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**GIFT SUGGESTIONS
In The Observer Ads Every Day**

What Hast Thou in the House?

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If you remember, this was the question which asked the widow. She replied that her food supplies were limited to a small amount of oil and meat. Elijah found this sufficient, as you remember, to take them all past the threatening famine.

Gifts to make for Christmas start best with materials at hand. One homely friend, a pot of glue, can start a number of gifts. If you think over the empty boxes there are, and the coils of material, you have laid away, several combinations will suggest themselves.

A pretty gift for girl's room is a bright hat-box—an empty cardboard box covered with cretonne, with a black box on top. A desk set in cretonne for her room may be constructed of cardboard, glue, tissue, patience and an ink well.

Gifts of Portfolio Portfolios are lovely and useful gifts. Two heavy card board covers with a cloth back make the book. If you have a small-patterned or plain fabric, a pretty picture will improve the cover. If the pattern is large, omit the print. Line the inside with a thinner material and tie a folded blotter into the center with a silk cord.

Such a portfolio can be given to a man if made with a plain cover, or to a woman if destined in cretonne. Padded oil cloth may be used for this purpose very simply and can be decorated with a painted design.

Children love to help make Christmas gifts. On winter days they can be busy and happy with the joy of constructing gifts. A little girl will enjoy making a squirrel dress for a gift. A de-

sign for a squirrel about four inches high can be traced from a magazine picture and with a sheet of carbon paper can be transferred to the material. A grey squirrel on a lavender dress, or a brown squirrel on a tan dress would be good arrangement.

Button hole stitches would do to apply the design on the dress. A hat with an acorn could finish the shoulder. She could finish the dress if it were kept simple—with rich rack hand for binding. If this is too much for her small fingers, perhaps Auntie or grandmama could finish the acorn and binding on the sewing machine.

Let Children Assist Children would enjoy assisting in making a gift to some one dear, of a miniature garden. A large deep pie tin is used, or a special tray is made. Rocks and moss are arranged to hold dirt in interesting forms. A small pan can be inserted for a pool. Its edges can be cleverly hidden with pebbles and plants.

Some of the plants suggested are these—Kendallworth ivy with its little oval-colored blossoms, Chinese primrose—blue and pink forget-me-not, tiny ferns, violets, tiny cacti and a dwarf maple or two. Lycopodium, a mass of delicate fern-like quality, is excellent for its habit of climbing down, around, and over.

Such a lovely garden would afford endless pleasure to a child. It could be arranged and rearranged. Tiny bridges and stepping stones could be added. Birds and animals of pottery—small size, could be added from time to time.

Needle workers have ever at their finger tips, beautiful gift possibilities. A suggestion for them

is the use of bright wools, an erasable. Gay dashes of color on an apron, a little lace and there you have a pretty gift for any feminine friend.

A set of photos for a bed room might consist of a hand of embroidered for a valance and a pair of bright bands for curtain tie-backs. A lamp with wools of embroidery would complete an unusually lovely gift.

If a person is clever at cutting blocky blocks in simple or fanciful designs, painting of these in oil paint on natural colored papers is recommended. Bags, table runners for library tables, portfolio covers, cushion tops suggest themselves.

Use of Colored Envelopes Bright colored envelopes will help the appearance of this kind of gift. These can be tied together with a pretty ribbon or arranged in a box. Power suggestions will come to you in use. Colored illustrations from your catalogues may be used to decorate the individual envelopes or the box.

Whatever you decide to make, to paint, to embroider or to print—do not neglect its final appearance—the package in which it is sent. Any gift is valued chiefly for the kindly and loving thought it represents and this must be displayed in the wrapping of it as well.

DEATH SEALS FEUD BETWEEN TWO BROTHERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP)—A long-standing feud between two brothers over a girl ended early today in murder and suicide.

The brothers, Robert Hicker, 41, and William, 25, made their home with two sisters in Whitesboro, Long Island, and according to the story the sisters told the police they had been quarreling thirteen years over a girl whose attractions William accused his brother of alienating while he was in France.

Early today when William returned home the quarrel was resumed and the sisters fearing violence hurried for the police. When they arrived they found William unconscious on the floor with two bullet wounds. Robert admitted the shooting and said his brother had threatened his life. He collapsed when placed under arrest and both were removed to a hospital. There it was found Robert had taken poison. Both died shortly after being admitted.

The girl, whose affections excited the feud, married another man nine years ago.

SCHOOL CHILDREN GET MOTHER'S OWN COOKING

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Teachers at the Butler Stone grammar school here decided they wanted the parents of their pupils in closer touch with them and their work.

Some of the mothers had wondered how the children were being fed. So the idea was originated of having the mothers do the cooking

in the school restaurant where food is served at cost.

The parents liked the thought and now each noon two or three of the mothers cook the lunch and serve it to the children who eat there. A new amount doing the cooking each day.

Don't pick a fight now. The All-American selections will be out pretty soon, and then the season opens.

SOME HOME Would Appreciate A TON



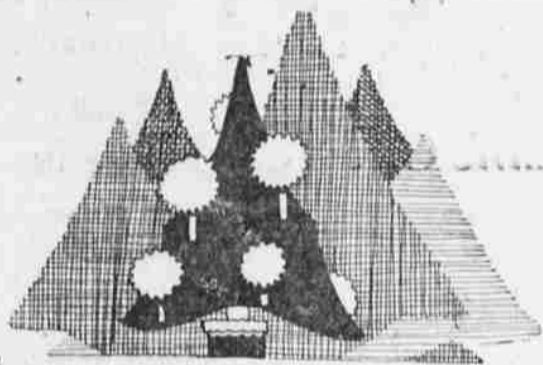
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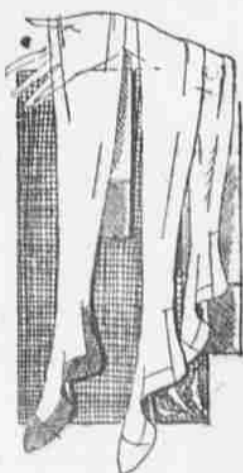
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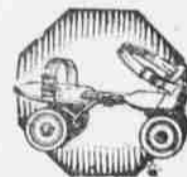
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