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DAY NIGHT-CLOTHES

Maggie was tired of doing the same things every evening and the same things every morning. She thought really it was rather foolish and decidedly a waste of time. Every night she spent so long getting off her clothes and putting them on the back of a chair, and every morning it took quite a little while to get dressed. Now she would have a great deal

more time if she didn't do this. Particularly it would be nice to have all-that extra time on a Saturday morning when there was no school.

She had thought about this for some time. Yes, every single evening she did the very sume things. First came off her shoes and stockings and then her dress and then everything else she had been wearing all day. And just the same performance day after day and night after night. It was one Friday that Maggie final-

y made up her mind. Of course she triangles of leather. enew that she would not be able to do this every night. Once in awhile she would have to take of her clothes -in fact most nights she would have to do this, she supposed. There was

her bath to be taken every other night, anyway. Sometimes every night ! And one couldn't take a bath in one's clothes. There wouldn't be any sense to that. But still-to do exactly the same thing every night-to take off the same clothes and put them back of the same chair in just the same way, and to put them on in the morning in just the same way, too! Well, once in awhile she could do differently, and that would be pleasant.

It would be such a relief from the usual way which was such a silly habit all people seemed to have.

So on this Friday when Maggie had finally made up her mind, she said good-night to the older members of the family and went off to bed. She took off her shoes. It would not be very comfortable to sleep with

her shoes on, and besides it would not be nice to get into the clean bed with her shoes on which had been everywhere-in the yard, out on the street

Happy is the home-maker who re -all over ! ceives pretty lamp or candle shades -But it wouldn't take a moment is at Christmas time-nothing helps the morning to put on her shoes. more to deck out the house and make That she would do. It was not a it cheerful. Here is a new shade The finest home baked pork bad habit to take off one's shoes at made of thin silk, or fine crepe paper, night and put them on again in the linewo colors, rose and light blue.



S THE holidays are a time when most of us would like to make

one dollar do the work of five, any suggestion should be welcome which shows how thoughtfulness can make a cheap gift acceptable. Therefore I give a few such instances from my own experience:

I know a housewife who is famous for her, lemon jumbles, and another whose mince pies are a toothsome delight. These two women remember their friends each Christmas, with their specialties, and, I assure you, no present is received more gratefully than is theirs. Still another, who makes orange marmalade by a wonderfui secret recipe, gives a glass of this confection to her favored circle. But-a word of warning: Be absolutely sure that such an offering is really and truly desired. For example, I remember one woman, on a strict

diet, to whom all sweets are forbidden, whose careless acquaintances are connille with guy flowers introduced or stantly sending boxes of candy, and one whom strawberries sigken and the top are of brown suede leather who, last year, received a glass of wild strawberry jam, delicious to all those who could eat it, but, it happened, she could not. However, such mistakes are the result of careless ness, and need not occur.

A shut-in once expatiated to me upon the solid help afforded her by a Christmas present of a "utility basket." It held all the odds and ends she was forever wanting, and could not readily procure for herself-pins, needles, tape, balls and sockets, threads and sliks and cottons. "Every time I peep into it." she cried, as happy as a child, "I find something new that I need." It was not an expensive offering, and yet it was one of the most acceptable I ever heard of. Akin to it was a little slik sewing-bag, also rapturously received because the maker had informed herself of what the recipient's wardrobe would be that winter, and placed inside, with thimble and needle-case, spools of colored silks A. matching each garment to be worn that winter. Here again the thoughtfulness-not the gift itself-is what

counts. A case of threaded needles is most acceptable to all women beyond middle age whose eyes are beginning to fail, and invaluable to a traveler. Other discriminating presents are packets of choice seeds, saved during the summer, and sent, to an amateur gardener at Christmas time. A manuscript book (typewritten, if possible) of tested recipes, complied by the mender, is another slways welcome offering.

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