



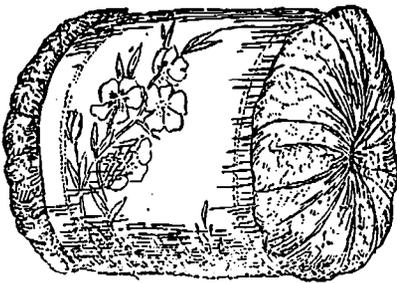
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Embroidered "Hug-Me-Tight."

THE lounge-pillow illustrated is a large, soft bolster-pillow, designed for comfort and utility, as well as beauty. A wide, easy lounge is now deemed a necessity in almost all rooms devoted to family comfort; but large, soft, easy pillows, so made and dressed as to look neat and tidy and yet admit of careless treatment, are not so common. Pillows for every-day service cannot be used long without becoming badly soiled unless protected by tidies, or covers of some sort, which are a constant source of annoyance, they are so liable to be displaced and rumpled up, if not wholly thrown aside.

The embroidered linen "Hug me-tight" here shown cannot be easily displaced (as its name indicates), and, being an endless cover, the pillow is protected on all sides and can be turned about in any way to fit the needs of the weary one using it. The bolster-pillow, made of material to match the



lounge-cover and as long as the lounge is wide, needs no description. The "Hug-me-tight" may be made of a width of linen, or any pretty, washable material, long enough to tightly encircle the pillow; the hems at the sides should be decorated with a row of hem-stitching or drawn work, and any of the pretty pillow designs to be found in every stamping outfit may be embroidered upon it or, as in our model, floral sprays may be scattered carelessly all around it. The ends may be simply seamed together before the sides are hemmed, or one end, after being finished off like the sides, may be lapped over the other and stitched to it invisibly.

Slip the case on the pillow and secure it with a safety-pin under the hem on each side; and the family, generally, may take naps upon it, or the children toss and tumble it, and it will remain the same—until it has to be removed for cleansing and its mate put in its place.—*American Agriculturist.*

A Pretty Toilet-Box.

To make this box, cut of heavy pasteboard, for the top and bottom, two triangular pieces, one side five inches long, and the two others seven and one-half inches each. Also cut for the sides three pieces two and one-half inches wide, and matching the length the back and sides of the top and bottom. Cover the insides with a layer of thin sheet wadding, over which baste salmon-colored satin plain, lining. The front corner of the top-piece is covered with a puff of salmon-colored satin, as seen in the illustration—also over a thin layer of wadding. The rest of it is covered with steel-blue plush,

which has been decorated with embroidery in salmon-colored silk and fine gold cord. After the bottom-piece and the back are covered smoothly on the outsides with steel-blue sateen, join the sides on the outsides with fine overhand stitches, and sew them to the bottom.

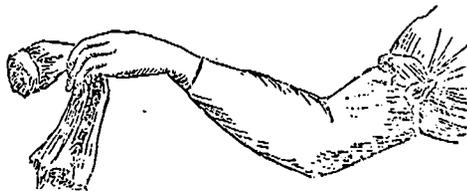
Now fasten the lid to the box with two double strips of the satin, about half an inch wide; cover



the two sides with a puff of the satin, about four inches wide, the upper edge of which is finely gathered in two rows, leaving a heading half an inch wide. A small loop of satin on the front serves for lifting the lid, which is finished all around with a heavy salmon-colored silk cord, as seen in the illustration. The lining is finely hemmed against the turned-down edges of the outside.—*American Agriculturist.*

Sleeve Covers.

THIS simple little contrivance for keeping the sleeves of pretty afternoon dresses from being soiled while washing dishes, or during the many little evening tasks that must be attended to by busy housekeepers, is so plainly shown in the sketch that it hardly needs description. It is a pair of sleeve-covers made of long stocking-legs that fit the arm closely; they are hemmed at the wrist, and metal fastenings, taken from an old stocking supporter, and sewed to the top, by which they are easily attached to the sleeve and held up securely. A pair may sometimes be cut from the sleeves of an old Jersey waist. If desired they may not fit so closely, but in that case it is well to run elastic in the wrist hems. They are handy to



wear over any sleeve, but especially so over the loose, full sleeves now so much worn, holding them back snugly out of the way of water-drops and stains.—*American Agriculturist.*

Danger in the Pillow.

MOST people suppose that feather beds, feather bolsters, and feather pillows contain feathers, and sometimes they do. The kind that are manufactured for sale, usually, do contain some feathers, and it is proper to believe that some manufacturers make their pillows and bolsters what they profess to be. But a woman who has worked in such a factory has told a medical journal that the practice is very general of stuffing quantities of dirty rubbish into so-called feather pillows, bolsters and beds. More positive evidence is found in the fact that such articles have been cut open and found to contain scraps of dirty black serge apparently parts of coat-sleeves, "pieces of dirty, greasy, silk dresses, old worsted braid, soiled linen rags, and colored calico," and other filthy substances. Of course such things easily carry deadly diseases.

The safe way is to buy your own feathers and stuff your pillows yourself—unless you can depend on your dealer.—*Good Housekeeping.*

Hints to Housekeepers.

THE physician is frequently asked by lady patients for something that will remove "moth" and freckles. Try a wash consisting of equal parts of lactic acid and glycerine. It is harmless when applied to the skin.

A dish of charcoal placed in your meat larder will keep the articles sweet and wholesome almost as well as ice. Charcoal is a great disinfectant. If occasionally used for cleaning the teeth, it will sweeten the breath when everything else fails.

A piece of sponge fastened to a stick or wire is a good thing with which to clean lamp chimneys. It is a good plan to be rather particular about the care of lamps. Clean them often, rub the burners when dim or gummy; sometimes boiling a short time in soap suds is good for them when the wicks will not move freely. Always fill every day and in the daytime. Never light a nearly empty lamp, as the space is filled with explosive gas. Neither is it best to blow down a chimney when nearly empty of oil and turned up high.

Do not scrape the inside of frying pans, as after this operation any preparation fried is liable to catch or burn to the pan. If the pan has black inside, rub it with a hard crust of bread and wash in hot water mixed with a little soda.

To give bedclothing and underclothing a thorough sunning and airing is the next best thing to washing them. It also sweetens them. A second suit of underclothing should be on hand for afternoon wear, and what is taken off should be thoroughly aired and dried before hanging in the closet.

When you boil a cabbage tie a bit of dry bread in a bag and put it in the kettle. French cooks say that all the unpleasant odor which makes a house smell like an old drain will be absorbed by the bread.

An excellent way of cooking eggs is to break them in boiling milk without beating; cook slowly, stirring now and then. When done soft, pour into a dish and add a little pepper, salt and butter.

To clean porcelain saucepans, fill them half full of hot water, and put in the water a tablespoonful of powdered borax and let it boil. If this does not remove all the stains, scour well with a cloth rubbed with soap and borax.

One can grate horseradish without very badly affecting the eyes, by grating it in front of the fire. Open the front stove doors. Onions can be peeled in the same way.

Spirits of ammonia is the best thing to clean hair-brushes with, as it does not soften the bristles like soap or soda. If a teaspoonful of ammonia is mixed with a quart of water the brush need only be dipped in the solution for a moment and all grease is removed. The brush should then be rinsed in cold water, shaken well and dried in the air, but not in the sun.

To set delicate colors in embroidered handkerchiefs, soak them ten minutes previous to washing in a pail of tepid water, in which a dessertspoonful of turpentine has been well stirred.

The fashionable sandwich now must needs be cut in the shape of a tiny diamond, have all the crust of the bread removed, and, likewise, all the fat of the meat or ham. Chopped parsley must be sprinkled on it, too.