

Modern dolls almost have human talent

This Christmas the new dolls qualify for superlatives all along the line. Sure to draw delighted shouts of amazement from doll mothers are a new contingent of realer-than-life dolls boasting enhanced talents in the "almost human" category, and outfitted in up-to-the-minute fashions from head to toe.

Side by side are a fascinating array of character dolls ranging from nostalgic prototypes of beloved children's stories and movies to totally fantastic creations and frankly ugly monsters. Joining a new contingent of Mary Poppins - inspired character dolls are Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin, and a newly costumed Raggedy Anne, as well as a Little Women series.

On the fashion front there's a new Go Go Patty Duke, outfitted with fashionable bell bottom slacks, an overblouse with floppy mushroom sleeves, medium heel shoes and a rooted side flip hairdo.

Fully bendable construction permits the doll to be posed in almost any Go-Go action stance. Included is a recording of Patsy's latest song hit, "Predictably, Batman and Superman are present in the

parade of new dolls. Little Lulu, inspired by the cartoon character, has a washable vinyl face and long yarn hair. A marionette prototype of Soupy Sales does "the mouse". A significant trend in the 1966 doll world is provided by new techniques of sculpturing faces to achieve highly realistic effects. In this category is a doll modeled to dramatize "baby's first tooth", a sure-fire compassion winner.

The sculptured features express the pain of a teething infant. One lone tooth protrudes and tears stream down her face. To help soothe the pain a real baby pacifier comes with the doll. The body is soft and huggable, and the limbs are of bendable vinyl, for complete flexibility.

Realism Takes Over New in the realistic doll round up is Cheerful Tearful, who smiles, pouts, cries, and wets. There are dolls with "talking lips" and there's an off beat doll called Little Miss No Name attired in a burlap sack. There is another contender for realistic honors, that walks alone, with the aid of batteries, and goes to sleep when she lies down. New realistic note is a land-

scaped doll house with grass that really grows. Among the most versatile doll accessories is a kit that has modular parts which make up into a rocker, a playpen, a high chair, swing, car seat and more.

In the nostalgic doll category is Raggedy Anne, a reigning favorite after half a century bowing this Christmas, in her first costume change, a printed flannel night gown and matching cap.

powerful binoculars. Galley equipment and maintenance tools are good choices, too. That perennial sports favorite, fishing, makes giving a gift a breeze, with many different kinds of gear available. Tackle boxes, flies and lures, rubber boots and pants, hooks and lines are always welcomed by the angler as of course are new rods and reels.

Guns and ammo come to mind immediately as gifts for hunters, but how about tents and camping stoves, game bags or tiny electric hand-warmers, new styles in hats and hunting jackets, or a portable radio or TV set for resting time by the campfire?

For the tennis man, besides the always-needed balls and rackets, there are many choices among racket presses, sneakers shorts, windbreakers — and for a unique gift, membership in the local tennis club, if he is not



DOES HE GOLF? Put him on the right footing with some new golf shoes. This pair has stainless steel spikes.

already a member — or, a renewal. Golfers seem to enjoy unusual gifts, as is attested by the variety offered. Examples include handy mechanical score-keepers and home put-

ting outfits that audibly let the putter know where he was wrong. Go carts to carry the golfer comfortably from one tee to the next are popular. Billiard players are increasing in number yearly, and so are the gifting potentials, with many new model billiard tables designed for home use.

PRACTICALLY RIGHT

Warm sleepwear is a practical gift with fashion appeal, too, in colorful new styles.

GIVE PERSONAL TOUCH

Pleasant byways to follow in gifting a man are found in the areas of personal jewelry and leather goods. These gifts can be personalized, too — a wallet or pocket, secretary inscribed with initials; a monogrammed belt; a ring bearing the emblem of school, fraternal or lodge affiliation.

FAMOUS MOVIE, TV and book characters continue on their way into the doll world this year. One example of "famous people" dolls is the set above, depicting Mary Poppins and her wards, Michael and Jane.

FOR HIS CAR
The gift is just naturally one for the road when the man has a car, and a gift for the car is always right. To mention just a few — there are power flashlights, seat covers, tissue dispensers, radio and tape players, driving gloves, floor rugs.

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