

For a safer Christmas

By NORMAN H. STARK

Here's a formula that does double duty. You'd be well advised to make up this mix if only to keep your floor from being littered with fallen needles. But when you consider it retards fire, making it become a must—especially considering the small amount of time and effort it requires.

Dissolve one cup AMMONIUM SULPHATE, one-half cup BORIC ACID, two table-spoons HYDROGEN PEROXIDE (three per cent) in one gallon hot WATER.

The formula

You may have some of these ingredients in your medicine cabinet and garden supplies. If not, ask for them at your drug store.

Pine oil emulsion may be added for a long-lasting Christmas aroma. Transfer some to a spray bottle and spray it on the Christmas tree to create a fire-retarding effect. Then, fill the cup in the tree-stand with this solution and check every couple of days to make sure the cup is full. It's a good idea to make a fresh cut at the bottom of the trunk to insure that the tree can take in this life-preserving solution.

The cost of making your own Christmas tree fire retardant and needle preservative is approximately 54 cents per gallon. To determine your savings, compare the cost of your store-bought brand with your home-made product—you'll be surprised at how much you can save for so little effort.

NOTE: Material costs are based on the prices at retail outlets of national drug, grocery and hardware chains. These costs will vary, depending on the geographic area. If you wish to make up a larger quantity—and save even more—buy your materials at a chemical supply company—see the Yellow Pages.

(Like any product you make at home, you should store this one safely, label it—listing ingredients and noting any cautions—and keep it out of reach of children.)

Wings of Hope needs a new aircraft

A young Montreal pilot is back home from the jungles of the Amazon, seeking financial support for an organization which is helping developing peoples in South America through an emergency mini-airline and radio network.

Pilot Jean Valiquette has told his story to Governor-General Leger in person. He has also explained the work being accomplished by Wings of Hope.

At a brief ceremony at Rideau Hall Mr. Valiquette presented the governor-general with a compass symbolizing the aircraft he had to abandon in the Peruvian jungle last month.

Wings of Hope is trying to raise at least \$75,000 for a new aircraft. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) gives matching grants for those obtained in the private sector.

Noel Girard, president of Wings of Hope, said his organization maintains a radio network of 20 stations in the isolated villages of the Amazon basin. Its "airline" has consisted of two aircraft, one based in Satipo and the other in Iquitos. Now there is only one.

The villages can only be reached by boat. A plane links stations and villages within 10 minutes while a boat may take 10 to 20 days to reach a destination.

It is said that a one-minute flight equals a day's walk in the jungle, Mr. Girard explained.

Wings of Hope is a non-denominational, non-profit agency. It is led by volunteer business persons who manage, organize and raise funds for its operations. The pilots receive a minimum pay for their service. Pierre Pelletier has more information at 514-288-6134.

AROUND TOWN

By



Alixe Carter

Way behind

The postal strike, annoying as it was, gave some of us laggards a bit of breathing space.

I like getting cards from people I have known forever and it is one way to keep in touch and think over happy days from the past. For the first time in my life I found, on sale, on Dec. 26, 1974, cards that I liked.

So I would not forget this fact I wrote on my calendar for November "Don't buy cards. You have them in the living room chest."

I have devised a few words, for those sealed 6c cards, we are allowed. It is this: Still well and perky, which is to the point and true. So 6.30 a.m., with the sky lightening is a good time to start those cards.

As far as the big parcel for B.C. was concerned, I gave up when I saw those two stubborn faces of Bryce Mackesey and Joe Davidson talking to Judy Lamarsh. I went to the telephone, called Vancouver and said "I am sending a cheque to your account." Doing this was more complicated than I realized and of course there was a charge.

At Rideau Hall

The Governor-General and Mme. Leger have had a number of recent social engagements. These include receiving members of the historic sites and monuments board of Canada for luncheon. Mme. Leger opened the first sale of women's work of the Ottawa Red Cross Society, and the Christmas bazaar at the Good Companions. The New Year's Day television message has been recorded at the Quebec City residence at the Citadel. The Governor-General also received the letters of Credence of the Ambassador-designate of Switzerland, Francois Charles Pictet.

A Gift With a Difference

Macrame, metal sculptures, exotic dried flower arrangements and other unusual gift items both hand-crafted and Canadian. Drop in and visit Eileen and Lynda at their new shop at Inn of the Provinces.



We have a little of 'This' and a little of 'That.'

350 SPARKS (at Lyon) 234-2356

More women in Carleton Place

CARLETON PLACE — Females outnumber males in Carleton Place according to the latest census report submitted to council Monday. The report indicates that of a total population of 5,178 there are 2,685 females and 2,493 males.

Browsing with Barbara

One of Ottawa's smartest galleries is to be found in the Byward Market area (good parking space here too). At the John Swain Gallery, 80 1/2 York Street (Phone: 233-3570) you will find a delightful blend of the antique and modern. Important large pieces include... 18th Century chest of drawers, dark oak, brass lion's head handles and locks on each drawer... rosewood games table... handsome Chinese screen, bronze, gold, mother-of-pearl scenes on black lacquer... 19th Century bevelled mirror in 17th Century tortoise shell frame. In smaller pieces... excellent collection of modern graphics... Henry Moore lithographs... terracotta group by Carrier Delouse, teacher of Rodin.

A pleasant and relaxing display of the Ottawa Crafts Show comes from the Heintzman Company, (176 Bank Street). Visit the Civic Centre today... you still have a chance to hear the two Daves (Hinschburger and Stevens) playing sweet music on the "Farfisa" organ. On December 12 and 13 you can enjoy listening to Larry Baguley play the Conn organ. Heintzman pianos are also featured. This display of Heintzman organs and pianos at the Crafts Show gives Ottawa people an excellent opportunity to make Christmas "special" by purchasing that organ or piano they've been saving for. Why not plan to welcome Santa with a few of your own carols this year?

For the best lamp selection in town, you can't beat Accents Incorporated, 323 Somerset Street West. Since enlarging their shop, Dahlia Kuwayti and Annice Kronick have an even bigger lamp display than ever. Hard-to-find standard lamps and lamps built into the centre of tables are a big feature... excellent for living room, library or beside the bridge table. In a superb assortment of living room lamps, one base, made from a large vase, is painted with robins and rose-hip branches. Bedroom lamps with an Oriental motif have coolie-hat shades, feature cherry blossoms, chrysanthemums, butterflies and flying cranes. All Accents' lamps have shades that shed light... a very important feature.

Men gift-shopping for the women in their lives are grateful for the expert advice of Fred and Angela McBride, of Angela's Fashions, Galeries Aylmer. They have a tremendous selection of dresses, coats, blouses, sweaters and accessories... are expert at choosing just the right handbag, jewelry, scarf or belt. Their long dresses for Christmas entertaining and perfect wear come in styles to suit women with precise and not-so-perfect figures... the daring or the conservative. As an extra bonus, men's purchases are gift-wrapped... so why hesitate? If, after all this, you're still timid about choosing just the right thing to please her... how about a Gift Certificate? There's your answer!

Harold Nettleton's new shop, 270 Albert Street, certainly shows everything to greatest advantage. "Longines" and "Wittnauer" watches have their own display case. Another case features gold jewellery... antique and modern... earrings for pierced and unpierced ears... ropes of gold... bracelets, pendants, pins and charms. The same choice can be found in the silver jewellery case. Costume jewelry and rings each have a separate display case. Larger items in silver and pewter are beautifully displayed in huge cases along the side wall... silver water jugs, platters, tea service... Nordic patterned flatware... are just some of the items so appropriate for retirement, wedding... and, of course, Christmas... gifts.

Choose your 1975 Christmas plate from McIntosh & Watts' extensive collection. The Wedgwood Christmas plate for 1975 shows London's Tower Bridge... on Lladro's plate, two little angels put a star atop their Christmas tree... a small boy brings home his tree on a sleigh, on Hummel's fifth plate... Rosenthal's lovely plate, white, brown and gold on blue, features Munster Cathedral... Copenhagen's shows historic houses of Denmark. Wedgwood has designed a special 1976 Calendar plate, with colorful birds around the rim, above each month. Buy a Happiness Tree, colorful and cute, just \$5.00. Tree and plates available at all four McIntosh & Watts stores... 193 Sparks Street Mall... 54 Elgin Street... Bayshore and St. Laurent Shopping Centres.

Claire Haddad, Canadian designer of glamorous lingerie, ranks with the world's best. An outstanding collection of her housecoats has arrived at Peacock Imports, 219 Bank Street... in perfect time for Christmas giving (husbands, please note). Her varied designs come in padded silk, checked taffetas, velours and brocades. Chinese coolie pyjamas are accented with sprays of cherry blossom. Christmas hostesses will love the good cut and comfortable fit of new styles from "Kajja" of Sweden... and Jaeger's latest... full, floor-length skirts of swishy moire taffeta, worn with white blouses trimmed in black, under velvet Chanel-type jackets, deep black, richly braided-trimmed... very dramatic.

Everything's "Christmass-y" at Van Leeuwen-Boonkamp's St. Laurent store. Shelves of crystal from Scandinavian countries twinkle back the Christmas lights reflected in them... great Swedish candle-rings, gay with red candles and berries, hang from the ceiling by red ribbons... Christmas carols provide background music. Van Leeuwen's is the ideal place for "Christmas presents with a difference." Very popular are brandy warmers and Irish coffee mugs... Dansk casseroles and sauce pots in pure white enamel on steel... crystal birds and animals from Norway and Sweden... pottery of all sorts... woven planters sold complete with plant in a clay pot... just a few of the excellent gift buys at Van Leeuwen's.

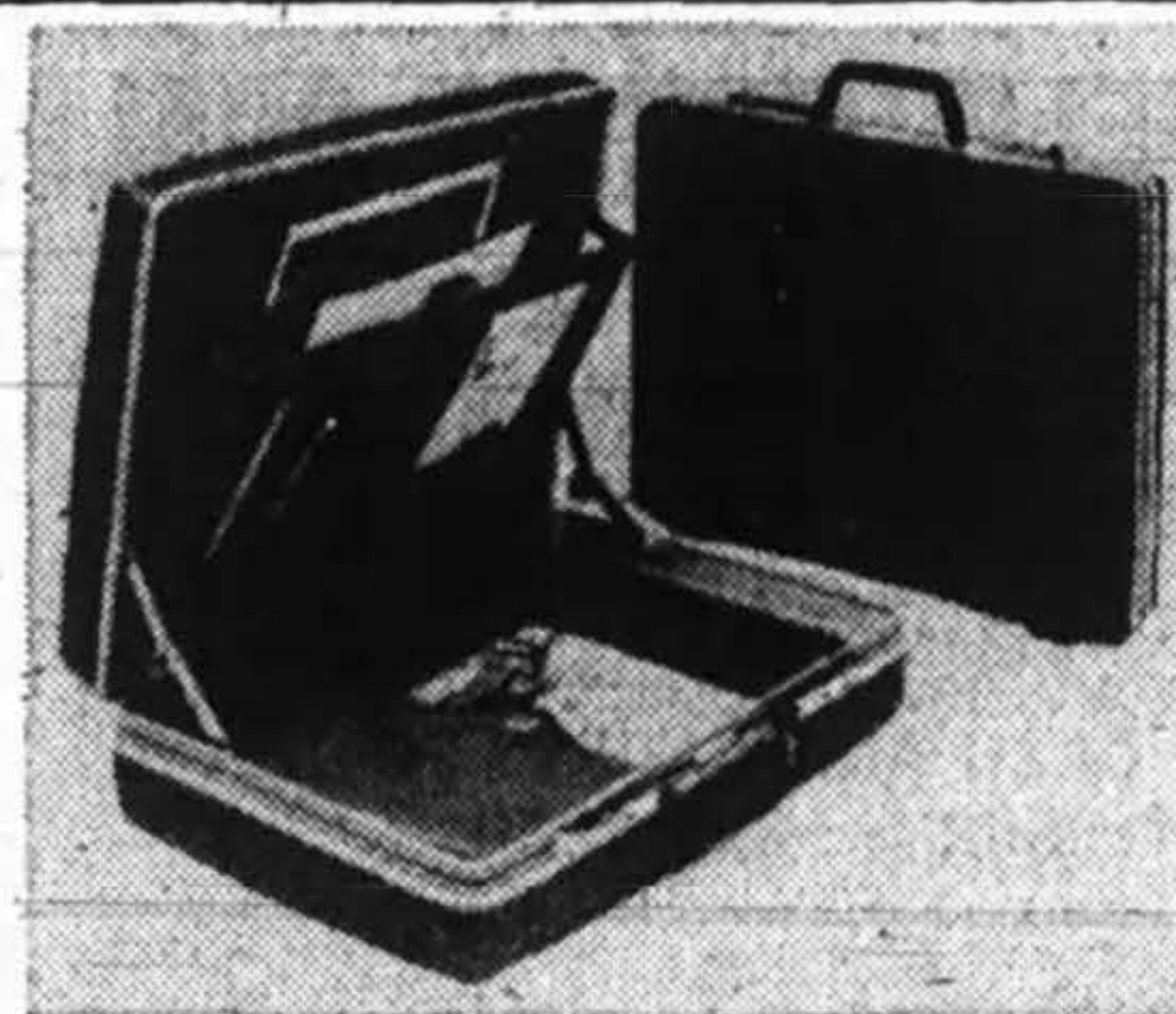
"King Ernie" of Party Palace wants to remind you that Party Palace Gift Baskets make wonderful Christmas gifts... you choose contents to suit the person you have in mind... at a price to suit your purse. Gift Certificates are also most acceptable. For a pensioner... why not arrange with Party Palace for an order to be delivered each month through 1976? For other friends... choose from the world's finest cheeses... choice cuts of meat and poultry... imported chocolates, biscuits, tea and coffee, gourmet foods. Do your Christmas shopping from your living room... phone in your orders to Party Palace... Place de Ville (232-1713)... 252 Elgin Street (237-2323)... Bell Mews, Bell Corners (820-1855).

Pat Carroll of Tiffany Gifts, 119 O'Connor Street, knows some talented women who crochet afghans, make stuffed toys, pillows and other lovely things... and who can fill rush orders... so, you still have time to get that handcrafted Christmas gift you want... but hurry! Recent imports... "Tiffany"-type lamps, swag and table style... from China, hand-embroidered tablecloths with matching napkins (one crocheted in white for a round table). Tiffany also has a wide selection of Roumanian glass... decanter and glasses etched with schooner in full sail... three sizes of pitchers... set of canisters in graduated sizes... handsome glass cookie jar with huge butterfly etched on it... just a few random items.

St. Laurent Art Gallery suggests that you give Canadian paintings this Christmas... to friends, relations, your house, your family or yourself. Paintings increase in value through the years... and prices start as low as \$40. This gallery features the work of Canada's finest artists... the Group of Seven is represented... there are also some excellent paintings by artists of the 19th Century. There are seascapes, landscapes, florals, still life and Eskimo studies... in pastels, watercolours and oils... some fine examples of sculpture, both modern and old world... delightful miniatures... pencil sketches. Visit this gallery in St. Laurent Shopping Centre soon... choose the painting you like best.

At The TOWNE COBBLER

PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING!



SENTINEL ATTACHE CASES by SAMSONITE

	Reg.	SALE
3"	\$36.95	\$27 ⁷⁵
4"	\$39.95	\$29 ⁹⁵

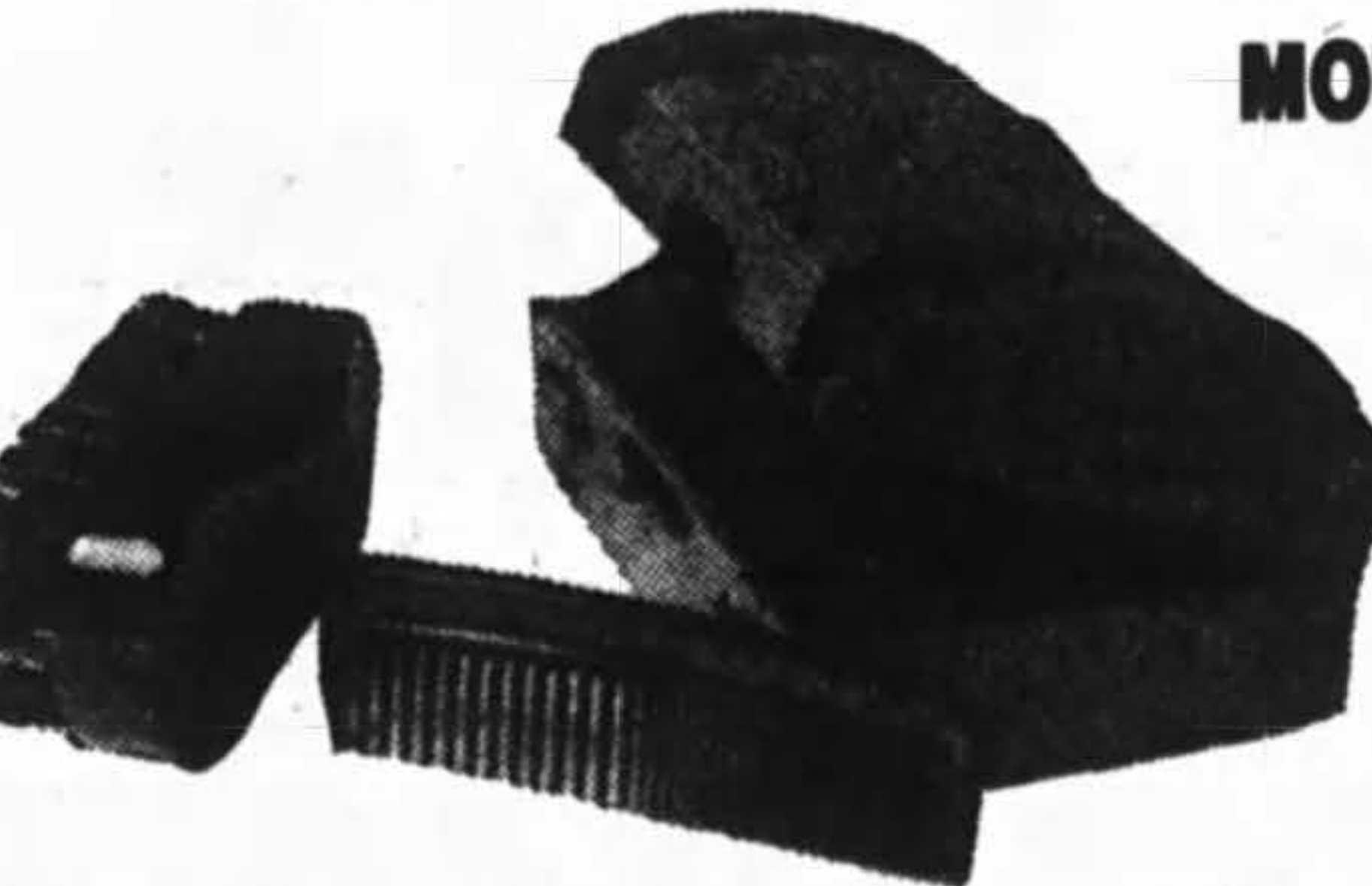
In Olive, Black, Blue, Sunburst

JELINER FLITE 69



	Reg.	SALE		Reg.	SALE
Tote 14"	\$29.95	\$22.50	25" Pullman, Wheels	\$59.95	\$44.95
Tote 16"	\$34.95	\$26.50	27" Pullman, Wheels	\$69.95	\$52.50
20" Carry-On	\$39.95	\$29.95	29" Pullman, Wheels	\$79.95	\$59.95
22" Weekender	\$44.95	\$37.95	Men's Flight Pak	\$69.95	\$58.50
			Family Pak, Wheels	\$89.95	\$75.50

MOUSTACHE SET



Pure Bristle brush and comb in velvet lined gift chest.

\$6⁹⁵

WINE SKIN

Made in Spain.



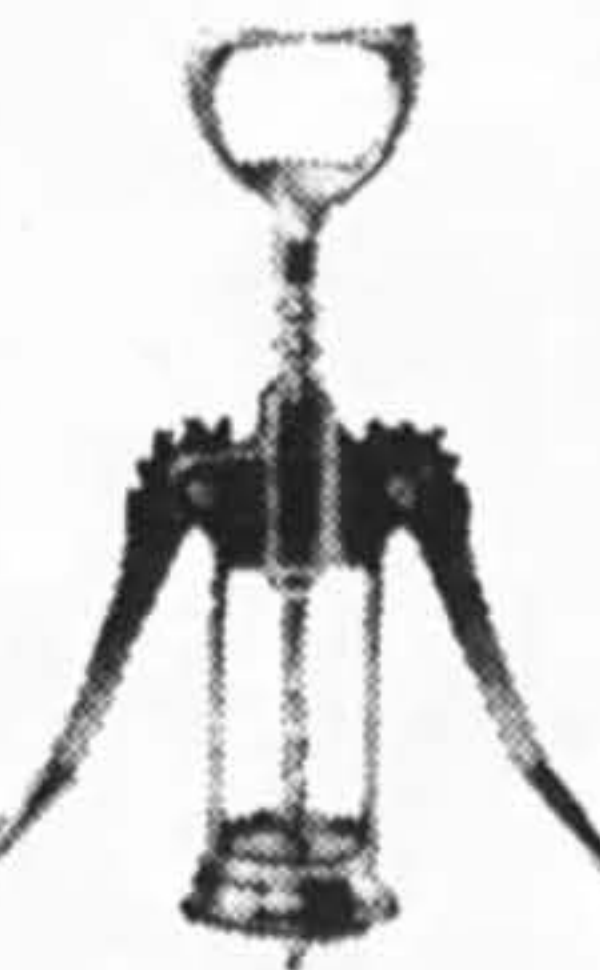
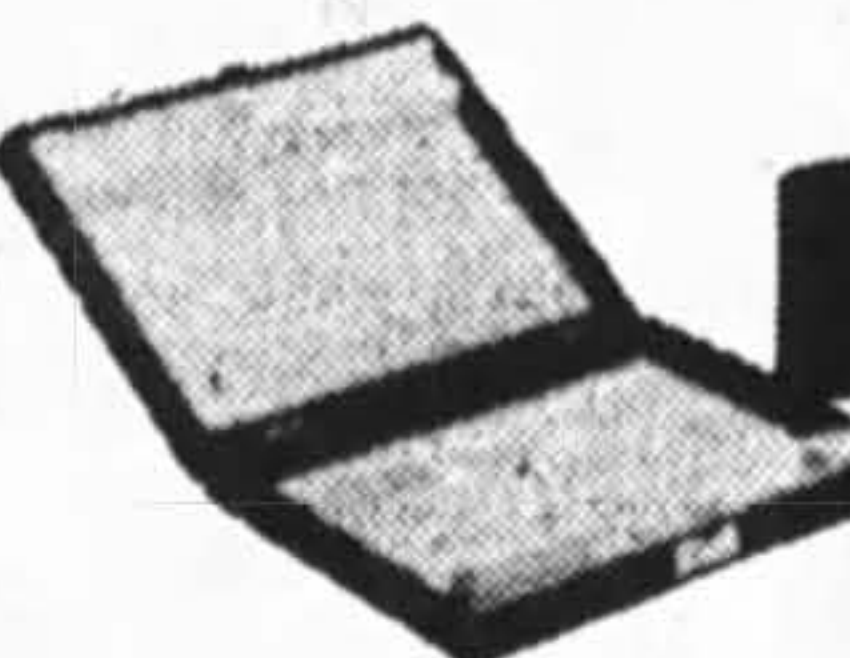
\$3⁹⁸

BACKGAMMON SET

Wooden, Black Leatherette Covering, Folding.

\$9⁹⁸

Other sets... up to \$80⁰⁰



CORKSCREW

Chrome Plated \$1⁹⁸ Gift Boxed



METRICUP

\$1⁰⁰

CELSIUS WINE TEMP.

Amazing digital thermometer mounted in tooled leather. Beautiful gift box shows recommended serving temperatures.

\$7⁹⁵



8 STORES TO SERVE YOU:

- 160 BANK ST.
- 168 RIDEAU ST.
- 1337 WELLINGTON ST. (corner Ross)
- BILLINGS BRIDGE PLAZA
- CARLINGWOOD MALL
- 143 SPARKS ST. La Promenade
- BAYSHORE SHOPPING CENTRE
- GALERIES de HULL

LAYAWAY FOR CHRISTMAS

CHARGEX • MASTER CHARGE

The TOWNE COBBLER

