

STILL BLUE MADE LIVELY

Eyepeppers to all youngsters - and some mantelpiece collectors - is this hand-made toy assortment. Aghast at high toy prices, Mrs. Lavender Gower - a London sculptress and ex-A.T.S. officer - began horse designing in her spare time and has now turned her hobby into a flourishing business. Helping her in her work is her wartime Sergeant Major.

Made of leather scraps and trimmed with sheepskin, the Bond Street designed animals have hit the export trail and are now making the home market in time for the easter-egg season.

From toy animals to lively pets is no great step, and the two canaries who hold the limelight in a San Francisco household are something of both. Dressed up in a special bird's wardrobe, Dickie and Bolly lead a luxurious life. Drawing inspiration from Hollywood, perhaps, Mrs. Tuttle has trained them to act-out a complete love story.

Final scene in the drama sees the lovers leave home. But alas, no wedding bells climax the romance of Dickie and Bolly - for Bolly is really a dickie-bird, too.