

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

An acceptable gift is a foot mat to be placed in front of the dressing room mirror. Take a piece of crimson or old-gold astrachan cloth eighteen inches wide and twenty-even long, sew all around in a border of leopard skin plush or beaver plush, if preferred, and then search in German fancy work stores among the canvass work that is sold there with the figure already wrought and the ground unfilled, for a large cat's or dog's head. Cut the canvass away, leaving enough around the figure to turn in and hem down. Then sew the head upon the centre of the mat, the woolly ground will cover the irregularities of the edge. The mat should be lined with ticking or denim to give it firmness. The high-colored astrachans, being now so little used in costumes, are sold at an extremely low price.

A very easily made gift is a letter-holder. One of ordinary size will require four pieces of cardboard 6x10 inches (that used in boxes is heavy enough); one quarter of a yard of plain material, and two yards of ribbon three-quarters of an inch wide. On two of the pieces of card-board baste the figured cretonne, turning the stuff smoothly over the edges, holding it firmly in place by many stitches. Cover the other two pieces with the plain material in the same way; lay one of the cardboards first covered on the table, and pin across it one piece of the ribbon, two inches below the top; two inches above the bottom pin the second ribbon; lay on this one of the cardboards covered with the plain stuff, and after fitting the edges exactly together, overseam them neatly, being careful to avoid the spaces through which the ribbon passes, but closing these spaces firmly by several strong stitches on each side of the ribbon. The same operation is repeated with the two remaining boards, and the result will be the nicest sort of binder for letters, the ribbon slipping easily through the unsewed spaces allows you to enlarge the hinge (or back) of your binder as occasion requires. The binders may be made of figured cretonne and some contrasting shade of plain sateen for the lining; they are then very inexpensive, but any amount of money and time may be spent on them when silks and plushes are used, and the outside ornamented with gold embroidery.

A small convenience for the dressing table is made of three little round Japanese bamboo cuplike baskets, sewed tightly together. They are then prettily trimmed with short lengths of satin ribbon, with one end pointed and finished with a tiny silver bell. The other end of the ribbon is fastened to the opening of the basket. There are three or four of these on the outer side of each basket, forming a sort of fringe to the tri form convenience. One basket can be stuffed with hair, covered with black net, and used for hairpins; another can be filled with a cushion on which to stick shawl pins, and the

third left empty to drop articles of jewellery in. The baskets are only five cents each, the ribbons and bells cost but a trifle, so this little Christmas gift will not be expensive, and yet will serve to show a kindly thought on the donor's part.

A shoe-finding bag is one of the ever-welcomed minor necessities. A long strip of doubled ribbon with a bag on the end for the buttons, another for the thread, and some button-holed-edged leaves for the needles, is a good style, and a loop at the top serves to hang it up above the shoe bag.

An easy piece of work, which any little girl can do with slight assistance from her mother, is an ordinary "Tam O'Shanter," suitable for boys: Three ounces of dark brown zephyr are required. Use a bone crotchet needle. Chain four stitches and fasten in the first. Work in double crotchet a flat piece as large as a dinner plate; widening to keep the work perfectly flat—that is, put two stitches in the same place, and always catch both ribs of each stitch. Double crotchet is to put the hook in the stitch and draw the thread through. Thread over and draw through both stitches at once. Do not widen at regular intervals, as this gives it the appearance of being worked in sections. When large enough, crotchet four rows, without narrowing or widening. Then narrow every twenty stitches until the cap is the proper size for the head, that is skip the twenty-first stitch. When this is done, continue crotcheting a strtight band an inch and a half deep, without narrowing or widening and the cap is finished. The centre of the crown can be covered with a thick, short tassel, clipped smooth, or crotchet a small piece, like the cap, and cover a large button with it and sew it to the centre. These caps are particularly comfortable for boys, as they fit snugly and can be drawn over the ears when Jack Frost is about. For an ordinary round cap, crotchet a cover to fit the crown of a hat exactly the right size. Make the straight brim wide enough to turn up on the cap, and finish with a shell scallop of a different color. School children find them comfortable with strings.

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