

WHEN BILLIE SAW SANTA CLAUS

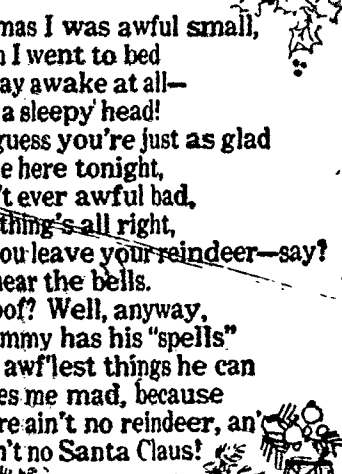
By W.H. Pierce

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
Edactly tw-e-ive at night.
An' so it's mighty lucky that
I heard it strike, all right.
You'll have to 'scuse me 'cause I've got
Only my nightie on;
I had to hurry 'cause I thought
Maybe you might be gone.

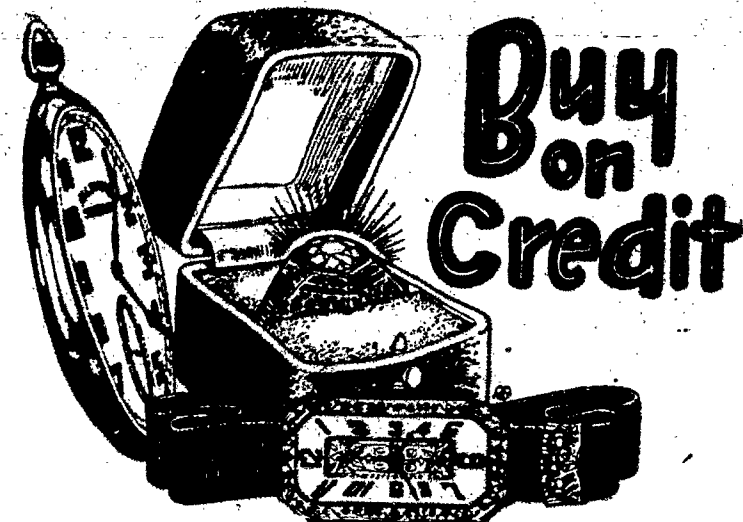


Last Christmas I was awful small,
An' when I went to bed
I couldn't stay awake at all—
Oh, such a sleepy head!
But then, I guess you're just as glad
To see me here tonight,
'Cause I ain't ever awful bad,
So everything's all right,
Where did you leave your reindeer—say?
I didn't hear the bells.
Up on the roof? Well, anyway,
When Tommy has his "spells"
He says the awf'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 boots!



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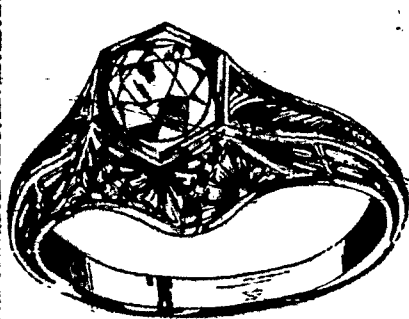


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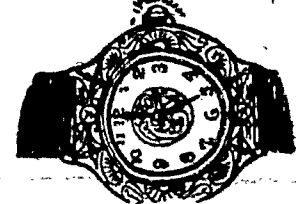
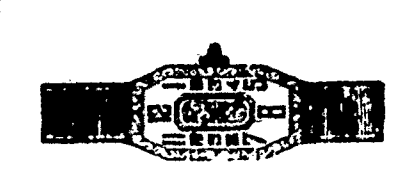
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Little Willie Wise Boy

By Will M. Maubin



Some fellows think I'm kind-o soft an' easy 't' deceive,
'Cause spite o' all they say t' me they can't make me believe
There ain't no such a jolly saint as good ol' 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 Me!

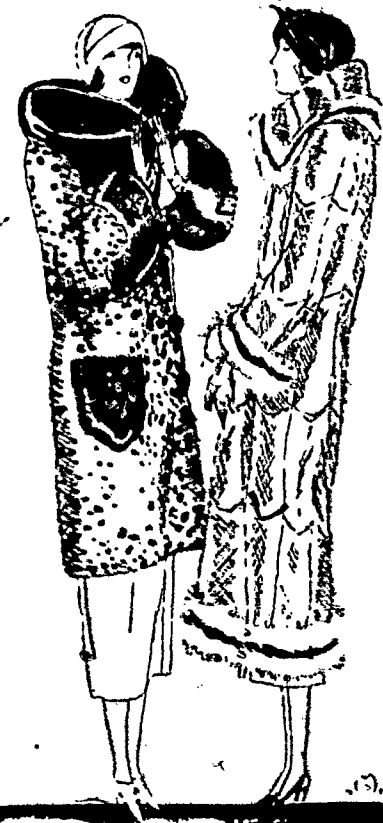
Of course our ma's and pa's must wait till children are asleep
T' show ol' Santa where t' leave th' presents in a heap.
He's such a busy feller that he ain't got time t' chat,
But has t' hustle mighty fast t' find where kids is at.
An' that is why you can't see him; he's busy as can be—
Of course there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

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:
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Failure to establish communication at this particular time prevented Mars from hearing some of the biggest baseball news ever in circulation.
The world, says a scientist, is full of sounds inaudible to the ordinary ear. And many an ovation is audible only to the candidate's manager.
The unsolved riddle of the country is the woman who has her hubby arrested 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 on which the professional office-hunter has lavished most of his attention.

A Merry Christmas

By MRS. ANSEL OPPENHEIM
THE greeting that we send,
No matter whence or to be,
This saved me "A Merry Christmas
And a God New Year."
In signs and symbol only
Of what within the spirit dwells,
Of love, good will and kindly thoughts—
Of many memories dear
That hidden lie within the depths
Of truer understandings.
Like shining stars of peace
Within our wondrous sunset seas.
The Germans may figure out with statistics that traveling in a Zeppelin is safer than traveling in a street car, but it will take something more than statistics to convince most strap-hangers.

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