## INEXPENSIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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yourself last Christmas that with a pretty bow. your future Christmas remembrance would be completed in ample time, and undream that was, for here it is Christmas time approaching again, and you to decide what to give at the eleventh partments bound in tape. hour, in a great hurry and turmoil.

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 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 grticle 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, blithsome 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 candiestick 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 candlefringe about three inches long.

Another pin cushion has for the foundation a four-inch wire tea strainer. The back is fitted with a disk of and filled with cotton. Wind the han-

OST certainly you promised | die with narrow ribbon and finish

The girl away at college would surely be overjoyed with a shoe bag. which she can hang inside her closet der no circumstances would the next door. The shoe bag should be half Christmas season find you in a rush the length of the door with compartand bustle, planning and finishing be- ments for shoes, slippers and rubbers lated Christmas gifts. What an idle and a long compartment on one side for an umbreila, and on the other for books not in use. The materials used are racking your brain and attempting should be heavy denim with the com-

> 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 Robesthinking what would be suitable and pierre 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

Chic boudoir caps are made of circles of shadow lace 18 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 bonflet. 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 beaded satin slipper bows to match her party slippers.

For the traveler a small cretonne magazines and newspapers would be one on each instep. a convenience.

large one for the extra waist. The the dollies in place. pieces you have left of the linen you admired when inserted with medal- rial. ions of fine lace.

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 borcotton covered in cretonne. The wire der and brass handles could have a part is lined with flowered cretonne pretty piece of embroidered linen under the glass.



1-Apron. 2-Lantern Bag. 3-Cretonne Pillow.

7-Chest of Drawers. 8-Collar Bag. 4-Dolly Bag. -Robespierre Collar. 5-Sewing Roll. -Telephone Memorandum.

cially new and nothing could be simpleasure in receiving a pretty pair of pler to make. Sheer flowered ribbon to soft lamb's wool, draw an elastic through a lacing on the upper edge, leaving a heading about an inch wide. pillow with pockets on one side for Make full rosettes of ribbon and place

A doily case will delight the heart A set of envelopes of white linen to of any housewife. They can be made hold the necessary articles, would al- in different sizes. Figured cretonne so be a useful gift. If you have time may be used in making one case with you could buttonhole the flap in scal- the inside lined in white material. lops. One envelope for handkerchiefs, Cover two circles of pasteboard with one for the night dress, one lined in the material and finish neatly with a rubber for the toilet articles, and one pretty wash braid. Use ribbon to keep

A set of holders for handling hot can utilize for napkin rings, scalloped dishes are made six inches square, of and finished with a monogram, or for some pretty chintz. These are atboudoir lamp shades, which are much | tached to an apron to match the mate-

A set of boxes covered with a pretty For the invalid a thoughtful little pattern of wall paper would be most gift would be a cover for the drinking useful and acceptable to keep in the glass. A glass circle the size of the bureau drawers. These must be paststick by fine wires or thread. Around top of the ordinary glass is required; ed neatly and the covers attached to

> Another novelty is a chest of draws 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 I'ke 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, lipper 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 pen-

A useful receptacle for sewing materials is a lantern bag made of plain and flowered ribbon, or you could utilize any material you have. a celluloid whistle, a rubber doll and For the bottom of the bag cover a a teething ring are attached. 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 plece of cardboard is used as a cover books. One section for flowers, one 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 lining pasted with pictures, is also a cretonne lined with satin. These are gift a child can derive much pleasure 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 threequarters of a yard in length for another sewing contrivance. Turn up one end to form a pocket for the spools of thread, and the other end

Ribbon bedroom slippers are espe- | 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,

6-Colonial Pin Cushion.

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 every 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 vith the monogram embroidered the corner.

A rather 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.

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 for animals, and one for birds, would be much appreciated.

A scrap book made of dark gray from. After you have your presents completed, be careful that they are wrapped so that they have a Yule tide 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-

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Emerson Noted as a Transcendentalist and Philosopher.

Came Naturally by His Learning, for He Had an Ancestry of Seven or Eight Generations of Preachers.

Boston.-Ralph Waldo Emerson was the most famous of the transcendent alists and in his day America's great est philosopher, and he came naturally by his learning, for he had an ancestry of seven or eight generations of preachers. The father, a scholarly man, was settled over a Boston parish when Ralph was born, and although the child was sent almost at once to s dame's school his father deplored that. at three, he could not read very well! The little fellow was extremely gentle and we may imagine that he was in culcated with high moral standards.

Ralph was but eight when his father died, and he always remembered with pride the stately funeral, at which the Ancient and Honorable Artillery escorted the body of their late chaplain to the grave; and the child had other memories too, and these were of poverty and self-dental-of sharing his brother's overcoat, so that in winter he could go to school only on alternate days; or how sometimes when the children were hungry the mother entertained them with traditions of their heroic ancestors.

When Ralph was eleven Dr. Ezra Ripley, pastor over the church at Concord, took his stepson's widow and children to live with him there in the storied "Old Manse." It was in this home that Ralph's grandfather, the militant preacher, had lived, and it was Ralph who wrote later the poem read at the anniversary of the fight This poem is really almost as famous



Old Manse, Concord, Mass.

as the fight, for it contains the following immortal lines which are embla zoned on the "Minute Man:"

"By the rude bridge that arched the

Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, Here once the embattled farmers stood, And fired the shot heard round the world!"

Emerson walked very pleasantly with the townspeople, interesting many in his views about "plain living and high thinking." He was delighted with his pupil Thoreau, who was for two years an inmate in his home and who was so ingenious that he made himself most useful in both house and garden. Then there was the dreamy, profound Dr. Alcott, who lived over the way, and Hawthorne, whom he often encountered in the woodsy path. And a special attraction was added in the cleareyed girls and manly boys of the town. and he called the latter "masters of the playground and the street."

#### CROW DECIDES GOLF GAME

Bird Flies Away With Ball During Critical Part of Match Contest in England.

London.—During a match between the George Edwardes Golfing society and Acton Golf club, at Acton, W., a crow at one of the holes picked up the ball of A. S. Smith of the Acton team, and after flying with it for some distance dropped it in a deep ditch.

According to the rules of golf the occurrence would be considered a "rub on the green," and the ball would have to be played from the ditch. Mr. Smith lost his match.

#### PEARL PRICE TAKES JUMP

Value of Ornaments Shows an Enormous Increase During Last Fifteen Years.

Paris.-So great has been the rise n the price of pearls during the last fifteen years that it is estimated by a writer in the Revue that a necklace bought for \$900,000 at the end of the nineteenth century might now be expected to fetch \$1,000,000.

With the constant increase of wealth the value of pearls is likely to increase and a good collection may be regarded as one of the most profitable of invest-

Hard to Understand Woman. 'O, you can't please a woman," he said, disgustedly; "it's no use trying."

"What's happened now?" "I met that pretty Miss Sweet in a dark hallway and kissed her, I didn't

think she'd mind, you know." "And she did mind?" "Well, she pretended to be very angry, so I thought I'd smooth things

down by telling her that it was all a mistake; that I thought she was some body else."

"And then?" "Why, then she really was very

#### SCALY PSORIASIS ON LIMBS

Troop H, 6th U. S. Cavalry, Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wis.—"I was troubled with psoriasis for nearly two years. Portions of my arms and limbs were affected mostly with it. It appeared in scaly form, breaking out in very small dots and gradually grew larger and white scales formed when about the size of an ordinary match-head. The looks of it was horrible, which made it very unpleasant for me. It itched a little at times.

"I tried several treatments which cured me for a month, but it always broke out again. One day a friend saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment in the paper and I sent for a sample. They helped me, so I purchased two more boxes of Cuticura Ointment and some Cuticura Soap and they completely cured me. It took three months for Cuticura Soap and Ointment to complete my cure." (Signed) Walter Mahony, Oct. 22, 1912.

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