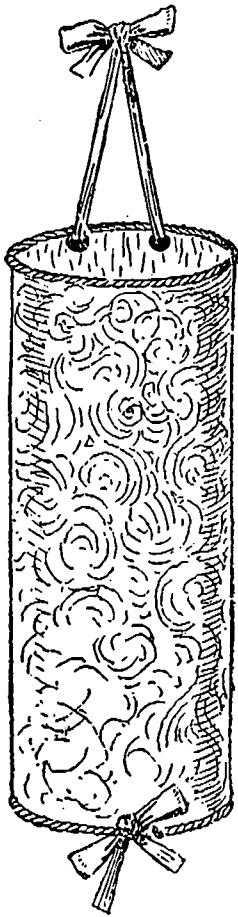


Novel Pen Holders.

THIS article is doubly attractive because useful. It is a waste paper holder, a hanging one and made on a new principle. The foundation is a square of stout card measuring about 18 inches, lined with sateen, covered with a bright cretonne and joined into a ring. Further, a circle of the same card, similarly lined and covered, is needed to serve as the bottom of the case and of equal diameter—that is, six inches. This circle is to be joined into the cretonne ring with a tape hinge about an inch long. On the opposite side to the hinge is one string of gay ribbon on the bottom of the holder, and another,



HANGING WASTE PAPER BASKET.

about half an inch above it, on the cylinder. These, when tied, keep the bottom and contents in the holder. When untied, the waste paper falls out, and the holder is emptied without being moved from its place. A fine cord, of colors to accord with those of the cretonne and sateen, is carried away to conceal the seams, and a loop at the top serves as a means of suspension.

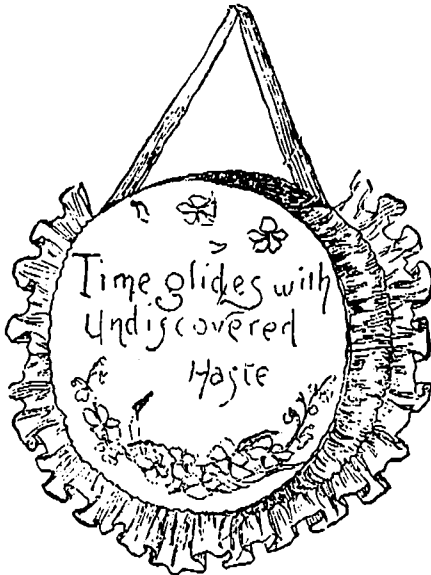
A Serviceable Watch Pocket.

WATCH pockets seldom serve the end they have in view. More often than not they are a hindrance rather than a help. For a first few days they may be put to use, but sooner or later they fall into disrepute and hang idly on the wall. The one great advantage of the one given here is its adaptability to the service required of it. If you need a safe depository for your own timepiece, or if you wish to make an acceptable offering to a friend, you can hardly do better than make one like or similar to it.

First cut two disks of cardboard about the size of a silver dollar, or larger if the watch be large. Then cover them both with pale grey suede and line them with soft silk. Leave one of the disks plain, but on the cover of the other one embroider, before stretching over the board,

sweet blue forgetmenots in their own tender color and couch the lettering with gold thread.

Cut a straight strip of fine flexible cardboard about two-thirds the length of the circumfer-



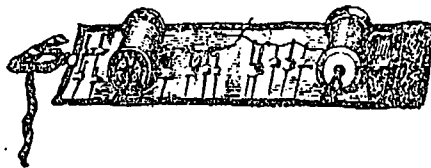
ence of the disk and one inch wide and cover it with a full puff of grey satin the exact shade of the suede. To this sew fast the two disks, one at either edge, so as to leave the extra space free at the top. Then, when that is done, make a full frill of gray satin ribbon and overhand it neatly to the edge of the plain disk, so as to form a finish when it hangs against the wall. To the puffed rim sew a band of ribbon, one end at each extremity, and you will find that the pocket will hang steadily in its place, a convenient receptacle and a decorative object at one and the same time.

Convenient Sewing Case.

A SEWING case that meets the requirements of travellers is described by Modern Priscilla as follows:

It may be of kid, chamois or cloth.

It is cut a little wider than the spoon, which

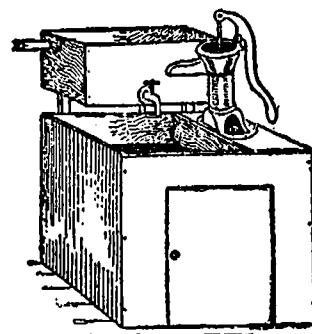


SEWING CASE FOR TRAVELLERS.

are held in place by a cord run through them and fastened by a loop to a button sewed to the edge of the case. Provide a flannel lining for the needles and turn up one end of the case, thus making a pocket of buttons, which should be sewed on cards. Bind the case with silk or worsted braid and attach strings of the same for tying, shut.

Water in the Kitchen.

AT a comparatively small expense, every farmer can have well water in his kitchen the year round, thereby saving a great deal of labor and can have it pure at all times. A force pump and a little extra piping will be all the expense.

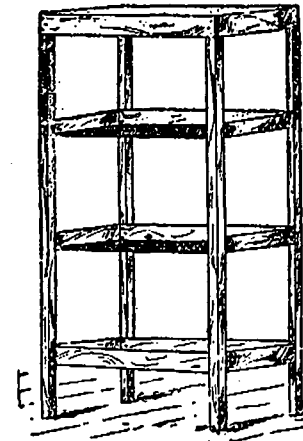


Instead of laying the piping directly to the tank, run it through the house to a small tank over your sink. The pipe should come up through the bottom of the small tank, and it is better to have a stop valve at this point to hold the water in the tank should the water leak back in the well pipe. Near the top of the tank have the overflow pipe. This should run

to the cattle tanks, then all water pumped passes through the kitchen, keeping the water in the house tank fresh. In summer this tank should be packed with some heat-resisting material. Of course it should have a cover at all times. A faucet near the bottom is very convenient. Whatever is spilled drops into the sink and does no harm. Every farmer's wife would appreciate such an arrangement.

A Vegetable Rack.

THIS rack is designed to accommodate vegetables and the fruit intended for early consumption. We happen to have a shed attached to the house and it is here in a dark corner our



rack stands, to be laden with succulent edibles, including pears, apples, etc. Such a rack, ample enough for a full supply of the various vegetables, is a great convenience to the housewife, to say nothing of its excellence in aiding to preserve these articles from decay. I will say of the rack from which

this drawing was made, that the sides of its shelves are not deep enough. The construction is simple and it occurs to me that a series of ordinary, clean soap boxes in which the bottoms have been replaced by woven wire of any kind, securely fastened, might answer the purpose better than the carpenter-made structure many persons may consider desirable. Try it. The corner supports need be nothing more pretentious than narrow boards nailed to the boxes arranged one above the other. If the large ones were prepared for vegetables in quantity the bottoms of the boxes would have to have slate nailed across beneath the wire bottoms to support the greater weight.

GREENS.

As the spring comes gently creeping on, the blood, made sluggish by the confinement and the hearty heavy food of winter, demands a change of diet; and so prudent country housewives hie themselves forth in search of "greens," finding in the tender spring herbage a variety of which the city epicure little dreams, but which results in renewed energy and activity and an arousing of somewhat dormant faculties.

Very valuable indeed is the dandelion which is most toothsome; the liquor in which the plants are cooked should be religiously kept, and with the addition of yeast and molasses, made into a most enticing beverage.

REVIEWS.

Harper's Weekly is always up to the times in readable articles on interesting subjects, and its illustrative work is of a high grade.

A contribution to the April *Harper's Magazine* is a brilliant paper on "Venice in Easter," with illustrations from sketches made on the ground—or was it on the water?

Scribner's for April is an essentially Easter number. Its striking Easter pictures are of remarkable decorative value. The fiction of the number is good.

"The Progress of the World" in the April *Review of Reviews* is a chapter of running comment on the important events of the past month. It is graphic and interesting.

The *Monthly Illustrator* has in its April number a richly illustrated article on "The Castles of Old England." Some telling pictures of G. A. Reid, a Canadian artist, are produced.

In addition to the Napoleon History the April *Century* contains several unique articles. The most notable is one treating on the latest inventions of the electrician Tesla.

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