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THE ONLY SAFE TREASURE—Some find in chapters, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord Our God.—Psalm 124:7.

Have you licked your share of Red Cross Christmas seals?

Any small boy who questions the existence of a Santa Clause should see what the old boy does to his Dad's bank account each year.

The Indiana W. C. T. U. objects to merchants' displays of cocktail shakers and pocket flasks. Can it be that no one has informed that organization that these articles are no longer sold for practical purposes but purely to satisfy lovers of antiques? Who can say how soon we will see the silver flask enthroned on the mantle piece and guarded as jealously as the spinning wheel in the corner or the old china on the buffet?

If gifts were given only when prompted by the true spirit of Christmas, we wonder what percentage of shrinkage each shopping list would suffer? These days in the stores it's not difficult to over-hear many feminine remarks like, "she gave me so-and-so last year and I must—" etc. Masculine givers are equally guilty. Possibly it's a good thing, after all, for any revolutionary conception of giving might ruin holiday business and the consequent pleasure of paying bills on January first.

### CHRISTMAS FOR ALL.

Any doubt as to the inherent generosity of the people of the United States should be dispelled by the events of the Christmas season. Even those misanthropes, who see only the avarice and greed in life, can not ignore the sacrifice, charity and magnanimity exhibited at the Yuletide. American men, women and children are in a conspiracy to make Christmas merry for every needy adult and child. On Christmas day the country over hundreds of thousands of Christmas baskets will be distributed by individuals and organizations. Every basket will contain the very essence of a traditional and idealistic Christmas. That means good food for all, clothing for the poorly clothed, toys for the children and, in many cases, coal for cold bodies and shoes for cold feet. Christmas is for both rich and poor in America.

Between those that have the Christmas exchange of gifts is a pleasure but sacrificing for those who have less is a joy that gratifies the soul. People who give generously to the needy poor at Christmas time know that charity is its own reward.



## A Gift For Every Youngster

A BANK FOR EVERY CHILD in the La Grande community—has an ordinary bank with one exception—no bank—but a Liberty Bell bank packed in a festive Christmas box.

It's a gift the youngsters will treasure in the years to come. It's a gift that will grow with them, and proper plans for their financial future will show up a savings account with a Liberty Bell in it.

La Grande National Bank  
La Grande, Oregon

## OFFICE CAT By Junius

"The burglar came in as we were eating our soup."  
"Then, of course, you didn't hear him."

JUST SLEEPS HOARSE NOW!  
"He kept talking in conversational white she went for the police."  
—Johnstown, Ga., Gazette.

The Vanderhove Singer Announced—"I'll now sing—He's a glutton for gloom—He gets his humor from the obituary column."

When the donkey saw the zebra, he began to switch his tail; "Well, I never," was his comment. "There's a mule that's been in jail."

A CHRISTMAS HOME FOR ONLY MEN  
That old pick-pocket, Santa Claus, will soon be here again, bringing good will and merriment into a world of men; With jingling sleigh-bells, jovial face, and tummy large and wide.

He comes to bring us Christmas gifts gathered from every side. Socks too large, and ties too long, and shirts with purple stripes.

Two-for-five cigars that burn (that's all, outlandish briar pipes). A book that saw the light of day in eighteen ninety-two, Archaic handbooks with hard covers red and blue.

Dish slippers that are far too short, a golf stick that's too long. A thing that I'd forget there was a set of old Mah Jongg.

All these and many other gifts we haven't time to list. Men suffer most at Christmas time—About six points the gift.

So then, what do for Santa Claus, who comes to tick our purses? The old boy's had enough, we grant, but then he could be worse.

The first day on the job is more pleasant than the first one out of it.

A DAY IS NOT LOST IF—You have learned to do one thing better.

You have made one person happier.

You have gained a little more contentment.

You have been a little happier than you were yesterday.

You understand your neighbor a little better.

You see truth a little more clearly.

A Scotchman is a man who eats salted ponies on the way to his friend's house for a drink.

The Prince of Wales is the ablest young man in England. They are going to make a ruler out of him.

A single, a wish and a riddle. Were the things that helped Mother to elude? And Grandmother was a hussy. And dangled a fan on her arm. But daughter is frank and resolute.

And scorn every hidden snarl. She looks on a two-piece bathing suit.

And with her a shrouded hair?

A country lad was writing a letter to a city friend. Having no other envelope than a very dirty one that he had carried in his pocket for quite a while, he used it, but annoyed at the end of his letter, "P. S.—Please excuse the envelope. It was clean when I left my hands."

"If you were some standard your neck you'd change them very quickly," was an advertisement. Like his competitors.

One of the little lessons of life is that the man who is the most thingy never talks up, but of as long as the man who is against it.

Winter leaves the fringes hanging which is trying to get out the one window which only think it is open.



### See I got it, Bill— It's a Brownie

Brownies (they're Eastman made) cost from \$2 up—they solve gift problems as easily as they make good pictures. Ask us for the list at our Kodak counter. Here you can select the gift you want in just a minute or two.

RED CROSS DRUG STORE

# Nothing Pleases A Woman More Than Silk Underthings From West's



### GLOVES

A large and comprehensive stock of Gift Gloves in kid, silk and chamoussade and wool knit sport gloves. The newer styles are charming, too—dainty French flare cuffs and the slip-on style so popular now.

50c to \$5.00

### SILK SETS

Of sleeves and vest in the famous Kaiser make. These come in dainty colors of maize, flesh, orchid and green with contrasting colored trimmings, in gift boxes. She is sure to appreciate one of these sets of silk underthings.

\$3.55 to \$5.25

### STEP-INS

In a number of pleasing shades and with every description of trimming, lace and embroidery, work on them.

No woman ever had too many of these dainty undergarments.

\$2.25 to \$4.95

### SILK KNIT SLIPS

Of the shadow-proof silk with gay colored borders; also the plain double thickness floudee. These slips come in a wide range of colors of white, tan, browns and blacks, and all sizes.

\$2.35 to \$6.25

There's an unmistakable quality and loveliness about this silken lingerie and negligee that stamps it at once as coming from La Grande's Leading Store. And where is there a woman who fails to thrill at receiving such a gift? This is but one of the many satisfying and economical answers to your gift problem to be found at West's. Your shopping here is made a pleasure.



### NEGLIGEE

Dainty creations in lacy negligee so dear to every woman. Beautifully styled and of wonderful material of crepes and satins. With dainty trimmings so sure to please the fairer sex. They come in a bevy of colors—blue, maize, lavender, black and rose.

\$10.75 to \$23.50

### BREAKFAST COATS

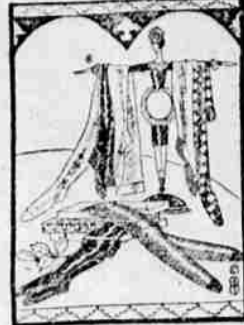
—of quilted-satin in a number of pleasing shades with lavish trimmings. These are soft, warm, comfortable robes, with contrasting linings.

\$10.50 to \$16.75

### CORDUROY ROBES

—in several styles and most all colors, of good quality corduroy—a very serviceable garment, but sure to be appreciated.

\$3.50 to \$10.50



### HOSIERY

A box of hosiery is indeed an enviable gift, especially if it is Kaiser, Phoenix or La France. They come in all weights from sheer silk chiffon to the thread silk and all-wool sport hose in all of the popular demanded shades.

\$1.00 to \$2.95

### FURS

Lovely new neckpieces of squirrel, opossum and fox in the newer shapes and styles. A good fur is a gift that will last for many Xmas'es to come.

\$7.75 to \$62.50

### SILK BLOOMERS

In plain silk and the new sport type in a heavier silk and rayon mixture. These are indeed ideal for outdoor sports, and wear, as they are very warm and comfortable. In several pleasing shades.

\$1.95 to \$3.90

### SILK GOWNS

Of tresseau, crepe de chine and radium silk with a host of lace, embroidery and hemstitching, and occasionally artificial flower trimmings. These gowns are all beautifully finished and of wonderful material.

\$5.75 to \$16.75

## Adorable Frocks For Holiday Wear ----- Ideal Gifts For



### Mother or Daughter

Nothing will quite strike the spot with "Her" like a beautiful new dress from La Grande's Leading Store. She will know that it is correct in every detail and the quality will be the best.

Of course the newer styles are all here in the season's choicest material and with trimming in keeping with the garments. In all colors and materials such as Elizabeth Crepe, Cantons, Satin-back Crepe, Charmeen and Jerseys.

A Gift that she will enjoy long after Xmas is gone.

\$10.75 to \$62.50



## The Treasure House Of Christmas Gifts N. K. WEST & CO., INC "La Grande's Leading Store For 25 Years"

### Yesterday In Washington

(By the Associated Press)  
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CHIVALRY BORN AGAIN IN K. C. STATION USHERS  
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—In the city of "chivalry," which is known to the world as the center of the horse industry, a new era of chivalry was born today when the station ushers were organized into a chivalrous order.

Red Cross...  
The Red Cross has undertaken much of the work on their own responsibility. They don't have to do it.

Bond Veterans Elect...  
The bond veterans of the United States have elected their new officers for the coming year.