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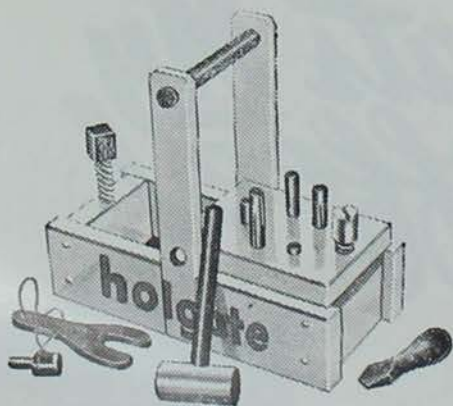
TOYS That Create!

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WHAT CHRISTMAS TOY can I give my niece, age three? Do you suppose my six-year-old brother would like an auto convoy trailer? If you have these Christmas shopping problems, here's a preview of what you'll see in the toy department in the last few days before Santa's visit.

One of the toys sure to be in Christmas packages is the junior mechanics' kit featured in *Life* during November. A gift for children from three to eight, the kit contains a screw driver, wrench, hammer, bolts, screws and nailing pegs, all made of wood. These tools all do their designed jobs. The wrench turns threaded bolts, the screw driver will tighten and loosen threaded screws, and the hammer drives pegs into a reversible board. This toy is ideal for teaching elementary building construction to the child advanced beyond the hammering stage.



A younger child, pretending he's a ship's captain, will enjoy a boat manned by four jolly peg sailors who ride in a peg boat base. Each sailor is a different color and has his own removable colored cap and head. The captain can properly dress his sailors and put them in their respective holes.

Youngsters from one to three like toys that push and pull, too. A popular toy for the past several years has been a simple put-together and take-apart train for the creeper. Designed without wheels, it insures safe push play on the floor and will stay together when pulled

over rug edges and door sills. When the creeper becomes a toddler, he can start to pull the train.

Another pull toy is the new "seven-way" pull, a fine action toy. Made with twelve wheels, each pair is ingeniously attached to several wooden blocks so that there is maximum flexibility. No matter how the toy is pulled, backwards or forwards, it will always follow the child without tipping over. The twelve wheels can be "stacked" or "piled" in many different combinations.

Locomotive Toys

Santa knows that all children like cars, trucks and other locomotive toys. An auto convoy trailer for two to eight-year olds combines both the cars and a truck. Children will enjoy loading and unloading the three jeeps that are being shipped on the convoy trailer to a distant city. They'll also have fun loading the jeeps with the twelve "people" who ride in them.

Another imaginative toy that is recommended for children from two to five is the old woman in the lacing shoe. The toy includes a well-constructed wooden shoe, the Old Woman, her many children and two long laces with extra-long transparent tips. Preschoolers will learn to lace their shoes quickly when the job is dramatized and related to the nursery rhyme.

Toys like the lacing shoe and others are designed to put the "create" in recreation this Christmas. Besides, the new toys are chew-safe, color-safe, and made to develop alertness, co-ordination and perception. Look for these toys while you're doing your Christmas shopping.

