

Christmas Gifts...

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A USEFUL gift is a pleasant thing; but if it combines both usefulness and beauty, then it becomes altogether a delight, both to giver and recipient.

Even the wisest are perplexed when the Christmas season approaches, to decide not merely how much they shall spend, but in what manner they shall spend it.

Gentlemen are unable to decide upon suitable gifts for their lady friends; and ladies are almost equally puzzled concerning the needs and likings of the opposite sex.

Therefore, to make suggestions of pretty, serviceable gifts for both, is to confer a boon upon busy people at this season of the year.

One of the prettiest novelties we have in stock are decorated glass table bells, with silver tongues and handles. The tone produced is mellow, sweet and clear as that of musical glasses. These bells are the very newest things, and are in vogue in the best homes.

In cut glass we show a rich variety of dainty wares. Among the choicest are perfume bottles of many sizes and shapes. The latest have flat perforated tops of sterling filigree silver. These may be had from \$3.50 up.

We show also a choice selection of crystal vinaigrettes of the latest shape; about nine inches long and tapering to a point at the base, with silver chased top. Smaller ones are of facet cut glass. Ladies must handle these in order to realize the convenience of this tapering design. They range from \$1 up.

Our toilet glasses and scent bottles are unusually beautiful, in cut glass and filigree silver. The latest shapes are in curving lines, square shapes having gone largely out. One especially pretty design in scent bottles is of cut glass with drape of filigree silver falling from the neck like a lady's cloak.

Silver topped cut glass salts and peppers, inkstands and mucilage pots make pretty little gifts, and these we have in variety from \$2 up.

In sterling silver we show the newest bonbonnières, which are flatter and broader than those of last season—to carry in the pocket if desired. They are designed in embossed silver, and range from \$3.

A pretty novelty is a velvet pin cushion framed in filigree silver. The top lifts on hinges and reveals a cunning trinket box.

A silver puff makes an especially suitable gift for a lady's toilet table.

We have also the prettiest and newest design in butter dishes. One of Crown Derby china in silver stand is much admired. It is small, as is the latest fashion in this dish, and not ornate, but its simplicity stamps its merit and value.

The newest in tea sets is the George design. It is similar to the Queen Anne, but of square effect. We show a charming George set in sterling silver, also a dainty Queen Anne set. Side by side they make a pretty Darby and Joan suggestion.

Silver cream and sugar sets, embossed and plain, and silver salt sets, gold lined, in cases, make charming gifts for ladies, and we have a dainty stock of these in the latest English designs.

Less costly, but equally good, are our vaseline boxes, trinket trays, flowers glasses, in silver filigree stands, and a variety of such pretty articles, all in sterling silver and suitable for gifts.

Among the more useful articles, clothes and toilet brushes are always appropriate for gifts. The latest fashion in these goods is the camel's-hair brush with silver back in new French finish.

This finish has the effect of oxidized silver with the dark shades brushed off, leaving a soft pearl grey tint. We show also bonnet dusters with silver satin finished handles. These are always acceptable gifts. They range in price from \$4 up.

In hair brushes we have a variety in sterling silver, as well as ivory back and ebony brushes.

Combs are more elaborate this year, tortoise-shell combs with silver mounts being the latest style.

Now that fancy combs are in vogue again for ladies' coiffures, one of our pretty back combs, silver or gold mounted, would be an acceptable gift. We have also a variety of fancy side combs.

While among brushes, to suggest one of our silver-handled shaving brushes as a gift for a gentleman will not come amiss.

Manicure sets are always acceptable. We have them in sterling silver, in cases containing from six to sixteen pieces. We have also the individual pieces for separate sale. Among other sets we have dainty pocket cases containing small silver mounted scissors and silver thimble, a pretty gift for a lady. Small and larger library sets also containing letter seal, paper knife, stamp box, silver pen, and other useful articles in silver. These may be had from \$3 up.

A gift that is really a boon is a good umbrella, and we show a variety of the finest quality and marvelous lightness, with frames and stem of tempered steel, and onyx, tortoise and silver-mounted handles. One of these would make a charming gift for either gentleman or lady.

In walking canes the Congo oak with crook is the most fashionable.

Coming to table furnishing, we show an endless variety in forks and spoons, the very latest devices: Butter pick, pickle fork with spring, olive fork and spoon combined, horse radish spoon, strawberry fork, sardine fork, lobster fork and cold meat forks of various designs.

Among the spoons are sugar scoop, sugar sifter, orange spoon, berry and fruit spoons. We have also pretty novelties in the shape of fried oyster server, child's food pusher, nutmeg grater, and brandy burner. All of these are individual sterling silver pieces, any one of which comes within reach of a modest purse, and would form a pretty gift.

We have also a pretty range of fancy clocks for bedrooms—in brass, tortoise-shell and silver, very daintily figured and embossed.

In jewels we carry our usually fine stock, augmented by some importations for the holiday season. Our diamond devices are exceptionally fine. Opals are still to the fore among the gems. One of the loveliest things we have shown for some time is a diamond aigrette, the design being crescent and star, with curving diamond spray opening from the latter; and a miniature white osprey crowning and offsetting the gems. This device may be taken apart; and forms either two exquisite bracelets, or brooch, hairpin and pendant.

Another beautiful design is a splendid diamond sun-burst, which may be used as hair ornament or brooch.

For those fond of opals, we show a magnificent opal, large as a robin's egg, set in diamond points. The color effect is superb.

We show the newest devices in diamond necklaces and pendants, and have in stock some fine emeralds.

Our things are in the newest designs.

In trinket gifts, ranging at low prices, we have a pretty variety of sterling silver: Key tags, coat hangers, umbrella clasps, stamp boxes, court plaster cases, hat markers, tape measures, silver clasp garters, muff holders, Bible and prayer book markers with silver pendants, belt and fancy hat pins, Trilby hearts, silver fern pots. Any of these are commensurate in cost with the most modest purse, and make charming gifts for friends of any degree of intimacy.

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