

Gifts of pets provide love, companionship

Some of the biggest Christmas packages now being wrapped up for the holiday season are—homes! Both outdoors and in. Gaily-decorated homes reflect the joy and excitement, the color and beauty of the Yuletide.

Traditionally, nature dressed up in her best "apparel" for the first Christmas. Flowers burst into bloom and trees and shrubs put forth their greenery. And

the glow of lights, from candles to Yule logs, has long been associated with Christmas.

Today as families bring forth their cherished outdoor ornaments, and add new ones from the glittering array in local stores, the friendship and good will of the season shines forth from the lights and decorations adorning the homes of this community.

MAY WORK FOR EVER

A new nuclear reactor near Chicago produces about 20 per cent more atomic fuel than it consumes.

'Queen of metals' gives gifts luster

A Christmas present she can't wait to use—that's a gift of silver. And, indeed, why should she wait to add the gleaming luster of silver to all the glow and sparkle of the season's festivities.

The elegant "Queen of Metals," says the Jewelry Industry Council, is nowhere more at home than at the center of Christmas celebrations.

As a woman wears her jewelry, so a fashionable dinner table wears its sterling flatware. Whatever the decor, sterling of any pattern, from traditional to modern, is sure to harmonize perfectly.

Whether it was just thrillingly discovered under the tree and is making its gleaming dining room debut, or has been a prized family possession for many years, a fine silver service of flatware reflects its lustrous light as faithfully as Diana herself.

When it is used daily, its shining brilliance remains unscathed, rarely needing polish. Every meal is a holiday with

silver holloware. Particularly beautiful are ceramic-lined holloware ashtrays, bowls, bread trays, as well as nut and condiment dishes. Silver goblets give a richly elegant "chalice" effect.

Glorious adornment for any table are sauce boats, candelabra, sugar and creamer sets, cigarette ashtrays and holders, and cruet sets.

Silver trays are a classic gift, as they may be used in so many different ways. A bread tray, for example, may be used for relishes or vegetables, such as corn on the cob.

An elegant tea tray may find itself under a spray of evergreens as the table's Christmas centerpiece.

Another lovely gift, valued for its versatility, is a silver bowl, which may be used as an open vegetable dish, relish dish, fruit centerpiece, salad bowl, or flower holder.

Elsewhere in the home, silver adds a special holiday shine with coasters, table lighters and cigarette boxes, vases, and bar accessories.

Time for difference, shoes are a surprise

A man needs shoes—shoes for business, shoes for dress, shoes for leisure. And from that simple, obvious fact comes inspiration for giving him gifts that are practical, and appreciated, too.

Shoes can be that "something different" gift. He'll probably be surprised to find new shoes in his Christmas packages, but he'll almost certainly be delighted.

Smart leather footwear styles now in local stores offer a wide range of gift selections, in brogues, slippers, oxfords, moccasins, boots, reports Leather Industries of America.

Size problems needn't stand in the way. Just copy the numbers from the inside of a pair of his shoes, and let the shoe salesman interpret them.

One gift choice might be a new pair of handsome leather brogues. Generously endowed

with perforations, pinking, wing tips and stitching effects, the latest brogues have been cut down in pounds with new lightweight leathers.

There are new textures in brogues, too—pebbly scotch-grained leathers or, for a fashion change, suede.

Dress slippers for him show sleek lines highlighted with a medallion tip, high-cut tongue, contrast in binding or some other simple touch.

Designed to lighten his leisure hours are leather moccasins—the traditional handsome moc in glove leather, or good-looking variations in waxed, brushed, grained and embossed leathers.

Leather boots and chukkas offer still other gift ideas. For warmth, many are lined in leather-backed shearing.



UNUSUAL WAY to gift dad might be this valet stand laden with more gifts for him. Suggested here are cravat case for travel; cufflinks, cologne, after shave lotions in regular and travel pack; sport shirts and pure silk ties.

Advice of expert can assist buyer

Photographic gifts of the experienced amateur photographer are legion. His—or her—sophistication in this area suggests—even if you are one of them yourself—a conference with the expert in a store.

New lenses, zoom lenses, seem to be most desired by these advanced amateurs if they are equipped with cameras that will accept them.

These are the amateurs who will enjoy having a new battery operated light meter.

They are always interested in new budget bags as women are always interested in new purses.

Slide makers who may have projectors will welcome table model viewers. If you want to be really generous, they love to add another camera to the battery they may already possess. Some may appreciate a sub-miniature model.

Take it from here—in conference with the expert in the store.

Finally, you may find yourself so intrigued with the new cameras this Christmas that you'll want to pick up one for

yourself. You can put it into operation recording the festive Christmas scenes in your home the moment the day starts.

And don't forget to gift 'em with extra film. Rolls of film make wonderful stocking stuffers.

He'll take pride in special rings

He'll wear his present with pride if it's a ring, be it signet, stone, initialed, or bearing the emblem of school, fraternal or lodge affiliation.

A birthstone ring, with all the connotations of his birth month gem, is a gift of sentiment and significance that the "top man" on the Christmas list will treasure always.

CARNIVAL GAME BACK

"Shenanigans," the carnival game, appears in a new edition for Yule giving. Classic fun makers such as weight guessing, palm reading and snake charming are reworked in this game competition.

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