily and the glass are thus held close together.

Take Time.

(G. A. Suttle, in a Scottish Paper.)

Take time to Think :

Thought oft will save thee from the snare,
Bring thee to cooling streams and bow-ers,
Spare thee from nursing needless care,
Surround thee with defensive towers;
Yield thee the harvest of content,
Lift thee from dust to starry ways,
Discover comfort heaven-sent
In thy dark and cheerless days,
Therefore, take time to think.

Take time to Pray :

For when thou pray'st the vision's cleared,
The voice is toned, the will's subdued,
The dear are to thee more endeared,
And the soul's failing strength renewed,
In prayer the purest words are spoken,
The mind receives heaven's holy light,
The heart is given the Spirit's token,
The hands are charged with wisdom's might.
Therefore, take time to pray.

Take time to Praise :

Praise is the witness that you see,
Or hear, or feel, or understand,
Or trust where there is mystery
About the workings of his hand,
It is thy child-attempt to prove
Thy kinship with the hosts above,
Who, as they in God's presence move,
Praise him for his exhaustless love.
Therefore, take time to praise.

Take time to Work :

Know what a privilege it is
To work with God, to have thy hand
Engaged for him, thy energies
Developing 'neath his command.
To share the stores of grace and truth
Which to his faithful ones are given;
In service to maintain thy youth,
And hear the Lord's 'Well done!' in heaven.
Therefore, take time to work.

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