

Gifts Of Fashion To Be Popular This Christmas

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A modern Christmas can be a joy or a burden. The difference lies in planning. And since women do about 90 per cent of all Christmas shopping, the job of planning falls to them.

Finding gifts for the gals on your list is easy if you start early enough. If you make out a list well in advance and jot down after each name the approximate amount you want to spend, you're in business.

More than ever this year, gifts of fashion will be popular. Aside from the fact that every woman loves pretty things to wear, the size factor has been removed from many fashion items. Stretch gloves and hosiery tagged small, medium or large take the guesswork out of many hitherto risky gift possibilities.

Newest fashion gift to solve the size problem is the stretch glove for all hand sizes in leather, wool or satin. Stretch gloves have been on the market for some time, but not in satin and leather. These come in high fashion colors and in styles for everything from sports to evening wear.

The wig cap turns up for Christmas giving in bright clipped wool yarn and in one head size. It covers the hair completely and has velvet bow trim.

There's no guesswork at all in buying a handbag either for daytime or evening use. If she likes her handbags big, this is the Christmas to give her a large leather handbag. There are many sophisticated versions of the tote bag in the stores. Most of these have inner zipper compartments to hold papers and all of the odds and ends a woman accumulates.

For evening, pick the prettiest beaded bag you can find. This year there are many of them, done in white seed pearls with pale pastel trim.

Costume jewelry is a gift that rates high with most women. This Christmas the short four-strand bib in glittering crystals or a combination of crystals and fake pearls make the gift a high fashion one.

The teen-ager on your list will love a personalized gift. Her own jewel box, with her name on the lid, will hold all of the costume jewelry that a teen-ager manages to accumulate. Or, you can give her a round carryall, such as fashion models use, with her name on the lid.

IF SHOE FITS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—Soviet Delegate K.D. Levychkin charged in a U.N. committee meeting Friday that Italian delegate Mario Majoli had made "slandorous remarks" about the Soviet Union. Majoli said he had referred merely to suppression and distortion of United Nations news by "totalitarian governments." "If the distinguished representative of the USSR thinks of identifying his government system with what we described here, he says so, and I can have no objections," Majoli said. The committee guffawed. Levychkin kept still.



"SOMETHIN'S COOKIN'" at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, where men of the church will prepare and serve two meals the evenings of Friday and Saturday, November 21-22, as their share toward raising money for the benefit of the building fund for the addition to Sacred Heart Academy. Friday night is traditional "oyster stew night." Roast beef will be the meat course Saturday. Serving will be from 5 p.m. until the last guest arrives. The dinner and bazaar are held at the same time in the parish hall. Women of the parish have prepared attractive handmade gifts and foods for sale. Watching the pot boil are, left, Oscar DeNault and Robert Rawlins while Dr. Robert Harrahill looks to see that the cupboard isn't bare.

Interior Decorator Finds Self Marriage Referee

By EDWARD S. KITCH

CHICAGO (AP)—Take a husband and wife, each with strong wills; add a difficult decorating decision; and what have you got? A potential marital free-for-all, says Sydney Simon, an interior decorator by profession who sometimes thinks of himself as a marriage counselor besides.

Simon often finds himself called upon to settle disputes between husband and wife over choice of colors, fabrics or furnishings. He does it by striking a happy medium between the tastes of the whole family.

"Men and women have radically different ideas on which comes first, comfort or style," says Simon.

"One couple was on the verge of the divorce court when they came to see me."

The correspondent in the case was an old overstuffed easy chair.

"The husband had a particular fondness for this chair, which was man-sized and roomy, if something of an eyesore," says Simon.

"His wife was bent on replacing it with something along more slender, modern lines."

Simon was called in when the quarrel had reached the silent treatment stage.

He suggested reupholstering the chair in a muted color to harmonize with the rest of the room's interior.

Now, says Simon, husband and wife are living happily ever after.

"Women especially feel that home furnishings reflect their taste to the rest of the neighborhood," explains Simon.

"Many are so afraid of making a mistake that they totter on the brink for weeks, weighing one fabric swatch against another and being chronically indecisive about overall color schemes."

Most husbands, he adds, can't tell French Provincial from American Shaker but if it's easy to relax with, they like it.

Part of Simon's job is getting husband and wife to understand each other's viewpoint, before he tries to then reconcile the two.

"Men want to know: Is this chair solid? Will it support a 280-pound frame?"

"Women are interested in the chair's usefulness, too, but they also want to know if it will fit into the living room they're dreaming of."

Color is the contender in many differences of opinion.

"Men tend to like strong blues, greens and browns, whereas women go in for more reds and yellows, branching off into such refinements as cyclamen pink and hyacinth blue," says Simon.

Women's fashions nowadays have a decided influence on their taste in home furnishings.

APPLE CAKE DOES IT!

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Zoo, searching for recipes to tempt a valuable 600-pound gorilla into eating again, has found a winner in old fashioned German apple cake.

Phil, the gorilla, hasn't been eating since he was stricken with an intestinal parasite last month. But he ate cake Friday with a cup of oatmeal.

STOP THE MUSIC

MELTON MOWBRAY, England

(UPI)—Ernest Lamley complained to the court that the Tally-Ho carnival band made "verbally indescribable" noise with trumpets, accordions and eight drums in rehearsal rooms next to his home. Furthermore, said Lamley, they one night played "Oh, Mein Papa," a total of 42 times. "Oh, dear," said Judge Donald Robson. He ordered the band to confine its rehearsals to two nights a week.



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French Hostess

The French Embassy has unleashed another outstanding hostess for the winter social season here. She's the wife of Col. Henry Rullon du Lattay, the French assistant military attaché. They have just come from two years in hectic Algeria where he commanded troops in the field.

Not only is Somone du Lattay a great cook, she's also a tremendous gardener. The couple moved into a house with a yard overgrown with weeds, and in two weeks she had it looking like a showplace with some clever transplanting.

Their favorite type of entertaining is small dinner parties. Their first guest of honor was Rear Adm. David J. "Red" Welsh. Adm. Welsh and Colonel du Lattay were classmates at the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. The guests were most interested in some of the gruesome combat experiences that the colonel had undergone in Algeria.

Girl Mixes Hula And Home Sewing

By VIVIAN BROWN

"We wear grass skirts to Hal-loween parties and pageants, maybe, but that's about all," giggles Juanita Toomey, 14, of Honolulu. "Some girls here might imagine we wear them all the time, even to school," laughs the junior high school student, in New York as first Hawaiian contestant to make the finals in a national dressmaking contest.

But that doesn't mean Juanita can't dance the hula — she's so good at it, she may make a career teaching it.

"Whenever there is a new song, such as 'Kapahe,' one I'm studying now, we go to school to learn the new hand movements that go with the song. I learned the hula at five, but there are always new motions."

Juanita has the long tapering fingers that add to the graceful

beauty of a Hawaiian girl's hands, an absolute requisite to hula dancing.

"But if things don't pan out in the hula business, I'd like to be a model," says the brown-eyed, brown-haired daughter of an Irish-Hawaiian father and a Spanish mother.

Hips are important in hula, but it's the feet that help give a graceful look, she says, illustrating with three simple foot movements — put feet two inches apart, move the right foot slightly, then the left foot toward the right foot. Count to three, your hips swaying gently and s-l-o-w-l-y as you bend your legs gracefully.

Hula is danced at all celebrations in Hawaii, she says, but the hula dress is rather like a long sarong with a train. Teen-agers dance it at soirees where roast turkey, baked ham, potato salad and punch make up the fare.

"Our homes are more modern looking than yours, and we have as many conveniences," says Juanita. "But our young people don't

not have as modern clothes as girls here."

Juanita, who says "I reckon no" like a mid-westerner, is a good pal to her 17-year-old brother, and it pays off in dates.

"But now we're both going steady," she says, explaining that although most Honolulu girls go steady, they do it without their parents' consent, as it is not approved. "Hawaiians do not marry young. We must get permission to marry before 18. Boys wait until about 22."

Her four days in New York include many side tours, but her own choices are to see the Statue of Liberty and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Then, she and her mother (who accompanied her) will spend a week sight-seeing in Los Angeles before Juanita goes back to school and baby-sitting at 50 cents an hour.

She should make good use of her prizes as she always keeps a safe balance in the bank—\$5 for emergencies. "I only spend whatever I make above that," she explains.

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