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Ike always
thought



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Suggestion for Mother's Letter.

Son of Mine:

They're sending you home to me at last. Through all these months of waiting and longing I've been wearing a star for you and holding my head high and thinking wonderful thoughts about you. I've watched you through ocean mists and dreamed anxious dreams. Yes, and cried a little, too, but not when people could see.

And now you're coming home. Oh, it seems too good to be true. I've just read your letters again. They say so much more than you ever thought when you were writing them. Just happenings—that's all most of the things you wrote about were to you. But to me they said you were facing the biggest thing in life, facing it bravely, as I should want my son to face it. You were offering your body and your soul for a thing bigger than you or me or America.

When I wrote to you I tried to write cheerful, encouraging letters, because I did not want you to go into battle feeling that I was holding you back from the big sacrifice. It's only now, when the fighting is over, that I can let down a little and be just your mother. Just the woman who loves you better than anything else in the world and is so glad to know you're coming back to her that she doesn't care who sees her cry.

Perhaps for some of the boys who have stood with you so finely through these trials the fighting is not yet all over. The fighting I mean is that between a man and himself, and for many of them this will be the hardest battle of all. During the long days and evenings of waiting before they can start for home thoughts will creep into their minds which will be hard to resist. There will be times after all these months of action when the longing for change and for the companionship of women may lead them into associations which will spoil their homecoming and cause them shame and humiliation, and even perhaps make them unfit to receive the love that awaits them here.

You, dearest boy, are just as human as your comrades, and feelings like these may come to you, too. I don't ask you to crush them. They are natural, and they only prove that war has failed to dry up the well spring of your emotions. I ask you only to recognize them when they come and to control them with the fine strength you have gained while fighting for the ideals and principles of America. Just remember that many joyous years of life are ahead of you and that the risk of spoiling them and the love that will fill them is too tremendous to run for a short hour of seeming pleasure.

Many of the boys who will come home with you have no mothers to write to them. Some of them may think that no one cares what they do. But somebody does care. America cares. And the girls they will marry some day care. And, oh, the difference it will make in their lives if they will just remember that there is always somebody, always!

Help them to remember. Help them to come home clean and fine. Don't let them spoil everything now. They have been so splendid. If you think this letter will help them give it to them. If they have no mothers let me be their mother until they have come back and taken the high places that await them here. Tell them to write to me. How I should treasure their letters!

And, of course, you will write to me. Just say that you understand—that you know why I have written this letter. Then I can wait months—yes, even years—knowing that you will come home to me as fine and clean as you were when I saw you away to camp so long ago.

MOTHER.

MT. PLEASANT ITEMS

Miss Hazel Lambert returned to her school at Lebanon Sunday after two weeks' vacation.

Miss Effie Ray left for McMinnville Wednesday where she will be until holiday time.

G. H. Ray and Linn Lambert and wife motored to Albany Thursday.

Miss Selma Schuff of Stayton is visiting at the M. F. Ryan home. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Shank and

son Raymond were Sunday visitors at Ed Smith's.

Mrs. Selmer Brown called on the Misses Shanks Thursday.

Mrs. M. F. Ryan and daughters Marguerite, Angeline and Betty called at Lee Downing's Sunday.

Niek Senz and Frank Laux called at the Mrs. Roxie Shank home Wednesday evening.

The Misses Maud Smith and Alice and Sophia Eberhardt visited at Lee Downing's Sunday.

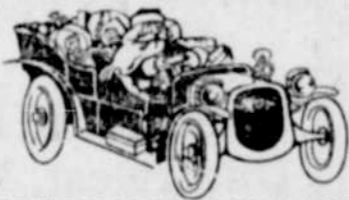
We are all glad to know that

the Aegerter Bros., Dave and Earnest, are able to be up again after a long siege of sickness.

There will be preaching at the Mt. Pleasant church Sunday, Dec. 22. Both morning and evening.

The Mt. Pleasant school is preparing a Christmas program to be given at the school Friday evening, Dec. 20.

For Sale—Thoroughbred Rhode Island Red Roosters. Cecil Schaefer, Stayton, Oregon.



Merry, Merry, CHRISTMAS

This will be the Merriest Christmas the world over in many years. And all feel more like giving than ever before. But care, taste, judgment and economy should rule, and there's nothing more appropriate to give than

Shoes and Slippers

FATHER, BROTHER or "THE MAN" would appreciate a pair of our shoes or slippers. LOOK! Young men's brown English lace. Neolin soles, \$7.00. Others at \$0.00, \$8.50, \$9.00; or a Stetson, the highest grade shoes, at \$12.00.

Fine black gun metals, in either English or round toes, at all prices, from the fine highest quality Stetson at \$11.60 down to a good neat appearing shoe of good service at \$5.00 OR MABY "HE" WOULD LIKE A PAIR OF COMFORTABLE SLIPPERS.

The all-leather come at \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.85 and \$1.75. The felt slippers sell for \$2.25 down to 95c. Mother, sister or the other fellow's sister would like a pair of those lovely dark grey, dark brown, or black kid shoes in the exquisite new styles which are both stylish and comfortable, and range in price from the most elegant high grades at \$11.00, at \$10, \$9.50 on down even to \$3.95 for a very good shoe in black. There are browns and dark greys as low as \$6.50.

AND LADIES' SLIPPERS—in all kinds. The Low Comfys in soft padded soles, hard sole leather soles with low heels, and combination soles, felt and leather, also some all felt. The prices of the finest are \$2.25, then they range down to 95c with prices all the way between. DON'T FORGET THE KIDDIES

Those dear little ones who will be the greatest enjoyment of all on Christmas morning; and nothing will please them more than a pair of the beautiful Red Rose slippers at \$1.25 and \$1.15, or the blue with ornament at 95c and 85c. Shoes are always in order for children and they enjoy new ones on Christmas too. We have them in greatest variety from the lovely brown English lace for the miss at \$4.25 down all the stages to the dainty soft sole for the Wee Babe at 65c.

In fact we have Shoes and Slippers for all the family, in a wide range, and all good, with prices that gladden the careful buyer.

Beginning Monday morning, Dec. 23d, we will give to every child that comes in the store with their parents to buy shoes, until Christmas, a fine all leather "Uncle Sam's War Purse," as long as they last, then other presents will be given. Come early and get your purse, and may your Christmas days be as merry as can be, is the wish of

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