



In crochet silk work, instead of four in-hands, the run will be on ring ties made in two styles. Just now the fancy silk belts which are crocheted are very pretty, and the buckles sold for this kind of work are very neat and appropriate. John Macdonald & Co., who carry a stock of the silk and also of these fancy buckles, have a small pamphlet which describes four patterns for working in fancy belts. These patterns are the Wave, Diamond, Shell and Openwork, all of which are very neat.

Fancy belts for gentlemen continue in strong favor, and the prettiest are made from handloom silk petersham, with single or double snake fasteners and also with the new Grecian snake fastener, while some novelties are shown, such as a fastener in the shape of a lacrosse stick. Some very pretty shades are shown in these belts.

Hair brushes, with mother of pearl backs and inlaid mirrors, are shown in some very pretty designs and finishes. Some pretty sets of brush, mirror and comb in bright oxidized silver and gilt, are shown by John Macdonald & Co.

Square and round tops in oxidized silver seem to form the favorite thing for purses. They are not new but they are without a rival.

Chateleine bags are numerous and shown in some very pretty designs and shapes.

The newest things in decoration pins are the imitations of florals and ribbons. These are done in metal and magnificently colored to suit the flower and its different parts which are to be represented. These were at first shown in gold but are now imitated in cheap Austrian ware. They are shown also in delicately colored and moulded brooches. A very pretty gilt pin is made in the shape of a blossom with the golden petals joined and the golden filaments surmounted by pretty little pearl anthers. Another gilt pin is made to imitate a circular cord containing on each side of the circle seven brilliants and the whole article has a very pretty appearance.

Barbatine majolica ware with a smooth surface has sold well this season. Nerlich & Co. carry a large stock of it, and state that the rough surface barbatine has gone out of favor.

Fancy china and other earthenware is having a good market this season. Many new novelties are shown. A pretty new nightlamp is made with a china figure as a base and a colored globe. Some very beautiful Dresden china candelabras, with pretty youthful figures and flower bowl combinations, are shown in a variety of designs, some being very artistic. Bohemian ware continues strong in favor in flower bowls and novelty basins. This kind of glass ware is very attractive and finds a steady sale.

China swing figures are shown in great variety. Cups, saucers and plates of Meissen or Royal Dresden china are rare and attractive novelties. Dessert sets in this superior ware are very be-

coming and attractive. Some very fine majolica ware figures and tobacco jars are shown, which exhibit superior and artistic workmanship, the expression being quite natural and the posture graceful.

Nerlich & Co. are showing some very fine felt-bodied dolls which are said to be superior to the kid bodied. They are all half-stuffed and well jointed and form a cheaper and fully as durable a doll as the kid. In dress dolls the change has been to better and removable garments. This is a taking feature with the children.

### IT WORKED.

The delegation of young men had been shown into the reception room at their employer's residence, and, when his wife entered, all rose awkwardly and seemed ill at ease.

"We are employed at your husband's office," explained one of them at length.

"Indeed!" she said, in some surprise. "I am very glad to see you, but to what am I indebted for this call?"

"Well," said the spokesman, plucking up courage, "you see, it's just this way. We've been getting off at three o'clock Saturdays during the summer, and now we want to make it twelve or one o'clock if we can."

"The ball grounds are quite a distance away," put in one of the delegation.

"And we have to start early to get to the races," added another.

"Really, you must excuse me," said the mistress of the house, courteously, but firmly. "I never interfere in my husband's business affairs."

"Oh, we don't want you to," protested two or three together.

"You see," said the spokesman, getting down to business again, "it's just this way. We want you to be kind of nice and pleasant to him for a few days, and then we'll go to him and ask him to."

"Gentlemen!" she exclaimed laughingly.

"Might ask him to take you to the ball game," suggested one of the young men, without noticing her manner.

"Or the races," added another.

"There is an inference, gentlemen," she began, but the spokesman interrupted.

"Oh, I know all about it," he said. "I'm married myself. Things go wrong in the house, and you're tired and cross at breakfast. Then, we suffer at the office. You stay up late to chaperon your daughter at a ball, and we have more trouble at the office. You're a bit cross three mornings in succession, for one reason or another, and we have a terrible time at the office."

"I was discharged from an office once because my wife was cross the same morning that the boss's was," exclaimed one young man. "I suppose our wives would have chattered pleasantly if they had met but there was an explosion when we met. He was ugly about something, and I fired back, and he 'fired' me. That's the way it goes. Now, if you'd make it a point to be particularly agreeable and pleasant to him for - say four days -"

"Yes, four days will do nicely," broke in the spokesman. "Then we'll go to him, and everything will be all right. The fourth day you give him the best breakfast you can - everything that he likes best - and we'll get what we want in three minutes. Talk about a woman having no influence in

business! Why, the humor she's in has more effect than a bank failure or a boom in trade."

She thought she ought to be angry, but, instead, she laughed, agreed to the proposition, and four days later, when they waited on the head of the firm, he made the closing hour twelve o'clock and said that never in the history of the firm had things run as satisfactorily as they had during the last four days. - The Dry Goods Chronicle.

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