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Lots of New Toys

But Old Standbys Are Still Popular

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Don't be alarmed Christmas morning if a robot should squeak into your room and ask to be taken to your leader. He's probably something Junior knocked together with his Erector set, which, after many years, is still popular with youngsters (and grownups, too).

The Erector set has graduated to the space age. A boy can still build the familiar bridges and elevators, but when he tires of these he can put together aircraft engines or a radar scanner.

You might as well admit it — the Wild West is here to stay. Most boys still like to find a six-shooter or rifle under the tree. Though the chances are they'll first put on their space helmet before buckling on their guns.

For the kid who takes his shooting seriously, Outdraw the Outlaw is a game that will let him try his quick-draw. The boy pulls a string to set the outlaw's arm in motion and then the youngster draws, fires and tries to hit his foe before he can get a shot off. Don't worry, they don't use real bullets.

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The toymakers haven't forgotten the girls. Now Sis can have somebody to talk to when she plays house. Chatty Cathy is a 20-inch doll who speaks for herself. With each pull of the magic ring she talks just like a real little girl. She says 11 phrases at random.

Mother's little helper can learn good homemaking and proper grooming with some of the new kits on the market.

The Let's Do the Dishes set has a white modern sink and drainboard, equipped with a realistic dish drain and sink strainer. Sis can wash her toy dishes and dry them just like mom.



AN OLD STANDBY: Big brother has an enchanted audience as he builds a radar scanner with his Erector set.

To make herself a living doll a little girl will love a Beauty Bar which can be installed in the bathroom with adhesive hangers. The white cabinet with sliding doors has a place for everything from tissues to lipstick and natural nail polish. Be sure you hang the cabinet low enough so the child can reach it.

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If the girl should like to entertain company there is a full-course breakfast set for two. When it's time to feed her dolly she can give her a TV dinner (a lot of dads get these, too).

For youngsters, five years old and up, there is a Whirling Worlds mobile. It includes materials for assembling of the sun, earth, the other planets and their satellites revolving around the sun.

For hopsters or squares there are all types of new musical gimmicks. Without a single lesson, anyone from six to 60 can join the fun and play songs immediately on a professional size three-foot Flamenco Guitar. This six-string instrument comes with its own music book and has gear action tuning pegs and features Spanish dancers in full color. Sounds like just the thing to start dad's day off with a bang.

Strum-Fun Getar offers children an easy way to learn rhythm and music. The strumming action automatically plays a hidden music disk. There are eight easily changeable disks of favorite songs.

It looks like a nice and noisy Christmas for one and all.