

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

WAR NEWS.

A Turkish transport, carrying 500 soldiers, has been sunk by a mine in the Sea of Marmora, says a news dispatch from Zurich. Nearly all on board were drowned.

The German cruiser *Frauenlob* was sunk in the Baltic when the *Undine* recently was sent to the bottom by a British submarine, it was officially stated in Petrograd.

Japan is willing to send a strong army to Europe if the need arises, the Tokio correspondent of the *Petit Parisien* says. A statement to this effect is credited to Baron Ishii, Japanese foreign minister.

"No beer before dinner, no work before dinner," is the city of the London trade unionists, who are organizing to resist the new regulations shortening the hours during which saloons may be kept open.

Russia is now suffering only for want of rifles, and when she is properly supplied, at least 2,000,000 additional soldiers will be thrown into the field with results which only next spring's campaign can tell.

The Russian minister of the interior has issued a communication which foreshadows the possible premature summoning to the colors of men born in 1897, who normally are not liable to military service until 1918.

The Dutch government has prohibited any further exodus of metal workers to England. Early in the war, numbers of Dutch workmen in metals went to Germany, attracted by the high wages offered in the munitions factories.

According to reports from Vienna, the allies are preparing to remain at Saloniki, Greece, for an indefinite period, as they are landing machinery for an electric power station, besides awarding contracts for an extensive and substantial barracks.

It is understood that the Greek reply to the note of the entente powers agrees to a partial demobilization with a view to relieving the strain on the country's finances, and that it also undertakes to withdraw Greek troops from Salonki and distribute them to other points on the frontier.

Addressing the Fabian society in London on "Diplomacy After the War," Bernard Shaw warned his hearers that a crushing defeat of Germany, leaving Great Britain the strongest naval and military power, might drive Germany and the United States into a defensive alliance against the combined naval power of Great Britain and Japan.

GENERAL.

Reports from Victoria, D. C., state that the Chilean full-rigged, four-masted iron ship *Carol Carelmapu* has been lost with all hands, numbering about twenty-five.

A tornado swept through the thickly settled farming section a mile west of Hot Springs, Ark., recently, killing ten persons and injuring 150. Property loss is estimated at nearly \$1,000,000.

Work on a dirigible war balloon for the navy will begin on December 15 at the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. Y. The airship will be 175 feet long and fifty feet in diameter. It will cost \$30,000 and naval engineers estimate the work will be completed in a month.

Predicting that the United States is to be the industrial and financial leader of the world, Charles M. Schwab head of the Bethlehem Steel company, before an audience of approximately one thousand business men at Pittsburgh, pleaded for the construction of American ships to carry American products.

It was decided at a cabinet meeting in Madrid, Spain, to recognize General Venustiano Carranza as head of the de facto government in Mexico at the request of the agent of the Mexican constitutionalists.

The Iowa supreme court at Des Moines upheld the constitutionality of the Iowa employers' liability and workmen's compensation act. The court held that where employers reject the compensation act they remain under the employers' liability section of the laws.

The manufacture of linseed oil may be revolutionized by a new production of Luther Burbank's, the plant wizard at Santa Rosa, Cal. He has grown a new white flax with seeds twice the ordinary size and more productive.

Union Pacific earnings for October, published in New York, showed the greatest gains in gross and net revenues for that month of recent years. The gross increase was \$1,074,000 and the net \$326,000.

Reports received at Little Rock, Ark., show that ten persons were killed and about twenty-five injured outside the Hot Springs district in the recent tornado. This, with the ten dead and thirty-six injured near Hot Springs, brought the total for the state, twenty dead and more than sixty injured.

The leaders of the progressive party in Missouri favor entering the 1916 campaign with full national, state and county tickets, headed by Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram W. Johnson. This attitude was expressed in a resolution adopted by the party's leaders after an all-day conference at Kansas City.

Democratic sentiment, judging from reports received by William F. McCombs at New York, chairman of the national committee, favors an early national convention. Mr. McCombs said that from what he had gathered from the members of his committee it was likely that the convention would be held during the first two weeks in June.

Net revenues of all railroads operating in Kansas with the exceptions of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company and the Union Pacific railroad were less in July, August and September, 1915, than in the same months of the preceding year, according to reports filed with the Kansas Public Utilities commission at Topeka.

SPORTING.

Ted ("Kid") Lewis put Jimmy Duffy, Lockport, out in a little over a minute in Boston-Duffy went to the mat eight times before taking the full count.

Nebraska's most brilliant football season came to an end at Lincoln. The Cornhuskers beat the Iowa state team by an overwhelming score of 52 to 7.

Cornell university football team defeated Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, 24 to 9, but not until the claimants for the eastern football championship had been given a bad scare. It was a desperate struggle all the way.

Joseph Rivers of Los Angeles knocked out Lee Morrissey of Oklahoma City, at St. Anthony, Idaho, in the fifth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout. Rivers put his opponent out with a terrific left to the body. The men are lightweights.

Bobby Reynolds of Philadelphia, who recently stayed out a six-round bout with Featherweight Champior Kilbane, was knocked out by George Chaney of Baltimore in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout in that city.

Johnny Kilbane won over Packey Hommey of New York in a ten-round bout. Hommey weighed 130 pounds, the featherweight champion 124. Neither made a strong effort to give a real exhibition, but Kilbane was given the decision.

WASHINGTON.

New high records in the foreign trade of the United States continue to pile up the greatest favorable trade balance the country has ever known, according to figures made public by the Department of Commerce.

Senator Gallinger, republican senate leader, has accepted President Wilson's invitation to confer on the administration national defense plans. Representative Mann, republican house leader, also invited, has also replied.

Reopening of the steel foundry at the New York navy yard was ordered by Secretary Daniels, because delays in delivery of castings by steel companies are hampering construction work for the navy.

Twenty-five naval militia officers have qualified in examinations required under the new naval militia act. Partial examinations have been taken by many other officers with satisfactory results, according to a statement issued by the Navy department.

Efforts to win President Wilson's support for a conference of neutrals to initiate peace proposals in Europe was made by Mme. Rosika Schwimmer of Hungary and Mrs. Ethel Snowden, wife of a member of the British parliament, who called at the White House and made a personal appeal to the president to assist in the movement.

Postal savings deposits during October increased \$2,159,000 over the preceding month, giving, according to postal officials, "a clear reflection of the great tide of prosperity and commercial activity that is set in over the country."

Increases in internal taxation, rather than issuance of bonds to meet the first year's expenses of the administration's defense program are advocated by Secretary McAdoo of the treasury, in a formal statement just issued.

HOMEMADE GIFTS FOR MEN AND GIRLS BY JULIA BOTTOMLEY

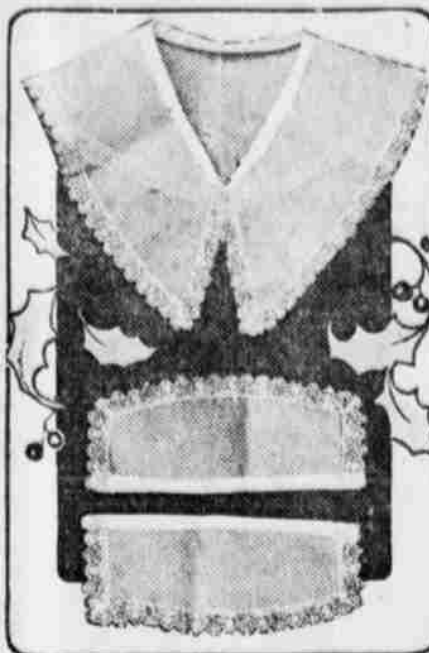
Phone Record Made of Linen Collar and Cuff Set for Christmas



A record for phone calls is a convenience that every man will appreciate and a gift that will last indefinitely. The details for making a phone list are shown in the picture above.

The cover is made of heavy, unbleached linen, cut in a strip about six inches wide and twelve long. This is edged with buttonhole stitching in black embroidery silk. Four eyelet holes are worked near the center as shown in the picture. A small spray of red flowers, with green foliage is embroidered in one corner and a border, scroll and "Phone Calls" are done in outline stitch in black.

This linen cover encloses a tablet on which names and numbers are written. Narrow red ribbon strung through the eyelets holds cover and tablet together and forms hangers for suspending the record.



Quaker collar and cuff sets of organdie are easily made and among the most fashionable of dress accessories. They make charming Christmas gifts, and may be made at small cost.

Sheer materials, in cotton or linen, are used to make them, with hemstitching, narrow lingerie laces or embroidery in small sprays forming the decorative features. A quaker set edged with cluny lace is shown in the picture.

Gauze Bag Holding Puff Balls



Gauze bags, made to hold individual powder puff balls, are among the popular new fads that make lovely Christmas gifts. They are made of cotton, silk muslin or gauze, gathered over a silk-covered embroidery hoop. Hangers of light satin ribbon are fastened at each side of the hoop with a rosette.

The balls, of absorbent cotton, are finished with tiny bows of baby ribbon matching the hangers in color. As soon as used they are thrown away.

Flowered silk muslin makes pretty bags, with ribbon hangers matching the flowers in color. The little bows are sewed to the balls. The bags hang at the side of the dressing case for the convenience of guests.

Calendar and Hatpin Holder



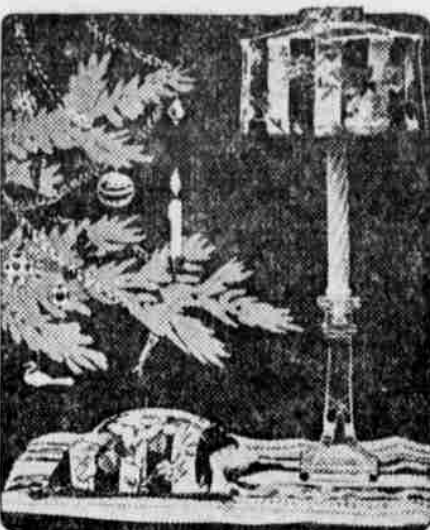
An attractive calendar for a girl's room and a hatpin holder are shown in the picture above. The hatpin holder is merely a small pasteboard tube covered with moire ribbon with tiny brass buckles, handle and straps of a narrow ribbon. It simulates a golf bag and a hatpin holder goes with it.

The calendar consists of a circular piece having two small feet on one edge, cut from a sheet of celluloid. Two small oblong openings, one longer than the other, are cut opposite the feet.

The face of the calendar is decorated with a painted holly wreath and gilt lettering within it. Two smaller circles swing on a pivot back of the calendar's face, with the names of the months on one and numerals from 1 to 31 on the other. The tiny pivot is concealed by the lettering.

The calendar is supported like an easel by a strip fastened on at the back.

Pin Cushion and Candle Shade



Certain patterns in Cretonne are suited to dresser scarfs, pin-cushion covers, slipper bags, candle shades and other little furnishings that are required for men's rooms. In the picture a dresser set is shown, including a scarf, pin-cushion and candle shade.

The cretonne shows a red rose and green foliage against a black and white striped ground. So decided a pattern is to be most sparingly used, and the scarf is therefore only bordered with the cretonne. A square pin-cushion is covered first on one side with a small square of the cretonne sewed smoothly over it. For the other side a considerably larger square is hemmed about the edges and pinned over the cushion.

The candle shade is made over a wire frame and consists of a circular piece stretched over the top and sewed to place. A hemmed strip hangs from the edge of the frame to which it is sewed.

Pillow Cover and Dresser Scarf

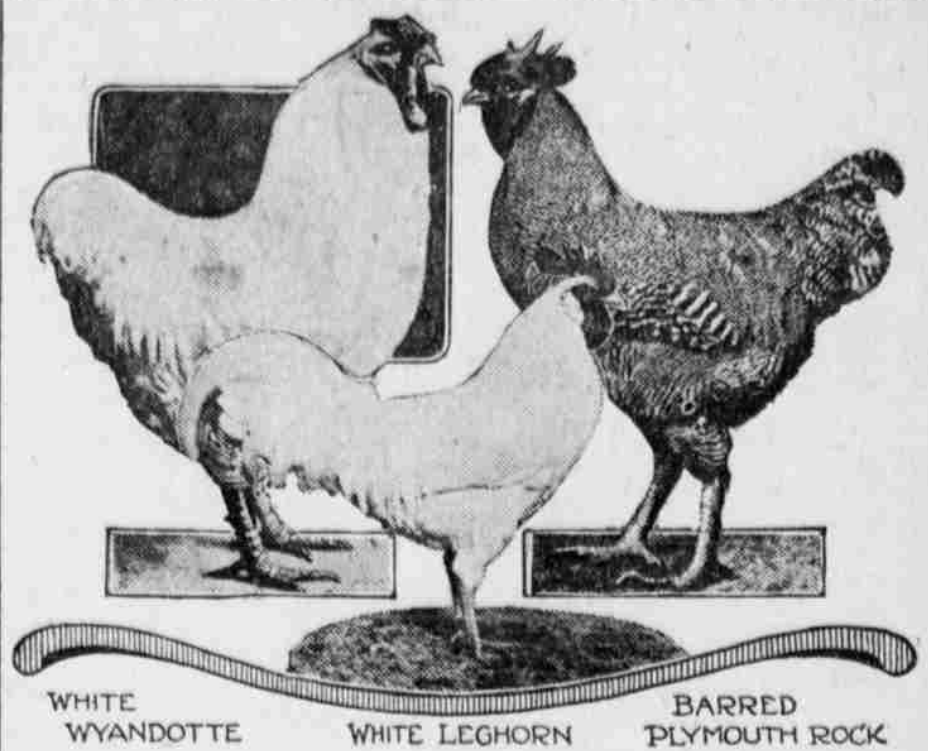


Cretonne is the most effective of inexpensive materials for making beautiful gifts. It is at its best in furnishings for the bedroom.

A pillow cover of cretonne and a dresser scarf of scrim bordered with it are shown in the picture. The pillow cover is finished with a hem all around, and bound with black braid about the edges. The open end fastens with snap fasteners.

The dresser scarf suggests the way in which these strong, brilliant patterns should be used. A band of the cretonne is stitched along each side, leaving most of the surface white, as a background for the pin-cushion or other articles that may be covered with the cretonne.

NO BEST BREED AMONG EGG PRODUCERS



"Experience has shown that any variety of hen will lay, and lay abundantly, if bred along the right lines. If you are satisfied as to shape and color of your fowls, do not change for something else in the hope of getting more eggs, such as Leghorns for Plymouth Rocks, or Wyandottes for Minorcas or Brown Leghorns." This is the advice given by a breeder, who has found from experience that this changing is merely a waste of time and patience.

"One frequently sees or hears of a poultry keeper whose birds lay profusely and almost incessantly, while a neighbor across the way has the same variety, gives his just as much attention, and yet they scarcely lay at all," continues this authority. "Now, while this neighbor has the same variety or breed of chickens as the other, he has not an egg-laying strain in that particular variety of breed, and that is just where the trouble is. To get a large egg yield one must have birds which were descended from an egg-producing strain."

BEST RATIONS FOR CHICKENS

Whole Grain is Entirely Too Fattening and Liable to Cause Some Kind of Digestive Trouble.

Most farmers feed too much whole grain to their chickens; many feeding nothing but grain. The feeding of a ration composed entirely of whole grain throws an undue strain upon the organs of the hens, which is likely to cause digestive troubles. Besides, whole grain is entirely too fattening and hens receiving such a ration are never thoroughly nourished, nor do they receive the egg-making elements in the proportion to induce a good egg-yield.

In feeding poultry best results are obtained by feeding one-half the food ground. The by-products of mills are usually richer in egg-making elements than the grains from which they are made. Thus, wheat bran is much richer in protein, the egg-making element, than whole wheat, and it is much cheaper. The same can be said of middlings.

The ground ration should be bulky in character, that is it should occupy a rather large bulk in proportion to its weight. A mash that has given good results is composed of two parts bran, one part each of cornmeal, middlings, cut clover, beef scrap and ground oats (with hulls sifted out). This mash can be fed dry in self-feeding hoppers, or as a wet mash. If skim milk or buttermilk is to be had in mixing the wet mash, the proportion of beef scrap can be reduced one-half.

SELECT THE BEST COCKEREL

Don't Sacrifice Vim and Ginger by Keeping Dapper Little Male Birds—Size is Desired.

Don't sacrifice the long, rangy cockerel until you are sure that he isn't a better bird than some of his more "cocky" brethren. Sometimes the early maturing cockerel stops right there and makes little further growth, while the bird that has gone to legs and bone at first fills out and makes the larger and more desirable bird for the farm flock.

Size is usually desirable in any flock, if vim and ginger go with it. Don't sacrifice it by keeping only the dapper little male birds, that looked like their dads when they were only four or five months old.

Massachusetts Mash Formula.
Mash formula, used by the Massachusetts experimental station, with excellent results: Mix thoroughly equal weight of cornmeal, ground oats, flour middlings, gluten, bran, oil meal and beef scraps; then add one pound of salt to each 100 pounds of the mash. This may be fed dry or wet (moistened), not sloppy.

Hens Are Often Neglected.
Hens contribute enough to the nation's wealth to warrant them having buildings made especially for them, but they too often get whatever can't be used for anything else.

Clean the Poultry House.
Drive all hens out of the poultry house occasionally and, after cleaning thoroughly, treat it with a five per cent solution of coal tar disinfectant.

Splendid Investment.
A single setting of good purebred eggs is about the best investment a farmer can make.

Ideal Chicken House Floor.
The concrete floor is the ideal one for the poultry house—if properly made.

Cleanliness is Important.
Cleanliness is much more important with poultry than ornamental buildings.

HINTS ON DUCKS AND GEESE

Fowls Should Be Kept Away From Chickens—Furnish Supply of Animal Food—Avoid Dampness.

Ducks and geese should always be kept away from the chickens. If allowed in the same yards, the ducks and geese would so befoul the drinking water that the health of the chickens would always be in constant danger.

Ducks and geese should never be picked after the cool days of fall come. To grow rapidly the ration for ducks should include a liberal quantity of animal food. As long as the range is good, geese require little, if any feeding. But when the vegetation on the range is killed, they should be fed liberally twice a day. A good mash for geese is composed of two parts bran, one part each of middlings and cornmeal and four parts chopped vegetables, cut clover or alfalfa. Whole grain should be fed very sparingly.

Ducks and geese are subject to but one serious disease—rheumatism, caused by sleeping in damp quarters. They can stand any degree of dampness during the day, when they are exercising, but at night they should be kept comfortable and dry. The sleeping room should be kept bedded with clean, dry straw.

GIVE BREEDERS FAIR CHANCE

Insanitary Conditions Have Done More to Undermine Health of Poultry Than Anything Else.

Always give the breeders a fair chance to make good. Don't shut them up in a poorly ventilated and insanitary pen, give them poor food and attention and then expect them to lay eggs filled with strong, vigorous life germs. They can't do it. Give them a fair chance and they will always do their part.

Insanitary conditions have perhaps done more to undermine the health and vigor of poultry than any other one thing. Certainly it is a great handicap to the fowls, and they should not be forced to endure such conditions. Their battle for life is hard enough without making it harder. So help them by giving them a fair chance and you will be well paid for your time and trouble.

Weed Out Poor Hens.
There is a greater difference in the egg production of hens in the same flock than most people realize. In trap-nesting work with a small flock of 16 Plymouth Rocks for a year in Canada the best one laid 231 eggs and the poorest 71. It is a good thing to weed out the poor layers and consign them to the pot.

Don't Harbor Scrub Roosters.
There is no reason or excuse for harboring scrub roosters on any farm. If you have been doing so, send the scrubs to market now and get some purebred males to head your flocks next season. Scrub poultry is a positive abomination.

Pure Water is Important.
An egg contains about 66 per cent of water, which shows that it is very important for a flock to have plenty of pure water.

Feed Hens for Eggs.
The hen must feed her body first. Unless she has something left after her body needs are taken care of no eggs will be forthcoming.

Winter Supply of Sand.
Provide the winter supply of sand before it is too late. When put in the henhouse it should be thoroughly dry.

Excellent Chicken Feed.
Swiss chard makes excellent chicken feed.