

Money's no object?

If money's no object when you go to buy holiday gifts, then here's a little help to please the object of your affections.

If you'd have a hard time mustering even a down payment on some of these gifts, they're at least fun to think about.

For a \$5,000 or \$10,000 check or money order, you can unearth a number of gifts meant to please a variety of tastes.

For example, if its the quiet, contemplative type you're trying to suit, Stalker and Boos in Birmingham has an item to liven your friend's reveries.

For \$5,500 you can pick up a colored etching by Renoir which was exhibited in 1972 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. The etching is a portrait of Renoir's wife and son and is from the collection of Kurt Michel.

"It's not only a great Christmas

present," comments Frank Boos. "It's a great investment."

For the traditionalist on your gift list, you can always try a Rolls Royce. It's hard to go wrong with this one.

Don't worry about a lot of special ordering. Standard equipment on the Rolls includes lambs wool carpeting, specially selected wood trim and English leather upholstery.

"Only one in 500 hides makes it," said George Gilligan, general manager of Falvey Motors of Troy, about the leather seats. "The rest become very nice hand bags."

Customizing a Rolls Royce interior for your loved one isn't possible in the U.S. since federal safety standards took affect in 1968.

"There are no more picnic tables with cut crystal or built in

liquor cabinets," Gilligan said.

But there are touches which make up for it.

With the push of a button behind the wheel, the gas cap is automatically released (helps avoid finger prints). An eight-track quadraphonic stereo is standard equipment.

This gift, excluding any wrapping and bows, is available from \$40,000 to \$90,000.

If you really can't stand the thought of putting a friend or relative behind the wheel of a car in all the holiday traffic, why not send them away from it all.

For less than \$1,000, you can send your favorite couple on their way to seven nights in Tahiti. There'll be a flower lei greeting when they land and a cocktail party waiting at the hotel.

For a bit more, Bloomfield Travel Service in Bloomfield Hills says

you can toss in side trips to Circle Island (including lunch), a glass bottom boat tour, and an overnight stay in Bora Bora.

As a Christmas stocking stuffer, surprise the couple with a "travel pepper mill" to get them off to a good start. Abercrombie & Fitch at Somerset Mall in Troy has this \$15.75 trinket.

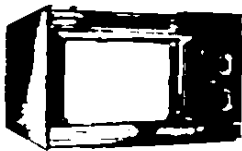
Explains manager Tom Giszewski, "If you get a salad on the airplane, you can reach in your pocket and pull out your pepper mill."

Closer to home, you can rent the penthouse of the Somerset Inn, Troy, for a weekend at \$325. That includes meals, but champagne is extra. Don't try to book Christmas at a score. New Year's they're already spoken for.

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