

A Unique Display of

# Silk Fabrics

at Smith and Caughey Ltd.

**A** feature of our Spring Display is the charming selection of Silk Fabrics which were personally selected in London and Paris by one of our Directors. . Included are a number of new weaves and the colourings are exceptionally beautiful. . All who inspect these charming materials will be agreeably surprised at our low prices. . . Included are

Foulards	Knitted Silks
Shantungs	Crepe-de-chines
Ninons	Chiffon Taffetas

It will be a pleasure to show these beautiful goods, and we extend to ladies a cordial invitation to call.

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FOR SPRING AND SUMMER NOVELTIES

## XMAS GIFTS for your GIRL FRIENDS

"XMAS Gifts!" you say. "Surely it isn't time to think of these yet?" But indeed it is; for as the time approaches, the days seem to gather speed, until, finally, there is one dominant (and sometimes despairing) note to be heard, "Whatever shall I give for Xmas?"—and no one really appreciates a gift that has so obviously been thought of at the last moment.

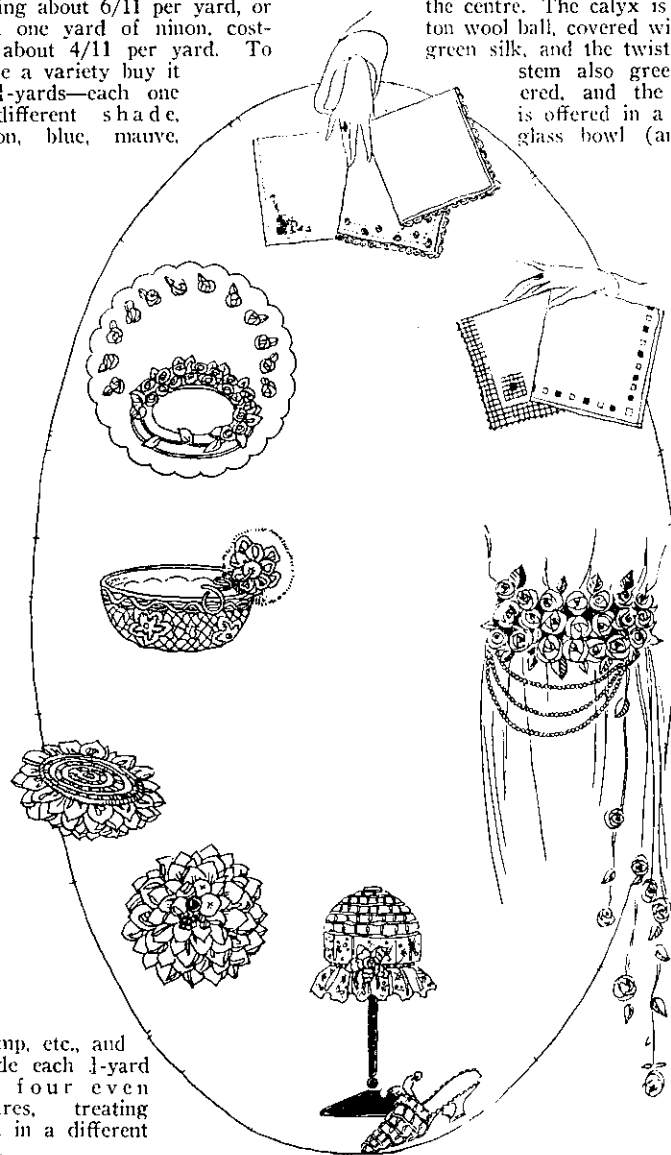
Here are a few ideas, which take little time, and are not expensive, which the average needlewoman can easily make.

One dozen dainty handkerchiefs may be made by purchasing one yard of crepe de chine of light weight, costing about 6/11 per yard, or with one yard of ninon, costing about 4/11 per yard. To make a variety buy it in 1-yards—each one a different shade, lemon, blue, mauve.

square—fold corner to corner, and then again to form a triangle, and as you fold them, slip the cut edge under the foot of the machine, and gather all loosely into a long string. Then begin from the outside of your piece of muslin and handsew the petal on (still connected) in rings, gathering to lie flat, and continuing till the centre is reached, when you can fill the last gap with stamens from artificial roses, or with tiny rosebuds.

Sew the crochet round on to the back, and fill with fluffy cotton wool.

A swansdown puff is backed by petals of old rose satin, made of squares, folded (on the straight) in half), and then each end folded into the centre. The calyx is a cotton wool ball, covered with dull green silk, and the twisty wire stem also green covered, and the whole is offered in a quaint glass bowl (an odd-



shrimp, etc., and divide each 1-yard into four even squares, treating each in a different way.

Here are a few suggestions.

1. Hemstitch by hand a narrow hem and applique a cluster of fruit or flowers in one corner, made of scraps of odd coloured silks.

2. Edge with narrow lace, and work lines of running stitch round in several different shades, broken occasionally by tiny flowers, embroidered.

3. Roll edge, and crochet edging in sewing silk of different shades:—1 d.c. into hem, 10 chain, 1 d.c. into fifth ch. to form picot, 5 ch. 1 d.c. into hem. One inch width of filet crochet all round, and small square into one corner, worked a contrasting sewing silk. Tiny chiffon rosebud on square inset.

5. Very narrow hem, and square spots of many vivid colours—this looks well in lemon or mauve.

paste jar will do) covered first with dull rose silk, and then with gold lace—all well pasted on—and finished with gold paint round the edge of the bowl.

### A Dainty Cap

This can be made by crocheting a loose filet crown in pale blue silk, and threading it with mauve satin ribbons.

A length of filmy lace 5in. wide is gathered on and caught again round the head with a narrow filet crochet band, and a quaint lavender and blue crochet flower.

The mules are covered with mauve satin, and have crochet fronts to match the cap.

Flower finishings are among the very fashionable and most charming ideas this season, and an attractive girdle is shown of organdie roses picot edged and in all shades of pink and mauve, and mounted on a pale blue satin ribbon.

These are very simply made by having some strips of organdie hemstitched down the centre, cut through the middle of the hemstitch; then gather along the other edges, and swirl each length round and round into a rose.

### Two Rose Puffs

One is for talc and one for face powder, and both are quite simple to make. For talc puff, cut a round of firm muslin five inches across and crochet loosely in fine cream wool a round to match. Cut several dozen little squares of pale pink silk 2½in.