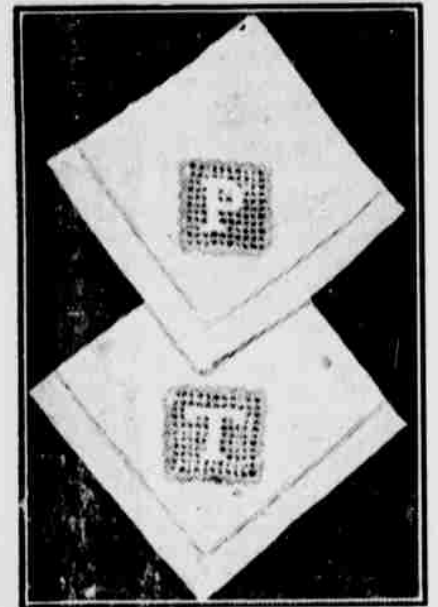


WHAT TO GIVE HIM FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Useful Offerings That Every Man Is Sure to Appreciate.

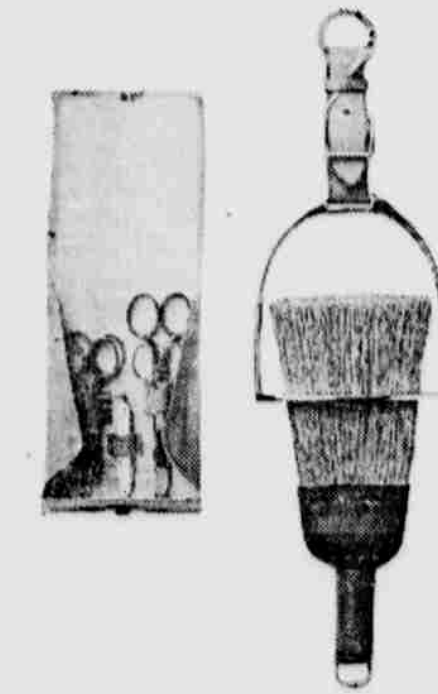
A man is only a man after all, and he likes useful gifts, no matter who he may be. If you are wealthy or if your income is quite moderate the following gift suggestions may be adopted, as they are things that may cost only a little or may be quite expensive. It is rather curious that woman's one idea of a gift to a man is a cravat, for it is the one thing that a man detests having selected for him. But a man can nearly always wager that a woman will get him a cravat of a color that is not becoming to him or one that is too absurd to wear. And yet hundreds of thousands of women insist upon giving cravats for Yuletide gifts! If you are overpowered by this idea please have a little mercy on mankind and select black and white cravats, for they are smart and are becoming to every man. Silk knitted ties are again in vogue, especially those that are three to four inches wide. Ties of heavy facsimile silks are also indorsed by London.

Something Unique in Handkerchiefs. Handkerchiefs are always welcomed by a man if you give him plain white and do not attempt to choose colors for him unless you are his wife and know absolutely whether he prefers blue.



LACE AND EMBROIDERED INITIAL. Lavender, green, gray or another color. To make the handkerchiefs more gifty have his initials embroidered in a unique design. The handkerchiefs in the cut are exceedingly new and attractive. The initial is worked on a square of lace in fillet design. If one is not expeditious with the needle the all over fillet net in fine mesh could be purchased and cut up into the required size for the squares.

Leather Gifts. It is nearly always a man's fate to receive an abundance of unnecessary leather articles at Yuletide. There are men who never fail to get at least six leather mounted desk calendars and as many stamps and elastic handboxes. Of course these are needless, but the man who possesses a desk generally has all such articles. Wallets and cardcases are always usable, and a man is pleased if he gets them in the latest styles every Christmas. A leather traveling case makes a delightful gift if it is of the best quality—not all the investment in the case.



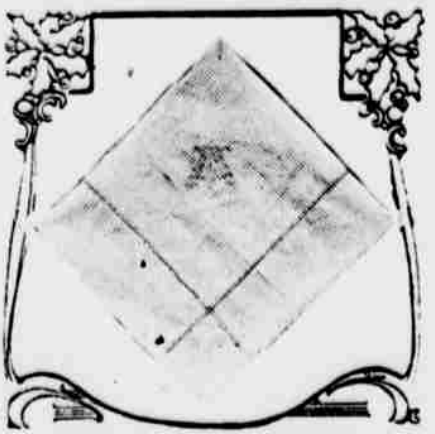
WHISK BROOM AND SCISSORS CASE. but in the fittings too. It reflects better taste if you give a small and beautifully fitted case rather than one filled with a shoddy toilet collection and a cleaning apparatus. A fitted traveling bag makes a superior gift if you wish to expend that much money—\$25 or more. If so, it is advisable to get ivory, imitation ivory or ebony fittings, as they are not quite so heavy as those of silver. The man who travels will be pleased to death with the neatly put up leather case seen in the illustration that is filled with scissors of different sizes and a penknife. And for the man who rides horseback what more appropriate than the whisk broom holder mounted in a stirrup setting?

DAINTY NAPERY.

This is a Gift Within the Means of All and Useful to All. The housewife's linen closet is never so full that she fails to appreciate a well selected gift of napery. Anything from tablecloths to doilies, from fancy sheets to pillowcases, will be welcomed. Illustrated here is a hemstitched pillowcase, one of a set. They are all embroidered with the recipient's initial and are handmade of fine linen.

Centerpieces of heavy linen lace and muslin embroidery are easily made and are not expensive considering their ornamental effect. Exceedingly pretty centers can be evolved from cluny lace and heavy Irish linen, handworked with eyeletting.

In addition to the napery which goes upon the table, every housekeeper



EMBROIDERED PILLOWCASE. needs a number of scarfs or squares for the tops of her sideboard and serving stand. These are best made of heavy linen finished with hemstitching or drawn work or edged with button-holed scallops and hand embroidered in a fine design.

Bed sets, consisting of spread, pillow covers and valance, are always a welcome addition to the napery closet, and what color to select need not worry the donor, as the smart thing in these outfits is white serim trimmed with eyelet embroidery or fillet insertion, edging and motif. A dozen of huckaback towels of extra length, bordered with an applied design in color, are useful. If you would carry joy to the housewife's heart send her some guest room towels in heavy linen with ends done in fourteenth century stitching. These scroll and floral designs are most of all quaint when developed on a background of yellow darning, and as the centers of the flowers used with the scrolls are also in yellow stitching the work is extremely effective.

UTILITY GIFTS.

They May Be as Charming and as Dainty as One Can Make Them.

A useful and attractive gift for the housekeeper is a handy telephone directory like the one shown here. This one was made of fancy silk and moire, with a fancy braid around the edges.

A tiny picture cut out of tapestry and framed in braid adorned the front of the pad. Underneath each of the little flaps alphabetically marked was a white space for recording the names and numbers of those most frequently called up over the phone.

Very small details, which seem of little importance, often make or make more beautiful a piece of handwork, so it is always wise to heed the little things.

Never knot the thread. Fasten it by running it in the cloth or by sewing over and over in some portion of the design that is to be covered by the work.

Finish in the same way and always clip the silk short so the work will



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

present a neat appearance. If knots are used the finished work will have a rough look.

When working with silk it is imperative to have a sharp needle and smooth thimble, for a rough thimble will rough the silk, and it is impossible to do good work with a bent or dull needle.

A pair of small sharp scissors should always be used to cut the thread or a ragged appearance will be the result when the work is finished.

The busy Christmas giver who has not time to make gifts or take an extensive shopping tour might step into a bookstore and select some neatly bound volumes whose contents would be appreciated by the recipient. This shopping can be done quickly.

JEWEL TRIFLES.

There Are Inexpensive Ones That Make the Younger Set Happy.

A charming gift for a pretty girl is one of the small watches worn on bracelets. Some of these are very attractive, and the one illustrated here has the additional merit of being odd and convenient, for it is set into a square mount that fits neatly on the bracelet.

There are many inexpensive trifles in the way of jewelry that may be given to one's friends as well as relatives at this season. Trinkets of this sort are always valued by the younger set. Novelties are what appeal most to the taste.

Buying a last minute jewel gift? Perhaps you know just what she wants and the choosing is easy. And perhaps you don't. If so and the gift is for December's child, why not select



BRACELET WATCH.

a turquoise? The turquoise is the stone for December, and it stands for prosperity.

All told, though, the diamond and the pearl are the most desired stones. The pearl should have an article all to itself, though, summed up briefly, its characteristics are whiteness, softness of texture and purity of luster. As for the diamond, it must have what has been called liquid lucidness—must be of the first water. In fact, the term "water" as applied to diamonds—"first water," etc.—is not a capacious term, but is directly applicable to the characteristics of the stone.

This liquid appearance is the first dominating quality which denotes the real thing. The artificial one lacks it. Note here that the chief difficulty in judging is between good gems and imitations, not between poor ones and imitations.

HANDKERCHIEF CASES.

These Will Be Gifts Prized by the Dainty Woman.

Handkerchiefs are standard gifts for Christmas. Quite the nicest way to present them is in a fancy box or case. A folding case of woven ribbon in white and pale green is illustrated here. It is lined with plain satin, and between the covers is a thick layer of wadding sprinkled with sachet powder. A wreath of roses made from satin ribbon ornaments the front of the case, while ribbon ties attached to the front hold it securely together when the handkerchiefs are placed inside. Ribbon straps may be attached to the inner face of the handkerchief case or satin pockets as handkerchief holders.

A handkerchief case that will lie flat, that will not take up much room, yet perhaps contain not only handkerchiefs, but many odds and ends of lace, ties, etc., as well, that otherwise might tumble about and soiled themselves at the bottom of a trunk, as they invariably



HANDKERCHIEF CASE.

do, just at the particular moment when they are most wanted, will be liked by the prospective traveler.

The cost of the handkerchief case is small, and when finished it will be durable and always look clean, as it can be washed as often as it becomes soiled—a desirable point in traveling accessories.

A very beautiful handkerchief box was covered with linen. The top of the box was adorned with a bird and a branch of a tree. The foliage was embroidered in satin stitch, but the bird was worked very evenly in long and short stitch. This stitch is particularly effective where used for the plumage of a bird.

The embroidery was further enhanced by a darned background. It really gives a most exquisite effect. The entire surface of the linen is darned with small stitches in the softest shade of blue.

A spray of cherries makes a pleasing decoration for the top of one of these boxes. The background should be darned with ivory fillosette.

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