

**Globetrotters**

*Gift suggestions for those on the go*

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has yet to find a way to quiet a crying child 30,000 feet in the air, they have found a way to cut down on the kid stuff, making both parent and child more comfortable for the journey. The All-in-One Car Seat, Stroller and Booster Seat fits kids five to 40 pounds, converts quickly and easily, and features the safest possible 5-point harness system. The stroller features an adjustable-height handle and low center of gravity for stability. Wheels and handles fold up and in, and the car seat can face front or rear. For more, go online at [www.hammacher.com](http://www.hammacher.com)

**Under where?**  
When it comes to packing, every item counts. Make the most of luggage space by dumping two weeks' worth of underwear for two pair. Really. Ex Officio's Give-N-Go Stretch Travel

Underwear for men and women are lightweight, breathable, antibacterial and can air dry after a sink washing in less than three hours. It's a boon for backpackers and hotel hoppers alike, said Susie Graham, owner of Backcountry Outfitters in Traverse City, where the Give-N-Go Stretches are hot sellers.

"We get them in, and they go pretty quick," she said. "It's a really nice fabric. Whether you travel or not, they're better than your regular 100 percent cotton."

The men's come in boxers, briefs and boxer-briefs; Women's come in bikini briefs, full-cut briefs, boy-cut briefs and string bikinis.

**'Trash' talk**

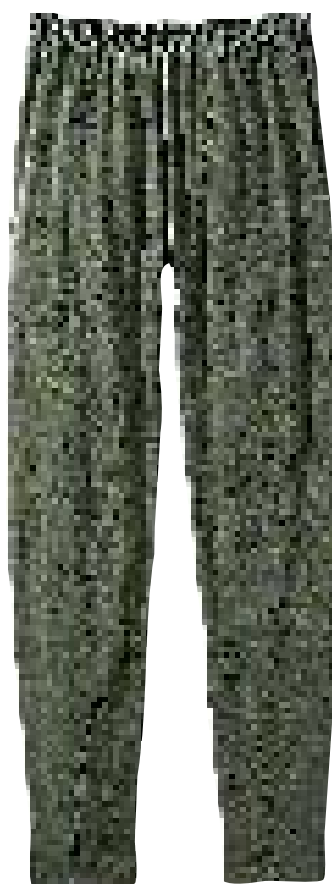
Free spirits like to travel with no strings attached, but those at home want to ensure they stay in touch. The solution? Give them the Hop-on cell phone. This disposable mobile comes with 60 minutes of prepaid calling time, but no contracts, calling-distance charges or other fees. When the time is up, additional minutes are added easily.

When the trip is over, the recipient can simply throw away the phone, or better yet, return it to Hop-on for a \$5 rebate certificate. The phone usually goes for \$40. For more, go online at [www.hop-on.com](http://www.hop-on.com)

**Road trip tool kit**

You won't ever have to worry about being brought up short on the open road provided you're packing a serrated knife, Phillips screwdriver, flathead screwdriver, mini flathead screwdriver, scissors, fork, bottle opener, can opener, reamer with scraper and sewing eye, fish scale with hook remover and a set of tweezers. Too much to remember? You can get it all in one tool — the McGuyver XT. Though it boasts 16 tools, the McGuyver XT weighs less than four ounces, comes with a nylon carrying case and carries a five-year warranty. It typically runs \$39.95. For more, go online at [www.topeak.com](http://www.topeak.com)

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