

No Strings Attached

Mr. Murchie of Murchie's (a conservative) says one's palate changes three times a day; others say seven. For each, you need a different kind of tea. Not to worry. Murchie's has 50 teas, each splendid in its own way.

Russian caravan is smoky and rich; Number 10 blends black and green. Spider Legs is one we've been too scared to try, but Darjeeling is, as anticipated, the prince of teas. Keemon, free of caffeine and tannic acid, is just the thing for the insomniac. These and nineteen other one-ounce packets (each containing a dozen tea bags) can be sent to you in an elegant, gold Queen's Box. They are the selection Murchie's made for Queen Elizabeth II when she visited Vancouver in 1971. (Her favourite is Keemon.)

Mr. Murchie also will give you, at the drop of a teaspoon, precise instructions on how to make a good cup of tea: Use a warm pot and a tea bag, without a string, or a tea infuser. Remove the tea leaves within three to four minutes. Otherwise the tannic acid will take over the taste. Colour is usually



a poor guide to a proper cup, for it is the acid that colours tea, and the most exquisite teas are often pale.

The 1½-pound Queen's Box costs \$11.95 if the teas are loose and \$12.95 if they are bagged, plus \$3.35 for postage and handling. Better still, you can get a brochure listing the prices of all the teas, as well as 3 infusers, 16 coffees and more than 70 spices. Do not expect to find herb teas. Herb teas, Mr. Murchie says, authoritatively, are not teas at all.

Murchie's, which operates six stores in British Columbia, is the biggest mail-order tea merchant in the world, and it accounted for a small, but elegant, fraction of the tea, worth \$2.8 million, that the US imported from Canada last year. Its share is expected to increase when its new one-cup, penny tea bag hits the wholesale export market. A favourite of pensioners for ten years, these bags of orange pekoe are packaged 240 to the pound. The address is Murchie's Tea and Coffee, Ltd., 560 Cambie St., Vancouver, British Columbia, V6B 2N7.

Rafael

Rafael makes fine jewelry. Since he immigrated to Canada in 1970, he has created a worldwide, million dollar business and has 50 artisans executing his 1,000 designs. Some Rafael pieces sell for \$1, some for \$10,000. Most sell for \$30 to \$50. All have certain characteristics: they are bold and avant-garde, and they attract the self-assured. They are wrought of brass, copper, silver or gold and inset with polished glass or semi-precious stones, such as agate, jade, onyx and tiger-eye.

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