

A to Z FOR THE BOY WHO HAS EVERYTHING

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If you're looking for something for the boy on your Christmas list who has everything, you need go no further.

For The Birmingham Eccentric submits herewith, from A to Z, a list to guide you in your search.

In preparing this list, our staff has considered the Christmas morning plight of the boy for whom Santa can find nothing new, novel and different in his bag. There are such boys, few though they may be. For them, Christmas can be as dull as the first day of school, unless the giver puts thought into acquiring something really special to make his little eyes light up like Briggs stadium when the Yankees hit town.

We herewith submit our recommendations, compiled after considerable thought. (Your shopping tour should be interesting. Good luck!)

- A. Air-Conditioned Space Helmet
- B. Battery-Operated Pogo Stick
- C. Cashmere Band-Aids
- D. Diamond-Studded Bullets for his gun
- E. Electrically Heated Plastic Wading Pool
- F. Fizzies Flavored with Champagne
- G. Gold-Plated Night Stand for his still-good bubble gum
- H. Hand-Painted Peanut Butter Jars
- I. Ivory-Inlaid Tiddley Winks
- J. Jet-Propelled Rocket for trips to school
- K. Kool-Aids Flavored with Champagne
- L. Leather-Bound Comic Books
- M. Mink-Lined, Wrap-Around Bath Towel
- N. Nuclear-Powered Toy Submarine
- O. Octopus for his aquarium
- P. Power Steering for his bicycle
- Q. Quilted Marble Bag
- R. Radio-Controlled Trouble Shooter
- S. Stereophonic Two-Way Wrist Radio
- T. Tweed Slipcover for his bicycle seat
- U. Underwater Cap Pistol
- V. Vaporizer dispensing eau de chocolate
- W. Walking Robot to do his chores
- X. Xylophone with Electronic Chimes
- Y. Yes-Man for a father
- Z. Zebra-Skin Covers for his school books

Bicycles are expected to be more popular than ever with youngsters this Christmas.

The Bicycle Institute of America says the bike always has been a popular Christmas gift and usually is placed under the Christmas tree by fond grandparents.

But bicycle sales this year are expected to increase greatly, according to the institute, because of the widespread acceptance given the recently introduced middle-weight model. The middleweight bike is a hybrid product which blends the best features of the heavier, balloon-

tire bike with the best of the lightweight bikes. The middleweight is available in both boy and girl models and features, among other improvements, coaster brakes and a gear shift.

THE INSTITUTE says the middleweight requires less pedal pressure to build up speed and is

easier to handle, making for additional safety.

One of the safety examples pointed out by the institute shows that the special brakes make it possible for a child weighing 68 pounds to have the same braking power a 100-pounder would have on a regular-type bicycle.



Sails for Christmas

Taking a good look at a model schooner at Higgins and Frank in the Wabeek building is Brian Hymans, 13, of 1028 Yarmouth, Birmingham. The Bluenose schooner, available only in an Aurora model kit, is priced at \$2.49.

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