

and gather a straight piece of stuff very full for the skirt. Tie up the gathering string tight round the doll's waist, and make the skirt stand out full and stiff in old-fashioned style with a good stuffing of wadding.

Cut a round piece of pasteboard, and cover one side of it with the same material as the dress, and sew the bottom of the doll's skirt to this, which will give it something to stand on.

The pins may be put in in little clusters dotted all over the skirt, and add to the prettiness of the effect.

I made several of these cushions for a Christmas-tree some time ago, and they were much appreciated.

MODERN CHARITY.

"John dear?"

"Yes, love."

"Have you done with these trousers?"

"Yes, and never want to see them again."

"They are pretty badly worn."

"Yes, not a button on them, one leg gone, all frazzled at the ends, generally dilapidated."

"No possible use you can make of them at all then, is there?"

"Unless we can rig up a scarecrow to frighten away bill-collectors."

"Well then, dear, I am going to give them away to some poor, deserving man. Our rector delivered such a striking sermon last Sunday on charity that I have been longing to do something for the needy ever since."

"You are a dear, noble woman, my sweet little wife! Now, I would never have thought of that! But business cares soon makes a man callous."

A GIRL CONSTABLE.

The idea of entering the police, one would have thought, would hardly have suggested itself to the mind of even the most advanced woman. It is, however, a fact, that a young girl of eighteen, Miss Florence Klotz by name, has been acting as constable in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. She is the daughter of Alderman Klotz, and was pressed into service by her father during the illness of the regular constable, and so well did she perform her new duties as to win universal admiration. Miss Klotz is a plucky girl, and has shown great presence of mind in serving warrants and subpoenas, and in the full filment of the various other duties which have had to be performed by her.

LOVELESS MARRIAGES.

Extremely foolish it is to allow an engagement which is not fraught of true love to drift into marriage.

"Some girls form an attachment for men whom they do not truly love and perhaps do not consider that they may at some period of their lives meet with one who has a great influence over their hearts.

So, many of the unsuccessful marriages to-day are the result of this indifferent sort of love-making, and many that are not really failures would certainly be happier if true love had been the original cause of their attachment.

A coldness is apt to exist in such households that prevents true happiness.

POEM BY THE OFFICE BOY.

The summer days have went,
The winter time has came;
The 'e-cream-man's full of discontent,
For the weather spoils his game.

But the gasman he is glad,
And life to him is sweet—
For when the days are dark and bad,
The meter's on the mete.

The plumber's drove his gloom away,
And in Heaven put his trust,
To hurry on the happy day
When water-pipes 'll bust.

The summer days have went,
The winter time has came;
I see my bike with discontent,
For I cannot ride the same.

For Ten Cents.

Have you ever tried to estimate the satisfaction, pleasure and financial returns that you get when you spend ten cents for a package of Diamond Dyes? The advantages and profits are strikingly wonderful. Faded and dingy looking dresses, blouses, capes, knitted shawls, hose, lace curtains, and pieces of drapery are all restored to their original value and usefulness. The truth is, they are made as good as new and the cost is only ten cents.

This work is done every day by thousands with the Diamond Dyes. Beware of imitations that some dealers offer for the sake of big profits.

Send to Wells & Richardson Co., Montreal, P.Q., for valuable book of directions and sample color card; sent post free to any address.