

Furniture gift pleases family

This Christmas, say "Merry Christmas" family style with a gift of leather furniture.

There is an abundance of newly designed, leather-upholstered furniture this season, in a selection of more than 500 decorative colors.

Chairs of every kind come upholstered in light weight leathers. The traditional leather chair would be a double gift, do chair with a matching leather ottoman, a group of dining chairs in leather are beautiful and highly practical. There are task sling-type chairs with leather slings and revolving chairs of tufted leather perched on a wood-and-steel stool.

For the family that splurges on a really big holiday gift, a handsome leather-covered couch should be of prime consideration. If the decor is contemporary, one of the new oversized sofas will blend into a modern living room.

An elegant ranch or Italian Provincial settee or loveseat upholstered in a pale-colored leather will advance a period background.

A note of distinction is simply achieved in a living room or den with a cocktail, end or lamp table inlaid with leather squares or triangles.

A Christmas present with a bright future in any home would be a tall columnar or jugs-shaped lamp of rich leather, covered leather, covered cushions, or tufted headboard, in a variety of leather textures and colors are other gift items any family will treasure.

Handyman likes additions for tool collections

Is your man a handyman around the house? Almost all men are. These avid work bench enthusiasts seem never to run out of the desire for new tools and gadgets that will carry them further into the realm of "do-it-yourself."

Have you ever seen your home handyman pass a display of tools without letting his eyes browse through the equipment for a while? Hardly!

He may have three hammers and still feel that he could use a couple more. Or, he may have five screwdrivers but still find himself lacking the one that is just the right size at one particular time or another. Perhaps he has had the same old tools for years. If this is the case, now might well be the time to buy him a new set.

If he is all set in the hand tool category, then it is time to get him into power tools. These will open a whole new field to him. He will be able to do things that otherwise would have been impossible.

Tools aren't the only things he may need, though. What about his workshop area. New lights, a paint job, insulation racks for tools, cabinets, or better still, materials to make some of these items might be in order.

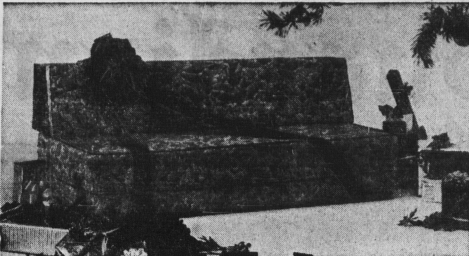
Need it or not, however, he's sure to enjoy any tool you buy him.

Veteran plans holiday walk

DUNEDIN, N.Z. (CP)—At the age of 88, A. H. Reed, New Zealand publisher and author, is setting out to walk New Zealand's famed Milford Track.

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Reed, who has walked the entire length of New Zealand, and climbed numerous mountains since reaching the age of 80, says his Milford Track jaunt will be "just a little holiday walk."



GIFT FOR ALL

From the family to the family go gifts that mean more year 'round pleasure for everyone, as well as more home beauty. Especially welcome are gifts that serve a double purpose, such as studio sleepers, styled for nighttime comfort, daytime good looks.



Christmas card etiquette rules may be a help

Like "William, Mary, Susan and Robert Jones."

That's the advice of Jerlyn Madison, consumer consultant for the Stauffer-Pen Company, who points out that there are certain rules that must be followed when ordering and signing Christmas cards, if they are to be in good taste.

Engraved signatures are based on formal traditions, but generally more liberties are taken with Yule greetings than with invitations and announcements, especially if the greetings signature is hand written.

The use of first names, "Mary and William Jones," is more appropriate for Yule cards, even printed or engraved ones, than "Mr. and Mrs. William Jones."

People don't identify themselves as "Mr. and Mrs." to their friends "The William Joneses" is also proper.

When first names are used, cards can be signed "William and Mary Jones" or "Mary and William Jones." The order is a matter of preference, but the wife's name usually comes first.

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ALWAYS HANDY

Automatic gift solution: for the friend or relative who's hard to please, give an automatic travel toothbrush, in its own case. By Dominion.

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Decorations add much to Christmas observance

The holiday season is one time when imagination can do more than decorate dreams. Let the sparkle, brilliance and beauty of the holidays come into full bloom right at home this year.

There are many special ways to help Christmas spirit shine in the home. Fresh flowers, in both traditional and novel arrangements, should be focal points of all important areas.

Certain spots are perfect for holiday dressing-up. Doorways, for example, set the scene for the entire home. Make them bright as a holly berry, with a great green wreath, pungent fir and sparkling pine cones tipped with gold. Let a lovely wreath welcome the world at the holiday door.

Homes with a mantle are particularly lucky at Christmas. Not only is there a spot to hang hungry little stockings, but the mantle is a perfect place for a holiday flower arrangement. Ask your local florist's Telegraph Delivery florist about lessons of evergreen, brighten them with juniper and bayberries.

If there's a mirror above the mantle, all the better to reflect a glorious arrangement of holiday greens, red-tipped berries and color-splashed pine cones.

Christmas tables are another important point for holiday decorating ideas. Use seasonal props such as a rich red tablecloth and handsome candelabra. Group traditional green branches, holly and mistletoe around them.

If a holiday buffet is planned, again the table sets the party mood. Floral arrangements should be planned so guests can reach all the food easily.

Decide on the menu first. Then the necessary serving dishes will dictate the best kind of table center. For example, if a large chafing dish is used, place two handsome holiday table arrangements on either end of the buffet table.

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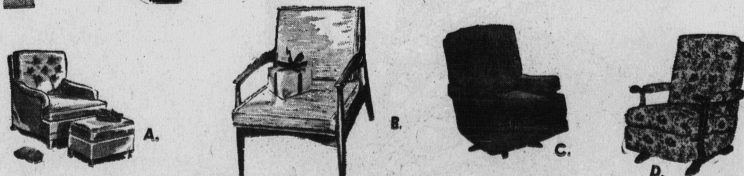
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