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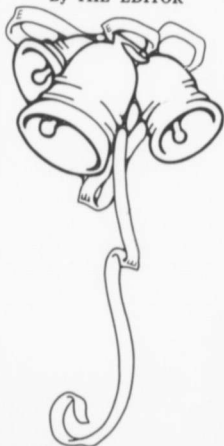
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The Christmas Spirit

By THE EDITOR



It was nearly two thousand years ago that the first Christmas bell pealed. Or perhaps there were no bells in those days. It really doesn't matter, for the bell-ringing is only an outward expression of an inward joy. It was then the Spirit was born, at any rate, and the Spirit will remain long after the last bell has been broken.

The Christmas Spirit is generous. It grew from the first great gift, and has flourished in the ashes of noble deeds ever afterward. Christ gave Himself in the beginning, and since that day good men have been giving of their stores. Some have given their energy, some their wealth, some their leisure, some only a smile. But they gave and were blessed. Perhaps in the plan of the universe the smile accomplished things as great as the gold. Who can tell?

And so in this day we give. Cynics laugh at Christmas giving. But they feel with their heads, while we feel with our hearts. That is the difference that makes cynics. We know why we give. If we would be happy we must make others happy. It is the doctrine of Christmas—we can't get away from it.

On this day the world has no place for the little man, or the mean man—the man who will not meet his obligations, who is sel-

fish, cruel, hard-hearted. The world takes no pleasure in the cynic or the skeptic. They are little men. It is a day for generosity and kindness. It is a day for you.

All around us this Christmas day there may live frail old men and poor old ladies who know little of happiness; and there may be little children—oh, the hungry kiddies with empty stockings! What do their poor little cramped souls know of Christmas? Doesn't it touch your heart to see them peering through Christmas

windows? Doesn't it make you wonder where our humanity and religion and churches are when you watch these hungry lambs of civilization? You may give them gold or a smile. That depends upon your circumstances. But give, for the Christmas Spirit is the impulse to give, and to give is to be happy.

And so we dedicate this number to those who believe in the Christmas Spirit; who have faith in humanity, in kindness and in friendship; who believe the human heart to have great depths of unselfishness: who can see ten times as much good in the world as bad. It is written for those who have charity, who can joy in the brightening of the eyes of hungry children. Let others turn from these pages. They will find little here for them.