



PAINTED things are especially interesting as gifts to make and have a charm all their own. They can be made to express so much of the givers individuality. Then again they can be made to fit in with a definite scheme for a room, repeating its color effects with pleasing touches in similar tones.

A set of six colors in half pint cans in enamels costs about two dollars. Water color brushes will cost another dollar. With this outfit, a variety of things can be painted, for that amount of paint will last a long time.

Care of brushes must be considered. Each time they are used they must be washed in soap and water. Turpentine is good for cleaning them, but is not enough, since in time it will stiffen the bristles. Never allow paint to dry in your brushes.

The thought of creating designs may rather frighten the beginner. It need not, if he will only remember not to

attempt too much at the start. Avoid a naturalistic flower. A flower form made of round dots from the end of the brush will be found to be very pretty and very effective and quite easy to do. A few experiments on paper will give you proficiency. There is a dainty jewel-like quality to the dots that admits of endless variations.

Glass candlesticks that may be purchased in the twenty-five and fifty cent store, can be delightfully decorated in this manner. Coat hangers of wood painted all over pink or blue can be treated the same way. A pair of aluminum saltcellars will take on beauty by means of decoration. Other things will come to mind, such as boxes and wooden bowls, wooden knives and forks for salad sets, once one starts to look for them.

Another use for painting is found in decorating a set of oil cloth table mats. For this purpose use the dull finish oil cloth, called sanitas. Blue and white

has been used many times and oft, but it has a clean fresh look that is very attractive. If your friend has a pattern hanging in her dining room, with help of some one in the family get a sample of it. Then trace the pattern carefully match the colors, to use for decoration of the table mats. When your friend discovers that the set matches her hangings she will be doubly pleased with your thoughtful gift.

Among the needlework gifts women love to make for each other are numbers of dainty trifles. For those of more practical turn of mind gifts of lasting qualities can be fashioned.

These latter are especially exemplified in the quaint "kitchenette" aprons with caps to match. Sets can be found all stamped on unbleached muslin, ready to work, at some of the stores. But where these are not available a clever woman can make her own designs with materials at hand. One of the aprons had pockets of "brown-eyed susans." The petals were of yellow percale applied about brown centers. On the cap another "susan" appeared. Still another had blue tea cups for pockets. Another apron had flower pots of blue and white checked gingham. About the pots, on the apron itself grew stiff little round flowers applied with embroidered stems. On each cap for each apron was a matching design.

Among the dainty trifles to be given each its measure of handwork, are colored handkerchiefs. How very, very sweet they look, two of them each, a different color folded in a little box. "One for blow, one for show" seems to be the motto, for a plain one associates itself with a very frilly, filmy one side by side.

Most of the plainer ones, sometimes colored, sometimes white, have drawn threads of colors for decoration. Tiny embroidered flowers are often added in fascinating groups. Frilly "hankies" are new this season being edged with net. Colored ones are edged with white, and then again with contrasting colors. Wee spots of colored embroidery are added.

A pretty camisole of wide lace insertion and ribbon can be quickly made. Wide pale pink ribbon forms the lower half with a narrow casing for elastic. The upper half is insertion, with an edging of lace and a narrow beading for the ribbon draw strings. Shoulder straps can be ribbon or insertion.

For those who enjoy doing drawn work there are several varieties of collars and cuffs, on which to bestow one's dainty stitches, for the purpose of making very acceptable gifts. One set of collars and cuffs was hemstitched with an inch hem of canary yellow linen. Another was very simple and smart with a single line of drawn work inside the hem, and a narrow edging of filet.

Embroidered dots make clever trimmings for these tailored sets and if outlined with black, where a colored material is used, are very effective.

An unusual handbag designed for use with a summer costume is one about eight inches deep, crocheted with colored raffia. The bag has a wired top covered with raffia and closes with a loop fastening over an oval knob. A wide handle or strap with which to carry it is also made of crocheted raffia. One of these in dull petunia color had raffia pansies for decoration about its top. Others had clusters of matching flowers of various colors.

Combs and fans similarly decorated are to be worn with party frocks this winter and the making of them presents an interesting problem to the designer. Velvet petals may form the entire fan while the comb is adorned with balls to match. A round comb for maladi of the bobbed hair is completely covered with tiny rosebuds whilst a knot of them decorates her chiffon fan. While velvet flowers as a corsage on a black gown can be repeated in one's hair atop a high comb. In fact when one really gets started on the subject, there is no end to the variety of delightful combinations of colors and flowers to be thought out, and so constructed as to make gifts of unusual charm.

The gift one makes surely expresses love to the recipient. For without a real affection, one could not possibly desire to put in all those little stitches, or careful touches of painting that the made gifts shows forth.

A PRECIOUS INFLUENCE.

Frederick had discovered Treasure Island the other day and devoured it in one blissful feast, lasting from breakfast till bedtime, when he was forcibly pried loose from the book.

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"Give us this day our daily bread—yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum!"—London Opinion.

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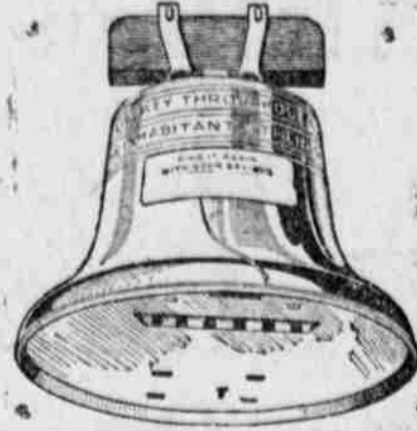
An amateur mountain climber, relating his experience in the Rockies, said: "Goin' up you can mighty nigh stand up straight and bite the ground; goin' down a man wants hobnails on the seat of his trousers."—Vancouver Province.

If some of those maimed soldiers are good workers, the girls who marry them will find half a man better than a whole loafer.

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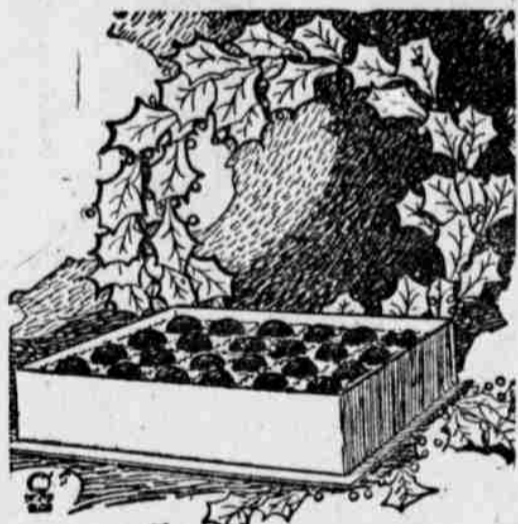
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