

Santa All the Year Is Found to Be Good Idea

SANTA CLAUS comes in July as well as December to those who need him in Columbia, Mo. Last Christmas a dollar given anonymously by "a group of children" was used by the Welfare society there to start a fund for year-round needs, instead of gorging people with too many baskets of goodies one day out of 365.

These are some of the things the fund has paid for: glasses to replace those broken by a boy whose mother washes to keep him in school; means of getting a crippled girl to and from school; shoes for the old horse used by the society when there is hauling to be done; the cane a grandfather needed to help him get about; fares of a trachoma patient and a tubercular child who were sent to hospitals; soap and a razor for a young man who wanted to clean up so he could try for a job.

Regular donations to the society may be spent only for food, fuel, clothing and shelter; these all-the-year gifts, though badly needed, would have been impossible but for the dollar from the children "to use any way you want" that gave welfare workers the idea of the Santa Claus fund.—Frances Grinstead.

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Christmas in Christ's Land Is Without Snow

LITTLE Christian children who live in Jerusalem or who are traveling there with their parents will not have a snowy Christmas. Snow almost never falls in Palestine, for the temperature is seldom below 33 degrees. When it does snow, the flakes melt as soon as they touch the ground.

Most of the people in the country where the infant Jesus was born do not celebrate Christmas, however! For only a few of them are Christians; most are Moslems or Jews. There are some Christmas trees in Christian homes, and gifts are exchanged among those who observe Christ's birthday. But there are no street decorations and no late shopping problems. The post offices have no big signs urging "Mail your packages early!"

Yet there is probably no place in the world more appropriate to visit at Christmas. The Holy Sepulchre is in the old part of the city, and at Bethlehem, six miles south, is a great church that has replaced the humble inn where Christ was born. Inside is a large flat stone on which the infant Jesus is supposed to have been laid, reminding us how Christianity grew from one humble life.—Frances Grinstead.

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AT CHRISTMAS TIME



"Henry, what were you conversing with the ashman about?"
 "Why, Helen, I was trying to coax him to smoke those cigars you gave me for a Christmas present."
 "Call him back, Henry."
 "Ah, you would like to see him take the cigars?"
 "No, I want him to take some perfume to his wife—you know, dear, the perfume you selected for my Christmas gift."

The Need of Santa Claus

"If there were no God it would be necessary to invent him," said a well-known writer. There is no Santa Claus in our grown-up world, but we have found we needed him as one of the most beloved characters in the world of childhood, which is peopled with legends of the child's own making. The enchanting belief in Santa and his reindeer, his paunch and his pack filled with toys will never hurt a child. The cynical grown-ups, who have too completely lost their belief in him and his kind, need your help.

Demand for Christmas Toys

Children are still running true to form in their requests to Santa Claus. The girls still want dolls, play furniture and toy household appliances and the boys want cowboy suits and mechanical toys year after year.

Children Like to Buy

Children take pride in being able to buy their own gifts for members of the family and for friends. Often mothers and their ingenuity put to a severe test to find ideas enough to go round in the necessarily limited price range.

Poinsettias

Poinsettias require a temperature that does not fall below 65 degrees Fahrenheit. While the plants are blooming, the soil should be kept quite moist.

"Lone Wolf's" Tracks in the Christmas Snow

THERE he stood—"The Lone Wolf!" halfway down the hillside midst a snow-covered landscape, the moon and stars disclosing his tracks and shadowy figure upon the glistening sheet of ice-coated snow. He gazed hungrily toward a small group of houses huddled together at the foot of the hill, a faint light gleaming from their windows.

As Mary Louise was absorbed in turkey-dressing, cranberries, recipe books and Christmas spices, her thoughts wandered to this beautiful picture—"The Lone Wolf." For many years she had longed to possess it, but her husband did not approve, so she had done without it.

Mary Louise brushed away a tear as she thought of the coveted picture and then promptly forgot all about it in her loving efforts to make her family happy on Christmas.

When all was in readiness and the tree beautifully trimmed, Mary Louise called in the family for the Christmas celebration. How the children danced and tore about the toy-strewn living room! How dear old John absorbed himself in his brand-new smoking outfit!

Was Mary Louise to receive nothing? Turning, she saw John tacking up the most adorable bit of tapestry he had ever seen—"The Lone Wolf!" Just the thing for that great empty wall space! "Merry Christmas, Mary," said John, as they all stood gazing upon "The Lone Wolf" with his tracks in the snow.—Alice B. Palmer.

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Christmas Radio Skit That "Went Over" Big

WHY don't you try a radio skit for XYZ? Dick Hassel had written his mother, Grace.

Grace tried it and was as much surprised as anyone when it was accepted, to be broadcast at seven o'clock, Christmas eve.

Mrs. Hassel had been greatly disappointed when Dick, for lack of finances, had to give up studying for the ministry and had gone to work in the big city. Recently he had written that he had a new job, a surprise, that he would tell Mother Grace and Father Jim about at Christmas.

Because Grace had always pictured Dick as the popular young minister, she featured the idea in her play, with the beautiful organist as his sweetheart.

Christmas eve Jim tuned in on XYZ. Promptly at seven came the theme song; then, to their amazement, a voice strangely familiar:

"This is station XYZ."
 Then another voice: "Our play this evening, 'The New Minister,' is written by our announcer's mother, Mrs. Grace Hassel. Our popular announcer, Dick Hassel, will take the part of the minister."

"Of all things!" Grace exclaimed. "The young scamp!"
 "No wonder your skit went over so fast," Jim grinned.
 "Now, listen! We're missing it," Grace happily admonished as the young minister's voice announced that the audience would join in singing "Joy to the World."—Florence Harris Wells.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

THE carol was originally a joyous dance, a sign of liberation from the religious austerity of the Puritan era. Percy Dearmer, writing in "The Oxford Book of Carols," says: "The carol, by forsaking the timeless contemplative melodies of the church, began the era of modern music, which throughout has been based on the dance."

Cheese Rind for Birds

In a recent discussion of the best way of feeding birds in the garden, one experimenter put forward the rind of a Stilton cheese as the supreme Christmas fare! Birds of many sorts, especially the robin, are greedily fond of it. They have a desire for fat and the cheese provides this in association with other virtues. If we feed birds for the sake of watching them as well as comforting them, the rind, if preserved in more or less unbroken form, has the advantage that it cannot be carried away and attracts five or six species of bird if no more.—London Spectator.

A Colorful Set of Bowls

No modern kitchen is complete without a nest of bowls in a color corresponding to the color scheme of the kitchen. If you know of a person without this delightful kitchen help, it might be a suggestion for a Christmas or birthday gift.

Make Children Happy

The citizen who makes a child happy Christmas time often learns that he gets a lot of happiness out of the transaction for himself.

Needs No Ceremony

A real man is one who doesn't make a ceremony out of his charity.

PUBLIC IS ASKED TO SHOW COOPERATION

Postmaster Makes Suggestions To Expedite Christmas Mail

Due to the relegation of the class of the Elkin post office from second to third, the allowance for clerical assistance has been reduced to approximately one-third the former amount, it was learned Saturday from F. W. Graham, postmaster, who pointed out that this fact is a considerable handicap in organizing for the approaching heavy Christmas mails.

In order to ease to a certain extent the burden with which the postal force will be laden from now until Christmas, and to expedite the delivery and dispatch of the mail, Mr. Graham made the following suggestions:

Keep Christmas greeting cards separate from all other first class mail. Place rubber bands or strings around all packages of cards or letters with stamps arranged in proper order for cancellation. Mail packages as early in the morning as possible, before 10 a. m. if convenient. This applies particularly to mail to be registered or insured.

Greeting cards enclosed in envelopes for local delivery should be sealed in order to secure the drop letter rate of one cent. Do not mail greetings in red, green or dark colored envelopes.

SHIP OFFICERS ARRESTED

The acting captain and chief engineer of the liner Morro Castle, which burned at sea with a loss of 134 lives, were arrested Friday and arraigned immediately before a United States commissioner on charges of negligence, misconduct and inattention to duty.

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Opens Friday AT Graham & Click's! Old Santa



IN PERSON WILL BE ON HAND TO WELCOME ALL THE KIDDIES AND SHOW THEM THE HUNDREDS OF NEW TOYS AND GIFTS!

WE WANT EVERY CHILD FOR MILES AROUND TO BE HERE!

Santa Will Arrive At 4:00 o'Clock!

Kiddies, bring your letters for old Santa to read. Be sure and tell him about everything you want at Christmas time. Don't miss seeing and talking to Santa Claus in person Friday afternoon, and don't forget he will HAVE A GIFT FOR EACH BOY AND GIRL. He will show you many beautiful Christmas toys, such as:

- Dolls
- Doll Carriages
- Doll furniture
- Doll Trunks
- Laundry sets
- Wagons
- Tricycles
- Kiddie Kars
- Double-barrel pop guns
- Single-barrel pop guns
- Musical tops
- Tool chests
- Hammers
- Hatchets
- Trains
- Games of all kinds
- Books—including The BIG little books, The big BIG books
- Skates
- China sets
- Tin tea sets
- Aluminum sets
- Kiddie tables and chairs

and hundreds of other fine toys

PARENTS! Grown-Ups! YOU TOO, WILL FIND HUNDREDS OF WORTHWHILE GIFTS!

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Beautiful toilet sets—Guaranteed 26-piece silver plated service sets—Belt and buckle sets—Cigarette lighters and case—Carving sets—Book ends—Fruit and nut bowls—Lacquered trays and service plates—Finest leather and kid gloves—Make-up boxes—Shaving outfits.

These items and many others will make appropriate gifts for the holiday season.

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