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WELCOME SANTA CLAUS

Do you remember, in those days "way back when—" how you used to pencil your little notes to Santa Claus, asking him for this, that and the other thing and assuring him that you were a "real good boy" and loved your father and mother?

Santa Claus is fast approaching now. And just as you welcomed him as a kid, you should welcome him now. Remember that Santa Claus is a symbol of generosity, loving-kindness and virtue. At this time, with his advent so near, check up on yourself. Have all your actions been worthy? Kind? Intelligent? Have you progressed or fallen behind in your work and in your spiritual growth?

Correct your faults, resolve to live to the highest in you, and when Santa Claus comes you will be able to welcome him properly, knowing that you have lived in such a manner as to merit the benefits that he showers upon you.

In this way you will receive, in addition to the love and respect of your friends and neighbors, a feeling of self-respect that, once acquired, will dignify and ennoble your entire life, putting it on a higher plane and bringing it nearer to the Divine.

Welcome Santa Claus!

THE FIRST GO-GETTERS

A recent play by Eugent O'Neil entitled "Marco Millions" has been meeting with considerable success in New York and Chicago. In the editor's understanding it is largely good satire appreciated by everyone without a torpid sense of humor.

It depicts Marco Polo as the first "Babbit" or "go-getter." It puts in his mouth many inanities and platitudes and presents him as a mere grabber for wealth. He appears offensive in contrast to the poetic, artistic and philosophical atmosphere that surround the part of Kublai Kahn in Medieval China.

But let's look at this man Marco Polo in his own historical setting. When he started his expedition into the Far-east, Europe was in the depth of medieval superstition, provincialism, intolerance and cruelty. The intellectuals of his time were spending their days debating on how many angels could sit on the point of a pin or forcing early scientists like Galileo to recant their heresies and say that the world was flat and that the sun and not the earth moved.

Then Marco Polo returned from the court of Kublai Kahn after years of service to that great Eastern monarch. He was taken prisoner in a war between Venice and Genoa and thrown into a Genoese jail where he wrote the record of his travels and observations.

He told of a fabulous country where great and well governed cities existed, where beautiful buildings and vast public works contributed to the prosperity and well being of the land. He told of many strange things unknown in Europe—of a place where they burned black rocks for fuel and of another where they got oil for their lamps from the ground—and immediately he acquired the reputation of being an unmitigated liar.

But still his writings stirred men's imaginations. They contributed no small part, historians admit, in arousing the spirit of adventure and discovery that led to the heroic voyage of Columbus and his three little boats. They helped to quicken the imaginations of Philosophers and intellectuals took their minds from trivialities, and assisted in ushering

into existence our modern, scientific age.

But no doubt he was a "go-getter" or "Babbit." It is, indeed, an ironical fact that these business men, these hustlers and men of action rather than dreamers and philosophers, keep the world moving forward. And break the shackles on the minds of all men—even of the intellectuals.

SPINDALE TO PLAY TWO BASKETBALL GAMES

The Spindale Athletic Club will play two basketball games at home this week. On Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, they will meet the Kings Mountain 'Mountaineers', in the first game between these two strong clubs this season. On Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, they will meet the Old Fort Club. Both games will be played at the Spindale House.

Your Health

Things You Should Know

By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

Seasonable Suggestions

With the oncoming of colder weather, our tendencies are toward heavier diet, and more of it. The change from summer fare to winter, is fully as important to observe as changes in clothing. Nobody would put on a heavy winter wrap the first day that the thermometer stays at sixty. No more should we take on a heavy meat and sugar ration the first cool day; it might turn real warm the next day, and we would be filled with regrets. Heavy meals don't set well on warm days. Let the change be gradual in food as well as clothing.

Combinations in dishes prepared should be shunned. I mean that we had better be wary of sausages, mince pices, veal loaf, and all preparations made of many things put together. Plain food—there is no argument against it. If it is not such a stimulant for the appetite, all the better. The great American crime is eating too much.

A sweet potato has its rights, same as folks; to over-charge it with grease and sugar, robs it of its individuality. A baked sweet potato is healthful—and, a little butter is all it needs. Fruits that are treated to the process of preserving are destroyed by the addition of ninety per cent of sugar—as fruits their virtue is destroyed. Jellies are commendable, being pure juices of fruits they represent. Meats have no business to be hashed, loafed, or sausageed. Better far to partake of them plain and well-done.

Cake has mighty nearly reached the stage of abomination; what with its stripes of coloring, sweetening and coating—it becomes well nigh a gastronomic crime to eat it. Wish I had space to go on. Plain foods lengthen life, taken temperately.

Mr. Hubert Ogburn, of Greensboro, visited friends here this week.

Postmaster McCurry has just had installed a Universal cancelling machine in the local postoffice. This wonderful time saver will cancel 400 letters per minute.

LOST — Monday, black female pig. Weight about 20 pounds. Scar under right jaw. Finder notify M. C. Thompson, Rutherfordton, R-2, N. C. 10-1tp

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Wants No. 4 Ring
Dear Santa: I go to school at Harris, and my teacher's name is Miss Nona Morgan. I have been a good little girl and I wish you would please bring me a ring, size No. 4. I also want a tea set, some powder and puff, oranges, apples and nuts.
MARGARET WOMACK.
Forest City.

Wants Two Dogs
Dear Santa Claus:
I am five and a half years old I am sick in bed today with a bad cold, because I stepped in some water and got my feet wet.
My Aunt Mary is writing this letter for me, but I am telling her what to say. Please bring me two dogs. I want one bird dog and one that is trained to carry notes to people. I want gold chains and bells for my dogs. You can tie the dogs to a bush or tree when you bring them. Please bring me a tool box, a cannon,, a fire truck and a tricycle.
HOLLIS OWENS, Jr.
Avondale.

Daddy Wants Car
Dear Santa Claus:
I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I want a rocky horse, a gun, and fruits, nuts, candies. I will tell you what daddy wants for Christmas. He wants a new car, and mother wants a new dress for Christmas.
I am a little boy four years old. I live on G. W. Rollins farm, so Santa don't forget to stop at my house. So, I wish a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
B. LUNNER MEDFORD.
Forest City, R-1.

Fruits, Nuts and Candy
Dear Santa Claus:
I will drop you just a few lines to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want you to bring me a nice doll and a carriage and fruits, nuts and candy.
Daddy wants you to bring him a big pocketbook full of money for Christmas.
I go to school. I am in the first grade and I am seven years old. I go to school at Mt. Pleasant. I live on G. W. Rollins' farm, so don't forget me, Santa.
LUNA MEDFORD.
Forest City, R-1.

Raincoat For First Grader
Dear Santa Claus:—I am a little girl six years old. I go to school, and I am in the first grade. Miss Irene Scruggs is my teacher.
I want you to come to see me Christmas night and bring me a raincoat, a doll, and a pair of bed room slippers, size eight, also some fruits, nuts and candy.
Joe, my little brother, wants you to bring him a kiddie car, and an aeroplane, some fruits, nuts and a box of candy.
Please don't forget all my little friends.
MARGARET and JOE HOLLAND.
Henrietta.

Anxious For Santa to Come
Dear Santa: I can't hardly wait for you to come. I am in the second grade. My teacher's name is Miss Nona Morgan and I like her very much.
I am eight years old and want you to bring me a carriage, a little doll bed, and a tea set for Christmas. Don't forget me and other little girls and boys.
FLORA WOMACK.
Forest City, R-2.

Not Old Enough To Go To School
Dear Santa:—I am a little girl four years old. I am not old enough to go to school, but I am good. Please bring me a doll, a doll head, a doll trunk, a large rubber ball, a rocking chair and all kinds of nuts and fruits. Don't forget my little friends. Bring them something nice, to
Your little friend,
CATHERINE JORDAN.
Forest City.

Rainproof Book Satchel
Dear Santa: I am a little girl, eight years old, and am in the third grade. My teacher is Miss Margaret

He May Have A Hard Time Laughing That Off — By Albert T. Reid



"It's the funniest thing, Cy, you know I could have sworn we would be able to take up your relief matter this session, but the appropriation bill, the cruiser bill, Boulder Dam and the tariff are going to take up all my time and I'll be dog-gone if I can see now how I can get around to you before next September."

Bostic, and she is a good teacher. Will you please bring me a nice mesh bag, a pretty pair of gloves and a nice rain proof book satchel. I also want some fruits, candies and nuts, and please don't forget my teacher, and other little boys and girls.
GORDON IRENE GREEN.
Forest City.

Wagon to Haul in Wood
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. Please bring me a wagon to haul my stove wood in with, so I don't have to carry it in. Bring one that the tongue will not come off.
I would like to have a gun and knife, just a tiny little knife like my grandpa Wright has on his watch chain. Bring Selma a doll with a yellow dress and red hair like James has.
Please be sure to remember Everett and Evelyn Hardin also George and Hazel Hamrick.
I will try to be good until you come. Please be good as you can to every little boy and girl, and I hope you have a new aeroplane to go around in this time. You could ask your Santa Claus to bring you one to go in.
HUGH DOGGETT.
Forest City, R-2.

Lonely Boy Wants Tricycle
Dear Santa: I am a little boy of only five years old. All the rest of my little brothers and sisters go to school and leave me home all day. I want you to bring me a tricycle to ride so I will not be so lonely. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
BILLY WOMICK.
Forest City, R-2.

Remembers Teacher
Dear Santa: I can't hardly wait for you to come. Please hurry and come along and bring me a doll carriage and a little toy table.
I am going to school at Harris, and am in the 4th grade, and I am 10 years old. My teacher's name is Miss Cora Lee Dalton and I like her very much. Don't forget her, and other girls and boys. I am not asking very much of you this time, but bring me a lot of nuts and candies.
Your little friend,
NANNIE SUE WOMACK.
Forest City, R-2.



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