

hole in it at the top for you to put the things in. Plese bring me a dolis pram. If it is too big to put in my stocking plese tie it outside where I can see it. Dear Santa Claus I do like butter scotch. Plese not forget to bring some, also some nuts and or-anges. My teacher tells me you will bed at we foce to see if I have been **book** at my face to see if I have been good. I am norty sometimes but plese don't forget me, and bring a horse for my little Tommy and a squeak cat for



the baby. I love you very much and ope you will not forget poor little Jimmy who lives at Hope Cottage. For individuality, and expression of

My Dear Santa Claus

My Dear Santa Claus I have been counting up the weeks to Christmas and am longing for the ime to come. You have put something n my stocking lots of times, so please Dear Santa Claus, remember me again. Last year I wanted a dear lit-le baby a real live one you know but t suppose it was too cold, and besides I did not write to you as I am doing now, so it did not come. Please bring me one this year, a little girl if you can. I have saved money enough to buy a cradle, and I can get plenty of flannelette to keep it warm. As ba-bles are so expensive I will not ask for anything else for myself. Please bring a chooky pig for my little Clem-ent. He will be nearly two years old He will be nearly two years old ent. then. Good-bye dear Daddy Christthen. Good-bye dear Daddy Christ-mas, with my best love, hoping you will not forget little Gertle. . **P.S.**—If you really do manage to bring the baby, please not forget the feeding buttle.

feeding bottle

GETTING AN EARLY START.



THE DESTROYING ANGEL BY CARL SMITH

Oh, the whuffy-duff was the prettiest bird That a toy shop ever knew, With a great, long tail and with goose-quill wings, And a glass eye good and true: But his wings are gone and his tail's publed out.

pulled out, And his head is twisted awry, For the goo-goo has torn him limb from limb, And has swallowed the whuffy-duff's

The ooglety-dum had a wobbling head, And a nice, round, curving horn, And a tail that would almost wag it-

self, And a nose turned up in scorn; But the ooglety-dum isn't scornful

now— He is meek and as sad as can be, For the goo-goo has torn his short horn

off And has broken his tall in three.

The whank-whank-whank used to

The whank-whank, whank, used to squeak her joy— That is, when properly pressed— With a voice that was hidden away somewhere In the depths of her hollow breast; But I wish you could see the hapless

That is lying here on the bed; Oh, the whank-whank has a ghastly look Since the goo-goo tore off her head.

And yet, in spite of her deadly work, The goo-goo is dear to me:
Though she kill and maim I shall love her still,
And her comrade in crime I'll be,
For when I turned and looked just now
Where she lay in her trundle bed,
She reached me the wreck of the oogle-ty-dum.

ty-dum, "Papa" i And

Papa" is what she said. —The Ladies' Home Journal.

IN POVERTY ROW.



One of Theyn Had to Surrender During the revolution a little Ameri-can privateer stole up on a British line of battle ship in a fog, mistaking her for an East India merchant, and

THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

CHRISTMAS AT KENO. Hard Luck Hankins' Tree Was Decorated.

"Speakin of Christmas trees," said Cyclone Murphy as he snuffed a candle on the topmost twig of the Keno Gulch Sunday school tree with his trusty six shooter and then nipped remonstrance in the bud by getting the drop on the Sunday school superintendent, "re-minds me of a galoot named Hard Luck Hankins who lived up on Tenderfoot minds me of a galoot named Hard Luck Hankins, who lived up on Tenderfoot ridge and who was the biggest kicker that ever kicked. This yere Hard Luck Hankins lived in a cabin on top of the ridge and p'tended ex how he was a miner, but he didn't never see in to mine anything and was ginerally regarded ez a feller without visible means of sup-port. Some folks said he was a road agent and others opined ez how hoss stealin might be the mine he was workin.

stealin might be the mine to have workin. "The only thing Keno Gulch ever really knowed him to be doin was put-tin up a powerful kick about one thing months. He allers had some hard er another. He allers had some hard luck story to tell, and that was why

luck story to tell, and that was why folks called him Hard Luck Hankins. "There wasn't a decent lookin tree on top of the hull ridge except one, and that tree was a mighty handsome pine that stood right in front of Hard Luck Hankins' shanty. 'She's my old Christ-mas tree,' Hankins would growl every time Christmas come around, 'but, dern her ole hide, Santy Claws don't never hang nothin on her fer me.' "That was jes' Hard Luck's pesky and onery way—allers kickin about somethin—and that handsome tree nev-er havin anything hangin on it fer him

somethin—and that handsome tree nev-er havin anything hangin on it fer him seemed to rile him 'specially every year. 'What's the use havin a blame Christ-mas tree that never don't have nothin hangin on to it?' he'd growl. 'Have a dern good notion to cut her down!' ''This went on year after year, and the boys kep' a-wonderin and a-won-derin how Hard Luck got a livin. One Christmas eve they found out, and it put an end to Hard Luck's quarrel with his big pine Christmas tree. ''Fer the very first Christmas sence Hard Luck had been livin in Keno there was somethin hangin on his Christmas

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Was sometime many trees, "What was it?" repeated Cyclone Murphy as he sunffed another candle. "Why, it was old Hard Luck Hankins hisself, and he was-kickin-ez-usual, and kickin with both feet."—Selected.

FATHER CHRISTMAS.

A Suggestion to the Boys For Christ-mas Celebrations.

mus Celebrations. Why couldn't our boys get up some holiday plays similar to the immemo-rial "Father Christmas" play, in which the lads of Merrie England have so much fun? The origin of this play is lost in antiquity, but it deals with knights and their adventures, certain of which challence and fight the fol. of which challenge and fight the fol-lowers of Father Christmas, and are in turn routed, till Father Christmas and the Black Knight cope in mortal combat, the latter, of course, being worsted. bat, the latter, of course, being worsted. The boys are dressed in fantastio style, with tall paper caps on and pa-per fringe around their jackets, wear-ing masks to conceal their identity. They are called the "mummers," and go from house to house of their friends, invariably receiving a kind welcome and a little treat at the end of the per-formance. They also take up a penus formance. They also take up a penny collection, and everybody has a penny for the mummers who afford so much amusement. In our early history there is abun-dent come for the yout but here is abun-

In our early history there is abun-dant scope for the youthful playwrights, and the object of their performances in holiday week might be some charity in which boys are the beneficiaries, such as a treat of "goodies" to a dozen news-boys or bootblacks, to get supplies for a sick boy or the like. The Indian in our early history is as good as the knight element for a stir.

The Indian in our early history is as good as the knight element for a stir-ring play for mummers—Massasoit and his tribe, in war paint, feathers and blankets, on the one side, and on the other the prin Poritans, in broad brimmed hats and short breeches. Or the Pocahontas and Powhatan drama, with John Smith, the hero, and a band of cavaliers to make it lively. The boys of Boston Common and the red coated Britishers was an erisode to inspire their fraternity of today, and it would be great fun for our laddies in Christmas week to dress up and illuswould be great fun for our laddies in Christmas week to dress up and illus-trate the valor of their ancestors, as their English cousins annually com-memorate some otherwise forgotten achievement of feudal days.—Phila-delphia Boord delphia Record.

The Kissing Ball. A green ball to suspend over the Christmas dinner table is made by fas-tening two keg hoops together, one with-in the other, turning each way like an open globe. Twine princess pine around each heav and mut in sprince of holly each hoop and put in spriges of holly here and there. This indeed is similar to the old "kissing bunch," which is seen in many old fashioned homes in England. Two wooden hoops, one pass-ing through the other, decked with ever-greens in the center of which is home. greens, in the center of which is hung a "crown" of rosy apples and a sprig of mistletoe. Beneath it there are much kissing and romping and the carol singers stand beneath it and sing their -Selected.

The Hazleton Sentinel says the farmers around Conyngham feel like ki_king themselves for not selling their potatoes some weeks ago when they were worth from 80 to 90 cents a bushel. They hoped that potatoes would advance with the coming of cold weather and so held on to them. But, owing to the heavy shipments from the West, potatoes dropped to 55 and 60 cents with no prospect of any very substantial advance, and now the farmers who held their crops are mourning. Potatoes were not more than half a crop this year and to only get sixty cents a bushel is rather tough on the farmers who are compelled to make the best of everything to make the two ends meet these times.

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efficient, easy to take, easy to operate.

An editor of a Western Kansas paper who blows about his success as a ollector, says that he picked up a Winchester rife one day recently and started down the street to deliver it to its owner. His delinquent sub-scribers, however, got it into their heads that he was on the war path, and every one he met insisted on pay-ing what they owed him. One man wiped out a debt of ten years stand-ing. On his return to the office he found a load of hay, fifteen bushels of potatoes, and a load of wood and a barrel of turnips that had been brought in by delinquents.

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Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Methodists of Nescopec are erecting parsonage at a cost of \$1,000 Rev. Wormer, a six footer, who is to occupy it, works around the building like a common laborer. He helped to excavate for the foundation, gathered stones for the wall and helped lay them, lathed the rooms and carried the hod. There are very few ministers who would hustle the way Rev.

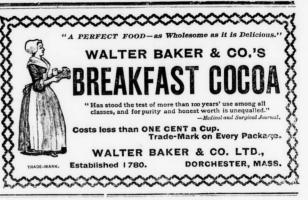
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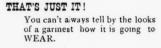
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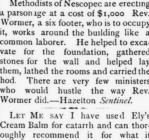
often say, "oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear them away.

A good way to close the old year is to square up that newspaper subscrip-tion. We are pretty busy just now,

ceipts.

ablaze.

the fire gets to No. 38."



First Bunny - "Isn't Santa Claus start mg rather early this year?

Second Bunny-"Yes, he is; but roodness, he's got to go clear to Manila!" -Minneapolis Tribune.

Uncontrollable.

"Poor Alice had to give up her bicy-le riding. She just could not learn." "And why not?"

"the was so used to driving a horse hat she kept jerking at the handle bars all the time as if they were a matr of reins."—Indianapolis Journal

Visitor-What kind of a man is your reighbor, Mr. Flint?

Farmer Hornbeak-Wa'al, for one blng, he is so stingy that he won't at Dicyclists fill their tires with alr rom his farm .-- Puck.

dered her to strike. When the seven ty-four ran out her guns and threatened to blow her puny assailant out of the water, the Yankee skipper step ped to the gangway, and, taking off his hat, said politely: "Oh, very well, sir; if you won't surrender, I will."— Philadelphia Inquirer.

Appearance Deceptive. "You haven't changed much since l saw you last.'

"You mistake. When you saw me "You mistake. When you saw me last I was a Populist, and anti-expan-sionist and a free silverite. I am now a gold standard Republican expansion-ist." last I

"It's on me. What'll you drink?" "I've quit drinking, too."-Chicag -Chicage Tribune.

They Need Sympathy

"Yes," said the young man, "literary work is very fatiguing." "I should magine so," replied Miss Cayenne. "When I realize that some authors have to keep their minds on the stuff they write I feel positively sorry for them."-Washington Star.

A Turkey's Lament.

A Turkey's Lament. Ah, distinctly I remember-It was only last November Yard And across the old barn floor! Valiantly and well I fought me Till at last the villatins caught me And proceeded then to trot me To the ax beside the door; But, ashamed, they let me go, for I was benes and nothing more-Skin and bones and nothing more.

Skin and bones and nothing more. New, I see it is December, And no doubt they will dismember Me, for all my fatter friends Have gone to that other shore; Tve grown pale from apprehension, For of late some marked attention Makes me think it's their intention Makes me think it's their intention Makes are think it's their intention As a reedbird from the store-Just a reedbird, nothing more! —Chicago Inter Ocean.

but can always take time to write re-

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It is said that Ferdinand W. Peck, Two hundred tons of Christmas our Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, is not a man to be disturbed presents have been sent to the 22,000 soldiers in the Phillipmes. at trifles. During his recent rojourn in Paris an excited bellboy woke him one night by crying that the hotel was It won't be an old fashioned Christmas for the boys in blue down in the tropics, and Santa Claus will have "How near is the fire?" Commissioner Peck. "In this no use for a sled. asked Commissioner Peck. " corridor, monsieur, at No. 15." "Well. this room's No. 40," mused the Amer-ican; "you may call me again when

Husband-"I'd like to be able to live my past life over again." Wife—"I am surprised at you John. Haven't you blundered enough as it is?"—She forgot that he married her.-Life.

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