

Dolls Smarter Than Humans? Christmas Crop Has Rare Talents



Almost human
pats its hands when

TINTAIR DOLL... Comes with
special wig and set of hair-dye
equipment.

SCHIAPARELLI DOLL...
Dressed in height of Parisian
couturier fashion.

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ents of the doll population of the U.S.A. are reaching heights that it begins to seem as if they may be smarter than people.

line-up for Christmas, 1951, are dolls who talk, speak Spanish and French, eat, breathe and get their hair dyed. It's so frightful Santa himself, being responsible for these highly active doll people, who he knows may even have complexed and about reindeer and chimneys.

is, for instance, the "Magic Muscle" doll, who gracefully when her arms are held by Walker," who also moves her arms by her eyes. Norma, the electronic doll, who prays and talks in three languages when on her tummy is pressed.

For the delight of young beauticians, there's a glamor girl doll with a specially treated wig who comes equipped with a hair-tinting set. There also is Sweet Sue, the chignon doll, who carries her chignon in a plastic hatbox and can have an endless number of hairdos.

Baby dolls now cry real tears, eat, burp and have a "real" scalp with hair that may be brushed and shampooed. One bright baby pats her hands when squeezed.

High fashion is represented by a modish doll dressed in costumes designed by Schiaparelli, and there are other dolls in Wild West regalia, as well as brother-and-sister dolls in matching outfits.

CRYING DOLL... Tiny Tears weeps big wet tears, burps, wets and goes to sleep.

SONNY BOY... Sturdy lifelike boy doll with he-man wardrobe, for boys or girls.



Don't Starve Grass

Where there are trees on lawns, Scotts Lawn Research experts have noted that the grass is starved through theft of nourishment by near-surface roots. This can be avoided, the experts say, if double rates of fertilizer are applied in areas under trees out as far as the tips of the longest branches.

Americana

Even the great American writer, Nathaniel Hawthorne, failed to burn up the world with his first literary efforts. The Book House for Children relates that he reached so little money from early magazine articles, he was forced to take a job as a weigher in the customs house at Boston and later to work as a farm hand.

Marines Give Hint To Cooks

WITH THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION IN KOREA (AP) — Staff Sgt. Roy L. Watson, Jr., a battalion mess sergeant from Denison, Tex., has a hint for the housewife who can't rouse her family for breakfast.

Just have a battery of Marine rockets fire at daybreak.

Leathernecks who have stood a fighting vigil all night usually would rather sleep than attend breakfast. But when Sgt. Watson learned the rockets were going to fire on a Communist-held hill at daybreak he had the foresight to scramble a full ration of eggs. Five minutes after the last roar Sgt. Watson had the chow-line going. A full complement of wide-awake Marines were there, all hungry, too.

YOU'RE TELLING ME!

By WILLIAM RITT
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DUELING, according to a news dispatch, is being revived at many German universities. There's one college sport, we'll all agree, that's been overemphasized.

Our guess is the younger set won't completely desert the neighborhood movie until TV comes tough with a good substitute for popcorn.

Safety authorities say Rhode Island leads in fewer people hit by lightning. Maybe it's just a coincidence that it also is the smallest state.

Traffic on the canals of Venice are now regulated by traffic cops.

Probably only place in the world where a speeder gets the barked command: "Pull over to the pier."

Grandpappy Jenkins says he don't mind fish going on a two-week diet—but why must it always coincide with his vacation?

Science item tells of the discovery of a new tasteless red berry. Seems hardly worth the trouble.

At last we know what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object. That runaway Czechoslovakian train got through the Iron Curtain, didn't it?

Nurses Want To Get Married Soon

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If the study recently made at the University of California is any criterion, about two-thirds of our student nurses want to get married five years after graduation and raise at least three children.

The study of 126 student nurses made by Mrs. Alice Ingmire, assistant professor of nursing, indicated the girls in white like their career, have enough dates, believe in the Bible and have no religious or racial prejudice.

The average student nurse is between 20 and 23, comes from a middle-class family, has an allowance of about \$25 a month and picks up pin money by baby-sitting.

The giant African land snail's shell is cone-shaped and sometimes six inches long.



"Well, I might remember what I lost if you tell me what's been found."

A giant African land snail can eat a whole head of lettuce in a night.



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