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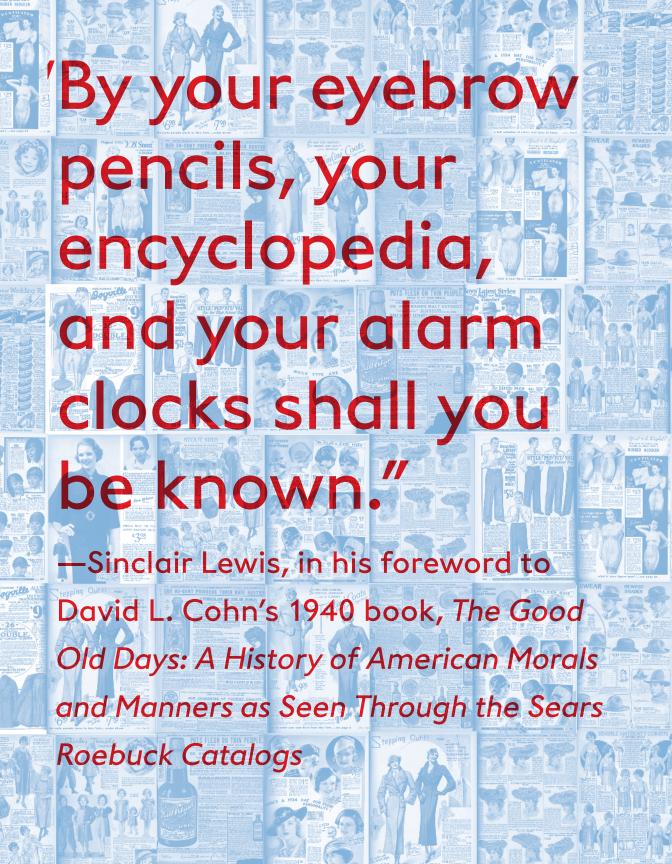
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#### Introduction

Everyone remembers his or her favorite catalog, from the Sears Christmas Wish Book to the J. Peterman Owner's Manual. Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite even called Stanley Marcus each year to find out the latest "His and Hers" gift in the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book. Gift items ranged from mink riding chaps and million dollar jewels to "His and Hers" windmills, dinosaurs, hot air balloons, and submarines. Mail order catalogs show how we lived—even if we did so in space-dyed Orlon pullovers and knee-high polyurethane boot socks from the Sears Catalog of 1971. They reveal how we dressed, decorated our houses, worked, played, and got around. They show how prices have escalated and how both language and graphic design have evolved. They reflect our economic, political, and cultural times, and they show how our ideals of beauty have changed over time.

The history of mail order starts in 1872 when traveling salesman Aaron Montgomery Ward realized he could offer his rural customers better prices by eliminating the middleman and selling goods to his customers directly. Former railway agent Richard Sears started his company in 1886, beginning one of the greatest rivalries in American business. Ward and Sears were followed by catalogs selling everything from food and flowers to medieval weapons and mummy tombs through the mail.

A number of advances in industry made the dramatic growth of mail order possible: rural free delivery, started in 1896, delivered mail and catalogs directly to the houses of rural residents (who previously had to travel long distances to their post offices to collect their mail); the expansion of the railroad lowered the cost of transportation; refrig-

erated railroad cars made it possible to deliver perishable goods across the country; and standardized clothing sizes—developed during the Civil War for soldiers' uniforms—made it viable to sell clothing through the mail. Finally, technological advances in production made it feasible to mass produce items in the quantities required for national distribution.

#### **CHRONOLOGY**

#### 1865-1890

Immigration, industrialization, and rising prosperity characterized the years following the Civil War. Bicycles were at the peak of their popularity and young women found new freedom thanks to the invention of women's bicycles and the social acceptance of bloomers. Consistent with growing prosperity, voluptuous women were prized. Children's dress demonstrated the social status of their parents. Clothing was formal, ornate, and restrictive.

#### 1890-1914

Frivolity characterized the Gay Nineties and the Belle Époque (1895–1914), but the specter of war signaled the end of an era. The growing popularity of the car required "traveling clothes." The Gibson Girl, with her high collared blouse, long flowing hair, and impossibly small waist, was the feminine ideal. To achieve this ideal, Sears encouraged "fat folks" to take Dr. Rose's Obesity Powders. Parcel Post, which delivered packages directly to people's homes, was introduced in 1913.

#### 1914-1920

Men went off to fight and women were left at home to run the factories. They gladly gave up their corsets to save metal for the war; the amount of metal salvaged from corset straps was enough to build two warships. Hemlines shortened to conserve fabric. Lillian Gish was the feminine ideal.

#### 1920-1930

The Roaring Twenties were a heady postwar cocktail of jazz, speakeasies, and flapper dresses. Ladies had slimmer silhouettes thanks to wartime rationing and the right to vote thanks to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. People had time for leisure and self-improvement; athletic activities became more popular. Book-of-the-Month Club, founded in 1926, advertised that reading the monthly selections would make a person more "attractively interactive" and therefore better able to handle social situations. The adult bicycle became passé thanks to the popularity of the automobile; both Sears and Montgomery Ward introduced children's bicycles in 1920. Prompted by urbanization and the popularity of the automobile, Sears opened its first retail store in 1925. Louise Brooks was the feminine ideal.

#### 1930-1950

The twenties culminated in the Great Depression and the period leading up to WWII. FDR, president from 1933–1945, encouraged America to stay optimistic. The fall 1930 Sears catalog proclaimed that "thrift is the spirit of the day. Reckless spending is a thing of the past." Fashion became much more conservative and austere until well after the end of WWII. As men went off to war and women returned to the factories, Rosie the Riveter, in her overalls and scarf,

represented the generation's female icon. Escapist entertainment was popular; both The Wizard of Oz and Gone with the Wind were released in 1939. Judy Garland dolls and Scarlett-inspired fashions appeared in the following year's catalogs. Western Wear, with its clearly delineated images of good and evil, was especially popular during these times of unrest. In 1943, to support the war effort, Sears printed a full-page listing of merchandise not available in the catalog. Items included aluminum cookware, copper teakettles, lawnmowers, plows, plywood, and children's cowboy boots. All scrap metal was recycled and children did their part by saving foil candy wrappers. Television sets made their first catalog appearance in 1949.

#### 1950-1965

The fifties were an aggressively positive decade. Eisenhower, a war hero, was elected president in 1953. The world seemed to stabilize in the aftermath of war, though the fear of communism spurred McCarthyism and the second Red scare. The nuclear family (mother, father, 1.54 children) was glorified in advertising and film. Doris Day was the feminine ideal. Book-of-the-Month Club sold over one hundred million books. Although the introduction of the birth control pill in 1960 led to a relaxation in social attitudes, the revolutionary lifestyle and dress of the sixties didn't really begin until the middle of the decade. The early sixties were more Jackie Kennedy than Woodstock.

#### 1966-1979

The teenagers of the fifties turned into the young hippies of the late sixties and seventies. The Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964. The legendary concert at Woodstock took place in 1969. The space race between the United States and U.S.S.R. was featured on

children's toys and pajamas. Mattel introduced Major Matt Mason, Man in Space, in 1967. Neil Armstrong landed on the moon in 1969. Mission accomplished, Matt Mason was discontinued in 1970.

The seventies found Americans trying to come to terms with the Vietnam War, women's lib, and the energy crisis. Microwave ovens and the early videogame (PONG) were introduced. New catalogs started to appear. The Horchow Collection was founded in 1971. Banana Republic was founded in 1978. With antiwar sentiment running high, boy's action figures engaged in sports and outdoor activities rather than the military. The energy crisis caused a dramatic spike in the popularity of bikes and mopeds. The moped, long popular in Europe, hadn't made inroads in America because the Department of Transportation lumped it in with motorcycles. Frenchman Serge Seguin, who convinced Motobecane that the American market was ripe for the moped, got the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to change the classification and forty-eight out of fifty states to accept mopeds. By 1977, over 250,000 Americans owned the half-bicycle/half-motorcycle.

#### 1980-1989

After the humiliation of the Iran hostage crisis, President Reagan declared it was "morning again in America." Americans were optimistic and ostentatious. This was the decade of power dressing, yuppies, Dallas, and Dynasty. Functional and formal clothing prevailed. The female ideal was a bigshouldered toss-up between Dynasty's Alexis Carrington (Joan Collins) and Krystle Carrington (Linda Evans); Wall Street's Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas) was the eighties male icon. Youth culture, so dominant over the past two decades, lost its influence. Cabbage Patch Kids were all the rage,

gracing Montgomery Ward's 1984 Christmas catalog and the cover of *Newsweek*. Growth in shopping malls was unprecedented; more than 16,000 were built between 1980 and 1990. Unable to keep up, Montgomery Ward discontinued its catalog in 1985.

#### 1990-1999

The United States won the first Gulf War and the Soviet Union collapsed. The dot-com boom of the late nineties churned out young millionaires overnight; business casual was the order of the day and youth culture returned with a vengeance. The stock market went wild; the Dow Jones Industrial Average rocketed from 3,000 to 11,000. The old way of doing things was under attack. Both malls and catalogs were threatened because the internet made online shopping easier than ever. A July 1998 TIME magazine advised readers to "Kiss Your Mall Good-Bye: Online Shopping is Cheaper, Quicker, Better." Sears folded its Big Book catalog in 1993 though it continued to mail specialty catalogs.

#### 2000-present

The spread of the internet changed the economics of catalogs. Even a catalog that can't afford paper and postage can survive on-line. Niche catalogs flourish. However, the burst of the dot-com bubble, showed that, for most companies, on-line was another channel, not a replacement. People still like to lie on their sofa and shop. When the holidays approach, everyone's mailbox continues to overflow with mail-order catalogs. In 2007, Sears brought back the Wish Book and mailed its first Christmas catalog in thirteen years.

#### DESIGN, COPY, AND TYPOGRAPHY

Over time, catalog design evolved from a simple listing of items to an illustrated omnibus listing, with dozens, if not hundreds, of items on every page. As the catalogs matured, however, they evolved from visibly pushy to persuasive in both tone and design. Richard Sears was known for his particularly fanciful advertising copy. Sears is said to have written all six hundred pages of the early catalogs. Eventually, even Sears had to tone down the hyperbole and rely more on facts to sell products. Without salespeople to close the deal, catalogs' reputations lived and died based on accurately representing the quality of their merchandise. As John Wanamaker said on the occasion of the Philadelphia department store's fiftieth anniversary, "Don't impose on poor dumb merchandise responsibilities that it cannot bear."

At the end of the 1800s, catalog design was influenced by the Victorian fashion for ornate, elaborate typefaces, flamboyantly decorated with curlicues and filigrees. Throughout the early 1900s, catalogs used primarily serif fonts. The advent of Art Deco in the twenties introduced more geometric, sans serif fonts, which were used to convey progress and modernity. Since sans serif fonts are harder to read, they were used primarily for headlines, and serif fonts are still used for the body copy. Sans serif type remained fashionable throughout the thirties and forties. Seen as type that eliminated nonessentials, it suited the thrift and scarcity of the period.

Type from the fifties was clean, fresh, and optimistic, and was complemented with a liberal use of color. In the late fifties, a new wave of graphic designers, like Milton Glaser and Seymour Chwast, developed exciting new fonts. These bold new types, known as eclectic modern and psychedelia, were

ideal for introducing innovations like the microwave oven and videogames. Catalog typography in the sixties and seventies was innovative and exuberant.

The 1984 introduction of the Macintosh computer changed graphic design forever. The touchstone for digital typography was Emigré magazine, founded by graphic designer Rudy VanderLans and typographer Zuzana Licko. Inspired by the Mac's bitmapped fonts that were used for lowresolution dot matrix printers, VanderLans and Licko led graphic design into the digital realm. While some praise the duo for courage and innovation, others called their Macgenerated typefaces ugly and lacking in depth. At the close of the twentieth century, catalog type was clean, though increasingly sterile, and catalogs were no longer at the vanguard of graphic design. The Montgomery Ward and Sears catalogs were gone.

Celebrities from radio, television, movies, and sports have always appeared in and influenced catalogs. In the thirties, one-third of all dolls sold were Shirley Temple dolls. There were Judy Garland dolls, Lone Ranger costumes, Joan Crawford hats, and clothing lines from Arnold Palmer, Stephanie Powers, and Cheryl Tiegs. In the eighties, tennis star Yvonne Goolagong modeled sportswear and Sears offered Dorothy Hamill exercise equipment. Dolls included the Flying Nun, I Dream of Jeannie, and Broadway Joe Namath and his Mod-About-Town Wardrobe.

Catalogs also served a number of ancillary purposes over the years. Little girls used them to make paper dolls. In fact, two eleven-year-old girls made the following request to Sears: "Please put feet on your ladies in your catalog so they will make nicer paper dolls. Please don't put the prices on their legs." Teachers used catalogs to teach reading, while homemakers decorated the walls with them. They helped immigrants assimilate to their new country by giving

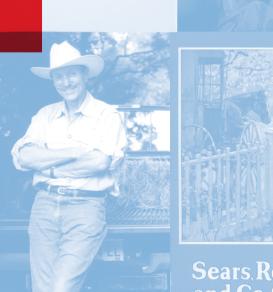
them exposure to American fashions and household goods and making them available at a reasonable cost. And they were used for bathroom reading and, in extreme cases, as toilet paper; when Sears introduced glossy paper in the thirties, they received numerous letters of complaint. In Canada, boys sometimes strapped a catalog to each shin to make goalie pads for hockey.

Mail order has also attracted the attention of criminal minds. In 1989, over \$1 million in fraudulent mail-order purchases were made by New Jersey inmates. The racket was discovered when an inmate was seen sporting a watch from Tiffany—no word on whether the blue box gave him away.



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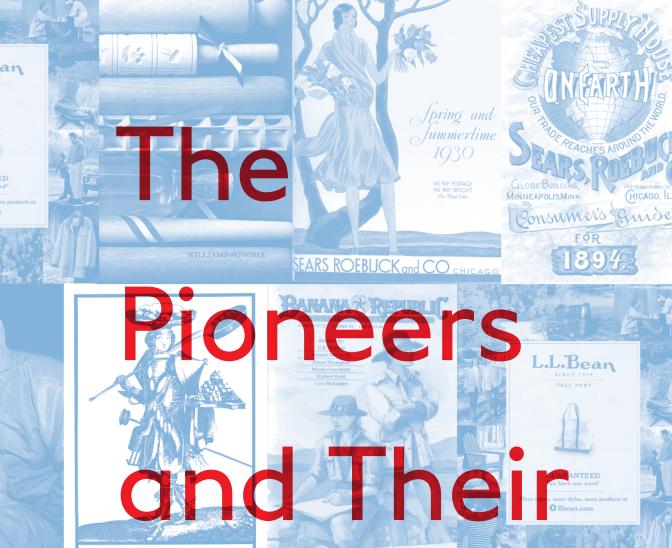
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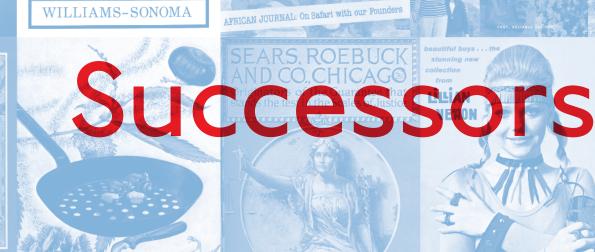
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## The Pioneers and Their Successors

Montgomery Ward started it all, followed shortly thereafter by Richard Sears, thus beginning the most famous rivalry in American business. These two generalists were followed by specialty catalogers like Neiman Marcus, Frederick's of Hollywood, Lillian Vernon, and many more.

#### **Montgomery Ward**

When former store clerk and traveling salesman Aaron Montgomery Ward started the world's first mail-order business in 1872, there were approximately 38 million people living in the United States, 74 percent of whom lived in rural areas. (Today, the United States population is closer to 294 million; 25 percent live in rural areas.)

People had little choice but to buy what they needed from the local general store. And the general store, as both a monopoly and the middleman between wholesaler and customer, could, and often did, gouge its customers. General stores were also limited in what they could stock. Ward thought he could offer better prices and selection

to rural Americans by selling goods directly to them through the mail, thus eliminating the middleman. His first customers were the Patrons of Husbandry, better known as the Grange, a protest movement formed by farmers to fight high prices.

Ward's first catalog was a one-page listing of 162 items that included hoop skirts, grain bags, and a "very stylish" writing desk. From that single sheet, no one could have imagined mail order would grow into a \$100 billion industry. By 1883, the Montgomery Ward catalog had 240 pages with some ten thousand items ranging from buggies and corsets to curios and cutlery. By the midtwentieth century, the catalog was over one thousand pages long.

During the Depression, Ward's business suffered, and the board brought in tough, ornery businessman Sewell Avery to run the company. In 1944, Avery was ordered by the War Labor Board to renew a labor contract. An avowed opponent of both the government and the New Deal, he defied the orders of President Roosevelt and was the subject of a famous photograph of soldiers physically removing Avery from his office while still seated in his chair. A Ward executive suggested that they put the picture on the cover of the next catalog with the headline "We take orders from everybody."

Chicago's railroad tracks actually ran through Ward's warehouse, making it fast and inexpensive for Ward's to ship their merchandise. We have Ward's to thank for coining the phrase "Satisfaction Guaranteed or Your Money Back" as well as for Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, who was created by copywriter Robert L. May as part of a 1939 Christmas promotion. Rejected Rudolph names included Rollo (too breezy) and Reginald (too British). Gene Autry recorded the song, which went on to become the second-best-selling Christmas song of all time, after "White Christmas."



-1.1- This bronze statue stood in front of the administration building at Montgomery Ward.



In 1946, in recognition of its prominence in Americans' lives, the booklovers' society, the Grolier Club, chose the catalog as one of the one hundred most influential books in America. Ward's models that would go on to bigger and better things included Gregory Peck and Lauren Bacall in the forties; John Davidson, who modeled underwear, in the fifties; Ali MacGraw, who modeled a wedding dress, in the sixties; and Angelina Jolie, who modeled prom dresses, in the seventies.

In 1980, a disgruntled Ward's employee wrote "f\*ck" on the picture of a bedroom wall over "Create your dream bedroom." It ran in eight million catalogs. In 1982, a printer was printing both Ward's spring/summer catalog and *Playboy* and either as a prank or an accident, someone inserted Miss March's centerfold into some of the catalogs. (It was inserted in the women's jeans section although Miss March was wearing nothing more than a tiny silver pendant.)

A catalog marketer purchased the Montgomery Ward trademark and relaunched it, primarily as an online merchant, in 2004. They held a contest for the best "Montgomery Ward Memory." The winner recounted that when she was four years old, her family's pastor stopped by, and her grandmother told her to "go and fetch that book I read so often and love so much." She returned with the Montgomery Ward catalog.

#### Sears Roebuck & Company

Sears entered the picture in 1886 when Richard Sears, a Minnesota railway agent, purchased a shipment of watches that had been refused by a jeweler and sold them to his fellow agents along his route. Pleased with his success, he started the R.W. Sears Watch Company. A few years later, Sears moved to Chicago and placed an ad: "WANTED: Watchmaker with reference who

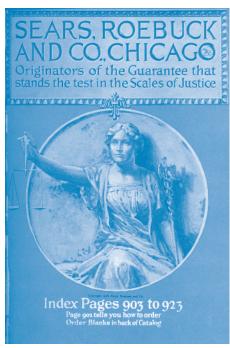
can furnish tools." Alvah Roebuck answered the ad and Sears, Roebuck & Co. was born in 1892. They mailed their first catalog in 1893. What started as a mail order watch business expanded to include products from clothing to houses, and was once responsible for over one percent of the United States Gross National Product. Sears was so much a part of family life that when a little boy was asked by his Sunday school teacher where the Ten Commandments came from, he said, "from Sears."

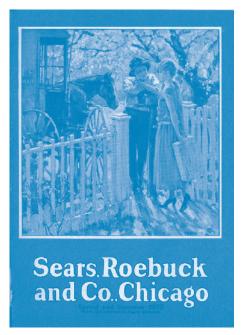
Another of the most significant figures in the history of Sears was Julius Rosenwald, whose family company supplied menswear to Sears. Rosenwald joined the company in 1895 when Roebuck left and Sears needed additional financing. A meticulous businessman, he encouraged the company to diversify and helped increase sales dramatically. When Sears's poor health forced him to give up the presidency in 1908, Rosenwald took over. Although he would remain Chairman of the Board for the rest of his life, he gave up the presidency in 1922, so he could devote himself to philanthropy. He joined forces with Booker T. Washington, who persuaded him that the miserable state of African-American education was one of the most pressing social issues of the day. Rosenwald became a trustee of Washington's Tuskegee Institute and through his foundation funded the creation of over 5,000 schools in poor African-American communities. Rosenwald also helped to establish Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry.

Sears's shipping operation was so well organized that Henry Ford studied it before setting up his assembly line in Detroit. F.D.R. said the best way to convince Russians of the superiority of the American way of life over communism was to bomb Russia with Sears catalogs. Sears catalogs actually served a number of roles in international affairs. When Rosenwald accompanied the



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Secretary of War to France near the end of World War I, he boarded the boat with a small carry-on and four massive wooden boxes whose contents he didn't reveal. As he toured the American hospitals in France, the Secretary realized that Rosenwald had given out catalogs to the wounded soldiers. When asked why, Rosenwald said that he knew that most of the boys came from farms or small towns and that the catalog would remind them of their lives back home. "The catalog," he said, "helps our soldier boys to escape the miseries of war and live happily again, if only for a little while, amid the scenes of their childhood at home." All of the catalogs also offered gifts that people could send to their family members serving overseas—something they continue to this day.

In 1946, the United States government sent old catalogs from Montgomery Ward and Sears to some of its overseas offices to serve as a weapon of anti-Communist propaganda. In 1955, Sears's own foreign sales agent sent 3,500 copies of the fall/winter catalog to 255 overseas offices. Sears's contribution to the downfall of communism can't be determined, but it did have an impact on U.S.-Soviet relations. Russian diplomats read the catalogs to figure out what to wear when visiting the United States.

When NASA's first astronauts returned from space in 1970, NASA quarantined them to guard against the possibility that alien organisms, capable of destroying life on Earth, had invaded their bodies. To make the astronauts feel at home, NASA decorated their "Lunar Receiving Laboratory" with Early American furniture from Sears.

The 1897 Sears Catalog was reproduced in 1971 with an introduction by S. J. Perelman, who called it "a fairyland for kiddies from nine to ninety, a garden of wonders appealing to every taste." The publisher, Fred Israel, received an order for the book from the then U.S. ambassador to South

Vietnam on embassy stationery. Israel was stunned to notice that the stationery had a watermark with a turreted fortress with the word "Conqueror." In his response, Israel added the following postscript: "I noticed the watermark on your stationery, and I am wondering if it is apt." Bunker responded, on watermark-free stationery, that he had been unfamiliar with the watermark.

In 1971, following Jordan's expulsion of the Palestinians, West Bank refugees in the Jordan River Valley were sheltered in Ted Williams-branded tents from Sears. Unfortunately, the tents, designed for casual summer camping, were destroyed by violent sandstorms.

Sears offered everything one could need in life—and beyond. One woman sent back medicine she had ordered for her husband, because he had died before it arrived. Sears sent a letter of condolence accompanied by their "special tombstone catalog."

The Sears Catalog was selected as one of three hundred books in an exhibit called America through American Eyes shown at the Moscow Book Fair in 1981. Other titles included a book of Allen Ginsburg's poetry, Dr. Seuss's The Butter Battle Book, The Fallacy of Star Wars by The Union of Concerned Scientists, and Jane Fonda's Workout Book. Music Mountain, a chamber music series that has been held in Connecticut since 1931, is performed in a concert hall built by Sears in 1930. It is the only cultural institution the company ever built and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Sears catalog also played a significant role in the work of American artists and writers. In 1956, folk artist Elijah Pierce's wood carving *Obey God and Live (Vision of Heaven)* depicts his moment of religious conversion. It came when he reached for the Sears catalog instead of the Bible and was struck unconscious by what he perceived to be the hand of God. Southern novelist



-1.7- Sears fashion, 1957

Harry Crews, the son of tenement farmers, said, "There were hardly any books where I grew up. I used to read the Sears catalog and imagine those people in it as characters." He recalls marveling at the "perfect people" who were in sharp contrast to those around him. In 1972, Pulitzer prize-winning American composer William Schuman wrote the "Mail Order Madrigals," setting to music a listing of pills and tonics for feminine conditions from the 1897 Sears catalogs. The four choral madrigals are titled "Attention, Ladies!," "Superfluous Hair," "Sweet Refreshing Sleep," and "Dr. Worden's Pills." In 1989, Lewis Nordan's collection of short stories, The All-Girl Football Team, included one in which a boy and his mother escape reality by creating a fantasy world based on characters from the Sears catalog.

Sears enlisted actor and noted art collector Vincent Price to make fine art available to the general public from 1962 to 1971. The American public was in good company: Price also served on Jackie Kennedy's White House Art Committee. His personally selected collection offered original works by

Rembrandt, Chagall, and Picasso, as well as lesser-known artists. Sears also convinced football and baseball greats Gale Sayers, Brian Griese, and Tom Seaver to appear in an ad for their "Twill-look Double-Knits made of 100 percent Fortrel polyester."

#### Hammacher Schlemmer

Opened as a hardware store in the Bowery in New York in 1848, Hammacher Schlemmer is credited with starting the oldest mail-order business though their first catalog wasn't published until 1881. In the early 1900s, there were no service stations, so the catalog offered a Motorist Touring Kit so drivers could fix the flat tires or blown gaskets on their new "horseless carriages." In 1916, in preparation for the Russian Revolution, a member of the Russian government's staff purchased a sample of every piece of hardware offered in the company's 1,000-page catalog to use as manufacturing masters. The store was even the subject of a song called "Hammacher Schlemmer, I Love You," which was sung by comedian Fred Allen in the 1929 Broadway production, The Little Show. Lyrics include: "Hammacher Schlemmer, I love you / Roebuck and Sears, I adore you / If you want to buy a bassinet or buy a hog / Don't be in a fog, use our catalogue / Hammacher Schlemmer / You're sweet and dear / Hammacher Schlemmer I repeat dear / Macy's and Gimbel's have plenty of thimbles / But I love you." The company continues to be known for being first to introduce a number of well-known products, which have included the pop-up toaster (1930), the electric shaver (1934), the steam iron (1948), the electric toothbrush (1955), the microwave oven and telephone answering machine (1968), Mr. Coffee's automatic coffee maker (1973), the cordless phone (1975), and the food processor (1976). They publish America's longest running catalog.

#### Orvis

Founded in 1856 as a fly-fishing outlet and mail-order concern, Orvis mailed a niche catalog to a small group of existing customers as early as 1861 (and lay claim to being the first mail-order catalog). Their primary business, however, was retail until 1965, when Leigh Perkins bought the company and turned it into a mail-order powerhouse offering products suitable for the "country lifestyle" of affluent sportsmen and women. Perkins usually had terrific instincts, though when he ignored the counsel of his colleagues and insisted that Orvis customers would buy scores of Lucite toilet seats inlaid with salmon-fishing flies, he was sorely mistaken.

#### J.C. Penney

The aptly named James Cash Penney founded a retail store to sell clothing and dry goods in Kemmerer, Wyoming, in 1902. The son of a Baptist minister and farmer, the ethically minded Penney called his first store The Golden Rule. By 1913, Penney had thirtysix stores and changed the store's name to J. C. Penney. Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton got his start working for Penney's. Penney didn't mail his first catalog until 1963, but it was a smashing success; sales topped \$1 billion in 1979. Because Penney's studios were in New York, a number of celebrities-to-be got their starts in the catalog. Kim Basinger, Pam Dawber, Susan Dey, Whitney Houston, Ricky Schroder, Brooke Shields, Phoebe Cates, Matthew Fox, and Angelina Jolie were all Penney's models.

#### Caswell-Massey

America's oldest apothecary, founded in 1752, issued their first catalog in 1904. The company took an extended break from mail

order but came back with a new catalog in 1963. Their Number Six cologne was George Washington's favorite; he gave it to the Marquis de Lafayette to thank him for his help during the Revolutionary War. Before the Battle of Little Bighorn, General Custer brushed his teeth with a Caswell-Massey toothbrush; it was found at his "last stand." And their almond cold cream was a favorite of President and Mrs. Eisenhower who ordered some for the White House after his election.

#### National Bellas Hess

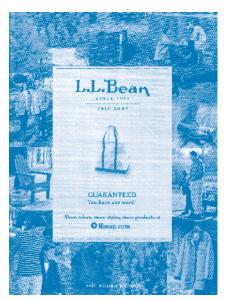
Founded as National Cloak and Suit in 1888, the company was rechristened National Bellas Hess in 1910. Once one of the country's preeminent mail-order firms, the company shifted their focus away from mail order and went bankrupt in 1974. The company lives on in law school textbooks; in 1968, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of National Bellas Hess and against the state of Illinois, declaring that the state could only collect taxes from companies that had nexus (physical presence) there.

#### Spiegel

Founded as a home furnishings store in downtown Chicago in 1865, Spiegel went bankrupt in 1893. After they reorganized, they decided to offer everything on credit; their slogan was "We Trust the People." When they started their mail-order catalog in 1905, they were the first catalog to offer credit through the mail, adapting their slogan to "We Trust the People—Everywhere." Catalog sales reached \$1 million by 1906. Spiegel introduced apparel in 1912 and in 1957 was the first catalog to send buyers to the Paris fashion shows. A number of mergers and acquisitions followed, including the purchase and subsequent spin-off of Eddie



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Bauer. Spiegel declared bankruptcy in 2003 and emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2005.

#### **Aldens**

Founded in 1899 as the Chicago Mail Order Millinery, the company dropped millinery from the name in 1906. The name was later changed to Aldens, after Henry and Jane Alden, the company's popular—and entirely functional—men's and women's fashion buyers. The company was an extremely successful mail-order business until it was acquired by a conglomerate that folded it in 1982.

#### Neiman Marcus

The great Dallas department store was founded in 1907, and their first catalog was

mailed in 1926. The Neiman Marcus catalog really came into its own, however, when Stanley Marcus and his brother, Edward, created the "His and Hers" gift section for their annual Christmas Book. Inspired by journalists searching for holiday features, the gifts section is a tradition that the brothers' successors continue to this day.

The first "His and Hers" gift, a pair of Beechcraft airplanes costing \$176,000, premiered in 1960. Other noteworthy items have included a Swarovski crystal-encrusted Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head (\$8,000 each), a custom-fitted suit of armor (\$20,000), and customized action figures made to look like the people who order them (\$7,500). Modes of transport have always been a Neiman Marcus hallmark and have included an NM-Burberry London taxi (\$589,000); a personal zeppelin (\$10 million); and lots of submarines, jets, cars, and motorcycles. Models in the Christmas Book have included Lauren Hutton, Cindy Crawford, Heidi Klum, Morgan Fairchild, Cybill Shepherd, and Andie MacDowell. Before becoming her country's United Nations ambassador, Princess Elizabeth of Togo also modeled for the catalog. Artists Ludwig Bemelmans (of Madeline fame), Saul Steinberg (the renowned New Yorker artist best known for his cover depicting "A New Yorker's View of the World"), Pop artist Robert Indiana (who riffed on his famous LOVE image when he did an "NM68" cover for Neiman Marcus), and legendary artist Al Hirschfeld (known as "The Line King" for his pen and ink drawings of Broadway's stars) all designed covers. The celebrated store was also known to carry items that customers didn't even know they'd need. Marcus stocked a set of Steuben crystal plates with Mexico's crest "because sooner or later somebody will be going to call on the President of Mexico and need a proper gift." Texas-born Ike Eisenhower's wife, Mamie, ordered her inaugural gown from Neiman's.

#### Frederick's of Hollywood

When Frederick Mellinger suggested that his boss at the Lower East Side lingerie store in New York sell black lingerie in addition to white, he was fired. He joined the Army and noticed the racy Hollywood pinup posters around the barracks. He talked with his fellow soldiers, who confirmed his instinct: men would be delighted if women switched from white underwear to something a little sexier. Returning from Europe after World War II, he started Frederick's of Hollywood in 1946 to sell sophisticated European-style lingerie to American women. Mellinger was responsible for many innovations in lingerie, including the push-up bra, the thong, and the water bra. He once hired a team of industrial designers from the Army Corps of Engineers to help with research and development. Pamela Anderson was a Frederick's model pre-Baywatch.

#### Lillian Vernon

Pregnant with her first child, Vernon started her multimillion-dollar business on her kitchen table with \$2,000 of wedding money. In 1951, she placed a \$495 ad for a personalized belt and purse; it brought in \$32,000 in orders. Vernon wasn't her original last name; Hochberg was. She named the company by combining her first name with the town where she lived: Mt. Vernon, New York. When the company achieved success, she legally changed her name to match.

#### L.L. Bean

The famous outdoor equipment company was founded by Leon Leonwood Bean in 1912 to promote his newly invented Maine hunting shoe (a.k.a. the "Bean boot"). The company had an inauspicious beginning: Bean had to refund the money for ninety of the first one

hundred boots sold when the soles separated from the tops. In 1951, Bean decided to keep the Freeport store open twenty-four hours a day and removed the locks from the doors. Today, L.L. Bean is the second biggest tourist attraction in Maine.

#### Lands' End

Founded in 1963 by sailing enthusiast Gary Comer, Lands' End was originally targeted at sailors and offered racing sailboat equipment, duffle bags, rain suits, and some sweaters. The first catalog was called the Lands' End Yachtsman's Equipment Guide, and it included a typo (the apostrophe was in the wrong place). Since Comer couldn't afford to reprint, he kept the mistake and continues to spell it the original way, much to the dismay of English teachers the world over. Lands' End was one of the first companies to use a "magalog," a catalog with photographs and articles interspersed with the merchandise.

#### **Thompson Cigar**

Founded in Key West in 1915, Thompson Cigar is the oldest mail-order cigar company in the U.S. The company still holds Postal Permit #1 for Tampa.

#### **Burpee Seeds**

The company was started in 1876 by an eighteen-year-old plant lover whose mother was willing to lend him \$1,000 of "seed money." By 1915, Burpee was mailing one million catalogs a year.

#### **Omaha Steaks**

Founded in 1917 by J. J. Simon, a Latvian refugee, the company mailed its first catalog in 1963. When Simon's son bought a build-

ing called the Table Supply Co., he moved the Co. to the right and inserted the word "Meat." Thus, the company was known as the "Table Supply Meat Co." until 1966, when the name was changed to Omaha Steaks International. Today, it's the country's largest direct marketer of steaks and frozen foods.

#### Johnson Smith

During the twenties and thirties, Johnson Smith sold novelties and practical jokes that provided an escape from WWI and the Depression. The catalog still exists under the name Things You Never Knew Existed.

#### Jackson & Perkins

This mail-order rose business grew out of a display at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. Visitors purchased roses but asked if they could have them mailed home so they wouldn't have to carry them. When they told their friends, orders poured in from all over.

#### Abercrombie & Fitch

Founded as a retail store selling sporting goods in 1892, they mailed their first catalog in 1909. It was known as "the place" to buy hip flasks during Prohibition. The company outfitted many legendary outdoorsmen (and women) including Teddy Roosevelt, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and Ernest Hemingway (who is said to have purchased the gun he used to commit suicide from the company). Hollywood stars like Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, and Katharine Hepburn were also customers. When the company was acquired by The Limited in 1988, it was transformed into a sexy lifestyle brand and is now the controversial epitome of young cool. The company was spun off from The Limited in 1999. Photographer

#### WHAT IS A CAPITALIST?

The best definition of a capitalist I have heard lately comes from the fertile brain of my friend Bill Feather who writes and edits his own THE WILLIAM FEATHER MAGAZINE. Bill Says:—

"At the bottom of the scale of human labor is the shiftless man of all work who demands payment for his labor at the end of each day. To the extent that capitalists are wage-earners, they are no exception in wanting their wages at regular intervals. BUT... the earmark of a capitalist is his willingness to wait for his earnings. The experienced capitalist figures in long periods... five, ten, twenty years. This takes nerve, patience, self-control. It is foolish to denounce the man who has schooled himself to wait. His willingness to sacrifice the present for the future is of benefit to us all. His price is moderate... six to ten per cent a year... so small in fact that it does not appeal at all to the imagination of 90% of human beings...."

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Bruce Weber, known for his racy and homoerotic images, shot the catalog photos from 1999 to 2003. Detractors accuse the company of using pornography to sell clothing to young people.

A&F has long been a fixture in popular culture. In the song "When the Idle Poor Become the Idle Rich" from 1947's Finian's Rainbow, the newly rich blend in "with clothes from Abercrombie-Fitch." Decades later, in Buffy the Vampire Slayer, a character observes that the aftermath of a frat house massacre "looks like someone murdered an Abercrombie & Fitch catalog."

#### Figi's

In 1944, federal cheese inspector John Figi decided to sell Wisconsin cheese through the mail. He sent out 1,500 postcards and received forty-three orders. Since he didn't have a car to get his cheese to the post office, he borrowed a red wagon and used it to deliver them.

#### The Vermont Country Store

Founded by Vrest Orton in 1945, Vermont Country Store's first catalog featured thirty-

six items on twelve pages. It was mailed to Orton's Christmas card list. Today, VCS specializes in the "practical and hard-to-find." "Hard-to-find" includes a skip down memory lane for "lost" candies and foods, as well as bygone beauty and household products. When he was starting out, Orton asked for and received the following advice from Mr. (L. L.) Bean: "Don't oversell your products. It's better for customers to open the package and have the item be better than you said it was."

#### **Eddie Bauer**

Originally a sporting goods retailer in Seattle, Bauer's first invention was a badminton birdie (the Bauer shuttlecock) that remains the sport's standard. After almost freezing to death, he invented a quilted, downinsulated jacket, The Skyliner. During World War II, the U.S. Army Air Corps ordered over 50,000 Bauer jackets. Their first catalog was mailed in 1945. In 1963, Eddie Bauer outfitted James Whittaker, the first American to summit Everest. In 1970, the company's focus shifted from sporting goods to casual wear. In 1971, it was acquired by General Mills, which sold it to Spiegel in 1988. When Spiegel declared bankruptcy in 2003, Eddie Bauer became a stand-alone company once again.

#### The Collin Street Bakery

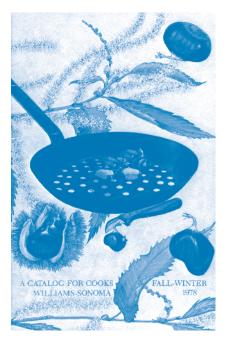
Founded in Corsicana, Texas, by a baker who brought his recipe for fruitcake from Wiesbaden, Germany, in 1896, the bakery got into the mail-order business in 1914 when John Ringling's circus troupe, after tasting the cake, asked to have cakes sent to family and friends throughout Europe.



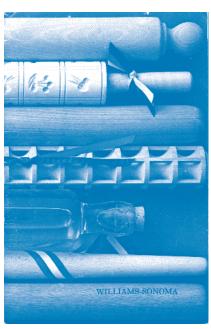
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#### Williams-Sonoma

During a visit to Paris in 1953, building contractor Chuck Williams noticed the wonderful cooking equipment and decided to import sauté pans, stockpots, fish poachers, and French bakeware for American home cooks. He bought an old hardware store in Sonoma, California, and remodeled it to display his new merchandise. The timing was perfect. At just around this time, Julia Child took to the American airwayes and took housewives by storm. Stopping by the store, customer and copywriter Jackie Mallorca said to Williams, "You need a catalog and I can create one for you." After Williams consulted with his friend, mailorder guru Edward Marcus, he decided she was right. Williams mailed his first "catalog" (some black-and-white sheets in a #10 enve-



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lope) in 1971. Items that Williams introduced to the United States included garlic presses, lemon zesters, ice-cream makers, Kitchen-Aid mixers, and balsamic vinegar. Today, his multibillion-dollar empire includes Williams-Sonoma, Pottery Barn, and West Elm.

#### The Horchow Collection

Neiman Marcus alumnus Roger Horchow founded his catalog in 1971 to sell luxury items from around the world. Horchow is credited with pioneering the use of the toll-free number for placing catalog orders. Neiman Marcus welcomed Horchow back into the fold when it acquired his company in 1988.

#### Bloomingdales

New York's first department store came late to the world of mail order, launching their first catalog in 1976 though the store had been around since 1872. But when their lingerie catalog, Sighs and Whispers, with sexy photographs by French *Vogue* photographer Guy Bourdin came out, it was a smash. Today, the original catalog fetches between \$700 and \$1,000 at auction.

#### Banana Republic

The company was founded in 1978 by Mel and Patricia Ziegler when Mel couldn't find a replacement for his beloved yet threadbare safari jacket. After locating one in a second-hand store in Sydney, Australia, the Zieglers started their own store to provide quality safari-esque attire. Their catalog was the first to combine wit and whimsy, with Mel, a former journalist, writing quirky copy and Patricia, an artist, drawing the sketches. J. Peterman called it his inspiration.

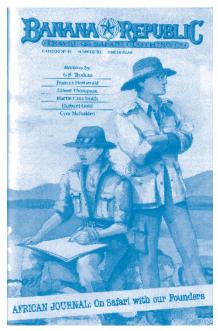
#### J.Crew

In 1983, the company started offering preppy clothing with a contemporary twist. While their clothes are bright and appealing, J.Crew's major contribution to mail order was to take the art of "color naming" to a new level. Today's colors range from Pebble, Dark Mineral, and Twig, to Chili Pepper, Espresso, and Cognac. The following recipes were developed using only J.Crew "colors" as ingredients:

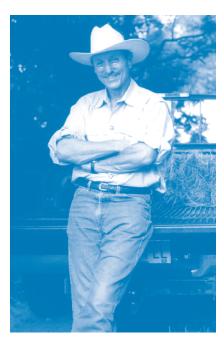
Blend Soft Butter and Chili Pepper with Juicy Orange and Sour Lemon juices in a bowl. Add Shrimp to coat and grill. Transfer to plate. Drizzle with Honey Glaze and garnish with Lime Zest. Serve with salad of Ripe Avocado, Yellow Corn, and Roasted Peppers. For desert, top Strawberry Ice with Bright Guava and Fresh Tangerine; sprinkle with Toasted Almond and Raisin. Finish with a Light Latte.

#### J. Peterman

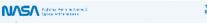
Starting in 1987, John Peterman built a \$75 million business from a western coat before becoming a pop-culture icon as Elaine's boss on Seinfeld. Peterman's entertaining prose revived the art of catalog copy: "As my boat sank into the Zambezi I watched my luggage float downstream over Victoria Falls. But the day wasn't a total loss." After expanding too rapidly into retail stores, the company was forced to declare bankruptcy in 1999. In early 2005, Peterman relaunched the catalog. Peterman ended up becoming good friends with actor John Hurley, who portrayed him on Seinfeld, and Hurley now sits on the board of the new company.

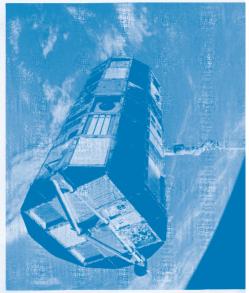


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-1.17- NASA's Long Duration Exposure Facility orbited Earth from 1984–1990, Park Seed.



-1.18 - Scientists check their payload, Park Seed.

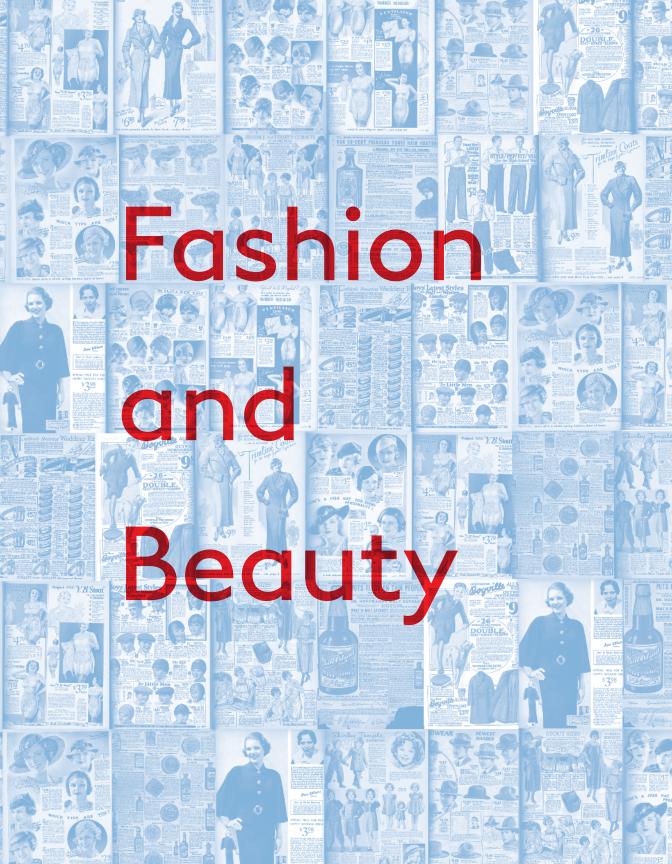
#### Park Seed

In 1984, Park Seed became the first catalog company to ship products to space when their tomato seeds were shipped on board the Challenger. The seeds were returned to Earth and when Park attempted to germinate them, they found that they germinated thirty percent faster than tomato seeds that had not flown in space. This tomato-seed experiment was turned into a worldwide student outreach program, which has distributed more than sixty thousand tomato seed kits.

#### **Sundance Catalog**

After Robert Redford founded Sundance Village, he opened a general store where visitors could purchase unique handcrafted Western items. The catalog was started in 1989 (with four employees working in the old village firehouse) to make those items available to a wider audience. Uncertain about the catalog's prospects, Redford said, "If for any reason this catalog should fail, I plan to change my name and move to Bolivia." Suffice it to say that Redford doesn't live in La Paz.





#### Fashion and Beauty

Nothing documents the history of American fashion and beauty better than mail-order catalogs. They showed the sometimes questionable progress of clothing from corsets, bustles, men's (bibbed) fancy bosom shirts, and Clara Bow hats, through leisure suits, tunics, and bell bottoms, to more contemporary fashions like baby doll dresses and Uggs. Natural fabrics gave way to synthetics that sounded eerily like science projects (Orlon acrylic, Estron acetate, Avril viscose, and Fortrel polyester).

Fashions following the Civil War reflected the country's growth and increasing wealth. Women, in their tightly laced corsets and full skirts, were voluptuous and elegant. Children dressed like little adults. Young girls wore crinolines and petticoats. Young boys also wore dresses, while older boys often appeared in military-style uniforms.

The Gay Nineties and prewar Belle Époque reveled in clothing that was ostentatious and luxurious. Women wore widebrimmed hats and tight corsets. The growing popularity of the automobile required "traveling clothes" to protect elegant fashions from the grime that was an inevitable part of open-air motoring. Both men and women

wore long, loose-fitted coats that kept them clean and made it easy to get in and out of vehicles. The summer coats were called dusters because they shielded passengers from the dust kicked up on the unpaved roads. To protect their eyes, men wore goggles and ladies wore scarves. A glove compartment was added to hold driving gloves. To keep warm in the winter, lap robes were popular. Hemlines inched above the ankle.

During WWI, men went off to war and women took their places in the factory. They required clothing that was more tailored, relaxed, and utilitarian, and there was no turning back. WWI made the world safe for democracy and women's pants. The formality that had characterized fashion since the Victorian era was gone. An interest in sports and the outdoors led to a rise in sportswear.

The Roaring Twenties featured women in straight dresses with flat chests, short bobs, and cloche hats. The rising interest in athletic activities led to a further relaxing of daytime wear. Louise Brooks was the fashion icon. The twenties culminated in the Great Depression and the slow drift toward another war. In 1941, the War Production Board regulated all manufacturing. Neiman Marcus president Stanley Marcus, in his role as apparel consultant to the board, told designers it was their patriotic duty to make clothes that would remain fashionable for several seasons and use a minimum amount of fabric. Men's suits were sold without vests and trousers were sewn without pleats or cuffs. Marcus encouraged men to wear droopy socks so the rubber used to hold them up could be redirected to the war effort. Items that required a surplus of fabric like long skirts, full sleeves, wide belts, and patch pockets were prohibited. Hemlines rose to conserve fabric. According to Marcus, the board's restrictions "froze the fashion silhouette," effectively preventing the introduction of dramatically new styles

# NEATNIKS MAKE GREAT PLAYMATES

Sears, children's apparel, 1969

that might have encouraged women to get rid of their existing clothes.

DuPont introduced nylon (then known as Fiber 66) in 1939 and caused a fashion revolution when "stronger than steel" and "run-proof" nylon stockings were introduced at the World's Fair and exhibited at the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco. At the DuPont pavilion, the chemist who invented nylon introduced Miss Chemistry, a long-legged beauty in nylon stockings who emerged from a giant test tube. Nylon was considered a miracle of modern science. In 1941, Neiman Marcus first offered nylon stockings for \$2.95; silk stockings were \$1.35. A prescient editorial read, "While our collections now are bounteous and you're sure to find the stockings you want for gifts, we cannot make promises for the future."

The love affair with nylon hosiery was cut short when the United States entered WWII and the War Production Board declared that nylon was to be strictly for military use. Nylon was used for items such as parachutes, tow ropes, and mosquito netting. Max Factor introduced a stocking cream to simulate stockings. Women would also draw lines down their legs to replicate stocking seams. In August 1945, eight days after Japan's surrender, DuPont announced it would resume production of nylon hosiery, and the following month, stockings went on sale at major department stores. Massive crowds showed up, but the stockings quickly sold out, and fights known as the "Nylon Riots" broke out. Angry mobs of women rioted outside department stores until March 1946 when the nation's hosiery supply caught up with demand.

Western-inspired clothing was popular during times of war; Sears offered Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Western Wear throughout the forties. The 1947 introduction of Christian Dior's New Look, with its soft curves and cinched waist, ushered in a

new era of femininity in dress. Dior's couture clothing was democratized into the popular shirtdress.

When Frederick Mellinger returned from the war, women's underwear was white, utilitarian, and unflattering. Seeking to provide American women with the sensuous lingerie made popular by the WWII pinups, the former GI set up a shop called Mellinger's on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan. While he was beloved by Broadway showgirls, he thought he could do better on the West Coast, believing that Hollywood stars and wannabes would embrace his sexy attire. He moved to California in 1946 and opened the legendary Frederick's of Hollywood where he sold "California Originals Styled for the Stars" to American housewives who wanted to "please their man."

The fifties witnessed the rise of the "Career Woman," although she was only expected to stay in the workforce until a suitable husband was found. To that end, Frederick's of Hollywood introduced the padded bra and the first push-up bra, which it called "the rising sun." Thanks to the fine engineers at DuPont, acrylic and polyester (known by their nifty sobriquets, Orlon and Dacron) made irons less important. "Wash and Wear," a nonwrinkling cotton-polyester blend, was invented by Ruth Rogan Benerito, a scientist with the United States Department of Agriculture. Benerito figured out how to chemically treat the surface of cotton so that it would resist wrinkles, thus freeing housewives from hours of weekly ironing. Her process is credited with saving America's cotton industry, which had been losing sales to synthetic, nonwrinkling fabrics as well as to foreign imports. Benerito's patented process also led to the creation of stain- and flame-resistant cotton. Although society was swinging, fashion remained conservative until the mid-sixties. Jackie Kennedy was the fashion icon.

The late sixties and seventies were groovy and psychedelic. Colors were loud; patterns were louder. Miniskirts were all the rage (made possible by the invention of pantyhose), and pants were widely accepted for women. Catalogs offered a wide selection of athletic clothes, like track suits with matching tops and bottoms (making trans-continental flight comfortable for generations to come). Twiggy was the physical ideal. In the seventies, newly liberated women could choose from an array of hemlines: from miniskirts and hot pants to midiskirts and maxidresses. Caftans and ethnic clothing were popular leisure wear for women; men, horrified in hindsight, embraced the leisure suit. Disco reigned; platform shoes were worn by both men and women, putting the ankles of both sexes at risk.

In the eighties, women wore shoulder pads and floppy silk ties. Men returned to conventional business suits; yellow ties were popular. Youth culture, so dominant over the past two decades, lost influence. The nineties was the era of dressing (and stripping) down. Stirrup pants, stonewashed denim, and camouflage were popular. The Gap, The Banana Republic, and J.Crew ruled. Women could cherry-pick their fashion favorites from past decades. Bell bottoms and baby doll dresses from the sixties and seventies staged returns. In 1997, Abercrombie & Fitch relaunched its catalog as the A&F Quarterly with the racy photography of Bruce Weber. Weber, who is well known for his erotic black-and-white photos, caused consternation, contention, and confusion with his titillating images of scantily clad, beautiful young men and women. Weber knew A&F Creative Director Sam Shahid from their collaboration on Brooke Shields's controversial "Nothing comes between me and my Calvins" ads for Calvin Klein. Weber preferred jocks to professional male models. To be considered, students were asked to submit Polaroid pictures, because they weren't as slick as professional photos. Successful A&F models were uninhibited young men who had no qualms about getting naked at the drop of a hat. In 2001, Abercrombie & Fitch was prohibited from selling the catalog to minors. The quarterly was discontinued in 2003 after parents and the American Decency Association protested its graphic content and called for a boycott of its store. It was replaced by the less controversial A&F Magazine. In 2008, the company announced it would bring back the A&F Quarterly in the less puritanical city of London.

The dot-com boom of the late nineties churned out young millionaires overnight; business casual was the order of the day. Heroin chic was both revered and reviled: waif Kate Moss was the most sought-after model. Actress Camryn Manheim took a stand for plus-sized women, accepting her Emmy Award saying, "This is for all the fat girls." The aforementioned bubble burst and the economic landscape had changed. Corporate layoffs were rampant; earlytwenty-first-century fashion embraced a bit of everything—trends came and went at lightening speed. America continued to broaden its standard of beauty to include plus sizes and nonwhite ethnicities. Jennifer Lopez and Queen Latifah appeared alongside conventional skinny white beauties on People magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People List.

# **BEAUTY**

Catalogs have offered beauty enhancers like hairpieces and cosmetics from almost the beginning. At the turn of the twentieth century, society went from viewing cosmetically enhanced women as "painted ladies" of questionable virtue to those who simply wanted to look good (and, in 1910,

Sears cautioned: "Because You Are Married is No Excuse for Neglecting Your Personal Appearance").

Ivory Soap was accidentally invented in 1879 when a soap-maker at Procter & Gamble forgot to turn off the soap mixer when he went to lunch. Extra air was pumped into the soap and rather than admit his mistake, the soap-maker packaged and shipped the air-filled soap. Soon buyers were clamoring for the "soap that floats."

Even then, the French were held in high esteem (recognizing French toilet preparations as the standard and in many cases far superior), so Sears devoted pages to French lines like Coty, Houbigant, and Bourjois. Sears offered Rouge de Theatre that gave (presumably living) women a "natural and lifelike glow."

In 1913, T. L. Williams invented mascara and named it after his sister Mabel, who wanted to be more alluring to Chet, who was interested in another woman. The darker lashes worked. Chet and Mabel were married in 1914. By combining Mabel with Vaseline, Williams named his mascara, and subsequently his company, Maybelline.

Even though the use of makeup was encouraged, the Victorian association of makeup with prostitution held sway until the 1920s. Makeup was used to make women look healthy and pure, not sexy and alluring. When the twenties hit, women got the right to vote and celebrated with bold red lipstick. Not everyone was enthusiastic however, and in 1924 the New York Board of Health considered banning lipstick, because they feared it would poison men who kissed a woman wearing it. Fifty million American women were using lipstick at the time. The board decided not to move forward with the ban. Also during the twenties, Coco Chanel popularized the idea of the suntan when she accidentally got sunburned on a cruise from Paris to Cannes. Prior to Chanel, suntans

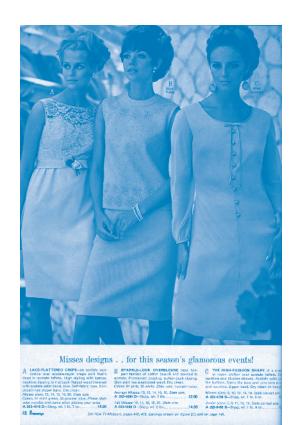
had been reserved for low-class outdoor laborers. Tanning would also be all the rage in the seventies and eighties when self-tanners were popular despite their distinctive orange tint. In 1979, the FDA declared the importance of sunscreen in preventing skin cancer. By the 1990s, the awareness of skin cancer prompted most manufacturers to produce skin products with SPF protection.

The rise of Hollywood cemented women's right to bear compacts, and no one did more to make them beautiful than Polish émigré Max Factor. Factor got his start at the age of eight apprenticing for a dentistpharmacist where he learned how to mix potions. He moved to Russia and opened up a shop in Moscow selling handmade cosmetics and wigs. A traveling theater troupe wore his products while performing for the Russian nobles, who were so impressed that they appointed him official makeup supplier to the royal family and the Imperial Russian Grand Opera. In 1904, Factor moved to St. Louis and sold his cosmetics at the World's Fair. Sensing that St. Louis was not a hotbed of celebrity and glamour, he set off to Los Angeles and in 1914 scored his first hit with greasepaint that would not cake or crack on film like theatrical makeup. In 1928, he created the first makeup for use in color motion pictures and was awarded an Oscar. He created the glamorous looks of Hollywood stars like Rita Hayworth and Jean Harlow in the twenties and thirties. He is credited with Clara Bow's Cupid's bow lips, Joan Crawford's mouth "smear" and Betty Davis's eyes. In the twenties, Factor started selling his cosmetics directly to women believing they should be able to look as good as the stars. In 1935, he revolutionized the cosmetics world with his invention of Pancake Makeup, the first powder makeup in solid form. During the thirties, Factor himself was featured in the Sears catalog, applying makeup to Claudette Colbert.

Between 1939 and 1945, three million women entered the civilian workforce, and their employers encouraged them to look good. Martin Aircraft offered beauty tips and Lockheed had beauty salons installed in its factories. Relieved of the war shortages, women in the fifties caused a dramatic rise in the sale of face powders, tanning oils, and fragrances. In the sixties, hippies went au naturel (except for the ever-present painted butterflies). For other women, foundation and lip color were pale and austere. Mascara and false eyelashes were redundantly augmented with black kohl eyeliner. Elizabeth Taylor's Cleopatra is partly to blame.

The "natural look" was the face of the feminist movement and the seventies. Foundation was light and subtly tinted lip gloss was all the rage. Women had no intention of painting their face to please their men. In the eighties, the cosmetics industry embraced diversity, tailoring products for a wide range of ethnic skin and hair. Power dressing required power makeup: big shoulders, bright lipstick. A heightened awareness that animals were being used to test cosmetics caused an extreme backlash against the inhumane use of animals. Since the nineties, cosmetics have become increasingly sophisticated, using scientific methods and ingredients to try to stem the tide of age.

Today, the classic beauty products of bygone days can be found in the Vermont Country Store catalog. Items include Tabu, the original smear-proof lipstick; and Tangee, an orange lipstick that changes color to accentuate your own skin tone; as well as long-lost perfumes like spicy Tigress from the seventies ("Are you wild enough to wear it?"), and Evening in Paris (touted as "the fragrance more women wear than any other in the world") from the twenties.



-2.1- J. C. Penney, 1967

# English Lavender Smelling Salts.

BEFRESHING AND INVIGORATING.

For faintness, headache, ste. In pretty, glass stoppered bottles, a useful and handsome ornament for the dressing table.

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# FIGURES ... FEMALE?

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Other and more learned writers have commented upon the American mania for sex and its growing use to sell everything from lipstick to Diesel engines . . . none of which I object to . . . that is, if it were sex!

But the notion, as exemplified by editors and photographers in these magazines as to what constitutes sex and gives forth as a girl, or even an attractive female has, I submit, gone completely haywire. Indeed, in a manner of speaking, the employment of these creatures as symbols of sex has reached the point of diminishing returns!

No one, I think, or at least no man old enough to remember women who looked like females, can accuse the editors and photographers of using sex when the symbols they display are emaciated, scrawny, fusiform, spiny sticks, instead of standard animated females! The girls selected for models today are a disgrace to the female race. Not only do they look like shrunken unhealthy Dead End boys, who have just crawled through a fence, and a very tight fence . . . but the bored, blase, supercilious, and sneering look on their faces, indicates that the models too have forsworn and abjured sex and have entered a curious land of neuter gender from which there is no return.

I haven't a daughter, unfortunately for me . . . but if I did have one, the last ambition I should want her to seize upon would be to become a model. I know men who do have daughters and some of these girls had such ambitions and realized the same. My friends tell me that when they see their daughters, they hardly recognize them. Furthermore they are worried about them . . . and not the way fathers are usually worried about daughters. They are worried for fear the poor girls will starve to death.

No woman wants to be fat I am sure, but there is a reasonable point beyond which they cease to be women . . . or what is commonly recognized by us old-timers as women . . . and become travesties of women.

I don't know if there are any men interested any longer... this thing has gone so far... but I am willing to start a new Society for Saving Spindly Girls. Now men, don't laugh... because the poor incapacious creatures are dying... of starvation.

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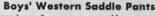
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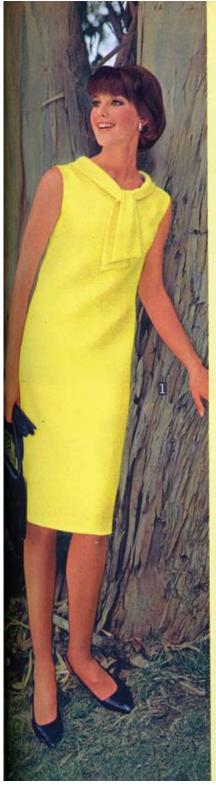
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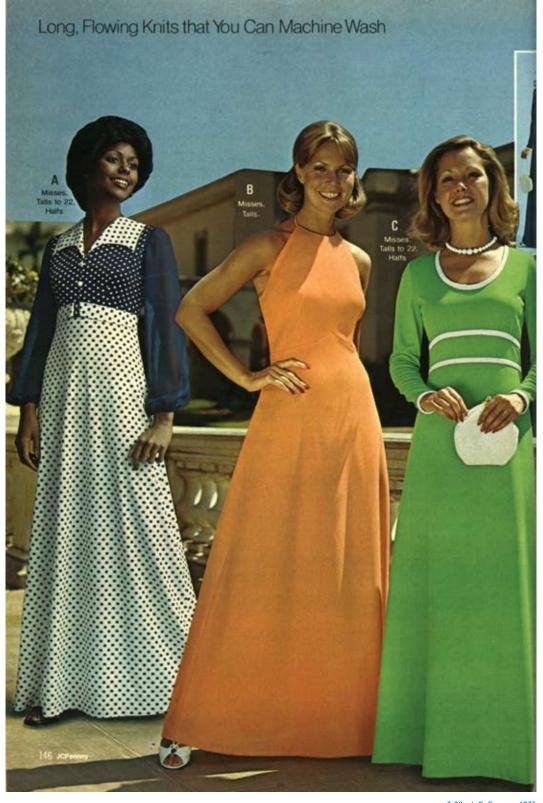


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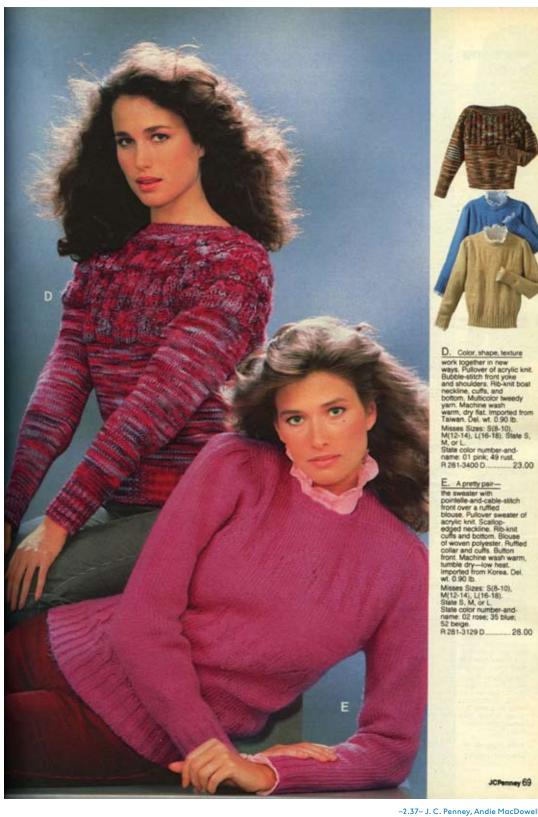
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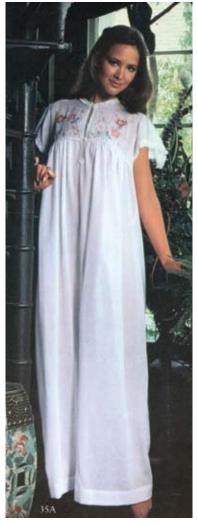






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# Hanami Caftan.



The cherry trees will blossom soon. Time for another hanami, a flower viewing, on the banks of the Hozu River.

Noble Mt. Arashiyama in the distance. Soft tolling of bells from an ancient Shinto shrine. Sip fragrant tea. discuss nuances of pink.

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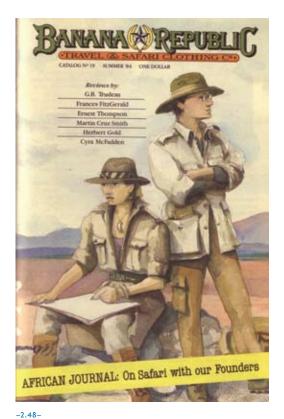


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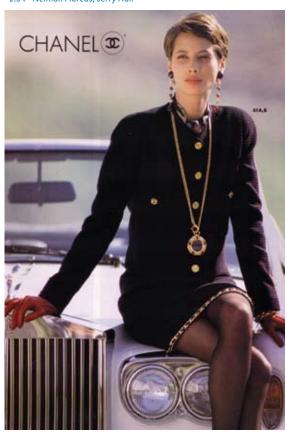
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# Toys, Dolls, and Sporting Goods

From Noah's Ark to the Man on the Moon, toys and dolls reflect the times. Female dolls evolved from housewives to "Presidential Candidate" Barbie. Dolls also reflect society's attitudes toward race, from the racially offensive depictions of black mammies to more true-to-life dolls resembling children of every race and color.

Early catalogs featured parlor games like jigsaw puzzles, magic and coin tricks, and board and card games. Comic dialogues that could be read as entertainment and Ouija boards, which Sears said, "purported to enable people to communicate with the afterworld," were also popular.

Until the early twentieth century, most toys were homemade, often of wood, straw, and stone. After the industrial revolution, modern materials like iron and tin were used. The first toy-grade plastic, polystyrene, was invented in 1927.

Until the women's liberation movement of the seventies attempted to advocate gender neutrality, toys were largely gender-specific. Girls learned to sew by making clothes for their dolls. Boys loved electric trains and construction. In 1900, Joshua Lionel Cowen

came up with a gimmick to liven up a New York City toy manufacturer's window displays. He put a small electrical motor under a cheese box and had it ride around a track advertising specials and displaying small items. The trains proved to be more popular than the products they were designed to promote. The entrepreneurial Cowen decided to market his Electric Express and Lionel trains was born. As the company expanded, trains grew more streamlined and realistic, and additional components like Pullman cars, cabooses, and freight cars were added. These were first offered in the early twentieth century catalogs, and Cowen also published his own catalog. Sears gave Lionel trains their "Sears Best" label.

During WWI, the company produced compasses, binoculars, and navigation equipment for the United States Navy, as well as a model war train. The postwar years were good, but while the core business suffered during the depression, a Mickey Mouse handcar offered for \$1 was a major hit. During WWII, train production was suspended, and Lionel again made nautical items for the navy. The late forties and early fifties were the heyday for train sets. During the fifties, Lionel published the third most popular catalog in the country, its distribution exceeded only by Sears and Montgomery Ward. Alas, the popularity of television and a diminished interest in train travel caused the company's fortunes to sag in the late fifties, and the Cowen family sold the company. The Lionel Corporation declared bankruptcy in 1967, the same year the legendary Twentieth Century Limited made its final run. Lionel has had many owners since then and today is owned by a consortium that includes train enthusiast and rock star Neil Young.

The early-twentieth-century construction boom led to the invention of several classic building toys that were offered by both Sears and Montgomery Ward. The

Erector Set was invented in 1913 by A. C. Gilbert, a Yale-trained physician and former Olympic Gold Medal winning pole-vaulter. The multitalented Gilbert was also a gifted magician who paid his way through medical school doing magic tricks. In 1907, he founded a company to sell magic kits to children. Although he graduated from medical school in 1909, he decided to pursue his interests in magic and business. Gilbert claims he was inspired by construction workers erecting steel girders to electrify the train lines while taking the train from New Haven to New York. In 1913, with a \$5,000 loan from his father, Gilbert produced a collection of steel beams, gears, and bolts and marketed them as the Mysto Erector Structural Steel Builder. With new skyscrapers, planes, and cars captivating the popular imagination, the Erector Set was a smash and went on to become the best selling educational toy of all time.

Gilbert also played an important role in the lives of children during WWI. In 1918, the United States Council of National Defense considered banning the sale of toys to support the war effort. As president of the Toy Manufacturers of America, Gilbert lobbied against the ban, arguing that toys were critical to the education and development of children. The council agreed. Toys were declared "essential," prompting the Boston Post to call Gilbert "the man who saved christmas." Alas the 1958 introduction of the lighter, more colorful, and easier to use LEGO sounded the death knell for the Erector Set. The company folded in 1968. The Man Who Saved Christmas, a movie based on Gilbert's story, aired on CBS in 2002, starring Jason Alexander as Gilbert.

Charles Pajeau invented Tinker Toys for younger children (after seeing toddlers play with thread spools and pencils) in 1914. Lincoln Logs were invented by Frank Lloyd Wright's son, John, in 1916, after he watched builders lay the foundation for his father's Imperial Hotel in Tokyo.

Toys for girls sought to prepare them for lives as happy homemakers. Catalog pages touted items "for the little housekeeper" and included toy sewing machines, dresser sets, sewing boxes, ironing boards, and laundry sets for the doll's laundry. Sears offered a Bissell toy carpet sweeper as early as 1897. Toy kitchen sets, often in pink, included ranges, stoves, ovens, pots, pans, utensils, and dishes. Little girls had mini wicker baby buggies. Tea sets for tea parties (initially tin and enamel, and later china) were popular until long after their mothers had given their last tea party. Miniature typewriters were seen as appropriate for little girls since fullsize typewriters were often many women's entrée into the business world. The snazzy turquoise Easy Bake Oven (a real oven with a fake stovetop) was introduced in 1963; over 500,000 were sold in the first year.

One doll that enchanted both boys and girls was the teddy bear. In 1902, after President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a captured bear, toy maker Roy Michoum decided to rechristen his toy bears "Teddy's bears" in his honor. Michoum went on to found the Ideal Toy Company, which would become one of the country's preeminent toy companies. Teddy bears were used as table decorations at the wedding of Roosevelt's daughter.

In the twenties and thirties, toys glorified the future. Italian immigrant, Antonio Pasin, originally named his company Liberty Coast, in honor of the Statue of Liberty. When he introduced his new wagon at the 1933 World's Fair, he wanted it to have a name that evoked the future. He named it Radio Flyer, combining infatuation with the new wireless radios (invented by another Italian) with the exciting concept of flight.

The post-war period was prosperous; a record number of children were born.

Educational toys like the shape-sorting blue mailbox from Playskool and the Chatter Telephone from Fisher-Price were popular as parents hoped they would keep their children entertained (and get them into the lvy League).

As America embraced fitness and the outdoors, active toys gained in popularity. Wham-O was founded to sell slingshots; it was named for the sound projectiles made when they hit their targets. In 1956, they branched out with flying disks that they christened Pluto Platters, inspired by the country's infatuation with UFOs. The name was later changed to Frisbee, after the baking company whose pie plates were originally used. Wham-O also scored a hit with another classic: the Hula Hoop.

Dolls were made of rags, straw, and wood until manufactured dolls, made of composition (sawdust and glue) and bisque (unglazed porcelain) were introduced. Celluloid, an early plastic, was used from the mid-nineteenth century until the fifties when it fell out of favor because it faded and was highly flammable. Horsman, which manufactured dolls for both Sears and Montgomery Ward, introduced "soft, realistic, washable vinyl dolls that were guaranteed not to rot, crack, or mildew" in 1947. They later introduced a more flexible vinyl that they trademarked Fairy Skin. Real hair was used until the fifties when United States health regulations banned it. After that, dolls' wigs and hair were made of Saran, later used in the eponymous wrap. Barbie, who would go on to become an American icon, was invented in 1959. Retailers were not initially taken with the new doll, which retailed for \$3, but consumers went wild; Barbie sold out completely. In 1963, Sears devoted eight pages of their Christmas catalog to Barbie and her accessories. Barbie enhancements (her bust required none) included the Twist 'n Turn Waist, Talking, Live Action, and sun-kissed

Malibu. Barbie got a boyfriend, Ken, in 1961; black friends, Christie and Brad, in 1969; and a bellybutton in 2000.

The influx of immigrants (and the anxiety it caused the Anglo-American majority) was accompanied by a large number of toys featuring derogatory stereotypes of African-Americans, Native Americans, Asians, and immigrants. Dolls, mechanical toys, and board games represented African-Americans as either lazy and subservient or strong and menacing. Africans were savages and witch doctors; Native Americans were the ferocious nemeses of the virtuous white cowboys; and Chinese merchants were portrayed as wily and deceptive. Over time, through assimilation and legislation like the Civil Rights Act, these disgraceful toys fell dramatically (and thankfully) out of favor.

Today, little girls flock to American Girl, a store that offers girls dolls in every skin, eye, and hair color and an array of hairstyles (including with or without highlights). American Girl dolls come with a book to help bring the doll's backstory to life. Historical dolls include Depression era Kit Kittredge who "as a girl growing up in 1934, sees her dad lose his business overnight. Her days are filled with worry about whether her family can save their house. Kit pitches in at home all she can, struggling with an endless list of chores that keeps her constantly busy." Girls are invited to experience Kit's whole world.

Space toys go back to the twenties; Buck Rogers, the twenty-fifth-century space explorer, was introduced in 1928. Buck Rogers (and his competitor, Flash Gordon) ignited the fantasy of space travel and helped to launch a rash of toy rocket ships, ray guns, and robots. His existence five hundred years in the future made him less relevant when, in 1957, the Soviets launched Sputnik, the first man-made satellite to orbit earth. Sputnik's launch may have shocked lawmakers, but American toymakers knew the golden rocket

had landed. As an executive at Ideal Toy Company put it, "This may be a propaganda blow to the U.S., but for us, boy, oh, boy." Children clamored for robots, rockets, and spaceships. The toys children wanted were more practical than those of the twenties and thirties—they replicated objects that we could really imagine in use. Montgomery Ward offered a telescope, Spiegel offered a "Super Satellite Station," and Sears offered the "Radar Rocket Cannon." In 1975, Neiman Marcus offered "The Moon Walk," an inflatable trampoline with a plastic roof that made it safe for all children. Billionaire J. Paul Getty ordered one but refused to pay the transportation charges. After repeated attempts to collect, Stanley Marcus filled his car up at a Getty gas station and refused to pay the tax, telling the attendant to refer the matter to Mr. Getty. Science kits were also popular as children looked toward the future.

In 1974, Montgomery Ward was the exclusive seller of Mego's line of Secret Identity outfits, which featured the civilian clothes of Clark Kent (Superman), Peter Parker (Spiderman), Bruce Wayne (Batman), and Dick Grayson (Robin). Since buyers of the outfits presumably had the doll, the Secret Identity set came with an (unmasked) head and the outfit. They are extremely rare and eagerly sought by legions of Mego collectors.

Today, even religion is fair game. The Jewish Source catalog offers toys based on traditional favorites like Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders. In Kosherland, players spin their way to the Kosher Home; along the way they meet the Little Latke Men, sail the Kiddush Wine Ocean, and visit Hamentashen House—but they mustn't get stuck mixing milk and meat. In Passover Slides & Ladders, players try to be the first to reach Square Ten—Jerusalem. It shouldn't, they promised, take forty years of wandering.

Sears was also at the forefront of the video game phenomenon. When Atari ushered in the era of video games with PONG, Sears, under its TeleGames brand, was its exclusive retailer. Although Magnavox's Odyssey was the first video game, it wasn't until Sears offered the home version of Atari's PONG that video games took off. Because of the failure of Odyssey, most of the buyers at the 1975 Consumer Electronics Show passed on PONG. When Sears's sporting goods buyer was told that Atari could make 75,000 consoles, he told them he needed 150,000 and would pay for the increased cost of production. Introduced under Sears's TeleGames brand, PONG was the most successful toy of the year, and Sears sold out completely.

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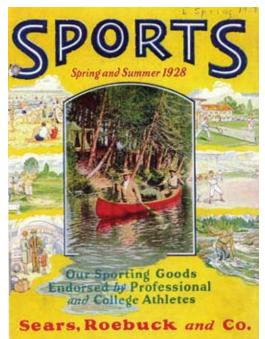


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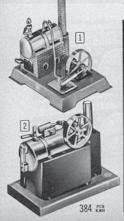
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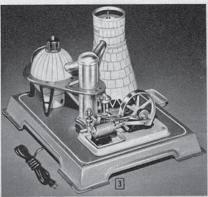


lifts, etc. Electric motor; electromagnet. \$4.00 down. 79 N 02020K-22x131/sx23/4 in. Shpg. wt. 29 lbs... Cash \$37.95

Engineers' Set. Makes jet fighter, rockets, robot. 49 N 2015—14x5-in, tube. No motor. Wt. 2 lbs. 6 oz. . . \$2.29

## Real Steam Engines, Atomic Power Plant change heat into energy





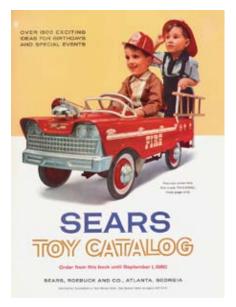
- [1] Low-priced Steam Engine. Oscillating brass cylinder engine. Safety valve, real dome whistle. Water heats in nickelplated 31/2-in. brass boiler with copper-plated, embossed, bricktype walls. Steam operates piston, turns separate flywheel with grooved pulley. To be heated with solid alcohol. Finely varnished metal base 5x8 inches. German import.
- 49 N 2144-8 in. high overall. Shpg. wt. 3 lbs. . . .
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- 49 N 2321-8 inches high overall, Shpg. wt. 4 lbs..........\$12.98
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-3.17- Sears, toy chemistry set, 1960



-3.19- Sears, doll houses, 1960



-3.18- Sears, toy catalog, 1960



-3.20- Sears, toy dinnerware, 1961



-3.21- Sears, atomic train, 1960



-3.23 - Sears, doll house, 1961



-3.22- Sears, children's apparel, 1959



-3.24- Sears, toy kitchen appliances, 1960



-3.25- Sears, 1961



Fine detail will interest doctors and students . . amuse teen-agers. All components can easily be re-

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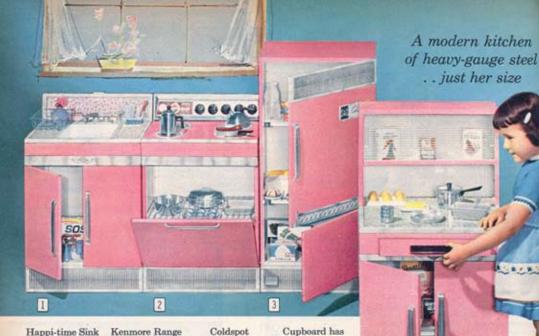
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The Faucet swivels to turn water on-off for all "folly's" dishes. Watertight plastic basin, 88822 inches. Chrome-plated handles. Lithographed kick plate on cabinet base. 18x15x27½ in. high. Easy to assemble. Accessories sold at right. Shpg. wt. 14 lbs.

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2 So realistic with controls and knobs that really turn and click. Big oven for "baking" her cakes. Spring door, shell. Chrome-plated handle. Lithographed kick plate. 18x15x27½ in high. Easy to assemble. Accessories sold at right. Shpg. wt. 15 lbs. 79 N 1162C. \$8.45

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Two outfits in each space-age set.

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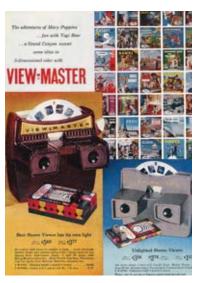
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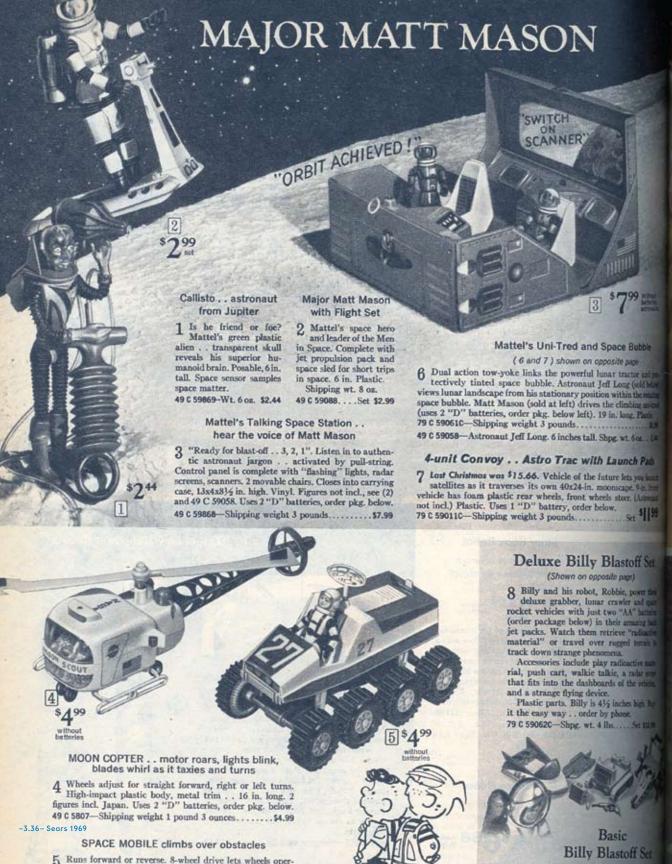


- -3.29- Hasbro, Tiger Electronics (top left)
- -3.30 Neiman Marcus, mechanical bull, 1996 (top right)
- -3.31- Sears, GI Joe, 1966 (middle left)
- -3.32- Sears, View-master, 1966 (above)
- -3.33 Hasbro, Galactic Heroes (middle right)
- -3.34- Hasbro, Transformers (left)
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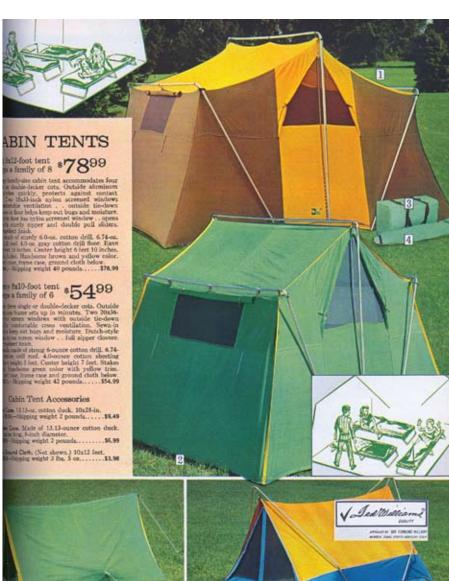




-3.37- Sears, 1969









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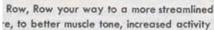
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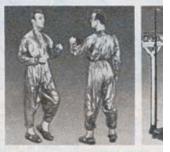
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-3.42- Sears, Sonja Henie, 1939



-3.43 - Sears, Radio Flyer, 1956

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Mini-Martians From up above the sky so high come the MINI-MARTIANS "pinky" high

Sears, 1967



#### -3.47- Eddie Bauer



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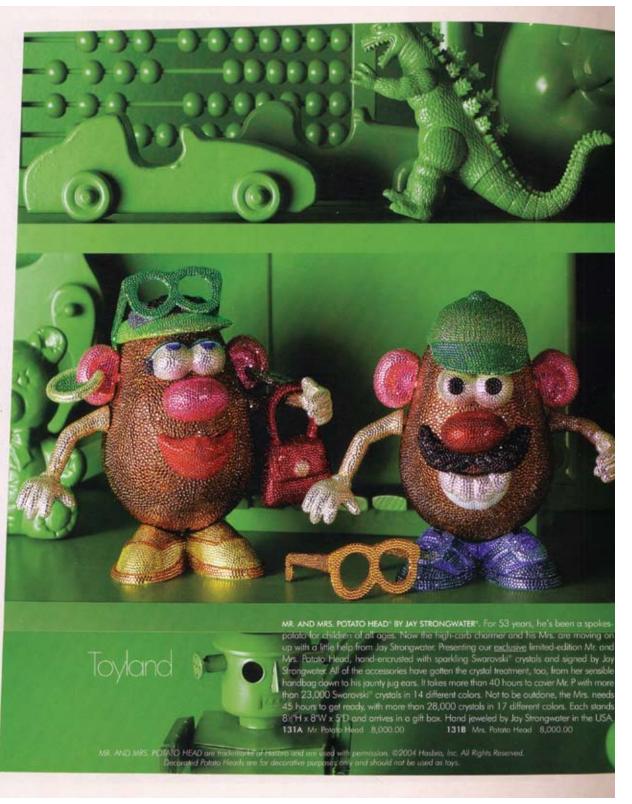


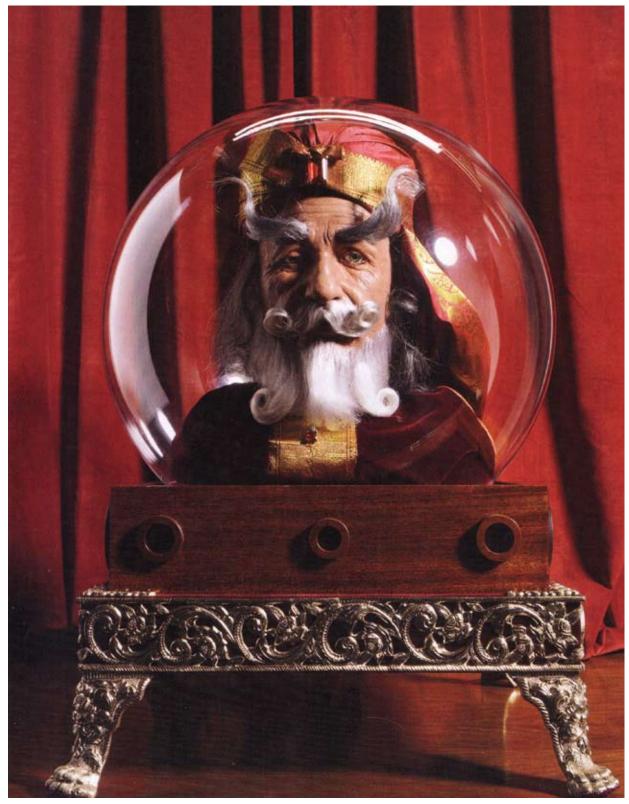


-3.53 – Neiman Marcus, photobooth, 2005

-3.54- Neiman Marcus, underwater BOB, 1994







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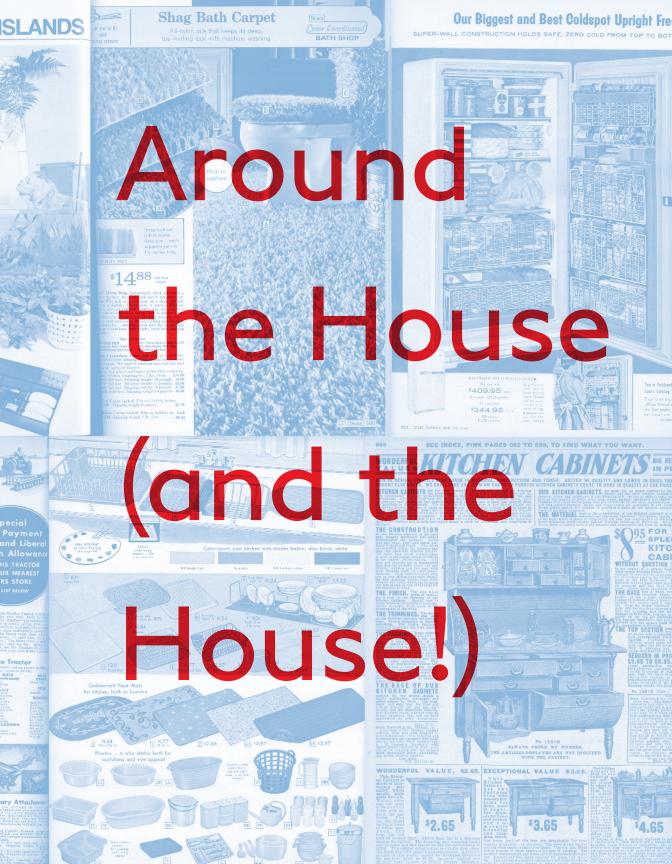
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# Around the House (and the House!)

Not only could you buy everything you needed around the house, from appliances and furniture to bedspreads and carpets, Sears and other mail-order outfits would also sell you the materials to make your own house.

When mail order started, 65 percent of the United States population lived in rural areas. But during the early twentieth century's industrialization and immigration, veterans returned from war eager to start families, which created a pressing need for houses in both urban and suburban areas. 1920 was the first time that the number of people living in cities outnumbered those living in rural areas.

In 1906, Aladdin Homes of Bay City, Michigan, was the first company to offer prefabricated homes by mail. Sears launched their Modern Homes Catalog two years later, though initially they just sold house plans. Sears started selling the home kits in 1915 and in 1916, started their own mortgage business. A number of other manufacturers also offered mortgages—a very profitable sideline, until the Depression when the number of defaulters skyrocketed. Montgomery Ward

started selling house plans in 1911. In 1921, Ward partnered with Gordon-Van Tine to sell plans and materials; they stopped selling houses in 1931. Though they were marketed under the Wardway brand, they contracted all of the manufacturing from other mills. The Lewis Manufacturing Company (later Lewis-Liberty) were the other prominent house kit purveyors.

Sears's initial catalog offered forty-four different models ranging in price from \$495 to \$4,115. A typical home filled two boxcars and came with up to 30,000 different pieces. The homes came with a seventy-five-page leather-bound instruction manual plan with the new homeowner's name embossed in gold. In addition to precut lumber, 750 pounds of nails, glue, plaster, paint, windows, doors, plumbing, and electrical fixtures and bathroom tile floors set in mortar, Sears included floor plans suggesting optimum placement of Sears furnishings (sofas, chairs, beds, dinettes, etc.) as well as two trees for planting in the front yard.

While these new homes helped to spread modern innovations like central heating, electric lighting, and indoor plumbing, not all communities had electricity and water systems; Sears continued to offer a \$23 outhouse well into the 1920s.

In 1918, Standard Oil had just opened a new coal mine in Carlinsville, Illinois. The miners and their families needed places to live so the company wrote out a check for \$1 million to Sears. That money bought 192 precut Sears houses; 156 of which were built in a twelve-block area of Carlinsville that became known as the "Standard Addition." (When the mine closed and the town fell on hard times, it became known as the "Substandard Addition.")

The Depression foretold the end of the house kit market. Montgomery Ward stopped selling house kits in 1931; Sears stopped in 1940. Between 1908 and 1940, it is believed

that 500,000 mail-order houses were sold; roughly one-quarter of them by Sears. Of the major prefabricated house manufacturers, only Sears is still in business. Kit homes continued to be of interest; a 1925 Lewis home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, which would have cost less than \$5,000, sold for \$550,000 in 2001. Also in Chevy Chase, a Sears home recently sold for \$816,000.

In 2005, the fishing/hunting catalog Orvis introduced its own log cabins that can be shipped to the owner's favorite fishing spot. They offer six different models, which they are quick to mention are "premilled, not prefabricated." Each is named after a river or lake—so The Rogue is named after Oregon's river, not the village cad. Turnkey prices start at \$500,000 including walls, doors, windows, beams, roofing, and hardware. All models include a "Sportsmen's Room."

Catalogs also reflect the changes in the utility and design of the domestic environment. Initially, labor, from canning and baking to water heating and laundry, was done at home and by hand. Catalogs provided the requisite Mason jars, cream separators, and washtubs. After WWII, when appliances were designed to make housekeeping more efficient and less labor-intensive, the mass production of appliances flourished. Sears made the world safe for the avocado-colored appliances of the seventies when they introduced the Kenmore Harmony House appliances in Sunshine Yellow, Malibu Coral, and Aquamarine, in addition to the standard white of 1940.

Catalogs sold iceboxes well into the twentieth century; the mechanical refrigerator wasn't invented until 1913. Boxy refrigerators were introduced in 1916; freezer compartments were added in the thirties. Sears's Coldspot electric refrigerator was the toast of Paris when it was introduced at the Paris International Exposition in 1929. In 1937, a streamlined Coldspot, designed

by acclaimed industrial designer Raymond Loewy, won first prize for design at that year's Paris exposition.

For washing, metal tubs replaced wooden ones in 1900. Early washing machines were hand-powered. In 1929, Sears offered the motor-operated "Gyrorator" for \$79.50. The first one to wash, rinse, and extract water from clothes was Sears's Toperator, introduced in 1933. In 1947, Sears introduced a top-loading automatic washing machine for \$239.95.

The first portable vacuum cleaner was introduced in 1901. Unfortunately, it weighed ninety pounds and wasn't a big hit. James Spangler invented the "suction sweeper" out of a box, a fan, and a pillow case. He incorporated a rotating brush to lift up dirt. He sold his invention to his friend, "Boss" Hoover. Hoover introduced the first vacuum with a cloth filter and cleaning attachments in 1908. Sears offered its first vacuum cleaner in 1932 for \$24.50.

Early stoves were powered with wood, charcoal, and coal. Gas stoves gained popularity at the end of the nineteenth century and were offered by both Sears and Montgomery Ward; the electric stove was invented in 1906 but didn't catch on until the thirties when most American residences were electrified.

The microwave oven was the accidental invention of an engineer at Raytheon who noticed a candy bar in his pocket melted when he walked past a bank of radar tubs. Christened the "Radarange," the first microwave ovens cost \$2,000-\$3,000 and were originally marketed for commercial use. It wasn't until Raytheon acquired Amana in 1965 that the microwave took off in American households. The microwave oven first appeared in the Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs in 1971. By 1975, sales of microwaves had surpassed those of gas ranges. By 1976, more Americans owned microwaves than dishwashers.

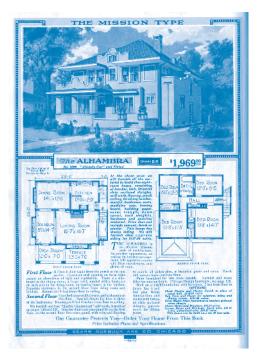
For years, Americans had heard that television was just around the corner. A 1938 article in Radio News asked, "Is Television Here?" "Yes" said the vice president of the American Television Institute; "No" said the president of Zenith Radio Corporation. RCA introduced television at the 1939 World's Fair as RCA President David Sarnoff proclaimed, "Now we add sight to sound." NBC began regularly televised broadcasting at the fair. In the early days, Sears invited customers to attend television demonstrations, while RCA offered salespeople seminars on how to sell the new technology. By 1955 when catalogs and manufacturers introduced color televisions, there were roughly 40 million black-and-white televisions in American households. Sears's and Montgomery Ward's color televisions were advertised for less than \$500. In 2002, Sears Kenmore was the "official home appliance" supplier for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The rise of the suburb also spurred America's love of growing plants, and gardening catalogs flourished, introducing many foreign plant varietals to American gardeners. Plant developers were protected from imitators when President Hoover signed a law allowing new plant varietals to be patented like inventions. The garden catalogs were known for their optimistic, almost overthe-top language, touting fruits, vegetables, and flowers of previously unimaginable grandeur. Wayside Gardens offered the Amaryllis Hercules and the Rose Double Knock Out: Burpee offered the Tomato Mortgage Lifter developed in the 1930s by a gardener who paid off his mortgage by selling the plants, which yielded immense, flavorful tomatoes. One of the more peculiar innovations was Kelly Nurseries' Fruit Cocktail Tree, an "amazing one-tree orchard" that grew nectarines, peaches, plums, and apricots on the same tree. Kelly Nurseries also offered the Apple 5-on-1 Dwarf, which is actually a small

fruit tree with five different apple varieties grafted on one tree. A Pear 5-on-1 Dwarf was also available.

To avoid disappointment, garden writer Ken Druse offered home gardeners the following advice:

- 1. Read the catalog.
- 2. Mark those plants you believe you cannot live without.
- 3. Fill out the form.
- 4. Tear up the form and throw it away.



-4.1- Sears Kit House, 1918

# The Improved Simplex Typewriter

Writes All Characters, Including Capitals, Small Letters, Punctuation Marks, Figures, Signs, etc.

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Very Neat and Graceful Writing. Standard Characters

No. 2380 Letter Size \$7.50



# The Little Giant Typewriter

A First Class Writing Machine for \$1.50

PRODUCES THE FINEST WORK JUST LIKE THIS



LANDLADY: "You'll have to pay your bill or leave!" LODGER: "Thanks, awfully! 18]

-4.2- At the end of the nineteenth century, Simplex made inexpensive "Index" typewriters. They did not have keyboards, and the acts of selecting a letter and printing it were separate.







-4.5 - Sears, hardware, 1932

-4.4- Sears, kitchen, 1908



A Modern General Purpose Barn, Braced Rafter Type, With Drop Siding, "Already Cut" and Fitted.

IGHT, air and confort for a mixed stock are the special features of this General Purpose Barn. The construction is of the braced rafter type shown on page 4. Ground floor height, 8 feet 6 inches. Framing lamber is of No. 1 yellow gine. The outside walls are covered with drop siding of Cypress, "The Wood Eternal." This secures a strong and weather resisting combination. To make the roof speed and strong combination.

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To make the roof good and strong we furnish tight fitting tengued and grooved sheathing boards to be laid on the raisers and covered onth First-Chief Shingle Roll Roofing. First-Chief Roofing is guaranteed by us for fifteen years. It resembles painted shingles.

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## One-Way Disc Tiller

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Here's a perfectly balanced disc plow that does a fine job even in bad plowing conditions. No matter how hard the ground may be, this disc



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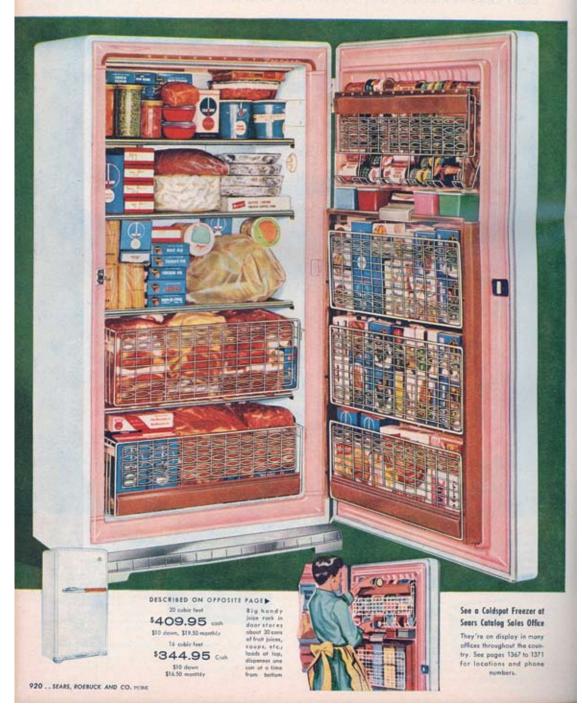
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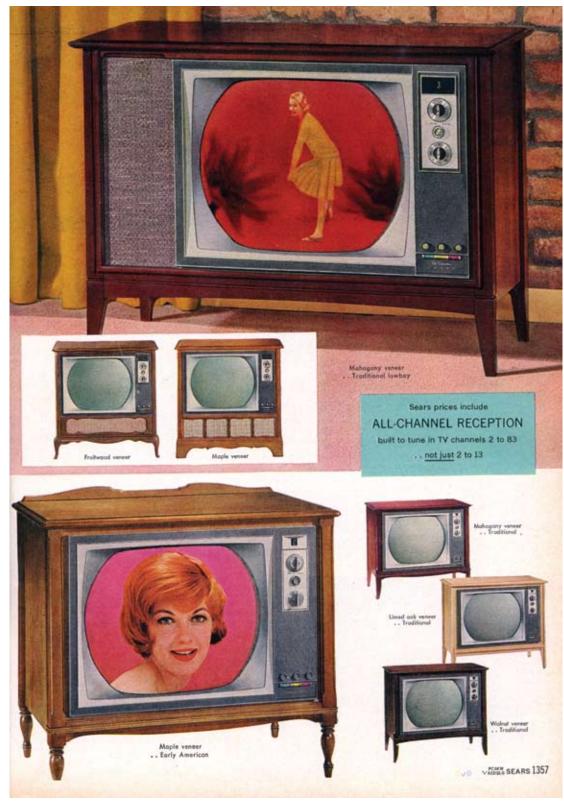
-4.7- Sears, 1939 -4.8- Sears, 1952

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(Over-all diagonal measure. 261-sq. in. viewng area)

Cabinet about 27x15 inches deep, 34 inches high. With Selectra wireless remote control. On VHF set only. 57 K 165N-Mahogany. VHF. Shpg. wt. 102 lbs. \$15 monthly.....\$327.95

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Get 26% more picture area than our 21-inch sets at no increase in down payment. Cabinet about 28x16 inches deep, 36 inches high.

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Turn set on and off and change channels from yo easy chair. 25-ft. cable. Order only for Medalist TV on these two pages without Selectra control. 57 K7776-Order with TV, not sold separately... \$9.50

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Get a service contract at no increase in down payment . . see facing page





-4.13 - Sears, blender, 1970





-4.14- Williams-Sonoma



# Looks like a Million and just as good as it ooks...

Sears, tractor, 1939

# **OUR FINEST 19-INCH PORTABLE COLOR TV** GIVES YOU AN EXTRA LARGE PICTURE BECAUSE IT HAS A SPECIAL WIDE-ANGLE SCREEN

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- THIS TV ALSO HAS A TINTED, BONDED-ETCHED PICTURE TUBE FOR BRIGHT, RICH COLORS; CLEAR, DEFINED CONTRAST... UP FRONT IS A LIGHT DIFFUSER SCREEN THAT MINIMIZES GLARE
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# MEDALIST II

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All-nylon pile that keeps its deep, toe-inviting look with machine washing

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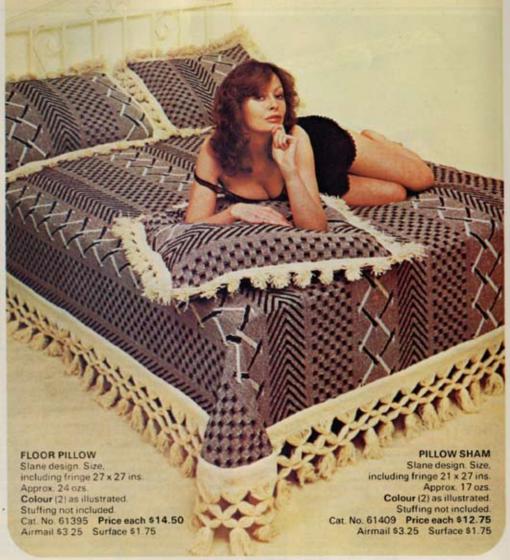
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Irish Tapestries has become one of the major woven bedspread manufacturers in Europe. In the past eight years it has successfully brought bedspreads into the fashion world of home furnishings with acceptance of its design and quality on a world wide basis. 100% pure new wool.

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As everyone knows who knows anything about wine, Frank Schoonmaker, member "Diplome de l'Academie du Vin de France," is the world. Nothing like fine wine to console us when faced by the problems and anxieties of modern living, he declares. But to enjoy fine wines, one simply must drink them from proper glasses. Part of the enjoyment comes with knowing what glass to use with each breed of wine. Now, at long last, Frank has designed, and one of the oldest American glass companies has made, authentic glasses so your table can be set with distinction and grace. You will now know, not guess, what glass to serve wine to your guests.

These graceful, impeccably correct glasses are handblown of the very highest quality paper thin lead crystal, so fine and brilliant that wine in them is really enhanced. Schoonmaker glasses take the mystery and uncertainty out of serving

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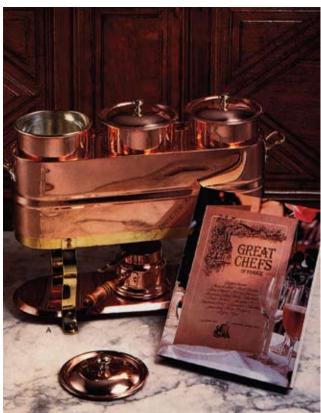
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- 2. THE CABERNET: 9 oz., for red wines.
- 3. THE JOHANNISBERG: 6 oz., for German Rhine, Moselle or Riesling wines.
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Since most lead crystal glasses sell for \$5 to \$8 each, these are most reasonable in price. But because of packing costs, we can sell no less than FOUR GLASSES of any one shape. No. 11036 4 glasses for \$10.00. Weight 4 lbs.

-4.20- Vermont Country Store, Schoonmaker's glasses





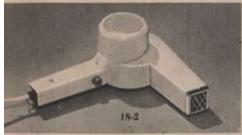
-4.21- Neiman Marcus, mummy cases





# There's always more in it for you at Macy\*s... hair dryers, make-up mirrors,

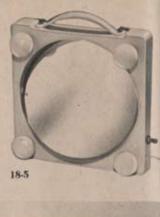














### Clairol true-to-light make-up mirror, Macy's Low Discount Price, 19.77

18-1. Dial daylight, office light or evening light. Reverses from regular to super magnification. Cool, glarefree illumination. Swivels, adjusts to any angle. #LM1.

### Hitachi hair dryer fits your hand, 14.95

18-2. Gives you cool or hot air instantly. Whisper-quiet motor does not interfere with TV or radio. Dries your hair in minutes. Slips into suitcase for travel. #HD5000.

### First at Macy's, Brytone\* lighted make-up mirror, 12.99

18-3. Has three settings for daylight, office light or evening light. 8° diameter mirror swivels to any angle... Tru Image or magnified. Glare-free illumination. For school, travel, vanity. #E825.

# Norelco\* thermostatically controlled stand hair dryer, 19.99

18-4. Sure, even, fast-drying finger-tip temperature settings from cool to hot. Thermostat control means it won't overheat. Has an attractive double-insulated hood. Folds for storage. #HP4606.

### "Swinger" illuminated make-up mirror, by Rialto, regularly 8.99, Sale 7.88

18-5. 'Swinger" tilts to any angle, reverses easily from true reflection to magnifying image. Mirror is a big 7¾ in diameter, with 4 complexion-toned bulbs. Lightweight: carrying handle. Ivory, pink, blue.

# "Duchess" vanity and travel make-up mirror, regularly 19.99, Sale 17.99

18-6. By Universal Lamp, Variable light for day, office or evening. Hi-lo intensity switch. Compact, easy to take with you. #UC-601.

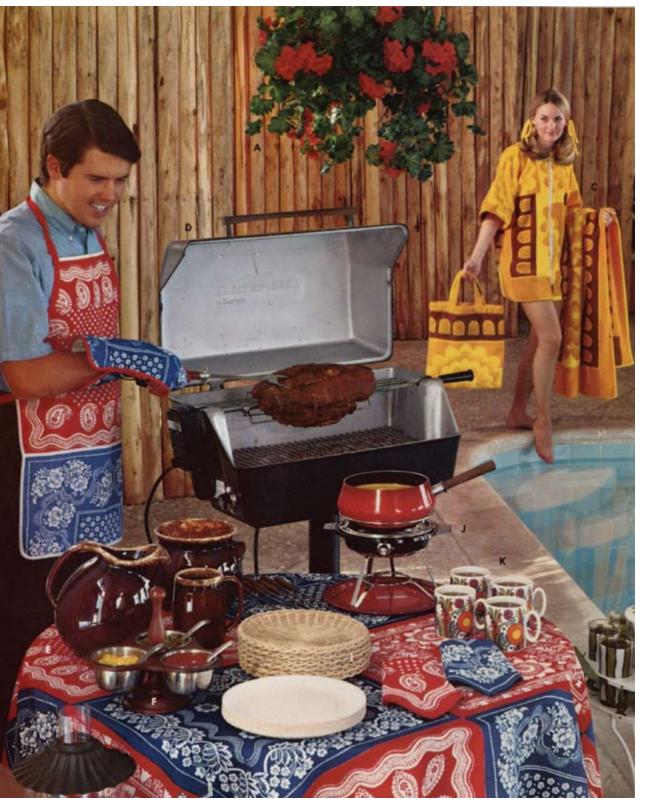
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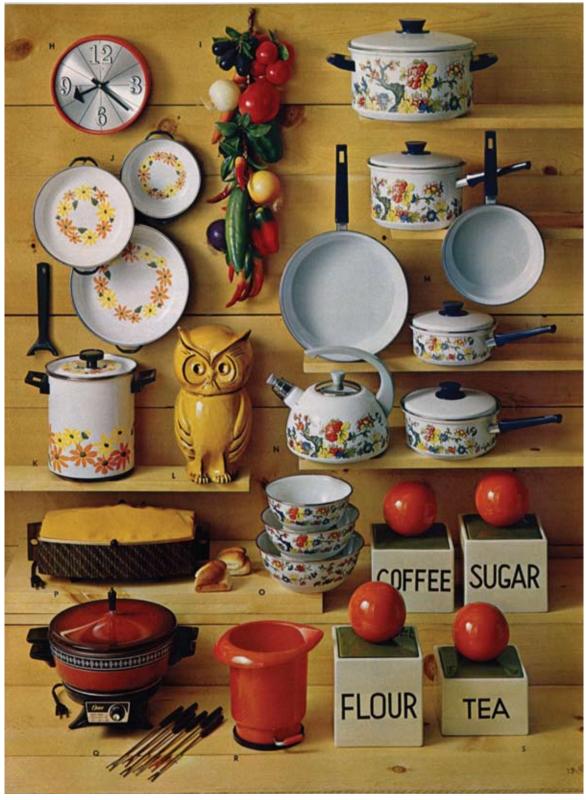
-4.26 – Richard Petty and Bobby Allison tout Sears DieHard batteries in 1973.

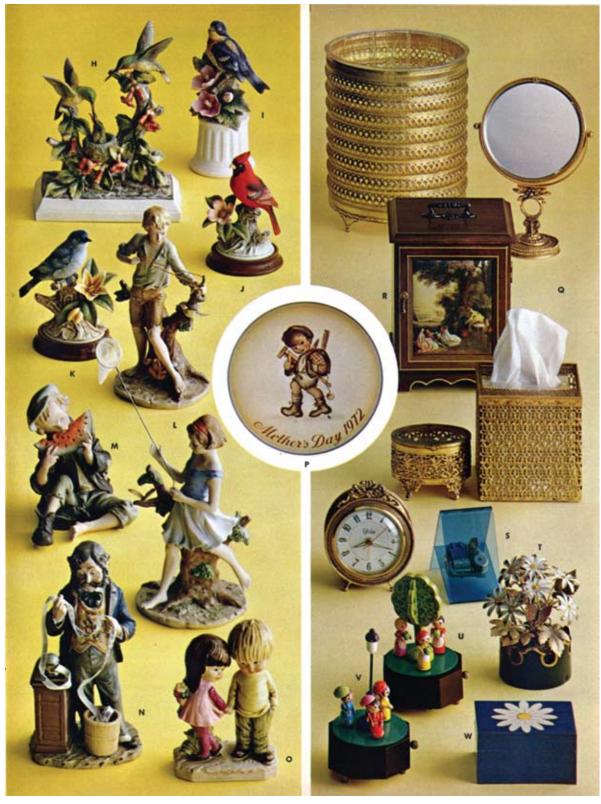
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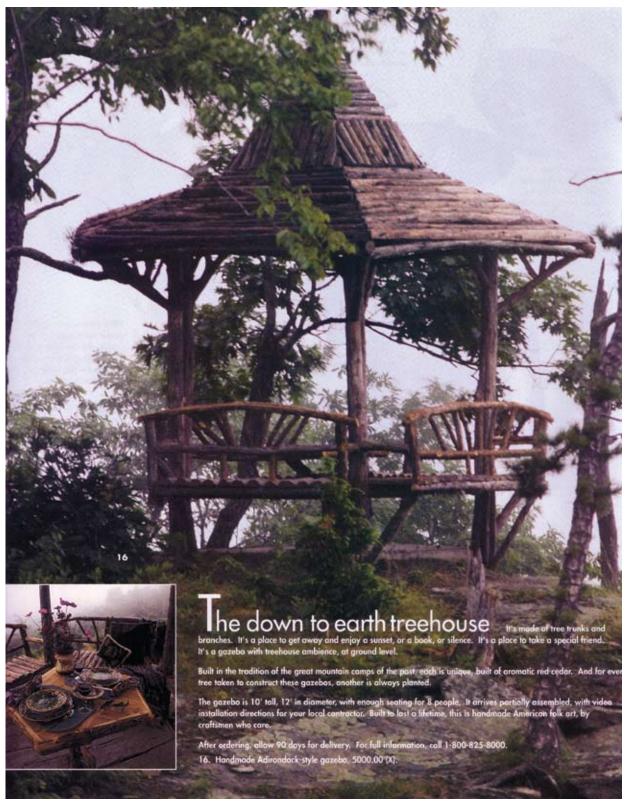
Sears, 1971











# **ISLANDS**







#### **Animals**

The decades saw animals evolve (or devolve) from workers to pampered pets. Through the years, catalogs offered animal paraphernalia, as well as a surprising range of pets, among them, a Mexican burro (\$69.95, Spiegel, 1955); a Shetland pony (\$299.95, Spiegel, 1956); and a miniature donkey (\$1,300–\$9,000 depending on gender and pedigree, Neiman Marcus, 2002).

Since catalogs were founded to serve rural communities, it's not surprising that early catalogs featured harnesses, plows, and wagons that converted horses, dogs, sheep, and goats into farm machinery and modes of transport. Teams of animals plowed fields; dogs and goats powered everything from butter churns to cream separators. Horses dragged buggies, carriages, and wagons. With the advent of the tractor and the automobile, dogs and horses were transformed from motors to man's best friend (dog) and little girl's best friend (horse). Chicks were, and continue to be, a popular mail-order staple but, as mail-order genius Max Sackheim learned, when dealing with living things, accurate projections are essential. Sackheim, who helped to found Book-of-the-Month Club, discovered that he could expand his

farm supply business by offering the chicks to the farmers' wives, so they could start their own businesses. The response was so strong that he sold more chicks than he had on hand. His staff had to scour the entire Midwest for chicks and, according to his old friend, Book-of-the-Month Club president Harry Scherman, "completely upset the market on baby chicks with one circular."

Orvis's "Dog Nest," one of the company's best-selling products, owes its inspiration to a goat. Owner Leigh Perkins's son (and Orvis's current CEO) received a pet goat as a college graduation gift. A Harris Tweed salesman visiting from England got such a kick out of the goat that he sent it a homemade "nest" when he got home. The family dogs loved the nest so much that they decided to offer them to customers. Today, customers can order "Dog Nests" customized to their dogs' dimensions and desires. The "Dog Nest" appeals to people who want to pamper their pets as well as those who want to keep them off the furniture.

Roy Rogers was one of Sears's most prolific pitchmen. In 1949, he bought a gold and silver saddle studded with rubies for \$50,000. Rogers traveled around the country with the saddle, making stops at rodeos, a world's fair, and Sears stores. In 2002, the saddle fetched \$412,500 at auction.

The ever-outrageous Neiman Marcus didn't disappoint on the animal front. In 1950, Neiman Marcus offered gloves made of baby ostrich so fine they could be (and were) packed in walnut shells. Ostriches fared better thirty years later, when they offered a live pair of baby ostriches for \$1,500. In 1969, customers could choose between a baby girl elephant (\$5,000), a Galapagos turtle (\$2,200), an entire petting zoo (burros, rabbits, goats, Shetland ponies, and ducks—\$1,750), or a pair of gerbils (\$35—and a flop). In 1976, in honor of the Bicentennial, Neiman Marcus decided to offer bison ("bicen"). The bison

on offer included a roll of uncirculated 1938 buffalo nickels (the animal's coin swansong) for \$450, a stuffed bison for \$700, or a pair of his-and-hers live bison (\$11,750 for the duo). Gift wrapping was described as "optional and difficult." In 1961, Stanley Marcus overruled his staff, who thought his idea of His and Hers camels was silly. Someone from Fort Worth asked if they could purchase just the female camel. The camel was shipped from the camel breeder in California to Texas in the cargo hold of American Airlines. The camel's Christmas Eve disembarkation was covered on the ten o'clock news. A woman in Fort Worth who was watching the news with her daughter turned to her and said, "I wonder who's the darn fool getting that?" The next day, she found out. The woman actually came to love the camel and built a special house for it on her estate. In 1971, after the success of the camel, the same daughter gave her mother another Neiman Marcus animal gift, the \$1,750 petting zoo. A man from Hawaii called to order a Shetland pony for his grandson in Oregon. The item was not in the catalog, but the man said, "If anyone in the country could help me out, it would be Neiman Marcus." Undaunted they located the pony and had it air shipped to the lucky boy.

In 1956, Edward Marcus came up with the idea of decorating a Stieff plush tiger with precious jewels and offered it for \$1 million. It was featured in *Life* magazine and attracted the attention of a seven-year-old boy who wrote the following letter: "Dear Mr. Neiman Marcus, How much is your *Life* tiger? Not the diamonds. I am a tiger collector, not diamonds. I am seven, and I have five tigers. Nor real, just play. I love tigers, especially yours. Please send the letter and how much it costs without the diamonds right away. Also, can you charge it or do you have to pay right away? I have my garden money, so please send the letter right away before I lose it."

In 1969, a man claiming to be a Middle Eastern sheikh called to order twenty-four baby elephants for a giant chess game to be played in a valley between two mountains. The elephants would be dressed as chess pieces and the players would be on the opposing mountains and would communicate their moves to riders mounted on the elephants. When the mail-order director called to check his bank references, it was found to be a prank, later revealed to have been played by a Los Angeles disc jockey. The mail-order director thought of delivering an elephant to the radio station with information that the other twenty-three were on the way with a bill for \$120,000 but, fearing it would encourage others to top the prank, was dissuaded from doing so.

Neiman Marcus presaged the craze for animal outfits when it offered a "10-gallon hat for dogs" in 1963. It also offered a waste-basket made from an elephant foot for \$350. The following year, a fox-covered wastebasket was a steal at \$30.

In 1999, Susan Bing, a former art director for Tiffany & Company, started Trixie + Peanut, named for her two rescued boxers, to offer high-end products in a sleekly designed mail-order catalog. Today, the catalog is online, and she has a boutique and website where she offers "designer collars and leashes, chic pet beds and cozy blankets, stylish pet apparel, unique toys and treats, sleek pet carriers, fabulous feeding bowls, and grooming accessories, as well as heartwarming gifts for all animal lovers." Her client list includes everyone from Britney Spears and Jessica Simpson to presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Bing offers such items as the Chewy Vuitton Purse Dog Bed, the Sniff Army Watch, Hairy Balls, Sniffany & Company bed, a Furrari Bed, a Grand Lotus Bed, and sparkling tiaras. Costumes include the Afro Doggie Wig, the Penguin Hoodie, the Pirate, and Superdog. For the holidays, there are Christmas outfits galore, but Jewish pet owners will appreciate Chewish dog toys (a Star of David, a dreidel, and a bagel) and cat toys (a fish labeled lox and some Hanukkah gelt).

Some of today's premier pet designers are Little Lily, Susan Lanci, and even famed photographer William Wegman, who designed a line of dog beds. Lara Alameddine and Daniel Dubjecki founded Little Lily after Alameddine's Yorkie, Lily, injured her paw and when they set out to find protective shoes, "Lily did not approve of the shoes they found." Today, Little Lily offers fashionable canine boots and other apparel, including a line of dresses inspired by the Red Carpet dresses (and tuxedos) of the stars. Little Lily outfitted Reese Witherspoon's gay dog, Bruiser, in Legally Blonde. The company also does lines with Hello Kitty, the Care Bears, and Tinkerbell's mom, Paris Hilton.

G.W. Little, a specialty catalog devoted to "The Great World of Little Dogs," has an overthe-top collection of cocktail dresses, coats, tuxedos, costumes, and toys. "For the most special night on earth," you could buy Susan Lanci's limited edition, red silk dress studded with over three hundred and fifty Swarovski crystals. At \$375, you'll be tempted to see if you could wear it yourself.

Today, the Pampered Pets catalog offers fashions including wedding dresses and veils for dogs and cats, as well as couture creations like the Dragonfly Kimono Jacket that it calls "an Asian-Inspired Masterpiece," made of genuine silk with satin frog accents. New on the market and a must for all fashion-conscious pets are scrunchies that come "complete with a scrunchie hanger for easy keeping."

In a more serious vein, veterinarians Rory Foster and Marty Smith operated four animal clinics in Wisconsin before starting their catalog, Drs. Foster and Smith in 1983. After twenty-five years of selling supplies for dogs, cats, fish, birds, reptiles, and small pets, the company responded to customer's requests to offer supplies for ferrets.

In a less serious vein, rapper Snoop Dogg has his own line of pet toys and clothes available exclusively from Amazon.com. And while there are no plans for a mail-order catalog, it would be a shame to exclude the boom box chew toy with a sound chip of Mr. Dogg himself saying "Bow wow wow, yippee yo, yippee yay" or the Doggfather hoodie. Your dog can be ghetto chic in no time.



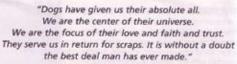






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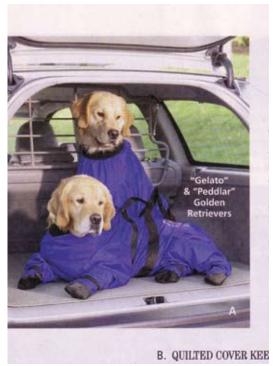
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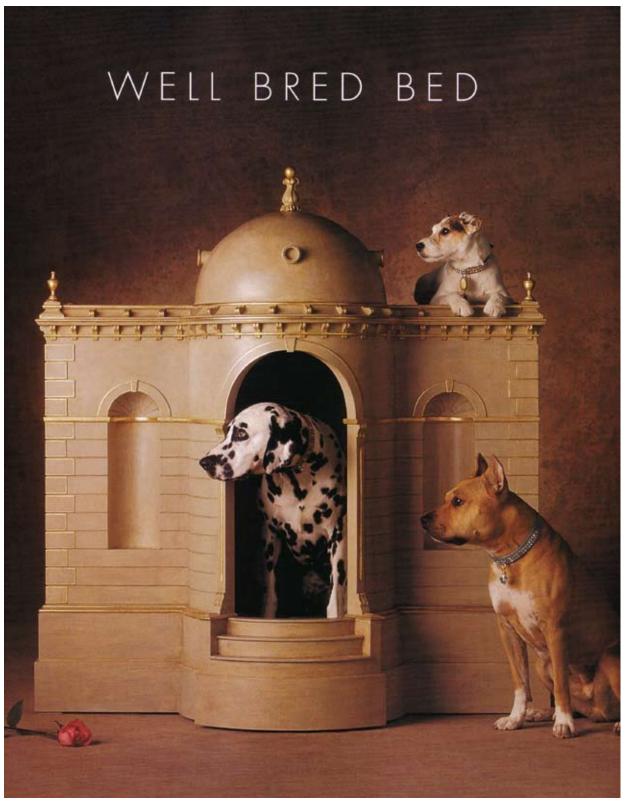




#### -5.6- Neiman Marcus, rhinestone dog accessories, 2006



-5.8- Company of Dogs, sweaters



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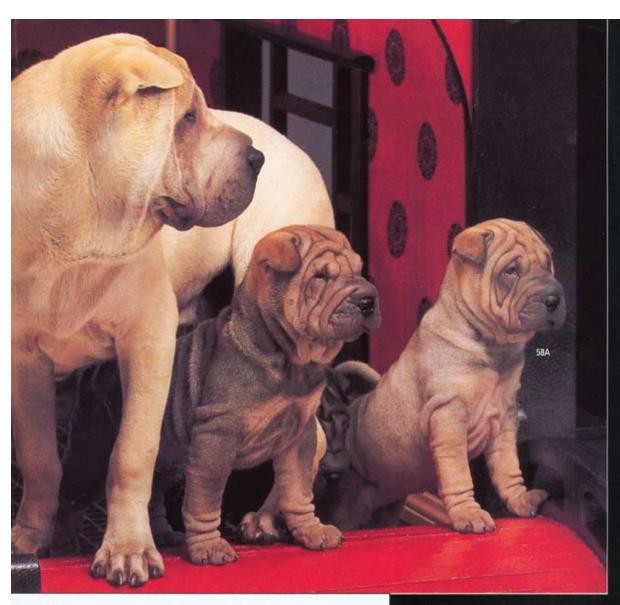
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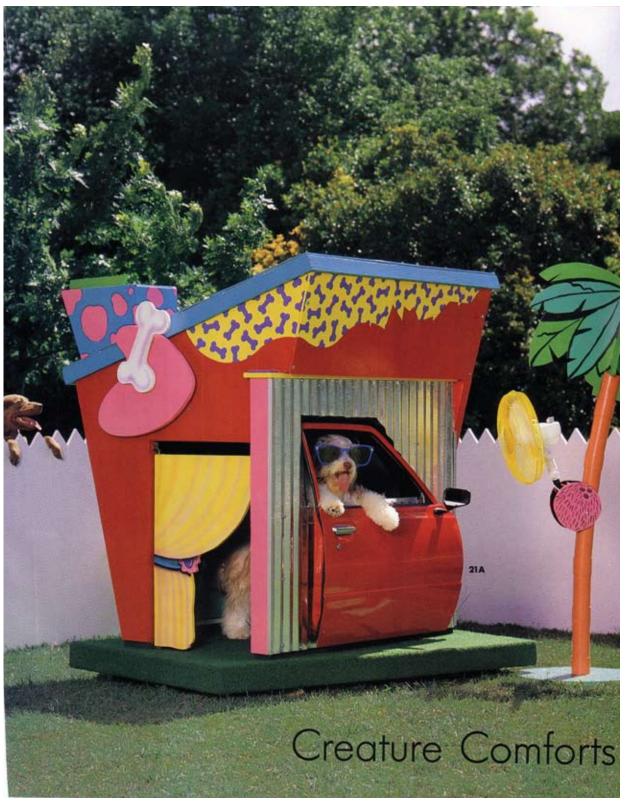


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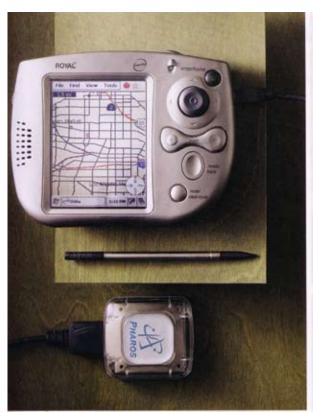
Nithout doubt, the Chinese Shar-Pei dog is rare ... and beauty is, after all, in the eye of the beholder. With a heritage that can be traced back at least as far as the Han Dynasty in China (206 BC-220 AD), the Shar-Pei was down to a mere 12 in the 1950's, and as recently as 1979 was listed by Guiness as the world's rarest breed. Though the first known Shar-Pei (Jones Faigoo) arrived in the U.S. in 1966, it was not until Matgo Law of Hong Kong made an urgent, world-wide plea to save these loving and outstandingly intelligent dogs that the incipient loss of the breed altogether was fully realized. Now there are 2,495 registered with the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America as of the last (1983) count — still rare because of the strictness in breeding and acknowledgement. The adults "grow into" the oversize skin — which is a puppy defense mechanism. And Shar-Peis are innately clean and tidy — often housebreaking themselves within a month. This year, give a real bundle of love — a Shar-Pei puppy.

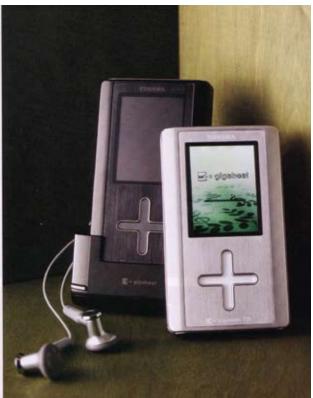








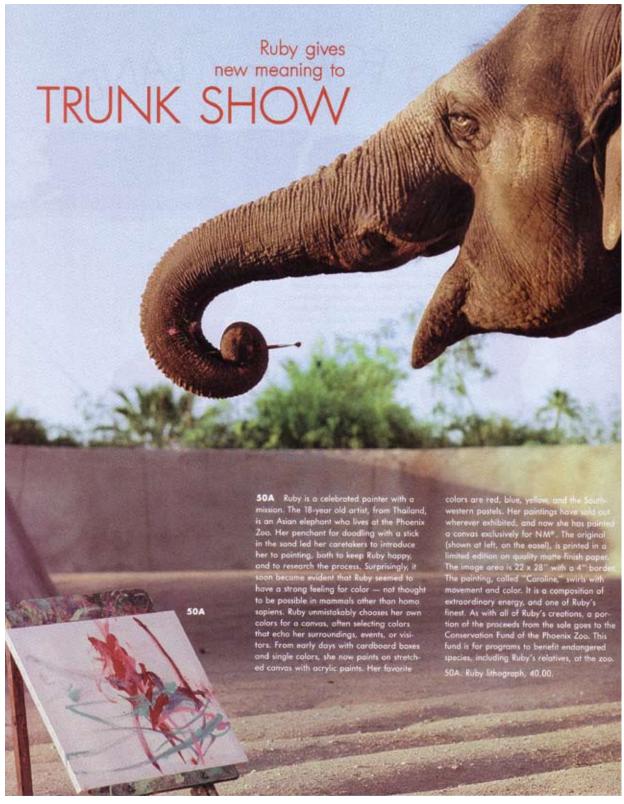








-5.16- Neiman Marcus, pet GPS, 2005







#### **Transportation**

Catalogs illustrate the progression of American transportation from horses, carriages, wagons, and buggies, to bicycles, motorcycles, cars, and airplanes. To attract attention, catalogers also offered less conventional modes of transport, like hot air balloons, zeppelins, submarines, and spaceships.

In 1893, Montgomery Ward sent out a "Special Buggy Catalog" that offered only non-motorized buggies, wagons, and sleighs. Accessories included lap robes decorated with animals to keep passengers warm during the winter. Both Montgomery Ward and Sears did a brisk buggy business until 1923, when motorized transportation prevailed.

In 1899, American companies produced one million bicycles; by 1909 the advent of the car and the motorcycle brought bicycle production to a standstill. Bicycles would come back in favor in the seventies as an antidote to smoggy cities and due to the renewed interest in physical fitness. Bike design changed little until the late sixties when BMX (bicycle motocross) enabled kids to imitate their free-spirited, motorcycle-riding idols. In the sixties and seventies, the Spyder, with

its curved handlebars and groovy banana seat, was the bicycle of choice for hip and happening ten-somethings. The Spyder was available in boys and girls models as well as in a "Chopper Style." All had a sissy bar, the U-shaped metal piece that held up the back of the seat. As the space race heated up, Sears also offered the streamlined Spaceliner, designed by renowned industrial designer Viktor Schreckengost, who designed over one hundred bikes for Sears.

At the beginning of the twentieth century, cars were novel and not always welcome, as this editorial in the New York Times indicates: "The new mechanical wagon with the awful name, the automobile...has come to stay...sooner or later it will displace the fashionable carriage of the present hour." Only the very wealthy could afford "horseless carriages" until Henry Ford introduced the standardization that would enable cars to be produced cheaply enough for the factory workers who made them to buy them. In 1900, there were 144 miles of paved road compared with over four million today. There were thirty-six traffic fatalities compared to roughly 40,000 in 2006.

Sears made two attempts at selling its own cars. In 1912, they unsuccessfully introduced a two-cylinder car for \$500. In 1952, they partnered with Kaiser-Frazier to offer a four-cylinder model for \$1,362. They called it the Allstate, hoping that would spur sales of its automotive product line. (The name "Allstate" had been selected in a contest in which over 900,000 people submitted over two million names. Hans Simonson from Bismarck, North Dakota, submitted the winning name and was awarded \$5,000.) Unfortunately, the rise and consolidation of the Detroit powerhouses (and Sears's inability to serve cars throughout the country) made it impossible for Sears to compete: they discontinued the experiment the following year. (Another Allstate brand extension was more successful.)

In 1930, during a bridge game on a commuter train, insurance broker Carl Odell proposed the idea of selling insurance by mail to his friend, Robert E. Wood, then president and CEO of Sears. They decided to call it Allstate, after Sears's tire line. Their first year, the company wrote over 4,000 policies and collected \$100,000 in premiums. During the '50s, Allstate expanded beyond auto insurance; in 1963, premiums for Allstate Life Insurance surpassed \$1 billion. Sears sold their shares of Allstate in 1995.

In 1951, Sears introduced the Cruisaire, a Vespa scooter manufactured by Piaggio, for \$279.95. Their initial order was for 1,000; soon after, they sent a rush order for 5,000 more and a standing order for 2,000 a month. In 1952, Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck starred in a Vespa advertisement, better known as Roman Holiday. Sears also sold scooters (as well as motorcycles and mopeds) under its Allstate brand. Steve McQueen had a 1960 Allstate motorcycle that sold at auction for \$900 in 2006. Throughout the sixties, Montgomery Ward offered Lambretta scooters under their Riverside brand.

The moped, half bicycle/half motorcycle, was a success in the winding roads of Europe long before the fifties when Sears, Montgomery Ward, and J.C. Penney offered their Silverstone, Montgomery Ward, and Pinto brands. The energy crisis of the seventies fueled Moped Madness.

Neiman Marcus's transportation offerings were eclectic and outrageous. In 1960, they offered His and Hers airplanes. One man wrote, "I already have a plane, but if you will break the pair, I'd like one for the little woman who has been hankering for a plane of her own." They offered several other unconventional modes of transportation

as His and Hers gifts including submarines (\$18,700 each) in 1963, air balloons (\$6,850 each) in 1964, Hoverbugs (\$3,650 each) in 1974, and Chinese junks (\$11,500 each) in 1962. In 1979, they offered a pair of dirigibles for \$50,000. A ten-year-old boy wrote the following: "I have a list of questions I would like answered before I think of buying your Dirigible. If I decide to buy your Dirigible, my grandpa and I will half (sic) to put our money together. I plan to get a paper route and already have a savings account." He enclosed his own sketch with questions and suggestions for improvement. He wanted to know if the dirigible was self-inflating and whether it had an anchor rope, an antenna, and an emergency potty. That same year, they also offered a \$32,000 jet-powered glider for which they received orders but not FCC certification, so they couldn't fulfill them. The Fortress of the Freeway—a Total Transportation Security Environment offered in 1971, was essentially an \$845,000 highway tank. In 2005, they offered a flying car, the M400 Moller Skycar Prototype (\$3.5 million), that boasted, "No traffic, no red lights, no speeding tickets!"

They sold eight junks including one to a Mexican television tycoon, who ordered it on the condition that they provide him with someone to rig it. Somehow a Neiman Marcus executive found an experienced junk sailor who was honeymooning in Dallas and persuaded him to complete his honeymoon in Mexico. They flew the sailor and his bride to Acapulco where he rigged the junk.

Neiman Marcus has also offered a wide array of luxury cars including the James Bond edition BMW Z3 roadster (\$35,000 included two tickets to a special dinner party with Pierce Brosnan in Los Angeles) in 1995; a Ducati 748L motorcycle (\$15,500) offered in 1997 came with a specially designed DKNY leather jacket and Dainese riding

gloves. One of only six Aston Martin DB7s (\$150,000) offered in 1998 came with a black mohair convertible top and a matching set of leather luggage. A Limited Edition of 200 Ford Thunderbirds (\$41,995) were offered in 2001 and sold out in two hours. Not to be outdone, the sixty Limited Edition Maserati Quattroportes (\$125,000) offered in 2004 sold out in thirty-six minutes.



-6.1- Sears, bicycle, 1899



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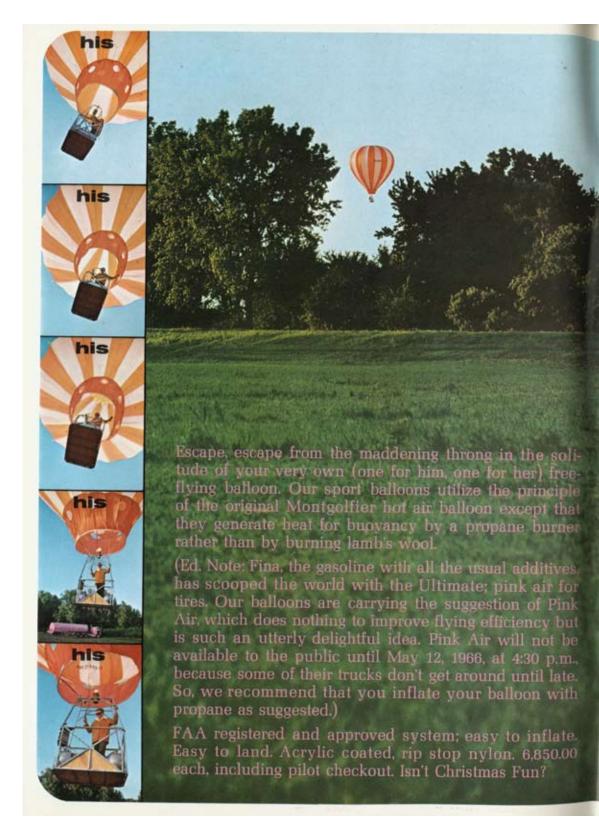
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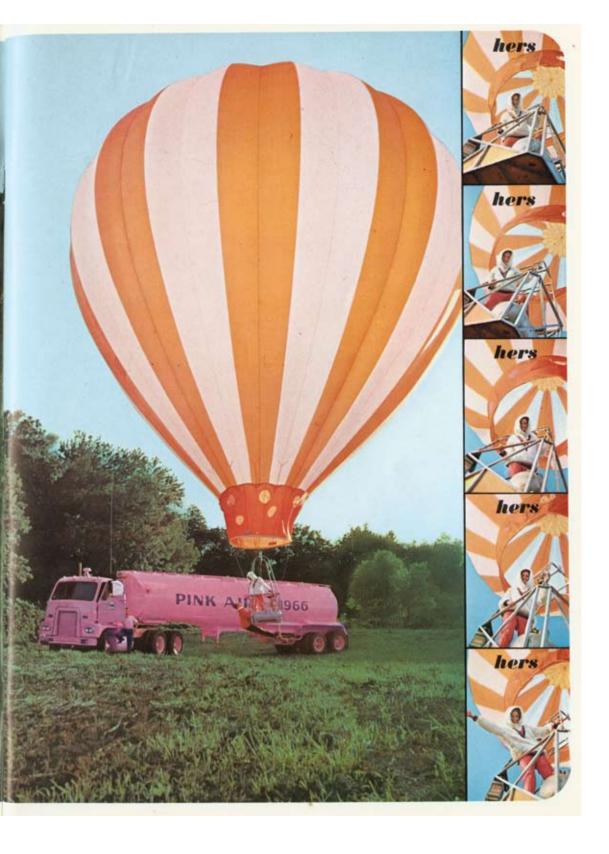
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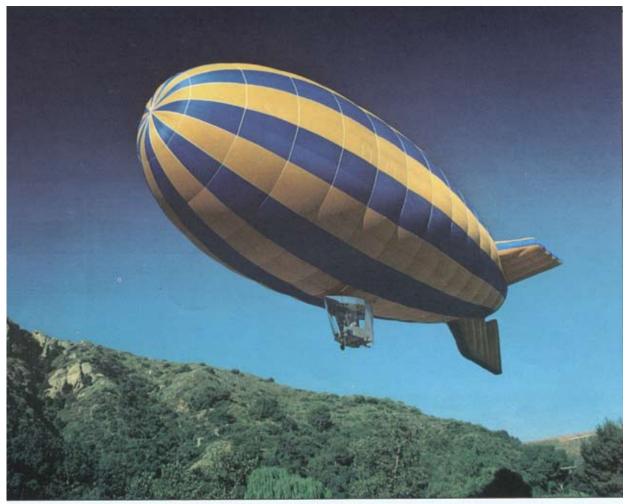
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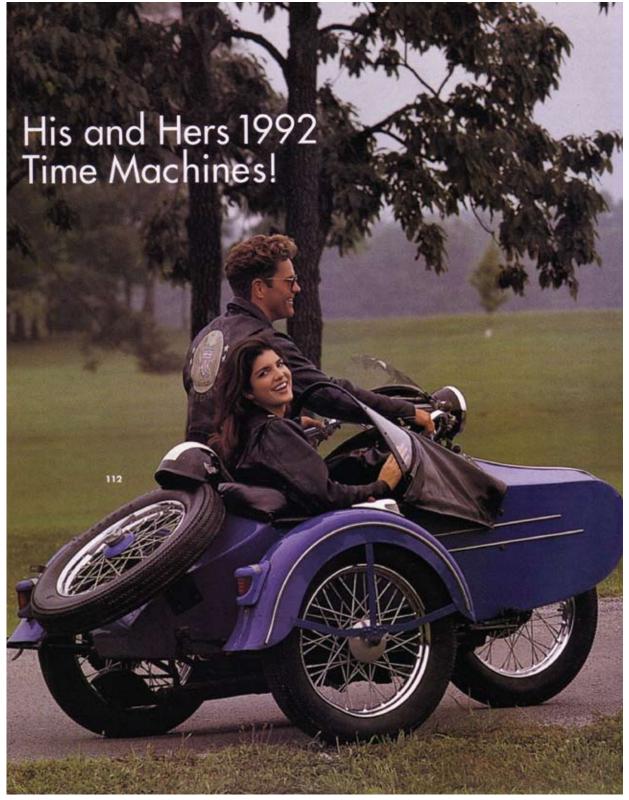
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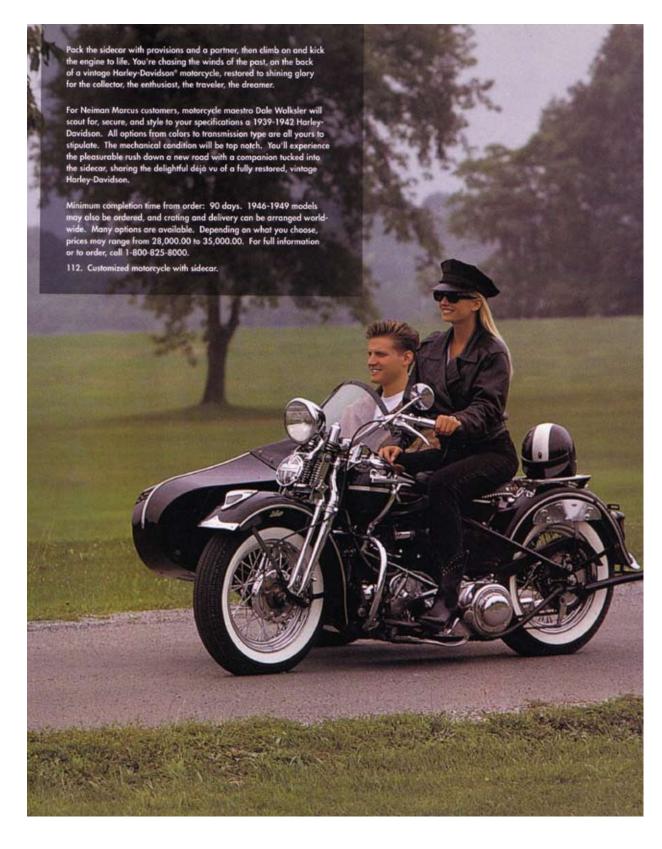
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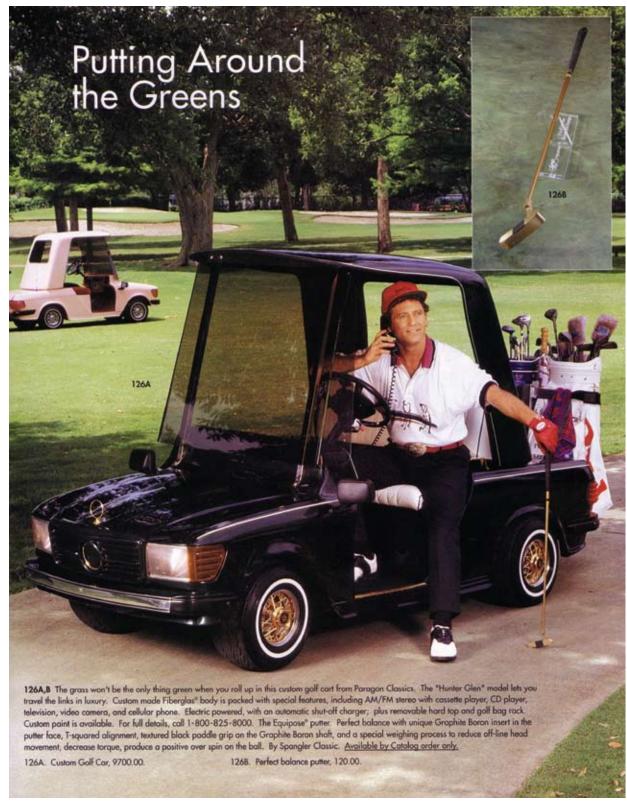
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-6.5, 6.6- Neiman Marcus, vintage motorcycles, 1992













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-6.11 – Neiman Marcus, Cloudhopper, 1988



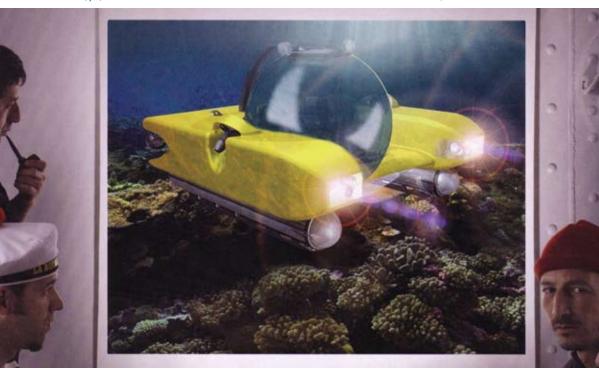
-6.12- Neiman Marcus, 1960





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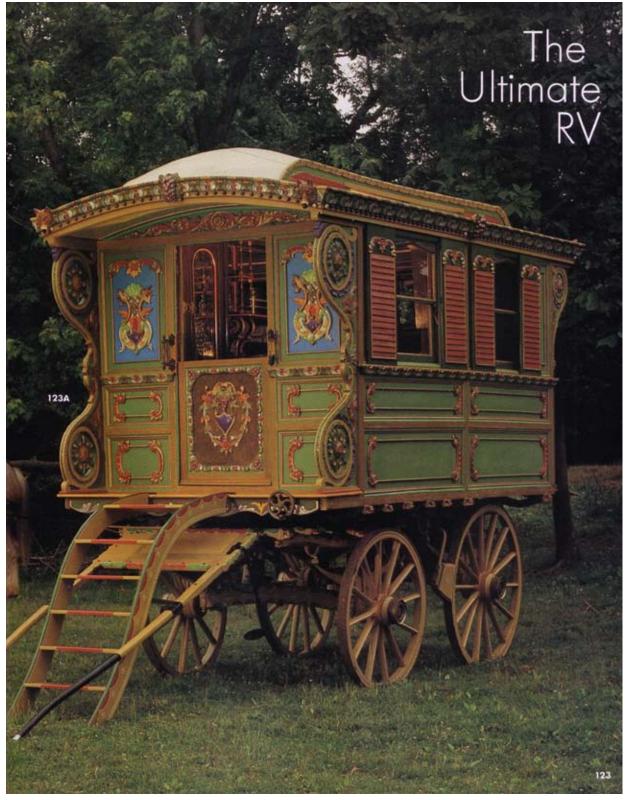




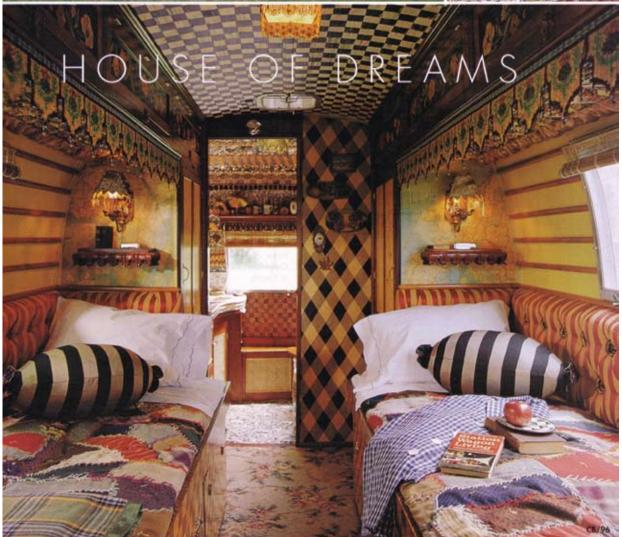
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-6.19- Neiman Marcus, Tomahawk motorcycle, 2003



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## Food and Drugs

Food has been a mainstay of catalogs since the beginning. In 1896, Sears began offering groceries. The catalogs remained popular until after the Depression, when competition from local chains caused them to stop in 1941. The first known recipe for brownies was published in the 1897 Sears catalog. It was so popular that Sears introduced their own brownie mix.

Harry and David Holmes exported their Royal Riviera Pears to the grand hotels of Europe until the Depression dried up their business. Facing bankruptcy, the brothers came up with the idea of offering their pears as Christmas gifts by mail. In 1938, they started the Fruit-of-the-Month club. In 1947, they invented the Tower of Treats, a brightly wrapped stack of food gifts. Today, their deluxe tower includes Royal Riviera Pears and Apples, Cheddar Cheese, Mixed Nuts, Baklava, Lemon Shortbreads, Chocolate Truffles, Mint Chocolates, and Bing Cherry Chocolates.

The Collin Street Bakery of Corsicana, Texas, sends their Deluxe Fruitcake around the world during the holidays. In 2007, the bakery sent fruitcakes to 196 different countries. Ringling Brothers, their first mailorder client, still send their cakes to friends and associates. Every president since

Woodrow Wilson has given or received fruit-cakes. The bakery recently started offering "Presidential Pastries" using recipes from Chef Roland Mesnier, the White House Executive Pastry Chef from 1979–2005. The White House Banana Cake was a favorite of President Bill Clinton. Princess Grace of Monaco sent an annual order, a tradition her daughter Princess Caroline continues. Other well-known clients have included Dom Delouise, Dr. J, Vanna White, and the Aga Khan. The company rejected an order from Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini in 1979 during the Hostage Crisis.

By the early sixties, advances in shipping materials and vacuum packaging enabled more perishable foods (such as Omaha Steaks) to be shipped. Over time, food catalog owners have diversified their product offerings, realizing that people who buy fruit or meat through the mail are also willing to buy other food and nonfood products through the mail. So today, you can buy flowers from Harry and David and cheesecake from Omaha Steaks.

In 1968, the most successful item in the Neiman Marcus Christmas book was a Mason jar filled with mint-flavored green peas that sold for \$5.00. The candy was manufactured in a small village in Italy and when the company tried to order 20,000 jars, they got a call from their Italian office who thought it was a joke and explained that the mints were rolled by hand. The order was put through, but the mayor of the village called the buyer and said that even if all the women and children of the village worked on this project, it could not be done. A New York manufacturer was brought in to handle production. Alas, one woman who received the peas from her niece wrote to say how appalled she was when she put them in boiling water and they completely melted.

The increased sophistication of the American palate has spawned catalogs

offering artisanal products, foreign products and a dazzling array of spices, candies and meats. Zingerman's in Ann Arbor focuses on traditionally made products often produced in small quantities by artisans and small factories. In addition to (often, their own) great coffees, breads, butters, oils, vinegars, and cheeses, Zingerman's can be counted on for unique items like violet mustard, pomegranate molasses, and pistachio cream.

There's also been a throwback to earlier and, presumably, easier times. The Vermont Country Store satisfies customers' needs for traditional candies like Mallo Cups, Skybar, Zagnut, and Bit-o-Honey, as well as Necco wafers in chocolate, wintergreen, and assorted flavors. Other foods that Vermont Country Stores has saved from obsolesence include Green Goddess salad dressing and Maypo (maple syrup-flavored oatmeal). There are also niche catalogs: Gambino's Bakery sells their Mardi Gras King Cake, New Braunfels offers old-fashioned sausages, and Penzeys specializes in spices. Stalwarts Swiss Colony and Hickory Farm, founded in 1926 and 1959, respectively, continue to offer traditional Midwestern gift boxes featuring Sausage 'N Cheese bars (Swiss Colony) and Beef Stick Summer Sausages (Hickory Farm).

At the turn of the twentieth century, both Sears and Montgomery Ward devoted pages and pages to over-the-counter "patent medicines" that protected manufacturers from counterfeiters, though they did nothing to protect customers from the medicines. These so-called remedies were laced with alcohol, narcotics, and poison. Opium and morphine cures contained opium and morphine or cocaine, and "bitters" designed to cure alcoholism were often over 40 percent alcohol. In 1905, Sears offered Laudanum (tincture of opium), Catarrh powder (cocaine), and Arsenic Complex Wafers (poison). The "weaker" sex could avail itself of "Brown's

Vegetable Cure for Female Weaknesses" a 40-proof medicinal compound that would cure everything from "a dragging sensation in the groin to impaired general health." Sears offered remedies for "TOO MUCH FAT, a disease and source of great annoyance." "Fat folks" would be relieved to know that Sears offered tonics and powders that would "reduce corpulency (sic) in a safe and agreeable manner." Articles about the fraud of patent medicines that appeared in Ladies Home Journal and Collier's Weekly led to the creation of the Food and Drug Act of 1906. By 1915, Sears had only one page of medicines, but the era of the medical miracle was over. Sears offered aspirin. Today, catalogs promising miraculous weight loss and unstoppable sexual stamina could be considered patent medicines' rightful heirs.

#### YES we Have Spruce GUM

If you've ever gouged spruce gum off Spruce trees, you know what hard work it is. That's why the supply is short . . . but I think we have enough this time so you can, if you send in your order now, have all you want. Approx. 12 pieces in box, 10 cents a Box.

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#### CAVIAR

Like many people, I love Caviar, especially with champagne, before dinner. There is, of course, no question that for gourmets it surpasses all other hors d'oeuvres. But, I don't eat Russian Caviar because I won't give the Communists a penny of my trade. So, let me suggest something I have just tried and found excellent: American Caviar made from Whitefish, that has the real Caviar tang, taste and appearance. And at about one tenth the cost! Try it and see if you and your guests do not agree! Glass jar, 3½ oz., No. 11326 \$1.00 \*. Shipping Weight ½ lb. Glass jar, 8 oz., No. 11327 \$2.25. Shipping Weight 1 lb.

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Ten years ago now, when in Philadelphia during the war, I got John Middleton to concoct for my personal use a unique blend of tobacco guaranteed never to bite my tongue (even though I smoked it 12 hours a day). Since then many clouds of smoke have floated over the horizon, my tongue remise the

my tongue remains unbitten, and we now find that our Vermont Country Store Pipe Tobacco (for that is what we call it now) is the best selling single item in our entire national mail order business.

On every can is the slogan "It Won't Bite a Baby's Tongue." My lawyer says I am open to trouble from the Federal Trade Commission on this, as we may be compelled to prove any day now that this assumption is true. And if we do says my friend the lawyer, we may be in jeopardy by contributing to the demoralization of minors . . . because babies are minors, says he. However, I have told him something he is now studying and when he comes to a decision I will let you know how it comes out. This is what I have asked him: What is the legal definition of a baby? I am not so old but what, not too long ago, a baby was a pretty girl . . . anywhere from 18 to 30. And believe me we have tried this mild non-tongue biting tobacco on girls. Many of these babies, coming to the store, buy a corn cob pipe and start smoking our tobacco because not only do they find it tastes good but it isn't so strong as cigarettes.

But, before we go further I want to utter this word of denial.

I swear that there is no opium, heroin, marihuana, or any derivative of opium, or any other pernicious habitforming drug of any shape, or nature in this Vermont Country Store Pipe Tobacco!

So many people have accused us, because of the habit-forming propensities of this tobacco, of doping it, that I feel this denial is called for.

So far, most everyone who has ever started smoking this tobacco has ordered more. Not only the demand, but the reception is remarkable. We have dozens of letters about this tobacco which are nothing short of amazing. Here are two samples:

"You have a superb mixture in this tobacco and when I am no longer able to get it, I'll probably quit smoking."—R. B. DAY, OHIO

"By accident I was drawn into a conversation at the railroad station the other evening. I was smoking my pipe and a gentleman whom I did not know came over and inquired where I had purchased my tobacco. I told him and he promised to write you. He is a tobacco buyer down here and he said he admired the aroma of the tobacco very

much."—JOHN OSTRUM, NORTH CAROLINA
Now . . . our regular tin is available (one-half pound
net wt.), at \$1.65 . . . a slight advance in price due to
new costs. (Ship. wt. 1 lb.). (See page 30.)

SPECIAL OFFER: to those who would like to try this tobacco before ordering a regular tin, we will put in your order with other things (we can't ship this single item alone) a 15% oz. foil of our Vermont Country Store Tobacco, for 35 cents.

#### Real Deerskin Tobacco Pouches

Nothing is so appealing, so soft, and so durable as genuine Deerskin and that's why we are proud to offer these new Deerskin Tobacco Pouches. Deerskin is, you know, washable in soap and water and never gets stiff when wet.

Our pouches with zipper tops are lined with special rubber to keep tobacco always moist.

LITTLE FELLA POUCH: size 5½ aby 2½ inches, this narrow pouch is preferred by many men to the full size. \$1.75. Postfree.

REGULAR SIZE POUCH: 6 by 3½ in. \$3.00. Postfree. "Just a note to let you know I was very much pleased with the calico, may I add, delighted! Have not seen anything its equal since Mother used to make me dresse and we pieced quilts. . . I do not suppose you particularly care for these 'Female' remarks, but I wanted you to know I think you are doing the people a remarkable favor by offering so many really fine items."—MARY L. HELLINGS, NEW JERSEY



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# cake for cocoa Lovers zingerman's hot cocoa coffeecake

Three years ago our Bakehouse bakers came up with a cake that captures all the soft, subtle goodness of a cup of hot cocon. The key ingredient is a very special cocoa, made for us by Scharffen Berger, one of the leaders in America's new pursuit of fine chocolate. They've found a special, natural cocoa powder that is more complex and elegantly excellent than any we've ever tried. Like a cup of well-made cocoa, this is a cake you can adore anytime—with morning coffee, for a subtle sweet snack, or to cap off a long day before you head off to bed. Both sizes are packaged with tissue in the wooden ZingCrate.

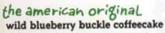
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Lemon-speckled mornings lemon poppy seed cake

This is probably the most underrated baked good we make. Virtually unknown, it's the secret sunrise snack of Zingerman's regulars who happily bypass bagels and muffins for a slice. It's made with fresh lemon juice, real lemon oil, loads of real batter, real vanilla, and a veritable passel of Dutch poppy seeds. With none of the artificial aftertaste that most lemon-flavored pastries have, it tastes like biting into a perfect morning sunny, rich, delicious. Both sizes are packaged with tissue in the wooden ZingCrate. [G-LMC fresser \$45

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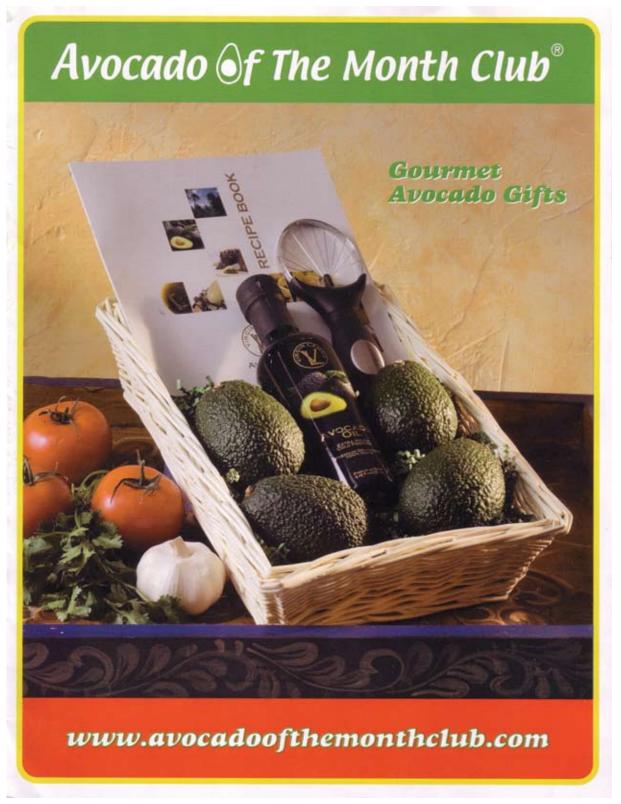


A buckle is an American coffeecake that dates back to colonial times. Our sweet and moist version has a bounty of blueberries, sweet butter, sugar and cinnamon, and is topped off with a remarkable butter-crumb crust. It's a beautiful, delicious gift, and can be the foundation of a fabulous weekend. (I've also witnessed it make a boring morning office meeting positively giddy.) Both sizes are packaged with tissue

in the wooden ZingCrate.

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PASS GO, and you'll collect 200 calones. N-M's exclusive replica of Parker Brothers' famous Monopoly<sup>86</sup> Game could be the greatest finale to a dinner party ever conceived. From board to dice, each and every familiar part is made of delectable and completely edible candy: dark chocolate, milk chocolate, butter cream, and butterscotch. This confectioner's coup may last only one game, but your creativity as a host will linger deliciously. Also included is a non-edible, deluxe edition of the standard Monopoly rules as a permanent keepsake. Confections by Sandra under license from Parker Brothers. The set, 600.00 [x]. From Epicure.



#### Sandwiches and Beverages

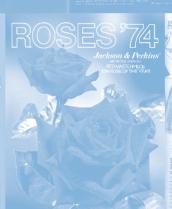
Lemonade with colored ice cubes and ice cubes with cherries frozen in center Pinwheel Sandwiches — Page 18 made with cream cheese, jelly and cheese spread Checkerboard Sandwiches — Page 18 Plain Pimento Cheese

Cream cheese with pecans, stuffed olives
Cottage cheese with crumbled hard-boiled egg
Peanut butter with radishes, hard-boiled egg
Mayonnaise with whole shrimp, stuffed olive
Mayonnaise with cucumber and radish

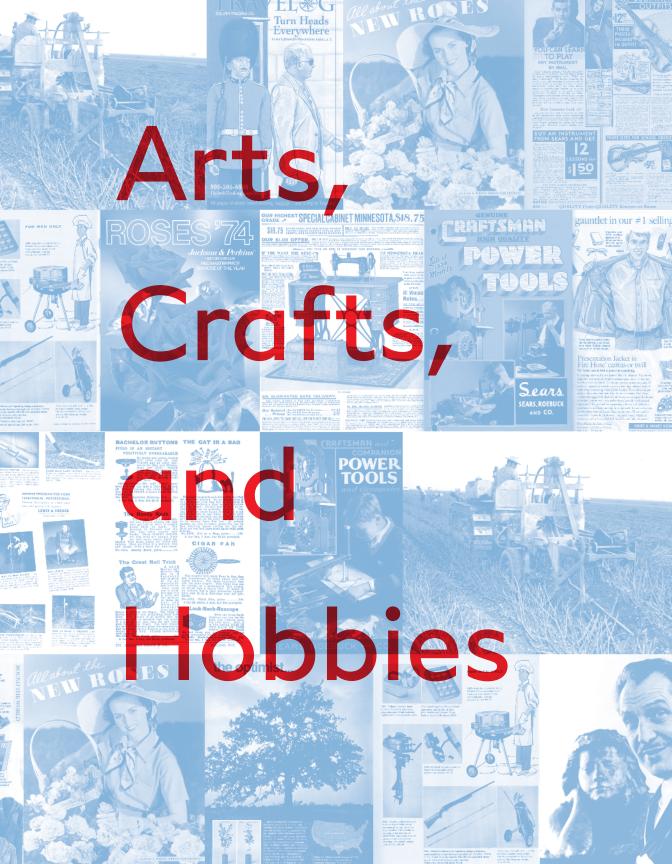












## Arts, Crafts, and Hobbies

From Matchbox cars to firearms, basket weaving to bowling, cross stitch to cigars, catalogs cater to every craft and hobby. Also, collectors can find everything from Civil War and sports memorabilia to stamps, coins, and vintage fretted instruments.

As Americans discovered they had more free time due to increased efficiency and longer days thanks to electric lighting, they turned their attention to hobbies, sometimes called "productive leisure." Sears advertised that "hobbies sometimes become a profitable life work." Photography became a popular hobby, spurred by the launches of LIFE, LOOK, and other photo magazines.

Like toys, children's hobbies were divided along gender lines: little girls learned to sew and embroider; little boys learned to build models. Grandma Moses got her start in painting in the late thirties when she ordered a set of paints from Sears, Roebuck and collected some old planks, sheets of tin, and pieces of canvas she could paint.

The practical American pursuits of hunting and fishing were popular in the latenineteenth and early-twentieth century, so several catalog pages were devoted to guns, hunting jackets, decoys, and bird calls, as

well as rods and reels, and hooks, lines, and sinkers. Charles Orvis opened a fly-fishing shop in 1856 to appeal to the upper-class sportsman who was interested in "seeking civilized adventure in the wilderness at his doorstep." The company is best-noted for its fishing innovations, though today it also offers hunting gear and other products geared to sportsmen and women.

Guns continued to be available for purchase by mail order until, prompted by the assassinations of President Kennedy (who was killed by a mail-order gun) and later Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Robert Kennedy, Congress passed the Gun Control Act of 1968. One of the act's central achievements was to ban the sale of rifles and shotguns via mail order. In 1986, the Firearm Owner's Protection Act was passed; interstate sales and mail-order guns were back.

In addition, the requisite equipment was offered for tennis, croquet, baseball, ice-skating, skiing, and boxing. (Sears's boxing sets came with a free copy of the official Marquess of Queensberry rules.) Footballs and golf clubs were offered, though the two sports were much less popular than they are today.

As life became easier, many Americans' of physical activity decreased. Fortunately, increased leisure time precipitated a rising interest in sports, physical fitness, and exercise. European immigrants introduced gymnastics and calisthenics to the United States. President Theodore Roosevelt, an avid sports and fitness buff, encouraged Americans to get in shape, but it didn't take. As early as the 1920s, Sears offered a primitive rowing machine. After both WWI and WWII, government studies revealed that many American soldiers had been physically unfit prior to their military training. Post-WWI efforts to improve the fitness level of Americans were cut short by the Depression, but the end of WWII saw a dramatic increase in interest in physical fitness.

A 1950 study revealed that the strength and flexibility of American children was significantly lower than that of European children, prompting President Eisenhower to hold a White House Conference that led to the creation of the President's Council on Youth Fitness. President Kennedy wrote an article called "The Soft American" for Sports Illustrated that stressed the importance of fitness and changed the council's name to the President's Council on Physical Fitness, to include adults. President Johnson changed the name to President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, advocating fitness through sports. Subsequent presidents have left the name alone.

In the seventies, both Sears and Montgomery Ward offered some machines of little worth (such as Vibrating Belt Machines) that hearkened back to the quack medicines of the early twentieth century. Bicycles, displaced by cars and other motorized forms of transportation, experienced a resurgence in the seventies thanks to both the fitness boom and the energy crisis.

In 1962, Montgomery Ward and Sears both offered vacations in the pages of their catalog. Montgomery Ward offered 775 different trips. Their prices were similar to other travel suppliers, but they offered convenience and the opportunity to pay in installments. The credit card, invented in 1950, was still in its infancy. Vacation options included a seven-day trip to Miami for \$6 per month (paid over eleven months) and a journey that included stops in Japan, Hong Kong, Manila, Thailand, India, and Egypt for \$126 a month (paid over 24 months).



-8.1-Jackson & Perkins, new roses

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No needle and cotton wanted
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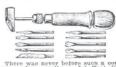
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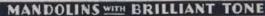




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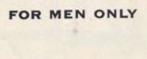


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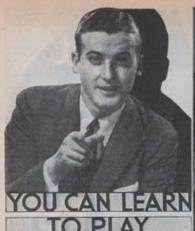


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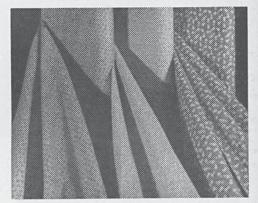
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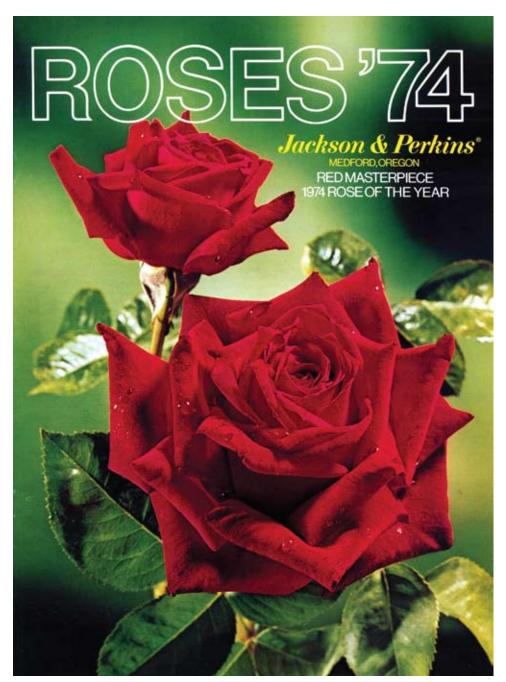


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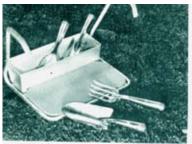
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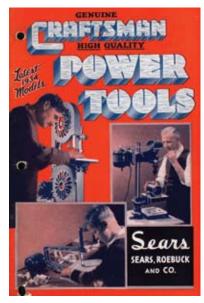
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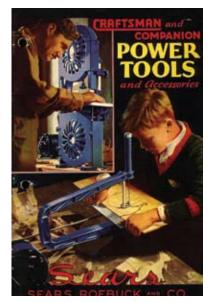


-8.11- Jackson & Perkins, Wasco Fields



-8.12- Jackson & Perkins, Newark Rose Garden





-8.13- Sears, 1934

-8.14- Sears, 1933

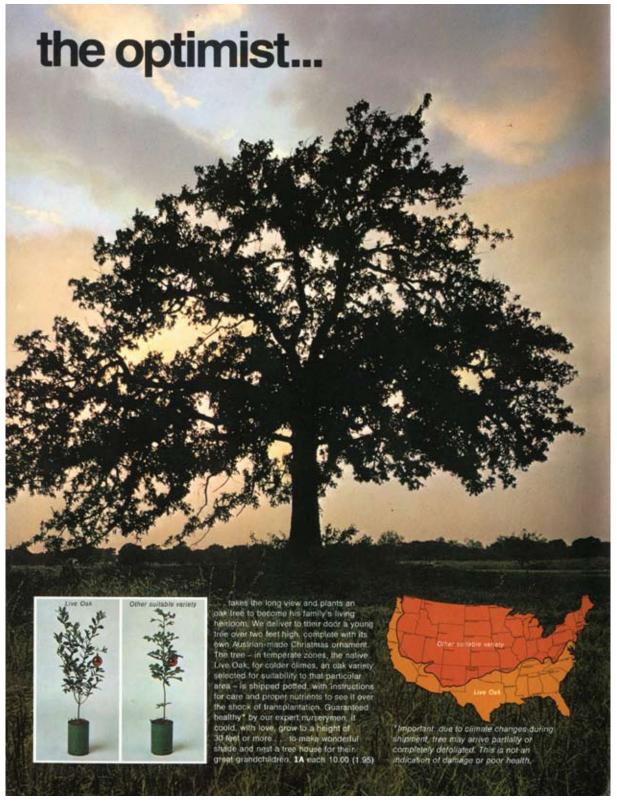


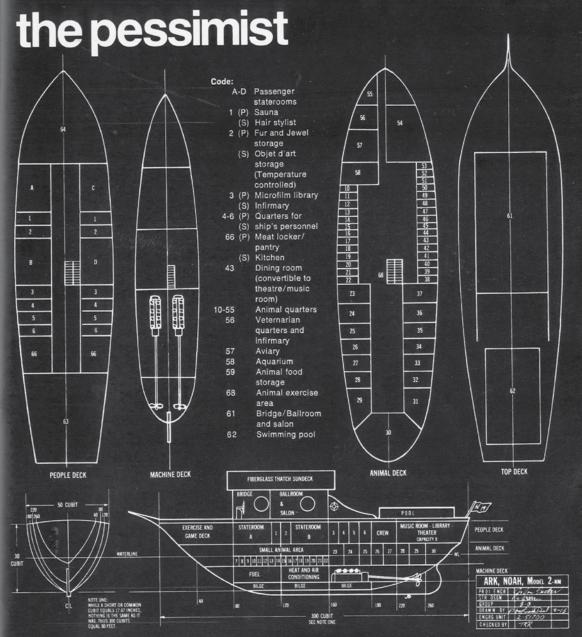
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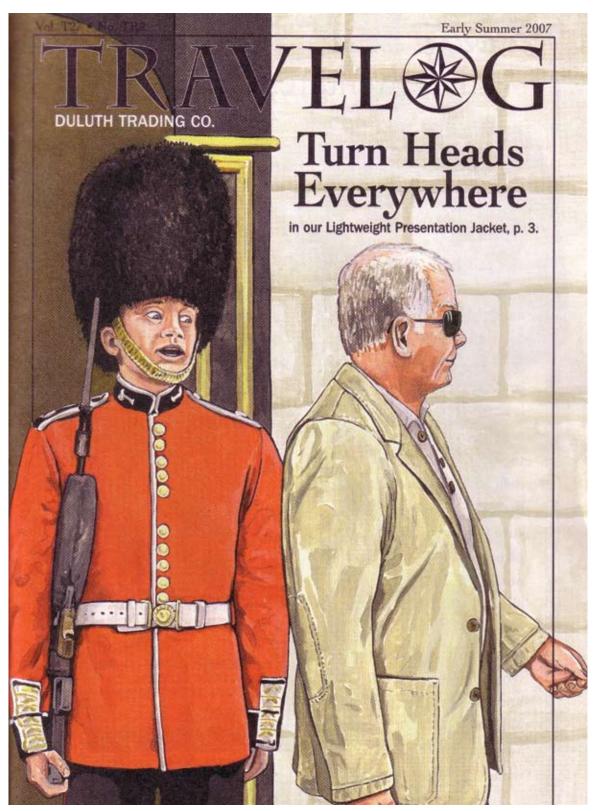




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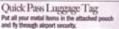


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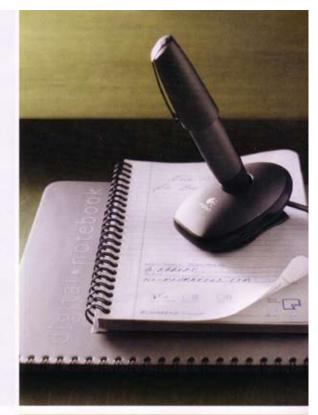
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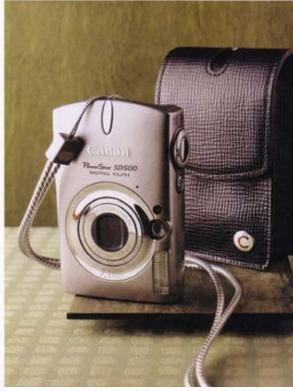
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Book-of-the-Month Club (BOMC) was founded by Harry Scherman in 1926, to bring books to rural people who he thought were being underserved by big city stores. The first ad for BOMC proclaimed that "You can subscribe to the best new books just as you do a magazine." Harry Abrams, the famous art publisher, was BOMC's first art director. Members signed up to receive one book, known as the main selection, once a month for twelve months. Scherman's colleague Max Sackheim proposed that the main selection should be sent unless the customer returned a postcard requesting that it not be sent. This practice, known as negative option, would endear book and record clubs to lawyers for years to come. The first promotions were sent to the New York Social Register. By the end of its first year, BOMC had 4,750 members. By the end of 1929, it had 110,588. BOMC sold its one-millionth book in 1949.

To ensure that people didn't think main selections were chosen for commercial purposes, Scherman set up a panel of "strictly disinterested people" to serve as judges. These were prominent authors and literary figures. The judges' system was described as elitist and terminated in 1994 but reinstated in 2001 with Anna Quindlen, Nelson DeMille, Bill Bryson, and Annie Proulx as judges. It was terminated again in 2004 in an effort to cut costs. The first book offered was Lolly Willowes by Sylvia Townsend Warner. Richard Wright's Native Son, a main selection in 1941, was the first by an African-American, though the judges required that the author delete some passages to make it "less disturbing." The deleted passages, which showed that the black protagonist, Bigger Thomas, was sexually attracted to the white woman he accidentally killed, were deemed too racially and sexually provocative for the club's members. In 1991, the Library of America released an edition of Native Son with the missing passages restored. William Shirer's Rise and Fall of the Third Reich, offered in 1960, was BOMC's all-time best-seller.

Using a similar model, Samuel W. Craig founded The Literary Guild in 1927 promising to offer "Literature-Not Just Books." Shortly after that, book publisher Doubleday and Company founded its own book club. Deciding it was harder to beat them than own them, Doubleday acquired The Literary Guild in 1934. Sears teamed up with Simon & Schuster to launch its own book club in 1943, The Peoples Book Club. The club offered vapid love stories, often with religious overtones, to a primarily female clientele. One such title, a Biblical novel called The Emperor's Physician, by Rev. Jacob Perkins, was the Christmas selection for 1944; it sold almost 250,000 copies.

In 1946, BOMC launched a new advertising campaign with the express intent of overtaking Doubleday as the country's

largest club. Literary Guild countered by advertising in Montgomery Ward's Spring Catalog. While BOMC started with the noble aim of offering Americans "the outstanding book published each month," the reality of the marketplace has been that underwhelming titles have frequently proved more popular than classics. In August of 1951, a BOMC editor told TIME magazine, "We're not missionaries, we're merchandisers." That being said, the judges were generally good at spotting classics, though they passed on The Caine Mutiny by Herman Wouk and The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck. In 1929, the judges selected The Cradle of the Deep, Joan Lowell's account of her seventeen-year sea voyages with her father as a main selection. Her account turned out to be fake and is considered one of this country's greatest literary hoaxes. BOMC was forced to issue refunds, though Lowell was unrepentant and said, "Any fool can be accurate—and dull."

The cultural importance of BOMC in the middle of the twentieth century was summarized by Random House president Bennett Cerf who said, "The book club is not only here to stay but has become, in fewer than twenty years, one of the most important factors in the distribution of books and influences on the people's reading habits ever developed in America." President Harry Truman wrote Scherman to thank him for making his memoirs a main selection. In 1962, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas reviewed Rachel Carson's Silent Spring and Adlai Stevenson reviewed Barbara Ward's The Rich Nations and the Poor Nations. BOMC also had two radio shows, The Author Meets the Critics on WQXR and Let's Go to the Opera on WOR. They also expanded their business by successfully offering art miniatures in conjunction with The Metropolitan Museum of Art: 500,000 miniatures were sold between 1951 and 1956.

In the fifties, BOMC was the first club to test offering music the same way, when they introduced the Metropolitan Opera Record Club and Music Appreciation Records. The Music Appreciation Records offered analysis of a classical work on one side and a performance on the second, BOMC used top orchestras like the New York Philharmonic and the Cleveland Orchestra, but they would have to record under a made-up name to get around the orchestra's recording contracts. Leonard Bernstein recorded five symphonies and commentaries with the New York Philharmonic performing as the Stadium Symphony Orchestra. The recordings were rereleased as Leonard Bernstein: The 1953 American Decca Recordings by Deutsche Grammophon in 2005. But the bestseller was Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, performed by Fredell Lack, a young student of Scherman's son and the New York Philharmonic, performing as the Stadium Symphony Orchestra.

Columbia House was founded in 1955 to sell music through the mail. To induce people to join, the club offered a free monophonic record with membership. Their first record was Christmas with Arthur Godfrey. By the end of the first year, the Columbia House Record Club had 128,000 members, and they had purchased 700,000 records. Within two years, it had shipped over seven million records to its members. Having outgrown its New York City facility, in 1953, they moved their warehouse to their manufacturing center in a cornfield in Terre Haute, Indiana. Terre Haute was chosen for its good railroad access. A bonus was that employees could cultivate corn and hunt rabbits after their shifts ended. The first LP (longplaying) records were produced in 1957; stereophonic records were introduced in 1958. By 1965, Columbia House accounted for 10 percent of all money spent on music in the United States; that year they shipped nearly twenty-four million records. In 1960, a reel-to-reel club was launched in order to attract audiophiles.

In 1964, 8-track cassettes were invented by a consortium headed by Bill Lear of the Lear Jet Corporation. Columbia House introduced an 8-track club in 1966 (and although retail stores stopped offering 8tracks in 1982, Columbia House offered them until 1988). The last 8-track produced was Fleetwood Mac's Greatest Hits. The last 8-tracks are prized among collectors. Two of the rarest are Stevie Ray Vaughan's Texas Flood and Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band's Live/1975-85, which was one of the very few box sets to be released on vinyl, cassette, CD, and 8-track. Cassettes came on the scene in 1969. A video club was launched in 1982, a CD club in 1986, and a DVD club in 1997. Ken Lemry, a company vice president, used to try to get artists to visit the Terre Haute facility, but it was difficult to lure them to the former cornfield. One artist who did visit was Tom Jones, and he was a hit. As Lemry recalled, "He could only visit the midnight shift. I swear, he kissed every girl in that factory."

CBS's primary competitor, RCA Victor, founded its own record club in 1956 and Capital Records started the Capital Record Club in 1958. Capital decided to offer only their own labels' recordings. Fortunately, their artists included Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, The Beach Boys, and The Beatles. Capital's Record Club was shut down in 1972.

In 1986, the German media conglomerate Bertelsmann acquired both Doubleday and RCA Victor. Doubleday merged with Book-of-the-Month Club in 2000. In 2005, Bertelsmann's Music Group, in partnership with Sony, acquired Columbia House. Bertelsmann subsumed BOMC completely in 2007. It is a sign of the clubs' diminished cultural importance that the Federal

Trade Commission would see no antitrust implications to having all the major book and music clubs under one roof. Today, there is a book club for everyone including African-Americans, Hispanics, conservatives, Christians, cooks, crafters, children, romance novel readers, and new age followers.

Catalogs offered musical instruments from the very beginning and their mass production and promotion is responsible for the popularity of musical instruments in America to this day. Pianos were required parlor furniture, and player pianos were popular with the musically challenged (until the advent of the phonograph). In 1905, Sears was a precursor to the U.S. News and World Report college rankings; their guitars were named for prestigious universities. The Stanford cost \$4.25, the Princeton was \$16.95, and the Harvard was a staggering \$21.95. They also offered a Universal Folding Organ, equally well-suited for schoolchildren, wandering Evangelists, and home use.

In 1909, Sears's banjos started at \$2.45, violins at \$2.95, and mandolins at \$5.65. Sears even bought Harmony, the largest producer of ukuleles, in hopes of cornering the lucrative 1916 ukulele market.

In 1924, Sears founded its own radio station called WLS, which stood for World's Largest Store. The station aired congratulatory messages from Rudolph Valentino and Ring Lardner. Actress Ethel Barrymore was so nervous when she saw the mike, she simply said, "Oh my God" before being led away. WLS was sold to a local newspaperman four years later. Gene Autrey worked on WLS's show, National Barn Dance, for four years, and before they took on their famous names, both Amos 'n' Andy and Fibber McGee 'n' Molly worked there.

Sears's musical instruments were the first for many future stars. Andy Griffith got a slide trombone from Spiegel when he was

fourteen, and golfer Sam Snead once called the four-string Gibson banjo he got from the Sears catalog when he was the same age "the most precious thing I own."

Silvertone was the brandname for both radios and guitars from 1915 to the present. Silvertone guitars were manufactured by a number of guitar manufacturers from 1941 to 1970. They were the first guitars of Chet Atkins, Bob Dylan, and Jimi Hendrix, among many others. Gregg Allman of the Allman Brothers got a paper route for eight weeks so he could buy a Silvertone acoustic. He rode his bike to Sears with \$21, but the guitar cost \$21.95. He couldn't convince the salesman to front him the balance, so he had to ride home and borrow 95¢ from his mother. Gary Rossington, a founding member of Lynard Skynard, was more industrious. He got a paper route and collected Coke bottles and scrap metal to pay for his first Silvertone. Pete Townsend used a Silvertone when The Who played live, ending the show memorably by smashing it to pieces. Sissy Spacek bought her first guitar by mail order, a \$14.95 Silvertone from Sears, Roebuck & Co. Paul Stanley of KISS still plays a Silvertone, while Jack White of the White Stripes plays a vintage Airline guitar, manufactured for Montgomery Ward in the sixties.

Silvertone was also used for the Sears record label; featured artists included Benny Goodman, Vic Damone, Sammy Kaye, Kay Kyser, the Chicago Philharmonic, and Sears's own Silvertone Concert Orchestra, A Silvertone Record Club was started in 1946.

In 1960, Neiman Marcus offered the complete Modern Library of Random House—suggesting it as the perfect gift for the couple stranded on a tropical island. In 1980, they offered a one-of-a-kind Martin D-45 guitar made of aged Brazilian rosewood for \$9,500. When two orders arrived simultaneously, the Vice President of Mail Order Operations tossed a coin to determine the recipient. In 2005, Neiman Marcus would even sell you Elton John for \$1.5 million. The money, a donation to the Elton John AIDS Foundation, actually bought an Elton John Signature Series Red Piano designed by Yamaha that Sir Elton would play at a private concert for you and five hundred of your closest friends.

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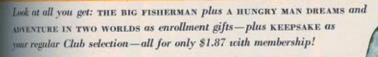
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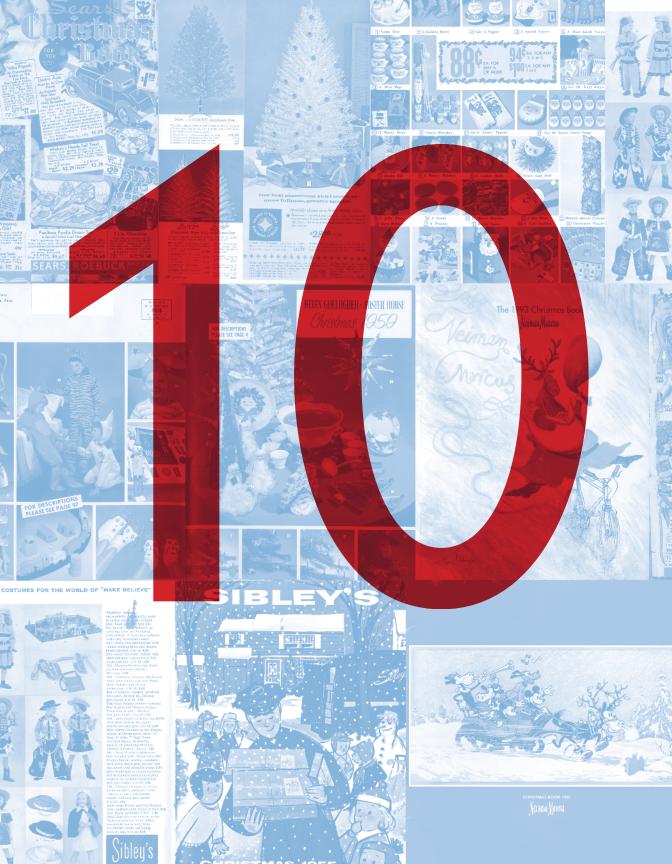
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# Holidays

From the turn of the century until well into the seventies, the arrival of the Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs was the holiday harbinger. The Sears Christmas Book premiered in 1933. The 88-page, predominantly black-and-white catalog's offerings ran the gamut from two-pound fruitcakes for \$0.49 to a quarter-carat diamond ring for \$54.50. It also offered a Mickey Mouse watch, Lionel Trains, and live canaries. In 1968, the Christmas Book was rechristened the Wish Book, the name it had been called by generations of shoppers.

Christmas trees go back centuries, but a number of modern innovations can be tracked through the catalogs. Before WWI, European trees were decorated with hand-blown glass ornaments from Central Europe, while most American Christmas trees were adorned with largely handmade ornaments of metal and paper. After the war, America's handmade baubles gave way to mass-produced ones. There was also a post-war infatuation with plastic ornaments that continues to this day. In 1984, as penance for purchasing the tree stand that collapsed and destroyed his family's collec-

tion of over two thousand European ornaments, Christopher Radko launched his own line of glass ornaments. Today, ornaments from his collection of over ten thousand designs can be purchased in high-end catalogs like Saks, Bloomingdale's, and Gump's. The mid-twentieth-century fascination with man-made materials also extended into the trees, themselves. Artificial trees made of aluminum were introduced in the late fifties and were a popular catalog item throughout the sixties.

A colleague of Thomas Edison was the first person to use electric lights to decorate his Christmas tree in 1882. Sears introduced their first Christmas lights, miniature fruit lamps, in 1908, but they were advertised as table, not Christmas tree, decorations. Montgomery Ward accountant Carl Otis invented the Bubble Light, but his employer declined to purchase his invention. Another company (NOMA) chose to manufacture it. The Bubble Light, which resembled a glass test tube filled with bubbling liquid, created a sensation when it was introduced in 1947. Bubble Lights remained popular through the seventies. Montgomery Ward offered the light, as did Sears. In the fifties, the popularity of miniature lights overtook large cone-shaped lights, though the large lights returned to favor in the late eighties.

When Montgomery Ward copywriter Robert L. May created Rudolph in 1939, his boss was initially concerned that the red nose, often associated with excessive alcohol consumption, might be inappropriate for children and holidays. However, he was overruled. The recording of the Rudolph song, written by May's brother-in-law, also had to overcome initial concerns, as a number of artists declined to record the song, fearful of taking on Santa Claus. Gene Autry's wife encouraged her husband to record it; his recording went on to sell one million copies in its first year.

In the late twenties, both Sears and Montgomery Ward started offering miniature Christmas villages: whimsical cardboard houses that were frequently sprinkled with glittery "snow." They remained popular through the fifties. Interactive Christmas games lost their allure in the sixties when families gathered around the television to watch new classics like A Charlie Brown's Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, and, of course, Rudolph (narrated by Santa lookalike Burl Ives). Romeo Mueller embellished Rudolph's story by adding new characters like the inhabitants of the Island of Misfit Toys, the Abominable Snowmonster, Yukon Cornelius, and Hermey, the elf who just wanted to be a dentist.

Neiman Marcus, which mailed its first Christmas promotion in 1915, continues to make news with its opulent Christmas offerings. They started small, with a six-page, 5x6inch brochure. Their next promotion wasn't until 1926 when a sixteen-page, 5x3-inch brochure was mailed. The first large magazine-size catalog was introduced in 1939. At the time, Dallas was low on good fashion photographers (Neiman Marcus, itself, would change that) so the catalog used sketches. The 1942 catalog introduced a auilted satin Treasure Chest for all gifts over \$100. An editorial also told customers that buying war bonds was their patriotic duty. They also offered gifts for servicemen.

The idea of offering extravagant holiday gifts came to Stanley Marcus when, in 1952, Edward R. Murrow called to ask if Neiman Marcus had unusual gifts that might interest his listeners. He offered him a live steer from his brother's prize-raised black Angus herd alongside a silver-plated serving cart like those used in Simpson's and The Savoy in London for \$1,925. After he got off the phone, he changed the catalog to accommodate his new item. Because of the popularity of the over-the-top products, Stanley Marcus was

constantly bombarded with unusual proposals. In Paris, one potential buyer was dismayed when Marcus rejected his twentytwo karat gold, life-size sculpture of a certain part of the female anatomy.

Neiman Marcus is known for above and beyond customer service. When noted producer Leland Hayward's order of three boxes of Godiva chocolates hadn't arrived by December 10th, he sent letters of complaint to the candy department, the mailorder director, and Stanley Marcus himself. All three sent a letter of apology and airmailed a replacement. The arrival of twelve boxes of chocolate prompted Hayward to send Marcus a letter pointing out (correctly) that "obviously the left hand of Neiman Marcus doesn't know what the right hand is doing."

In the sixties, a Greek shipping magnate ordered a 5-foot-high giant stuffed panda three days before Christmas with instructions to ship it by air. When informed that no shipper could make the deadline, he instructed the company to buy two first class tickets for the panda and a chaperone. His only demand was that they not fly Olympic Airlines, owned by his competitor, Aristotle Onassis. The chaperone was given a one-week holiday in Greece with the magnate's compliments.

In 1967, Neiman Marcus offered a tenpound, 24-karat gold wig for \$35,000. It was purchased by a television star. With the price of gold today, it would be worth over \$130,000. In 1971, the His and Hers gifts were his and her mummy cases. A man in London had offered the female mummy case to Stanley Marcus at a cocktail party. Marcus said, if he could find a male case to go with it, he would offer it as a His and Hers gift. Two years later, the man found one. However, when the cases arrived in the United States, a store manager found there was still a mummy in one of them. Concerned

about being fined for illegally transporting a corpse into the country, he was instructed to find a doctor to issue a death certificate. The mummy was declared dead and donated to a local museum.

A man ordered ten gifts for his wife that were to be individually wrapped and placed inside a papier-mâché Santa Claus made especially for him. The package was to be delivered to a ski resort in Colorado where the couple was vacationing. When the gift hadn't arrived by Christmas Eve morning, the man called to complain. They tracked down the package, but it was going to arrive too late to make the truck going to the resort. The shipping manager found a friend who had a postal route that went by the resort, but he was not authorized to stop there. The driver said if the customer would meet him on a bridge three miles from the resort, he would slow down and push the package off the truck as he drove by. At 10:30 p.m., in the middle of a blizzard, the customer retrieved his package from a snowbank.

One woman, who was divorced and remarried, wanted to make sure her address was not visible on the gifts she sent to her children at their father's home because she feared he would come kill her. When she realized she had forgotten to inform the company, she called in a panic, and twenty people were dispatched to go through 35,000 boxes to find her purchase. They found it in a UPS van and removed the information.

In his book His & Hers: The Fantasy World of the Neiman Marcus Catalog, Stanley Marcus relayed a number of snafus. The first year Neiman Marcus put their mailing list on the computer, one customer received 732 copies of the catalog. One year Neiman Marcus offered crystal paperweights with the seal of each of the fifty states. A customer ordered one Wisconsin paperweight and received forty-four. When he called to complain, the supervisor researching the

problem was dismayed to have to inform him that, because of a computer glitch, he could expect to receive fifty-five more. The glitch also screwed up the company's projections, resulting in years of overstocked Wisconsin paperweights. A straight gentile man ordered a Bagel Butler for a gay Jewish friend and was mortified when his friend opened the gift to find Neiman Marcus had accidentally sent him a fruitcake. In 1979, the company offered a product with an Iranian component. The hostage crisis forced them to cancel several thousand orders. One Christmas, Stanley Marcus was caught by surprise when a watch with twelve Chinese characters in place of numbers that he'd been told were advice given to the emperor to help him win back the love of his wife, turned out to say "We shall take America by force."

In 2005, Neiman Marcus celebrated forty-five years of "His and Hers" gifts. December gift giving has always been, and continues to be, every catalog company's most important season.

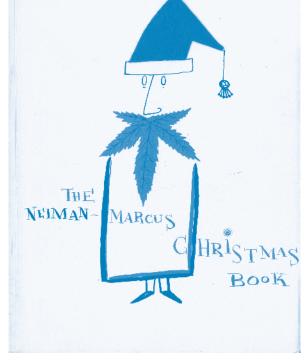
A few other novelties: if you wouldn't touch it with a ten-foot pole, Neiman Marcus had a solution. In 1977, they introduced a collapsible eleven-foot pole in a black leatherette carrying case for \$50. Everyone should have a skeleton in their closet, and Neiman Marcus offered a four-foot one on a hanger for \$25. It offered a \$600 chocolate Monopoly set that Christie Hefner ordered for her father, Hugh. In 1964, they scored a success (that surprised Stanley Marcus) with toothpastes flavored like brandy, martini, orange Curacao, rum, or eggnog. In 1981, the company offered ComRo I, a domestic robot that performs mundane tasks like opening doors, serving cocktails, and picking up around the house for \$15,000. For an additional \$650, you could buy Wires, a computer pet to keep ComRo I company. A \$1,000 stuffed animal menagerie from Steiff received six orders including one from the

## Neiman Marcus His & Hers Christmas Gifts

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embassy of an iron curtain country. In 2007, Neiman Marcus offered a dragon topiary that would be built on your land using plants indigenous to your area for \$35,000 and a Swami talking robot that can hold conversations, recognize family members, and give advice. It also offered a futuristic tree house with hardwood floors by Dutch sculptor Dré Wapenaar. Victoria Beckham is rumored to have purchased the \$50,000 "Treetent" for her children.





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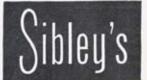
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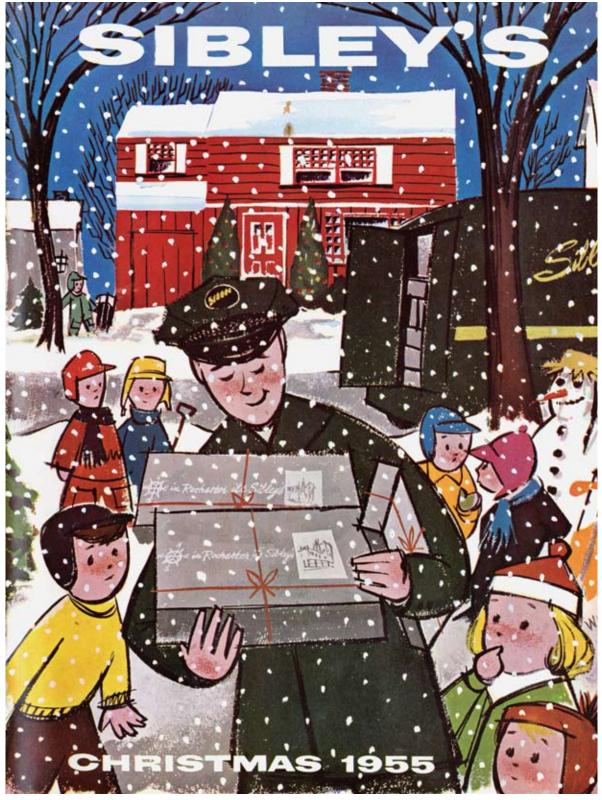


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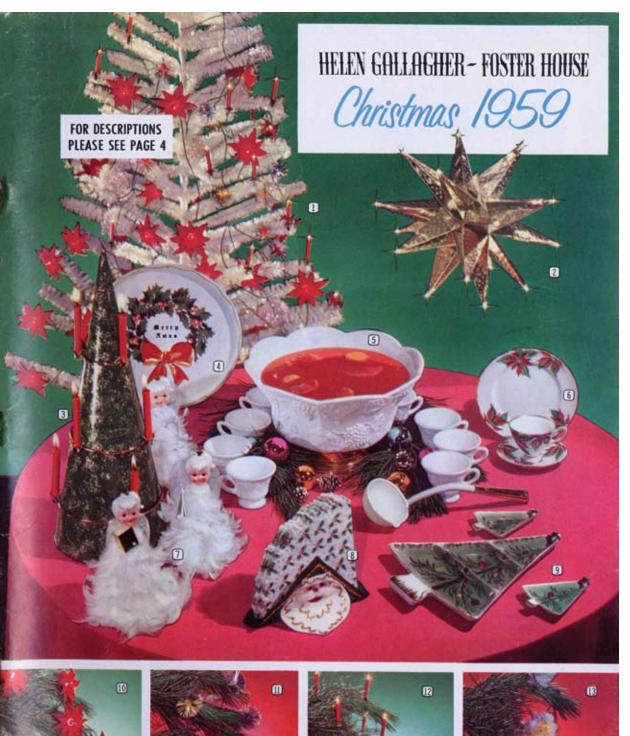
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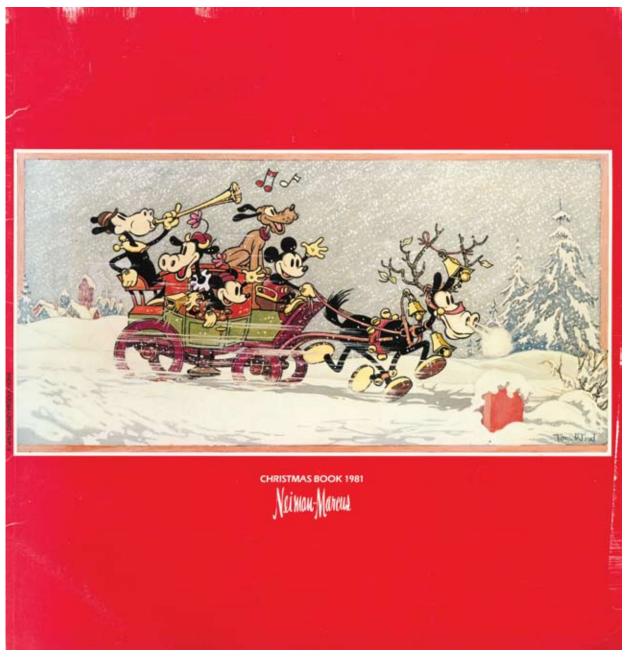










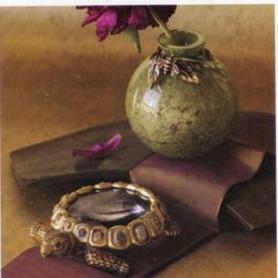


-10.7- Neiman Marcus, 1981

"Miss Pigtails" Real hair in braids. What a grand thrill to find this dolly under the tree!

Sears, 1933







#### THE DECLUSIVE MY STRONGWATER CLOCK, VASE, AND MACHIFIER.

Time flies when you enjoy what you're doing, and we sure love what Joy Strongwater does. All of our <u>exclusive</u> objets are hand enameled and hand set with Swarovskii\* crystal. For our 100th anniversary, Joy created the "Stanley" double peacock clock, elaborately enameled with delicate hanging jewel-sone accents. Powered by one battery, included, it stands 13.25°H x 7.75°W x 5°D and is limited to an edition of just 100. Joy's "Sea" mini bud vase in golden-spanded glass has a jewel-tone bee collar, 3°H x 3°Dia. His enameled "Gwen" tutle magnifier is 1°H x 4.5°W x 3.5°D. All are made in the USA. Also available in Gift Galleries.

56A "Stanley" 100th Anniversary Clock 6,500.00 (65.00)

568 "Sea" Mini Bud Vase 125.00 56C "Gwen" Turtle Magnifier 395.00

JAY STRONGWATER DREIDEL. To celebrate the Hanukkah season, Jay's master artisans hand enomeled this collectible "Isooc" dreidel and set it with Swarovski" crystal accents. It arrives with an equally beautiful display stand; 3"H x 1"Sq. Made in the USA. Also available in Giff Galleries.

56D "Isooc" Dreidel and Stand 350.00

FABERGÉ. Elegantly — and intricately — handcrafted in exquisite detail, our Fabergé keepsakes celebrate the creative art of Peter Carl Fabergé. All are hand enameled and set with hand-cut crystal. The 8° enamel guilloche egg objet is a museum-quality reproduction. Matching frame holds a 3" x 4" photo, 5.5"H. The pave wildflowers box is 3.75"H x 2.625"W. Made in Russia.

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The color, shape, delicate white flocking give it the look of a real tree, freshly cut. It's durable, too—color won't fade, needles cun't loosen, ravel.

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71 N 9393-3 ft. 31 branches, Shop, wt. 3 fts. ft dir.	4.67



#### Aluminum trees with swirl branches

Branches tapered to lifelike fullness. Needles are glasd on and mechanically locked on . . won't drop off.

Fine. Thicker than our good quality. More and longer branches.
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71 N 9275—5 th. 91 branches.
19cp. ve. 5 lbs... 10.39
71 N 9274—4 th. 45 tranches.
19cp. ve. 5 lbs... 498
71 N 9273—2/2 th. 31 branches.
19cp. ve. 2 lbs... 227
306 SEARS 19cs

Good, Like our fine trees, except less branches therefore less glitter.

71N 9353C—7 leet,73 bracches, 3leg, et, 7 les, 58.47
71N 9352—5 leet, 52 bracches, 3leg, et, 4 lbs. \$5.59
71N 9350—215 lb, 22 branches, 3leg, et, 1 lb, 8 oz. \$2.27

## Our best aluminum swirl tree has more fullness, greater sparkle



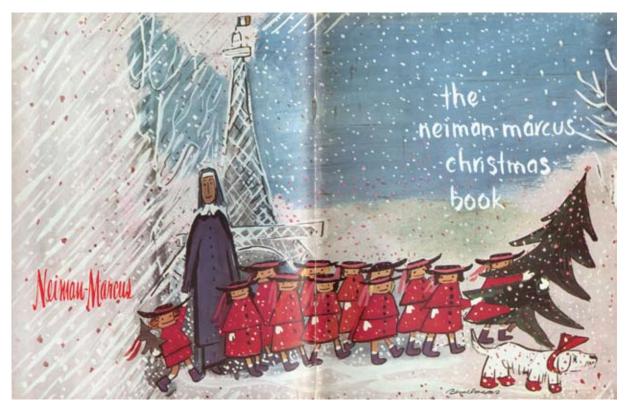
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Because it's swirled and tapered . . has exceptionally long branches, it costs \$4.08 less than our best 7-foot tree last year . . we believe you won't find a better value on the market.

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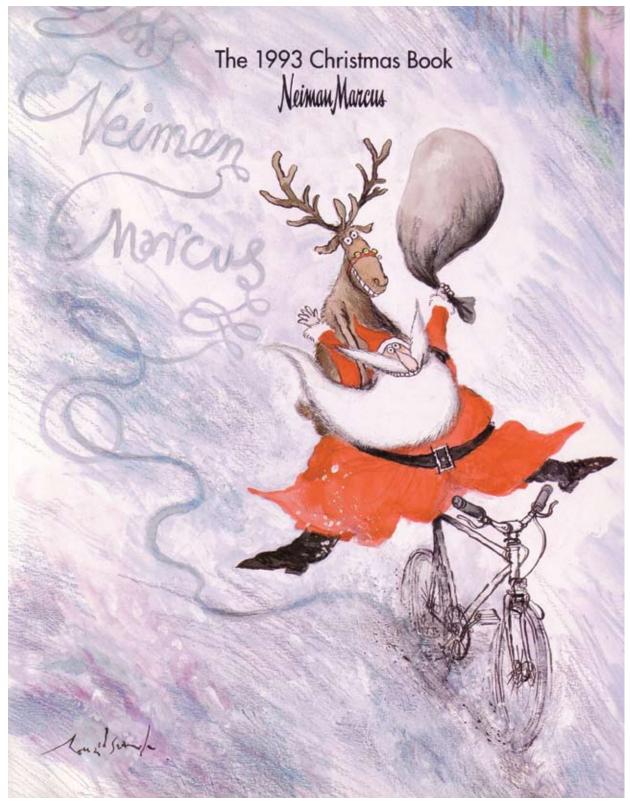
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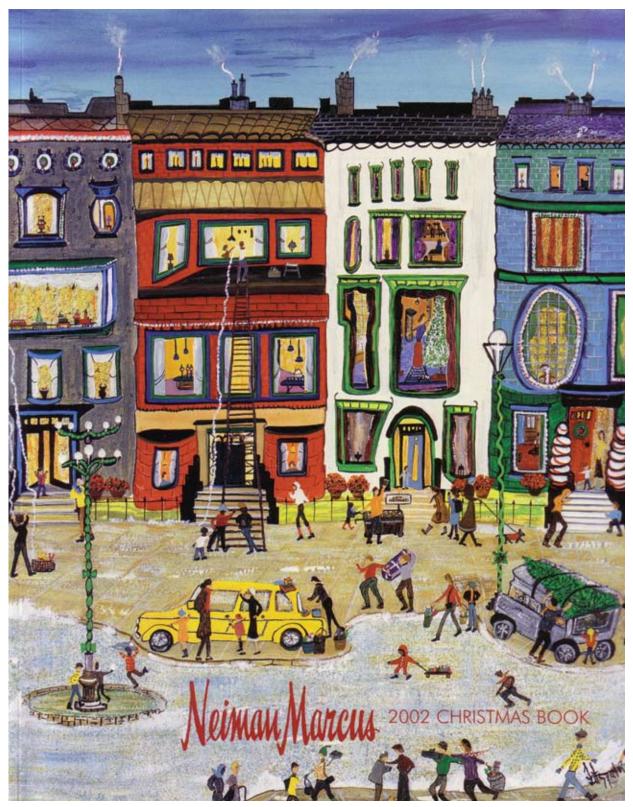
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–10.10– 1955 cover by Ludwig Bemelmans









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