



Hello Homemakers! Gift shopping should be done according to plan. Too often we are carried away at the last moment by the "on the spot glamour" of expensive impractical gadgets. Do not be too easily diverted from the items on your shopping list.

Take time to consider what the recipient will think of the gift two weeks after Christmas. A high priced article is even more costly if it has beauty but lacks durability. For example, a blouse for your sister: a solid colour will cost more than white in the identical material while a print design will cost more again. It requires an additional process to add color and the dye itself costs extra while the design in the print costs still more. Quoting a merchandising expert, our friend suggested that I should consider whether usefulness and decorative balance each other.

Your key to intrinsic value lies in the answers to three basic questions: Of what is it made? Secondly how it is made. Thirdly, what is the quality of the workmanship?

To help on busy shopping days, we suggest quick cooking dishes, that will save electricity too. Liver and onions. Scalloped Tomatoes. Gingerbread Muffins and Applesauce. Cream Potato-Cheese Soup. Cold Meat and Macaroni Canned Vegetables. Tea Biscuits and Chocolate Rice Pudding. Corn Fritters and Sausages. Grated Carrot-Raisin Salad. Minced Meat Tarts. English Stew (Pressure Cooked). Carrot and Turnip Sticks. Jelly Roll - Canned Fruit.

REQUESTED RECIPES
 Mrs. T. G. asks for:
Glazed Fruits
 2 cups sugar 1 cup water.
 1/2 cup light corn syrup, small fruits or sections of larger fruits or whole nuts.
 Make a syrup of the sugar, water and corn syrup. Boil, without stirring, to the hard crack stage (300 degrees). Remove the saucepan from the stove and put it into an outer pan of boiling water to keep the syrup from hardening. Drop in the well drained fruit or the nutmeats, a few at a time. Skin out and place on heavy waxed paper to dry.

Mr. R. F. asks for:
Holiday Fudge
 2 cups white sugar, 1/4 cup corn syrup, 1/4 cup water, 1/4 cup candied cherries, 2 egg-whites, 1/2 cup blanched almonds, 1 tablespoon almond or lemon extract.
 Put the sugar, water and corn syrup into a saucepan. Stir it while it dissolves over the heat, then let it boil without stirring to the light crack stage (266 degrees). While it is cooking, beat the whites of eggs stiffly and when the syrup is ready pour it over them, beating constantly. Cool slightly (on window sill). Beat until creamy, add nuts, cherries and extract, and pour into buttered tins.
Butter Scotch Slices
 1/2 cup butter, 1 cup brown

sugar, 1 egg, 1/4 cup broken pecan-meats, 1 cup sifted flour, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon vanilla.
 Melt butter in a saucepan, remove from the stove and cool in the saucepan until lukewarm. Add unbeaten eggs to mixture and beat well. Mix flour, salt and baking powder, and add to the sugar mixture; then add the nut meats and vanilla. Spread the mixture in a shallow pan lined with plain paper which has been greased. Bake 30 minutes in a hot oven (400 to 450 degrees). While hot, cut into strips an inch wide and four inches long. This recipe makes about two dozen.

Mrs. S. S. asks for:
Gingerbread
 1/2 cup shortening, 1/4 cup boiling water, 1 cup molasses, 1 1/2 teaspoons ginger, 1 teaspoon soda, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 1/2 cups flour.
 Melt the shortening in the boiling water. Add molasses. Sift the dry ingredients together and add them to the mixture. Beat vigorously. Put in a greased muffin tin and bake in an oven 26 minutes. (350 to 375 degrees).

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OIL OUTPUT DOUBLED
 Canada's oil production has been doubled in a single year to a current level of 14 million barrels annually. This development, plus indications of a further major expansion of domestic oil output in this oil-rich country through development of Leduc, Redwater, Lloydminster, and other oil fields, comments The Financial Post, represents something of extreme importance to our economic well-being. Canadian imports of petroleum and petroleum products totalled \$188 millions in the first eight months of 1948—and all had to be paid in U.S. dollars. Greater oil production therefore help solve one of our greatest problems.

An official Kent County landscape adviser (female) has recommended that an improvement in British agriculture that has given rise to the question in the British House of Commons, "why should farmers be told to paint their cowsheds pink?" The lady thinks pink cowsheds would be cute.

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NEW PEAK IN STEEL PRODUCTION
 Another record for October output is claimed by the steel industry. Production that month, it states, reached an annual rate of 15,455,000 tons, the highest ever attained. The previous highest was 15,440,000 tons in June. Pig iron output in October, at an annual rate of 9,525,000 tons, compared with 9,407,000 tons in September and 8,352,000 tons a year ago.

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Charles Steinmetz, the electrical wizard of the General Electric Company, might reasonably have sought support and relinquished obligations. He was old and he had been crippled from his youth. One day a fellow worker found him still at his place after the staff had gone home for the night. "Don't be that sort of a fool Steinmetz," said the friend. "You get the same pay check no matter how hard you work."

Steinmetz took his glance away from his work just long enough to say: "Doesn't matter whose payroll you're on, Bill. You're always working for yourself."

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