

# Get Off The Beaten Path, Mr. Man

According to figures compiled by statistical experts, gleaned from the records of the past ten years, the average Christmas gift costs about five dollars, to be exact four dollars and forty-two cents.

The amount received at is meant to cover both sexes; and therein lies a fallacy. Because by our own observation, it usually works out in this way: Given \$8.90 to spend by one man and one woman for gifts to each other, the man would probably spend \$5 and the woman \$3.90.

Not because men are more generous but because women are better shoppers.

### Peer Factors—Male

Somehow the poor, benighted male is utterly at a loss as to what to give or what to spend. The customary procedure is for him to wander into a store, furtively sneak around trying not to get into the way of active females, until he is corralled by someone with an instinctive love for helpless beast and beings.

A few routine questions and Mr. Gift-giver finds himself minus \$5 and plus a pink satin kimono, size 36—and we can picture his blank expression when the recipient informs him she hates pink and that she hasn't been able to get into a size 36 in the last eight years.

We shudder to think of the number of divorces and murders that have had their foundation in just such a way. Possibly we can avoid some domestic strife by a few timely hints to both parties.

### How to Choose

Pay attention, Mr. Gift-giver! When you start casting about for a hint as to what the wife wants, she will probably suggest a set of portieres for the parlor, or maybe an aluminum kitchen set.

Don't believe her. She has her heart set on some very frilly, very sheer crepe de chine lingerie, or maybe a tiny vial of some expensive perfume. When you are buying a gift for HER, make it HER'S alone.

If you want to get off the beaten path, try out steel buckles for her black patent leather slippers, or gloves, for day or evening wear; Initialed handkerchiefs and vanity cases have been known to rival silk hosiery and jeweled boxes for favor.

And, well up on the list, come indestructible pearl necklaces, silk umbrellas, antelope handbags, writing sets, silk negligees with mules to match, overnight bags and sweaters.

As for you, Mrs. Gift-giver—or, Miss Gift-giver—there is practically no problem at all. Give Him a tie, the color doesn't matter. If you know how to say "Oh—I think you look very well in green"—or blue or brown as your choice may be—he will cherish your gift as though it were a ticket to the next Dempsey-Tunney fight.

## WILLIAM W. HALSEY IS APPOINTED CADET CAPT.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, December 15—Cadet officers and promotions in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the college, numbering 72, including one student from Springfield have been announced by Colonel George W. Moses, commandant, and approved by Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the college. William H. Halsey was appointed Cadet Captain, one of the highest honors given to students in the military department.

Halsey is finishing his fourth year in military training at O. A. C. He is a senior and is majoring in forestry. Men are required to take only two years of military work, but may obtain a commission in the reserve corps by continuing for two more years. Four branches of military training are offered at the college—infantry, cavalry, engineers and field artillery. Halsey is a member of the infantry unit.

The cadet officers and non-commissioned officers are selected at the beginning of each college year, when their relative rank and standard in each grade are determined on a basis of military efficiency and scholarship. Cadet commissioned officers are selected from the senior class, sergeants and higher non-commissioned officers from the junior class and corporals from the sophomore class. Student commanders have invariably been men of superior attainments and character.

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### SPRINGFIELD HAS FIVE AT STATE COLLEGE

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—Springfield is represented by five students out of the 3433 students registered at the state college. Two seniors and three sophomores comprise the number.

William Halsey, senior in forestry, is on the varsity rifle team and has just been commissioned captain in the infantry. He is also a member of the Independent student council and president of the Western club.

Curtis Price, senior in forestry, and Perry Price, sophomore in forestry, brothers, live together with Jay Grant, sophomore in forestry.

Constance Rebhan, sophomore in vocational education, is a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha, social sorority, and is on the greater O. A. C. committee. Miss Rebhan belongs to the Spurs, an organization with duties to enforce the traditions of the school, she is on the Y. W. C. A. meetings committee, and is a member of the Womens Athletic association.

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### SMALL WORLD SMALL PEOPLE

There's only one trouble with this custom of giving gifts at Christmas. An' that is—this custom of giving gifts at Christmas.

So far as dad can figure out the whole thing was planned by a couple of mother-in-laws.

Last Christmas the boss called us into his sanctum and said "Well, you certainly worked hard all this year, and don't think I'm not appreciative. Now, here's a check for \$50. An next

year if you work as hard as you did this year, I'll sign it!"

My, he looked handsome, all laid out.

His brother sent out a card bearing "Best Christmas Wishes for 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930."

Tight? Why the whole family squeaks when one bends.

They make the kids hang up socks on the chimney, Christmas eve; they hold much less than stockings.

Their second cousin tell the kids there ain't no Santy Claus, so they

won't expect gifts.

Well, it's a small world after all; and it takes a lot of people to fill it.

Harold McPherson Promoted—Private Harold McPherson has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the local National Guard company. Notification of the promotion was received by C. A. Swartz Friday.

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