

## SAID TO BE A COLLEGE GRADUATE

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### Royal E. Houghton Left an Unpaid Board Bill, but Took His Neighbor's Clothes—Held for Trial.

A young man who gave his name as Royal E. Houghton, and his address as 244 West Thirty-fourth Street, was arrested Thursday night on the complaint of William A. Wright of the same address on a charge of larceny.

Houghton claims to be a bookkeeper and a college graduate. He has been known also as Charles H. Houghton and Scott Baldwin. Wright is a produce dealer, and has lived in the house at 244 West Thirty-fourth Street for a number of years.

Houghton early in December hired a room and engaged board in the house from Mrs. Crusard, who conducts the place. He was well liked by the boarders, and seemed to be trying always to make himself pleasant. He disappeared Jan. 2, and at the same time Wright missed a new suit of clothes worth \$50, a new overcoat of the same value, and several pairs of trousers and shoes. Wright made inquiries, and found that Houghton owed Mrs. Crusard three weeks' board.

When Wright notified the police of the West Thirty-seventh Street Station two men were detailed on the case, and, by going to the Post Office, they learned that Houghton had lived at 142 West Thirty-first Street and 322 East Forty-first Street, where his mail had been sent. While accompanied by Wright they met him last night, at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street.

Houghton saw that he was caught, and walked up to Wright and shook hands with him. Wright then saw that Houghton was wearing his new overcoat, a new pair of shoes, and a new necktie that his daughter had given him for Christmas. Houghton admitted that all the property belonged to Wright, and said that he had taken it because he was hard up, and had no money to buy new clothes with.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday Houghton pleaded that it was his first offense. Magistrate Flammer held him for trial in \$500 bail.

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