CAN'T PREVAIL AGAINST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS—HOLIDAY HINTS, RECIPES AND EXCHANGE

HERE A SANTA CLAUS? THE REASON WHY THERE IS

st Real Things in Life Are Those That Can't Be Seen—Faith, Love and Hope of Childhood Are Some of These

HILE all the world is torn with war, thank God there is still a Claus.

me people do not believe there is anta Claus.

ere was one little Virginia anion, for instance, who wrote to New York Sun more than ten s ago to find out. Here is her e letter:

Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no anta Claus.

Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

The man who answered Virginia in editorial columns the next day immortalized himself—because he stood the pinnacles of the earth and wrote n a definition for all ages—for all . What he wrote makes us know y even war cannot prevail against anta Claus!

YOUR little friends are wrong, Virginia," he said. "They do not believe except they see.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

"Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of little children."

PATSY KILDARE

By JUDD MORTIMER LEWIS

Fun in Prospect

AFTER I had kissed Rowdy on the nose this morning and then got up and made the coffee and stirred and flopped the pancakes for my father I took off my nightie and washed my face and hands all by themselves and was brushing my beautiful hair when my father came home from his night watching. We had a good visit and then he went to bed and I got some money out of his pocket for pickles and things. Then Rowdy and I rambled.

When we got to school all the boys were excited and the girls, too. The boys are going to have a relay race Saturday, whatever that is, and they are practicing for it. They have found out how many times around the schoolhouse is a mile and they are running their heads off to find out which of them is the best runner, for only one boy in each school is going to run. They are going to pick out the fastest runner from every one of six schools and then they will have the six boys run the race. I guess it will be a lot of fun. While the boys were running the girls were standing on the walk practicing our school yell, which goes like this:

"We are for Davis! Davis must win! Don't let them beat you! Losing is sin! Jump like a rabbit! Run like a deer! We are for Davis! Cheer upon cheer! Run! Run! Run! Run! boys and win! Davis must win it! Losing is sin!"

The teachers came out and watched the boys run and everybody was very happy except me, for I was not asked to holler and I was not asked to run, but I kind of want our school to win, anyhow. Davis is the name of our school. So I did not set in the way and I did not let Rowdy. He just stood and barked as if it was a picnic and as if he enjoyed it, which I guess he did.

The boys were all hot and perspiring and the girls had red faces when the bell rang and we went in. The teacher said: "I am glad that all the rooms are getting together on this race. It will be a great honor if the prize comes to this school and doubly an honor if it is a boy in this room who competes. We will now begin the work of the day." Then Thomas Aristides Brown said, "Aw, nobody in this room has got a chance. It will be Straddle Jenkins who will get to run." The teacher said, "How do you know it will be he?" Thomas said, "Why, any one with enough sense to come in and shut the gate when it rains would know that. Look how he is built—all legs and machinery. Why couldn't he run?" The teacher looked kind of red and said, "That will do. We will now attend to our lessons."

After school I went to June's and the doctor was not at home and so I played with draggy foot for a while. She had got new clothes made out of some of June's old ones and she is putting on a lot of style. She was so proud that she made me tired. When she strutted around the house and was out of sight Rowdy and I crawled under it, though it was a kind of tight squeeze. Soon draggy foot came around and she did not see us, so she called, "Patsy! Patsy!" June came out and said, "Where are Patsy and Rowdy?" Draggy foot said, "I sent her home." June said, "What for?" Draggy foot said, "She is a bad little girl and tells lies and I did not think you would want your little girl to play with her." June said, "Oh, Fanny, you know that Patsy is perfectly truthful and I am surprised that you should make such an accusation after all she has done for you."

Then I said, "What I have done is nothing to what I am going to do." I stuck my head out and June jumped and draggy foot ran away, but I got out and went after her. June called to me, so I said, "Stop her, Rowdy." He got her by the dress and she stopped. I went back to June and June said, "What are you chasing her for?" I said, "I am going to blam her one for telling you she sent me home and that I told lies." June said, "You would not strike her, Patsy." I said, "Why not?" She said, "Because she is a cripple and you are too brave to hit a cripple." I said, "For cat's sake, that is so. I will wait till the doctor cures her and then I will smash her face." So we let it go at that.

"Things to Eat," the next Patsy Kildare adventure, will appear in tomorrow's Evening Public Ledger.

IN THE MOMENT'S MODES

Street Suit of Electric-Blue Velour

One of the unconventional tailored suit modelings which has managed to hold its own through three winters is the suit with a coat which closes diagonally. For the last two winters we have had this garment with the closing effected with buttons. This winter the closing is unfinished; that is, the only apparent fastening is one button at the neck. Such a coat is the one pictured in the above suit sketch. The material of this charming little frock is electric-blue velour with nutria trimming. The sash end, passing from the left side front, knots at the right side.

GOOD HEALTH QUESTION BOX

In answer to health questions, Doctor Kellogg in this space will daily give advice on preventive medicine, but in no case will he take the risk of making diagnoses of or prescribing for ailments requiring surgical treatment or drugs. Health questions will be promptly answered by personal letters to inquirers who inclose stamped envelopes for reply.

By JOHN HARVEY KELLOGG, M. D., LL. D.

Riggs's Disease

IT IS an acknowledged fact that the general health depends greatly upon the condition of the mouth and teeth. Such diseases as anemia, stomach and intestinal disorders, diseases of the joints, heart and nerves can come from neglected teeth. Even appendicitis and melancholia have been traced to abscesses at the root of the teeth. This seems almost incredible; such abscesses do not always cause pain or local symptoms and are not suspected by the patient.

Often abscesses—pyorrhea—are formed on teeth that have been treated by the dentist. Perhaps because of a crooked or irregular root a root canal has not been thoroughly cleaned and filled. The dead matter that is left decays and has no outlet; the pus works inward through the roots of the tooth and forms an abscess, which gradually causes decay and disease of the bone and soft tissues. Pus always seeks an outlet wherever it forms in the body and has an extraordinary way of working through bone and muscle tissue until it does find an outlet or is absorbed by the blood. Through the blood vessels of the tooth tissues the pus poison is carried over the entire body. It is easy to see why remote diseases cannot be cured until the tooth abscess is treated and the pus cavities cleaned out. When the abscess causes no local pain or symptoms, and disorders that show infection origin persist in spite of treatment, the X-ray will show the trouble. Many a perplexing disease problem has been solved by a roentgenogram of the teeth.

But what is the condition in the mouth when the local symptoms plainly point to Riggs's disease? The breath is fetid, the gums are sensitive and bleed easily and they recede from the teeth and expose the necks of the teeth which are not protected by enamel. The teeth become loosened and the pus pockets form about the roots of the teeth. This disease begins with one or two teeth and progresses. Through neglect, particles of food lodge between the teeth and on the edge of the gums and form a culture ground for germs. Fragments of meat make the most favorable culture medium for infection germs. Tartar is deposited on the teeth and attacks the gum margin. The infection germs quickly gather in the exposed pockets under the tartar, set up an inflammation and the far-reaching pyorrhea is at work.

We must remember that germs are always lurking in the mouth, waiting for a chance to make trouble. That is why it is so necessary to keep the teeth and mouth cleaned.

It is always necessary to keep the teeth absolutely clean, and to visit the dentist sufficiently often to have every cavity or unhealthful gum symptom treated and to have the tartar carefully removed.

Car Sickness

Is there any effective remedy for car sickness? EMMA B.

Before taking a trip upon the cars be careful to have the bowels thoroughly evacuated. Have the diet consist of cereals and fruits. While riding on the cars keep the body in a horizontal position. Do not attempt to read. Do not look out of the car windows. If possible, lie down with a cold towel on the head and keep the eyes closed.

Dizziness

Does dizziness or rushing of blood to the head require an operation? Could this be caused by a blood clot and, if so, how could it be located? J. E. B.

Dizziness is usually due to an unbalanced circulation or to too high blood pressure. A blood clot can be located only by the symptoms and not by an X-ray. This dizziness is more than likely the result of autointoxication and should be combated by careful attention to the condition of the bowels. We advise you to consult a competent physician and have the blood pressure taken to ascertain if this might be the cause.

Corn Bread in Rheumatism

Is corn bread a proper food in cases of chronic rheumatism? E. F. K.

Yes, but not as an exclusive diet. Cereals, as a class, with the exception of rice, contain a very considerable excess of acid salts, and hence should not compose too large a portion of the bill of fare. When cereals are used, fresh vegetables and fruits, including uncooked foods, should be taken at each meal.

Bitters

Are bitters such as dandelions and sarsaparilla helpful to give one appetite and to make blood? E. V. T.

No.

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THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

Letters and questions submitted to this department must be written on one side of the paper only and signed with the name of the writer. Special queries like those given below are invited. It is understood that the editor does not necessarily indorse the sentiment expressed. All communications for this department should be addressed as follows: THE WOMAN'S EXCHANGE, *Evening Public Ledger, Philadelphia, Pa.*

TODAY'S INQUIRIES

1. How can the kitchen be made more safe for the baby who is toddling?

2. What is the correct way to press silk?

3. What part is Saturday to play hereafter in the food administrator's program of food conservation?

1. To what extent are women entering the work of making airplanes in America?

2. What is the latest vagary in nightgowns?

3. Is it proper for two girls to go to a dance together unescorted?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S INQUIRIES

1. Sausage stuffing adds greatly to the flavor of roast turkey. The sausage meat is bought loose and not in casings.

2. Five desserts suitable to eat after a heavy meal are: Any kind of water ice, fruit cup made of cut fruits with dressing, gelatine with whipped cream, sliced pineapple or prune jelly.

3. It is a very practical plan to mark bed linen with the date on which it is purchased because in this way one is able to judge how well that particular quality of linen is wearing. It is well to mark the number of sheets purchased at the time, too, as this gives very accurate tally on the linen closet.

1. A watch-night party is a New Year's Eve festivity. The party assembles about 10 o'clock and plays appropriate games to while away the time until midnight. Then a supper is served.

2. The Rumanian hip girdle is a wide sash, cut on the bias. It is wrapped around the waist, slightly over the hips, and is tied at the side, gypsy fashion. It is rapidly coming back into vogue.

3. It is not necessary that the best man devote all his time to the maid of honor at a wedding supper or reception, but it is his duty to see that she is provided for.

Santa Claus, Please!

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—I am a reader of your page and I enjoy it very much. I have come to ask for a favor and I hope you will help me. I am a girl of fourteen and have two brothers and one sister. One brother is younger than I and one is smaller and my sister is ten years of age. Can you tell me if there is anybody that has toys and does not want them? I would like to have them for my sister and younger brother for Christmas. I have no money to spend. I will kindly thank you very much. IN NEED.

Almost on the eve of the great day itself this little letter carries its own appeal. The address of this little girl who asks for old toys for her little brother and sister is held here. It will be forwarded upon receipt of a self-addressed envelope.

Scorch From Georgette

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Will you please state in your column of the paper how I can take iron scorch out of a georgette crepe waist? I tried ether, but it seemed to have no effect. As it is so thin I am afraid to rub it very much. The waist is white. E. G. E.

A scorch stain on delicate fabric is almost impossible to remove. The heat sets in and burns the threads. You might try potassium permanganate, which you can buy in crystals in the drug store. Dissolve a few of these crystals in water, allowing a quarter of a teaspoonful to two-thirds of a cupful. Drop this on the stain with a medicine dropper and let it stay on for about five minutes. A pink stain might result. Remove this with lemon juice. If this is not successful the only thing to do would be to have the waist dyed.

Date and Fig Filling

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Please print a recipe for baking date and fig filling for a Christmas cake. Do you think this would make a good cake for children? We are to have five at the house Christmas and I do not like to give them fruit cake. (Mrs.) N. A.

The fig and date filling in a good, plain layer cake would be sensible and tasty to give to the little ones. Fruit cake—the conventional Christmas cake—is too rich for them.

To make the filling wash dry and chop a cupful each of the figs and dates, stoning the dates. Mix with these one-half cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of boiling water and the juice of half a lemon. Cook over a saucepan of hot water until thick enough to use.

To Mother of Italian Soldier

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—To Mrs. P. N. in tonight's paper I would like to say: Be of good cheer; hope and pray. They who despair of God's mercy have little faith. Just picture the blessed Mother standing at the foot of the cross and hear her say, "Look at me and say if there is any sorrow like unto mine." Her son died in disgrace, ours die glory. Did it ever occur to you that no miracles until their time comes? Can't you imagine every day? Why, you wonder how such a thing could happen. Take the case of the three aviators in Harrisburg; their hour had come; they could not wait to be killed in battle; their destiny had drawn them together for that death at that certain hour. Three men from three different states who probably never met before. These things cannot be accounted for by us poor mortals. Then let us pray that God will give us the strength to bear humbly whatever burden He puts upon us. Try to get your mind off doing something for other people's sakes, and I am sure God will send a good Samaritan to your boy in Italy to help him and cheer him in his hour of need—perhaps some poor mother herself is heart-sad and weary for news of her loved one. Think of many mothers who have little children and no father there to console them, take care of them. Are they not more than we?

MOTHER OF TWO OF THEM.

Letter addressed to the Italian mother who is seeking news of her son appeared will appeal to all mothers of sons. Sound is its philosophy. This time the mother of two sons offers a comforting word through her brave cheer-

Christmas Etiquette

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—There is a great friend of my parents now; my mother is dead; she comes very often to our house with his little baby boy. This man's wife has been dead for three years. I was speaking of giving him and his baby a Christmas present, as I have always done since my mother died, and my sister said it is not right for me to give him a present, as I am a young girl. Kindly let me know before Christmas what I shall do. I only think of him as a friend of my father's.

Also, my sister has been in bad need of coal and I went to a friend of father's and asked him to help me to see a man about getting some for her, as I had been refused everywhere. This man is married and has a daughter. He is in the coal business himself. He phoned several places for me and finally got some for her. I bothered him several times about it on the phone and will never forget his kindness. Would it be right to drop him a card of thanks for his kindness to sister and me? If so how should I word it? Do you think it is forward to drop a boy a Christmas card with "Merry Christmas" written on it? UNSETTLED GIRL.

Since you have always given the man and his little boy a present, do so as usual. If you had not given him any before now I would only give to the little boy and let your father attend to the man; but there is no reason to stop if you have been doing it all along.

It would be a courteous thing to write to the man and thank him for getting the coal; in fact, you should do so. Do not use a card; write a little note and say: "My Dear Mr. ———: It was so kind of you to go to so much trouble to get the coal and my sister and I are very grateful. We feel that we gave you a good deal of trouble and certainly never can thank you enough for all you did and hope we may be able to show our appreciation by doing a favor for you some time. Very sincerely, M. S."

It is always better to let a boy make the first advances even in the matter of Christmas cards, but there is no reason why he should think you forward if you send one.

Send Her a Fan

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—I am a young boy of seventeen and am in love with a pretty fifteen-year-old girl. How can I show her my love? I cannot stop thinking of her. I am to take her out on Christmas to a show and would like to know what would be a useful present to give her for Christmas.

A BURNING HEART OF LOVE.

You might send her a pretty fan, a box of fine bonbons, a handsome book or flowers. Do not try to show your love. Seventeen and fifteen are very young, you know. Simply be courteous and careful to show any little attention you can without becoming sentimental. Later, if you still love her, tell her so. That is, a year or so later.

Christmas Greeting Cards

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—When having Christmas greeting cards engraved with one's name should the prefixes Miss, Mrs. or Mr. be used or just the name? INQUIRER.

The cards should be engraved exactly as your visiting cards are with the prefix, but if you write your name do not put a prefix—simply write the Christian name and surname.

No License Required

To the Editor of Woman's Page:

Dear Madam—Kindly let me know through your woman's column if a license is necessary to sell a beauty cream which I manufacture myself? I want to sell it through advertising in newspapers, then making deliveries personally. Hoping you will give me full details. (Mrs.) G. S.

It is not necessary to have a license to sell the cream if you sell it from the place in which you manufacture it. According to this ruling, you are allowed to advertise in the newspapers. If, for instance, you should manufacture your cream at home and then sell it in a downtown store, it would be necessary for you to have a license. However, if you sell the cream from your house, it does away with this necessity.

Tomorrow's War Menu

BREAKFAST

Stewed Prunes
Cereal
Waffles Maple Syrup
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Scotch Woodcock
Graham Bread Cocoa
Sliced Oranges

DINNER

Bisque of Tomato Soup (no stock)
Oyster Cutlets
Potatoes au Gratin Canned Peas
Cranberry Pie

SCOTCH WOODCOCK

Two tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of flour creamed with butter, three-quarters cupful of tomatoes strained, one-eighth teaspoonful of soda put in tomatoes, one cupful milk, two cupfuls of cheese, cut fine; one-half teaspoonful of mustard, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of red pepper, one-half cupful of macaroni cooked.

After butter and flour are creamed, add dry ingredients, then cheese and tomatoes; last of all macaroni; cook until it is of smooth consistency. This is excellent made in a chafing dish.

Are You in Love?

The richest rewards come only when one can literally fall in love with ones work. If you are keenly interested in your daily efforts, your work is being done more satisfactorily. It is a labor of love. Every day is an enjoyable experience.

Love your work. Retain your youthful enthusiasm. All this means that you must take every possible care of your health. That you must maintain your physical energies at high-water mark. Remember always that you depend upon your bodily machine for the attainment of your object in life. Take care of that machine.

Is it not worth more than an automobile, than an airplane, a fine horse or dog? Is it not in reality beyond financial valuation? Recognize its value to the full. Remember that each day you are what your food makes you. Your muscles, the strength and contour of your body, are influenced by the exercise you take. The blood that makes up the tissues, that nourishes and gives energy and enthusiasm to your brain, depends upon your diet and exercise and the general care, you give your body.—B. Macfadden in Physical Culture.

His Old Shirt

If father's shirts have become worn around the neck and cuffs or lower part of sleeves they will make the finest kind of romper suits for little son or daughter.

The front of the shirt will make the front part of the romper, the lower back section the back, and the upper part of the sleeves the little sleeves.

What Women Do

French women are to be trained for the ministry.

The University of Alabama has 125 women students at the present time.

In New Guinea it is the woman and not the man who "pops the question."

Many parts of the South report a demand for women to work on the truck farms.

A taxicab company of New York is said to be contemplating the employment of women drivers.

The University of Alabama has engaged a woman instructor for the first time in its history.

Many women are earning fifty cents an hour doing night clerical work in the Federal Bureau of Mines in Washington.

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