

TO PUT INTO A TRAVELING-BAG

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TRAVELERS alone know the comforts of having the necessities and luxuries of one's toilet arranged both conveniently and daintily, and in these days, when every woman goes a-journeying herself or has some friend who does, and to whom she wishes to give some souvenir, hints for a few novelties may be in order:

A DAINY PIN BOOK.—Take a piece of any strong material, heavy linen, brocade or chamois skin, five and a-half inches by six and having one end cut into a blunt point. Line with some prettily contrasting colored silk or satin, overhanding the edges very neatly, having first, unless brocade is chosen, embroidered the cover with Japanese gold thread or with filosele. Buy a "book" of English pins, assorted sizes, and tear off the paper wrapping. Place the pins near the bottom of the case, and fold it up so as to hide all but the heads of the pin rows. Thread a darning needle with narrow ribbon, with a long stitch through the cover and the pin rows, fasten them firmly together and tie a pretty bow. Tie them again at each end, and on the pointed one sew a broader ribbon, by which the whole may be tied into a compact roll.

A CONVENIENT PUFF BAG.—Cut two circles of thin cardboard three inches in circumference. Cover one of these with pretty India silk, the other with chamois skin, and overhand neatly together. Cut a piece of silk eighteen inches long by six inches wide, and line the lower part of this with a three-inch strip of chamois. Join these into a circle, gather the lower edge and whip it carefully to the disc you have just made. Turn back three inches of the silk, and make a double casing close to the chamois lining, into which narrow strong ribbon must be run. Into the bag put a supply of toilet powder and a generous swan's-down puff.

A COVERED FLASK.—The camphor bottle, which goes without saying with every tourist, can be made pleasing to the eye by using a small, flat flask, sometimes called a "pumpkin seed," being careful to choose a perfectly smooth, round one. Cut two pieces of chamois skin an inch larger every way than the outline of the bottle, which outline you can easily obtain by the aid of a pencil. Lay the two pieces together, and beginning at the base of the neck pink the leather with a large pinking iron. In each scallop punch a hole with a steel bodkin, and through these lace a narrow old gold ribbon. Into the case thus formed slip the flask, wind the ribbons tightly and often around the neck, and tie them in a smart bow. Cut the leather left at the top of the neck into a fringe and slip in a rubber stopper, which, if you choose, you may gild. Paint or embroider a few scattered flowers, or a monogram on the flat surfaces.

A TASTEFUL HANDKERCHIEF CASE.—To find one's handkerchief's sadly mussed and untidy is so common an experience of those who trust to pretty sachet holders, that it is pleasant to learn a safer way of carrying them. Cut two squares of heavy cardboard rather longer than a folded mouchoir. Cover two of these with Nile-green satin, under which a heavily-scented layer of cotton wadding has been placed, and two with heavy white linen on which you have embroidered sweet peas, clover, or carnations (or any flower that suggests sweet odors), without foliage. When the tops and linings are overcast take them to a shoemaker and have him punch a row of holes across the backs, through which run a Nile-green lacing ribbon. Pass a wider ribbon around the whole and tie.