Most fabulous gift one from someone dear thoughtful enough to know heart's desire

"THE ONLY GIFT," said Ralph Waldo Emerson, "is a portion of himself."

By Emerson's yardstick, two of history's truly fabulous Christmas gifts are the gift of a song by composer Richard Wagner and the gift of a manuscript by author Lewis Carroll.

Wagner surprised his wife by having a string quartet play his new composition as she awakened on the holiday morning. Carroll gave 12-year-old Alice Liddell a handwritten manuscript.

Both were given almost a century ago, and today we know they were fabulous. Wagner's composition was the famed Siegfried's Idyll. The manuscript was that of Alice in Wonderland.

But one wonders how the recipients really felt about the gifts at the time. Mrs. Wagner was accustomed to hearing music around the house and perhaps had been hoping for the price of some new portieres for the living room.

To little Alice, the story in the manuscript was a twice-told tale: Carroll originally had told her story. Maybe she would have preferred a doll or a box of lemon drops at that time, although many, many years later she sold the manuscript for $75,000.

There was a time when a housewife in Vermont amused—and probably disappointed—friends and family with her little gift paintings at the holiday exchange. Today most of them and their descendants wish they could put their hands on these little remembrances of Grandma Moses.

So what is a wonderful gift? A new sable coat with a $25,000 price tag might be a disappointment to a woman who really yearned for a little Renoir for the living room. So would a new handbag for a woman in more modest circumstances who wanted and needed a new housecoat. The most fabulous is your heart's desire from someone who was thoughtful enough to know your heart's desire.

HERE'S ONE Christmas tree husbands in San Francisco steered clear of when shopping with their better halves. It seems that while casting about for the proper Christmas decor the folks at I. Magnin and Co., a women's store, decided to display this Christmas tree made up of 200 skins of natural Russian Crown sable, worth more than $100,000.

CHRISTMAS-NAMED TOWN LOST DESPITE SEASONABLE NAME

CHRISTMAS COVE, Maine (AP)—Christmas Cove has commercial interests and postmark fanciers drooling.

The post office here operates only in the summer time—despite petitions by local citizens for winter service. During the winter, the 15 resident families get their mail on a South Bristol star route. The summer population generally occupies about 80 camps and two small hotels, one aptly named Holly Inn.

There is a gift shop in Christmas Cove which specializes in Yuletide cards and decorations in the summer and mails them in the winter, but from South Bristol.

Few letters to Santa Claus find their way to this place, which was visited in 1614 by Capt. John Smith who dropped anchor at the green island while sailing along Maine's coast on Christmas Day—thus the name.

QUEEN GIVES GIFTS

WINDSOR, England (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth today distributed Christmas gifts to the members of Windsor Castle's indoor staff.

As happy families everywhere gather together to celebrate this most festive of seasons, we take pleasure in extending to you our hope that all the joys of Christmas fill your home.

ALBERTA MARKET

Warm Wishes

May the glow of holiday cheer brighten the homes of our many kind friends whose patronage we value so highly. Our thanks to you all.

The Management & Staff

BOB PARKER LTD.

Best Wishes for Christmas

At this joyful season, may there come to every heart a glad renewal of the warming spirit of peace and good will. May we all be richly blessed with enduring hope and love, as we rededicate ourselves to the glorious message of the first Christmas.

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Our thanks and best wishes for a very happy holiday season to all of you whose patronage we value so highly.

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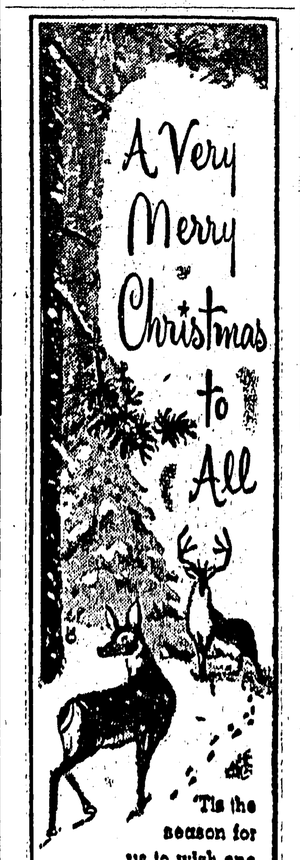


'Tis the season for us to wish one and all a memorable and merry Christmas.

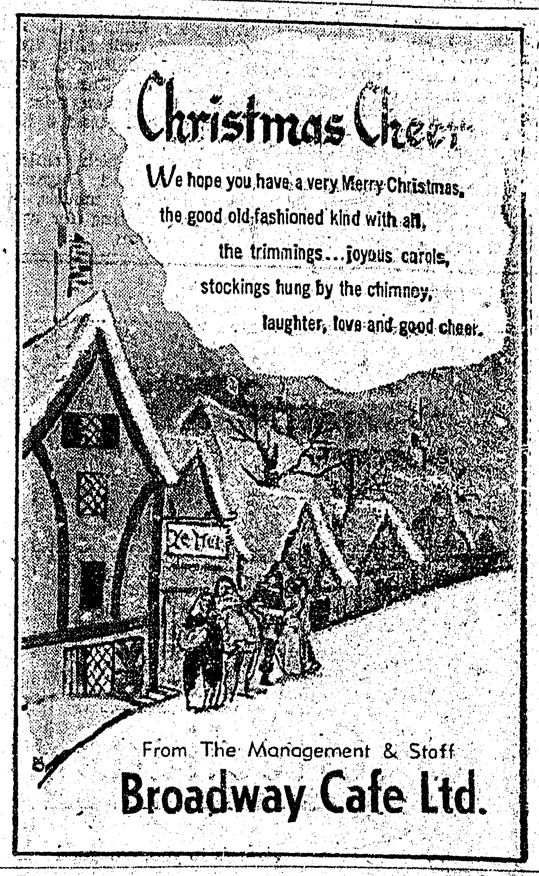
Bill Scuby Furs Ltd.

May you enjoy a Christmas holiday as full of joy and good cheer as your tree is full of sparkling ornaments.

DRY GOODS & NOVELTY SHOP

We're singing out our warmest wishes to you for a Holiday richly rewarding in good cheer and happiness.

CENTRAL BARBER SHOP and BEAUTY SALON



We hope you have a very Merry Christmas, the good old-fashioned kind with all the trimmings... joyous carols, stockings hung by the chimney, laughter, love and good cheer.

From The Management & Staff

Broadway Cafe Ltd.

Merry Christmas

We send you a bountiful load of good wishes, friends and neighbors. At this joyous season, may you know all the happiness and contentment of a good old-fashioned Christmas.

STAR'S Stylewear

AMY GRACE and MARY

For you and your dear ones at Christmas, we wish the most precious gifts of all... the gifts of faith, hope and love... faith sustained by the spirit of Christmas... hope for lasting Peace on Earth... love ever bright with the blessings of family and home, and enriched by good will toward all men.

From the Management and Staff

SHOP-EASY STORE