

Santa Claus Is Coming

OLD Santa Claus is coming—
The time is very near—
Before we realize it
Old Santa will be here.

He'll bring us sleds and wagons,
And nuts and sugar plums,
And dolls, and furs, and dresses,
And balls, and swords, and drums.

He'll come when we are sleeping,
Tucked in our beds as usual,
And all the stars are peeping,
At this, our Christmas night.

He'll come with smiles and blessings
Along the milky way,
And stop at every dwelling
Where little children stay.

He'll parlay trees with presents
And, while the world is still,
With gifts the children asked for
Each stocking he will fill.

But, better than all presents,
He'll bring to us again
The heartfelt Christmas wishes
Of "Good will unto men."
—Martha Coleman Sherman in Chicago Inter Ocean.

His Gift to Santa Claus

EDWARD was seven years old and believed, of course, in Santa Claus. Just before Christmas he had proudly written a letter (his first), stating the particular gifts he wanted, and after his mother had read it it was carefully put into the fire.

"Now," said Edward's mother cheerfully, "that letter will go right up the chimney and direct to Santa Claus."

Edward seemed very much impressed. Christmas morning the child was perfectly delighted with the shower of gifts and with the glittering tree.

"Wasn't it good of Santa Claus to bring me so many more things than I asked for in my letter?" he said at the breakfast table, clasping his hands in an ecstasy. After this outburst he grew thoughtful, then, suddenly jumping up, disappeared into the kitchen.

His mother and father looked at each other and wondered. Then the mother followed to see what the inspiration might be.

She found Edward standing in front of the kitchen stove pouring out a cup of coffee.

"Way, Edward, dear, what are you doing?" his mother asked, coffee being one of the child's "forbidden things."

Edward looked up appealingly. "It is such a cold morning, mother—"

"But, Edward, you know I never permit you to take coffee!" his mother interrupted.

"No, no, mother; I do not wish to drink it. I want to give it to Santa Claus. He was so kind to send me more engines and things than I asked for. May I give him some coffee and rolls, mother—may I?"

Before his mother had time to think of a suitable reply the child had put cream and sugar into the cup; then, with his little face all aglow with appreciation and gratitude, he earnestly poured the steaming coffee into the fire.

"There now!" he exclaimed, with satisfaction. "That will go right up the chimney and direct to Santa Claus, won't it? And it will warm up his—"

"The round belly that sticks when he laughs like a host full of jelly—"

"won't it mother?"—Lippincott's.

Don't Say These Old Things at Christmas

DEAR me! It's a lucky thing Christmas comes only once a year. I don't know what we'd do if it came oftener.

It isn't so much the value of a present as the spirit in which it is given. I hang my stockings up just to please the children. I dread telling them there's no Santa Claus. Let some one else do that.

It never seems like Christmas to me unless it snows.

I always try to give sensible gifts—something useful, that will be a reminder all the year.

Money is always such an acceptable present. There isn't one of us who has so much that he can't take a little more.

Don't you pity the poor at this time of the year? I do.

Christmas and New Year's come so close together. It's too bad they could not be separated a little. Two holidays coming right on top of each other that way make it so hard, but then the children enjoy it.

I never know what to give father. It's so hard to think of anything for a man. And my rich friends—they have everything already.—Puck.

Christmas Chimes.
Ring out, ring out, O Christmas bells,
Across the starlit, frosty night!
Proclaim the message of good will,
The story of the Prince of Light.

The centuries roll on and on,
And yet, returning Christmas time
Awakes in each responsive heart
Remembrance of the love sublime.

Then keep the feast with hearty cheer,
The feast of merry Christmaside,
With faith and hope and love, these
Three.

When the heart of each aside,
—W. G. Park in Good Housekeeping.

A Christmas Burglar

AH! A burglar in the room!
I hear his stealthy tread;
He's stinking somewhere
Through the gloom

By yonder trundle bed,
Across the creaking chamber floor
His fearful footsteps fall.
What form was that stole through the door

And out along the hall?
What form was that, clad all in white
And scarcely three feet high?
A burglar? Or some Christmas sprite

With mischief in his eye?
What! You! Aboard before the day
Has it his round, red lamp?
What takes you from your slumbers,
pry,

You little, owl-like scamp?
You came away down here because
You really felt that you
Must wait for Mr. Santa Claus
And see if he was true?

You braved the darkness, unafraid
And all its terrors grim,
And this long, dreadful journey made
To prove your faith in him?

Well, back to bed, for he is true;
Your precious faith hold fast.
Old Santa Claus will live for you
While dreams and childhood last.

And when at length you take your place
Among the world of men,
In every little Christmas face
He'll live for you again.
—James J. Montague in New York American.

Edwin Booth's Christmas Gift

REMEMBER a Christmas I spent in Edwin Booth's company many years ago," said the theatrical manager. "He had bought a summer residence at Cos Cob, Conn., the previous summer, and invited me up to play Santa Claus and do the chimney act. His property was a fair-sized little promontory of land bounded on one side by the Connecticut river, on the other side by Long Island sound, and the New York and New Haven tracks formed the base line. If there is any road affected by tramps it is that same New Haven road, and when I arrived, two or three days before Christmas, there was a line of them waiting their turn at the gate that reminded me of a highly successful advance sale, one tramp near the gate even offering to sell his advanced position for 10 cents. Booth was much worried about the dangerous-looking fellows, and it struck me that a dog would be highly appropriate as a gift. I tried to find a friend in New York, and the day before Christmas the biggest Siberian hound I ever saw was waiting at the little station for me. Booth was tickled to death, and we managed to chain that dog just inside the main gate near the lodge, and then we shook hands. It was an awful big dog, bigger than a little donkey that arrived on a present for Booth's little daughter, Edwin."

"Well, we fixed up the presents that night. I dressed up in fur rugs and traps as Santa Claus and had arranged to drive the donkey into the reception room and distribute the gifts from the well-laden gocart."

"The dog was to remain in the little shed, so and extended for him, but he didn't. He was there on business, and he attended to it promptly. The chain broke like a piece of twine, and I broke for the balcony, which I just managed to reach from the cart. Of course there was a racket, and I got into the window, and by the time we had armed ourselves with antique swords and a Revolutionary musket the noise had subsided sufficiently for us to venture forth."

"The dog was just seen in the moonlight disappearing over the stone wall, hundreds of dollars' worth of presents were scattered in the deep snow, and donkey and man and fur were an inch deep all over the premises."—Buffalo Express.

Christmas in Rome.
Christmas in Rome is a quiet and solemn affair, with religion featured in its observance. The observance begins the day of Christmas, when the image of the Christ Child is brought out, till Jan. 6, when it is again put in place. St. Peter's is brilliantly illuminated with myriads of candle lights flickering their significant tribute to the central fact of the church's life. What appeals to Italian art lovers is the gift, which is as usual as the feast. Every child is presented with a plaster cast of the Nativity, and even in the phase of the holiday which is joyful and essentially "merry" the underlying sentiment is always conception of the manger and the birth. There are family reunions and social festivities, but always it is the religious feature which is most significant.—Century.

He's a Merry Old Soul.
Santa Claus is round and merry,
But who wouldn't be, I say,
With the children thinking of him
Half the night and all the day?
They in fancy see him coming,
Days and weeks before he's here,
Whistling to himself or humming
As he urges on his deer.

Are their thoughts and dreams not of him,
Both before he comes and after?
Don't they tell him how they love him,
Hailing him with song and laughter?
When he's moved by such a merry
Cheery, charming throng as that,
Then 't strange that, like a cherry,
Santa Claus is fair and fat.

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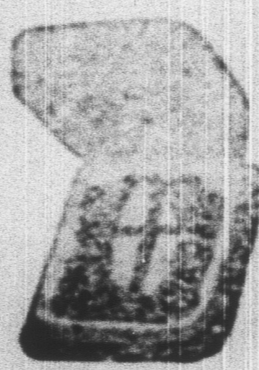
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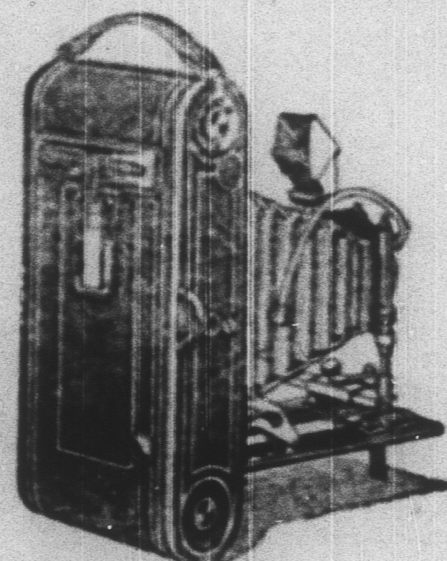
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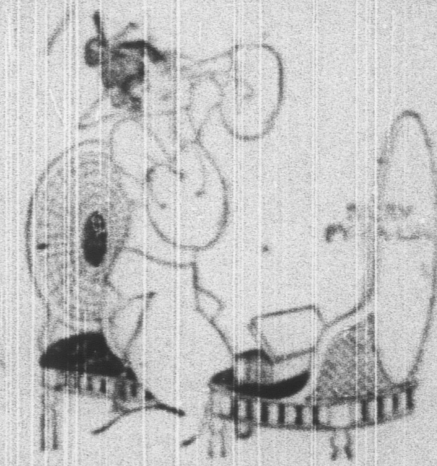
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