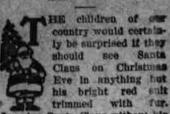
#### AN UNUSUAL SANTA CLAUS



trimmed with fur. long white whiskers, red nose and twinkling eyes! And could any sound but the musical tinknecks accompany his visit?
Yes, it could in Switzerland.

in the quaint little town of St. Gallen. And what a strange name they have for him there! "Father Christmas" is his name in F land, "Kris Kringle" in Germany, "Noel" in France. But in Switzerland, St. Nicholas, the patron saint of our jolliest and yet holiest of festivals, is called "Samiclaus."

To begin with, Samiclaus does not dress in red. He dresses in white white treusers and a white shirt. Around his waist is a broad leather best. Over his shoulders are gny embroidered red suspenders.

He doesn't wear long beard or bushy white hair. Instead, he wears a huge false face, made of cardboard, with a high perforated crownlike hat, which resembles the lace in candy boxes.

Samiciaus doesn't pay his visit alone. With him are eleven men, dressed precisely as he is

Each of these men has a huge cowbell suspended from his wide leather belt. They ring them loudly as they go around the town distributing presents and candy to the children.

Our Santa Claus stands for open chimneys, openly arrived

#### KRIS KRINGLE FUDGE

Pour one cupful of milk into a souce pan, add lone-quarter cupful of corn syrup, four tablespoonfuls of creamed butter and two cupfuls of sugar, bring to boiling point and cook until it reaches the soft-ball stage. Take from the fire, add one cupful of preserved cherries cut in halves and one teaspoonful rose extract and beat until creamy. Pour into a buttered pas and, when cool, cut into neat squares or rounds.

## THOSE NECKTIES

Santa Claus, what necktles are committed in thy name!

### LOVE IS ENOUGH

OME people are greedy for praise. They are not the ones who most deserve it. Fathers and mothers do not think it anything wonderful when they save, and plan, and work, and spend for Christmas Day. It is said that, as one learns the difficult Chinese language, at first he is glad to be understood, then he hears that he speaks the language very well, then, when he can express himself perfectly, no one tices it. Christmas language that perfect expression of love that asks no privilege. It brings the same message to all antions.—C. G. Hazard.

#### CHRISTMAS

C HRISTMAS comes as a blessed day when we refresh ourselves once again with the friendships we have made.

Peace steals into our lives, and good will toward men. Those beautiful words take on a new meaning and translate thomselves into little acts of kindness and consideration. Happy laughter is heard and grown men remember how to play.

A beautiful time is Christmas time—in which bitterness and envy melt into understanding and forgiveness. A gracious time—in which we senew our

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* His Christmas Skates



CHRISTMAS RESOLVE CHRISTMAS is especially a children's day, and one of the things which a proper Christmas attitude should bring about is a firm resolve on the part of each mother to learn what is best for her child, and do it irrespective of the child's whim or desires. This not only is true of gifts which the child receives at Christmas, but of its food and raiment, its sleeping room and its playroom. All of these should be as carefully guarded as the traditions on which the Christmas celebration is founded.

## HOW'S THIS?

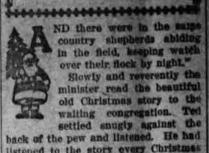
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## Ted's Gift to the Christ Child.



listened to the story every Christman morning as far back as he could remember; but today it seemed differ-

"And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host," continued the minister.

Ted's eyes grew wide with wender. It was more wonderful, more be ful than any fairy story he had ever

"And, lo, the star went before these and led them to where the young child lay."

"And they brought him gifts, gold. and frankincense, and myrrh.

Ah, those kings were rich; they could afford to bring him gifts. He pitied the shepherds. They brought no gifts; they must have been poor like him! Then he looked up quickly

"And we too, may bring like the poor, as well as the aged," and cluded the minister.

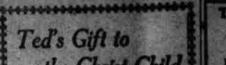
Ted's breath came quickly and is eyes shone with excitement. He was a little child, and he was poor, and he wanted to give the Christ Child a gift.

The people were trooping out of the church now, in merry groups. Nobody noticed the shabby little boy, who, with flushed face and questioning eyes, went slowly down the steps and turned into a side street. Suddenly he remembered; the cloud left his face and he dashed invously found his face and he dashed Joyously down the snowy sidewalk. A wonderful thing had happened last night! Sants Cinus had paid a visit to his home for the first time, although he had hang his faded, little stocking under the mantel every Christmas eve. It was so nice to have a Christmas gift or his own; Ted thought lovingly of the w top and quickened his steps,

"A little child may bring him gifts,"
the words reng through his head.
Well, he had nothing to give. Then he
stopped short—he had his top!

The next Sunday morning a little boy in a threadbare suit alipped quietly into a back pew of the great church. He carried with him an oddly-shaped package, which be fingered lovingly all through the service. Then the organ played softly and he could hear the clink of the money as it fall into the collection plate. He held the precious package close to him the plate was coming nearer—it passed into the next pew—now it had reached him! He heard the package drop with a dull thud into the plata. Then he leaned back, unminded of Then he leaned back, unmind the curious giances in his dis A little, quivering sigh escaped his lips; but his eyes were bright and there was something glad in his heart. The Christ Child had accepted Ted's gift.—Jennie M. Mills, in Farm and

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OF CHRISTMAS

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

TOO BIG A CONTRACT
Dear little Johanie's Aunt Emma, a
lady of most generous build, had come
for a visit and dear little Johanie had
been gazing at her raptly for some
minutes. Finally be could stand it no

"Mamma," he cried, "does Santa

"Mamma," he cried, "does Santa Chans fill everybody's stockings?"
"Of course, dear," replied his mother in some surprise.
"Grown-up people's, too?"
"Yes, dear."
"Well," returned Johnnie doubtfully, but as one clinging to a shred of hope, "I hope he gets to mine first."—American Legion Weekly.

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