

Bachelor St. Nick Finds Going Tough In No-Man's Land

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Say, pal, have you thought about Christmas shopping for the missus?

Ya have, huh? Tough, isn't it? But wait'll ya start out. Say Buddy, it's tougher than lug-gin' the ball through tackle when the opposition is Minnesota and your blockers all have amnesia.

Ya don't know what she wants?

Chum, that's the least of your worries. She'll probably let ya know one way or another — if she hasn't already.

But buyin' it is something else again. Whadda you know about stocking sizes, matching colors, or . . . er . . . lingerie? I'll betcha can't even pronounce it.

HORRIBLE EXAMPLE

Take me for example. A single, unattached guy who knows nothin' about such things. Probably even less than you do. And what happens? The managing editor says, Bud, go get a story on what a husband ought to buy his wife for Christmas.

Me, who's never done nothin' to nobody . . . except maybe to forget to pay him off on that Washington-Oregon business last week.

Well, I like to eat as well as you do, so what do I do?

I go out and approach a sales-lady who is standing there behind a row of stockings. I says lady, I want to buy a present for my boss' wife. What would you suggest?

She says, how well do you know her or would you rather look at costume jewelry?

I says with a cold eye lady, the present is for him to give his wife, not for me to give his wife.

She says O, pardon me, kid, and shows me a pair of nylon Sox with cotton uppers and hooves. They sell for \$1.50, she says with a sigh. We got others without the cotton for \$1.95 and \$2.50, she says with another sigh.

Yeah? I says, how about silk? She says do you think we got silkworms? I says madam, I hope not, why? She replies that except for a slight monthly allotment which is probably sold out I cannot buy any.

YES, HOW ABOUT WOOL?

I says, how about wool? She says, we got cotton. I says, how about wool? She says the cotton ones come in shades. I says, how about wool? She shows me some cotton ones which are a bright red and which I have not seen since the last time I went to the circus.

I says madam, the boss' wife has enough trouble balancing the budget without trying it on a trapeze.

So she says why don'tcha buy her a pair of slacks and forget the whole thing. I says, do you have anything in jewelry?

You betcha, Bud, she says.



AT TOP is a Chinese checker set of solid leather—a small, compact game, of a nice size to pack when travelling. Below is a chess and checker set with reversible board for Chinese checkers. The case is handsome leather, the chessmen catalin.

brightening. So she hands me a six-inch sparkler made of purple Czechoslovakian glass stones which blinds three clerks two aisles away and burns a hole in the front door.

Sealed beam? I asked. Don't be silly, she says, this costs 10 dollars.

I says pardon ME for being silly and asks about luggage.

She says, does the boss' wife go on weekend trips? I says, not without the boss. She says, not batting an eye, then she will need a trunk.

I says I said weekend trips, not week-long trips. She will still need a trunk, she says, you know how women are. I am beginning to find out, I says.

Without saying Buddy you ain't seen nothing yet, she hauls out a trunk in which she says the boss' wife can put three fur coats, six pair of shoes, 10 dresses, and the boss if they ain't getting along well. It is a fear-some gadget, I says what will the boss' wife do with it when she is not traveling?

OUT OF THE HAT Well, the lady says, she could put in a fireplace and use it for the east wing. Lady, I says, you have something there but show me something in a small overnight bag.

About the only thing that will fit, she says, is a rabbit and that condition won't last long.

Madam, I says, don't be facetious, has this thing got a zipper on it? Yes, she says, but they ain't making zippers any more so you better buy now.

I says, what will you do when the zippers are all gone.

Mister, she says, what will YOU do?

By that time I could see that I was gettin' nowhere so I says what do you think about a coat? She says they are indispensable, particularly in the winter.

How much is a good warm fur coat which will last for 20 years?, I ask. She replies that the only thing they got along that line is either a bottle of hair tonic or a coffin, neither of which would look very nice under the tree.

FOOLS RUSH IN

So then I went into the lingerie department.

Madam, I says to a young lady sitting there sociably chewing her gum, I am looking for a Christmas gift.

Did you leave it here?, she asks. Lady, you misunderstand me, I says, I am looking for a Christmas gift for the boss' wife.

Mmmmm, she says. Madam, I says desperately, you still do not get it, I am looking for a Christmas gift for the boss' wife to give to the boss.

What size does he wear?, she asks. I mean, I shouts, I am looking for a gift for the boss to give a wife.

Whose wife?, she says cracking her gum.

A TRIPLE SLIPSTICK

My wife, I mean his wife, what have you got in slips?, I says changing the subject.

Two mannikins and four sales-girls, she says, would you like to look at them?

I will take the mannikins, I says choking.

They do not do our merchandise justice, she says hopefully. I says they will do.

She says slips come in many different shades and sizes with or without lace. Buddy, right here I would suggest you find out these things before you go shoppin'.

How about panties?, I asks. How about them?, she says belligerently.

How about the price, I says quickly.

Nylons are \$3, she replies. That is too much, how about wool?, I asks. They are warmer. They certainly are, she says.

Well, Buddy, as you can see I was not making any progress so I went across the street and bought a box of chocolates.

It was much easier.

Read the Classified page.

Have You Thought Of a Cedar Chest

Perhaps no Christmas gift carries the romantic connotation so much as the cedar chest. Hence the increased sale of attractive styles of chests in the past year undoubtedly is related to the increased issuance of marriage licenses.

The chests are now made in a wide selection of woods (over cedar, since government specifications call for 70 per cent cedar content), and there are period styles in walnut, maple and mahogany veneers, in Modern Early American and 18th Century patterns. An innovation this year is a cedar chest of drawers called the "Stow-Away."

HEAVY POSTAL BUSINESS FOR K. F. FORESEEN

Klamath Falls' postoffice receipts have increased steadily during 1941, according to Burt E. Hawkins, postmaster, and in view of increased purchasing power of Klamath basin resi-

dents through the zooming national defense program, Christmas postal business this year should be the city's greatest tribute to St. Nick through postal channels.

To counteract the expected volume increase at the postoffice, 27 extra men are to be added to the present staff of 51. Most of the "subs" will deliver Christmas parcels to Klamath Falls homes. They'll start about December 17 or 18, when the rush really starts.

To take care of the thousands who will mail packages this season, three additional posting windows are to be open. In addition, a substation at Hendricks drug store on South Sixth

street is expected to relieve the pressure on the main postoffice by use of suburbanites south of the city. This substation is the only one now maintained.

Postmaster Hawkins voiced a note of caution on the matter of mailing letters, Christmas cards, and parcels.

"Don't forget that Christmas greetings sent first class receive better service and are appreciated more," he said. "If mailed at the third class rate (13 cents, unsealed) the postoffice department cannot give the cards directory service if they are mis-addressed, will not forward them and will not return them to the senders." He said that parcels not mail-

ed in time may be caught in the last-minute jam and not delivered until after Christmas, thereby lessening much of the sentiment which accompanies the gift.

Parcels mailed early may be marked "Do Not Open Until Christmas," he added.

Briefly, some of the postoffice department's suggestions—rules, perhaps—include:

All parcels must be securely packed and wrapped. Use strong paper and heavy twine.

Articles easily broken or crushed must be securely packed and crated or boxed. Use liberal quantities of excelsior or like material in, around, and between the articles and the outside container.

Don't mail Christmas greeting cards in red, green, or other dark colored envelopes or in very small envelopes.

No parcel may be more than 100 inches in length and girth combined nor exceed 70 pounds in weight.

We can—and we shall—establish an economic floor below which no American citizen, whatever his personal misfortunes may be, can fall. The ultimate success of democracy will depend upon the maintenance of such a foundation.—Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator.

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The Pick of Christmas Presents FROM THE CHRISTMAS STORE

The most glamorous array of accessory and wearable gifts Moe's has ever had the pleasure of offering to the public. Make Moe's your better gift headquarters this year!



Gift House Coats

Gorgeous creations in Rayons, Crepes and Satins. Zipper and wrap-around styles in wide assortment of beautiful prints and solids.

\$4⁹⁸ to \$24⁵⁰

Old Spice Gift Sets

Soaps — Dusting Powders and Colognes. The nationally popular fragrance she will love.

\$1⁰⁰ to \$5⁰⁰

Wrisley's Gift Sets

Delightfully fragrant toiletries at popular prices—Soaps, Colognes, Bath Salts and Bubble Bath.

All Handsomely Packed

50¢ to \$3⁹⁸

Bubble Bath Gift Sets

Powders, Crystals and Liquid types in lovely gift packages. Assorted popular fragrances.

25¢ to \$1⁰⁰

Orloff Sachets

Rich pastel colors in gift baskets and satin balls. A gift she'll adore.

25¢ to \$1⁰⁰

Powder Puff Sets

Packed in fancy hosiery boxes and cellophane containers. Colorful and dainty for her gift.

25¢ to \$1⁰⁰

Elizabeth Arden and Charles of the Ritz Gifts Sets

Exclusive at Moe's in Klamath Falls. COSMETIC KITS — COLOGNES and PERFUMES — COMPACTS — SOAP TOILETRIES. The elegant way to say Merry Christmas to her loveliness!

\$1⁰⁰ to \$30⁰⁰

Ciro French Perfumes and Colognes

Beauty gifts in several delightful fragrances. Charming gift packed. Wide choice of containers.

\$1¹⁰ to \$12⁰⁰

Revlon Manicure Sets

Complete kits for her every manicure need. Packed in newest style containers. All the newest shades.

75¢ to \$10⁰⁰

Courtly Toiletry Sets For Men

Including Shaving Creams, Colognes, After-Shaving Lotions and transparent Talcums. Gorgeously prepared and packed for the gift minded.

\$2⁰⁰ to \$5⁰⁰ set

Old Spice and Wrisley Toiletry Sets For Men

Saddle Club Toiletry in nationally known fine fragrances. Prepared in lovely containers to please the gift minded.

59¢ to \$5⁰⁰

Ladies' Handbags

\$1⁰⁰ to \$21⁰⁰

For the personal gift — give her one of our exclusive new 100% virgin wool bags, hand-somely fitted. Also a wide assortment of Calfs, Alligator Grains, Suedes, Patent or Korday costume bags. Unlimited assortment of shapes and types to please milady. Select early.

GIFT ROBES

Deluxe satin quilted Modes, Crepes and All-Wool styles by Pendleton. Prints, Plaids and Solids — a glamorous array. Zipper and wrap-around styles.

\$5⁹⁵ to \$29⁵⁰

GIFT LINGERIE

By MUNSING

Give her a Pantie and Slip set in jet black with frilly lace trimming. Also pastel and white panties in dainty lace effects.

59¢ to \$2⁹⁸

Van Raalte Undies in Complete Gift Sets

Ensemble sets in lovely Stryp-Lings. Gowns and Pajamas in rich Petalskin. New Van Raalte Magnostripes Gowns in new full flare skirts.

55¢ to \$2⁹⁸

Moe's

A small Deposit Will Hold Any Item Until Christmas

COSTUME JEWELRY

A wide assortment of synthetic, plastic, metal and wooden pieces in domestic and imported jewelry. Also a delightful assortment of evening jewelry in necklaces and pins.

\$1⁰⁰ to \$10⁰⁰

EVENING BAGS

All-metal, metallic and velvet types in all sizes and shapes. A lovely gift — may we suggest a lovely evening hankie along with it! Gift wrapped free.

\$1⁰⁰ to \$7⁵⁰

GIVE HER A SET OF AEROPLANE OR RAWHIDE LUGGAGE

Many new patterns in complete sets of aeroplane type luggage. All sizes in week-end or wardrobers. Four sizes to choose from in rawhide pieces.

\$7⁵⁰ to \$45⁰⁰

GIFTS FOR MEN

Featuring the famous ROLF line of utility sets for men. Handsome waterproof Zipper containers in all shapes and shades. He will appreciate ROLF fine quality.

\$3⁵⁰ to \$10⁰⁰

Billfold Sets

By MEEKER AND ROLF

One, two or three unit sets in finest genuine leather containers. He'll appreciate the lasting quality of these handsome gifts.

\$1⁰⁰ to \$12⁵⁰

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW PARKA HOODS

Little Dutch Bonnets With Mittens to Match—
or
MOE'S

A Christmas present that would make any little girl happy. Priced from

\$1.50 to \$2.75

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