

KRISS KRINGLE VISITS SALEM ON SATURDAY EVE.

Seniors and Faculty Guests at the Party.

At last, when Messrs. Burrage and Tally had completed their deeds of good cheer, did the faculty and seniors all merrily rally to the Christmas spirit which invades Salem each year. For days before Kriss Kringle was duly expected, we were so excited! To tell of it would ruin the poor pen. But even then not one of us had suspected what a marvelous time we would have when the love sick juniors, bold, bad sophomores, and green young freshmen, to keep the spirit right, did send us an invitation for dinner at six on Saturday night.

We packed up our wit and humor, loaded up with Yuletide cheer, and brought all our pep and elation to the happiest meal of the year. Then when the clock did point to eight at last, and all were gathered around the brightly lit tree, all of a sudden—with excited whispers—our eyes we did cast on the jolliest Kriss Kringle 'er mortals did see; all snowy and red—like a picture—did he look, this Santa who brought presents for all. For his pack contained everything, from hobby horses to stoves for dear cook. And indeed! there was many a hilarious shout when, with each gift, he did unveil, a jolly jingle telling what 'twas all about.

Finally, when pack and tree were both left bare, we all did beg old Kriss Kringle not to return immediately to his snow bound lair. And so he stayed, while his reindeer were outside, all a-jingle. Then while fun and laughter did reign supreme, came snowy ambrosia—which food of the immortals we rightly call. Truly we would have thought it all a dream, but "It's time to leave", some one did squall. And so a happy evening came to its end, while we departed with hopes and wishes that from this happy Christmas custom Salem will ne'er unbend.

JOKES.

Amelia Galloway (hastening to Y. W. C. A. cabinet meeting): "Oh Mattie, give me a Bible joke to answer roll call with."

Gladys Wellborn: "I've had enough exercise today."

Geneva Graeber: "I'd like to know when?"

Gladys: "Well, I've been working my mouth."

Elizabeth Shaw: "I go out for volley ball—do I belong to the Athletic Association?"

Lila Henkel (to herself) "Oh dear! If "A" only stood for absent instead of excellent I might get on the Honor Roll.

"Have you read Nicholas Nickleby?"
"No, I don' care for those Russian novels."
—Sun Dial.

Sophomore: "Did you ever take ether?"

Freshman: "No. How many points does it give you?"
—College Message.

A college optimist is one that looks in the mail box every time the mail is put up.

SOLILOQUY OF THE TRUNK

"Three months and more I've been at ease,"
The groaning trunk did say,
"I've had a rest—and now it seems I must be packed today."

"The next three weeks, no gentle hand Will jerk me here and there And stuff me full of clothes and things And leave no space for air."

"'Tis Christmas time—alas, alack! It comes too soon for me, My slumbers and my snoozes all Will interrupted be."

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