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Charity Racketeers Fleece Millions by Mail, Telephone

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Is another case, Stephens said,
Pittaburgh man sent out 180,000 after "fund-raising expenses."
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How can generous-hearted Amer-icans guard against failing for fake charities? Expents suggest:
1. Know your charity is authen-tic before you give.
2. Don't be fooled by big-shot names or fancy letterheads on ap-peals for funds. Maybe they are sutherized, .maybe not.
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As long as the trash isn't sent C.O.D. and doesn't violate postal regulations caning fraud or decep-tion, there is little the Post Office department can do about it.
"But we can warn the public,"
Stephens said, " and we inventi-gate all complaints."
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Chairman John Dowdy (D-Tex) and his House Post Office sub-committee is making a study of the entire situation as a basis for possible new laws to curb un-predered "junk" sent through the mail. The lawmakers may also consider legislation requiring char-ity fund-raisers to submit detailed reports on how it is used.
Los Angeles now has as ordi-nance setting rigid atandards for "Truth, honesty and integrity" in charily drives.
"We're just beginning to get the "We're just beginning to get the

sarily drives. "We're just beginning to get the ets lined up," Dowdy said. "It's serious problem. People think ey are helping charity and all ey're doing is filling promoters worked part-time at Michigan Stae University. Students worked on all types of jobs from baby sitting to graduate assistantablips. kets or paying money for worth-

business Bureau, offers this advice: There is absolutely no legal obligation to return anything you didn't order, even if it's accompanied by stamps to cover return panied by stamps to cover return postage. You can keep the stamps or give them to some worthwhile charity.

"And you can do what you like with the merchandise, without pay-ing for it, unless the sender calls and agent to collect it within 30 days. Even then you can demand storage charges for keeping the merced."

"My advice is that if you don't want the merchandise, throw it on top of the trash can. Maybe the garbage collector can us" 1. Otherwise, let your conscience be your guide. If you use it, of course, you should pay for it." MeCarthy said the nation's 100

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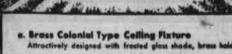
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