

INGLE NOOK CHATS

MORE CHRISTMAS IDEAS.

Dear Chatterers:—Here are a few more ideas that perhaps some one can work into Christmas presents. They are little things, not expensive, but dainty, and show the work of the giver which is always so acceptable to the recipient. Some of us will need to make ingenuity take the place of money this year and here are some ways of doing it.

Handkerchief with Lace Edge.—A very dainty handkerchief can be made in a single evening. Get a handkerchief centre of linen eight inches square and baste it down to a square of paper. (Parcel wrapping paper is best.) Then a quarter of an inch from the edge of the handkerchief baste on a row of fine valenciennes insertion, a scant three quarters of an inch wide, all the way round, gathering it slightly at the corners. A quarter of an inch outside the insertion baste on a row of valenciennes edging to match in width and pattern, gathering it also at the corners. It is better to make the joins along the side rather than at the corner. When the basting is done fasten the insertion to the handkerchief and the edge to the insertion by fagotting stitches done with linen lace thread No. 200. You will need a yard and a half of edging and a yard and a quarter of insertion for each handkerchief. If your lace is less than half an inch in width, two rows of insertion looks very pretty.

A Pretty Chamois.—For the girl who likes a bit of chamois to rub the shine from the tip of her nose get a piece of chamois of medium weight and cut it into a circle six or seven inches in diameter. All round the edge of this run a piece of valenciennes beading and to the beading sew a valenciennes edge of a pretty pattern. These need not be put on with very much fulness. Run a gay narrow ribbon through the beading to pull it up into a little bag.

Bead Chains.—Daisy chains are very easily made and make a pretty garniture for the neck when worn with a white blouse. For a single chain you will require one spool of lustre twist, letter O, some number 16 bead needles, and two small bunches of blue beads and one of yellow beads, the latter being for centres. Thread two needles with long strands of the twist, tie the two ends together, the knot being two inches up from the ends of the threads, the extra ends being used to fasten the chain to the clasp. String two blue beads on the right strand, and then pass the left needle through them; now string one yellow bead on the right, and then pass the left needle through that. String three blue beads on the right needle and pass the needle through the first two beads of the chain, then string three more blue beads and pass the needle through the two top beads. Now follow in exactly the same manner

as from the beginning, and continue the process until the chain is the desired length.

DAME DURDEN.

NOTES.

"Old Timer" has asked for a pattern for young girl's coat. It has not yet been included in the patterns the firm have sent us, but a special request has been sent for it, and also for a boy's overcoat for which Mrs. Wilson enquired.

Some one from Harmattan ordered No. 4232 for a nine-year-old girl, but forgot to sign any name. Will she please send a card at once?

Elm Valley—you can get any of the back patterns you want as long as they are not more than six months behind, so send on your order as soon as you wish.

To remove odors from tanned hides soak for several hours in a solution of three gallons of rain water, one pound alum, half pound soda. Wring and dry in the shade. (Sent by a subscriber.)

A letter from C. B. S. recommends silver ointment as a good healing salve, not only for chapped hands, but for burns, cuts, salt rheum and eczema. Anyone who wishes can procure the address of the maker from Dame Durden, or, through her, from C. B. S., who will be pleased to tell more of its virtues.

Many thanks, Seventeen, for the little selection. It is much needed.

"Subscriber" says that sprinkling dry slaked lime over cabbage will drive away insects.

The recipe for cooked-lettuce given in August 28th issue on page 1347, is declared good by "Oregonian," who says that a pinch of red pepper improves its flavor.

A picture post card from "Nellie," gives on one side a view of herself and friends reproducing English afternoon tea on the Canadian prairie; and on the other friendly greetings to the Ingle Nook, a tiny grumble at the Canadian weather of 1907, and a message to Derbyshire, to whom Dame Durden sent Nellie's address some time ago for correspondence purposes. Unless expressly forbidden I think I shall have a cut made of that card for the benefit of the Ingle Nook.

MUSIC WANTED.

Dear Dame Durden:—I am a rancher's daughter out here, and have noticed your useful hints to the readers of this paper, and now I have come to ask a favor of the readers. Will anyone having the old song entitled "The Old Canoe" be so kind as to send it to me?

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