

Something Old, Something New

Fill Up An Antique Bottle

By GAIL DUGAS

Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Antique hunting has become a major pastime in this country in the past few years.

Women and men are engaged in the search for fine old glass, furniture, silver, clocks and perfume bottles.

So it's not really surprising that this passion for antiques is reflected in an oblique way in gifts of beauty for this Christmas. One beauty house has gone so far as to bottle a lovely toilet water in a cut glass bottle imported from Italy. The idea is that the bottle, once empty, may become an antique of the future.

This same idea applies to other bottles and fanciful containers for bath powder, perfume, cream sa-

cket, soap, bubble bath, sachet powder, foaming bath salts or oil—even for lipsticks. These containers are made with care. A great deal of attention is paid to both quality and blending of color.

The same care has gone into the goodies in these lovely containers. If you would like, for instance, to give a girl a set of six or more glass perfume bottles shaped like chess pieces, you can be assured that both bottles and perfumes are first-rate. (You can even start small with a single glass chess piece and a choice of six scents.)

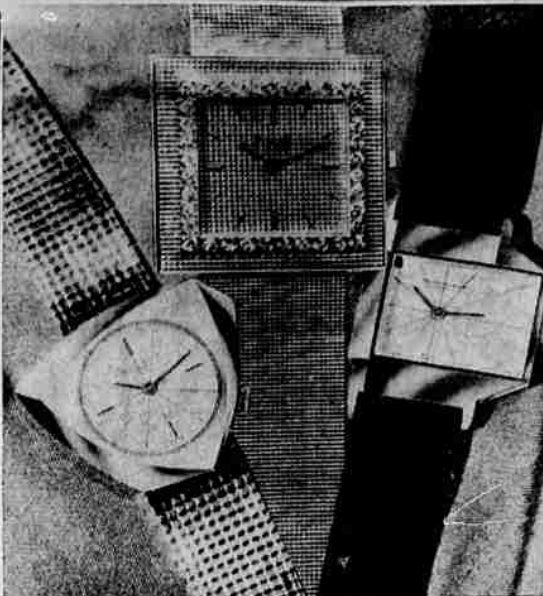
The idea behind all of this is that a pretty package should contain something of value.

One beauty house stretches this

to the point of providing a miniature black-and-gold hat-box to be filled with the beauty gifts of your choice. Thus, if the girl on your list favors soap, bubble bath, dusting powder or foaming bath salts above all else, you may give her those.

Or you may choose from other things. And even this tiny hatbox has been designed to hold trinkets and trifles in the future!

Even a modern, free form crystal perfume bottle holding a perfume that's a rich, Oriental blend may someday become an antique. Anyone who has ever searched out a Victorian ruby cut glass perfume bottle with chased silver top knows that such bits can, in time, become very valuable indeed.



EYE-CATCHING new designs in watch cases stimulated great buyer appeal when unveiled at the 1960 International Watch and Jewelry Show in Geneva, Switzerland. Judged among the most attractive wrist watches on exhibit were, left, a pentagon in gold setting off the round dial; center, a dial offset by diamonds which creates the illusion that the gold mesh strap passes through the case, and right, a model facing off the strap and the pivot for hands off-center.

Sweep, Elegance Mark New Watches

By HELEN HENNESSY

NEW YORK (NEA)—Until recently, shopping for a man's watch often seemed a dull expedition for a woman—aesthetically speaking, at least. Even the most beautifully precise men's watches had an uninteresting sameness in shape and design of the case. One looked much like the other; the only big difference was in quality.

But lack of interesting design won't take the joy out of selecting a watch for him this year. Shapes never seen before are exploding over the wrist watch world to set a whole new trend.

The designs shown by the watchmakers of Switzerland at the 1960 Montres et Bijoux (Watch and Jewelry) Exposition in Geneva prove that choosing a watch for the lucky man in your life is to be a fascinating occupation.

You can still get "just plain square" or "just plain round" if you want them. But, for the more daring male, there are shapes borrowed from such things as the curve of a bowl or an angle of a stairwell. Many of the shapes are convex or concave, adding a whole new dimension in time.

Dreamed up by individual Swiss watchmakers, the designs shown at the exposition are indicative of a whole new trend in styling intended to make men's watches fashionably handsome as well as useful.

The basic good qualities of sturdiness, water, shock, and oftentimes pressure-proof are still there to give long, accurate performance.

Just to prove that shopping for a watch for him will be exciting, here are a few styles you can look for:

There are textured dials that give off a soft glow and are particularly good for evening wear. You'll find off-beat colors in straps—aquamarine, rust, burgundy, bright blue and red, to name a few, and colored engraved dials. Diamond evening watches in handsomely designed cases are both elegant and masculine.

For daytime wear there is a pentagon shape in gold, with a faceted triangle within, setting off a round dial. Another daytime watch faces off the strap and boldly places the pivot for the hands off-center.

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The Lord loves a cheerful giver, according to a time-honored axiom. But there's probably little affection, divine or human, for the giver so careless that his offering never reaches its destination.

In a recent year, more than 400,000 packages wound up in the Post Office department's dead letter bin — a majority of them at Christmas time.

Almost all of those 400,000 disappointments could have been avoided if the senders had followed seven simple rules devised by Wesley E. Scott, handwriting consultant. Here are Mr. Scott's recommendations — speedy and simple as anything since the reindeer sleigh — for getting Christmas packages to their destinations on time:

1. First of all, address legibly and carefully. Don't be a hasty scribbler or a Fancy Dan writer whose script is beautiful but unreadable.

2. Be particularly careful in writing numbers and initials of states. A hastily written 1 can look like 7, and a 6 like 0. A sloppy N.J. can be mistaken for N.Y. Ill. may be read as Ia.; Me. as Mo.; Ind. as Md. Play safe and spell out the name of the state in full.

3. Make things easier for postal

clerks and speed delivery of your

packages by using postal zone

numbers in mailings to all larger

cities.

4. Put a return address on the

upper left-hand corner of every

package. Then you'll at least get

it back if it is undeliverable or in-

advertently misdirected.

5. During the Christmas season

parcels are subject to inclement

weather and dampness more than

at any other time of year. So

always address with permanent

writing fluid that won't be oblit-

erated by rain, snow or moisture.

6. Send important packages by

First Class and Registered mail,

or Parcel Post and Insured. Re-

member, however, not to seal

parcel post packages with tape or

other adhesives; they are subject

to opening for postal inspection.

7. Mail now is a good policy for

all gifts, particularly those des-

tined for recipients in foreign

countries. Your package can't ar-

rive too early if you mark it "Do

Not Open Until Christmas."

By following these rules, Mr.

Scott says, chances are excellent

that neither you or your disap-

pointed giftee will ever have to

write off a Christmas loss.

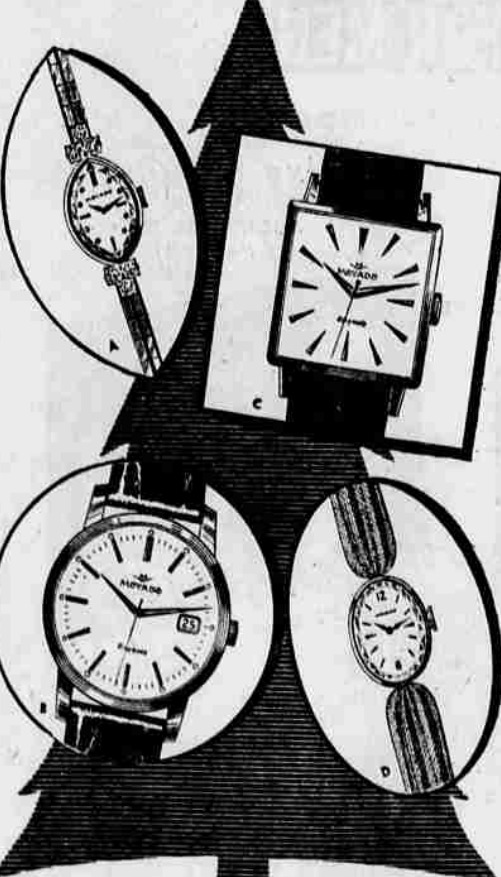
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