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ONE GIFT OF QUALITY

is more appreciated than a basketful of showy shams. Inspect our elegant display before making your Christmas purchases. It should not be hard to choose from these:

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Workers Prevent Wars.

"There will be no war in Europe this year, none next year and none the year after, says Henri Bernstein, a Berlin correspondent for American newspapers.

"This statement may surprise some Americans who are accustomed to reading the sensational stories of sensational correspondents," he continued. "But never mind these stories—remember that the 'ruling class,' however loudly and threateningly it may talk in cabled interviews, nevertheless has to-day the most wholesome regard for the opinion of the submerged working classes—the 'People,' as Victor Hugo calls them. It is a well-known fact of history that statesmen, politicians, diplomats and rulers do not, as a rule, go personally to war. If, here and there, any do, they remain well to the rear in the battlefield.

"Now, the working classes, thanks to the agitators within their own ranks, are learning this historic fact. They are learning more. They are comprehending that, while they become targets for cannon, while they fight and die on gory fields and their bodies are thrown into trenches, their loved ones at home are plunged into want and despair, and their fellow workers are pauperized for generations to pay the cost of the horrible drama. The privileged 'ruling class' reaps the glory and the spoils.

"The working classes are comprehending, too, that there is little consolation for either victors or survivors in a handsome monument erected on the field of carnage, at some remote period, informing posterity that these men died fighting as patriots in their country's cause.

"Learning these facts, the workers of Europe have been organizing, fraternizing and denouncing war. To-day the most blustering imperialist must perceive the change that has been wrought. Year by year the rumble underneath the surface grows louder and there is hardly a ruler in Europe but has plenty to do to retain his grip upon a rocking throne.

"When, two years ago, the 'ruling classes' of Sweden and Norway threatened war, the workers of both countries telegraphed each other, extending fraternal greetings and pledging that there should be no war. And there was no war.

"When, a few months ago, the 'ruling class' of Holland threatened war with Venezuela, the sturdy Dutch workmen declared they would oppose war. And there were no hostilities.

"When diplomatic relations were said to be strained to the breaking out point between England and Germany recently, the British workmen denounced their politicians at home

and sent fraternal greetings across the sea. Bebel, spokesman of the German proletariat, replied: 'The German Social Democratic party will do its utmost to prevent war; but should war come in spite of all its efforts, those who light this fire will have also to bear the consequences. Of the solidarity of the English and German working classes, the rulers of both countries are convinced.'

"Then came the Belgian working class and placed its veto on King Leopold's policy of territorial aggrandizement in Africa by tearing the Congo country from his grasp. Thus an end was put to further butchery on the Dark Continent, so far as Belgium's arms were concerned.

"Now come the 'Young Turks,' and in a silent revolution take from a cruel ruler nearly his whole power, while Turkey hails the dawn of a democracy.

"Again, Austria ignores treaty rights and seizes Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bulgaria secedes from Turkey and declares her independence. Hostilities began in Macedonia. At last, powder is to be burned; at last, the cannon will roar; at last, death and destruction are to stalk broadcast!

"But hold! The International Socialist Bureau meets in Brussels, and Representatives pour in from all sources—men who voice the will of ten million workers. They discuss the war threats calmly and dispassionately, as comrades and friends. They accept the invitation extended by the International Peace Congress held in England to send delegates to next session.

(That Peace Congress, composed of philanthropists, humanitarians, scientists and sociological workers, drawn almost exclusively from the professions, paid the working class the tribute that "they are the only force in society that can prevent war.")

"In this socialist Bureau meeting, Varanian spoke for Turkey, declaring that the 'ruling classes' of Austria seized Bosnia and Herzegovina to embarrass and discredit the new movement that is seeking to emancipate the people of Turkey.

"Abramoff, of Bulgaria, said that the workers stood for real freedom, not the exchange of a Sultan for a Czar, and that selfish politicians seeking personal power would be fought.

"Alder, leader of eighty-seven labor members of the Austrian Parliament, agreed fully with Varanian and Abramoff. He promised that Emperor Francis Joseph and his following would be opposed, in and out of Parliament, in their propaganda of militarism.

"The delegates from all countries were a unit in condemning war and the military spirit. The workers of all nations were instructed to refuse to take up arms against their fellow workers of other countries, and the sentiment prevailed that, when the ruler of any nation declared war, the working people should prepare to call a general strike, close the avenues of supply and paralyze business.

"If such action amounts to revolution—well; then the rulers must hear the responsibility.

"As to the blaze kindled in Macedonia—the Young Turks, the Greek Radicals and the Bulgarian Socialists held a joint congress, took steps to stamp out the fire, and were entirely successful.

"The rulers of Europe have their spies at the meetings of the organized working classes, and are hearing some things that astonish them.

"They are learning that they are rulers who do not rule, and that the once despised working class is the real power—New York Call,

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