

She's Dreaming Now Of a Fur Christmas

Santa may make his entrance on Christmas Eve kerplunk down the chimney or trekking snowy footprints across the front lawn — but however he chooses to arrive, he's sure to be a dream come true to his fair lady if he surprises her with a gift of fur.

College girl, career girl, grandmother or homemaker — she'll love a fur fashion for cherishing the memory of Christmas and all its special joys — whether she's adding to an already-begun fur wardrobe or starting out with her very first fur.

The choice is up to Santa, and indeed there is a wide array of fur fashions to consider every taste and budget.

The young, spirited styling of this season's furs makes them ideal companions for coats, suits, dresses and costume looks. Little fur accessories in the Yule limelight might include fur collars, scarves, muffs and hats, as well as the important little capes, stoles and jackets.

And what Santa could resist the luxury of a full length

fur coat to complement his leading lady.

Of course, budget-stricken Santas may note that most stores have easy credit plans that begin after Christmas.

Pelts used this season range from the classic favorites such as mink, broadtail, fox and Persian lamb to fun furs such as dyed rabbit or spotted calf.

Many of these Yule designs are interpreted in fresh colors and combinations of two or more furs.

Santa may be wise to be careful about choosing that fur gift to make sure that his lady is surprised but never disappointed. The fur of her dreams might not be quite what he had in mind!

Perhaps he could listen carefully for hints or even drop a few hints of his own.

He might let the lady choose for herself with a gift certificate to a furrier or fur department — perhaps with a sketch of a suggested style included.

They're Cooking For Christmas

For historians, children's current enthusiasm for cooking and other types of home-making toys may provide an encouraging note of contrast to the growth of violence documented by the sociologists.

For Easy-Bake-Oven enthusiasts, the latest fun project is baking Kookie cakes, Fortune cookies and Kookie fudge. Although colors are weird and shapes unconventionally mod, the flavor of these oddities is appealing.

For slightly older junior cooks, Betty Crocker has a scaled-down variety of mixes for cakes, cookies and biscuits that are designed for baking in Mom's oven without supervision. The range of delicacies is sufficient to present at a church fair.

Courting brother-sister cooperation on the culinary front is a new Burger and Shake set. Chocolate malteds are produced efficiently, while the hamburgers or franks sizzle on the grill which is powered by an electric light bulb.

Cinching Christmas

Belts, once more in the fashion news, make gifts that help a woman cinch her best-dressed status.

Wide belts come in supple suede or smooth leather, while narrower ones sport nailheads, bows, coins and other brass trim.

Hip belts may be braided leather and chain, brass rings and leather cutouts or simple buckled types.

Santa Says, "Shop Early, Shop with Ease"

March of Dimes Gives 'Total Care' To Help Child Walk, Talk and Learn

John C. Burr of suburban Cleveland, Ohio, was understandably rattled that day five years ago when his wife, Caroline, announced, 2½ months before their first child was due, "Honey, I'm ready."

Like most men, the 29-year-old chemist had never delivered a baby. But there wasn't time to get to the hospital in St. Paul, Minn., where they were then living, so he phoned the police for help.

He also phoned the obstetrician who offered some well-chosen words of instruction just in time for John to deliver the baby, who arrived in a breech position.

For a beginner, John did an admirable job. The three-and-one-half pound baby girl, who was born with the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck, was rushed to the hospital where doctors kept her alive with the help of blood transfusions and supplemental oxygen.

Ten weeks passed before John and Caroline were able to take little Elizabeth home. For about a year, everything seemed just fine.

But the young couple began to notice that their daughter was not moving or talking like other one-year-olds. They later learned that Elizabeth had been born with a crippling birth defect.

No one knows what caused it, but the pretty, intelligent little blonde has no control over her leg muscles and has serious speech difficulties.

"Although physical therapy was prescribed for Elizabeth at 18 months," says Mrs. Burr, "it was not until she was three years old, when we moved to Cleveland, that her condition was properly diagnosed and she began to receive the kind of total care she needs."

Elizabeth was taken to the March of Dimes-financed Birth Defects Center at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital. There a team of medical experts began a continuing program of physical and occupa-



THUMBS UP. Pronouncing familiar words is not as easy as "A,B,C" for Elizabeth Burr, 5, born with a speech defect. Here the youngster gets help from speech pathologist Vicki Perkle at March of Dimes Birth Defects Center, Cleveland, Ohio, Metropolitan General Hospital.

tional therapy, fitted the little girl with leg braces and began a program to correct her speech difficulties.

Elizabeth visits the hospital three mornings a week. There she is learning to sit straight, pronounce words properly and walk. As they do with other patients, the doctors observe Elizabeth's ability to learn and try to determine how she can best be educated.

"Many patients may have a great deal more potential for learning and achievement than is generally recognized," says Dr. Irwin A. Schafer, director of the Birth Defects Center. "If assessment is inadequate, these children could be functionally handicapped all their lives and become a burden on the community."

"In our comprehensive care program, these children can be adequately assessed. Our staff can look at these children neurologically, medically and psychologically over extended periods of time and recommend the kind of educational programs they will need."

Elizabeth, whose IQ is cer-

tainly high enough for her to benefit from a formal education, is now attending nursery school and will be enrolled next year in a school for the handicapped.

The total treatment and education of Elizabeth Burr is not confined to the hospital and school. With the help of her mother, the little girl exercises at home on swings and in the sand box.

"Elizabeth is the perfect mother to her dolls," Mrs. Burr points out. Although she cannot walk without help, she is able to crawl between her toy stove and a little table to feed her dolls imaginary tea and crackers.

The Burrs have a son, Michael, 3, who is normal and healthy. There is just one problem, though. While Mrs. Burr is teaching Elizabeth to read and pronounce, she must also help Michael, who has picked up some poor speech habits from his older sister. The Burr children can understand each other, but they need help if others are to understand them.

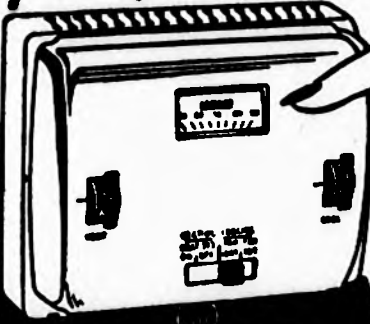
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