

WOMEN'S

Ann Taylor (103 E. Oak St., ☎ 312/943-5411 and Chicago Place, 700 N. Michigan Ave., ☎ 312/335-0117) sells a selection of classic, upscale women's wear, shoes, and accessories.

Henri Bendel (900 N. Michigan Ave., ☎ 312/642-0140) offers high-price, high-style women's clothing and accessories in a sumptuous setting.

Tashiro (3309 N. Clark St., ☎ 312/248-1487). Polished wood floors, Oriental carpets, and beautiful and unique clothing and accessories make this boutique a Chicago favorite. Home furnishings and accessories are sold on the top floor.

VINTAGE

Flashy Trash (3524 N. Halsted St., ☎ 312/327-6900). Come on in to browse through several generations of styles at bargain prices.

Hollywood Mirror (812 N. Belmont St., ☎ 312/404-4510). Unlike its upstairs neighbor, Ragstock, this store offers a carefully chosen—and more expensive—selection of vintage clothing and shoes.

Hubba-Hubba (3338 N. Clark St., ☎ 312/477-1414) offers a nice selection of vintage clothing and accessories for men and women. It's a great place to browse or buy.

Ragstock (812 N. Belmont St., ☎ 312/868-9263) carries a huge selection of used clothing at rock-bottom prices. If you're willing to dig through the duds, you just might find something spectacular.

Food

The Chalet (40 E. Delaware Pl., ☎ 312/787-8555). This branch is one of a chain that has several locations in the Near North and at points farther north. All have a large selection of wines, beers, cheeses, coffee, and other gourmet items.

Gene's Sausage Shop & Deli (5328 W. Belmont Ave., ☎ 312/777-6322). Over 40 varieties of homemade sausages are stuffed, smoked, and sold here, along with such European deli foods as blintzes, pierogies, stuffed cabbage rolls, mushroom dumplings, and three daily soups. The shop, featured on Frugal Gourmet Jeff Smith's cooking show, also stocks imported chocolates, wine, and other specialty foods.

Nuts on Clark (3830 N. Clark St., ☎ 312/549-6622). This warehouse, just a few blocks from Wrigley Field, displays bins full of nuts, as well as an assortment of candies, spices, jams and jellies, coffee, tea, mustards, and more.

Treasure Island (75 W. Elm St., ☎ 312/440-1144; 680 N. Lake Shore Dr., ☎ 312/664-0400; 1639 N. Wells St., ☎ 312/642-1105; 2121 N. Clybourn Ave., ☎ 312/880-8880; and 3460 N. Broadway, ☎ 312/327-3880). This combination supermarket-gourmet store is a Chicago institution. It's ideal for buying the makings for a gourmet picnic or an elegant, edible house gift.

Gifts

Water Tower Place, the 900 North Michigan Avenue complex, Michigan Avenue, and the larger department stores are likely places to find gifts and toys. For artsy gifts with a twist, try the River North, Lincoln Park, or Halsted Street art galleries and boutiques.

Hammacher Schlemmer (Tribune Tower, 435 N. Michigan Ave., ☎ 312/527-9100) offers upscale gadgets and unusual gifts—it's a great place to browse or buy.