



Dolls, Dolls, Dolls! Each Has Story To Tell

"It's fun to get a doll for Christmas."

This statement comes from a real authority, who is a former Marine, a world traveler and international airline executive — and who is also a man who has more dolls than almost anybody except Santa Claus!

Collector Samuel F. Pryor is the founder of the International Doll Library in Greenwich, Conn., where more than 8,000 dolls are gathered in fabulous variety.

Begun in 1953 when he inherited 300 dolls from a friend, the still-growing collection includes hundreds of dolls searched out by Mr. Pryor himself, and it has also been augmented by gifts from some of the thousands of visitors to the Doll Library — hence Mr. Pryor's personal knowledge that a doll under the Christmas tree is truly a source of delight.

The Doll Library, so named because every doll has a story to tell, is attractively housed in a 1792 barn, remodeled to provide appropriate settings for the dolls. Visits to the Doll Library are by appointment only.

DOLLS AND CHRISTMAS GO TOGETHER— and this doll with her golden curls and golden harp seems to symbolize the happiness of the season. She's one of more than 8,000 dolls in the Samuel F. Pryor International Doll Library*, Greenwich, Conn.
*The Doll Library may be visited by appointment only.

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Here, there are antique dolls, historic dolls, craft dolls, religious dolls, dolls of every land and every era. The dolls indeed have much to tell to the serious student of world history and world civilization.

But to Mr. Pryor, the important thing about the dolls is that they are objects of affection — cherished by little girls waiting for Santa, and by everyone who loves dolls, to play with and admire.

Along with their legacy of love the dolls bring a record of mankind's ingenuity.

Among the antique dolls in Mr. Pryor's collection is a 19th-century beauty who turns her head, flutters her eyelids, heaves her bosom and plays a lyre, to the tune of a hidden

Many other dolls in the Pryor collection make it plain that mechanical accomplishments are by no means limited to the dolls of today. For instance, a group of early American dolls includes the "Auto-peripatetikos" — a walking doll patented in 1862.

Another kind of ingenuity is manifest in the craft dolls, lovingly fashioned by thoughtful hands from virtually any and every convenient material — pen wipers, shells, newspapers, wishbones, sponges, corn cobs, pine cones, pipecleaners, clay pipes, even an old potato masher.

Among them are "Mr. and Mrs. Crab," dolls with faces made from crab claws. These do-it-yourself dolls were featured in "Godey's Lady's Book" for May 1867, with illustrations of Mr. and Mrs. Crab and "how to" instructions.

Among the Library's little inhabitants, dolls of other lands form a miniature United Nations. A turbaned Brazilian dancer, a Spanish matador with cape and sword, a Japanese geisha, a Belgian lady, a German tourist, an Arabian desert prince, an Argentinian gaucho — the list is seemingly endless.

Differences may divide nations — but not in the Doll Library. Mr. Pryor's dolls get an opportunity to enact the holiday spirit of peace and good will, all year. As a pastime, he likes to bring dolls of many nations together in friendly groups.

An enterprising designer has built a paper house that can be used as a beach house in the summer, ski chalet in winter and then can be collapsed for storage in the garage or cellar. It weighs 120 pounds, is fire-proof and will last at least five years, notes the American Paper Institute. Cost? About \$600.

When you think of prescriptions, think of VARNER'S. adv.

Little Items of Lively Interest About Folks and

Flower GARDENING

By Mrs. A. H. Harrington

Christmas preparations are as busy as can be. Shopping, wrapping, writing cards

And putting up the tree. Afterwards—

Comes the quiet time of Christmas With candles and with prayer, Christmas songs and stories told

So beautiful and rare. Yes, Christmas preparations are a real true heart's delight, As we celebrate the birth of Christ

Born on that Holy Night! —Larson

Gay shoppers with their packages, friendly smiles everywhere, lights glowing, sweet carols heard here and there, the excitement of children— yes, sweet Christmas time is with us again. But do pause and remember whose birth it is we celebrate at this lovely time in December.

Our Gardens are appreciated at this time of year. I'm sure a walk through the garden with the abundance of living material available, brilliant inspirations for holiday decorations will come thick and fast. Lavishness is not the criterion of beauty. A simple design tells the Christmas story as clearly as an ornament composition.

The universal significance of Christmas is symbolized by a Madonna and Child framed with material from the garden.

Christmas roses (Hellebores), a large pale green candle and lovely foliage, (Evergreens such as Pieris, Kalmia, etc.), backed with the stately Yucca leaves is striking.

The Conifers from the garden go beautifully with Christmas balls to carry out the color scheme.

The mention of Holly brings visions of red berries highlighting sprays of dark green, shiny leaves, imparting to door, mantle or table the aura of Christmas gaiety.

Strive for a theme, and a color scheme. But most of all— enjoy your decorations to the fullest!

If you do not grow Holly in your garden, or on your grounds now, plan to plant some holly in the spring. For holly means far more than the familiar holiday sprays, arrangements, etc. It means stately, dense evergreen trees, hedges of unequalled beauty and utility, low thick shrubs, deciduous trees and even golden ones. Leaf forms run the gamut from Christmas card spikes to smooth miniatures that are unbelievably dainty.

Make Notes of Hollies that you see at homes, in parks and public places. Visit nurseries and plan to plant not only hollies, but as many Evergreens as possible. "All the better to decorate with at Christmas."

Note: Please go around and look at all the beautifully decorated homes. It will be time well spent.

Include "The Christmas Home of the Elmo Crowe's" in Rosman. Elmo and June are inviting all their friends to call any night after 6:00. Do drop by and see all this Christmas artistry at the Crowe's. This will be one of your most enjoyable evenings. Believe me!

While we're enjoying Christmas decorations in Brevard and Transylvania county, former much beloved residents of our county, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, (now of Jacksonville, Florida), are enjoying glorious roses in full bloom in their

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Twist
 - Explosion
 - Scruple
 - The world
 - Incite
 - Drink of the gods
 - Latvian river
 - Well ventilated
 - Buddhist monk
 - Cords
 - Pub sign
 - Fire-side
 - Shoehoneans
 - Dabble in
 - Mama's companion
 - Ill will
 - Public notices
 - Canadian rowboats
 - Iridium: sym.
 - Autos
 - Japanese measure
 - Knot
 - Flemish painter
 - Coronet
 - West Point student
 - Inflamed areas of eyelids: var.
 - Boils slowly
- DOWN**
- Vegetable
 - Vicar's assistant
 - Tattered cloth
 - Sea: old Eng.
 - Author: Manchester: abbr.
 - Everages
 - Like Alencon or a mantilla
 - Skill
 - Place for horses
 - Pangs
 - Frightening dream
 - Species of pier
 - Grates
 - Girl's name
 - Principal Roman rooms
 - River in central Africa
 - Makes edging
 - Colors
 - Skillful
 - Long-billed shore bird
 - Lives



Answer:

- Ruby
- spinel
- Heal
- 24 hours
- Head covering
- Soft drink
- Costum: sym.

rose garden, exotic Camerrias and many other beautiful flowers. The rose garden is a "photographer's paradise"! All who knew the Murphy's, love and miss them, and send "Happy Holiday Greetings across the miles."

And to Everyone—a Merry Christmas!

So long, gardeners!

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends, relatives and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the illness and at the passing of our mother and grandmother.

We also acknowledge with sincere appreciation the beautiful flowers and cards received at this time.

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