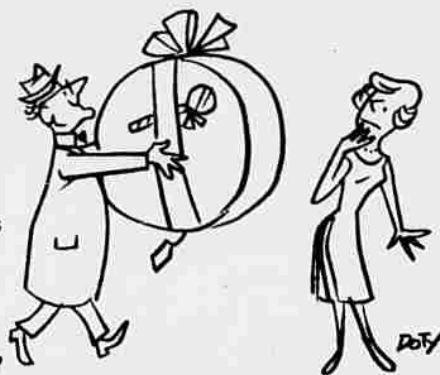


**Merry Christmas
from Gram and Gramp**

Grandparents seem to specialize
In gifts no parent ever buys.
That's how I know when Christmas
comes

That Norm will get a set of drums;
Young Jim a monkey, genus rhesus;
Pete a puzzle, thousand pieces,
And Andy will receive a stock
Of teen-age records, roll and rock.
Oh, yes, the grandfolk really dote.
What'll they get for me? My goat!

—Betty Billipp



Quips and Quotes

A young lady was vacationing in Florida and sunning herself on the beach when a little boy in a swimsuit approached. "Lady," he said, "do you believe in God?"

The girl nodded, a little surprised.

"And do you always go to church on Sunday?"

"Yes, I do," she said, getting more and more interested.

"And read the Bible?"

"Every opportunity."

The boy was noticeably relieved and said, "Then will you hold my quarter while I go in for a swim?" —James Shurluck

Then there was the fellow who complained: "My wife is on the telephone 24 hours a day—I wish the phone company would come and remove her."

—Gloria Biers

Those Toys "To Be Assembled"

Each Christmas Eve I view a scene
That really wrenches my heart:
It's Dad putting toys together
While he slowly falls apart.

—Lucy Lolli Rankin



At the age of 35, he was still very much of a mamma's boy. He had never married because he feared it would offend his mother. But at a party he met a girl he couldn't resist, and they eloped. He insisted, however, that they keep the marriage a secret from Mamma, and for a year they saw each other only on weekends. At last his wife would have no more of it and insisted that she take her rightful place.

Finally the husband went to his mother and said, "I must tell you that Alice and I have been married a year. We hope that we have your blessing."

There was only an icy silence.

Anxiously, he pleaded: "Please, say something, Mother."

"Fine thing," she snapped. "You and Alice married a whole year—and me still doing your shirts!" —F. G. Kernan

"Why don't they make a cold tablet Donald can take?"



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