

## Puritan Teachings Shown In Gifts of 90 Years Ago

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 BOSTON (AP)—Children of 90 years ago had to swallow capsules of moral teaching along with their Christmas fun.

A peek at the exhibit of early American toys and games at the Boston Children's Museum leaves no doubt that the Puritan fathers had a big thumb in the Christmas pie. The exhibit gives a rough idea of some items the 19th century Santa Claus carried in his pack.

Likely as not, he'd show up with a phenakistoscope. The whole family could have fun all Christmas Day, trying to twist a tongue around a name like that. And just when you'd master it, you'd learn he'd left the kids across the street a zoetrope. These were the nearest things to movies and television great grandpa had as a boy.

Of course, you could do other things in those days that you can't do today. You could rush out with wooden things tied on your feet—with gracefully curved flat steel sled-runners on the bottom of them—and you could skate on the snow. That's what it said on the directions, anyway. The 19th century version of snow skates seems to have disappeared.

There were talking books which

moored and based when you read about "The Cow" busy.

"Are you thirsty, pretty dear? Come and drink the sweet milk here."

The baaing came from the string you pulled when you read about the sheep. All kinds of creatures would hoot and hoo-haw, birds would sing and goats m-a-a when you pulled the right strings.

Apparently the first of a line of eminently respectable games based on the ancient pastime of parchesi from India reached America

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The contestant could retreat just as rapidly toward defeat if he became enamored in squares symbolizing "the summit of dissipation," drunkenness, immodesty, passion, cheating, or even poverty. He was practically a gone goose if he wound up in "the house of correction" or "prison."

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If you pulled the strings for the sheep and the goat together, the book would say, "Mr.-ma."

There were walking dolls from France and arm-propelled tricycles.

There's no doubt that Puritan imagination had added some startling touches to the old Hindu game. A player could zip right

## Farm Income Stays Level

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Agricultural Department estimated today that the country's farmers will wind up the year with about the same net income they got last year—in the vicinity of \$14,300,000,000.

"Although farmers' total gross income is setting another new record this year," the department said in a report on farm income, "higher costs of production are holding their realized net income at or a little below last year's level of \$14,300,000,000."

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## Curtis, Leigh Cooperative

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—For the first time in 15 years a husband and wife team—Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh—was chosen as the most co-operative in the movie colony by the Hollywood women's Press Club.

Runners-up were Virginia Mayo and Jeff Chandler.

Voted the least co-operative were Rita Hayworth and Mario Lanza, with Marion Brandt and Esther Williams the runners-up.

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lean boys and girls around 1943. One of them—entitled "The Men- tion of Happiness," copyrighted by D. P. Ives and Company of Boston and S. D. Ives of Salem in 1824—played the suspicions of parents who might have looked askance at a game based in part on the throwing of dice by the assurance it was "an instructive, moral and entertaining amusement."

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