

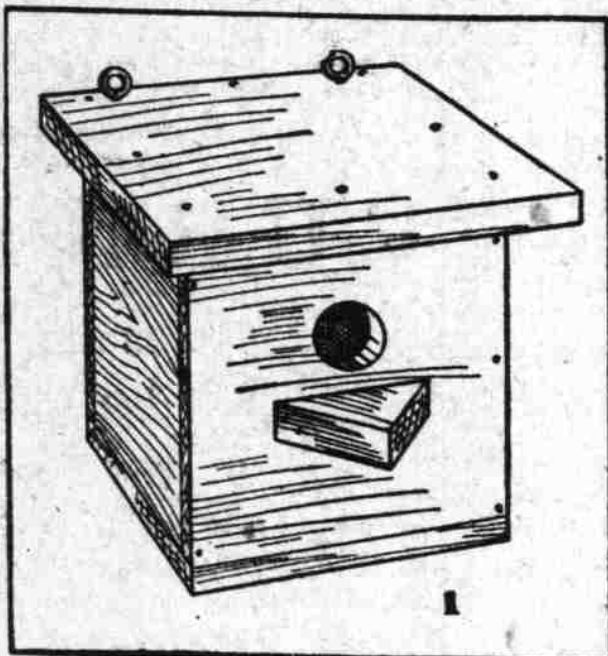
## For Handy Boys and Girls to Make and Do

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### HOME-MADE BIRD HOUSES.

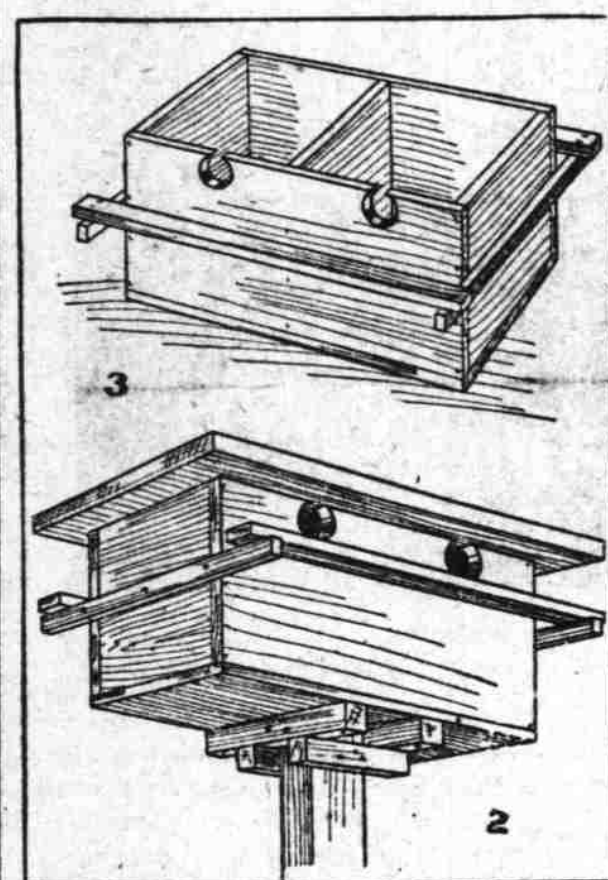
By A. NEELY HALL.

A bird house need not be elaborately constructed. The cube-shaped house in Fig. 1 may be hung upon a wall. That is why a pair of screw-eyes are screwed into the top (see illustration). A box measuring eight inches in width,



depth and length is plenty large enough. Cut a hole one inch in diameter in one side of the box near the top for a doorway. If you haven't a bit-and-bitstock with which to bore the hole, you can make a small hole with a nail or screw-eye, and then enlarge it to the right size with a sharp knife or small compass saw. Make the perch below the opening triangular in shape, and fasten it to the box with short nails. For the roof cut a piece of board of the right measurements to make a projection of about an inch over the front and sides.

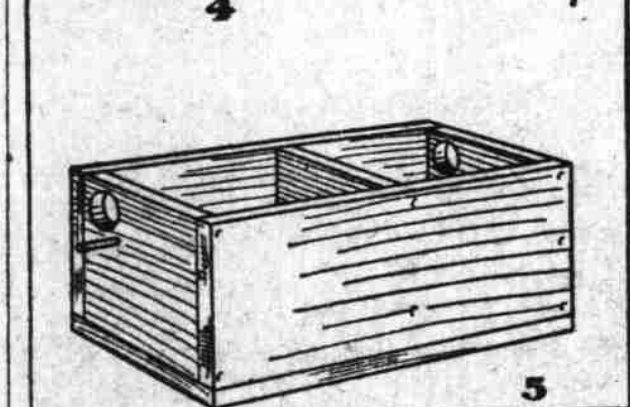
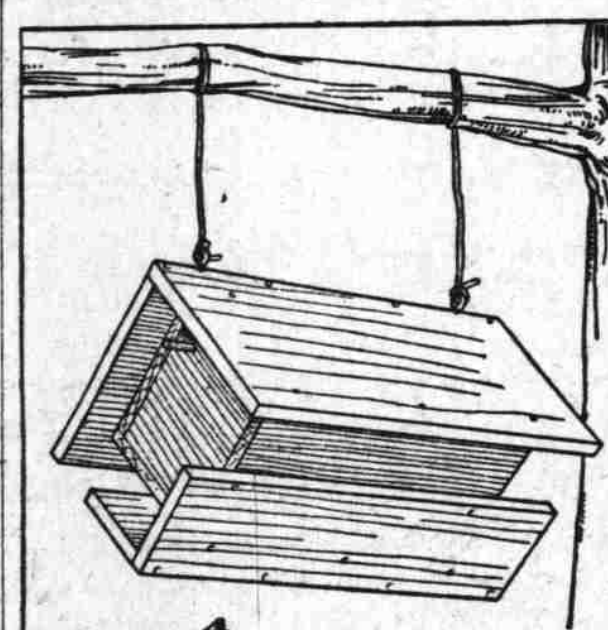
The two-compartment house in Fig. 2 is made of a box about 12 inches long, 8 inches wide and 6 inches deep.



The box is divided in the center of its length by a partition, and a doorway is cut through one side of the box into each of the two compartments thus formed (Fig. 3).

Fasten a stick parallel with both long sides of the box, for perches, supporting the ends upon a pair of sticks nailed to the ends of the box, in the manner shown in Fig. 3.

Figure 2 shows how the box may be fastened to the top of a post support.



Nail a pair of cross pieces to the bottom of the box at a distance apart equal to the width of the post, and drive nails through the sides of the cross pieces into the post. Then as a brace to these cross pieces nail another pair of cross pieces to the opposite sides of the post so their ends will come directly under the ends of the first pair.

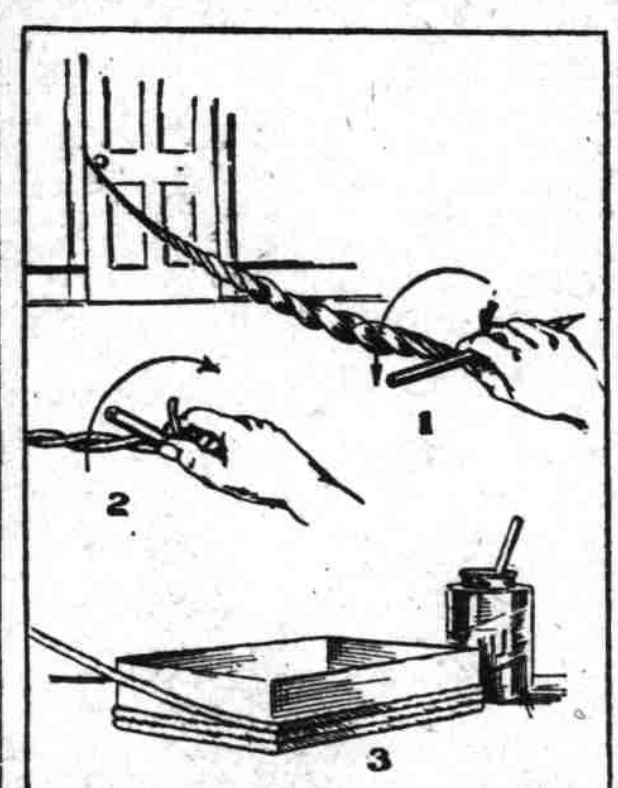
The bird ark in Fig. 4 is made of a box divided through the center in the same way as the house just described was divided, but instead of cutting the doorways through the side, make one through each end near the corner (Fig. 5). When the box is turned on edge in the position shown in Fig. 4, the openings will come directly below the peak of the roof. Fasten a short peg into a hole below each doorway for perches.

### THINGS TO MAKE WITH PAPER ROPE.

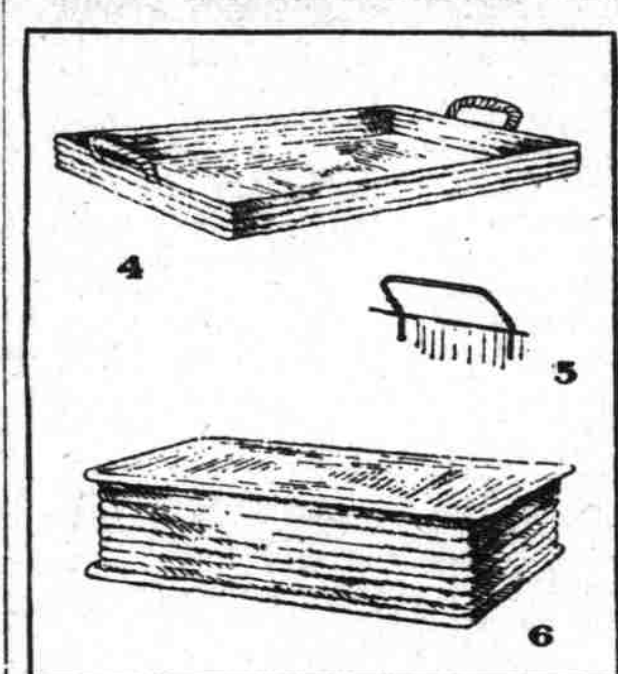
By DOROTHY PERKINS.

There is a brand new idea for making pretty baskets, trays and boxes. and I am going to tell you all about it because the work is very easy to do and you will find it a great deal of fun. All that you need are some cardboard boxes for the foundations of the articles, crepe paper out of which to twist rope strands for covering material, glue and some light wire for handles.

Open the roll of crepe paper and cut the entire length into eight strips of equal width. That will make strips about two and a half inches wide. To



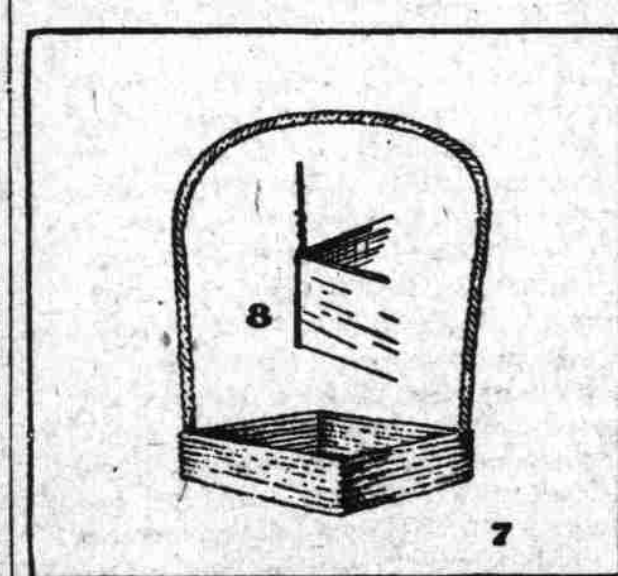
prepare the rope strands, first take a single strip, pinch one end in a door jamb and make a loop in the opposite end through which to slip a pencil. Then twist the pencil from right to left as indicated in Fig. 1, pulling firmly as you twist to make the twists even and tight. When the strip has been tightly twisted from end to end, remove it from the door, and twist a second strip in a like manner. Then placing an end of each of the two twisted strips together, pinch them in the door jamb, slip a pencil in loops made in the opposite ends, and twist the two strands together, twist-



ing from left to right as indicated in Fig. 2.

The cover to a large sized cardboard box—one having a narrow rim—is needed for the serving tray shown in Fig. 4. It requires a pair of handles, and these are made of pieces of light wire bent into loops, with the ends pierced through the ends of the rim of the box cover, bent over and twisted as shown in Fig. 5. With the handles in place, wrap them with a piece of crepe paper and then with the paper rope.

Lap and paste a strip of crepe paper over the edge of the box to conceal it. Then coat the outside surface of the rim with glue, and starting at the bottom wrap a strand of the paper rope around and around the box, pushing each row of the rope close against the preceding row (Fig. 3). When the top of the rim has been reached, coat the inside surface of the rim with glue, run the rope over the rim and wind it around the inside; then coat the inside of the bottom with glue and wind the strand of rope around and around, working in



from the outside rim until the center is reached. Cover the outside of the bottom in the same way, and the tray will be finished.

Select a small square cardboard box for the little basket shown in Fig. 7. Then, first of all, make its long handle out of a piece of wire, stick the ends of the wire loop through the bottom of the box, in opposite corners, bend up over the outside of the box, and twist as shown in Fig. 8.

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