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Joyce Throne of Kitchen Accents finds that people are going for accent and serving pieces more than for cookware. Her store sells the Corkmaster, available in solid brass for \$175 and in a brass tone for \$100 less. "People would rather buy the more expensive one," she says with a laugh, "though both vintners have the same mechanism."

The Corkmaster's genius is that it not only removes a cork from a bottle, but at the flick of a wrist puts it right back in. Made by the Rogar Manufacturing Corporation in Abilene, Texas, this uncorking/recorking beauty comes with such accessories as a table stand and a tripod, keeping it both accessible and highly visible.

Bloomingdale's spectacular "Main Course" department, with its dazzling array of upscale cookware and gadgets, finds that people are cooking and entertaining more at home. Ellen Traverso, manager, sees an important new trend here. "More husbands are pitching in, and as a result we are selling more top-quality cookware."

Are woks still in? Yes, but less so. Espresso and cappuccino machines? Stronger than ever before.

Traverso, who has been a Bloomingdale's manager in several cities, is not surprised by the success of the Takka Ice Cream Maker, which the store introduced this Christmas. At \$160, this machine is entertaining in itself. "It can make soft or hard ice cream, sherbet or frozen yogurt in minutes," she says. "It's so fast because you keep the basic container in your freezer overnight, then pour in your dessert recipe. The ice cream maker requires no ice or salt, and allows you to serve an elegant, low-calorie dessert with flair.

All this stylish, health-conscious entertaining has worked up a thirst for fine wines, to be stored and displayed at the proper temperature and humidity. Enter The Wine Cellar, available at Woolley's