HOW TO MAKE PAPER BASKETS FOR CARRYING FLOWERS.

Dwellers in the country who are in the habit of giving away flowers and fruit to their town visitors will, I think, be glad to know of a simple kind of paper basket to contain these gifts.

Although made only of newspaper it answers admirably for the purpose, and saves the recipients of the gifts the trouble of returning lent baskets.

One sheet of any kind of newspaper can be used, but the Times, being of firm stout paper, is to be preferred; this sheet, with four pins, will enable anyone to make a basket in two minutes.

The newspaper is folded in half, and then again diagonally, which, as the paper is not square, leaves a piece projecting as in Fig. A; this must be cut off and laid aside, as when it is folded in three it serves for the handle. Now open the triangular piece and fold it on the other diagonal, then open it and you have a square, as in Fig. B, with both creases showing.

Take the edge a, b, and fold it over to a little beyond the centre, and do the same with the other sides, then you have the paper marked as in Fig. C. The edges a, b, c, d, e, and f, are now to be turned up, as are also those marked a, c and b, d, and the basket begins to take shape as in Fig. D. Fold in the corners a, b, towards each other, and fasten the handle on inside with two pins. Do the same with the two remaining corners and the other end of the handle, and the basket will be complete, presenting the appearance of Fig. E.

These directions may seem rather complicated, but if carefully followed with reference to the diagrams the process will be found extremely simple, and the homely little baskets will probably be adopted in many households since they are adaptable to many purposes. When made of brown paper and tied with a piece of string, fruit as well as flowers can safely be carried in these paper baskets.

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