A Budget of Christmas Novelties

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A strip of white linen, eighteen inches long and four and one-half inches wide, is required for a combination-case to hold handkerchiefs and jewels. Butt- sone the ends in plain scallops, allowing one-fourth inch for seam. Fold up the pocket for handkerchief to a depth of four and one-half inches, and then measure three-quarters inches, then turn the sides to the latter, which will be the front of the case when folded. The design used on the model is a dainty one in solid embroidery, worked with silver silk. Sew the pockets, finish the space between with a narrow hem, then a buttonhole loop of the silk at the bottom of the pocket and a small pearl button on the other, and the case is complete. If a pretty handkerchief is slipped into the pocket, the fold and a bit of jewelry into the other, thus giving pleasing evidence of the purpose of gift, all the better; but it is sure to be very acceptable without these additions. Another charming combination is a bag for clean and solid handkerchiefs, to make which a strip of linen, thirty-three inches in length and one-half inch in width is needed. The embroidery is as small as possible and the three-inch square of ribbon drawnwork matches the silk in color. The casing for drawing is cut out in one and one-half inches wide. For the loops, the embroidered handkerchief or jewels, or lace, as desired—fold up sides of the pocket, and the stitching hold them in place. The fold which comes between the two bars will serve to keep the casing in place, and a very convenient receptacle is the result. An article of this nature would be a useful working, may be made in the same way, using crape, cotton, or any suitable material.

No. 37 D. A Pretty Precious Stone

A useful and pretty trinket-holder combines in its decoration solid and punched embroidery. A ten and one-half-inch square of linen is used, the corners of which are prettily embroidered. A double circle of cyclamen, about eight inches in diameter serves for the drawstring which closes the bag, and through an open at the center of the circle comes the end of twine which is to be drawn from the inside of the bag. Every woman who has flowers of velvet knows the desirability of a bag intended especially to hold choice flowers from the front. From any or any possible rough usage. Complete, the bag illustrated is thirteen inches long and seven and one-half inches wide. The embroidery is in satin stitch, with old-cash silk, and the ribbon drawn-stitch matches this in color. Either white or gray linen may be used, but the latter sold less readily.

While the brush-and-comb case may seem too small for novelty, it is always an acceptable gift. Provided one does not already possess such an article. The bag itself is thirteen inches long and five inches wide, with round corners, and the comb-pockets are eight and one-half inches and one and one-half inches in width, studded, after having been embroidered, on the front. The latter is then sewed up. For the decoration of the pocket, circular patterns and ends of embroidered silks were used, yellow, red, green, and brown, in ten different shades, with a life-like allusion, very quaint and pleasing. For the drawstrings, use rayon,