



Seasonal guessing game gets under way—what is it and what is it supposed to do

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Now starts the seasonal guessing game—what is it and what is it supposed to do?

For instance, there is something called the "something box" for Christmas. It is described by those who are selling it in this, the age of off-beat gifts for the person on your list who has everything else, as something that "works as well in darkness as in light."

"While it blinks," the blurb continues, "you'll discover, if you are sleepy, it will keep you awake. If you're an insomniac, it will probably put you to sleep."

"Try it on your desk. You'll find people thinking you've got a compact computer, a spy system, signals from your conflict of interests firms; maybe you're a scientist."

The Board Meeting "Try it on the table at the board meeting and see what happens..."

"Let us warn you, that unless you use an axe you can't turn it off. It will keep on winking its eight eyes in no recognizable pattern and for no apparent reason for nearly a year. Then it's dead as a mackerel and you can't get it fixed."

A spokesman for the New York firm marketing the "something box" said the thing — it is a rectangle weighing six pounds — is one of its best-selling Christmas items.

"Not only are we getting orders by the thousands from the United States," said a spokesman, "but from all over the world." Asked if the box were supposed to do anything besides sit there and blink, he added, "absolutely nothing."

The box arrives at your house already operating; the only way to get rid of it — other than chopping it up with an axe — is to "turn it against the wall in an unused closet." Or, "as the store suggested, "give it to some fellow who has no sense of humor."

As usual, each Christmas shopping season produces an assortment of off-beat gifts. This year, the number seems greater than usual.

There is the dilemma dispenser—a transistorized, battery operated gadget to be turned on at will. "Dial your problem, throw away apprehension, watch the lights, and presto! Your decision is made for you," said its marketers.

Party Fun For those who want to have some fun at parties or are just lonesome enough to want to hear themselves talk, there is the bird—with all the colors of a parrot or macaw. The bird is stuffed with a tape recorder controlled by a couple of buttons.

"Say what you will," its promotion reads, "this fellow will repeat after you and when it does, its glass eyes light up in a bloodshot malevolent gleam." Shopping the stores and the

catalogs reveals that you can buy a kit for making your own "antiques"; one to build your own grandfather's clock.

Toll Takers Horror Buy a fidget stone of jade to rub in moments of tension; a pistol that shoots coins into toll gate baskets; a pistol swizzle stick, battery operated which goes into mixing action when the trigger is pulled;

A kit of five tubes of toothpaste, non-alcoholic in content, but flavored to taste like martini, brandy, orange curacao, rum or eggnog brandy;

An automatic tie presser; fur seal eyelashes; a stapler with its supply of 5,000 staples packaged in florentine silver-plated case;

And men's handkerchiefs permanently imprinted with bright red lipstick kisses.

Chemical test contract set

PORTLAND (UPI)—A chemical said to have possibilities in the field of medicine will be tested under a contract announced Tuesday by the State Board of Higher Education and Crown-Zellerbach Corp.

The University of Oregon Medical School already has been testing the drug, which is called dimethyl sulfoxide, or DMSO.

It is a solvent developed at Crown-Zellerbach's chemical laboratory at Camas, Wash., and is a by product of wood.

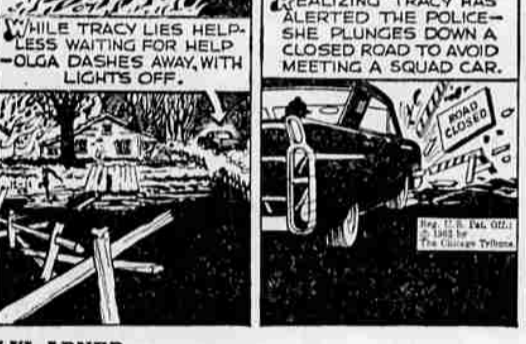
The medical school, in a cautious statement, said tests done with animals showed the chemical could possibly be used as an agent to transport medication in the human body.

DMSO also shows promise, it was reported, of being useful in preservation of blood, bone marrow and eye corneas and in the field of transplanting human organs.

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6-Masonic Notices BEND LODGE NO. 139 AF&AM Thurs., Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Election of officers Honoring Past Masters Fri., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. E.A. Deg. D. Y. Wilson, W.M.

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