

Distinctive Little Gifts Inexpensive



DECORATIVE . . . This pretty gift is really a make-it-yourself maniere center. A papier mache or ceramic Catch-all has an elegant hair-do that you can design of cotton balls, highlighted with tinsel and ribbon. The base is filled with emery boards, tubes of hand cream, and cuticle remover for easy hand-care.

Want your "little gifts" to look extra-special this season? A good way to make a moderately priced present look important is to add imagination! For distinctive, thoughtful gifts for the friends and neighbors on your Christmas list, try these new do-it-yourself designs.

Funny Faces — Amusing and appealing, "funny faces" hide a welcome aid for feminine skin care. To make the faces, cover jars of rinse-off cold cream with paper, ink on the feature, add ribbon or tinsel curls and perky bows. When unmasked, the cream will provide many weeks of cleansing. Not greasy, not drying, it removes make-up completely with plain water. It is available at all beauty counters in four sizes, from about 59c.

Chimney Sweep — Men always appreciate shaving aids, and here's a festive way to wrap a useful tin of aerosol shave cream. Cover the shave cream with brick-patterned paper and top the cap with a Santa Claus face. Finish off with a bow and a bit of holly for a cheery Christmas chimney. Creamy, smooth-shaving Barbasol comes in menthol and regular aerosol formulas in medium and large sizes, from about 79c.

Snow Blossoms — For the ladies on your list, top fragrant bath oil and hand and body lotion with bright tissue paper flowers to bloom brightly in bath or boudoir. To make each colorful blossom, take three or four squares of tissue paper in varying colors and twist the sheets together in the center, forming a small stem. Then shape petals with fingers or scissors, and tape the stem to the bottle cap. Add a ribbon bow, bauble, or glitter, if you wish. For smoothing and softening winter-dried

skin, Silk'n Satin bath oil and Pacquin lotion for extra dry skin are recommended. Priced for piggy-bank allowances, from \$1.25, and the hand lotion at around 39c.

Hand Maiden — A decorative addition to guest room or powder room is a decorative container that does double duty as a manicure center. Use a container shaped in the form of a face or a hand, and trim with sparkling tinsel and bows. Add colored cotton balls, emery boards, hand cream in a tube and cuticle remover. In a con-

venient personal-size tube, a popular hand cream for extra dry skin is lanolin-enriched to prevent dryness and chapping. The price is around 45c. A companion tube removes cuticle without harmful cutting, bleaches nail tips, too. Packaged with its own orange stick . . . around 69c.

Art Sale Scheduled

A pre-Christmas Art Show and sale will be held by the El Camino College art department Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual art display will be held in the patio of the art building. This year's showing will include jewelry, ceramics, paintings, and prints. This year's artists will include many award winners. Their awards range from a first at the Alondra Park Art Show to Los Angeles County Fair entries. Some of the student works are now on exhibition at the South Bay Art Association Gallery and the Upstairs Gallery in Manhattan Beach. "Last year's show was great despite heavy rains but this year's show will be better," said John Nelson, art instructor at El Camino and coordinator of the show. The show will include a wide variety of art forms and the art will have a wider range of price tags. Nelson advises that "Christmas shoppers looking for the personalized gift come early and bring a friend."

Add the Right Touch With a Holiday Punch

Strange as it may seem, the punch bowl comes to us from India. The word "punch" itself developed from the Hindustani "panch" meaning five.

Although no one really knows how the ancient Indians worked their way from the word "five" to the idea of punch, there are a lot of theories. Some claim it stood for the five ingredients of punch — hot, cold, bitter, sweet and strong.

Others argue that it numbers the ingredients of the famous oriental swizzle: arrack, tea, sugar, water and lemon juice. Americans, on the other hand, ascribe it to the ingredients of the punch bowl — Bourbon, tea, sugar, water and fruit . . . and its kindred varieties in multiples of five.

REGARDLESS of what the five stands for, punch is a favorite Holiday treat. Hot or cold, it has a festive air.

Punch bowl parties are economical. Punch goes a long way and large crowds can be served quickly and easily. You prepare it before the guests arrive, leaving you free to enjoy the festivities, or, if you prefer, make it right on the spot and have the guests participate, (or should we say, punchicipate).

Some people seem to have difficulty chilling their cold punches without making them watery. . . .

TO AVOID this problem, mix the base well in advance and let it stand at room temperature for an hour or two to ripen and blend. Then, let it chill in the refrigerator for at least an hour before pouring it into the punch bowl. When ready to serve, pour the mixture over as large a block of ice as your punch bowl will accommodate.

For a real Holiday treat especially welcome on a frosty night serve a hot punch instead of one chilled with ice. Stop at your nearby deli or wine shop and pick up some recipes.

Here's Why Christmas Is 'Xmas'

Why is "Christmas" sometimes written "Xmas"? "X" is the Greek letter symbol that is used to represent the name, "Christ."

This symbol has been discovered by many archaeological expeditions on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

Quite recently, a group of scientists discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D., among the inscriptions on eleven early-Christian urns.

These urns were uncovered in a cave on the Bethlehem to Jerusalem Road.

It is believed that these writings were left by a sect of Hebrews who were followers of Christ and who had denounced Pontius Pilate.

Dinner Planned

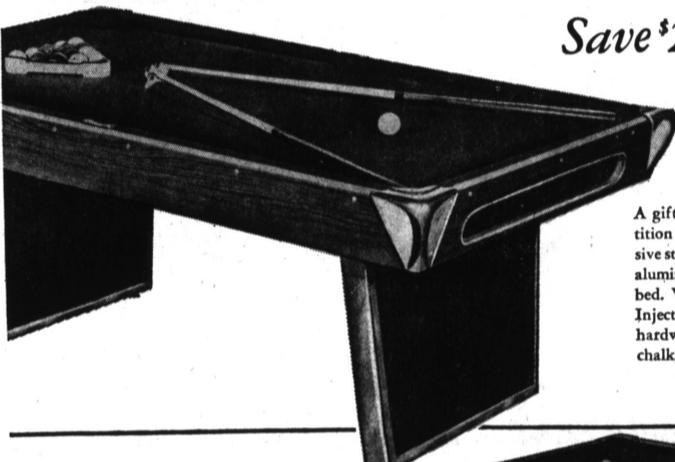
The California Nova Scotia Society will hold its annual Christmas dinner Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park. All former Canadians and their families are invited to attend.

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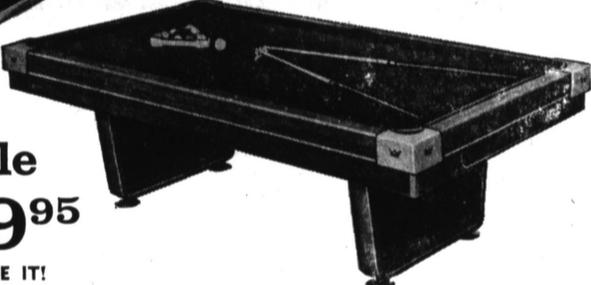
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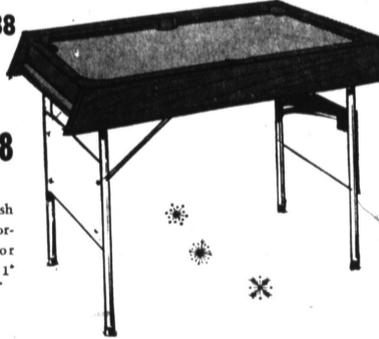
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