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Dear Ida Tarbell,

Would you give $25.00 to make a poor old farm woman happy? You can and here's how and why. You know the government runs Home Demonstration Clubs down here to teach us poor ignorant farm women how to cook, can and preserve the fruits of our labor and otherwise better our living. Next Month they are going to have Farmers week at Auburn and I've been selected as a delegate from my county. The club of course pays my expenses down there and back. But here's my trouble. I haven't got a decent rag of cothing to my name, and haven't had any thing in several years, but the cheapest kind of work clothes made mostly from guano and feed sacks. I'm 35 the mother of 4 grown children and in all my life I've never had a vacation and the chances are I never will if this opportunity gets by. So please help me. My life I've done hard manual labor & and seems like the last 4 or 5 have been the hardest I've ever seen and have scarcely been able to make a living at all. Seems like it would be heavenly to get a few new duds and get to go some where again. It will be so easy for you to help me and no one except us two will ever know it. I've selected material to make dresses + underwear also hats hose, shoes, purse, belt + collars from a well known mail order house. They whole bill amounts to $25. all you have to do is slip your personal check or a P.O. money order for that amount in the enclosed envelope, mail it and in just a few days time it would be delivered to my mail box and oh you dont know how pleased I would be. It would mean so much to me, for as particular as I am, these clothes would last me 2 or 3 years for Sunday wear and enable me to see a lot of pleasure that otherwise I will never see. So please open your heart and do the best deed you ever did in your life. You know the Lord loves a cheerful giver and so does every one else

Best Wishes to you; an admirer

Mrs. Lee Miller.

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78y 7211	1	Felt hat - 23 in	Sand		89¢	.89¢	Feb.	8
78y 7206	1	hemp Straw hat - 23 in	white		67¢	.67¢	"	2
33y 3250-1-3	3 pr	Mesh Gloves - 8½	eggshell tan white		23¢	.69¢		6
187 1706-3	2	Belts 1 string 1 art. Leather		36	white	19¢	.38¢	8
18y 2567	1	Purses			white	69¢	.69¢	11
18y 4492269	2	organdie collars			white	1 @ 23¢ 1 @ 48¢	.71¢	12
18y 386	1	foundation		34-36	Peach	1.23	1.23	10
86y 707	2 pr	hose		9½	St Gent.	59¢	1.18	4
19y 7257	4 yd	Linen			Jasmine	55¢	2.20	28
85y 633	4 yd	Cord Lace			Pink	49¢	1.96	20
85y 815	4 yd	eyelet Batiste			navy	38¢	.52	16
94y 6211	4 yd	Crepe		(40)		50¢	2.00	24
94y 6211	4 yd	Crepe		(41)		50¢	2.00	24
94y 6211	4 yd	Crepe		(35)		50¢	2.00	24
94y 6211	4 yd	Crepe		(36)		50¢	2.00	24
15y 3053	1 pr	oxfords	6½	Beige		1.54	1.54	17
15y 3017	1 pr	Pumps	6½	white		1.54	1.54	17
98y 5110	10 yd	Broadcloth		Pink		.10	1.00	
							24.70	
							30	
							$25.00	

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