



WRINKLES FROM THE LAUNDRY.

It does not seem quite within the "fitness of things" that we should turn to the laundry for the wherewithal to make "things of beauty," but nowadays the cry is for something quaint and out of the common. We plant a fern in a French *sabot*, and hang it on our walls; we stand our sticks and umbrellas in drain-pipes, so why not turn clothes-horses, rope and pegs into uses for which they were certainly never intended?

To begin with the clothes-horses, or "maidens," as the Lancashire folk call them; they make charming fire-place screens, and are easily folded out of the way when not required. Take a two-fold horse, two feet six inches high, price 1s. 8d., Fig. 1; one and three-quarter yards of art-muslin, six yards of cheap ribbon, and a tin of enamel, choose your colouring to match your room; ivory-white enamel and yellow figured-muslin, with ivory and yellow ribbons looks well, or dark-green draped with pink, or pale-blue and pink, anything you prefer; it is well to carefully "rub down" your horse with sand-

paper, to ensure a nice smooth surface; give it two or three coats of enamel, including the webbing hinges, and let it thoroughly dry and harden; divide your muslin into three widths, and cut one width in half, so allowing a width and a half for each side of the horse. Run up the seams, fold hems top and bottom, and make three runnings (leaving a half-inch heading) with strong thread at each hem, drawing them up to the exact size, A and C, Fig. 1. At each corner and in the middle of the gathers sew half a yard of ribbon, A, B, C, D, E, F, Fig. 2, tie the muslin on to the horse, Fig. 3, taking care that the ribbons A, C, D, F, are tied round the perpendicular and not the horizontal bars.

Clothes-rope makes excellent dusting-brushes. You require good Manilla-rope, not hemp, if it can be bought at 2d. the yard; cut three lengths of seventeen inches each, untwist and thoroughly fray out four inches of each end, Fig. 4, place the three pieces of rope together, double them in the middle, bind securely with fine twine, and then tie a brightly-coloured ribbon round it, Fig. 5.

American clothes-pegs may be put to many uses, a very simple one being a key- or watch-hook. Take two pegs, fix one crosswise into the other, screw in a cup-hook, enamel it any colour you please, tie on a ribbon by which to hang it up, and you have Fig. 6 complete. Photograph-stands, for cabinets or cartes, may be easily made. Cut off the knobs of two pegs, take a piece of wood a quarter of an inch thick, six inches by two inches and a half, groove two holes in it, four inches apart if for cabinets, two inches and a half if for cartes; insert the ends of the pegs at a slight angle, and glue them in firmly. Enamel any colour, twist ribbon from one to another, and finish off with a bow in the middle; the photograph stands in the slits of the pegs, Fig. 7.

Butterflies, as Fig. 8, can be readily made, and need no description. The peg forms a capital body, and needs only a few artistic touches. The wings can be made of any suitable material, silk if preferred, edged with wire.

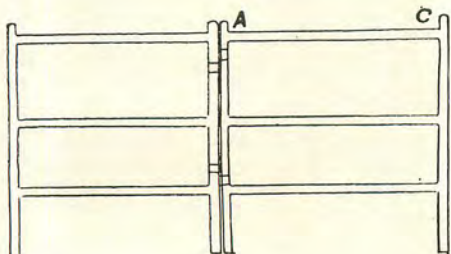


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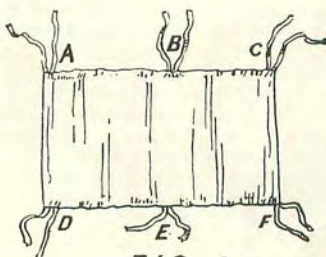


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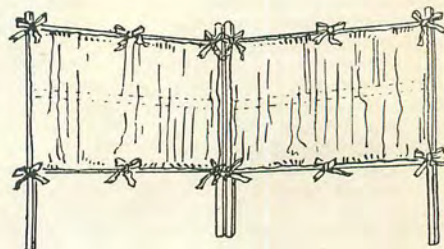


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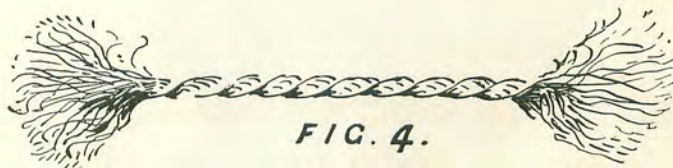


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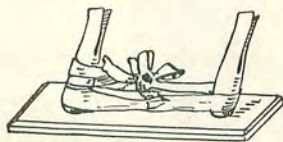


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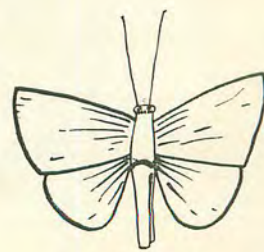


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