



A LITTLE EXTRA time means a lot in imaginative gift wrapping. Here, a grandfather clock and a pocket watch are side by side, keeping their gifts a secret until December 25. The clock hides five gifts while the make believe watch adorns a smaller package.



GIFT containers can be gifts too. Here, a card-board tube is made into a knitting box, for sewing gifts.

TO MAKE gift packages as exciting as their contents, self-adhesive seals and ribbon tape create decorative patterns.

### Employ imagination in wrapping gifts

What's new in gifts wrapping for Christmas? Gift wraps and greeting cards that coordinate, lavish gold foil seals in a variety of holiday inspired shapes, ribbons in multi-hues and velveteen textures are among the latest fashions in package wrapping. Paper velours and other luxurious fabric-like papers are widely available. Tissue paper, once the only gift wrapping material, makes a comeback this Christmas. But the old red, white and green tissues now get competition from such shades as cerise, lavender, goldenrod. In short, gift wrappings are more luxurious than ever. But there's still scope for the imagination. With the abundant assortment of distinctive wrappings available, the creative approach to gift packaging gets a boost. Whatever effect the package-wraper would like to achieve, there's a wrapping material to provide it. One idea might be to make the gift package a gift in itself. Start with a box—found, square or oblong. A matched set of two or three boxes can be especially useful for closet accessories, or for use on a desk or vanity table. When trimming boxes, it is easiest to start by lining the inside with a high gloss paper foil. Extend the liner over the rim and secure to outside with cellophane tape. For the outside, select either an embossed foil or a textured velour. This can be secured with white paste. Braids, ribbons or other trims may be attached, too. Boxes designed to be lasting gifts can also hold many little gifts. A vanity table box, for instance, might be filled with cosmetics or perfumes. FOR THE CHEF For the amateur chef, indoors and out, are gifts to help with his creative cooking, from a barbecue grill or rotisserie to serving forks and spoons—and even cooking thermometers and recipe books. GIVE DESKS Gift almost every member of the family could use, from Dad to the young students, is a handsome new desk.



FOR PRETTIER gift wrapping new papers, ribbons, accessories take a colorful, fashionable slant. Also available is wide choice of ready-made bows.



NEW FOR gift wrapping are colorful tissue papers, matching papers and cards and stretch-to-fit honeycomb decorations such as shown here.

## Santa knows ladies secretly yearn for world-wide fashion

SMILING FACES, HAPPY voices, sparkling sights all proclaim it. The gifts shopping season, that merry time of planning and preparing for joyful giving and receiving, has arrived. To add to the fun, Santa himself is on the scene, ready to mastermind the start of the Christmas shopping season in this city. He's on hand especially to help everyone "Wrap up this Christmas early." Santa has always believed that the merriest Christmases start with early shopping. This year, he points out several reasons why an early start is most important. First of all, Santa predicts, this is going to be an outstandingly beautiful, bountiful Christmas, with an unusually large number of those big, extra-special gifts "under the tree." Undoubtedly, a little extra time is useful when it comes to the selection of extra-special gifts. "Big Gifts" Are Easier to Buy Santa's big reason for predicting a "big gifts" Christmas? Savings—thanks to Federal Excise Tax repeals or reductions. This is the first Christmas in nearly a quarter of a century when Santa's helpers will be able to give furs, jewelry, silver, luggage and leather goods—without paying a ten per cent Federal Excise Tax. Gone, too, are the Federal Excise Taxes formerly paid by manufacturers of many "big gifts"—for example, five per cent on gas, electric and oil appliances; ten per cent on self-contained air conditioners; ten per cent on TV sets, radios and phonographs; ten per cent on musical instruments. With the removal of these have announced new price lists, thus providing more opportunities for Santa and his helpers to indulge their inclination to give generously, and save money, too. Not only big gifts, but all gifts are likely to be more successfully selected when shoppers get an early start, Santa maintains. A thoughtful review of this special Christmas Gifts Shopping Edition will show that the array of gifts ideas, as previewed in stories, in pictures and in the advertising messages of local firms, is indeed dazzling—a wider-than-ever selection. It behooves every shopper to begin early, to enjoy the excitement of viewing the new gift ideas at leisure, and the pleasures of choosing the right gifts for all, in unhurried comfort. Too, early shoppers can take advantage of traditional benefits offered by local stores—credit plans, lay-away plans and sales, "shop early" savings and specials. TIME IS SHORT Above all, Santa warns, time is short. It's really a necessity to shop early. Again this year, the "traditional" gifts shopping season is curtailed by a late Thanksgiving. Coming in the last week of November, on the 25th, the late Thanksgiving leaves only 23 shopping days till Christmas. Best way to begin wrapping up Christmas early is to check the pages of this Gifts Edition, specially planned to present the abundance of gifts ideas locally available. Jot down gifts, inspirations in advance, to make early shopping even easier. For an early stop on the Christmas shopping tour, a logical choice for both parents and children might be the Toylands of Hometown stores, where Santa and his helpers are stationed. A child's eye view of Christmas can quickly impart the glad spirit of the season. Among the wonders are new dolls that not only walk, they cavort. They're designed for even greater versatility and flexibility, so they can assume almost any attitude or posture their "little mothers" wish. Toys and games cover the fields of fantasy and of realism. They're educational and historical, sporting and zany—but always fun-filled. Since Christmas is a family time a visit should certainly be planned to home furnishings stores are warmly lined in draft-dispelling shearing (wool or leather). Slippers are one clothing item youngsters enjoy receiving almost as much as toys. With their poster colors and bright linings, coy leather slippers charm young eyes and warm young feet. A practical present for the person who does a lot of traveling or visiting is a pair of leather "packables". These are soft-soled leather slippers that fold neatly into a carrying case. Salesmen, school girl, senior citizen—they all appreciate the comfort and convenience of this gift.

### Slippers make hit Christmas morn

Holiday forecast for Christmas morning sees the whole family happily wearing new slippers. From high-rising bedroom boots to backless mules, slippers offer smart styling and snug comfort in one bright Christmas package. Slippers to double with at-home costumes as well as sleepwear should make a hit with Mom and the girls. Pretty sandals and mules of smooth, suede embossed, brushed and crushed leather textures are available in creamy pastels, jewel tones or gold hues. If desired, a lot of jewellery or passementerie—or a fluff of fur—brings added glamour, include leather booties' tailored scuffs and soft leather ballet-type slippers. Teen gals on the go will be happy to slow down when it means lounging about in new leather slipper-boots. In neat, neutral, or bouncy bright shades, these slippers in smooth, brushed and embossed finishes come embellished with buckles, shearing trim, braid, chains and other "zingy" ornamentation. Male preference in the slipper department seems to be split between the classic opera slipper and the boot. A long-standing favorite, the opera slipper, now comes in smooth, grained and embossed leather textures. Supple leather slipper-boots



SUGGESTED here, left to right, are: for the teen-ager, smooth leather "zipper slipper"; for the little sister, grained leather scuff; for Mom, a leather slipper-boot; for Dad, brushed leather slipper-boot with shearing lining.

### Mrs. Santa does share

Santa isn't the only one who has the Christmas spirit. Mrs. Santa does her share of gifts shopping not only for Santa himself, but for her feminine friends and relatives. Some of the loveliest gifts under the tree will be wrapped up with the message, "Merry Christmas— from one woman to another." Here's where fashion gifts really shine! Mrs. Santa has personal knowledge of fashion. More easily than Santa, she can judge what another woman would like, and what colors and styles would be welcome. In the area of intimate apparel, Mrs. Santa can most appropriately give presents of pretty, personal lingerie. restored, say the Professional Photographers of America. Qualified portrait photography studios can also create a new group photo, complete with background, from several old, individual photos. An old black and white photo can become doubly valuable and meaningful when restored in color. It will look as real as an original color photograph. For the best results, and protection of a prized, only-copy photo, take old photographs to specialize in restoration. Don't select restorer on the sole basis of price, but ask to see his "credentials"—the examples of restorations he has completed. YOUNG AT HEART For the young or the young at heart, new idea in Christmas stocking gifts feature Op art—"Op Socks" with matching "Op Caps." For example, Op Stock 2 and matching stocking cap show an optical design ranging from light to dark in color combinations of white, fern green or green or tomato red.

### Photographs happy gifts

Santa wisely suggests photographs as Christmas gifts that carry a special message of love and thoughtfulness to the recipient. Portrait photographs, of individuals or of a family group, are traditional and always welcomed as gifts. But this Christmas, Santa has come up with a new suggestion. Why not give a restored, old but cherished photograph, too? Any photograph, regardless of age or condition—even a torn-in-pieces photo—can be

FOR THE CROSS SET New for the crib set this Christmas are squaky boxing gloves designed to be grabbed and chewed. A novelty in mobiles to hang above baby's crib is a bunny whose ears spin, whiskers twitch and feet swing at the slightest breeze.

TUNED TO YULE Varsity spices Toyland's musical sector. For instance, there's a band of eight instruments for one o' play, a choice of guitars with professional features and, for the three-to-six set, a graduated wooden xylophone.

ADD PERSONAL TOUCH Monogramming, initialing or engraving adds a personal touch of thoughtfulness to many gifts. While it is wise to order early, some gifts come already initialed—handkerchiefs, for instance. Just be sure to select the right initial!

## Get That Extra Pep!

### HOW TO BEAT THE CHRISTMAS RUSH



The Holiday Season at times may be very trying and at times you may become so fatigued you'll think you can't possibly go another step. What with all the Christmas shopping, gift wrapping, Christmas baking, Christmas card mailing and the thousand-and-one things you must do before Christmas—you wonder if you can make it. Now if this happens to you—

HERE'S OUR TIP: Pause for a moment wherever you may be and have a refreshing glass of milk or chocolate milk. In just minutes you'll notice the difference. The old zip will return and you'll be ready to make a few more miles.

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