



THESE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR her look glamorous, are practical from a woman's point of view. Robe (left) is budget-priced bemberg quilted crepe. Tiny evening purse (upper center) in bemberg brocade has own matching compact and lipstick. Maltese cross (upper center) is studded with colorful cabachons, is worn at the hipline. Necklace and bracelet (lower center) are in Far-Eastern mode of design. Black velvet lounging pajamas (upper right) have pink brocade coolie coat. Unique timepiece (lower right) folds like an envelope, can be used as a watch for night table. Every item here will be useful long after the holidays.

# PACKAGED LUXURY, EVEN IN SMALL SIZES, IS SURE TO PLEASE FAIRER SEX AT CHRISTMAS TIME

By ALICIA HART  
Few things please a woman more at Christmas time than small offerings of packaged luxury—the sort of thing she continually yearns for, but somehow never gets around to buying.

Fine cosmetics come under this heading, particularly for those women on your list who limit their own purchasing strictly to work-a-day make-up. For them, it's really femininity and glamor you're presenting when you choose a fine dusting powder, an exciting perfume, or an extravagantly packaged lipstick.

For elegance-on-a-budget, you'd be sure to please with a richly brocaded little evening purse that contains a small mirrored compact fitted with its own automatic powder puff. Lipstick fits into a brocaded loop at the top.

Designed also to make a woman feel cherished is a brocaded jewelry box which contains, nestled in the removable silk lined tray, a selection of three purse-size perfumes.

If you're seeking something in perfume that will grace her dressing table with magnificence, a new scent by a noted French perfume house is an excellent choice. The bottle, resting in a white satin niche, is patterned lavishly with gold leaf, contains a matching stopper faced with gold.

Also for the luxury-gift lists of discriminating shoppers this year are dusting powders so lavish both in quantity and quality as to make a woman feel beloved for months to come. Nearly two-and-a-half pounds are contained in a box of red silk for those with tailored tastes. A somewhat smaller box, containing a still-generous quantity of 19 ounces, is the height of femininity in a white and gold.

Use dry soap flakes around the base of your tree for a wonderfully snowy effect, sprinkling here and there with tinsel for a fresh-fallen snow look. Christmas figurines can be placed in the "soap-flake" snow to create your under-the-tree decor. This mixture gives a realistic snowy look—that won't melt and best of all can be used again (in the laundry tub).

shirred chiffon. Also for the tailored woman is a bath powder in a celebrated French scent, boxed handsomely in black and white bound's tooth check.

If you like a bit of whimsy at Christmastime, an elfish Santa with a minute round nose peeking out above a fluffy white beard is a good choice for you. His body is a bottle of cologne, one arm a matching purse perfume, and the other arm a color-right lipstick.

Lipsticks are lavish this year. If sheathed in ranch milk, ermine, broadtail or leopard. Or, if gems

are more to your fancy than fur, a red suede case be-dazzled with bogus turquoise may take your eye.

Those who feel they wish their gifts to be a little more special than simply a bottle of cologne or a box of dusting powder may find a happy answer in a duo of these cosmetic products offered by a well-known firm.

A snowman, concealing under his white styrofoam roundly a bottle of magnolia-scented cologne beats merrily upon a drum which is in actuality a box of fragrance.

matched bath powder.

Small fry who are looking for attention-flagging gifts for mother at penny-bank prices might consider a new trio of hand lotions packaged in a transparent case to show their delicate colors. The lotions, one pink, one blue and one ivory, are all scented with the light fragrance of fresh flowers.

Another gift well within the reach of juvenile purses is liquid skin sachet which is distributed for Christmas in a see-through pyramid twinkling with stars and angels.

## Scale Model! Equipment Coming Out

AP Newsfeatures  
CINCINNATI — Santa Claus is keeping a watchful eye on the making of toys at one of "his branch plants" here.  
The plant is that of the Charles William Doepke Mfg. Co., in suburban Rossmore. There more than 20,000 one-sixteenth scale models of fire engines and road building equipment are being built this year. More would have been made if the materials could have been obtained.  
More than a million miniature rubber tires—exact duplicates of those used on the regular fire trucks and road machinery—are being used this year.  
One fire truck is based on a regular aerial ladder rig that is manufactured in Elmira, N. Y. It's ladder can be raised almost four feet in the air and it can be steered from a miniature steering wheel. A ringing bell adds to the realism.  
More than 50 parts go into each truck. Heavy presses, ranging up to 150 tons, are needed to cut the chassis.  
The peach is mentioned in Chinese literature of 2000 B.C.

## Shopping for Men Not Easy Chore for Women

Women, shopping for Christmas gifts for men, find the job just as puzzling as do men, shopping for gifts for women.  
One temptation is to buy a man a half dozen shirts just because he happens to need them.  
Another temptation is to come right out and ask the man what he wants but this somehow, takes the surprise element out of Christmas morning. It scarcely seems worth the bother of wrapping it up if he knows just what he's going to get.  
Actually, it is quite possible to buy a man a gift that he'll like, that will surprise him and at a price that isn't staggering.  
Most men use, or would like to use, after-shave talc. When talc comes packaged in a black box topped by a tan suede cuff, you've a gift with originality. The box can hold pencils or cigarettes when it's empty, making it twice as useful.  
The house that makes it also packages a fine shaving soap in a flat, horseshoe shaped clear glass container that's grooved ready for new use as an ash tray.  
For the man who travels a lot, there's a new travel kit in a woven plaid that holds six un-

breakable squeeze bottles containing shave lotion, talc, cologne, spray deodorant, brushless shave cream and hairdressing. And there's plenty of room for a razor, toothbrush and other essentials.  
A lighter is always a good gift for a man. When it's a butane lighter that boasts a disposable butane cartridge good for more than two thousand lights, it's a Merry Christmas indeed. Two cartridges last the average smoker a year and the lighter comes in satin-finished chrome or in gold or silver plate.  
Getting back to this matter of shirts, they're a fine Christmas gift when they're not run-of-the-mill. No man ever has enough, just as no woman ever has enough hats.  
An authentic clan tartan pattern in all-wool rayon that's completely washable makes the ideal gift shirt.  
It comes in plaids of the MacCleod, MacPherson and Gordon clans, and can be laundered in the washing machine.  
Another shirt that's a good gift possibility is a Glen Urquhart plaid in pure wool cashmere that's washable, but not in the machine. This one has to be done by hand.

The sports coats that go over these shirts might be in soft Scottish cashmere with deep pockets for pipe. Another good choice is one made of Scottish cashmere and bound's-tooth check.  
Few women would be so brave as to march into a store and buy a man a hat for Christmas. Even fewer women know what a telescope crown is or how men's hat sizes run.  
The solution, then, lies in a hat gift certificate that will allow a man to cover his pate any way he pleases, from a homburg to a snap brim, from conservative brown to something snappy with a feather in the band. All you have to do is hand it to him.  
Clergyman Wrote American Carol  
The song "We Three Kings of Orient Are" is possibly the first all-American Christmas carol.  
It was written in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins, a clergyman. He composed both the music and the words to the song.

## Soap Flakes Tree Decor

Give your Christmas tree a snowy look! Dissolve 4 cups of soap flakes in 1 cup of warm water, beat with rotary beater until thick and fluffy. Spread immediately over the limbs of your tree with your hands and sprinkle with glistening artificial snow. Then add your decorations for the loveliest tree ever!

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