



Painted Gifts and Needlework

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In a story recently there was a long and spirited discussion of the "duty complex." Some who have analyzed their thinking a little way, know that to make a thing for the sheer joy of creating an object of beauty is sufficient reason for doing it.

Others whose "duty" sense is strong cannot permit themselves to make a thing for the joy of doing it, but needs must have some other purpose. To learn an intricate process, for the special purpose of giving away the completed object is one way of giving at things.

Many a woman will sit down and learn to paint with dyes or do a new stitch in embroidery in order to finish her Christmas giving, when she would not feel like tackling the process without this impulse.

There are three ways of painting.

Dye Painting
If we enjoy painting there are three very interesting processes of dyeing that exist. If we have some artistic training it will help even so much, but it isn't absolutely necessary.

Painting directly on fabrics with dyes in a medium that keeps the dye from spreading is one way. Painting with lamp or plaster composition is another. And a third way, not so new, but always capable of variation is painting with oil colors.

The dye painting is used two ways. On thin light materials the colors are applied direct to the design, and even the design is suggested. The other way is to follow the outline of a design with a thin stream of gesso on a dark material, making gold dust over it before it is quite dry. The outlines thus formed are filled in with color. The effects in both cases are fine, good in color and interesting in texture. Dyeing, of course, is the first requirement.

Decorative Waste Baskets
In using lamp or plaster composition, neatness is the first requisite, because the modeled objects are so good in themselves in their design, that it is only necessary to follow directions as to making them. Book ends, lamp bases and plaques with raised designs are all ready for work.

Ball point on metal waste baskets is possible. The surface of the side may be decorated with an oil paint pattern. Or bouquets of old fashioned flowers may be painted on the side.

Waste baskets can be treated in a number of ways. One was covered with felt, and felt cut out flowers were used for decoration.

Cushions As Gifts
Felt is also used effectively on cushions. Stiff little cut out flowers in bright colors are easily made and sewn into place. Cushions are ever useful gifts and now come in as many varieties as one could possibly desire. Some did not even pretend to be useful but are frankly ornamental.

Prilly ones have their own special use. Of these the organdy ones are delightful. Folded strips rolled into the form of a rose in delicate pastel colors with edges piqueted in leaf shapes make these especially charming. Cream lace over pale pink is used for other cushions. Sometimes these are encircled with fringe. All sorts of shapes are used. Round ones, oval ones, square ones are ready to give for Christmas gifts.

Needlework for Baby
Quilted cushions are among the most useful types. Old fashioned quilting and patchwork are decorative, some, and embroidery on the sewing machine with silk thread on satin, cover others.

When one enjoys making Christmas gifts, especially when needlework is one's especial gift, the shops afford an almost endless variety of lovely things all stamped and ready to work. Many of these are so very effective and yet really simple to work.

A set of things for baby comes to mind. The stitch was in blue, a darling stitch, broken here and there with tiny rose buds in pink. A narrow lace was used for edging. The four pieces completed looked too sweet and dainty for words, a tiny slip, a bib and a bonnet.

And Stuffed Animals
Stuffed animals are all stamped and ready for some one to work for baby. A pink pig in checked gingham was so nice and cuddly when finished with his tiny white coat and his kerchief in his pocket. A dog in spotted black and white and a lavender elephant are also available for baby's Christmas.

A pup with a lovely "nobody at home" expression and long floppy ears that spread in every direction is waiting for the busy needleworker. Among the household articles are ever so many kinds of stamped materials. There are the practical tea towels and equally practical and decorative guest towels. Designs on these are simple or elaborate as one wishes.

a treasured heirloom. There doesn't seem to be any limit to the kind of things one can make for Christmas. The outlay for materials can be most simple and within reach of any pocket. Then again one can buy several expensive skins of thread to complete a gift, making it most valuable when the hand work is added. Just try paying hand work and you will realize how valuable it is. The hand-wrought gift always seems to carry more of the true spirit of Christmas giving.

DEMANDING PURE MILK

IDAHO FALLS—City Sanitary Inspector Dr. T. C. Wilson says that the women of the community, and rightly so, are demanding an ordinance which will have to do with the regulation of dairy and milk conditions. "Milk," the doctor says, "the food for babies, invalids and as well as healthy people must be pure and we have the right to know that it is. He is insisting on a strict inspection and regulation."

Another matter Dr. Wilson is interested in is the doing away with the open toilet in certain sections of the city and he is demanding that those responsible live up to the ordinance demanding sewer connection.

Bridge Table Sets
A sweetly done spread for grandmother is made of lavender cross bar organdy, to be edged with black lace. A pocket for her kerchief will need to be deftly fastened into place.

Sets for the bridge table are receiving much attention for Christmas gifts from the needleworker. Cross stitch in Chinese design is used for the corners of the cloth and the napkins. Others have bright bits of gingham applied in flower and fruit forms.

Some sets are made of fringed gingham with embroidery in black. With some folks you just must use hearts, spades, clubs and diamonds for decoration, so there will never be any confusion as to the purpose of the card table cover.

Popular Petit Point
Pleasant embroidery of different countries is coming into use for household linens and drapes. Italian hemstitching will be in demand indefinitely. Bright colored squares of peasant design on extra linen are very effective. Sometimes on dresses the work is done in red and blue cross stitch.

Petit point will receive its share of attention for a long time to come. It is possible to buy a black petit point material on which to work chair seats and cushion covers. This material is in squares and resembles the hand-done work so closely that the finished effect is very good. It saves the needleworker the almost endless task of filling in the background behind her gay wealth of bouquet of points. Petit point has the very great advantage of working well and fast for the long time spent on its manufacture. A piece done in this work will always be

Democrat Urges Party Back Plan To Eliminate Electoral College

WASHINGTON, CAP—Because the votes of 12 of the larger states alone can elect a president of the United States in the electoral college, Democrats will be asked to sponsor a revision of the constitution to authorize popular election of presidents at the next national committee meeting January 12.

Henry Minor, democratic national committee-man from Mississippi, an authority on democratic history, has prepared the proposal to lay before the committee.

Minor has collected data to show that the votes in the electoral college of 12 states can defeat the will of the other 38 states. The 12 states and the number of their votes are: New York, 45; Pennsylvania, 35; Illinois, 25; Ohio, 25; Texas, 25; Massachusetts, 15; Missouri, 15; Indiana, 15; Michigan, 15; New Jersey, 14; Iowa, 12; Kansas, 10; Connecticut, 7.

There are 531 votes in the electoral college. Thus 12 states, Minor says, by a majority of one vote in each can elect a president over another candidate carrying the other 35

states unanimously. "It is easily possible, indeed it may become probable, that on some great economic question of overwhelming importance 15 or 16 of the densely populated manufacturing and commercial states, carried by small majorities, may in a presidential election over-ride the decision of double that number of states containing twice their population and four times their area, and that thus a mere fraction over one-fourth of the voters of the country could defeat the will of three-fourths of the electorate."

"This system came very near substituting Burr for Jefferson in 1800; it probably kept Jackson out of the presidential chair in 1824; it cost the democrats 'Tilden's' election in 1876 and Cleveland's election in 1896. It easily may cost the democrats the presidency again."

The kind of politics the world wants is the one with an infinite capacity for taking pains.

Pay a man compliments and he won't criticize your grammar.

Pocatello Park Valuation Higher

POCATELLO, Ida. (Special)—Pocatello's tourist park has increased in value about \$7000 over what it cost the city a few years ago. The purchase price was \$12,400 and the property now is worth \$19,400, according to the report of W. L. Raymond, park commissioner, in reporting upon the close of the park for the winter. During the present year the park was occupied by 30,220 people, who paid \$9655.50 in fees, since the city acquired the park, the fees of the visitors have paid for all the improvements and other expenses in addition to the running of a large surplus. At no time since the establishment has the park been any expense to the taxpayers of Pocatello.

Besides a main building which includes a dining room, kitchen, laundry and shower and an additional dining room on the north side of the structure, 22 cabins were built this year and each has been splendidly equipped. The concrete wall started this year will be completed next year and the park will then be completely enclosed by a wire fence.

MAY FORM ROTARY CLUB

HAILEY, Idaho—Judge E. A. Walters of Twin Falls and Gilbert J. White, O. T. Thorsen, G. A. Breaner and C. C. Withers of Jerome were in Hailey in the interest of the organization of a Rotary club for this city. At a dinner at the Royal cafe to which A. W. Ensign, H. H. Neal, Leon Friedman, Dr. R. H. Wright and M. P. Cunningham were invited, the plan was outlined and the objects and workings of Rotary explained. Some of the things it is doing for the lower country were also briefly sketched. A. W. Ensign was chosen chairman to call a later meeting for further consideration of the matter.

BEAR-ROPING IN TEXAS

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—Bear-roping is the latest sport among cowboys of west Texas. Prairie fires in Mexico have driven bears across the Rio Grande, and cowboys ride over ranches in quest of the animals and throw their lassos at them. Once he fastens a rope about a bear's foot or neck, the horseman has to be careful to keep the beast from climbing up the rope and shaking the mount.



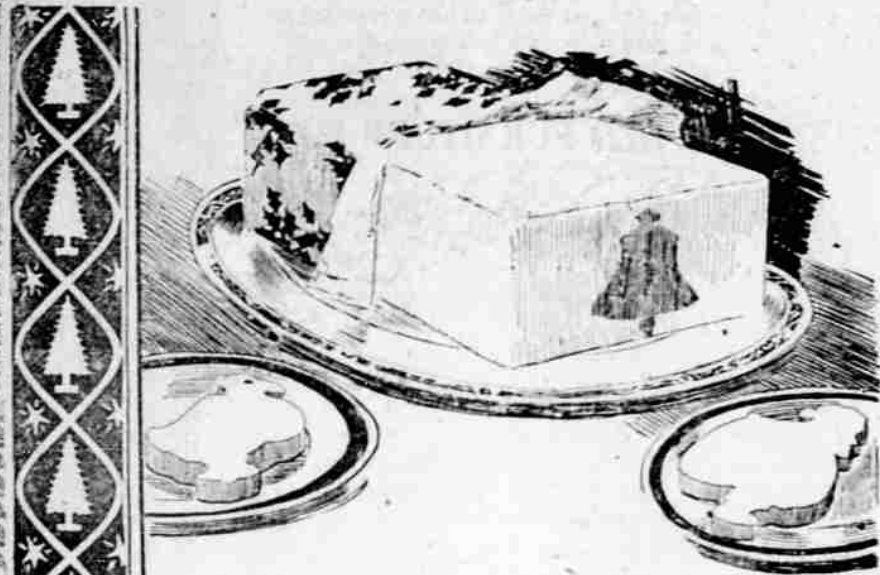
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