MILLIONS and millions of dollars are spent annually in advertising. Newspapers, magazines and billboards all furnish the advertiser with a large coverage of widely different markets, enabling him to tell a story in simple words.

Now another advertising medium is rapidly achieving remarkable success. . . . That medium is the telegraph—a sure-fire method of carrying direct, in the most attention-arresting form, without loss of time in transit, the meat of any selling story. It is exceptionally effective in supplementing other forms of advertising and selling. In the event of some brilliant sales inspiration, it pinch-hits with telling effect when everything depends upon getting attention and action in the shortest possible time.

It is for business men who demand that their sales message be put across to specific customers and prospects in a most forceful manner, without waste of time or money, that we suggest the use of “Book Messages.” A “Book” is one telegram sent to a list of addresses. We suggest their use for the following four major reasons:

1. Psychological Effect
When you receive a telegram, we’ll wager you lay aside everything else to read it. So does everyone else. No telegram is ever discarded unopened or unread. The yellow color itself has come to denote urgency and action.

2. Adaptability
You can use book messages in any season, for any occasion . . . to move surplus stocks . . . to promote special sales . . . to accelerate sales in slow seasons . . . to take advantage of a changing market . . . to extend seasonal greetings . . . or any number of things that may come up in the intricate field of selling.

3. Ease of Preparation
The preparation of a book of messages is simple. Just prepare one message and a list of addresses. We do the rest at no extra cost.

4. Low Cost
Book messages, figured on a basis of percentage of cost to returns, are inexpensive. It is not unusual for us to receive reports that telegrams cut selling costs to as low as one-half of one percent . . . Our local manager will gladly tell you the cost of telegraphing to any given list of addresses.

The value of Western Union book messages has been proved by a multitude of users in all lines of trade. The results of a few campaigns are listed on the following pages.
APPLAUSE!

Comments from a few of the satisfied users of Western Union Book Messages

ASSOCIATIONS

Carthage, Mo., association sent 28 Night Letters announcing closing date for registration for banquet. Results: 318 reservations (1303).*

An association in Portland, Ore., used telegrams to oppose a late-hour bill brought up against their interests. Hundreds of telegrams to legislators protesting against the bill performed a large part in defeating the measure (1347).

AUTOMOBILES

Breckenridge, Tex., auto supply dealer sent a book of 50 telegrams to car owners suggesting they put anti-freeze in their cars before cold weather began. 27 responded at once and four more telephoned they had already taken care of their cars (1757). Dealer in Bloomington, Ind., is greatly pleased with results obtained from book of 53 telegrams extending invitations to auto show (1353). A book of 25 Christmas Greeting *Figures within parentheses refer to testimonial letters in our files.

GREETINGS FROM THE FAIR

Send the following message subject to the terms of The Western Union Telegraph Company, which are hereby agreed to.

To: ____________________________________________

Address

ANY ONE OF THESE TELEGRAMS MAY BE SENT ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES OVER WESTERN UNION LINES FOR $0.25

☐ 1. The Century of Progress is the thrill of a century. Enjoying every bit of it.

☐ 2. I am well and enjoying myself. Fair wonderful. Wish you were here to enjoy it with me.

☐ 3. No time to write. At Fair day and night. Seeing sights from all the world.

☐ 4. Starting back tomorrow tired but satisfied. Love to all.

☐ 5. Entire family enjoying visit. All well. Wish you were here.

☐ 6. Don’t miss the Century of Progress. We have never enjoyed anything so much.

☐ 7. See America and see it at its best in the Century of Progress Exposition.

☐ 8. Having a great time at the Fair. Leaving tomorrow.

☐ 9. Have been here several days. Still so much to see. Hope you can come.

☐ 10. No trouble any part of trip. Plenty of accommodations en route. All set for a big day tomorrow.

☐ 11. This Fair is a bit of everything and every thing is worth seeing. Come and see for yourself.

☐ 12. This Exposition affords entertainment and information on the biggest scale in history. Glad we came.

☐ 13. The Fair is a liberal education in accomplishments and a marvelous stimulant of confidence in our future.

☐ 14. If you would see the dreams of great men realized in the fullness of beauty and use, don’t miss this Fair.

☐ 15. The crowds, the sights and the magnitude of the Fair are too much for words. I wish you could see it too.

☐ 16. Arrived here today. Sorry you can’t be here to enjoy the Fair with me. First impression is overwhelming.

☐ 17. Spending vacation at Fair. Best investment we ever made in pleasure combined with profit.

☐ 18. So much to see we are rather dazed. Will tell you all about it when we get home. All well. Love.

☐ 19. Miss you at this great Fair. If you were here my joy would be complete. Sending much love with this wire.

☐ 20. So much to see on way did not mind long trip. Have comfortable rooms. Enjoying everything. Much love.

(Signed) __________

Chicago, 1934
Telegrams sent out by one Gainesville, Fla., motor dealer netted responses from every telegram and sold three cars (1305).

**BANKS**

In Duluth, Minn., a well known bank sent books of Thanksgiving Greeting Telegrams totaling 1095 messages. They received a great number of favorable comments on these messages and feel they derived much benefit from them (1634).

**CLOTHING**

Hot Springs, Ark., clothing store used book of 400 telegrams of invitation to the opening of their new store with very favorable results (1751). Dallas, Tex., men’s shop sends book of several hundred telegrams each year at the beginning of straw hat season. They realize a high percentage of results on their investment (1719). The results obtained from a book of 500 Night Letters repaid many times over the cost to another Hot Springs, Ark., clothing dealer (1485).

**CONFECTIONERS**

The Wilkes-Barre branch of a nationally known confection company used a book of 500 Night Letters to put across a
special sales plan. They say the telegraph was the only successful medium for handling the campaign (1068). A book of 50 Night Letters sold Easter candy for one Buffalo confectioner (1630).

- DEPARTMENT STORES -

Department store in Saginaw, Mich., sent a book of over 300 telegrams to teachers attending convention in that city. The results were shown by the heavy sales of their ladies department during the convention (1502). In Schenectady, N. Y., one department store sent telegrams to parties applying for marriage licenses. Results from these telegrams have been so favorable that recently they filed a book of 1000 messages announcing sales (1204).

- DRUGGIST -

New York City druggist sent 293 Christmas Greeting Telegrams to patrons. Judging from the results, he considers it the best advertising investment he has ever made (1329).

- FOOD PRODUCTS -

A pecan nut grower in Columbus, Ga., sold 250,000 pounds of pecans as a result of book of 115 Night Letters. Telegrams will sell anything (1432).

- FURNITURE -

Dealer in Tallahassee sent 200 city telegrams to dispose of surplus furniture stock. Within two weeks $6,000 in sales had been obtained from the telegrams (1300).

Waterbury, Conn., dealers send congratulatory telegrams to newly-engaged couples as a medium for obtaining these couples as customers. They have sent several hundred of these telegrams and a record kept by them shows that the telegrams not only brought in the business, but also secured new prospects for future business (1476).

- GENERAL STORE -

Owner of store in St. Augustine, Fla., sent book of city Thanksgiving Day Greeting Telegrams to customers. He received favorable comments from every telegram and feels this to be the best form of advertising he had used (1632).

- JEWELERS -

A book of 300 Commencement Greeting Telegrams sent by
jeweler in South Bend, Ind., netted excellent results in sales and goodwill (1467).

Jeweler in Amarillo, Tex., sent personal telegrams to the parents of each member of the graduating class at the local high school soliciting their business. His sales of graduation gifts were trebled as the direct result of these telegrams (1380). In Wichita Falls, Tex., this jeweler sent 187 telegrams to members of the graduating classes of local schools. His telegrams received preferred attention and, needless to say, he was quite well pleased with the results (1435).

**FLORISTS**

El Paso, Tex., florist sent book of 20 telegrams on special occasion. Result: three large orders that more than paid for the expense of the telegrams and allowed a profit for himself. He is quite enthusiastic about the repeat sales resulting from telegrams (1753). A book of 49 Night Letters sent out by Dayton, Ohio, florist netted sales far beyond his expectations (1713).

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