

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

It is only just over a fortnight to Christmas, and we have so many gifts to select. What shall we buy, and where?

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAARS.

For years during the War the bazaars were shorn of their glory, nor had we, except for the sake of the children, the heart to enter into "the spirit of the fair"; it is, therefore, with all the more zest that we turn to them once again, and the hope held out that in the new Budget 1s. 6d. is to be taken off the crushing income tax should serve to loosen purse strings.

AT MESSRS. GAYLER & POPE'S.

We were delighted with the variety of useful, ornamental and other articles to be found in the Christmas Bazaar of Messrs. Gayler & Pope, High Street, Marylebone. Reviewers are not an impressionable race, but the representative of this Journal was so impressed with the desirability and moderate prices of the bazaar items that in the course of her round she made quite a number of purchases.

Here, for instance, are to be found the large shallow black bowls for flowers so sought after just now, at 7s. 11d.; charming tea services for six persons, 16s. 11d.; boxes containing two cakes of soap and a bottle of lavender water or eau de Cologne, as the case may be; strong and handsome crocodile purses, both grey and brown, at 2s. 6d.; collar boxes for both stiff and soft collars, at 1s. 11½d.; fitted workboxes, 4s. 6d.; needle cases, 1s. 4d.; handkerchiefs, boxes of six, from 1s. 11d. to 5s. 11d.; and charming sachets at all prices to hold them. There is also a large collection of Christmas Cards and Calendars to suit all tastes. Amongst the seasonable presents here are also wool jumpers, 12s. 11d. to 21s., and woolly spencers, 6s. 11d. to 10s. 11d.

AT MESSRS. GARROULD'S.

The Christmas Bazaar of this well-known firm, at 150-162, Edgware Road, has not only returned to its pre-war glories, but the floor space has been extended so that the many tempting articles can be set out to the best advantage. A life-sized Father Christmas, sagely wagging his head, presides over the whole to the great delight of the children. Here are to be found mechanical toys of all kinds, including a delightful mechanical railway, Chinese lanterns, crackers and Christmas stockings, dolls of every sort of variety, all of which go to sleep, gramophones, charming dolls' washstands with toilet sets complete and glass backs which would delight the heart of any little girl, only 1s. 11½d.; a strongly made wheelbarrow at 4s. 11d.; motor cars, boxes of soldiers at all prices; a scout team truck, 1s. 11½d.; and a host of other things which have only to be seen to be appreciated.

AT MESSRS. COZENS.

At 32-50, Edgware Road, near to the Marble Arch, Messrs. Cozens have a most attractive

bazaar. Teddy bears, carts, horses, elephants, dogs, trumpets, skipping ropes, fairies, ducks, sweet stores, to delight the heart of any child, and costing only from 1s. 3d. to 3s. 6d.; dolls' prams from 19s. 11d.; paint boxes from 6d. upwards; "Jingle Johnnies," picture books, oak tea trays from 8s.; coal cauldrons in wrought iron at 7s. each; are only a few of the attractions. Those who visit the bazaar will, we feel sure, think it has been well worth while.

While so doing they should certainly visit also the dress department on the first floor. A few of the things specially worthy of note are the knitted all-wool frocks, in various colours, at 12s. 11d. and 15s. 11d.; a black silk taffeta dress skirt, with hip pocket and waist gauged into an elastic band, at the extraordinarily low price of 12s. 11d. Semi-evening dresses in a variety of beautiful shades, the skirts covered with the new radium lace with excellent effect, 49s. 6d. to 59s. 6d., and furs of splendid value, including a skunk opossum cape, lined with silk, at 59s. 6d. A very special underskirt is one in rich satin Italian, in all colours, and costing only 6s. 11d. It is specially to be commended to the notice of our readers. All these items are well worth inspecting.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

HATS.

If you want a new hat—and who does not at Christmas—be sure to pay a visit to MADAME MILLS, 296, Regent Street. She will find something to suit you.

CHOCOLATES.

The name of CADBURY, Bournville, stands in the public mind for just dealing and good value. What more acceptable gift could be given at this season than some of the specialities of this firm? There is their Bournville Chocolate in attractive little red-and-white packets, delicious for eating; Dairy Milk Chocolate, both Neapolitan, and half-pound packets; Mexican Chocolate, which can be used either for eating or for making delectable chocolate for drinking; and, of course, there are delightful boxes of finest chocolates, such as the King George Chocolates which make a charming present, welcome both to children and grown-ups.

HOT-WATER BOTTLES.

For Hot-Water Bottles—always welcome gifts—the "Eclipse" Hot-Water Bottle made by INGRAM'S, and to be bought at all high-class chemists and stores, may be always relied upon. The New Patent Constructed Neck gives confidence that we shall have no trouble with leaking necks.

Messrs. A. E. BRAID & Co., LTD., 30, Gower Place, London, W.C., also make a speciality of hot-water bottles, the special features of which are that they are British made and best quality.

DRESSING INSTRUMENTS.

The HOSPITAL CONTRACTS Co., 27-35, Mortimer Street, are just now offering sets of dressing instruments, in washable cases, for the special price of 10s. post free.

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