

letters

Elegiac

Once upon a time on a planet named Earth, lived misguided beings programed at birth. For centuries and centuries they progressed and prevailed, through the twentieth century they mindlessly sailed. In the 1960's they actually stood as one, too bad they could not realize what had been won. For those days were soon tossed out of line, and the beings hopped on towards their decline. Destroyed by material goals and false prosperities, Pac Man, jelly beans, and M-16's became toys of the eighties. The misguided beings had forgotten their past, too ignorant and self-centered to comprehend the effects of a blast. Black rights, gay rights, whales and seals, the right to choose, and school children's meals. All were great causes but there was a major miscall, the madmen had created enough missiles to end all. And one day it happened to all beings' surprise, the ERA, whales, seals, and Chryslers melted in front of their eyes. If life still had existed the next day around, perhaps the beings then would have found, that what mattered most before their

great self-destruction, was to stand together and fight the construction, of the bombs that melt all men, women, and children, regardless of their occupation, sex, race, or religion.

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Torture

Snitching sweets from babies is one thing. Salting them is another, but Fetal Facts has to take the cake with April 13's informative morsel. "At 11 to 12 weeks, the unborn baby is very sensitive to touch, recoiling from a pinprick." Good Lord — they're publicizing torturous tests of pre-infant agony. What else is the little fella "very sensitive" to? Thumps on the nose? Vise Grips crushing the feet? Shades of Rhesus Monkey "experimentation."

If punishing poor womb-ridden tots is the aim of the Oregon Right to Life Education Foundation, then we'll have nothing to do with it.

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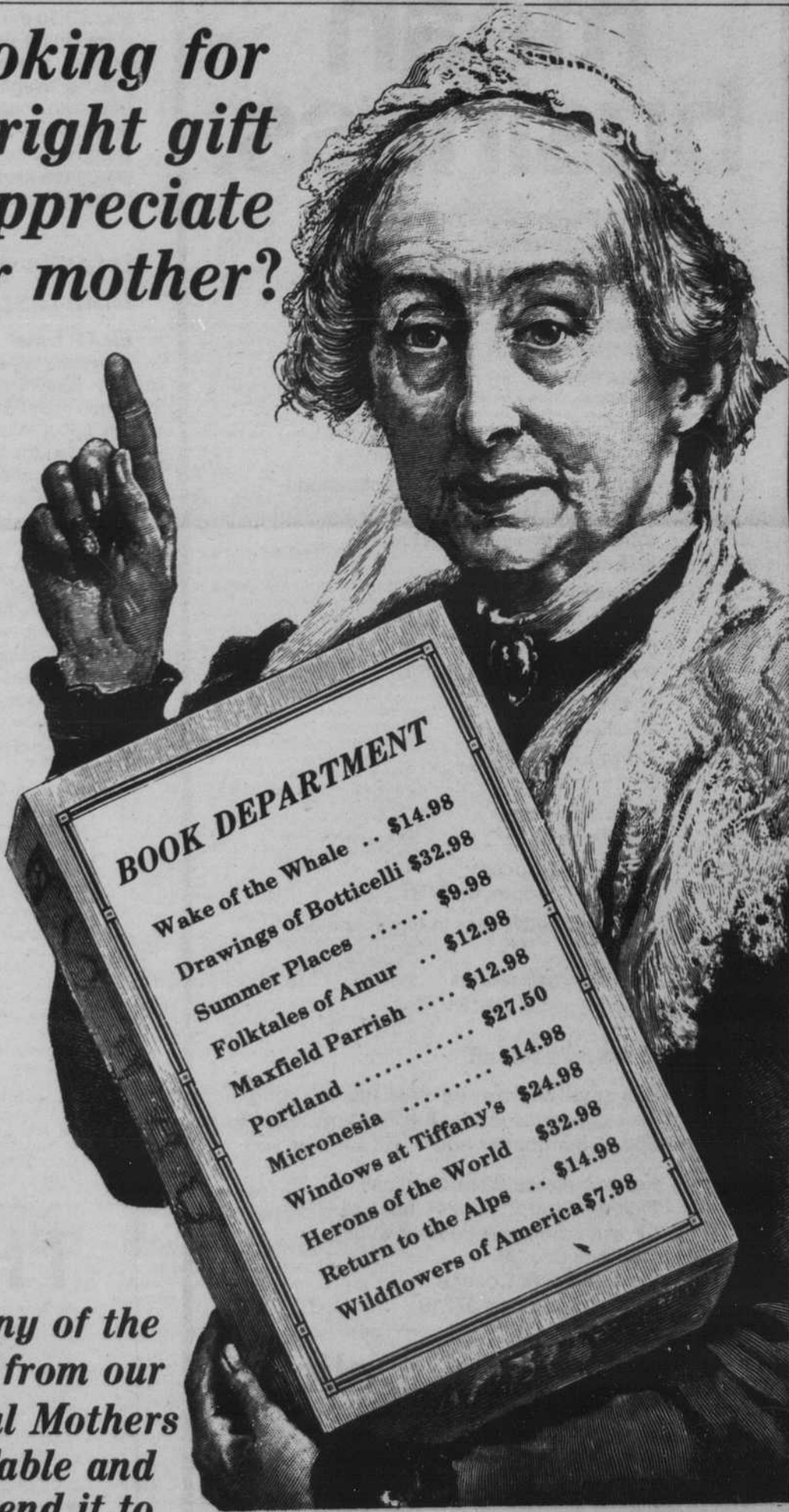
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