

FATHERLESS GIRLS WRITE FOR DOLLS

In Letter to Santa Say Mother Thinks Clothing Is Greater Need

MRS. KETCHUM GETS NOTE

"P. S.—Our father is dead, so my mother thinks we don't need dolls."

Mother thought they ought to have clothes, but Mrs. Ketchum took a chance, nevertheless, and wrote Santa Claus about the dolls.

And the letter came to Mrs. M. W. Ketchum, 3068 Frankford avenue, who acknowledges that she is Santa Claus' wife and helps to carry some of his frightfully heavy burdens at Christmas time.

Some of the families live in only one room, five and six families in a rooming house, and children are so crowded together that it is not surprising that Santa Claus cannot find them.

But Mrs. Ketchum has a way of reaching thousands of them and she has found 2000 dolls for 2000 children and she is in great hopes that there will be candy.

And then the Christmas baskets! There must be 800 of them filled with potatoes and cabbage and cereal and bread and canned things.

"I just go about with a prayer on my lips," says Mrs. Santa. "I have to have faith that people will think as I do. And we are making the school children to bring something for the baskets, such as a can of corn or peas or tomatoes."

"Another thing is books and toys for boys. Everything is so expensive this year, I don't know just how we can get enough children's books. And the poor people are worse off today than they were when they were earning only \$12 a week."

It's the faith of Mrs. Santa Claus that will see the work through, for she has a way of making other people see the hearts of the trusting youngsters and the "needing" families.

And when little rosy-cheeked Margaret dropped in to see Mrs. Ketchum



Mrs. M. W. Ketchum

and told her she wanted a "doll with long clothes" and a "stocking of candy" there was something irresistible in her plea.

The day before Christmas hundreds of families and thousands of youngsters will gather around the Frankford avenue house to see what the kind old gentleman has told his wife to give to them, and if everything goes right all will be satisfied and happy and will go home with a feeling that there is peace on earth and good-will in the heart of men.

Breakdown Ties Up P. R. R. Traffic on the Pennsylvania Railroad between Gray's Ferry and Eddystone was tied up for four hours yesterday by the derailing of four cars of a freight train at Glenolden.

The accident was caused by a loose wheel on the forward truck of a tank car and occurred at noon.

GIRL'S DEATH ENDS SHOPPING TOUR

Killed When Auto Strikes Her Carriage—Sister Is Hurt in Crash

2 OTHERS DEAD, 2 INJURED

Miss Ruth Keeler, eighteen years old, of Burlington, N. J., is dead and her sister, Mrs. Howard Woolman, is seriously injured today as the result of an accident which brought a Christmas shopping trip to Philadelphia to a tragic close.

After a trip to the city Saturday night they were driving to their home when their carriage was struck by an automobile driven by William Bishop, of Florence, son of Harry Bishop. The accident occurred in Burlington.

When young Bishop saw the carriage ahead he tried to avoid a collision and wrecked his car in the attempt, but failed to avoid striking the vehicle.

When Miss Keeler was taken from the wreckage it was found that her skull was fractured. She died soon after she was taken to a Philadelphia hospital.

PARCEL POST "SWEETAIR" The Modern Method of Painless Extraction of TEETH "SLEEP" One to 20 teeth extracted without pain or danger. Just the thing for nervous people—no ill effects follow its use. DR. MOSES S. E. Cor. 7th & Market Sts. Formerly on staff of prominent Hospital

Mrs. Woolman was severely cut and bruised and is suffering from shock. Doctor Greenwald and Abraham Levin, chauffeur, were in the car at night when an ambulance from 312 Ninth Street ran into a northbound Thirtieth street trolley car at Jackson street.

No one in the car was injured, although some of the passengers were knocked from their seats and a few of the windows were broken. William McKenna, forty years old, was killed yesterday in a fall while at work repairing a hatchway on the British steamship Manchester. Exchange, at Tioga street. He lived at Westville, N. J.

H. W. Solomon, 3950 Market street, was instantly killed by a train last night while work in the railroad yards at Fifty-second street and Lancaster avenue.

Employees Want New Postoffice Postoffice employees, in a communication to the Central Labor Union yesterday, declared the present postoffice building was unfit to work in and should be replaced by a modern structure.



A Most Remarkable Offer

The Brockway ton and a half, model S costs only \$2100.00. There is not another high grade truck of its class that even approximates this exceedingly low figure.

The famous Brockway standard of excellence is built into every part of this truck. Its remarkably low price is simply another and distinctive triumph of Brockway's superior engineering.

Come and see it, you will save money. Brockway Motor Truck Co. of Philadelphia 2324-26-28 Market Street LARGE and COMPLETE SERVICE STATION



Opinions on the subject of Christmas gifts are divided into two classes, those which approve the gift that is practical and useful and those which favor the kind of gift that is just a bit extravagant—something that we wouldn't buy for ourselves.

Deborah Logan COMFORT, cheer and hygienic conditions are the chief factors to be considered when it comes to the planning of a nursery.

CHRISTMAS gift-baskets of fruit. At the store of Henry R. Hallowell & Son, Broad Street below Chestnut, the fruits surpass any they have had heretofore at Christmas time.

ONE of the most useful things that I've seen for some time is a folding ironing board. It has an aluminum top and a sturdy frame of wood.

"THAT is the photograph I want," she said, and there was decision in her tone. "I have heard five talking machines, but the New Edison is more than my regalia for those nearest and dearest to us."

THE gift of jewelry appeals to our love of beauty. It is the gift which, at Christmas time more than at any other, expresses our regard for those nearest and dearest to us.

FOUR-IN-HAND Scarfs come in for a great deal of consideration as Gifts at Christmas time. There is no gift that a man appreciates more than that which does not meet with approval.

George Allen, Inc. 1214—Chestnut Street—1214

Extraordinary Pre-Christmas Sale Fine Millinery

Your choice of over 600 Hats suitable for any occasion at marvelous price concessions. Make your selection now.

Many Smart Hats, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$10 Give Gloves for Xmas Women's Capeskin Gloves, wool lined—\$4.00 pair; S. W. cape lined—\$5.25 pair.

Wool Gloves for Women and Children—in strap wrist, oxford and khaki—Children's, \$1.75 pair; Women's, \$2.00 pair. Children's Gloves in kid and mocha, silk lined and wool lined—\$2.50 pair.

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Strawbridge & Clothier

Christmas Music by the Chorus at 9:30 A. M. To-morrow

PROGRAM

- 2. Sing, O Heavens, Berthold Touss Tableaux—Prophecy
2. The First Christmas, Gerrit Smith
Tableaux—The Annunciation
5. The Shepherds' Story, Clarence Dickinson
Tableaux—The Shepherds
4. We Have Seen His Star in the East, Ralph Kinder
Tableaux—The Magi
5. Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus, F. A. Gevaert
Tableaux—The Manger
6. Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah," Frederic Handel
Tableaux—The New Day
Incidental Solos
Elsie Lyons Cook, Soprano
John Owens, Tenor
John W. Vandersloot, Bass
William S. Thunder, at the Piano



Santa Claus is as Wise as He is Jolly and Kind

He sees eight very busy days ahead of him, and he knows there are thousands of his very best friends and helpers whose intentions are the best in the world, but who do not seem to realize how short the time is for Christmas preparations.

Come to the Toy Store

—To-morrow, while the collection of Toys and Dolls is practically as varied as ever. And if any children for whose happiness you are responsible have not yet met Santa Claus, why not plan this delightful experience for them to-morrow?



Consult These Prices for the Christmas CANDIES

You will find them unusual—less than we ask regularly, in fact. They are just as wholesome and as delicious as ever—only unusual merchandising is responsible for the savings:

- Toasted Coconut Nut Rolls—70c lb.
Rich Chocolate Nonpareils—60c lb.
Chocolate-covered Almonds—80c lb.
Chocolate Nougatines—70c lb.
Candy Toys, of pure sugar—60c lb.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES AND FAVORS—should be selected while our extensive collection is at its best. Prices average from 2c to \$7.50.

Nearly 200 Women's Fine Dresses One-Third to One-Half Under Price

Some are new Dresses just purchased at special prices, others are Dresses from our regular stock marked for immediate disposal. They include AFTERNOON DRESSES of tricolette, Paulette, crepe Georgette and crepe meteor combinations.

Smart Serge Dresses, Special at \$23.75

In all fashionable dark shades; made with stylish little free-swinging side pleat, and trimmed with braid and bone buttons. Some with square collarless neckline, others with shawl collar.

You Can Buy MEN'S Fine Shirts Here for Only \$2.00

—And there's a wonderful variety to select from. Of various excellent shirting fabrics.

In the Basement Are Many Gifts MEN Appreciate

SHOE-POLISHING CASES, good, polishing ones, made of oak, with carpet or leatherette tops—\$3.00 to \$6.50. POCKET KNIVES, stag or pearl handle—75c to \$6.00. SAFETY RAZORS, all the popular makes—\$1.00 to \$10.00.

Boys' Serviceable Blouse Waists

At \$1.00—Blouse Waists with soft attached collar. Of white-ground percale striped in pretty patterns; also of madras in dark grounds with woven stripes.

At \$1.25—Blouse Waists of fancy-striped madras with neckband. Of all-white madras and cheviot with neckband or collar attached.

At \$1.65—Boys' Blouses of fancy woven-stripe madras with turn-back cuffs and separate collar. Also, of fine white mercerized pongee with attached or separate collar.

At \$2.00—Of very fine woven-stripe madras and all-white checked madras, with turn-back cuffs and attached collar with button-down points.

At \$2.25—Of woven-stripe madras with fine silk stripes; attached or separate collar.



FURS The Gift Superb

Scarfs, Muffs and Matched Sets are being selected every day here from such a collection as one seldom sees, and it is a real pleasure to watch the evident satisfaction in these selections.

Women's Coats Now Reduced

A clearance of Winter Coats, from our own stocks, consisting of discontinued lines and broken sizes. However, there is a good range of sizes in the lot, which includes Coats of the fashionable plain and silhouette velours, many lined throughout and some with deep collars of plush—now \$20.00.

Continuing The Sale of Boys' Mackinaws at \$13.75

All sizes—from 7 to 18 years—and a most extensive selection of patterns are still available in this great under-price collection. Warm, smart-looking Coats—that any boy will be proud of—now \$13.75.

Give Him a Raincoat Of black rubber—\$8.50. Tan rubberized—\$8.50. Sizes 6 to 16 years.

Gossard Corsets Give Smooth-fitting Youthful Figure Lines

The easy adjustment of Gossard Front-lacing Corsets appeals to a host of women. The smooth-fitting back, the modish lines commend them to women who pride themselves on being well-groomed.

J.B. Sheppard Sons

Help for Men Buying Gifts for Women

Long experience has taught us just what women will appreciate. The amount he wishes to spend is all a man need decide—questions of style and appropriateness he may safely leave to us.

Hundreds of Timely Hints

- Real lace collars, \$6.50 to \$25.00
Hand-embroidered Guimpes, \$2 to \$9.50
Organdie and voile collar and cuff sets, \$5c to \$6.50.
Sacques of crepe de chine or albatross (our make), \$16.50 to \$26.00
Philippine chemise, from \$3.50 up
Philippine night gowns, from \$4.00 up
Handkerchiefs—linen, lace, mourning, and glove handkerchiefs. Prices from a few cents to many dollars each.
Camels'-hair couch throws, \$30.00
Mosaic lunch napkins, \$45.00 a dozen
Mosaic pillow slips, \$25.00 pair
Fillet table sets—scarfs and napkins, up to \$200.00 the set
Fillet lace table covers up to \$175.00 each
Italian embroidered table sets, \$40.00, \$48.00, \$52.00 the set
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Infants' embroidered and hand-made dresses, \$3.85 to \$32.00
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Rag dolls (our special), \$15.00 and \$16.50

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