

This year Santa's lavish cargo will travel first class all year long

It looks like Santa's reindeer will be getting quite a workout next year, with some very lavish cargo riding in the sleigh's first class section.

Wright Kay Jewellers' 1977-78 Christmas catalog, whose theme is "Something Beautiful For All Seasons," focuses on a four-part gift destined to put the year-round fruit basket people to shame. Customers who are willing to pay the price, a mere \$165,000, may arrange for the delivery of a superbly designed ring to coincide with the first day of each season for one year beginning Dec. 21.

Weather experts say this winter will be typified by blasts of cold air and bone-chilling below zero temperatures, but they never mentioned the ice. The first gift is a solitaire diamond set in platinum, capable of warming even the coldest December day without adding to the energy shortage.



The second portion of the package should arrive around March 21, just in time to turn the gray skies blue. The azure dazler in this case is a cushion-shaped sapphire surrounded by a copious halo of baguette diamonds. The stone is set in platinum, of course.

Gift number three blends with the greenery of summer. Nature's most vividly verdant hue will be presented in the form of a 5 carat emerald, landscaped by a bed of brilliant-cut and marquise diamonds that look like they grew that way.

If those three installments haven't won her over, the last one should light

her fire. Next fall's harvest, the final gift, promises a glowing-red ruby spiked by a collar of obeseant baguette diamonds.

Turning the pages of the catalog, all the gift items could be termed eye-catchers. There's not a pub in England, for instance, that can top the dartboard on page 5. Even if Queen Elizabeth should drop by for a quick game, it's doubtful she would volunteer the likes of \$8 to \$15,000 diamond, sapphire, emerald and ruby rings for target practice.

The catalog also contains a mock-up of what a birdhouse might look like in,

say, the Vanderbilts' back yard. There are enough diamonds under those eaves to persuade even the most sun-loving oriole not to fly south for the winter.

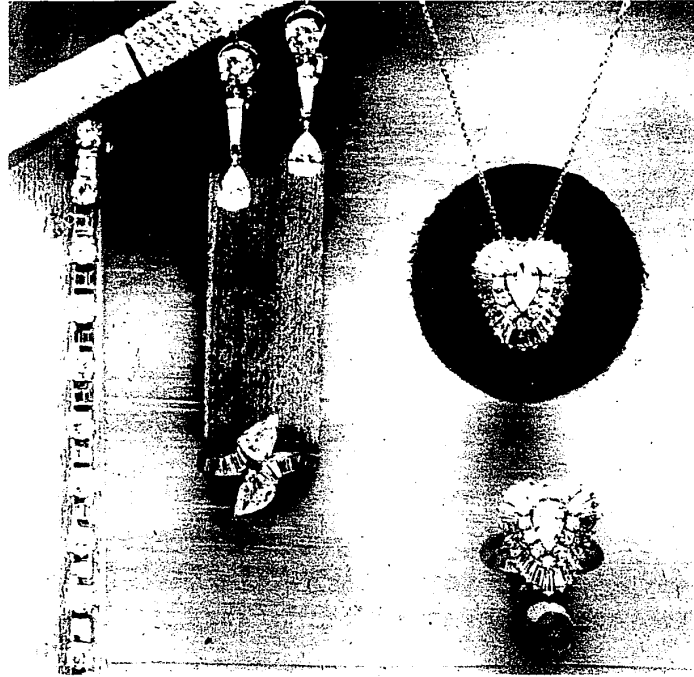
There's even a setting that Vitamin C proponent Dr. Linus Pauling surely would approve. Within the melange of lime and orange slices are nestled riches of another sort: gold coins encircled by diamonds and fashioned into some highly flammable capital assets.

Memorable Christmas gifts need not be expensive, though, as one will notice flipping through the catalog. Many pages are brimming with ideas that rest easily on the pocketbook, such as cloisonne hand mirror, \$13, hammered pewter candlesticks, \$25 the pair; and a sterling vermeil Roman head pendant for \$10.



Winter's gift is a \$45,000 brilliant cut diamond solitaire which will arrive in the first-class section of Santa's sleigh.

Autumn's gift is a \$41,250 ruby collared with baguette diamonds. Collection may be purchased together or separately.



A bird house the Vanderbilts might envy includes diamond and platinum bracelet, earrings, a pair of rings and a pendant which also is a ring. There are enough diamonds under those eaves to persuade even the most sun-loving oriole not to fly south for the winter. Total price, excluding the bird house, is \$18,575.

Art taught at O.T.I.

For the first time, under the Community Assistance Program of the Michigan Council for the Arts, a mini-grant has been given to a school for trainable mentally impaired young adults.

Carl Angevine has been designated as an artist-in-residence to Oakland Training Institute, a unit of Lamphers Schools.

Angevine, winner of many art awards joined the staff of Oakland Training Institute teaching two days a week.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this experience can lead to new avenues of self-esteem for our students and to new dimensions in their ways of life," William Bryden, Director of O.T.I., said.

She'll know it's spring when \$23,500 sapphire surrounded by baguette diamonds arrives as second installment of year-long gift.

Arriving just in time for summer entertaining—a \$85,250 emerald surrounded by marquise and brilliant-cut diamonds.



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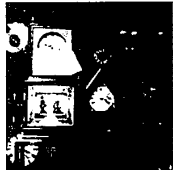
Where It's At

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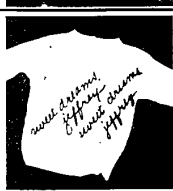
Deck the halls
Here's a super way to decorate your halls with boughs of holly as well as many other things. Pat Bentley of Fruitful Endeavors is having a sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14 and 15, of all the Christmas decorations she creates. Some of the items you'll find are 18th century Williamsburg-style arrangements constructed of permanent fruits and greens plus dried materials such as wheat, baby's breath and statice; swags and wreaths; whimsical arrangements such as a wooden train or wicker chair loaded with a Santa doll and miniature toys.



Plenty of time
If you like watches and clocks, you're going to love The Time Shop. For one thing, there are over 600 clocks in stock including grandfather, ship's bell, chiming, cuckoo, striking, cordless, electric, travel alarm, and children's styles. There are also oodles of wrist and pocket watches. The unique shop also specializes in clock and watch repair. In fact, owner Sean Monk, a certified master watchmaker, plus well-known author and lecturer on timepieces, employs a crew of five watch repairmen and two watchmakers.



As you like it
What's in a name? Plenty, when you take the Christmas gifts you've already purchased to Bee Boutique to be personalized. Just about any smooth-surfaced item, from umbrellas, hankies, table linens, bed linens, scarves, T-shirts, canvas bags, baby clothes or what have you can be handpainted (with permanent paint) with initials, names, sayings or symbols in the colors and design of your choice. The price ranges from \$2 to \$8, orders take 10 days and it's a sure way to make your gifts something special.



Measure for measure
If someone you know is mechanical, mathematical or just plain good at do-it-yourself projects, here's a gift idea that should go the distance. It's a deluxe tape-measure (\$15) that's pleasant to look at and a pleasure to use. Covered in your choice of black or red leather, the small chromium-plated metal box contains a triple meter locking tape measure with direct reading of inside measure. It also includes a level and a compass that allows you to draw accurate circles of any size.



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A 1 1/2" Jack-in-the-Box pendant popping up on 17" necklace
B One so blue, one so sunny two hearts held on 14" necklace
Polka-dot pair-ups C 2 1/4" bow on hair comb D 1 1/2" long "ribbon" tied on a 20" necklace
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