

# The Home Circle

## Two Frocks of Dark Colored Material. By Dorothy Dale

Two frocks of serviceable color, the black gown sketched, the model being in lustrous black crepe with a yoke of baby Irish insertion combined with Valenciennes, the sleeves being composed of two-inch ruffles of the val, gathered over a thin net lining. The lower part of the sleeves are finished with a wide band of the Irish lace insertion, put on like an upturned cuff and finished about the edge with a frill of the val lace. The yoke was lined with net.

The bodice was shirred at the shoulders, back and front, and was cut to form a curved design about the yoke, these curves or scallops being finished by stitched straps of the material, the ends of these straps crossing each other. A wheel shaped design, embroidered in black silk, was used at each intersection of these straps. The upper part of the sleeves had little cap-shaped pieces of the crepe, finished about the edges with the curved straps. There was a high draped girle of the crepe. The skirt was made with a tacked panel in the middle of the front and back and on each side, five deep, graduated tucks trimming the bottom of the skirt.

The other frock sketched was in brown voile, the model being made over white taffeta lining. The bodice had a little square yoke back and front of cream-white Chantilly lace. Bands of chiffon broadcloth of the same color as the voile were used to outline the yoke and also form the straps over the shoulders, back and front, the lower part of the skirt also being trimmed with bands of the cloth.

On the bodice these straps were ornamented with hand embroidery. The sleeves were in elbow length, and were tucked crosswise for several inches from the inner seam back and front. The lower edge of the sleeve was banded with a strip of broadcloth, the edge being finished by plaited ruffles of brown chiffon, with an inside ruffle of cream lace.

DOROTHY DALE.

## HOMEMAD GIFTS.

One of the cuts shown on this page depicts several useful little gifts which would not be difficult for the home worker to copy. The workbox was made of pasteboard, covered with figured cretonne or silk, with the inside in plain color material to match.

The inside is fitted up with pockets to hold buttons, spools and thimbles, and a needle case and pin cushion are also added.

A useful addition is shown in another of the sketches in the scissors and emery chain. It is made of inch-wide figured ribbon, with a small silver handle, embroidery scissors at one end and a silver-tipped emery at the other.

Photograph frames are always acceptable gifts. The one shown in the drawing was of rich, soft-colored brocade, showing a landscape pattern. The shape of the frame is first cut from heavy cardboard, then a sheet of cotton batting is added on. Next stretch the silk over the frame, pasting the outside edge before cutting the silk for the opening in the center. The back is of heavy cardboard, either tinted to match the frame or in plain dark green.

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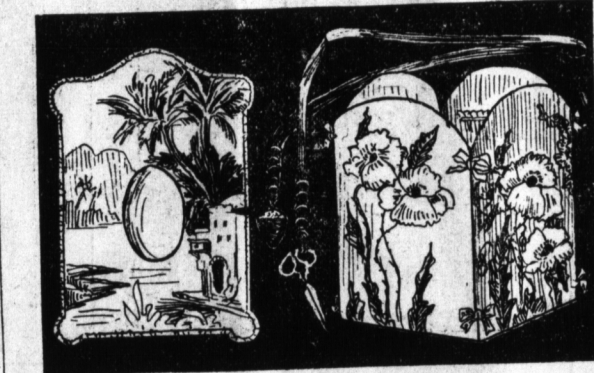
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**Almond Cake.**—For this cake use one-half a cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, one-half that quantity of milk, two cupfuls of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking soda, one teaspoonful of vanilla extract, one-third of a cupful of blanched almonds and some powdered sugar. Mix in the usual manner and spread in two layer-cake pans. Halve the nuts and press sideways into the top of one of the layers and sprinkle with



powdered sugar. Bake about 15 minutes. Put the layers together with white frosting and sprinkle thickly with almonds.

**Cream Puffs.**—Boil one cupful of water and one-half a cupful of butter together and stir in a cupful of flour, stirring until smooth. When cool add three eggs, Beat well and drop on greased tins and bake in a rather hot oven 30 minutes. When cool slit along one side with a sharp knife and fill with a cream made as follows: Beat two eggs and two-thirds of a cupful of sugar until light and stir into one pint of boiling milk. When thick remove from the stove, cool and flavor with one-half a teaspoonful of vanilla.

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Director of the Dominion Lands Office.

## Some New Wall Decorations. By Beatrice Carey

The old-fashioned conventional wall papers that came with a border to match have made way for much more artistic effects. For most rooms, especially such apartments as the living-room, dining-room, a plain ground paper lends itself more advantageously to the other furnishings than one with a design.

The new idea is to relieve the effect of these plain-colored walls by using a pictorial frieze, these friezes coming in all sorts of artistic designs, showing color schemes which are really delightful.

One of the new friezes seen showed Breton fishermen dragging their nets, the foreground portraying an expanse of water with little white-crested waves, with the picturesque figures of the fishermen vaguely outlined against the cloudy sky.

Other very good water scenes show fishing boats, one favorite design picturing a fleet of barges, showing dark against the red and gold of the setting sun. The coloring of this design is mostly of green, white and blue, and combines charmingly with a grayish-blue side wall.

The landscape friezes have already been referred to in these articles, but deserve a second mention. The forest tree friezes, showing masses of trees against a quiet sky, are very good when used with a dark blue or green sidewall. For drawing-rooms the landscape friezes are suitable and attractive, and for bedrooms the cut-out flower borders are very artistic. Several of the favorite designs showing this

crowns frieze have graceful flower vines, twined in trellis effect.

The upstairs rooms and sleeping apartments are usually done in lighter colors, a warm, soft shade of gray, with a flower frieze being very attractive, with white woodwork and light furniture, as are the dainty pinks and blues, which are always popular.

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