

edges inside, bundles of these wrapped in cheesecloth and pinned. These are sterilized in India but care should be taken to avoid unnecessary contact with dust, hairs, etc.

Quilts 48 or 50 inches by 2 yards 12 inches long. Double flannelette, or patchwork (sewn by machine) with flannelette back. Do not interline with wadding **unless very strongly sewn all over**. These are washed by banging on stones in the stream and must be sewn so as to endure such treatment.

Blankets. Old ones or coarse grey ones, or pieces for babies' cots.

Draw sheets. Strong cotton, 1 yard by 1½ yards. These are also useful when packing. The rest of the parcel can be sewn up in these for inner wrappings. Small size pillow slips are also useful in the same way.

Towels, plain cotton huckaback, small size, in lots different by pattern or marked for doctor, patient, operating room, etc.

Binders, strong cotton 12 or 15 inches wide, 1½ yards long. Made double.

Tea Spoons, cheap for medicine.

Babies' Shirts made from stocking tops, with short or half sleeves, not sleeveless; any kind except silk. Also shorter size knitted colored wool, and larger size flannelette or heavy cotton, also with sleeves.

Babies' Bootees. Very plain bright blue, rose or other colors, not white as they soil too easily.

Babies' Binders. Knitted, also colored, about 6 inches wide, 18 or 20 inches long, plain knitting. When casting off stitches join up with beginning row. This makes a round band and obviates safety pins which mothers in India never can keep! A small tab knitted in front for pinning diaper prevents pin holes destroying the binder. Use coarse steel needles (No. 12), 4 ply fingering needs about 48 stitches, 3 ply about 55 to 60 stitches. Binders made from flannelette should have tapes to tie, allowing small overlap, so as to avoid safety pins.

Napkins. About 24 inches square.

Cot sheets. Flannelette, 1 yard square.

Cot Quilts. About 30 inches by 36 inches or more.

Colored Handkerchiefs, bright, fine gingham ones will do, or from any suitable bits of cotton.

Wash Cloths, sewn or crocheted colored edges, towels, any kind, needle books, bags, more bags and yet more bags, 3 by 4, 7 by 9, 9 by 12 inches. Scrap books (colored educational pictures, nothing nude or extreme). Small celluloid dolls with one garment, stuffed dolls and animals and knitted scarves about 9 inches by 30 or more inches long. These are useful in the cold season, also larger sizes for the Bible women.

Articles That Are Useful in India.

Attractive colored picture cards suitable for children, remembering they are to be used in Christian work. Used post cards **pasted back to back or with plain paper** pasted over the written side, whereon a Telugu Bible verse may be written, are good.

2. Scrap-books. Little ones are very nice. Remember that the pictures in these must also be attractive and pleasing but not silly—not the "funnies."

3. Bags made of nice strong material, with double drawstrings. Small ones, quite tiny, are used to hold a little treat—roasted parched peas, perhaps. Larger ones for work bags, and very nice large ones perhaps are given to the Bible women.

4. Dressed dolls; celluloid are light and can be washed. Bisque-headed dolls are nice for prizes.

5. Quilts made of cotton or flannelette with one layer of wadding between, well sewn. Size 4 feet by 7 feet.

6. Baby shirts made from old stocking-tops. Two tops make a shirt, then crochet around neck and sleeves. These may be sleeveless and of silk or mixtures or anything not too heavy—for bigger babies than the ones in the hospitals.

NOTE

Word has been received from Miss Pratt that the boxes arrived in Cocanada safely the first week of December. She was greatly pleased with the parcels and immediately gave out two quilts to two girls who must sleep outside.

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