

# INEXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By PEGGY POWERS

**M**OST certainly you promised yourself last Christmas that your future Christmas remembrance would be completed in ample time, and under no circumstances would the next Christmas season find you in a rush and haste, planning and finishing belated Christmas gifts. What an idle dream that was, for here it is Christmas time approaching again, and you are racking your brain and attempting to decide what to give at the eleventh hour, in a great hurry and turmoil. Isn't it so?

What not to give, would be a more appropriate phrase. For in the selection of your gifts some regard has to be given to the adaptability and the utility of the present. A wise idea is to spend more time than money in thinking what would be suitable and practicable for each individual. Your gift would be all the more appreciated if it expresses something of yourself and shows that your own personal thoughts have been bestowed upon a selection of the tokens.

The real essence of the Christmas spirit is not expenditure. How easy it is to purchase gorgeous gifts if one has a well filled purse! But if the recipient can buy the same article with little effort, the gift idea will not be remembered for very long. Let your gifts be expressions of love and thoughtfulness. The thought and time you put in gifts of your own handiwork will mean much more than if you simply give something for the sake of giving.

The cost of homemade gifts is generally small. A multitude of gifts can be contrived of materials you have at hand, and of odd pieces of linen, ribbons and silk. Clever fingers can fashion charming novelties. Gladness is the keynote of the Yuletide season. Go at your tasks in a cheerful, blithesome manner, and you will find your work one of joy. The following suggestions may provide you with numerous ideas for attractive gifts, which may be made inexpensively.

With little effort dainty sachets to perfume your friends' gowns may be made at a very small cost. Make six sachets in pastel shades of satin ribbon about two inches square. Fill with soft cotton dusted with some fragrant sachet powder. Place the sachets one on top of the other and tie with narrow gauze ribbon. Gilt safety pins are attached to each sachet so the bags can be pinned on the different frocks.

One distinct novelty is a colonial pin cushion. For this unique cushion you will have to purchase a glass candlestick in a simple design. Cover one side of a four-inch square of cardboard with some pretty silk which harmonizes with the color scheme of your friends' bedrooms. Form a mound-like cushion of cotton on the other side and cover with the silk. The cushion is fastened to the candlestick by fine wires or thread. Around the edge of the cushion sew a beaded fringe about three inches long.

Another pin cushion wire for the foundation a four-inch wire tea strainer. The back is fitted with a disk of cotton covered in cretonne. The wire part is lined with flowered cretonne and filled with cotton. Wind the han-

dle with narrow ribbon and finish with a pretty bow.

The girl away at college would surely be overjoyed with a shoe bag, which she can hang inside her closet door. The shoe bag should be half the length of the door with compartments for shoes, slippers and rubbers and a long compartment on one side for an umbrella, and on the other for books not in use. The materials used should be heavy denim with the compartments bound in tape.

A pleasing notion would be to make any articles for the girls away at college in their college colors. A piece of gay colored cretonne bound all around with a pretty braid would also be acceptable as a trunk cover.

Dear to every girl's heart are pretty dress accessories. The new Robespierre collars with jabots of frilly lace certainly will be a welcome addition to your friends' wardrobes. The collars are usually made of black satin with the ruffles of lace about two inches wide.

Chic boudoir caps are made of circles of shadow lace 13 inches wide with soft ruffles of narrow lace around the crown. The ruffles should be made in the back wider than in the front to give the effect of a Dutch bonnet. The cap is decorated with little pink rosebuds and a band of pink ribbon.

Exquisite La France roses are made out of folded satin ribbon in three-inch lengths. Turn the ends back at the corners to form the petals. Group the petals together and join to a wire stem which has been twisted with narrow green satin.

A natural looking bunch of violets is formed of tiny bows of twisted violet ribbon tied with green silk wire.

Hat pins, collar pins and buckles are wonderfully effective when covered with ribbon roses made of narrow folded ribbon grouped closely together. If you prefer you can use satin cherries made of tiny circles of satin filled with cotton, with petals of green ribbon.

The girl who dances will find much pleasure in receiving a pretty pair of beaded satin slipper bows to match her party slippers.

For the traveler a small cretonne pillow with pockets on one side for magazines and newspapers would be a convenience.

A set of envelopes of white linen to hold the necessary articles, would also be a useful gift. If you have time you could buttonhole the flap in scallops. One envelope for handkerchiefs, one for the night dress, one lined in rubber for the toilet articles, and one large one for the extra waist. The pieces you have left of the linen you can utilize for napkin rings, scalloped and finished with a monogram, or for boudoir lamp shades, which are much admired when inserted with medallions of fine lace.

For the invalid a thoughtful little gift would be a cover for the drinking glass. A glass circle the size of the top of the ordinary glass is required; crochet a cover over the glass in a simple stitch in two colors of mercerized cotton. In the center sew a crocheted ring for a handle.

A tray with a narrow wooden border and brass handles could have a pretty piece of embroidered linen under and filled with cotton. Wind the han-



1—Apron.  
2—Lantern Bag.  
3—Cretonne Pillow.  
4—Dolly Bag.  
5—Sewing Roll.  
6—Colonial Pin Cushion.  
7—Chest of Drawers.  
8—Collar Bag.  
9—Robespierre Collar.  
10—Telephone Memorandum.

Ribbon bedroom slippers are especially new and nothing could be simpler to make. Sheer flowered ribbon to soft lamb's wool, draw an elastic through a facing on the upper edge, leaving a heading about an inch wide. Make full rosettes of ribbon and place one on each instep.

A dolly case will delight the heart of any housewife. They can be made in different sizes. Figured cretonne may be used in making one case with the inside lined in white material. Cover two circles of pasteboard with the material and finish neatly with a pretty wash braid. Use ribbon to keep the dollies in place.

A set of holders for handling hot dishes are made six inches square, of some pretty chintz. These are attached to an apron to match the material.

A set of boxes covered with a pretty pattern of wall paper would be most useful and acceptable to keep in the bureau drawers. These must be pasted neatly and the covers attached to the box.

Another novelty is a chest of drawers for trinkets, hair pins or jewelry. Cover the box with cretonne and fit three smaller boxes into it. The boxes are covered with the same material and have little brass rings sewed on the center of each box, so they can be pulled out like drawers.

Aprons are always charming gifts. There are numberless suggestions for aprons. Fascinating aprons are made of sheer lawn with butterflies embroidered on them. The bottom is finished in three deep scallops edged with a fancy stitch and lace. The two end scallops form pockets for the sewing articles. The belt is formed of ribbon trimmed with jaunty little bows. Then there are chafing dish aprons, overall aprons, and many aprons you can devise with a little ingenuity.

We see bags here, there and everywhere. Bags of all sorts and sizes, from the elaborate affairs made of strips of Japanese embroidery like those shown in Chinatown, to those of the simplest design. Sewing bags, opera bags, laundry bags, shoe bags, slipper bags, corset bags, vanity bags, made of ribbon and fitted out with a small mirror and a tiny powder puff. Manicure bags may be fitted with the smaller size manicure articles, and for the children you can make marble bags, school bags, bean bags and pencil bags.

A useful receptacle for sewing materials is a lantern bag made of plain and flowered ribbon, or you could utilize any material you have. For the bottom of the bag cover a cardboard circle three inches and a half in diameter. Gather the flowered ribbon to this and hem the outside. Run an embroidery hoop four inches in diameter around the upper edge. Join the plain material to this and about eight inches from this place another hoop about four inches in diameter. This is the top of bag and is sheered over hoop. A round cover piece of cardboard is used as a cover and a heavy cord is used to carry it over the arm.

Another original bag for threads and needles is made of two circles of cretonne lined with satin. These are joined at intervals, leaving spaces for the spools. In the center is a little pin cushion. A ribbon drawn through the different sections draws this little bag together.

Use a pretty piece of ribbon three-quarters of a yard in length for an other sewing contrivance. Turn up one end to form a pocket for the spools of thread, and the other end

for the thimble and small scissors, which is attached with a narrow ribbon. In the center have squares of white flannel for the needles and pins. When not in use this case can be rolled up and fastened neatly with a loop and button.

Sometimes it is a rather perplexing question what to give a man. Men always like something that adds to their comfort and personal convenience. If you can knit there is not much difficulty in deciding what to give. Knitted silk neckties are much in vogue.

Good, warm, fleecy mufflers are liked by the man who motors, and bed room slippers are also very welcome.

A telephone memorandum with a pencil attached would be a daily reminder of the giver. Cover a piece of cardboard with tan linen embroidered in pink roses. Buy a small pad of white paper and paste it on the linen.

Men invariably are pleased with personal gifts, such as handkerchiefs with the monogram embroidered in the corner.

A father good idea is to present your friend with his monogram embroidered heavily in black satin ribbon. These monograms will be of service to sew in his overcoat, so that he can easily distinguish his coat from another's in a crowded place.

Then there are whisk broom holders covered in linen, and collar bags made on a circular form of card board covered with rose-colored brocade and edged with old gold braid. For the man who shaves himself, a shaving pad is useful. Cover two squares of cardboard with any material you desire. Work the monogram on the center of the upper one. Insert leaves of tissue paper and tie together with a silk cord.

There are plenty of adorable gifts one can make for the baby. An ingenious idea is to cover an ordinary scale with pink ribbon and slit it down the center, neatly finishing the edges so mother can see every day how much the new baby is gaining. Use narrow ribbon to hang up the scale. Also a cute little water bag covered in soft pretty flannel will be an acceptable gift for his majesty.

Darling little bibs are made of huck toweling with curious shaped animals cross-stitched in red thread across the border.

A carriage strap which affords much amusement to the infant is made of elastic with satin ribbon in pink or blue sheered over it. To this strap, by means of a narrow ribbon, a celluloid whistle, a rubber doll and a teething ring are attached.

An enchanting little nightingale is made out of a square of cashmere, crocheted on the edge with silk or bound with wash ribbon. Satin ribbons are run through a casing to fit the head.

For the child that is a little older you can make a screen covered in snowy plain material and decorated with pictures cut from magazines and books. One section for flowers, one for animals, and one for birds, would be much appreciated.

A scrap book made of dark gray lining pasted with pictures, is also a gift a child can derive much pleasure from. After you have your presents completed, be careful that they are wrapped so that they have a Yuletide look about them. Use plenty of green and white tissue paper. Seal the package with holly ribbon or gold cord and don't forget to tuck a spray of holly or mistletoe among the wrap-pings.

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## POULTRY FACTS

FOR BETTER POULTRY STOCK

Keeping Birds Healthy and Improving Them Can Be Done by Adoption of Few Systematic Rules.

In raising stock or poultry it should be the aim of everyone to keep it healthy and improve it. You can do it very easily by adopting systematic rules. These may be summed up in brief as follows:

Construct your houses good and warm, so as to avoid damp floors and afford a flood of sunshine. Sunshine is better than medicine.

Provide a dusting and scratching place where you can bury the grain and thus induce the fowls to take the useful exercise.

Provide yourself with some good, healthy fowls, never to be over three years old, giving one cock to every 12 hens.

Give plenty of fresh air at all times, especially in summer.

Give plenty of fresh water daily, and never allow the fowls to go thirsty.

Feed them systematically two or three times a day. Scatter the food so they cannot eat it too fast or without proper exercise. Do not feed more than they will eat up clean, or they will get tired of that kind of feed.

Give them a variety of both dry and coked feed. A mixture of cooked meat and vegetables is good for a morning meal.

Give soft feed in the morning and the whole grain at night, except a little wheat and cracked corn placed in the scratching pens to give them exercise during the day.

Above all things, keep the house clean and well ventilated.

Do not crowd too many into one house. If you do, look out for disease.

Keep the house, nests, etc., sprayed with some good disinfectant, in order to keep down the lice and mites.

Wash your roosts and bottom of laying nests, and whitewash once a week in summer and once a week in winter.

Let the old and young have as large a range as possible, the larger the better.

Do not breed too many kinds of fowls at the same time. Better have one breed and understand it.

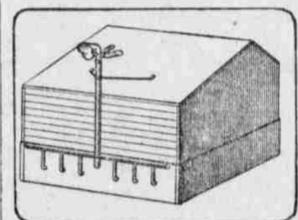
Introduce new blood into your stock every year or so, by either buying a cockerel or a setting of eggs from some reliable breeder.

### BROODER HOUSE VENTILATOR

Device Invented by New Jersey Man Prevents the Delivery of Too Strong Current of Air.

The Scientific American, in describing a ventilator for brooder houses, the design of C. W. Brick of Crosswick, N. J., says:

This invention relates particularly to a means for ventilating brooder houses, and provides an improved



Ventilator for Brooder Houses.

form of ventilator and in connection therewith, means for heating the air induced by the ventilator; and to provide a safety valve exteriorly of the brooder house, whereby to prevent the delivery of too strong a current of air thereto.

### POULTRY NOTES

Feed plenty of sharp sand or grit with the food.

Please the consumer and you can raise the price.

Systematic marketing will overcome overproduction.

Pekin ducks do not make good sitters—use a chicken hen.

Good development before beginning to lay is best for the pullet.

Ducks must have plenty of green food or they will not thrive.

Impure water will not produce many eggs of any kind, and none that are good.

Fewer and better birds, and all as much alike as possible should be every poultry keeper's motto.

You must know that a duck has no crop. The food must be soft because it passes directly into the gizzard.

Pure white exhibition birds will have their plumage made yellow by constant feeding of corn, though a little corn occasionally will do no harm.

## The ONLOOKER

HENRY HOWLAND



Fair woman may some day succeed  
In claiming all the precious rights  
That are denied her now; indeed  
With man she may ascend the heights;  
Her banner may in splendid style  
Be set upon the tallest crag;  
But can this be expected while  
She has to use a powder rag?

'Tis shameful that she occupies  
A humble, secondary place;  
Denied the sacred right to rise  
To stations she might sweetly grace!  
'Tis wrong, 'tis pitifully wrong,  
That after man she has to lag;  
But can she scale the heights as long  
As she must use a powder rag?

Man boasts of honors he has won,  
And will not let the world forget  
The great things he has nobly done—  
'Upon the height his goal is set;  
But would he have the right to be  
Puffed up with pride, or could he brag  
About the things he does if he  
Were forced to use a powder rag?

### Not Disposed to Argue.

"Do you think you can support my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?" asked the girl's father.

"I'm afraid not," replied the young man, "but she has assured me that she will not expect me, after we are married, to buy her as many gloves as I have been furnishing or to take her away from home to get something good to eat every other evening, and she has even consented to quit making it necessary for me to hire a taxi whenever we happen to be within walking distance of the place we are bound for."

"Oh, well, if you're going to be disagreeable about it, take her."

### No Settlement for Her.

"Well," said the attorney to the lady who wanted to sue for breach of promise, "suppose I have a conference with him and see if we can't agree on a settlement. What's the lowest figure you will consider?"  
"And let the other girl think she's the only one he ever loved? No! I wouldn't settle for a million dollars if she wasn't to find out about it."

### Hard to Find.

"Do you believe," he asked, "that every one in this world has an affinity somewhere?"

"Well, I don't know," replied the beautiful one. "Sometimes I'm inclined to doubt it. I've taken three trips to Reno without finding him on that route."

### GOOD GUESS.

"Don't you know," said the good man, "that it's just as easy to look pleasant as to go around with a pained expression? The smile doesn't make any greater demand on the facial muscles than the frown does."  
"Aw, go on! Your shoes ain't pinchin' your feet!"

### Man and His Rush.

First he swam, then learned to crawl,  
Next upon all fours he went,  
Then walked upright, slim and tall,  
Still he harbored discontent.

Having learned to ride astride,  
He began to put on style,  
And was filled with foolish pride,  
As he galloped for a while.

But in time there came once more  
That old discontent of his,  
That old restlessness, therefore,  
He at length began to whiz.

Though he zips along on wheels,  
He has not yet ceased to sigh;  
He must mount the air, he feels  
Who'd desire now to fly.

After he has found his wings  
What will be his next desire?  
Unto what more speedy things  
Will he, ten years hence, aspire?

### A Lot in It.

"Do you believe there is anything in chance?" asked the lady with the square jaw.

"Yes," replied Mr. Henpeck. "Before we were married my wife gave me a chance to break our engagement and I didn't do it."

# Birth of the King

Rev. A. W. Shriener

O, the heaven is all resplendent  
With the radiance of a star;  
Yonder, in the ether, pendant  
Flames its glories all afar.

In the East its splendor shineth,  
Sarcas see its golden gleam;  
Read the message, what doth mean?  
Follow it to Bethlehem.

Costly gifts and adoration  
Hasten they with joy to bring;  
Traveling from their far-off station  
Come to hail the new-born King.

Still falls the night on Judah's plains,  
Shine soft the stars, the welkin  
gleams,  
When shepherds catch soraphic strains  
From angel chords borne down to them.

Hymn of triumph, hymn of glory,  
Sings the shining angel throng;  
Shepherds list earth's sweetest story  
And the world its gladdest song.

Sweeps the paeon down the ages,  
Swells the note of joy and praise,  
Glids with hope time's opening pages,  
Wafts its cheer to latest days.

Earth redeemed, with heaven,  
violet  
As it sounds the glad refrain,  
"Glory, glory in the highest,  
Peace on earth, good will to men!"