

Santa Claus Busy Reading Letters from the Kiddies

Letters To Santa Carry Human Interest Stories

Swamped with letters from the little folks all over Martin County, Santa Claus has found it necessary to sit up over time and burn the night oil to read them all. The old gentleman explains that he is doing the best he can do, and that he will make every effort possible to please the little children of Martin County this year. Surely, Santa Claus can not handle the big task without the aid of the grown-ups, and a preliminary survey shows that they are planning to cooperate with the fine old man and bring to Martin County youths the happiest Christmas of all.

The letters our young writers have been sending into Santa Claus have pleased him greatly. Many human interest stories are found in the few lines constituting the notes to Old Santa. A marked feature of many of the letters is the absence of selfishness. It will be mighty hard for Old Santa to refuse them their humble requests, and it is sincerely hoped that in those cases where the old gentleman is too poor to travel that a thinking and considerate people will come to the rescue.

The Enterprise today finds it impossible to clear its files of all the letters forwarded to Santa Claus, but more will be printed next time.

Dear Santa Claus—I hope you haven't worked too hard for Christmas presents. Tell Mrs. Santa, I hope she hasn't hurt her fingers by pricking them with needles dressing dolls. Will you please bring me a green snow suit? I would like to have some fruit and nuts. With lots of love,

Jane Goff.
Williamston, Nov. 29.

Dear Santa Claus—For Christmas I want a snow suit, a blackboard and a doll about 25 inches tall. I hope you do not think me too big to get a doll, for I am only ten. I want a ball and some games, and some books to read. I will leave the back door open because if you go in the front someone might see you. The chimney is too small for you. You can leave your reindeer in the backyard. I have been good so fill my stocking full. I would like very much to go to see you workshop. Yours truly,


Frances Booth.
Williamston, Nov. 29.

Dear Santa Claus—I will be overjoyed when Christmas comes. Our room is going to have a large Christmas party. We are going to invite our mothers. I wish very much you could come too. I have been trying to be good. I would like to have a watch and a snow suit and a ring. And I would like to have some candy and nuts too. Sincerely yours,

Bettie Davis Rogers.
Williamston, Nov. 29.

Dear Santa—I am 8 years old. Please bring me a wagon and a "Miss America" boat, a 22 bullet rifle and some lead soldiers. Yours truly,

Hugh Horton, Jr.
Williamston, Dec. 1.



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"Is There a Santa Claus?"

(The following Christmas classic first appeared as an editorial in the New York "Sun" September 21, 1897.)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says: "If you see it in The Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, you little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no joy, no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? No body sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to school and like it fine. Santa, please bring me a snow suit or a wrist watch and a doll. Also some fruit, candy and nuts. Lovingly,

Marie Lilley.
Williamston, Rt. 1, Box 67, Nov. 29
Williamston, Dec. 1.

A GOOD IDEA!

Dear Santa Claus—Before I tell you what I want for Christmas, I would like to know if you take the Enterprise, and if you don't I wish you would before Christmas cause it will help all little children and the man who runs this paper too.

I want a doll and a doll crib, a typewriter, a cleaning set, and a large carriage.

Please don't forget all the little girls and boys and don't forget to take this paper.

Yours truly,

Helen Weaver.

Dear Santa—I am ten years old. Please bring me a bicycle and a cowboy suit. I want some fruit and some candy too. I hope you remember all the boys and girls at Christmas. Thank you for the things you brought me last Christmas. I am in the 3A grade. Yours truly,

Catherine Lilly.
Williamston, Dec. 1.

Dear Santa—I am not telling you what I want this year because I want it to be a surprise. I want you to bring me toys that are suitable for a little girl nine years old. Just to give you an idea, I like books, dolls, balls, horns and games. I hope I get a nice surprise. With love,

Elgarie Manning
Jamesville, Dec. 1.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 8 years old. Please bring me a Snowbird sled, a pair of high top shoes, size 3, 13 inches high, a pair of gray riding pants, size 10, American log set and a Texas, Jr., holster. Yours truly,

Charles B. Siceloff, Jr.

Dear Santa—I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a bicycle. I want a pair of bedroom slippers. I hope you remember all the girls and boys at Christmas. I want some fruit and some candy. I thank you for the fruit and candy last year. Yours truly,

Mary Louise Allen.

Dear Santa—I am 10 years old. I wish for you to bring me the following things:

A little sewing machine, a basketball set; a Mickey Mouse watch, a typewriter and fruits, huts and candy.

Santa, don't forget my little niece, Pennie O'Neil Rogerson. She is 18 months old. I Thank You.

Lorraine Rogerson.

Dear Old Santa—Hope you will not forget me this Christmas. This year I am only nine years old. Will you please bring me a doll, a pair of gloves, and a bingo set? Will you also bring me some confectioneries? I surely do thank you for what you brought me last year. Hope all other boys and girls have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yours truly,

Mary Eleanor Perry.

Dear Santa—I am nine years old. Please bring me a desk, chair and a bath robe. I want some fruit and candy too. I hope you remember all the girls and boys at Christmas. I thank you for the things you brought me last Christmas. Yours truly,

Roddy Everett.

Dear Santa—I am 8 years old. Please bring me an army trunk, and a bicycle. I hope you remember the other children. Yours truly,

Dennis Jones.

Dear Santa—I am 8 years old. Please bring me a sewing machine, a pair of bedroom slippers, a doll and some fruit and candy too. I am in the third grade, and I am thankful for the things you brought me last Christmas. Yours truly,

Elizabeth Hopkins.

Dear Santa—I am 11 years old. Please bring me a cowboy suit, a wagon, an air rifle and a bag of fruit. Yours truly,

Bert Moore.

Dear Santa—I am 8 years old. Please bring me a bicycle, an air rifle, a pair of high top shoes, and firecrackers. Please bring me some fruit and candy too. Yours truly,

Wilson Corey.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 8 years old. I live at 503 Williams st. Please bring me a pair of skates, a game and some nuts and fruit. I'm not asking for much because I want every other little boy and girl to have something. Thanks for all the things you brought me last Christmas. Yours truly,

Louise Griffin.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 8 years old. Please bring me a doll, and a snow suit. I want some fruit and some candy too. Thank you for the things you brought me last year. I hope you remember all the boys and girls at Christmas. I live on 208 Watts Street. Yours truly,

Elizabeth Manning.

Dear Santa—I am 8 years old. Please bring me a doll baby that really walks, a desk and a chair. I hope you remember all the girls and boys at Christmas. I am in the third grade. Yours truly,

Jeanette Rhodes Andrews.



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Cash and due from Banks	515,874.68
Banking House & Fixtures	\$30,851.60
Less Depreciation	13,701.60
Other Real Estate (Old Bank Bldg.)	3,000.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds & Notes	3,567.92
Total	\$1,293,276.60

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock, Common	\$ 42,000.00
Surplus Funds	42,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	13,033.46
Unearned Interest	2,229.54
Reserve for Interest, Taxes, etc.	5,391.63
Deposits	1,188,621.97
Total	\$1,293,276.60

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