

Work Basket.

A pretty little frame for a photograph which I have lately seen is easily made and quite effective. For a cabinet photograph cut a piece of stiff cardboard $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. high by $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide. Cover neatly both sides with silk, satin or plush. Cut a piece of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. ribbon $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. Fold it lengthwise, making a band $\frac{3}{4}$ in. wide. Stretch this across the width of the case $\frac{3}{4}$ in. from the bottom. Also one equal distance from the top, but not folded. Fasten neatly on the back and put a bow of the ribbon on the upper left corner. Slip the photo under the upper ribbon and down between the edges of the lower band which forms a pocket to hold the photo. A ribbon is also fastened at each upper corner by which it may hang from the chandelier or wall.

Another very pretty and ornamental paper fan—Cut a strip of wrapping paper 5 feet long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide. If these dimensions are too large, suit your own fancy. Paste firmly all over it pieces of gilt paper or bordering in a crazy pattern. Fold like a fan. Put a knot of ribbon at the bottom, open the fan and fasten on wall. The effect is of a handsome Japanese fan.

Some of the prettiest articles in hand-painting are the decorated picture frames. One frame is tinted the color of the blue sky of June, painted with apple blossoms and engraved with the rhyme:

Merrily, merrily shall I
live now,
Under the blossoms that
hang on the bough.

Another frame is painted with tangled clusters of pink eglantine against a gold background and another with sprays of pink and blue bachelor's buttons and yellow butterflies. The looking glasses, framed in maple or mahogany, are artistically decorated. A beautiful glass of this kind is framed in gilded wood and painted on one side with a straying vine of gorgeous nasturtiums, a few of the gay blossoms appearing to have wandered over on the beveled glass. A pretty maple frame is decorated with purple thistles and green leaves. The motto, "I give back smile for smile and also frown for frown," is sometimes traced on the frame of the mirror.

Recipes.

CHILI SAUCE.—Twelve large tomatoes, six green peppers, one large onion, all chopped fine, one tablespoonful salt, one teaspoon ginger, one of cinnamon, one of allspice, one of cloves, one tablespoon ginger, two cups of vinegar; boil thick.

CATSUP.—To half a bushel of small tomatoes add one quart of vinegar, 1 lb. of salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of

black pepper, whole, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of whole allspice, 13 cloves, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. mustard seed, 20 cloves of garlic, 6 onions, 2 lbs. brown sugar, 1 handful of peach leaves; boil the whole together for three hours, constantly stirring.

BREAKFAST DISHES.—Boil half a pound of rice the day before, press into a square pan, and next morning slice into squares half an inch thick, fry a nice brown in lard or butter. Eat with sugar or syrup.

CORN FRITTERS.—Boil enough cornmeal mush the night before, slice in squares, and fry in lard or drippings until a nice brown. This is good eaten with salt fried pork or chicken.

TO REMOVE INK STAINS.—Dissolve a teaspoonful of oxalic acid in a teacupful of boiling water; rub the stained part well with the solution. Or

and varnished to save scrubbing; the chairs can be wood or cane, with plenty of rockers for easy chairs; the walls neatly papered, with a few pretty pictures, and the girls can add numerous pretty trifles with their needle, and a cozy homelike room is the result. All the staining, painting and papering can be done by the members of the family, and will cost next to nothing. And as there is no home without food for the mind as well as the body, some books must be had, and as they can be had at such low prices, no farmer's home should be without them. Reading should be cultivated in every household, and the appetite increases with the indulgence. During the long evenings in winter when the family are gathered about the fireside, one can read while the rest work. Let no evening pass without some reading. Often it is because there are no books in the house that none are read. The distance from the city often prevents a farmer from taking a daily paper, but there is always a weekly one to be had, and a post office within reach. When business calls you to the city, purchase a few cheap books. Not cheap literature, but the works of the best authors may be obtained in cheap bindings or stitched, and if your boys and girls have the right sort of taste in them, they would rather have them than anything else. When there is something to read, much worrying and fretting is banished, and books will fill the place, to a great extent, of companionship, and often doubtful companionship at that.

Japanese Children.

In no other country, said Prof. Gardner in speaking of the children of Japan, are the young

people treated with such consideration. Two days are national holidays for the children. The third day of the third month is the girls' festival. In every family you will find dolls in large numbers arranged in one of the rooms reserved for that purpose. These have been handed down from one generation to another. Every mother presents each of her girls with a doll every time this festival comes round, and as the dolls are never destroyed, in time they become numerous. The boys' holiday is the fifth day of the fifth month. On the morning of this festival, the boys, after passing under the barber's hands, with clean shaven heads and dressed in their best clothes, go to the temple and offer a prayer, and then start off for a lark. In front of every house in which a boy has been born, you will see a paper fish flying in the wind from the end of a long bamboo pole.



Our Illustration.

Does not our illustration suggest quiet and rest and coolness and peace, such as we can so well enjoy after a busy day? The lake, so peaceful and still, and the young moon faintly illuminating the landscape, presents a picture calculated to bring out our best and purest and holiest feelings as we contemplate it. But such scenes are reserved for the few who live in the country, and whose home lies near one of our inland lakes. We will picture a comfortable farm house behind the trees—a home in fact—for too many of our farmers' houses are not deserving the name of home. It need not be luxuriously furnished. One of the most homelike homes I ever saw was innocent of every extravagance in the way of carpets and furniture. The floors can be stained

if water has not been applied, soak the spots in sour buttermilk.