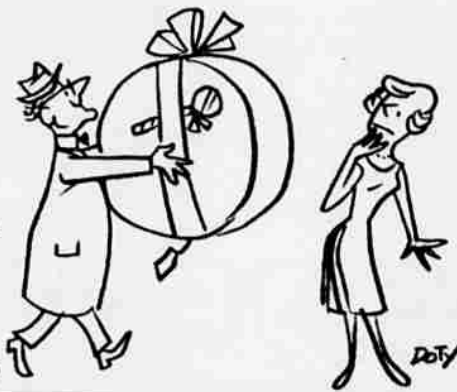


**Merry Christmas  
from Gram and Gramp**

Grandparents seem to specialize  
in gifts no parent ever buys.  
That's how I know when Christmas  
comes

That Norm will get a set of drums;  
Young Jim a monkey, genus rhesus;  
Pete a puzzle, thousand pieces,  
And Andy will receive a stock  
Of teen-age records, roll and rock.  
Oh, yes, the grandfolk really dote.  
What'll they get for me? My goat!

—Betty Billipp



## Quips and Quotes

A young lady was vacationing in Florida  
and sunning herself on the beach when a  
little boy in a swimsuit approached.  
"Lady," he said, "do you believe in God?"

The girl nodded, a little surprised.

"And do you always go to church  
on Sunday?"

"Yes, I do," she said, getting more and  
more interested.

"And read the Bible?"

"Every opportunity."

The boy was noticeably relieved and  
said, "Then will you hold my quarter while  
I go in for a swim?" —James Shurluck

Then there was the fellow who com-  
plained: "My wife is on the telephone 24  
hours a day—I wish the phone company  
would come and remove her."

—Gloria Biers

### Those Toys "To Be Assembled"

Each Christmas Eve I view a scene  
That really wrenches my heart:  
It's Dad putting toys together  
While he slowly falls apart.

—Lucy Lolli Rankin



At the age of 35, he was still very much  
of a mamma's boy. He had never married  
because he feared it would offend his moth-  
er. But at a party he met a girl he couldn't  
resist, and they eloped. He insisted, how-  
ever, that they keep the marriage a secret  
from Mamma, and for a year they saw  
each other only on weekends. At last his  
wife would have no more of it and insisted  
that she take her rightful place.

Finally the husband went to his mother  
and said, "I must tell you that Alice and  
I have been married a year. We hope that  
we have your blessing."

There was only an icy silence.

Anxiously, he pleaded: "Please, say  
something, Mother."

"Fine thing," she snapped. "You and  
Alice married a whole year—and me still  
doing your shirts!" —F. G. Kernan

## "Why don't they make a cold tablet Donald can take?"



Donald John Eckles, age 6,  
Midwest City, Okla. His mother  
found a new way to help.

"Then a friend told me that  
Fletcher's did," says Mrs. Don-  
ald Eckles of Midwest City, Okla-  
homa.

"And since I knew Fletcher's  
as the oldest, most dependable  
name in children's medicines, I  
felt sure that they would be ef-  
fective and right for a child.

"And they were. With Cold-  
tabs, Donald got relief from  
sneezing and stuffed nose very  
quickly.

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cold I give him new Fletcher's  
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