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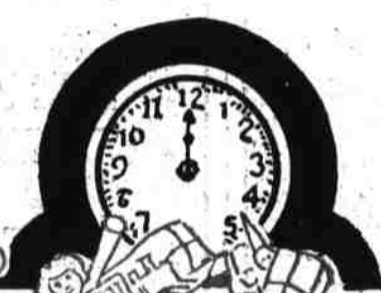
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THE LITTLE FELLER'S STOCKIN'

OH, it's Christmas Eve, and moonlight,
and the Christmas air is chill,
And the frosty Christmas holly shines and
sparkles on the hill,
And the Christmas sleigh-bells jingle, and the
Christmas laughter rings,
As the last stray shoppers hurry, takin' home
the Christmas things;
And up yonder in the attic there's a little trun-
dle bed
Where there's Christmas dreams a-dancin'
through a sleepy, curly head,
And it's "Merry Christmas," Mary, once
again fer me and you,
With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up be-
side the flue.

'Tisn't silk, that little stockin', and it isn't
much fer show,
And the darns are pretty plenty round about
the heel and toe,
And its color's kinder faded, and
it's sorter worn and old,
But it reely is surprisin' what a
lot of love 'twill hold;
And the little hand that hung it
by the chimbley there along
Has a grip upon our heartstrings
that is mighty firm and strong;



So Old Santy don't forget it, though it isn't
fine and new,
That plain little home-knit stockin' hangin' up
beside the flue.

And the crops may fail, and leave us with
plans all gone ter smash,
And mortgages may hang heavy, and the bills
use up the cash,
But whenever comes the season, jest so long s
we've got a dime,
There'll be somethin' in that stockin'—won't
there, Mary?—every time.
And if, in amongst our sunshine, there's a
shower er two of rain,
Why, we'll face it bravely smilin', and we'll try
not ter complain
Long as Christmas comes and finds us here
together, me and you,
And the little feller's stockin' hangin' up be-
side the flue.

—Joe Lincoln, in the Saturday Evening Post.

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