

SHOPPING GUIDE

PRACTICAL things have taken the place of glamorous and "useless" gifts in the show windows of the shops on the Escolta. Gone are the cut glasses, the bottles of perfume, the silver boxes. We have come back to earth and shop for egg-beaters and can-openers and kitchen knives.

Leading in this return to practicability is the American Hardware with its annual January sale on kitchen utensils. The gown salons or dress shops follow with their clearance sales. Other stores have their inventory sales.

"Just looking" at the American Hardware, we spotted the following as new (at least to us): *Soap Saver* which consists of a small wire basket attached to a handle. You place a piece of soap in the wire basket, fasten the cover, then beat the basket with the soap in it in the water, to make suds. This gadget saves soap as well as your hands. Now you don't have to rub the soap between your hands when making suds.

Infant feeding bottle sterilizer which consists of a round wire deep tray with seven compartments and a handle in the center. After cleaning the feeding bottles, you place them, upside down, in the compartments (one bottle in each), then lower the sterilizer into a kettle of boiling water. The long handle makes lifting the sterilizer out of the hot water an easy job. No more tongs and burned fingers for you. The bottles are filled with milk for one day feeding, placed in the compartments (this time mouths up) and stored in the ice-box or refrigerator.

A set of *kitchen knives* in different sizes and for different purposes, with their own rack, made of wood, which may be nailed to the kitchen wall.

This reminds us of the very *serviceable rack*, made of metal, which may be used in the kitchen (for kitchen knives, forks and spoons), in the bathroom (for toothbrushes) or in the bedroom (for shoebrush, scissors, hairbrush, etc.).

Colored china glassware and linen are now used on the dining table. The latest to take to colors is the silverware. There are now knives and forks and spoons with colored handles, thus completing the color scheme that you may wish to adapt for your table.

We saw, at the Cooperative Sales store, *gaily decorated beverage sets* (each consisting of six glasses with "stirrers" and pitcher and tray) which will make cold drinks this summer doubly welcome. (Right now the mere mention of cold drinks makes us shiver. B-R-U-R-R-I)

One girl we know says that no matter how cold the mornings are she does not wear a coat or a jacket or a sweater. She wears instead a woolen vest or "camiseta" under her chemise. This keeps her warm enough. These vestees may be bought in Bombay or Japanese bazaars. There are cotton and silk ones if woolen ones are too warm for you.

If you have a porch, you may be interested in the fern baskets that are most suitable for hanging or aerial plants as well. There are also earthen pots that are especially constructed for ferns and other plants that require constant watering.

When you buy your husband's or your boys' socks, beware of imitations. We had a very sad experience last Christmas. Shopping late in the afternoon after all the shops on the Escolta had closed, we entered a bazaar and asked for a certain brand of men's socks. We examined them and they looked like the real McCoy—lastex top, designs, and trademark. We scolded ourselves for paying about twenty centavos more for each pair from the other stores. Upon arriving home, we compared our new purchases with the old ones and then saw the difference—in texture and elasticity of the gartered top. Whether they were imitations or of the same trade-mark but of inferior quality, we do not know and we will not say. The trade-mark was identical.

Have you noticed those very clever imitations of certain well-known brands of toothbrushes? The first three letters of the trade-mark imitations are the same as those of the real ones. You will never think that they are imitations when you glance at them.

Imitations, especially in the cosmetic line, have become so widespread that manufacturers of well-known goods take elaborate precautions to protect their own products as well as the customers. The manufacturers of a certain talcum powder, for instance, have adopted the non-refillable cans for their powder when they discovered that their old cans (with removable top) were bought when empty and refilled with a very inferior

powder and sold as their own and at lower prices. Other manufacturers spend a lot of money advertising their products and giving their respective distinguishing marks.

If you read always the advertisements in newspapers and magazines you have probably come across the advertisement of a local bank which informs the reader that with a deposit of one peso and five centavos (P1.05) with them, a customer will be given a safe or box into which to drop their loose coins. The bank keeps the key so the box cannot be opened except by the bank. When the box is filled with coins, it is taken to the bank and its contents credited to the owner's savings account. The slot is so constructed that it is impossible to draw out a coin with a hairpin or with a toothpick.

MONTHLY BRIEFS

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House of Commons last December 23rd by Viscount Cranbourne, the under-secretary of Foreign Affairs.

The Japanese nation was pleased and relieved when the American government accepted the *Japanese apologies* for the bombing and sinking of *Panay*. The American press, in general, welcomed the closing of the case.

The United States eagerly awaited the first public exhibition of the bombing of the *Panay*. Norman Alley, Universal cameraman who took the pictures, arrived in the United States aboard the *China Clipper* and revealed that attempts to steal or destroy his film were made, presumably by the *Japanese*. Armed guards carried the pictures from the *China Clipper* to an armored car with a motorcycle escort.

The British embassy informed the Japanese foreign office last December 29 that Great Britain could not accept the Nippon military version of the attacks on the British warships *Lady Bird* and *Bee*, fired at them. These attacks occurred shortly before the *Japanese* airmen bombed and sank the *Panay*.

President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, warned the American nation today (January 3) to prepare for defense against "*future hazards*."

The United States Senate approved last January 6th and sent to President Roosevelt for his signature, the bill *prohibiting the making of photographs, sketches or maps of military and naval defenses of the United States and possessions, including the Philippines*.

Four hundred Formosans revolted and waged a four hour battle with the Japanese garrison at Ilan. The motive behind the revolt was the Formosans' refusal to fight in China.

The announcement in Rome by Premier Mussolini of *Italy's naval building program* caused the French officials to declare that France must increase her warship building. At present, France is building two large battleships to match the two launched by Italy some time ago.

Thirst, cold and hunger forced the *surrender of one of the last insurgent stronghold in Teruel*. Many of the insurgents who surrendered

were wounded and ill.

Great Britain declared her opposition to any *permanent administrative changes* that Japan demanded in the International Settlement in Shanghai. She is, however, ready to agree to some demands for increased powers.

The sum of 7,792 yens which was collected from the public by Tokyo newspapers for the *Panay* sufferers was handed to U. S. Ambassador Grew, who did not accept it saying that the United States government believed no American nationals should directly benefit from the donation. This sum represented nine tenths of the amount collected. One tenth was given to the Italian Ambassador for the relatives of the Italian press correspondent, Sandro Sandri, who was fatally injured while aboard the *Panay*.

It was definitely established that the *Samoa Clipper* (formerly the *Hongkong Clipper*) of the Pan American Airways, caught fire while she was in the air and crashed into the sea, killing all its crew including the famous commander, Captain Edwin C. Musick.

A new bill to strengthen the U. S. navy authorizing the *construction of all types of naval vessels* was announced by Carl Vinson, chairman of the naval committee of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Sino-Japanese

Emperor Hirohito has approved the government's *New China policy*, which provided for the continuation of the hostilities in China until the Nanking government reconsiders its "*Anti-Japanese attitude*."

Climaxing their occupation of Nanking ten days ago, the *Japanese militarists* today (December 23) announced an *autonomous government* had been formed in the

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