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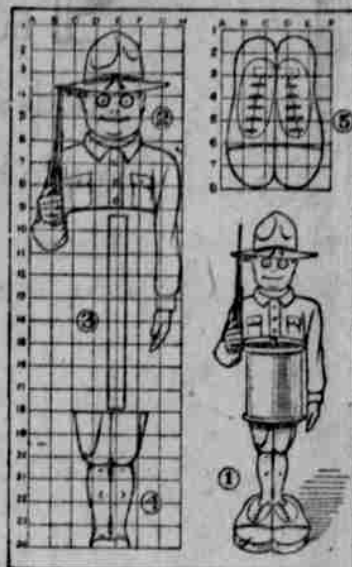
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The Sammy spool holder in Fig. 1 will be a delight to mother or sister, not only because of its brightness as an ornament, but also because of its usefulness in the sewing-room. Cutting out the figure of Sammy is simple bract-at-saw work. Basswood 1/2 inch thick is best.

The patterns shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 5 are about one-half the right size. To simplify the work of enlarging these patterns, I have marked them off checker-board fashion.

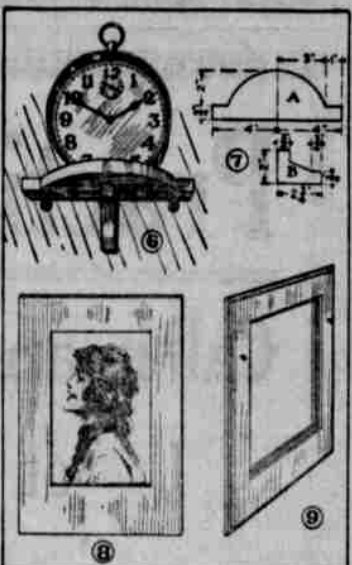
When you cut, saw a trifle outside of the outlines, to allow for trimming the edges with chisel and sandpaper. The upper portion of the body is connected to the lower portion by means of the round stick shown in Fig. 3. Glue the upper end of the stick; make the lower end fit loosely, so it can be removed.



to slip the spool on. Sammy's feet are made large to form a base. Cut a slot to glue the leg ends in. A needle forms Sammy's bayonet, and a small hole is made in the gun to stick it into.

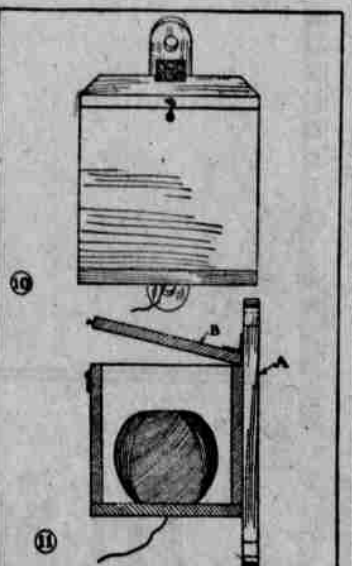
The clock-shelf in Fig. 6 is handy for kitchen or bedroom. It requires two pieces of wood (A and B, Fig. 7) 1/2 inch thick by the other dimensions shown. Fasten bracket B to top A at the exact center of the length, with finishing-nails and glue.

A cigar-box cover and bottom provide excellent material for small picture frames (Figs. 8 and 9). Trim one piece about 1/4 inch narrower and shorter than the other piece, so when the smaller piece is centered upon the larger piece, there will be a 3-16 inch



margin all around (Fig. 8). Cut the picture opening in the larger piece so there will be equal margins at the top and sides, and a trifle wider margin at the bottom. Cut the opening in the smaller frame 1/4 inch larger each way, to form a 1/4-inch rabbet for the glass, picture and backing (Fig. 9). Give the wood a coat of boiled linseed-oil, screw a pair of small screw-eyes into the back for hangers, and get glass to fit the back opening.

The string-box in Fig. 10 is a convenience which should be in every household. Use cigar-box wood, or wood not over 1/4 inch thick. Cut the pieces of the right size to make a cubical shaped box measuring 3 inches inside. Cut the hanger strip A (Fig. 11) 1 inch wide and long enough to project 1 1/2 inches above and below



the box, round its ends, and bore 1/4-inch holes for hanger hooks. Hinge top B to hanger strip A for a lid. Bore a hole through the box bottom to pull the string through.

Sicily Practically Treeless

Sicily is practically a treeless country. In a journey of 150 miles across the island one can see observe a single tree that would cut a ten-inch board. Wide boards (14-inch) of Italian origin are employed in the making of heavy boxes for the shipment of lemons. The wood is a species of Calabrian fir.

Surgeon's Job

Collectors of 25,000, being country on the watch for snappers, are certain specimens which they report almost unaccountably. Not long ago a collector came ashore with a bird of swollen cheek. "What have you here?" asked the custom officer, pointing to the swelling. "An abscess, sir," was the reply. "Well," said the officer, "patently 'taken it, please.'"

Painting on Spider's Web

Painting on spider web is done in Norway and the pictures are framed like any other drawing. The sets employed which are of a very dense weave are found only in few localities difficult of access, and the supply of them is limited.

Distributes Many Bibles

During its existence of more than a century the British and Foreign Bible society has distributed approximately 25,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in more than 100 languages and dialects, the very names of some of which are unknown to many students of languages.

Highway Places in Florida

The highest point in Florida whose altitude has been determined is Iron Mountain in Polk county which stands 325 feet above sea level according to the United States geological survey, department of the interior. The average elevation of the state as computed by the geological survey is about 100 feet.

Specific at Hand

John was visiting his grandmother, who has a candy store. On being told he would be sick from eating so much candy, he replied: "Oh, that's all right. Mother has pills to make me well."

The Text

"Mabel is engaged to a young man she met on her vacation." "That so? When is the wedding to be?" "She doesn't know that. She's got to wait and see whether or not he's going to write to her. It may be that he'll just forget about it, you know."

Not as Bad as They Seem

One of the comforting things that time teaches us is that mighty few things are as bad as they look to be, or are said to be.

Copper as Money

It is not so very long ago that copper was used in Sweden as the chief medium of exchange, and at times merchants had to take wheel barrows with them when they went to receive payment of considerable sums.

Domestic Strategy

He—Why do you say such hard things about Bridget to our callers? She's a treasure; the best cook we ever had. She—How little you men understand your wives' problems. If I told the truth about her those women would be falling over themselves in their efforts to get her away from us.—Boston Transcript.

Getting Acquainted

Alma and Jennie had come from different towns but were visiting Myra, our four-year-old. The children were strangers to each other and rather slow at becoming acquainted. Myra was heard saying: "Alma, meet Jennie; Jennie, meet Alma; now bow and sit's place."

Best Weather Sign

Those who live by the coast do not want a better weather sign than the gulls which in the various winds that will bring the rain collect in big flocks over the land, wheeling and screaming incessantly. They will not come in on a false alarm, and none need fear they will make a mistake.

In the Dark Hours

Keep a clear conscience. Keep a good stock of God's promises within reach. Keep a nightingale of hope in your soul that can sing away the dark hours when they do come.—Cayler.

Geese Eggs Best

Geese lay the best eggs from the point of view of nourishment. Then come ducks and guinea fowl. Hens are fourth on the list, with turkeys and plovers following.

Elephantine

"Didn't I see Mr. Ledfoot dancing with you at the park?" "That's what he called it."—Boston Evening Transcript.

The Difference

"A good housewife is very different from a good husbandman." "How so?" "She is always sewing 'course."

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At the present time this company's operations in Oregon are conducted at a deficit. Its expenses are greater than its revenue. No return is being received by its stockholders from their property in Oregon. Not even the interest on its bonds properly chargeable to its Oregon properties is being paid from Oregon receipts.

With new capital scarce and commanding high rates of return, a business showing operating results such as these will find it difficult, if not impossible, to secure money for its necessities.

We assume that the people of Oregon wish to treat the utilities doing business in this state justly and fairly, and in this belief we have asked the Public Service Commission to approve a schedule of rates increasing our revenues. The amount asked for is relatively small to the individual rate payer, but the aggregate will place us in a position where we can obtain the outside capital necessary in our operations.

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