

## PUSSY WILLOWS

The coming of the pussy willows is one of the first signs of spring. They often appear while the snow still lingers.

They are charming subjects for pencil sketching.

Arrange several sprays against a background of drawing paper of suitable size and shape. Work up on a piece of paper of the same size and shape.

Draw light lines to show the direction of the sprays. Then draw the pussy willows and the stems.

Rub your pencil on an extra piece of paper until you can get the soft gray that will show the texture and color of the pussies. Make the dark stems and scales with firm crisp strokes of the pencil.

Draw many spring buds and catkins.

