

## Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas with Holiday Ideas Like These

### New Toy "System" Encourages Creative Play

Intelligent parents know the importance of proper selection of toys, games and playthings for children. Children learn a great deal about the world through play, and properly chosen toys and games can stretch the imagination, teach social skills such as sharing and turn-taking, and encourage children to be "doers" rather than "sitters".

One of the best examples of a toy that challenges the imagination is the Playmobil System, a whole world of "little people" that has enjoyed immense popularity in Europe and is rapidly making new friends on this side of the Atlantic. The handsomely designed series offers separate sets of Knights, Cowboys, Indians and Construction Workers, each equipped with a variety of props and accessories. The miniature figures are constructed to sit, stand, hold things, ride horses, and adapt to any situation the imaginative child can create.

A "starter set" is available for each of the Playmobil Series, and each group of characters can be added to for hours of play value. The strong visual appeal of the figures tends to entrance parents and children alike.

Parents can begin their children with any of four starter sets, basic building blocks for the system, which are available for each series and contain enough figures and accessories for hours of happy play. As the children expand the scope of their activities, additional sets of "add-on" accessories and figures are available to provide limitless opportunities for new play situations.

### For Those Inevitable Hard-to-Wrap Gifts

In every group of presents, there's always at least one item of such an irregular shape that it's impossible to wrap it neatly. For these problem gifts, try making a paper sack from bright red paper, using a plain grocery bag as your pattern. Apply a design cut out from left-over gift wrapping paper for colorful decoration.

Here's another tip for yet another holiday headache: trying to wrap that gift bottle.

A clever way to handle this problem is by turning your gift into a clown with bright, gummed-back paper. Draw the clown's face on the neck of the bottle and tie it with a big bow. Make paper into a cone shape for the clown's hat, finishing it off with ball fringe. The fringe can also serve as his nose and for the buttons on his "suit".



**SOME STOCKING STUFFER** — A great Christmas gift idea for the kitchen-centered family is this 23.5-cubic-foot "Custom Ice Dispenser" refrigerator-freezer from General Electric. It may not fit down the chimney, but it will fit in a space just 36 inches wide.

### Good Things Also Come in Big Packages!

In spite of the old saying, "good things come in small packages," good things also come in large packages.

For example, one good thing for almost any family this Christmas would be a refrigerator. Another good thing would be a freezer. Still a third would be an automatic icemaker.

Well, you can put all three of them together into a single, super family gift called an ice dispenser refrigerator from General Electric. Actually, GE offers a "family" of ice-dispensing refrigerators, two popular side-by-sides and a top-freezer model.

The largest side-by-side provides a huge 8.58-cubic-foot freezer space and 14.93-cubic-feet for storing fresh foods. Yet it fits in a space just 36 inches wide.

Not only will it freeze

and refrigerate an enormous quantity of food, it also will store up to 10 pounds of ice (about 260 cubes) and will dispense them into your glass either as cubes, or crushed ice without making you open the freezer door. It even provides chilled water at the touch of a glass.

Inside, it features adjustable cantilevered shelves

of tempered glass which aid clean-up and help prevent drip-through when spills occur, as well as generous see-through vegetable and meat bins and adjustable door-mounted Porta-Bins.

A power saver switch can help reduce power consumption and cost of operation.

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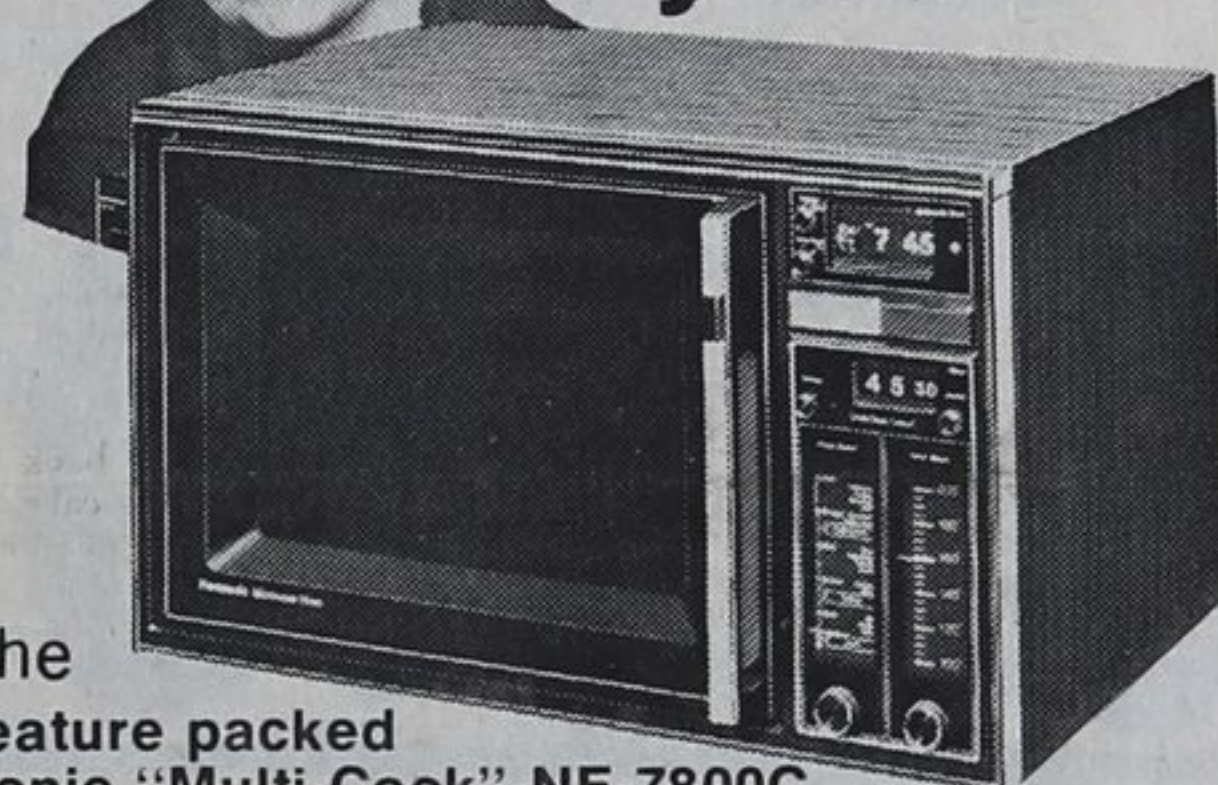
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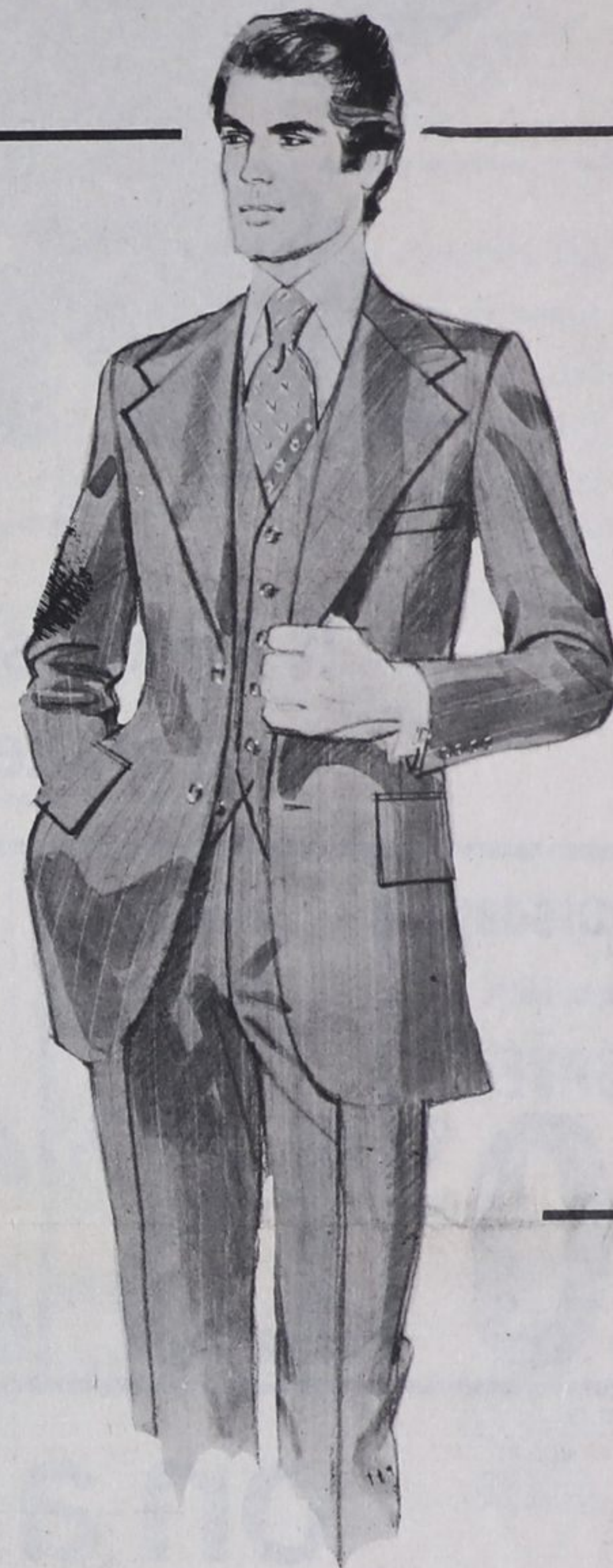
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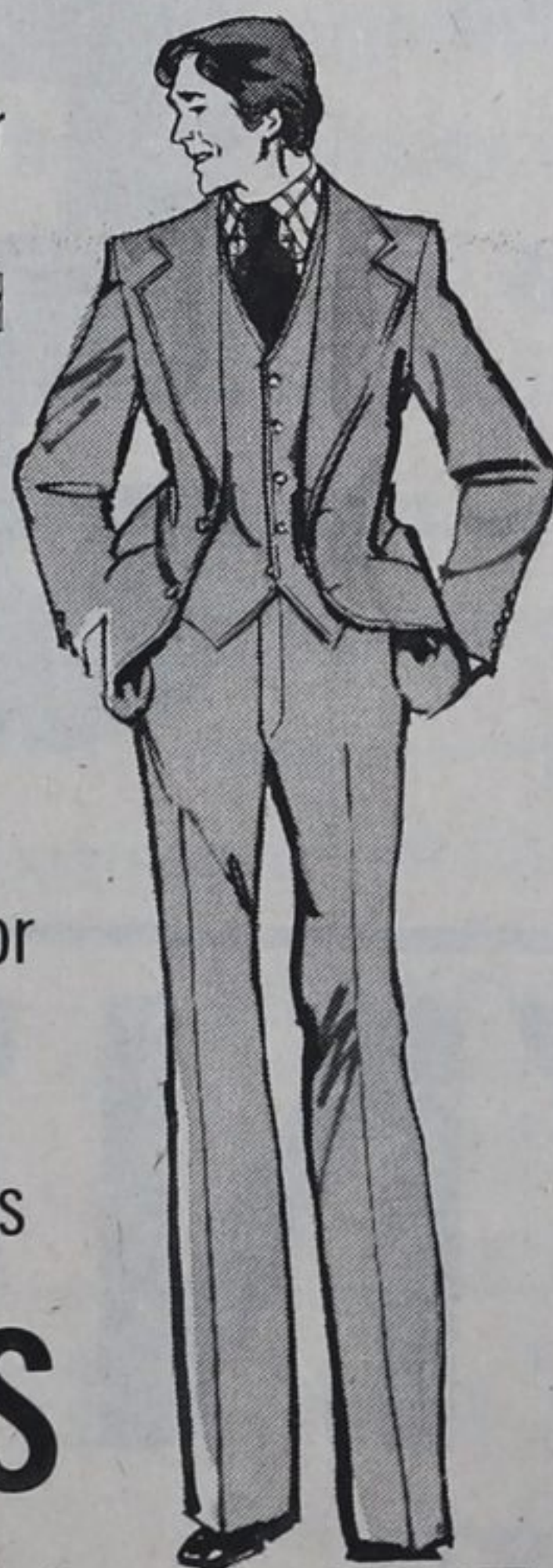
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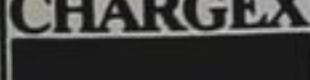
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