

BOYS AND GIRLS

Christmas Presents.

FOR BUSY FINGERS TO MAKE AT HOME.

Just now the boys and girls are beginning to wonder how they can manage to buy presents for everyone with their limited store of pocket-money. But if they use a little ingenuity they can manufacture some pretty articles at home for a very small cost. So to-day we are giving a few hints which we hope will help the 'Messenger' readers in this respect.

FOOTBALL PILLOW.

For the man or woman who travels much a useful Christmas gift is a football pillow snugly tucked away in a little linen travelling case. To make the pillow, cut a piece of mull in the shape and size of an ordinary dinner plate, fill it with down and sew together. Cover it neatly with Indian silk. For the case take an oblong piece of fine linen, hemstitch it all the

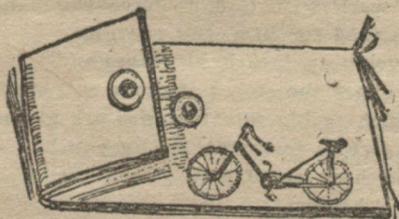


FOOTBALL PILLOW AND CASE.

way round, making the hem about an eighth of an inch wide. Now shirr the ends of this oblong piece and insert at each end buttons made of cardboard and covered with linen. The buttons will hold the case out in its proper shape at the ends. The case may fasten together with tiny buttons and buttonholes or tied with ribbons. If there is time to put any extra work on this convenient little case, embroider 'My Travelling Companion' in brown silk.

BICYCLIST'S SOAP CASE.

A useful and inexpensive little Christmas gift suitable for a bicyclist is a small linen case for holding antiseptic soap sheets. It is made of two pieces of card-



SOAP CASE FOR BICYCLISTS.

board covered with linen. A tiny bicycle is embroidered on the cover, and the case fastens with a patent clasp, like a glove clasp. The soap sheets are sewed inside the case.

MATCH SAFE.

A funny little match safe which one would be glad to find tucked away in one's stocking on Christmas morning, con-

sists of a pair of tiny blue denim overalls. They have pearl buttons, and suspenders made of bone casing, and a big pocket in each leg to hold the matches. Below the



A FUNNY LITTLE MATCH SAFE.

pockets are small, square-shaped pieces of sand-paper, and the legs are embroidered in letters which read 'Scratch your matches on these breeches.'

PHOTOGRAPH AND WALL POCKET.

A handsome photograph pocket is made of two oblong screens of cardboard covered with one thickness of cotton wadding, well sprinkled with sachet powder, and then with dull olive green plush on one side, silesia on the back of one and chamois on the other. The upper right hand corner of the chamois section is reversed, and a spray of wild rosebuds painted carelessly on it. The bottoms of the two sections are fastened together and the proper slope given to the ends by a lacing of narrow ribbon through button-holed loops at the alternate sides.

It is suspended by two pieces and a many-looped bow of the same kind of ribbon.

A still prettier wall pocket has a square of vellum mounted on cardboard for the foundation. A crescent-shaped pocket of the cream vellum, which, as well as the back, has ragged edges, is attached to the back by many-looped bows of narrow yellow crape ribbon drawn through holes bored at each corner of the pocket, at equal distances apart around the bottom, and near them through the foundation.

Two holes are also bored at the upper corners of the back, by which it is suspended by the same kind of ribbon and many-looped bows. A holly branch with berries was painted in water colors across the crescent, and three birds in flight across the foundation above.

MAGAZINE CASE.

For girl and man alike, a magazine case is a useful gift. Here is a simple way to



MAGAZINE CASE.

make one: Take two pieces of cardboard, just a trifle larger than the ordinary size

magazine. Cover them neatly with moire silk. Put between the pads two layers of cotton wadding thickly sprinkled with sachet powder. Now take four pieces of ribbon and paste each piece of ribbon between the two pads at the four corners. Then carefully buttonhole the two pads together, securing the ribbon firmly at the same time. This completed pad forms the bottom of the magazine cover. Make another pad exactly like this one, fastening the unattached ends of the ribbon into the second pad, the same as you did the first. If the ribbon is a half-yard long it will allow the case to hold a good number of magazines. The top pad may be hand-painted, or embroidered, according to the individual taste. In green moire silk or linen, embroidered in white, it is effective.

PATRIOTIC PENWIPER.

The pen wiper always bobs up serenely at Christmas time as an inexpensive souvenir. It is an excellent substitute for the useless Christmas card. A new idea for a penwiper is the patriotic little broom. It is easily made, and attractive as well as serviceable when finished. The handle of the broom may be made of a pencil or even a stick whittled to the proper thinness. Wind in lattice-like fashion around the



PATRIOTIC BROOM PENWIPER.

handle narrow red, white and blue satin ribbons. Tie them in a bow with many loops and ends at the top; before you get to the bottom paste securely to the pencil or stick three pieces of chamois shaped to represent a miniature broom. Cover the place where the chamois is attached to the handle by the ribbons which end here in a little bow.

SURPRISE DOLL.

For the wondering-eyed young person whose Christmas would not be complete without the arrival of a doll baby, here is a suggestion warranted to bring happiness for many a long day. It is a dolly with a pretty bisque face, and a worsted dress which contains the most wonderful of secrets. Carelessly caught at the side of the doll's dress are a baby pair of real knitting needles with a bit of work already started. The mother who gives this doll to her small daughter teaches that young lady how to knit with the little needles, and as the knitting progresses dolly's clothes grow less and less, for after all her dress is only made of worsted, wound