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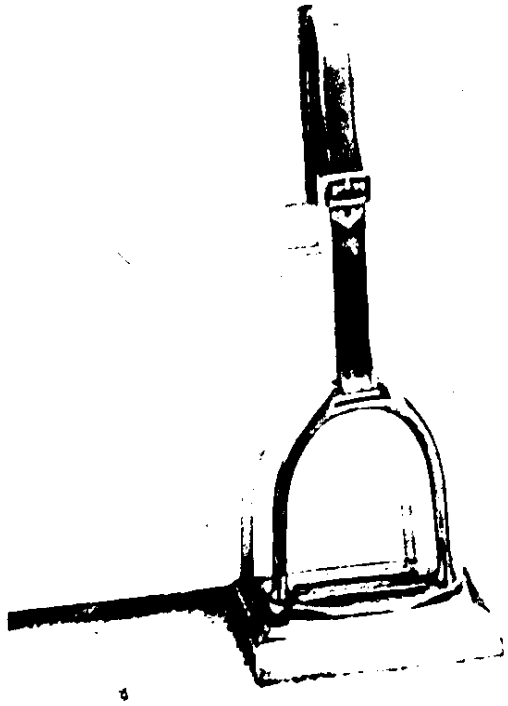

An antique brass stirrup door stop may not fit into the decor of your thoroughly modern home. What to do with such a gift?

Dust-catchers adorn basements

Everyone has anxiously run to the tree Christmas morning eager to unwrap a fantastic array of "just-what-I-wanted" gifts, only to find a third pair of green slippers, a fourth electric can opener or an acrylic magazine rack for an otherwise rustic home.

While your heart sinks, your muscles tighten as you try to keep that "oh, how lovely" expression on your face.

But after the tinsel is returned to the attic, just what are you expected to do with those gifts you really have no use for?

According to Emily Post's Etiquette, "One type of gift to avoid is the dust-catching ornament."

Few persons intentionally select gifts to further adorn the recipient's attic or basement. But the gift-giver is not always in a position to know exactly what the recipient needs, wants or treasure.

Relatives who have never met Nephew John's new wife feel obliged to send a Christmas gift even though they haven't the foggiest notion of her tastes or needs.

Some [illegible] exchanging [illegible] Gay Talese with persons they envision as the president of Fuller & Smith & Ross, the president of Firm Y.

[illegible] Talese expressed that every gift [illegible] pleasure [illegible] recipient.

It is also expected that most thoughtful gift-givers would prefer you exchange the gift for something you will actually use and enjoy rather than storing it in mothballs along with the letter sweaters and bronzed baby shoes.

If the gift is returnable and you know the store from which it came, or if another store agrees to a swap, make an exchange.

The important thing to remember, however, is not to be deceptive. If the person who gave the gift is a good friend or relative who sees or visits you often and is likely to ask "Why don't you ever wear those green slippers?" be frank. Explain, preferably ahead of time, that you have similar ones and would like to exchange the gift for a new robe that you really need.

What gift-giver would not be pleased knowing you now have something you really need, want and enjoy?

The only exception, however, is in dealing with overly sensitive persons. For instance, Aunt Ginny simply would not understand why you don't adorn the gold lamé cigarette box even though you don't smoke.

In such instances, make room for the item and be sure to display it whenever she visits.

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