



BOTH FEMININITY AND PRACTICALITY are represented in these Christmas gifts for her. Washable leather shirt (left) goes into the washing right along with family linens. It comes in both suede and grained leather. Christmas belle (upper center) wears sandal-foot seamless stockings with her new zebra-striped slippers. Lighter (upper right) is in blue enamel decorated with white cherubs. Train case (lower center) in

cowhide leather has a top compartment that holds cosmetics and a jewel case that lifts out, leaving room beneath for lingerie. Paisley handbag (lower right) is printed cotton velvet, comes in authentic pattern. Its colors are Victorian gray and moss green touched with crimson. Paisley is high fashion this year.

Good Taste, Spirit For Christmas

NEW YORK (NEA) — We all know by now that it isn't the money you put into a Christmas gift that counts. It's the spirit. But since each of us invests a sum, large or small, in gifts it seems only wise to make sure that we get the maximum in good taste quality, and beauty for our money.

It's in the portion of the shopping list, devoted to women that the above requirements are particularly helpful. It isn't enough to decide that all women are pretty much alike and to mark this section of your lists out for "stockings" or "perfume" or "records," then buy each the same gift.

For women aren't all alike (any more than men) and each of them has likes and dislikes, leisure-hour pastimes and a way of dressing that lend themselves to gifts. Even the so-called girl who has everything will treasure a small gift simply because someone was thoughtful enough to spend time and money on her.

The girl who possesses a cigarette lighter will welcome another if it's elegant blue enamel decorated with white cherubs. This is a handsome purse piece and ideal for late-day or dressy use.

The leather shirt that is washable (goes right in with the family linens) is a gift that's beautiful and practical. Knows no age limit either. It's as smart for a teenager as it is for her up-to-date grandmother. Soft and pliable, conservative in cut, a very exact copy of a man's shirt.

Paisley is in the forefront of fashion this fall. Therefore, Paisley scarves and slippers and bags make doubly welcome Christmas gifts. Cheney has adapted an authentic Paisley pattern 50 years old to a printed cotton velvet. This pattern appears in an over-the-arm bag with outside purse. The Victorian gray and moss green of the fabric are picked up by touches of crimson.

For the girl who travels, put your money into a train case in saddle-colored cowhide leather. Top compartment holds cosmetics and a jewel case that lifts out, leaving lots of room beneath for lingerie.

If you're giving stockings this Christmas, be lavish about it. Give a dozen pairs of filmy, cob-webby seamless stockings (pure flattery to the legs) and have them lavishly gift-wrapped. This takes stockings out of the realm of the practical and into the something-special department.



THESE ARE JUST SOME of the new toys that Santa Claus may leave under a 1955 Christmas tree. Small girl (left) wears chef's cap, dries doll's hair with new nonelectric hair dryer. In foreground is battery-powered vacuum cleaner that actually picks up crumbs. Brother is trying out his new frontier guitar. Nearby is a big chuck wagon and chuck wagon cooking set. In foreground, there's a set of early American locomotives (made of numbered plastic parts for easy assembly) and a new kind of push and pull plastic train that also can hook up on an electric railroad. In background, there's a dancing doll astride a new palomino horse that gallops or trots. And there's a new radio bike with radio built in the body. There are many new quiz games.



FINE FURNITURE becomes a gift for moppets as well as grownups. Sturdy new swivel chairs for youngsters are covered with same fabric as adult-sized sofas. New, too, are model fiber glass frames like that on couch at right. Frames are covered in a creamy beige plastic.

Choose Nylons For The Favorite

Smart Santas will get a toehold on Christmas cheer when they give stockings to the fair sex.

A box of super-sheer nylons combines flattery with luxury in making a sure-winner gift.

Be sure, of course, to take height into consideration and choose short, medium or long lengths in your lady's size. If you know her shoe size, the saleslady's chart will determine her stocking size.

For the girter who likes novelty and the unexpected, there is a raft of hosiery news. Knee-length stockings, for instance, are gaining popularity in all quarters and will please younger women in any of the argyle, striped or textured patterns you choose.

Stretch stockings solve the size problem with small, medium and large models that eliminate the necessity of more precise knowledge.

HANDYMAN'S GIFT

For that handyman who does your odd jobs, there's no doubt money would be most appreciated at Christmas time. But why not dress up the gift by putting it in an inexpensive, Yule wrapped wallet?

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