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Correspondence is invited on all matters pertaining to the home; questions relating to any feature of domestic life, or of interest to women generally, will be readily answered, when possible, in this department.

Motherhood.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret
At little children clinging at their gown;
Or that the footsteps, when the days are wet,
Are ever black enough to make them frown.

If I could find a little muddy boot,
A cap or jacket on my chamber floor;
If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,
And hear it patter in my home once more;

If I could mend a broken cart to-day,
To-morrow make a kite to reach the sky,
There is no woman in God's world could say
She was more blissfully content than I.

But ah! the dainty pillow next my own
Is never rumpled by a shining head;
My singing birdling from its nest has flown:
The little boy I used to love is dead.

But now it seems surpassing strange to me
That, while I bore the badge of motherhood,
I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
My little child, who brought me only good.

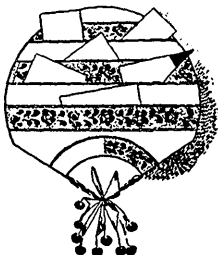
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NICK-NACKS FOR THE HOME.

A Pretty Card Rack.

CUT a piece of white cardboard to the illustrated shape. Paint it some pretty shade, or, better still, cover it with a whole-colored silk or satin, stitching very neatly round the extreme edge. Now obtain some wide and really pretty and fanciful ribbon, add bands of this across the front of the cardboard fan, alternating them with bands of plain ribbon, but having a picot edge. Fasten each band of ribbon with invisible stitches, and at its lower edge to the satin foundation, leaving the upper edges loose, when they will form a little pocket into which cards and letters

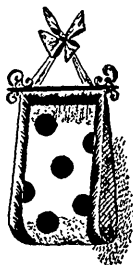
can be easily inserted. A dainty bow of ribbons and pom-poms should be set at the lower edge of this pretty ornament,



and a ribbon loop by which to suspend it from wall or table may, if desired, be added at the top.

A Newspaper Pocket.

A NEWSPAPER pocket or holder to hang against the wall is a useful possession. To make, take a piece of strong canvas, about 32 inches long and 12 to 15 inches wide; cover the centre of this with fancy silk or brocade, or with art serge daintily embroidered with a conventional design. Line the inside of



the canvas with a pale shade of silk or sateen that will harmonize with the outer covering, and bind for about two and a half inches all round the outside edge