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'T'WAS the day before Christmas, and up in the north
 With his presents old Santa prepared to set forth
 On a visit to children to scatter his toys
 And to fill with delight hearts of girls and of boys.

ALL his presents were sorted and labeled with care
 And were piled in great heaps, filling all the space there.
 So he called to his son, ruddy, jolly young Nick,
 "Come, bring round my reindeer; make haste and be quick."

"WHY, my father," the rollicksome youth then replied,
 "Your good reindeer of age have every one died;
 Also that mode of travel is quite out of date.
 Keep abreast of the times; you must strike a new gait."



POOR old Santa looked stumped, and he paused, hung his head;
 Then he heaved a deep sigh and sorrowfully said,
 "I suppose I must yield, with the times keep apace,
 So bring round an auto, if there's one 'bout the place."

YOUTHFUL Nick winked an eye, and he dropped a sly smile.
 "My good father," said he, "you're off many a mile.
 You'd be thought a back number to auto the trip.
 To be quite up with style you must use an airship."

FOR a moment the old man did not speak a word.
 With violent emotions his bosom was stirred.
 But at length he looked up, gave a toss of his head,
 "Bring hither an up to date airship," he said.

WHEN the airship appeared Santa said, with a grin:
 "Now, my son, she is ready; make haste and jump in.
 In this newfangled sleigh o'er the world you may roam
 And distribute the presents, and I'LL STAY AT HOME."



UNCLE SAM'S CHRISTMAS.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

OUR UNCLE SAM, that busy wight
 Whose duties never let him pause,
 Appeared on Christmas eve, bedight
 In merry garb of Santa Claus.



"Now must I haste,"
 cried Uncle Sam,
 "Lest I forget
 some chick or
 child
 Of mine, his stock-
 ings full to
 cream,
 From out my pack
 with treasures
 piled."
 Then swift through
 forty-seven
 states,
 And territories
 three or four,
 He scooted, leaving sleds and skates
 And ladders, at every door.

"Hal Up to '98 or so,"
 Said Uncle Sam, "my work was done
 With this, but now I fear—ho, ho!
 My task is scarcely yet begun!"

So off he sailed across the sweep
 Of salty waters, mile on mile,
 And gladdened every chick asleep
 In Forto Rio's placid ile.

Then swift and far
 his airship flew,
 Till every Filipino
 tot,
 Or black or blond,
 or brown or
 blue,
 Abundant Christ-
 mas presents
 got.

And sailing back
 above the isles
 Where sweet Kan-
 akas leek and
 play,
 He poured Hawaii
 piles and piles
 Of gewgaws made for Christmas day.

"T'm through," cried Uncle Sam, "at last!"
 And then the jolly rogue said: "Pshaw!
 I wonder if I ought to eat
 Some ballot off on Panama!"

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

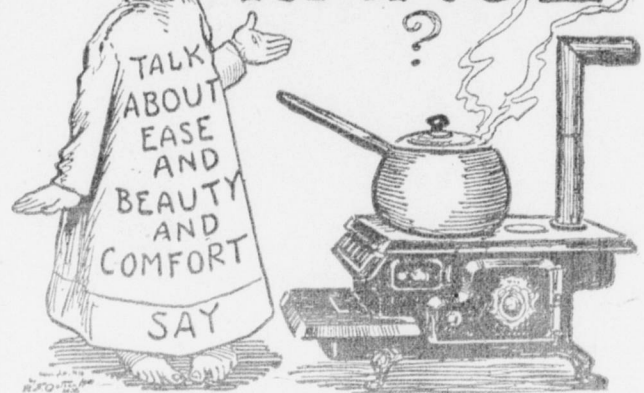
By AN OLD BACHELOR.

Christmas to me means opportunity.
 For what?
 Opportunity for kindness.

It is perhaps fifteen years since I re-
 ceived a Christmas present. I'm an
 old bachelor, and nobody remembers
 me. Yet that doesn't make me glum
 and grouchy at Christmas—no, sirree.
 I'm not particularly fond of children.
 Maybe if I were I would have mar-
 ried and raised a few of my own. Still,
 I don't dislike the little ones, and ev-
 ery year I run across a lot of boys and
 girls who have no Santa Claus of their
 own—little orphan fellows and God's
 poor. Well, when Christmas comes
 along I remember these children. I'm
 their Santa Claus in a small way.

Last Christmas I spent \$9 and made
 nearly forty children happy. I've got
 a ten dollar bill but as to spending in
 the same way this Christmas and I'll
 bet anybody another ten that the old
 bachelor will get as much joy out of
 spending that "X" as all the little ones
 combined.

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