

Some of this year's Toys

"Tavling!" exclaimed a mother in that tone of patient exasperation one hears sometimes. "You must not touch!"

And she gently undressed a fat, brown cherub from the child's hand. The cherub with the circus animals was a little high for daughter to reach, but she had managed to bring one animal down—into her hair, as it happened.

To enjoy visiting a toy store, one must take a child along. The more imagination the child possesses, the better. A little girl who started the day pleasantly by inventing a game of her own—of counting all the blue velvet coats she saw—was a great help. She had one objective in mind—the price to be within a dollar. She wanted a small doll, anyway, she said, so she could make clothes for it.

Do Your Shopping Early

This sort of excursion must be conducted early in the season to be truly enjoyable. One couldn't have near so much fun later, when the aisles are crowded and the salespeople are weary.

After stopping to admire some very beautiful little music boxes that tinkled little bell-like tones, and a glass case with a village, and a whole railroad system in it, switches, a station, street lights, a stop and go sign and a train, of course, it was decided to go and visit the dolls immediately.

There were just over so many dolls to choose from, even if one's purchase was limited to one precious dollar. They ranged in size from a tiny person who could hide under a stamp—at least under a Special Delivery stamp, all dressed

ed, too, in a crocheted costume, to a large fat baby doll with a mild blank expression, all of twelve inches high—which was marked "Special, 25 cents."

Take Your Choice in Dolls

There were just a few dressed dolls—most of them were waiting for a small, loving mother to clothe them. How very difficult to choose! There were over so many sizes of small, jointed dolls, some with eyes that shut and opened, real hair and little painted shoes and stockings.

Here again a careful selection must be made—dark hair or light—blue eyes or brown—four little costumes to choose from. Having chosen a sweet little brown-eyed girl with a white hat and a red dress, and white shoes and stockings, then that important matter being settled, one could visit the other dolls at one's leisure.

The young lady often was very much interested in some lovely dolls from Italy. They had pretty "character" faces, fluff hair, sunning full dresses with bits of bright felt for trimmings and carried most animated expressions. These there were other American dolls, in quite modern dresses, pretty little corn colored organic frocks with hand work on the front and tiny, fitted hats to match. The organic costume came also in rose and apple green.

Dolls From the Funnies

There were the cartoon dolls, too—characters from the funniest made of stamped, pebbled all-cloth. That should last for some time, even with the most energetic handling.

Oh, yes, there were the doll

For the older children there are varieties of many kinds suggested by the youngsters. A boy can be an archer, one day after Christmas and use his bow and arrows. Another day he can run a bus line for his sister's new dolls. Besides a fine looking bus, there may be a handsome coal truck to engage his attention. These gifts are all constructive. He can be an engineer and construct buildings. He may even find an elaborate concrete model before the Christmas tree, ready for his industrious hands.

If the young man decides to go into business, like Dad, there are desks just like Dad's to give him in use. One is a roll top affair in silver oak with a swivel chair. Another is flat topped. One also will roll back and disclose a shelf for a typewriter. These days there are children's typewriters, too. These make useful gifts.

Here Are Musical Toys

If a young person is inclined to music, Dad and Mother will find all sizes of pianos at the toy shop for this person's use. There are ranging small ones for her doll. There are larger ones, the size of a packing box, that will really play. Then there are one still larger that is a really truly piano and has a complete keyboard and all. It stands about three and one-half feet high. This would be admirable as a gift to the child who cares for music.

With her doll and her beads and a present for her older sister, she was ready to go home and tell Mother all about it. She was to do her Christmas shopping a little later and felt amply prepared for the day's visit, not only to do her own shopping for gifts, but to advise expertly any member of the family bound on the same errand.

Things to Look At

Little trunks that would close and lock. When opened, there was the doll and all her wearing apparel. Some of these supplied brush and comb, and a tiny bar of soap and a wash cloth and towel.

At another place, one could purchase a complete outfit for washing the dolls' clothes. There was a tub on a little table, a real-looking enough, a clothes basket, a drying stand, and of course, an ironing board and tiny iron would follow.

Come in All Colors

There are only a few that one might call matte toys. It is a demand of childhood with all its store of energy, that a toy do something. For the tiny folks—and even they enjoy rattle—there are soft toys to rattle. Pale pink or blue plush animals of all sizes are waiting in the shop for them. Velvet creatures come in all colors—lavender pupa, a fat blue pig and a charming kitten in tan, all ready to spring on a mouse.

But as soon as she or he starts to rattle about, the toy must be capable of more action, to hold the little one's attention. Then come the push toys, with a slender rod attached, so the toy may march ahead. A little boy would like a black bear who struck a drum and clashed cymbals as he was pushed ahead. There are other wooden toys that are to be pushed on a string, instead of being pushed ahead. These are varied from cartoon creatures to a fat duck that strikes her head into a pan, making a lovely rattle-clang every time she moves.

STOCK MARKETS TAKES FUNDS

NEW YORK (AP)—Savings and loan association which two months ago notified depositors they might expect reduced interest rates because of large amounts of funds available for mortgages, have notified them now that conditions have changed. So much money has been used in the stock market, it was explained, that less has been left for mortgage loans and the associations have profited to an extent permitting an increase in rates.

In 1927 London consumed coal at the rate of 30,000 tons a day; the total for the year was almost 1,000,000 tons more than in 1926.

Cove Influenza Wave Continues; Few New Cases

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVE, Ore. (Special)—The influenza is still rampant in the Cove with some new victims, some still sick and many recovered and about their usual business. School opened Monday with one teacher, Mrs. Ruth Springer of the fifth and sixth grades, absent. Her place was filled by Mrs. Harriet Thomas, J. H. Price was ill during the weekend but was able to be on duty again on Monday. No new cases have been since reported.

At the cooperative poultry meeting on Tuesday Dr. Pfy gave some advice to people regarding sanitation from a large assemblage of people. He advised to carefully wash hands and face, bathe often, wash the throat and nasal passages with a good antiseptic.

The churches are busy preparing their Christmas programs. A

Christmas program will be given by the Sunday school of the Ascension Episcopal church.

The Methodist Episcopal church is preparing a Christmas cantata that promises to be very beautiful, as their song services are always of the best.

The Rt. Rev. W. P. Huntington, of Pendleton, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, will be here Wednesday, Dec. 19, for the service of ordination at eight o'clock. The service of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 12 o'clock noon on the same day. The Venerable Mr. Pressey of Baker, and the Rev. Oliver Riley, of La Grande, will be present for both of these services.

Mrs. S. W. Cressney, who has been visiting in the east for the past three months, passed through La Grande early Monday on her way home to Pendleton. Mrs. Cressney left for the east in mid-September and visited in Kansas and Pennsylvania before going to Washington, D. C., where she was a delegate to the general convention. After the convention she went to Gainesville, Florida, where she has since been visiting a sister. The high school will present its

annual musical show at the Mercantile hall next Friday evening. The cast is made up of the vocal class under the instruction of J. R. Price.

Basketball is now occupying the attention of both boys and girls at the high school. Prof. C. G. Springer coaches the boys and Mrs. Beattie Fletcher the girls.

The Christmas seal sale under the supervision of Mrs. L. E. Anderson is well under way with a total of \$10 sold at last report.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Van Schoenhoven are the proud parents of a 7 1/2 pound boy born to them Sunday evening. This is the first baby in the family and the parents are extremely happy.

E. A. Hartley, who had three ribs broken a couple of weeks ago, is able to be out again.

Miss Mervie Murchison, who has been suffering from foot trouble for the last three months, the result of stepping on a nail, is now able to go about with crutches but is still far from well.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wright, Cove's latest newly-weds, came over from Meacham and spent Sunday with Mrs. Wright's parents.

EARL EAST BUSINESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sales of American goods in Far Eastern markets have been affected by local conditions, the department of commerce reports, although the monthly average has been sustained. Japan's disturbed financial and economic situation caused frequent declines in that market, while fluctuating currency values hampered progress in restoring China's markets. British Indian manufacturers found American cotton too high in price, and still business conditions elsewhere also curtailed sales.

NEW YORK (AP)—Department store executives say that Christmas gift shopping began this year before Thanksgiving, although ordinarily it is not expected until fully a week after the November holiday. They also have felt the Christmas demand earlier than usual.

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