



Little Dorothy said: "I am sure he will come. With his sleigh full of toys, and his reindeer that run. But as swift as the wind, 'cause they must get away. To take Santa Claus home again 'fore Christmas day."

I really can't tell you where the Claus people dwell. But it must be in Fairyland, 'cause we know well. That in bringing such presents, so many and fine. Our real fairy-god-mothers must work yours and mine.

Now when you have grown up into big pa's and ma's. If you think yourselves wise and be- lieve there's no Claus. When 'till steal past your house very quiet and sly. And he won't leave a thing so your children will cry.

That's what my Mamma says, so I know it is true. And for that very reason I tell it to you. There is no one so sad on a bright Christmas day. As the boy or girl Santa Claus missed on his way.

He's a jolly old fellow, but as shy as can be. And no one e'er saw him hanging gifts on the tree. But we all know he does 'cause we find them there soon. As the first streaks of daylight creep into the room.

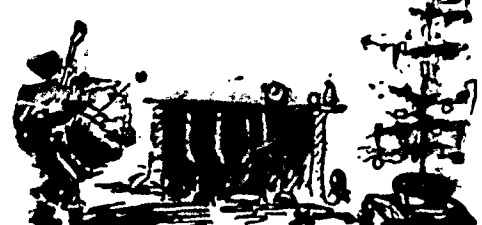
And he's awfully wise, and it's true that he knows. Where the good children live, and the bad children grow. And he knows all about one-finger-washed faces. So in making his calls he just skips by such places.

I suppose where he lives it's as clean and so white. That the least speck of dirt just gives him a fright. And to please him, of course, you must go off to bed. With your faces as clean as the pillows and spread.

I don't know for sure, but I expect Mrs. Claus. Elides along with St. Nick to remind him of flaws. Being careless is one; romping late on the street; Being rude and unkind, 'stead of thoughtful and sweet.

There's no use of trying, you can't fool Mr. Claus. For he knows all about it—he's wise as our pa's. But he smiles when he sees us tucked snugly in bed. And approvingly nods if our prayers have been said.

So when morning light dawns, and the night shadows flee. You can hop out of bed and run straight to your tree. For I'm perfectly sure 'mong the gifts hanging there. You will find a big drum and dolls with real hair.



Would Do in Either Case.

Santa Claus was in a quandry. He thrust his hands into his pockets and gazed despairingly at the stocking suspended in limp supplication from the mantel-piece. Then he turned it inside out and inspected it. Next, he idly counted its checks. He looked at the offending stocking this way and that with growing ire; he pulled it, he pinched it, he turned it, he twisted it, he fingered it in every way in an agony of indecision. When every hope had deserted him, he stood off and, reckless of discovery, puffed vigorously upon his pipe. And then a bright idea came to his relief.

"Well," he muttered, chuckling at his escape, "but me if in these days, I can tell whether you're a man's or a woman's, but a bicycle lamp is sure to suit either way."

Only Got a V.
Van Isho—Did you hang up your stocking?
Ten Broke—No, my dress suit—and I only got \$5 on it.

He Knew.
Willie—Santa Claus only brings presents to good little boys.
Tom (confidentially)—Yes, but he's easily fooled.

An International Complication.
"This Christmas any one would know that Bobbs was a Briton and his wife an American."
"For what reason?"
"They're having a sealskin dispute and they can't even settle it by arbitration."

Lucky Escape.
Mrs. Upjohn—It was about \$55 we raised for the poor of our parish wasn't it?
Mrs. Elghese—It was \$55 exactly.
Mrs. Upjohn—My husband told me this morning that nearly half of it was donated by a good-natured sort of fellow who gambles. He won it at cards, and turned it over to our fund.

Mrs. Elghese—Well, I'm thankful we didn't find it out till the money was all disposed of—Chicago Tribune.



When Xmas is over and Jack Horner is in bed from too much plume or happily escaped to school there is sometimes a van of debris, and what to do with it is the question. To burn it with the Christmas tree seems a sort of holocaust.

Then, in moving, or the outgrowth and changing of time—to throw them away seems impossible, and to store them in chests, closets or spare rooms—"hants" are not a circumstance to the crowd of memories that fill the place—sometimes such sad ones.

These hapless of life's possessions—such toys—may be made a joy for— and things of beauty often, and fun. With some imagination, a little ingenuity and an hour of effort they may be called play for mother and children, many useful keepsakes for the immediate family and intimate friends may be made of old toys or nursery books outgrown.

Given a box of tools the Christmas tree itself will be a source of amusement for many rainy days. With a hint now and then many pretty presents may be made from the smaller branches. A key rod, a pen rack, etc.—some screw with loops and hooks.

An old linen "Cinderella" will make a pretty gift for the sister away at school. Make an outside cover of brown holland, either new or of an outgrown child's apron. If old, do it up new and paint on it in picturesque letters. "A thing of shreds and patches." Add a leaf of pretty hannel, and on this stick threads needles in various colors of silk and cotton. This will come in very handy when sister is in a hurry. If leaves are added to her school dresses for rents these may be useful.

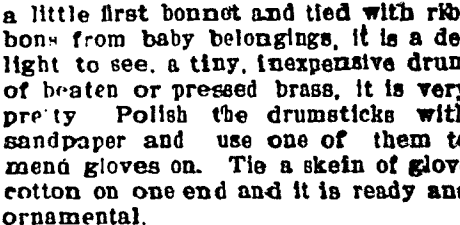
An old racket cover painted "Stage snow" in fancy letters—this to hold drifts of paper and scraps that somehow will fall in the nursery or elsewhere.



The "merry thought" of the Christmas dinner turkey will make a pen-wiper for some other absent one, dressed up. Brother at college would like a "tea cosy" of a little silk flag converted into a liberty cap and wadded and lined. Two more flags would make a pretty sofa cushion or head rest, tied with "bunting ribbon." Dozens of suggestions are at hand, but given the idea, every one will use it at pleasure. One article I will describe which gave a happy day to the children and promises success for time to come. Baby broke open his first drum to see where the sound came from and his drum has been made into a work basket. Lined with the silk of a little first bonnet and tied with ribbons from baby belongings, it is a delight to see, a tiny, inexpensive drum of beaten or pressed brass, it is very pretty. Polish the drumsticks with sandpaper and use one of them to mend gloves on. Tie a skein of glove cotton on one end and it is ready and ornamental.

On the other drumstick tie loops of ribbon slipped from little dress socks or cut from anything not an use. It may be of one color or in many colors. On one loop fasten an emery bag, on another a little bower-like bag for a thimble, etc. Baby slippers will make a spool case and a scissors case with the addition of tapes or ribbons.

The "stitch in time that saved nine" will surely be less irksome if the implements come to hand ready with a thousand pictures of happy, dear children. With a resourceful mother or mother's help emery may never enter the nursery and rainy days will be as fruitful of joy and pleasure in the home kindergarten as out of doors to the other flowers.



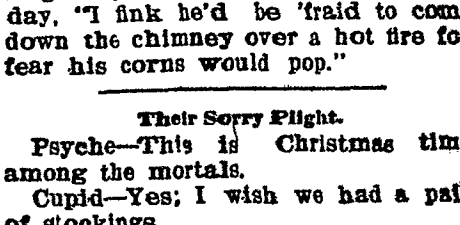
Pop Corn!

If Santa Claus has corns the same as grandpa," said a wee girl the other day. "I think he'd be 'traid to come down the chimney over a hot fire for fear his corns would pop."

Their Sorry Flight.
Psyche—This is Christmas time among the mortals.
Cupid—Yes, I wish we had a pair of stockings.

Cheap Presents.
Perdita—With as many admirers as you have, it must have been a rather expensive Christmas for you.
Penelope—Oh, not at all. I merely gave them each more or less encouragement.

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Christmas is First For the Children

A child brought us Christmas, fitting that its celebration should center in child life.

So in all the Christmas preparations here, the Big Holiday Basement is the inspiration. From it, the Christmas spirit permeates every nook and corner of the big store. It is of the children we think first in our Christmas planning, send over to Germany and France more than a year in advance, to gather the toys in which the children delight. It is the Holiday Basement which first takes on Christmas dress. All the store is decked with Christmas greens now. But for a moment, let us think of the toy store, its surprising gathering of everything to amuse the children, its splendid values.

Here are some special items to help you hurry Christmas buying, so that we shall not be so crowded as not to serve you satisfactorily at the last.

- 10 1/2 inch jointed bisque Doll with curled wig, we make it half price, 50c.
- 16 inch yarn Jester Doll all equipped with cap and bells, a 45c toy for 35c.
- 18 1/2 inch Kestner Doll with jointed body, fine bisque head and sewed wig, \$1.15 article by our close standard, for 88c.
- 20 inch jointed bisque Doll, a blonde beauty, lace trimmed silk morning gown, \$1.50 article, for \$1.
- 19 1/2 inch iron Ice Wagon, two horses, artificial ice, 38c.
- 15 1/2 inch iron Fire Chief's Wagon, 38c.
- 15 inch iron two-horse Cutter, finished with silver and gilt, 38c.
- Iron Fire Patrol, 38c.
- 11 inch three-horse iron Fire Wagon, 18c.
- Iron Southern Dump cart and Mule, 18c.
- 12 inch iron Delivery Wagon and Horse, 18c.
- 12 inch iron Buckboard and Horse, 18c.
- 25 inch nickel Train—engine and 3 passenger cars, 18c.

Ostrich Collars.

Quite or almost half prices on three grades of 18 inch Ostrich Collars.
\$1.35 Collars for 75c.
\$2 Collars for \$1.
\$3 Collars for \$2.

Belt Buckles.

There is a Basement counter which makes a very pretty display of inexpensive Belt Buckles. Oxidized, gilt and enameled Buckles with jewel settings, also plain black Buckles, 10c, 15c, 18c and 25c each.

Umbrellas for Gifts.

The person who has not thought of an Umbrella in the line of a Christmas gift during the last two or three days, must have kept well within doors.

Years ago when Umbrellas were all alike, one would have been a sort of prosaic present, but now it's different. There's fineness of cover and strength of frame and rod, but it is not these which make them so desirable for gifts—their handles. Here you are permitted to discriminate, exercise taste, gratify any whim or fancy you may have, spend as little or quite as much as you like.

There are few places in the country which would give you so much to choose from as our Umbrella store.

Ladies' Umbrellas.

- At 25c—Cotton Umbrellas with oak loop handles.
- At 39c—Cotton Umbrellas, steel rods.
- At 50c—Cotton Umbrellas, steel rods, plain and trimmed oak loop handles.
- At 75c—Cotton Umbrellas with congo handles.
- At \$1—Silk mixed Umbrellas with plain and trimmed congo and fancy handles.
- At \$1.25—Silk mixed Umbrellas with congo loop handles, plain and trimmed, gun metal handles, horn handles, plain and trimmed Princess of Wales handles.

At \$1.50—Silk mixed Umbrellas with plain and trimmed congo loop and horn and ivory handles.

At \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50—Silk mixed Umbrellas with plain and trimmed congo handles.

At \$3.50 to \$5—Fine silk mixed Umbrellas, long pearl handles with gold and silver tops, ivory trimmed handles, sterling silver hooks, long ivory handles with silver and gold trimmings.

Ladies' colored silk Umbrellas, all the popular shades with Princess of Wales handles and tassels to match cover, choice natural handles, Dresden and pearl handles trimmed with silver.

Men's Umbrellas.

- At 50c—Cotton Umbrellas, steel rod, plain and trimmed congo sticks.
- At 75c to \$1—Cotton Umbrellas, steel rods, plain and trimmed congo crooks.
- At \$1.25 to \$2—Silk mixed serge and taffeta silk Umbrellas with plain and trimmed congo handles, plain horn hooks, silver trimmed horn, choice natural hooks in light wood scorched.
- At \$2 to \$3.50—Silk mixed serge and taffeta silk Umbrellas with choice congo crooks plain and trimmed, with large silver caps; horn hooks plain and trimmed.
- At \$3.50 to \$7.50—Silk mixed serge and taffeta silk Umbrellas with natural crooks with silver caps and patches, fine horn plain and trimmed, ivory plain and trimmed.
- Perhaps the novelty of the season in men's Umbrellas is one at \$5—all silk taffeta cover, John Rose frame, made to roll very closely, natural handle.

Children's Umbrellas.

- At 25c and 35c—Cotton Umbrellas with oak loop handle.
- At 50c—Cotton Umbrellas with plain and trimmed oak loops and celluloid handles.
- At 75c—Cotton Umbrellas with trimmed celluloid and natural handles.
- At \$1 to \$2—Silk mixed Umbrellas, steel rods, fine assortment of fancy handles.

- Doll's Dresser—hard wood, antique finish, six drawers and large mirror, 38c.
- 3 piece wooden Pastry Set—rolling pin, bread bowl, potato masher, 50c.
- Roll top, hard wood, natural finished Writing Desk, 54 1/2 inches high, 23 1/2 inches wide, sliding bed, large drawer and shelf underneath, \$1.95.
- Torpedo Boat "Porter", 14 1/2 inches long, propelled by steam, 90c.
- "Hudson" Torpedo Boat, 17 1/2 inches long, propelled by steam, \$1.25.
- Reversible brass Steam Engine with whistle, \$1.50.
- Crokinole Boards, 88c, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$2.
- Combination Carroms and Crokinole Boards \$3.50.
- Crown combination Boards, twenty games may be played with them, \$3 and \$4.
- Archery Boards, from \$2.25 up.
- Puff Billiards, A French society game, \$10.

Ladies Velveteen Waists.

Who will be among the lucky fifty to get one of these Velveteen Waists? We have just an even half hundred of these Velveteen Waists. They come to us out of usual merchandising channels, and as they go to you. Stripe effects: Red and black. Black and white. Brown and tan. Loose fronts, adjustable stock collar, dress sleeves, \$8.88, price, \$2.49.

Leggings.

Everything which our Shoe store does is eminently worthy your attention. The way it sells Leggings just now: Children's wool Jersey Leggings, 60c. Misses' wool Jersey Leggings, 65c. Ladies' knee length, all button wool Jersey Leggings, 65c. Ladies' extra high cut wool Jersey Leggings, 75c.

Chateaufaines.

Only transportation time between these counters and the German makers, for these Chateaufaines; they are just here. Seventy-five different styles. Some of silk, beautifully braided. Some of silk, trimmed with jet. Some of lace braided and jetted. Some all jet. Priced from 45c to \$3.50.

Slippers for Men

For a number of years, our Shoe store was a ladies' and children's store, except at Christmas time and that we sold Slippers. About nine months ago, it began to sell men's shoes as well as ladies'—we sell men's shoes. And our assortment of men's shoes, makes us better equipped to supply the slippers for men's slippers are not an incidental feature of permanent part of the business.

The finer slippers are in three price lots at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.50. The \$1.50 slippers are excellent value, the \$2.50 slippers are \$1.50, the \$3.50 slippers, \$2.50. At 98c a pair—six different styles of men's slippers, tan opera, Everett and ties, and black opera, Everett. These are fine Vici kid, have turn soles. At \$1.25 a pair—six styles of men's slippers, black tan kid in opera and Everett styles, hand made, all kid. At \$1.50 a pair—four styles of men's slippers, black tan slippers all kid lined—two styles, and plain black Vici kid lined. At 75c a pair—men's black and tan imitation all kid slippers; they are worth a dollar. At 49c a pair—men's imitation all kid slippers and brodered slippers.

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