

Democrat Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., Dec. 14, 1900.

IF I WERE SANTA CLAUS.

If I were only Santa Claus, And Santa Claus was me, I'd show him just what a good Old Santa Claus I'd be.

THE KID HANGS UP HIS STOCKING.

The clock in the West-Side Lodging-house ticked off the seconds of Christmas eve as slowly and methodically as if six fat turkeys were not sizzling in the basement kitchen against the morrow's spread.

A door at the end of the hall creaked, and a head with a shock of weather-beaten hair was stuck cautiously through the opening.

"Hi, Tom! Come up an' git on ter de lay of de kid." "Tom!" it said in a stage-whisper.

"Hello!" shouted Stretch, sitting up with a jerk and rubbing his eyes. "Yes, sir! In a minute. Hello, kid, what to—"

"The kid was standing barefooted in the passageway, with a bare foot on each hand and a trumpet and a pair of drunks in the other, viewing with shining eyes the wagon and its cargo, the gun and all the rest.

"Come up an' see," said Tom, briefly, and led the way. The whole hall followed on tiptoe. At the foot of the stairs their leader halted.

"You don't make no noise," he said, with a menacing gesture. "You, Savoy!" — to one in a patched shirt and with a mischievous twinkle.

With this admonition they stole upstairs. In the last cot of the double tier of bunks a boy much smaller than the rest slept, snugly tucked in the blankets.

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reputations flung at "craps" in secret corners. The inquiry developed an available surplus of three dollars and fifty cents. Savoy alone had no account; the run of craps had recently gone heavily against him.

"The procession that returned to the lodging-house later on, after wearing out the patience of several belated store-keepers, might have been the very Santa's supply-train itself.

"He's a-dreamin' that Santy Claus has come," he said, carefully working a baseball bat past the tender spot in his stocking.

"Hully Gee!" commented Shorty, balancing a drum with care on the end of it. "I'm thinkin' he ain't far out. Looks 'f de hull shop'd come along."

It did when it was all in place. A trumpet and a gun that had made their perilous efforts to join the bat in the stocking leaned against the bed in expectant attitudes.

When it was all done the boys turned in, but not to sleep. It was long past midnight before the deep and regular breathing from the beds proclaimed that the last had succumbed.

"The early dawn was tinging the frosty window-panes with red when from the kid's cot there came a shriek that roused the house with a start of very genuine surprise.

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Saw Wife Burn to Death.

From the top of the barn where he and his son were working, Frank Allen, of Wallingford, Conn., saw his wife burn to death in the rear yard of his home.

When screams from the house attracted their attention young Allen rushed for the ladder by which he and his father had reached the barn roof.

A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.—"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation!" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt.

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in 20 minutes.

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Tourists. The Shortest and Quickest Line to Denver. Is from St. Louis via the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The Boxes of Chins. Are attempting to solve a gigantic problem, but they are going about it in the wrong way and will never succeed.

Remarkable Skin Grafting. Twelve young boys lined up at the bedside of Felix Maehut, in Chicago, bared their arms and allowed surgeons to slice from two to four inches of skin from their arms directly over the biceps.

New Advertisements. From Chicago via Chicago, Union Pacific and North-Western Line, September 4th and 15th, good returning until Oct. 21st.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD BRANCHES. Schedule in effect May 28th, 1900.

VIA TYRONE—WESTWARD. Leave Bellefonte, 9:53 a. m., arrive at Tyrone 11:00 a. m., at Altoona, 1:00 p. m., at Pottsville, 3:00 p. m., at Harrisburg, 6:45 p. m., at Philadelphia, 10:20 p. m.

Table with columns: NORTHWARD, SOUTHWARD, MAIL, EXPRESS, and times for various stations including Tyrone, Altoona, Pottsville, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia.

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Trains from Montandon, Lewisburg, Williamsport, Lock Haven and Tyrone connect with train No. 3 and 5 for State College. Trains from State College connect with Penna. R. R. trains at Bellefonte. † Daily, except Sunday.