

• New Machines and Gadgets •

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⚙️ **CARD GAME** enables the player to learn a language. Designed for those who can read English, the game can be played by either two or four persons. Each game, available in a Spanish or French version, contains 120 cards, each with a letter of the language together with everyday expressions in the language.

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⚙️ **SEWING BOXES**, window-clear, have built-in thread cutters. Separate compartments keep pins, needles, tapes, thimbles and what-have-you in place. One size has 24 spool spindles, seven compartments and four thread cutters molded into the plastic sewing kit.

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⚙️ **WALL HOLDER** for mops and brooms is molded of butyrate plastic. Its three separate rings, rubber reinforced, hold mops and broom handles in vertical position. When not in use the rings fold back. It is available in four colors.

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⚙️ **COLLAPSIBLE CART** for use on the golf links has an adjustable wheelbase and handle. The telescoping wheelbase can be locked at from 26½ to 10 inches in width.



The handle can be set at any angle, height or arm-length. The cart can be folded and packed into the trunk of a car, as shown in the photograph.

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⚙️ **CLASSROOM FURNITURE** of plastic withstands kicks, scratches, ink, paste, paint and mud. It can be used creatively for finger painting or clay modeling and wiped clean with water. Made of granulated wood and plasticized thermosetting resins, the one-piece school desk and chair is available for classrooms in five colors.

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⚙️ **PETRI DISHES** for the laboratory can be used once and then thrown away. Made of styrene plastic, the sterile dishes used to grow microorganisms are optically clear and scratch free. They have a heat distortion point of 90 degrees centigrade.

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⚙️ **PARTY-LINE SELECTOR** is a small device that locks out would-be eavesdroppers and rings only the telephone called. The device monitors the ringing codes and when it receives the right one for the phone to which it is attached, it rings the bell.

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⚙️ **MINIATURE CAR MODELS** are exact copies of their full-size counterparts on the road. Twenty-four models of these British-made car toys for children have been produced. Ten are mechanical. Almost break-proof, the model car toys are die-cast.

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UNESCO is studying the possibilities of issuing an international *library card* that would give its holders access to university and research libraries in all countries participating in the scheme.

Branches of forsythia, flowering quince, flowering crabapples, pussywillows and other *flowering shrubs* may be cut, brought into the house, placed in water in a warm room for 24 hours and forced into bloom.

It is planned to redetermine the *pull of gravity* to the unequaled accuracy of one part in a million.

Approximately 100,000 specimens of *beetles*, representing species from Europe and other parts of the world, are being added to the Chicago National History Museum collections.

A new *dental X-ray* machine takes a single panoramic picture of the whole mouth in less than a minute.