

# A Christmas Spirit

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IT WAS early Christmas morning. The shadow of a tall gray form cast itself upon the wall of the adjoining building, then followed around until its ghastly shape was cast upon the door. It moved slightly, then remained there for several minutes. The boards of the small porch creaked under the heavy weight upon them. A sudden whirl of the cutting December wind brought the door knob from its hanging position on the battered door to an immediate reckoning with the floor. It took the full course, rolling down the flight of stairs into the street.

The gray specter started, giving a little grunt, as it rearranged some scattered heaps of something hardly discernible in the grayed atmosphere. The figure then picked its way over the creaky boards to a window nearby. Long thin fingers were put up to the window to enable the objects inside to be better viewed. Seemingly satisfied the phantom moved off down the stairs.

As the darkness began to lift a little, it looked as though he carried a large bag, sometimes upon his back, and then again on his arm. Perhaps this was some destitute person, and unable to bear Christmas dawn in his home with nothing for his children, he was taking this illegal means of getting it. But if so, why was he attempting to find what he wanted in homes which looked so unpromising? Only across the street the buildings did not appear quite so dilapidated and forlorn. Still the gray specter haunted the doorways along the block. Upon close observation he seemed to have a certain formula that he carried out at each place.

Soon, a door opened across the street and very cautiously a man crossed to the side where the figure was. The man watched the phantom awhile, and after seeing him go through this performance two or three times he stole up behind the gray specter as he was on his way to the next shack. When he was close enough to the form lurking in the shadow he said in an uncertain voice:

"Hands up, you low down thief! So that's the way you get those fine clothes? Drop that bag!"—as he flashed the star on his coat.

To the poor man's surprise his captive began laughing.

"So it's all a joke with you, is it? Just tell that to the judge," said the man opening the bag. When his head emerged he looked at the tall gray-coated man in front of him with a puzzled face.

"You haven't much in this bag for all the places I watched you visit. Explain this idea of robbing these poor people anyway."

"If you had left me a little longer, the bag would have been empty. Don't you think you have been a little hasty in your judgment? My arms are getting tired holding them up this way."

"Oh, come off. None of this sentimental stuff!"

"Well, come over to this house and I will show you what I have been doing."

To the man's amazement, he saw a pile of snow-white bundles before the door of the house. He looked at them dumfounded and speechless.

"I surely am sorry about what I—"

"That's all right, forget it. Here, take this along home with you for the kiddies," and he handed him the bag.

The man confused and abashed, turned without another word and left. The grayed figure also wheeled around, chuckling all the while to himself. Turning the corner he approached an awaiting limousine. Still chuckling, he opened the door, saying to the chauffeur:

"Home, James!"

**A CHRISTMAS RESOLVE**  
CHRISTMAS is especially a children's day, and one of the things which a proper Christmas attitude should bring about is a firm resolve on the part of each mother to learn what is best for her child, and do it irrespective of the child's whim or desires. This not only is true of gifts which the child receives at Christmas, but of its food and raiment, its sleeping room and its playroom. All of these should be as carefully guarded as the traditions on which the Christmas celebration is founded.

# Gifts for All

## Imported Silk and Wool Hose For Christmas

"Arrow" Brand All Pure Thread Silk Hose (black, cordovan, fog and bamboo) ..... \$1.00



**Mohawk**  
SILK HOSIERY

"Mohawk" Silk Hose (black, white, gray, beige, log cabin) ..... \$3.00  
\$3.00 and \$3.50 Imported English Wool Hose ..... \$1.50  
Any of these hose nicely boxed for Christmas

## Shoes Are Sensible Gifts



FATHER, MOTHER, SISTER, BROTHER EVERY SHOE REAL LEATHER and BOUGHT FROM THE MAKER. No middleman's profit and our profit the smallest possible. If you want shoes that will wear—you want HYNSON'S.

"WALK-OVER," "QUEEN QUALITY," "GODMAN," "ENDICOTT"  
WE GUARANTEE EVERY PAIR WE SELL YOU AND WE MAKE GOOD IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM.

## Women's Underwear for Christmas

Silk Camisoles ..... 98c, \$1.49 and \$1.98  
Feddies ..... 98c, \$1.98 and \$2.49  
Pajamas, Outing ..... \$2.49  
Cambric Gowns ..... 98c up to \$2.49  
Colored Bloomers ..... 49 and 98c  
Outing Gowns (BIG SALE PRICES) 97 for regular and \$1.27 for extra size.  
"Mohawk" Glove Silk Vests ..... \$2.50  
"Mohawk" Glove Silk Bloomers ..... \$3.50

**Humming Bird**  
PURE SILK HOSIERY  
WEARS LONGER

This is the greatest wearing silk hose that is before the American public today; if you have tried, then YOU KNOW; if you have NOT, you have a real surprise coming to you in the SERVICE YOU WILL GET FROM YOUR HUMMING BIRD HOSE. A FULL RANGE OF COLORS CARRIED IN STOCK: Black, white, cordovan, pearl, princess, periwinkle, deer, atmosphere and log cabin.  
Lot 20, for the average woman (all colors) ..... \$1.50  
Lot 80, for the rather large leg, black and cordovan ..... \$1.50  
Out-size for the Stout Woman, black and cordovan ..... \$2.00

## Furs for Christmas

We know of nothing that makes a woman look better or adds more to her appearance than a really nice FUR NECK PIECE. Of all things that appeal to her heart it is a Fur Piece; she just naturally loves it and feels that she is really dressed up in wearing it \$3.50—\$5.00—\$8.50 up to \$20.00

## Women's Ready-to-Wear

Mother, Daughter, Little Sister and Baby  
The biggest display of ready-to-wear to be found this side of Washington and every garment bought from the MAKER and made for the RETAIL TRADE; not for the JOBBER. Further, we will not sell you if we can not properly FIT YOU. We carry all the models and can fit a the figures, both the very small petite women and the stout or large as they make them.

Women's Coats ..... \$10.00 to \$55.00  
Girls' Coats ..... \$5.98 to \$20.00  
Children's Coats ..... \$2.49 to \$7.98  
Women's Suits ..... \$15.00 to \$30.00  
Women's Stout Suits ..... \$25.00 to \$30.00  
Women's Wool Dresses ..... \$9.98 to \$30.00  
Women's Silk Dresses ..... \$9.98 to \$30.00  
Women's Silk Stout Dresses ..... \$25.00

## Gloves for Men, Women, Children

Women's "Mohawk" Fabric Gloves, all colors and sizes ..... \$1.00 to \$1.50  
Women's Knit Wool Gloves ..... .50



## MEN'S GLOVES

Automobile Gloves ..... \$2.50 to \$5.00  
Lined Hansen Gloves ..... \$3.00  
Lot of Women's Kid Gloves (job) ..... \$1.00  
(All sales final on this job lot of kid gloves)

## Hand Bags, Week-End Bags, Suitcases

All-Leather Hand Bags ..... \$3.50 to \$20.00  
Week-end Bags ..... \$15.00  
Suitcases ..... \$1.75 to \$15.00  
Trunks ..... \$6.50 to \$20.00  
Wardrobe Trunks ..... \$35.00 to \$42.50

## Rain Capes for the Girls for Christmas

They are a wonderfully useful gift; just the thing for school, as the books can be carried under the cape out of the rain.  
Blue Capes, all ages to 14 years ..... \$1.49  
Leather-Colored Capes, all sizes to 14 ..... \$2.98

## Towels

Towels, Cotton Huck ..... 2 for 25c  
Towels, Turkish ..... 25c, 50c, \$1.25  
Towels, all pure linen ..... \$1.50



Towel Sets (consisting of towel and wash cloths) ..... 98c to \$1.50

## Blankets, Comforts, White Bed Spreads

Army Blankets ..... \$2.98, \$3.49, \$3.98, \$4.49  
White Wool Commercial Blankets, full five-pound weight ..... 7.50  
Wool-filled and fine Silkoline Covered Comforts ..... \$8.50  
White Bed Spreads ..... \$2, \$2.79, \$3.49, \$4.50 and \$7.50.

## Baby Memories for Christmas

Baby Blankets ..... 98c  
Baby Sweaters ..... \$1.49 to \$4.98  
Baby Sets ..... \$3.98  
Baby Knit Caps ..... \$1.00 and \$1.25  
Baby Dresses ..... 98c to \$3.00

CELLULOID MANICURE SETS IN LEATHER CASES  
\$2.50 to \$10.00

## Bed Room Slippers for Whole Family

Women's "Unico" Heavy Felt Slippers \$1.00  
Women's "Unico" Extra Heavy Felt Slippers ..... 1.49  
Women's "Unico" Extra Heavy Felt Hi-low Slippers ..... 1.49



Girls' "Unico" Heavy Felt Slippers ..... 1.00  
Childs' "Unico" Heavy Felt Slippers ..... 1.00  
Women's Leather Indian Moccasins, fur trimmed ..... 4.50  
JOB LOT FELT SLIPPERS (women and children) ..... .89  
Just a lot of small lots carried from last year

**Corduroy Lounging Robes**  
BLUE—ROSE—HELIO  
\$4.98—\$5.98—\$8.50

## Bath Robes

Women's Robes from ..... \$3.98 up  
Girls' Robes from ..... \$1.98 to \$3.49  
Childs' Robes from ..... \$1.25 to \$2.50

## Handkerchiefs

MEN—WOMEN—CHILD  
SINGLE — BOXED  
ALL FIFTY CENT LOTS NICELY BOXED WHERE SELECTED FROM OPEN STOCK  
Handkerchiefs, nicely boxed ..... 25c—50c  
Handkerchiefs, open stock, from 10c to 50c

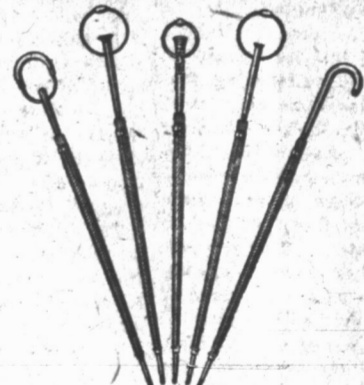
## Women's Pocket Books

Buying as we do from the very first hands, the maker, we know our values are such as you will find nowhere else.  
POCKET BOOKS  
\$1.00—\$2.00—\$3.00—\$4.00—\$5.00

## Kimonos

Serpentine Crepe Kimonos ..... \$2.98  
Imported Japanese Kimonos, beautifully hand-embroidered ..... \$5.98

## Umbrellas for Xmas



MAN — WOMAN  
\$1.00 to \$5.00

## Sweaters, Chappie Coats, Golf Coats

All-wool Slip-over Sweaters \$1.98 up to \$10.00  
All-wool Side-tie Sweaters ..... \$2.98 up  
Chappie All-wool Coats ..... \$4.98 to \$8.50  
Golf All-wool Coats ..... \$8.50  
Girls' Sweaters ..... \$1.98 to \$4.98

## Table Damask and Napkins

Mercerized Table Damask ..... 50c and \$1.00  
Mercerized Table Napkins ..... \$1.25 to \$2.25  
Pure Irish Linen Damask ..... \$3.00  
Mercerized Damask 10-4 Table Cloth with Napkins to match ..... 4.98

## "Venida" Hair Nets for Christmas

One doz. Venida Hair Nets, in neat box \$1.50  
Nothing you can give that she will appreciate more.

**Hynson's Department Stores**  
"The Quality Shop," Manassas, Va.