Cowboy, Little Mother, Spaceman — There's Toy To Satisfy

Whatever a child's interest this Christmas, the moon or pretty clothes or the Civil War, there's a toy to satisfy it.

Curiously, in this year of space flights, the Wild West is still out ahead of rocketry. Santa will carry more stagecoaches than rockets in his pack. Play guns reproduce the weapons of the Old West. A mechanical stagecoach shoots away, at small interlopers.

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But playroom kits will provide a small boy the chance to bone up on rocket trajectory. He can also have the latest equipment for weather forecasting. And a new "zoom" microscope will let him study both small and large objects in minute detail.

From crib to glamour girl, there are dolls at every stage for small sister this season. One doll, is so lifelike that its neck must be supported. Dolls not only look like children, they have flexible muscles and they talk, eat and kiss in a realistic fashion.

Fashion dolls come outfitted for every resort spot from Sun Valley to the Riviera. Latest possession of the plush fashion doll is her own doll house. Only now, it's become a mansion. New this year is a chateau five feet high equipped with furnishings made for a 10-inch doll.

The Civil War centennial has produced all sorts of goodies. Caps and hats, of course, are authentic copies of Confederate and Union models. But chair generals can play a new game which gives the South a chance to win.

The junior businessman might like a mobile soft-drink stand which includes a booklet on how to make money. This is a far cry from my childhood in a country town. We just up-ended a soap box and went into business with a pitcher of homemade lemonade. This manual describes how to pick a location, do sales promotion, cement customer relations and do bookkeeping. Chances are very good that the kids will love the drink stand and throw the book away.

Little girls will have a new help in playing house. It comes in the form of an ice shaver for frosty drinks. There are also simulated fried eggs that sizzle in a frying pan and a percolator that perks.