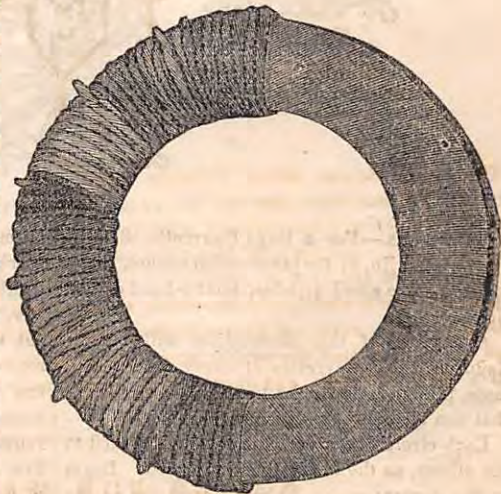


WOOLEN BALL FOR THE NURSERY

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THESE woolen balls are light, soft, and pretty, and children can play with them in-doors without incurring the risk of breaking anything. We give two illustrations of the ball; one shows it complete, the other in process of making. A great deal of wool is required to make the ball, but as odd ends of all colors can be used, the expense is insignificant. Our pattern measures nine inches round. Begin by cutting two thin cardboard rings nine inches round, and cut out the center part of each round (see illustration.) This illustration shows both the cardboard rings placed one over the other, and partly covered with wool. The ring of double cardboard should be wound with wool until the opening in the middle is *quite filled up*; the wool should be used double, the ends always placed on the outside edge of the ring, and the colors, light and dark, arranged to taste. When the opening is quite filled up, the wool should be cut, in layers, round the edges of the cardboard. When all is cut, divide the two rings of cardboard a little and place a piece of string between them; fasten this string tightly two or three times round the ball, then cut the ends of it, and cut the rings of cardboard in different places so as to be able to take them out; the wool should cover the string en-



tirely. Then trim the ends of wool all over the ball, to make the surface even and the ball perfectly round, smooth, and of a good shape.

We copy this ball from an English magazine. In this country, the India-rubber ball is generally a favorite; but in places where that ball cannot be conveniently had, this would be a good substitute. Many mothers, however, would prefer, under any circumstances, the woolen ball.