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Dear Santa Claus: Would you let me know
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To tend the reindeer and keep them fed,
To polish the bells and paint the sled,
To hold your coat and to find your hat,
To think of the places your friends are at?
You've got such a lot to keep you busy,
That you need some help, or you'll just go dizzy.

I'd count your packages, keep them straight,
And tell you the time so you wouldn't be late,
I'd sort the things as you'd make your calls,
So no girls would get guns and no boys would get dolls.

I'd keep you warned if guys were awake,
I'd watch for the goofs who say you're a fake,
Then I'd take my turn at driving the deer,
And in and out through the stars I'd steer,
I'd study a map of the sky's best roads,
So we'd make good time with our Christmas loads,
And I'd keep the deer from putting a hoof
In a chimney or down through a roof

There'd be angels riding the Christmas sky;
I'd jingle the bells as they'd pass us by,
And we'd hear them say on the frosty air,
"There's Santa Claus and his new chauffeur."

And when we'd be through, we could park the sled
At my window at home—it's beside my bed,
We'd just hop in and I'd go to sleep,
You could stay around and I wouldn't peep,
So you'd have a chance, before going away,
To find my stocking and leave my pay.

I hope you'll employ me, I need a job,
I'd be strictly honest, I wouldn't rob,
I'm sort of young, but I'm very willing,
And I'd work real hard at a job so thrilling;
And Dad and Mum would be tickled because
Their son was working for Santa Claus,
When you're answering "yes," please tell me, too,
If you'll let me have whiskers, just like you,
NANKY POO.

**The Wild Man of Borneo Is Not
So Wild, Says Missionary Bishop
Who Has Been On Island 25 Years**

Even the Head-Hunters Can Be Loved, Says Bishop Bos
—Catholic Schools Are Doing Good Work
For the Children.

(Hides Service)
Valencia City, Dec. 19.—Borneo, the
putted place of origin for the famed
wild man of the circus, is indeed
wild, but within the savage breasts
of its aborigines beat kind and gen-
erous hearts. Twenty-five years of
apostolate among the Dyaks have
taught Bishop Pacific Bos, O.M.Cap.,
that even head-hunters can be loved.
So declared His Lordship in passage
through Rome on his way to Holland
where an elaborate celebration was
held for the silver jubilee of the
foundation of his remarkable mis-
sion, the Vicariate of Dutch Borneo,
and of his nomination as head of this
territory.

"The native of Borneo is a sage,"
said the kindly old veteran
with a smile, "but he is not savage
in his ways. In my 25 years with
him I have never found myself in
danger from him. When we pio-
neers first arrived we were cautious
in entering the huts but today there
is no cabin on the island which I
would not enter alone. I recall only
one missionary who met bodily harm
from them and this was through er-
ror. The priest approached a pagan
home unguardedly, believing he was
visiting a Catholic, and received ugly
knife gashes on the breast and leg.

Little Development Here
"Borneo is the largest island in the
East Indies, 22 times the size of Hol-
land. Three-fourths is Dutch, while
the northern fourth is English.
Thus far very little development has
been possible. When we arrived in

1905 there were no roads and no
navigation routes on the waterways.
Even today there is but one modern
road some 200 kilometers long. Oil
and rubber are now extracted.

There are about 1,000 Europeans,
some three or four thousand Arabs,
and 70,000 Chinese who are the mer-
chants. The Dyaks, then, total a
million and a half and live thinly
distributed throughout the interior
retreating before civilization.

90 Catholic Schools
"Our one successful instrument in
reducing them from nomadic life to
stable Christianity is the school. We
find them ready to improve their
children—and though progress has
been slow, we count some 6,000 na-
tives besides the 700 foreign Catho-
lics. Twenty-five Capuchin priests
and 20 brothers make up the per-
sonnel and we have some 30 schools.
Interesting work has been done
among the Chinese.

"Our Dyaks make a hard field for
Christianity," concluded His Lord-
ship, "but they are a good-hearted
people. The fruits, very small,
but the consolations are great as I
look back on my 25 years in the
Jungle."
Bishop Bos was born at Ilden in
Brabant, Holland. Ordained as a
Capuchin in 1889, he taught for 14
years and then in 1903 was named
provincial. When Rome proposed
the difficult Borneo mission to his
province he determined to be the first
into the field and thus became head
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**The Efficacy of
The Mass**

If we have any doubts about the
efficacy of the Mass to obtain grace,
let us reflect on what takes place at
the essential parts of the Sacrifice.

The priest at the moment of the
Consecration, offers all the sufferings
of Jesus, and Our Lord Himself,
pleads for us with His open wounds,
His parched tongue, His desolation
of spirit, and His unspcakable love
for souls. When we offer our peti-
tions at Mass, they are presented to
Our Heavenly Father together with
all the efficacy of the death of Jesus
on the Cross.

This means that one prayer offered
at Mass is worth hundreds of pray-
ers offered at other times. Some
say that they can pray as well at
home as at Mass. They may pray
as well but not with the same effi-
cacy. Our prayers at home are good,
but they are of small value when
compared with those offered during
Mass.

Every day we meet people who are
complaining of their want of many
things. Some want temporal and
others spiritual favors. Some wish
to overcome some temptation, others
want to be relieved from anxiety. If
these people only knew the power
and the efficacy of the Holy Sacri-
fice!

**Crack Appears
In The Cathedral
Of Tours, France**

Paris, Dec. 19.—Residents of
Tours were startled the other day
when a crack 70 yards in length ap-
peared in the wall of the north
tower of Tours Cathedral. The
Mayor of Tours immediately took
measures to prevent such a catas-
trophe as occurred with the collapse
of Chateaugay's Tower a few years
ago.

Traffic was ordered halted in ad-
joining streets, while an effort was
made to prevent the tower's col-
lapse by concrete reinforcements
until permanent repairs can be ef-
fected.

The tower of Tours Cathedral
dates from the twelfth century, with
a summit added in the sixteenth cen-
tury.

Children Asleep

The night is still, the tides of sleep
are flowing
Fluently, tenderly, over, beneath,
above
Their delicate limbs and quenching
their eyes' bright glowing;
Remote from my care they seem
and my brooding love,

I pause beside each bed, bend o'er
the little sleepers
With awe, quiescent heart and
reverent will,
Raising a prayer that their great
angelic keepers
Will watch and guard them, lying
so meek and still.

Solemn night's stillness, solemn the
starry wreathing
Wherewith the arching heavens
are glistening fair;
Naught do I hear but the sound of
their gentle breathing
And my gaze is lost in a tangle of
innocent hair.

To what far strands or magic isles
are you faring,
O little sleepers of mine, o'er what
dim seas?
Not only this is the voyage we'll not
be sharing;
And you will know more perilous
waters than these. . . .

Softly I leave them, alone in the
dark night sleeping,
Profound in their trust, lying so
meek and mild,
Softly I leave them content in the
perfect sleeping
Of a love more mighty than mine,
I too a child,
—John Bunker in
"The Commonweal."

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Presents Youth
A Scholarship**

Syracuse, Dec. 19.—George Farrell,
19 years old, National Broadcasting
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nouncer and baritone.

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