

SUCH IS LIFE—Just Fooling!



By Charles Sughroe

TALL TALES

Persian Kitten Is Easy to Do in Cross Stitch



Pattern 1148

How would you like to find this cute Persian kitten curled up in your favorite chair, or in a pretty frame above your bed? Embroider a pillow or picture with her soft likeness, as you can do so easily in cross stitch, and make her adoption complete. Use wool, silk or cotton floss, though angora yarn makes the most realistic likeness. You'll love doing this needlework in your spare time, and find the crosses an easy 6 to the inch.

Pattern 1148 comes to you with a transfer pattern of a kitten 1 1/4 by 1 3/4 inches; material requirements; illustrations of all stitches needed; color chart and key.

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ROBOT EXPLORERS ARE SENT UP INTO THE STRATOSPHERE

The secrets of the sky are being discovered by balloons. These robot explorers climb ten miles into the stratosphere from Kew observatory, where they are launched by Professor Paneth. On reaching the ten-mile limit they burst, and the vacuum flask, carried by each, opens automatically, collects a sample of air, reveals itself and floats home by parachute. Self-registering instruments record the temperature and the maximum height reached.

Their main object is to discover what happens to helium, the rare gas which is set free when radioactive materials break down into commoner elements such as lead, a process that takes thousands of years.

The balloons also explore thunder clouds in order to find out how the source of atmospheric electricity is replenished. Little pilot balloons calculate the height of clouds. Their rising speed is constant, and the number of seconds they take to disappear shows the height of the lowest cloud layer. Twenty-two miles is the soaring record of an unmanned balloon.—Tit-Bits.

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Ambitious Men
Ambitious men, if they be checked in their desires, become strictly discontented and look upon men and matters with an evil eye.—Bacon.

Cardui Helped Three Times

"I used Cardui, when a girl, for cramps, and it helped then," writes Mrs. Ike Wright, of Sealy, Texas. Next, after marriage, she reports having taken Cardui when she felt weak, nervous and restless before her children were born. And during middle life, it helped her again.

"I was miserable," she explains. "I did not have an appetite. I was very blue and upset. I remembered Cardui had helped me, so I took it again and soon began to pick up. I ate and had more strength. I kept up the Cardui and did not have any more trouble. Is it any wonder that I recommend Cardui to all my friends?"

Thousands of women testify Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician.

A Merry Chase
Correspondent wants to know if debt collecting is a profession. Usually, I think, it's a pursuit.



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New U. S. Buildings Will Suit Locality

Outward Appearances Show Great Diversity.

Washington.—Three basic architectural designs account for the simplicity and beauty of lines of the hundreds of federal post office buildings now springing up all over the United States.

The depression and the Public Works administration have made new post office buildings as common as "little red schoolhouses" once were. The procurement division of the Treasury department has awarded 780 construction contracts since February 14, 1939. A great majority of these have been for post offices. Several hundred remain to be built.

The outward appearances of these structures are almost as diversified as the contracts are numerous. Yet they all trace their origin back to three basic designs: The colonial, found most frequently in the Atlantic seaboard area; the contemporary or modern, found in all communities of the country, and the Spanish or mission type, in the Southwest.

Local Scenes Studied.

"This is not an attempt to make 'canned' architectural drawings or designs," one of the chief architects of the procurement division explained. "It is an attempt to make the post

office buildings fit or blend into their surroundings as if they had grown up out of the ground in their respective localities—in short, local products."

The procurement division has developed scores of designs of each type of architecture used. In some localities where two types of architecture prevail, a post office building in which both types are blended may be constructed.

"In considering plans for a post office building in any city or town there are three basic requirements which we must take into account," an architect explained. "We must consider the total floor space required or likely to be required in the reasonably near future in that locality by the government. We must take into account the historic or traditional type of architecture in that locality. We also must consider climatic conditions."

Space Requirement Survived.

Space requirements by the government have been carefully surveyed in every city and town of the United States. A "space control" department has been set up within the procurement division to inventory these space requirements and the space available.

This "space control" department allots the space occupied by government bureaus and agencies throughout the country.

"We have found," the architect explained, "that when we take the three basic requirements for post office buildings in two or three hundred cities, itemize them on cards and shuffle those cards thoroughly, they fall into a comparatively few designs. From those basic designs we have worked out a multitude of designs and types which fit virtually any requirement."

Snakes Rid Isle of Rats; Duty Done, They Vanish

Melbourne.—Thursday island, off the Cape York finger of northeastern Australia, until recently was a tropical, palm-girt spot on the map "where every prospect pleases and only rats are vile."

In fact, the rats were a perfect pest, especially to the shipping company which owns the wharf and its store. Cats were taken on the staff and paid 84 cents a week in cat-meat currency. They did almost Hamelin service, but not quite.

Then two large carpet snakes were appointed with board, lodging and other emoluments. By day they slept in the rafters of the store; by night they worked.

In an incredibly short time every rat disappeared. So, now, have the snakes. No one knows where, but Thursday island has deleted the "only" from its pleasing prospects.

Varnishing Walls

Any painted wall may be varnished over. It is a common practice to varnish fine Tiffany glaze finishes as well as plain walls, for reason of protection.

THE LONELY CROSS

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

The cross is the cardinal symbol in Christianity regardless of its various creeds and denominations. The population of a certain city was assembled by the city's officials for the purpose of discussing ways and means for erecting a beautiful cathedral. The first decision was to appeal for funds adequate for the task. The people gave generously and many, sacrificially.



It was not long ere the foundations of the cathedral were laid, the cornerstone set, and the sanctuary finally completed. The day of dedication brought throngs from far and near. A general spirit of rejoicing prevailed, and the cathedral was filled daily with devout worshippers. On the high altar was a very beautiful cross that instantly caught the eye of every one who entered the cathedral. The cross was one of the most expensive that money could purchase. It was wrought of pure gold and studded with rare and sparkling gems. There

VICEROY OF INDIA



The marquess of Linlithgow, a Scottish peer only forty-seven years old, has undertaken one of the most difficult jobs in the British empire. He has been made viceroy of India for a five year term, succeeding Lord Willingdon.

The cross stood all alone—a "Lonely Cross" for many years, while thousands of people through its symbolism were uplifted and strengthened in mind and heart.

One day something almost miraculous occurred. The cross of gold seemed to speak. While passing in front of the altar, an attendant of the temple seemed to hear a voice from the cross which said: "I am very lonely here. Many people gaze upon me, but they are so very far away. None of them ever touch me. I seem so remote, so very far away from the thronging mass of people in your big city." The attendant could scarcely believe he heard aright, but the voice from the cross continued: "Will you not remove me from this secluded nook and place me where human need is the greatest; where people live in congested centers and are neglected and discouraged; where men are out of work and where little children cry with hunger?" So they took down the cross. The precious gems were sold, the gold was melted, and with the money, food was bought for the hungry, raiment for the poor and faked. Once again the lamps of courage and hope burned within the hearts of many people.

But no cross stood upon the marble slab of the high altar. So the keepers of the cathedral passed among those who had been helped an alms plate, and upon it the poor gave of their small earnings—many coins small in value but rich in gratitude. With these coins they had made, in a carpenter's shop, a cross of the finest wood; a beautiful cross symmetrically perfect. This cross was tenderly placed upon the high altar. As the attendant passed by the cross he seemed to hear another voice which spoke in a spirit both joyous and victorious: "Love I gave thee with myself to love."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

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Insured Against Disease

Sixty-six per cent of Denmark's population is insured against illness.

The Household

By Lydia Le Baron Walker



The Framed Picture Pillow Cover Is Jaunty and New. Note the Knife Pleated Ruche Like a Narrow Fancy Molding for the Plain Frame.

THE fabric framed picture pillow cushion cover is a smart novelty. It is just the thing for summertime use for it is charming when developed in glazed chintz. It can be a main cover or a slip cover to protect a handsome cushion. Or it can be a luxurious cover when fashioned of silk brocade with plain satin or velvet for the textile frame.

For the center choose a square of pictorial material. This may be a quaint toile de Jouy, one of the old or modern reproductions of an English scene, or an American landscape. Or it may be a square containing a floral motif of some sort. Any attractive textile of pictorial merit can be used successfully provided the square is of sufficient size to show one full unit. It may have to include fragments of other motifs when these are in close repetition, but this is unimportant. The necessity is to have the square contain enough beauty to warrant its use for our purpose, and large so that the frame is so wide that it will dwarf the picture.

The size of the square cannot be given, as it must depend on the size of the motif to be framed. Also the shape may have to suit the requirements of the picture. That is, the motif may be somewhat wider than its height, or higher than its width, and then a slightly oblong shape would be needed. However, the discrepancies must be slight to insure uniformity of width of frame. The pillow may be slightly shaped to conform to the shape of the picture. Which, by the way, should be woven or printed in colors.

The frame must be of a one-toned material, although it can be of novelty weave, or in self-toned design. Its width is determined by the size of the picture and the cushion on which the cover is to go. A three or

four-inch frame is the average. The picture can be centered on the square of material forming the frame, or the frame can be seamed to the edges of the picture.

There is an interesting molding effect secured by having a very narrow, three-quarter or one-inch knife pleating or narrow fringe edging the frame where it meets the picture, and also extending all around the other edge. This fancy molding effect sets an immediate stamp of smartness on the gay novelty framed picture cushion covers.

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CROCHETED BLOUSE



Two colors of soft zephyr yarn are used for the shell stitch crocheted blouse which tops a plain knitted skirt. The unusual pattern of the blouse is achieved by working lengthwise rather than horizontally. The scarf matches the skirt.

Loses Nickel and Temper; Costs \$10

Boston.—Losing a nickel—and his temper—cost William Lanagan, Malden, \$10 in court. Lanagan tried to get a number from a Friend street subway pay station booth. He failed. He also failed to get back the nickel. He fumed for five minutes, then ripped out the telephone receiver and handed it to Patrolman Jenkinson who had investigated the commotion. Lanagan paid the \$10 in court.

Taxi Driver's One Man Exhibition



Edward Van Baerle, a taxi driver in New York city, is also an artist and does his art work while waiting for fares. He is shown here with his one-man exhibition on the hood of his cab.

Unearth Old Cloth

Fragments of cotton cloth 5,000 years old, found in the ruins of a town in India, were examined microscopically, and the fibers were found similar to a kind of cotton still grown in India.

Examine Old Finger Prints

Finger prints made 3,000 years ago are being used to determine the age of pottery recovered from what are thought to be the ruins of the Biblical city of Mizpah in Palestine.

AFTER CURTIS CUP



Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare of Philadelphia is captain of the team of eight American women golfers that has sailed for Europe to compete for the Curtis cup at Glenageary, Scotland. She and her comrades will also play in the British women's championship tournament at Southport.

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