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INDIVIDUALITY.

"NATURE ARMS EACH MAN WITH SUCH FACulties as enable him to do some feat impossible to any other," says Emerson.

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ORIGINALITY.

TO BE ORIGINAL IS OUR CONSTANT AIM; ITS A duty we owe to you. As we strive to secure the best merchandise, so we study and plan to introduce original features in our business. We would not be mere echoes, or imitation copies of others, as the copy is always inferior to the subject; hence original methods are best; therefore we use them.

Umbrellas for Presents.

$3.00 Qualities for $1.98.

A rather surprising sale. Ever so many people give Umbrellas at Christmas time. This is a splendid chance to give a finer one than expected without any more cost to you. There are only 50 in the lot; they are for both men and women; all at $1.98 instead of $3.

Many other splendid and handsome Umbrellas at higher prices, but equally good bargains. They run from $3.00 up to $5.00, styles for men and women.

Only Three Days--Then Christmas.

Are you ready? The gladdest day of all the year is almost here. We are still showing a very good assortment of fine Christmas-giving things, while our regular departments are overflowing with eveything that is good, at the very lowest prices. This has been a very busy time and the last days are likely to be busiest of all. TRY TO COME EARLY IN THE MORNING IF POSSIBLE.

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Gifts For the Men.

Give him some ties, suspenders, gloves and things of that sort. Half the men would never be properly supplied if they had to look out for themselves.

Nice assortment of Neckties at 25c and 50c.
Fine Silk Suspenders, in pretty box, at 50c.
Real Mocho Dress Gloves, in grey and brown, $1.00
New and pretty styles of Half Hose, only 25.
Fine Laundered Shirts white and colored, at $1.00
Men's handsome Blanket Bath Robes; every gentlemen should have one; here they are $3.98 and $5.00.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

GOLF CAPES $3.48.

Another lot of these splendid Golf capes has just come in time for Christmas. They are as good as anybody ever sold for $5.00; our special holiday price is only.....$3.48 each.

A Word About That Mail Box.

WE DESIRE TO REPLACE THAT OLD ONE YOU now have, with a new one made of heavy galvanized iron, fitted with a signal and absolutely rain proof. In fact it is the best mail box we could find, no other would suit our purpose. Your neighbor has one; they are being put up all over the country. You had better get one; free with every purchase of $10.00 or more.

On TUESDAY Santa Claus will give every Boy and Girl a Present. COME.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

PLUSH CAPES $4.95.

As a very special Christmas offer we will give you about 25 handsome seal plush capes, trimmed with Thibet fur, our regular $7.00 grade; holiday price only.....$4.95 each.

Flannelette Dress Patterns for Presents, 75c.

10 yards of pretty Flannelette, neatly folded and tied with pretty ribbon, just the thing for a useful gift and only costs you 75c.

Soap and Perfumery for Presents, 25c.

A box of nice Soap, with fine odor, or a pretty bottle of Perfume, in a fancy box, will make a very acceptable gift for a lady; it is here at 25c.

Calico Dress Patterns for Presents, 50c.

A nice calico dress makes a nice present. These are pretty styles put up in 10-yard pieces and tied with ribbons. You can buy a pattern for 50c.

New Satine Skirts for Presents, $1.25.

These are fine mercerized satine skirts, with deep ruffle. We have many other better quality skirts up to $3 each; all are splendid for gift giving; look at the ones for $1.25.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Handkerchiefs.

If you don't know what to give for Christmas, come to our handkerchief counter. Here you can get a burden off your mind quickly.

Ladies' fine lawn hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with initial in the corner, put up 6 in a pretty box, for only 59c box.

Pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, fine and sheer, half dozen in a dainty little box, special price 12½c each.

Hundreds of lovely embroidered and lace trimmed Handkerchiefs, in fbll lawn and linen, at 15c and 25c.

Finer grades and exquistte designs, in all linen, up to $1.00.

Men's pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, two style hems, all unusual values, only 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c.

Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, every style and price.

China and Toilet Goods for Christmas Gifts.

Dainty pieces of China and articles for my lady's toilet are always a most acceptable gift; why not get something from this elegant assortment. The prices are remarkably little for such splendid gifts.

Lovely Comb and Brush sets, in pretty boxes, from	59c to $3.50.
Art Pictures and Medallions, very beautiful, at	25c up to $3.00.
Oriental Busts and Heads, now so desirable,	69c to $3.98.
Hand and Toilet Mirrors, every style and price,	50c to $3.50.
Fancy Dishes, for salads or bon bons, priced	75c to $2.50.
Manicure Sets, Military Brushes, Pretty Vases, Hat Brushes, Ornaments, Tea Sets, etc., all at special prices.	

Fine Gift Furniture At Christmas Prices.

Every home wife will be delighted with a pretty piece of Furniture for the home. Besides it is a lasting remembrance and can be had here at prices that will make it easy to give.

Nice Romanesque Stools, pretty upholstering, at	$1.50.
Fine Gilt Chairs, what you want for the parlor,	$3 and $5.
Piano Stools, beautifully finished in mahogany,	$2 to $4.
Elegant comfortable Rocking Chairs, 50 styles,	$1.69 to $12.
Real mahogany Parlor Cabinets, full mirrored, at	$25.
Ladies' Writing Desks, every style and price,	$5 to $12.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

In Toyland.

Here is where you can find anything you want for the little ones. Prices in every instance are less than you will expect to pay. See what some small amounts will buy.

For 25c—We sell Banks, Baby Rattles, Gum Dolls, Pop Guns, Tin Horns, Chairs, Stoves, Large Dolls, Baby Trunk, Wash Sets, Toy Dishes, Bureas, etc.

For 50c—You can get Saw and Buck, Doll Trunks, Big Bureau, Games, Magic Lantern, Fine Doll, Sled, Tables, Boats.

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THE XMAS GIVING SPIRIT IS ABROAD,

AND WHAT TO GIVE THE MEN AND BOYS IS A QUESTION.

SHARRER & GORSUCH,

OPPOSITE CATHOLIC CHURCH, WESTMINSTER, Md.,

Have just opened the kind of gifts the men appreciate because they are useful.

NOTHING BETTER THAN A SUIT OR OVERCOAT.

Our low prices on these goods from now until Christmas will enable you to give a nice Suit or Overcoat for a very low cost. Some of the Swell Yoke Overcoats left. A new lot of $8 Suits for $5. Buy your boy a Suit or Overcoat for the holidays. We have reduced prices as we have too many.

UPDEGRAFF'S FUR GLOVES AND COLLARS,

one of the very best gifts for a man. They are so warm and comfortable he thanks you every time he uses them. Fur Gloves $1.00 to $5; Collars $2 to $5; Gloves of every kind for gifts—Kid, Castor and English Walking Gloves, Working Gloves and Mitts at lowest prices.

ELEGANT NECKWEAR,

appropriate gift, not expensive if bought here. Our 25c Ties, in latest shapes, are 50c values. New "Once Over Tie," latest for swell dressers. Everybody comes here when they want new things in Ties.

SOME OTHER SUGGESTIONS.

MUFFLERS.—The new Mufflers; come and see them, 25c to $1.50.
HANDKERCHIEFS.—All prices and qualities; a 10c Handkerchief for 5c.; a nice Silk Hemstiched for 25c. The Eagle Suspender, best made, makes useful present. Lots of warm Underwear left, cheap. sept-12-90-5

An XMAS Suggestion!

If you desire to give something useful and practical for a Christmas Gift why not buy

Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gloves,

Hosiery, Suspenders, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs, Fur Gloves, Fur Collars, Way's Mufflers. Umbrellas, Trunks, Dress Suit Cases and Telescopes, &c. Our selection of Neckwear is the finest we have ever shown. For 25c we can give you all the latest shapes in Four-in-Hand, Puffs, Tecks and String Ties; also the same shapes in 50c qualities. We have an immense assortment of

Men's and Boys' Cloth, Leather, Felt and Gum Boots,

Cord and Leather Caps, House Slippers, Women's Warm Lined Shoes, &c., the newest, best and cheapest in this city.

GIVE US A CALL AND GET ONE OF OUR CALENDARS FOR 1902.

WM. C. DEVILBISS, 22 W. Main St., Westminster.

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A PUZZLE!

It is always a puzzling question in the minds of one and all, great or small, as to what to buy for

Christmas Gifts.

We believe we can help you solve the problem

LISTEN!!

GOLD and SILVER HANDLE UMBRELLAS	at	$2.50.
IRISH LINEN BOX PAPER	"	20c.
PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS	"	11c.
"BOSTONIAN" SHOES	"	3.50.

JUST ARRIVED.

We have just received, direct from factory, a large and well assorted line of Ladies' and Gents'

NECKWEAR,

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When about to lay out the Christmas appropriation, bear in mind that our line of

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

embraces a host of most pleasing and acceptable gifts. We have Neckwear in all the different shapes and shades, at most tempting prices. A beautiful line of the Narrow Four-In-Hands and the new Strings, at 25 cents. What we can show you in Gloves at 95 cents and $1.00 is a revelation. They are of excellent quality and very dressy, either lined or unlined. A complete line of ladies' and gents' Umbrellas, at prices that are below competition. All that is new and

UP-TOD-ATE in Suspenders, Hosiery, Fur Gloves, Dress Suit Cases, Telescopes, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, &c.

Our men's and youth's Suits and Overcoats are models of style and finish. We have them from $2.59 to $12.00, and every suit a bargain. There is still left quite a good assortment of the line of children's Clothing that we are closing out at one-third off. Men's Corduroy Pants, guaranteed not to rip or break, $2.29. Exceptional good values in men's Dress Pants, from $1.25 to $3.50 per pair. Our Rubber Boots and Shoes are marked 5 per cent under the regular price. Felt Boots $1.79, 2.10 and $2.48. Our popular price solid Leather Shoes, at $1.49 for men, $1.25 and $1.50 for women, at 50c, 85c, $1.00 and $1.25 for children are low priced. We are showing one of the most complete lines of Shoes in the county and it will pay you to investigate them. We have them for everybody, from the very cheapest up to the fine welts, at $2.95 and $3.50. "It's the Hat that makes the Man." Don't forget us when in need of the proper style.

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Christmas Chimes.

BY MARY A. M'KEE.

Ah! those merry Christmas chimes,
We have heard them many times,
With their sweet unwritten music, and their cadences unsung;
They are ringing wild and free,
They are whispering to me
From the dome in which those silver throated messengers are hung.

Ah! the rhythmical swing
Of those bells as they ring,
With the freedom and joy of a bird on the wing;
They murmur and cling,
Like an animate thing,
To the message of beauty and gladness they bring.

Like the voice of those we love,
They are stealing from above,
With a half reluctant, half impassion'd sound we seldom hear;
They have touch'd the star-lit sky,
They are coming from on high
With a blessed benediction like the voice of one most dear.

Ah! the rhythmical swing
Of those bells as they ring,
With the freedo n and joy of a bird on the wing;
They murmur and cling,
Like an animate thing,
To the message of beauty and gladness they bring.

They are ringing for the bride,
And the many who have died
Since the morning stars were chiming, and old Father Time was young;
And the liquid notes are stealing
While the bells are softly pealing,
As we gaze upon the airy height from which those tones are flung.

Ah! the rhythmical swing
Of those bells as they ring,
With the freedom and joy of a bird on the wing;
They murmbr and cling,
Like an animate thing,
To the message of beauty and gladness they bring.

—Bethlehem's Star.

An Awakening of Love.

BY GERTRUDE SMITH.

"I don't see, when tomorrow is your wedding day, how you can find time to sit there and look out of that window!"

"You have done everything for me, mother. I just want to be quiet and enjoy my last afternoon with you."

"With me! You've sat there for an hour and haven't turned your head or said a word."

"I was thinking about father."

"Well I should think he'd be the last one your mind would travel to to-day!"

Alice turned and looked at her mother gravely for a moment, and then smiling, shook her head.

"Yes, I know you've always been inclined to take his part against me. What he has ever done to hold your faith in him I don't know."

Mrs. Wheaton was sitting before the wide open fire. Long yards of delicate edging lay rolled in her lap, and the tatting-shuttle moved rapidly between her fingers.

"Mother, I want to talk to you about father, but I am not going to blame you. You know I stopped that a year ago."

Mrs. Wheaton was sensitively conscious of the great change love had wrought in Alice. The joy that thrilled the girl's heart had completely stilled her inheritance of ill humor.

Should the sprout of crab-tree some bright May morning bear the blossoms of the sweeting, the change would not be more definite.

Mrs. Wheaton rested her work in her lap. "Well, go on. What do you want to say?"

Alice looked down through the white aisles of the orchard and up at the soft-falling flakes of snow in the sky, but could not speak.

When five stilled minutes had passed she got up and crossed the room and looked out of the front window. She could see the line of the country road for half a mile. The snow-ploughs had been through, but the track had almost filled in again.

Very soon Earnest would come in sight where the great oak-tree grew in the center of the road, and there would not be another chance before she was married to have this talk with her mother.

The nearness of her lover's presence quieted the fearful beating of her heart.

She went softly and stood behind her mother's chair, and stooping, kissed her. "I love you. That's the first thing I want to say."

"You say your lesson very well."

Alice laughed. "You mean Earnest taught me to say it? Yes, he did." She put her arms around her mother's neck. "But haven't you felt lately that I do love you more than I used to?"

It was several moments before Mrs Wheaton answered. "Yes, I have, and I realize who has brought it about."

Alice had never heard the quality of her mother's tone so gentle. She drew a deep breath for strengh. "Father likes Earnest as well as you do. They are friends."

Mrs. Wheaton pushed aside the loving arms. "Have you been there with him?"

"Oh, Earnest knew father long before he knew us. He took me there. It was because he liked father so well that he was first interested to know me. He understands him better than we ever did."

"There isn't anything about him to understand."

Earnest thinks there is. He thinks he is one of the best men he ever knew."

"I never said he wasn't a good man, but that's exactly as far as he goes. What would have become of us if I hadn't happened to have means, I'd like to know? He was never capable of supporting us. There! I'm not going to talk about it."

"He has worked since he went away mother. He owns his own home and three hundred acres of land."

"He doesn't own that place where he lives?"

"Yes he does. It is the prettiest little house inside I ever saw. You should see the flowers he has. Why mother, he has six rooms and they are just filled with flowers. He says he always gives them away for Christmas gifts, and this year he raised a double quantity, so I could have all I wanted for my wedding. We are going over there tonight after them."

Mrs. Wheaton's lips were parted. Her eyes had the look of one suddenly wakened from a deep sleep.

"Oh, mother, he says he loves you, and that he only went away because he loved you and wanted to show you what he could do. Some time, he says, he is coming to tell you. But, mother, to-morrow is Christmas, and my wedding-day. Oh, I wish—"

"Well, you needn't wish, for it won't do any good, Alice."

There was silence between them for several minutes, and then Mrs. Wheaton said. "Does he live there alone?"

"Yes, all alone."

"When did you first see him?"

"Over a year ago. Earnest and I have been going there ever since we were engaged."

Without there was the sound of merry sleigh-bells, and a little blue cutter passed the window and spun around the corner of the house. Alice ran into the hall, and catching a shawl from its hook, plunged out into the drifts.

"Earnest!"

"Hello! Don't come out; I'll be right in." He had opened the large door and driven into the barn.

"I am out already," Alice called back. "Isn't it a fearful storm? Do you suppose we can go to-night?"

"Go? Of course we will. We'll go if we dig every inch of the way."

He stood in the barn door to receive her—a great fellow in a heavy dog-skin coat tipped with seal, and a cap of the same pulled well down about his ears. All the strength and sweetness of his nature shone in his eyes.

"Look out! Go out around that drift," he called. "There! what did I tell you?" He ran out and helped her up from where she lay laughing in the snow, and held her close in his arms. Why didn't you wait until I came in?"

"I couldn't, I wanted to tell you."

"Well, kiss me before you tell me a thing."

She kissed him seriously, and they went on into the barn.

"I talked with mother, Earnest."

"Yes and I know by your poor little face you didn't get anywhere with her."

"She was real kind and listened until I was going to say I wished she'd ask father to come to-morrow; and then she said, 'Well, you needn't wish,' just as hard as ever."

"Never mind. I don't know as we had any right to try and hurry mother because we want everything pleasant tomorrow. Your father will win her in time. A love like his never fails. Poor old soul, she'll have a chance to think after tomorrow, and we are going to leave her alone tonight, too. Let's go in, and I'll jolly her up a bit before we start."

The atmosphere of the old house always underwent a complete change when Earnest entered it. The unhappy spirit of the place was dissolved in the health and sunshine of his presence.

While Alice prepared their supper he held the stern little mother, whom every one had always feared, in his arm, and talked to her of his happiness and hope for the future.

"Our home will always be yours," he added. "Don't think you have to live here alone one day if you don't want to. If my heart isn't large enough to take in Alice's mother, I don't deserve her."

Mrs. Wheaton had learned, with all her will and force, that it was as impossible to free herself from Earnest's strong arms as it was to resist his good humor. The snow-ploughs were passing, and the men were singing a sleighing song. Alice ran to the window to watch them.

It had stopped snowing, and above the cedar-trees across the road the full moon shone brokenly through heavy clouds.

The supper was not a comfortable one. Earnest talked and laughed, but Alice felt the restraint of her mother's eyes studying her closely.

"You are not going out tonight, Alice," she said at last. Though she intended to speak in command, the quality of her tone was almost pleading.

"Oh, yes, she is," Earnest answered cheerily. "It is freezing already. It is going to be a fine night for a sleigh-ride. Wait until you see the flowers we bring back to make the house gay tomorrow. We are going to pack them in boxes and wrap them in buffalo robes. I wish you were going with us. There's an idea! You don't want to stay here alone on Christmas eve. We'll take you with us!"

Alice clasped her hands. "Oh, please go mother! It would make us all so happy!"

Mrs. Wheaton rose from the table. "You two must think I've lost my reason," she said, and started to leave the room.

"People ought to lose their reason at Christmas-time and let love guide them," Earnest answered, quickly. He jumped up from the table and stood with his back to the door, barring her passage. "Look here; forget everything else, and just go to please Alice and me?" Tomorrow you'll be left alone, and you can please yourself the rest of your life. You needn't get out of the cutter; I'll tell Mr. Wheaton we've decided not to come in. He objected to our leaving you alone to night, anyway."

Mrs. Wheaton's lips trembled. "I don't see why you beset me so, Earnest?"

The young lover stepped forward and put his arms around her. Because you're Alice's mother, and I love you. I'm not going to leave you here alone on Christmas Eve if I can help it."

"Well—I'll go, I'll go, and I'll go in with you." She struggled with the words as though they were cords that bound the throat.

Earnest kissed her heartily.

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