

WHEN BILLIE SAW SANTA CLAUS

By W.H. Pierce

HELLO there, Mr. Santa Claus!
I've caught you now, all right!
I know it's surely you, because
Your hair's so long and white,
An' cause your whiskers all stick out
So funny 'round your face.
Oh, no, there ain't the leastest doubt,
Cause here's the very place
That mamma said I'd find you at
Edzactly tw-e-e-ve at night.
An' so it's mighty lucky that
I heard it strike, all right.
You'll have to 'cuse me 'cause I've got
Only my nightie on;
I had to hurry 'cause I thought
Maybe you might be gone.



Last Christmas I was awful small,
An' when I went to bed
I couldn't stay awake at all—
Oh, such a sleepy head!
But then, I guess you're just as glad
To see me here tonight,
'Cause I ain't ever awful bad,
So everythin's all right,
Where did you leave your reindeer—say?
I didn't hear the bells.
Up on the roof? Well, anyway,
When Tommy has his "spells"
He says the aw'f'lest things he can
An' makes me mad, because
He says there ain't no reindeer, an'
There ain't no Santa Claus!

Yes, that's my stocking over there—
I knew you'd surely come;
Tommy hung up that bag—'tain't fair,
But then, he wants a drum;
You've got such heaps of things that you
Will fill 'em both, an' more;
Well, then, I'll tell you what to do—
Just put 'em on the floor;
You'll have to write the names on each.
An' don't miss one at all,
Or else that Tommy—he's a peach—
Will surely get 'em all!
Oh, there's a humming top—an' there—
A truly gun that shoots;
An'—say! Why Santa, I declare,
You've got on daddy's boot!



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by Will M. Maupin

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'Cause spite o' all they say t' me they can't
make me believe
There ain't no such a jolly saint as good o'
Santa Claus;
An' that th' presents that we git is brung by
ma's and pa's.
I'm confident that I am right as any one
can be—
Of course there is a Santa Claus:
You Can't Fool Mel

Of course our ma's and pa's must wait
till children are asleep
T' show ol' Santa where t' leave th' presents
in a heap.
He's such a busy feller that he ain't got
time t' chat,
But has t' hustle mighty fast t' find where
kids is at.
An' that is why you can't see him; he's busy
as can be—
Of course there is a Santa Claus:
You Can't Fool Mel

He rides upon th' snowstorms, no matter
how they blow;
He's faster than a bullet when he gits right
up t' go.
An' there's so many poor kids that's a livin'
on his "route"
He often leaves th' presents for our parents
t' hand out.
That fools-th' fellers thinkin' they are wise as
they can be—
But I know there is a Santa Claus:
You Can't Fool Mel

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at this particular time prevented Mars
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The world, says a scientist, is full
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only to the candidate's manager.

The unsolved riddle of the country
is the woman who has her hubby ar-
rested for beating her and then sobs
and cries to the judge to let the brute
go free.

Last fall, coal was reported higher
in many parts because there had been
a strike. This year it is reported
higher, presumably because there has
been no strike.

"You can fool some of the people all
of the time," said Lincoln. And ever
since it has been this particular group
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By MRS. ANSEL OPPENHEIM

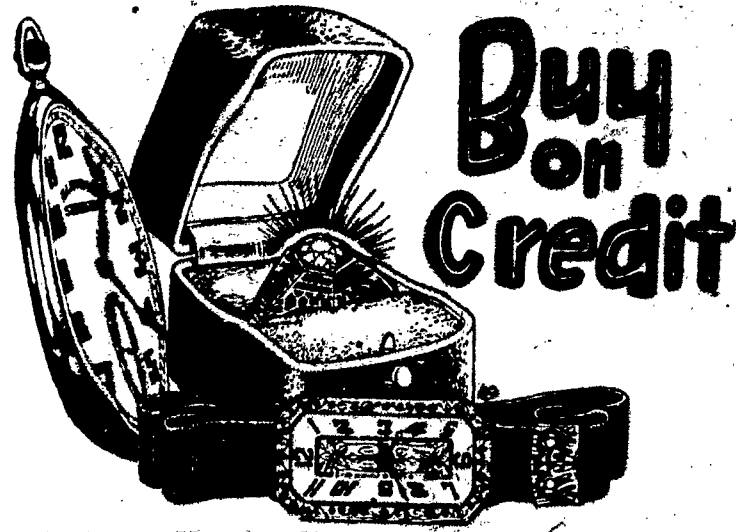
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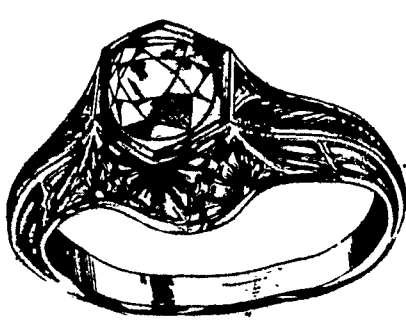


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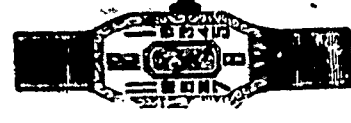
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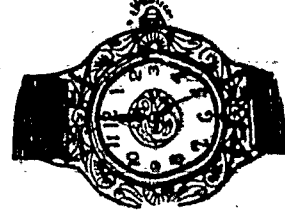
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