

# Mr. Married Man Attends Wife on Xmas Shopping Expedition

### His Experience Reported as Unhappy by Arthur A. Greene, Who Pens Some Reflections on Peculiarities of Yuletide Present-Buyers.



BY ARTHUR A. GREENE

**A** POOR, bewildered, distraught mere man, who looked like an exhausted stag at the end of a run from the pack, stood, a stranger and one afraid, in an eddy of militant femininity in a downtown department store yesterday afternoon. He was waiting while his wife did some Xmas shopping, and in low murmurs of fright and discontent, expressed his private opinion on the gentle avocation of gift-buying. He talked to himself, being afraid to address the tired goddesses who presided behind the counters, of the self-confident, overbearing and merciless women who walked over his feet and playfully gouged him in the eye with their umbrella ferrules. Friend Married Man didn't have the slightest business in the midst of this wild warren of holiday shopping and he knew it. Consequently he said things, soft and low, about the custom of observing the 25th of December.

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ing the incompetency of mankind in general, and her husband in particular, when brought face to face with the department store, she insisted on doing the trick herself, while Friend Husband waited, distilling almost to a jelly with de tropness, to "pack" home the junk after she had succeeded in her fell designs.

Had Percival been trusted with the matter of getting something for "Sister Cora's folks," and "the Ferguson children" back at "Bird Center," and "father and mother," not to speak of numerous other next of kin and friends, he would have spent \$31.10 for the same amount of stuff his wife got for fourteen-forty-nine. Percival goes into the "for men only" stores, some of us call them "shops" when we pay cash, and has a good time buying inebriety for himself. He enjoys talking about the prospects for a rook team next Summer and speculating with Claude, the seckle arbiter, to whether the wrestling game in Portland is on the level, or if by any chance the Statement No. 3 crowd would be able to organize the Legislature. There he is on his own head, and departing, he pays two prices for what he gets. But drag him into the very midst of a simoon of 20-inch hat brims and women who are mouthing snatches and Percival looks like this: a man who has just seen where there is no more business than at a meeting of the Little Mothers.

The unhappy man I have attempted to describe in haste and dignified language

is one of the stock things of Christmas. If he gets hit on the blessed day he commemorates, he knows that the lavish remembrance his own flesh and blood not to speak of his better portion, have given him are charged to his account and anyhow, he can't use the green and lavender ties and the Lena Rivers cigars he finds in his "other" packages on Xmas morn. This long-suffering martyr is responsible for the outrageous epithet in mild retaliation. Everywhere in the shopping center there is burrying to and fro from early morning until the hotel dinner-bell calls the boarders to eat. Probably more attractive ankles are to be seen on Petticoat Lane between 2 and 5 in the afternoon now than at any other time in the history of old Oregon. When one considers the added attraction of the well-dressed windows, he is impelled to admit that this is of a truth a blessed and a merry season. The proprietors of the big stores will tell you between gasps that this is the busiest time they ever saw and that they heartily approve of abolishing religious lines at Christmas. Even the flower vendors, who are somewhat cramped by the unprecedented as Farenheit above, drive a profitable trade. The newsboys profit somewhat, for occasionally a woman will indulge in the extravagance of a paper just to see where there is going to be another chance to

commit assault and battery at a notion counter.

Santa Claus, the only one in town, so he must be the genuine old guy himself, is working for the Volunteers of America, a charitable and religious organization, which must be a branch of the Daughters of the Confederacy to judge by their gray uniforms. It's a positive delight to see buxon Mamma with three assorted sizes, encouraging the little ones to grasp dear old Saint Nick's hand as he loiters on the corner and inquire for the reindeer, and then to observe the nonchalance with which Mrs. Mother brushes by with the kids and forgets to put anything in the receptacle set apart for subsidiary coin to be used for the poor and needy.

The women are great for the spirit of Christmas, but, sad to relate, quite often somewhat shy on the substance. Santa Claus doesn't mind much, at that, for this whiskers and sleighbells stunt is nuts for him. All the rest of the year he drives a fiery sled to a street-cleaning cart and picks up what he can find. It is his annual excursion into toppy society.

The Salvation Army is conspicuously in evidence on the streets, and many a no-ticeable masculine soul stunts his supply of Tom and Jerry in order that he may further the good cause of free lunch and soft drinks for the Up-Against-Its next Friday.

Meanwhile, the preachers are polishing up their left-over platitudes as spring by their respective Sunday schools, which, by the way, have been playing to capacity for the past month. Benevolent skill proprietors are preparing to take

**FUNERAL NOTICES**

**OBURN**—Thursday, December 17, at 10:45 P. M., Mrs. Otilia Oburn, aged 82 years, 21 months and 4 days, she leaves a son, J. Arthur Oburn, and two daughters, Viva Oburn and Edith M. Wells. Her funeral will be held Monday at 2 P. M. from her home, 1200 North 10th St., by Rev. Monte Erickson. Interment will be at Rose City Park Cemetery.

**STRONG**—In this city, December 18, at the residence of Mrs. P. R. Strong, 46 North 22d St., Miss Caroline Strong, 70 years of age, died at 11:30 A. M. Funeral services will be held in Calvary Presbyterian Church at 2 P. M., Sunday, December 20, at 2 P. M. Friends are invited to attend.

**MANHEIM**—The funeral services of the late Mrs. Dora Manheim will be held at 10 A. M. today (Sunday), Dec. 20, Friends are invited.

**DAVID**—The funeral of the late John B. David will be held from Dunsmuir, McCutcheon & Gilbaugh's chapel, seventh and Pine streets, today (Sunday) at 11:45 A. M., thence to Oregon City, where services will be held in the Masonic Cemetery at 2 P. M. Friends respectfully invited to attend.

**Dunsmuir, McCutcheon & Gilbaugh, Funeral Directors, 7th and Pine, Phone Main 4311. Lady assistant, Office of County Coroner.**

**EDWARD HOLMAN CO.** Funeral Directors, 220 2d St., Lady assistant, Phone M 527.

**J. P. FINLEY & SON** 3d and Madison, Lady attendant, Phone Main 9, A 1899.

**ZEILEY-BYRNES CO.** Funeral Directors, 273 Broadway, East 13th, Lady assistant, Phone East 42.

**F. S. DUNNING, Undertaker, 414 East Alder, Lady assistant, Phone East 42.**

**MENITE-ERICKSON CO.**—Undertakers, lady assistant, 409 Alder, M 6132.

**Auction Sales**  
Geo. Baker & Co.  
ON TUESDAY NEXT, DEC. 22

We shall sell for owners a quantity of good furniture, carpets, rugs, etc., suitable for the parlor, dining and bedroom. In this sale there will be offered rockers, chairs, tables, and other articles suitable for Xmas presents. On view tomorrow. SALE TUESDAY AT 10 A. M.

**Special Auction**  
ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

ON WEDNESDAY next, at same address, we shall sell a quantity of new furniture removed from freight-houses for convenience of sale. The goods are from an Eastern factory and consist of: BEDS, DESKS, CHINA CABINETS, MUSIC RACKS, BOOKCASES, etc. All solid oak in golden and weathered finishes.

This consignment has to be sold to pay freight, transfer and other charges. Furniture dealers are invited to attend this sale. Sale starts promptly at 10 o'clock on WEDNESDAY NEXT. TERMS STRICTLY CASH.

**ON THURSDAY NEXT**

On Thursday next, at 152 Park st., we have the part furnishings of six-room flat. Sale starts at 10 A. M.

Immediately following this sale we shall sell for the Ladies' Tailoring Establishment of Edmund Gurney, 401 Mohawk Building, a large number of ladies' suit patterns. Mr. Gurney does not carry stocks over from season to season and, as now the Spring goods are about to arrive, he has decided to give you an opportunity of purchasing at auction the balance of his Fall stock, all containing beautiful patterns in English, Scottish and Scotch tweeds. This auction is bona fide (nothing reserved). Majority of goods cost wholesale not less than \$3.00 per yard, and some as high as \$4.50 per yard. The above goods are now on display at 152 Park st. and you are invited to call and inspect them. Sale starts on Thursday next at 11 A. M. BAKER & SON, Auctioneers. Office and salesrooms 152 Park St.

**FORD AUCTION CO'S.**  
Auction Sales  
THE LAST DAYS OF  
GEO. JEFFREY'S FAMOUS  
Hand-Painted  
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**GENUINE HOLIDAY AUCTION SALE**  
Pretty Rockers Free  
at 369 East Morrison St.  
Tomorrow 10 A. M.

We hold a unique auction sale of the furnishings of Mr. Stubbs' residence, all of which is in fine condition and includes a variety of rockers, chairs, center tables, fine metal beds, clean springs and mattresses, fancy dining and bed room pillows, Rival steel range, davenport, round extension table, buffet, wardrobe, china closet, carpets, rugs, dressers and commodes, kitchen treasure, D. L. table, pictures, lace curtains, couch, matting, etc.

Sale 10 A. M. sharp at 369 East Morrison street. FORD, Auctioneer.

**AUCTION SALES**  
—BY THE—  
**Portland Auction Co.**  
(INC.)  
211 FIRST STREET.

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, 2 P. M.**

We are too busy to write a detailed account of all we have to sell this week. All we can say: We have full assortment of furniture for parlor, library, dining-room, bedrooms and kitchen. Come and be convinced that we get the goods and that it is to your advantage to attend our sales. We still have some fine leather goods and umbrellas, suitable for Xmas presents.

**PORTLAND AUCTION CO.**  
NOTICE—We are still paying top prices for anything you have to sell. Phone Main 565, A 412.

**S. L. N. GILMAN AUCTIONEER**  
SPECIAL SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

We are instructed to sell by public auction, at the

Flat, No. 325 Mill Street, between Sixth and Seventh (Tomorrow), Monday, December 21st, at 10 A. M.

Brussels carpets, rockers, chairs, center tables, box couch, lace curtains, hall settee, iron bedstead, washstand, wash tub, truss, bureau, extension table, gas range, water heater, etc. Sale 10 A. M. Monday. S. L. N. GILMAN, Auctioneer.

**MEETING NOTICES**

**WERFOOT CAMP No. 65, W. O. W.**—You are cordially invited to attend the New Year's dancing party, Friday, January 1, 1937, at Woodmen Temple, 128 Eleventh St. Lucius orchestra. Admission 25c.

**ORPHEA TEMPLE, EYTHIAN SISTERS**, will give a white and dancing party Saturday evening, Dec. 26, at K. of P. Hall, 11th and Alder. Good music and prizes. Admission 15c.

**THE LADIES' AUXILIARY, A. O. H.**, will give a white and few hundred party in their hall, Woodmen Temple, 128 11th St., Monday evening, Dec. 21. Right prizes given. Refreshments and dancing.

**PORTLAND HOMESTEAD, No. 916, B. A. Y.** will give leap year dance, Western Academy Hall, Second and Morrison, Wednesday evening, December 23. Admission, 25c.

**EUREKA COUNCIL, 294, K. AND L. OF E.**—Five hundred and white party tomorrow evening. Auditorium. Refreshments and dancing. Admission 15c.

**IVANHOE SOCIAL CLUB** will give the second dance of their series Tuesday evening, December 22, at 11th and Alder sts., K. of P. Hall. Dancing at 8:30.

**DIED**

**KENNY**—In Alameda, Cal., Nov. 25, Benjamin J. Kenny, son of James B. and Mary E. Kenny, and brother of P. A. Kenny, H. J. Kenny, R. L. Kenny and Mrs. I. Simpson, in his 41st year.

**MCDONALD**—Dec. 19, Philip McDonald, aged 36 years, father of Philip J. McDonald, Residing at McBride-Erickson Co., 409 Alder street.

**LYON**—In this city, December 17, William H. Lyon, aged 64 years. Announcement of funeral hereafter.

**Auction Sales**  
AT WILSON'S  
AUCTION HOUSE  
Corner Second and Yamhill  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
EACH DAY AT 10 A. M.

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY we will offer a fine assortment of household furnishings, comprising the latest design parlor, library and dining-room effects, pictures, and hangings, NAVAJO INDIAN blankets and robes, sofa cushions, hand-made baskets, repeating rifle, revolving and pump action shotguns, a fine assortment of glassware, china dishes, granite and tinware; a number of the latest-style folding and sanitary beds, elegant dressers in mahogany, oak and maple; blankets, comforters and bed linen. Majestic and Mallesbo combination ranges and gas stoves, heating stoves; all kinds of kitchen equipment, innumerable patent housekeeping specialties, etc.

**FINE CARPETS, RUGS AND LINOLEUMS.**

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE**  
TUESDAY, 10 A. M.  
At Salesrooms, Corner Second and Yamhill  
Four High-Grade Upright PIANOS

A magnificent Kimball, a lovely Singer, very fine Hixie and a choice Swick & Son. Every instrument is in good condition, new, having been used but little by well-to-do people. In addition to the pianos we will sell several fine musical instruments; also an assortment of boys' and girls' wagons, tricycles and patent wagons.

NOTE—We will offer for sale this day a number of Oriental, Turkish and Persian rugs and a magnificent mahogany bedroom suite, massive pier F. P. hall mirror in golden oak, and a fine choice bookcase, including Encyclopaedia Britannica. Haviland china dinner set and other high-class housekeeping necessities.

**RESIDENCE SALE**  
On the Premises, 330 Second St. Between Clay and Market  
TUESDAY, AT 2 P. M.

We will sell without reserve the furnishings of this six-room flat, comprising three housekeeping suites, furnished with davenport for parlor, springs, mattresses, dressers, pillows, bedding, bed linen, mirrors, pictures, lace curtains, carpets and linoleums, chiffoniers, dining room effects, tables, chairs, gas stove, cook stove, kitchen treasures, dishes, utensils and laundry housekeeping effects. Sale promptly at 2 P. M.

N. B.—Phone Main 168, A 93.  
We pay cash for anything you wish to exchange or sell. J. T. WILSON, Auctioneer.

**Buyers That Are Good**

**\$700** for choice lot on Corbett st., east front.

**\$400**—Lot on 45th st., near Hawthorne ave.

**\$1250**—100x100 near Hawthorne ave. Ideal building site.

**\$7000**—New, modern flat building, north of Washington st.; pays over 12 per cent.

**\$14,500**—First-class income property on 12th st.; income 10 per cent, with good future.

**\$11,500**—Choice corner, with large modern residence. Ground alone worth the money.

Money loaned on anything we sell.

**M. E. LEE**  
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**\$35,000**—Nob Hill property, 12 per cent net investment.

**\$22,500**—Improved quarter, few blocks from Morrison street; income \$2100.

**\$20,000**—Corner Front-st. property, good for \$2000 per annum.

**\$23,500**—Nob Hill quarter, two well residences; sell separate or exchange for larger proposition.

**Goldschmidt's Agency**  
253 1/2 Washington, Corner Third.

**Willamette Heights**

I have for sale ten lots between Thurman and Raleigh and 28th and 29th streets, splendidly located for flats, private residences, apartment-houses or for speculation. Look out and prepare to get the great advance in price and to come on account of the early improvements to go in there. See me and get a good buy.

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110 Second Street.

**\$65,000**

Brick apartment-house, new, on Portland's best business street. Pays better than

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10 ACRES

All but 1/2 acre in cultivation, garden, fruit, vegetables, etc.; 1/2 acre in timber. Very fine soil, good water; also fine spring. Fine orchard of about 100 bearing trees, of which about 20 are walnut trees. 100 more Lambert cherries, 2 years old, set out and in fine condition; 7-room new house, barn, and outbuildings; everything in good condition; 9-grade school nearby, also church. Good connections by rail or electric car. 12 miles from Portland. Price \$5000; 1-3 cash, balance terms.

**Kaufmann & Moore**  
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**CHEAPEST BUY ON**  
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100 FEET SOUTH OF JEFFERSON.  
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**Only \$45,000**  
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128 Third Street.

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At Myrtle Park. Absolutely clear and level. Well built up all around. Lots selling at \$250 to \$300. Streets cut through. A bargain at

**\$1200 CASH**

**Kaufmann & Moore**  
325 Lumber Exchange.

**GOOD FIVE-ROOM HOUSE**  
On best improved street on East Side, one block from carline on corner; good, large piece of ground; cement walk along side; several fruit trees; strawberries got first prize in Portland last year; furniture included. Price only \$2500—half its value. Easy terms. Apply 8 1/2, care Oregonian.

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Lot north of N. E. corner 25th and Northrup.

**\$4000**  
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Buy Your Wife a Home for Christmas. Four choice of those beautiful modern 6-room homes, just completed, on the northwest corner 27th and Savier streets. Price, \$4250; \$400 down and \$40 a month.

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Modern, including bath, gas, fireplace. Rentable for \$25 per month. MARKET STREET, near 14th. Only \$2700, \$1000 cash, terms on balance.

**THE LEE-BOWDLER CO.,**  
2d Floor Pantages Theater Block.



We have one of the prettiest homes in the small West Burnside district; it has 4 rooms with quarter-sawn oak floors in the hall, living-room, dining-room, den and kitchen; paneling in dining-room and den, 4 feet high; four bedrooms, with sleeping balcony; 2 1/2 bath; garage with 12-gallon gasoline underground tank. This house was built for a home and is first-class in every respect; has more than a full lot, with frontage on two streets.

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We offer 200 feet of very choice frontage on Lovejoy st., between 28th and 21st sts., for residential purposes only.

**Irving Street.**  
Choice 20x100 ft., between 23d and 24th sts., North front.

**Northrup Street.**  
Choice 100 ft., south front, near 28th st., for sale either as a whole or in part.

**Overton Street.**  
That choice 100x100 ft. at northeast corner of 26th st.

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50x100 ft., west side of 28th st., near Overton. East front. Likewise a corner adjoining same.

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Portland, Or.

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Best buy on Third street, a 25x100 lot with a two-story frame building, within 100 feet of Flanders. Good terms.

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