

simulated with metallic cord instead of with ribbons.

The two sections composing the design are brought together at their edges marked C and

D, in order to perfect the size. Of course the design may be used for the decoration of a variety of articles, which will suggest themselves to those interested in such work.

### Drapery Fringe.

BEAUTIFUL effects in upholstery are produced by the use of fringes with deep, netted headings from which tassels or pompons are pendent. Such fringe is expensive when purchased ready for use and adds largely to the cost of articles that are decorated with it in the shops; but as the materials for its construction may be purchased and the making done at home the expense may be much reduced by any one who is willing to bestow a little time on its manufacture. A very handsome variety is made of silk cord and chenille with tassels that are partly of lambs'-wool, but at first sight appear to be all silk. The home fringe-maker will find the simplest method of procedure as follows:

Ascertain the length of the piece of fringe needed and cut a piece of flat fringe-gimp to correspond. To this at regular intervals sew pieces of silk cord, which should be as long as it is desired the fringe shall be deep when completed. An inch to an inch and a half between these cords provides for an effective netting. After the cord is firmly attached, begin to form a diamond-shaped netting by bringing every two adjacent lengths together about an inch from the top, and fastening them with a few stitches done with a needle and strong thread. Continue the netting as far down as the length of the cord will permit and then finish the ends of the cords with tassels, which may be purchased or made at home according to any of the methods illus-

trated and described in the chapter on fringes in "NEEDLE-CRAFT." Before adding the fringes, however, the stitches which form the netting should be concealed by being overwound with fine silk cord, chenille or crewel, according to the material chosen for the fringe and the degree of richness it is desired to impart to it. Considerable variety in the arrangement of the tassels is possible. Each cord may be tipped with a tassel or the ends of each two adjoining cords may be brought together to complete the netted design and be concealed under a tassel. Sometimes the sections of cord will vary in length in regular alternation, so that a short tassel will swing between two long ones. If a fringe is required to arrange about continuous curves, or to carry about any article that has many corners or angles, the network should be quite open and not too deep. Such fringe forms a beautiful border for a mantel shelf, for the base of a handsome chair or sofa or for any article of furniture that permits or requires such a decoration.

The difference of cost between the product of the home manufacturer and that purchased at the shops is considerable, while in appearance there is little or no difference if the work is neatly done. A moss heading or a handsomer gimp than serves for the foundation, provided the latter is not a suitable completion, may be sewed or tacked on for a finish.

