

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

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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 eight 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."

Virginia, your 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 to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours men 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 romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have 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? Nobody 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

that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the 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 supernal 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.

Mange Infections In Hogs On Rise

Extension specialists at State College say that reports show mange is not only of common occurrence in hogs arriving at public stockyards, but also that many cases are well advanced, indicating serious infection on farms where the hogs originated.

Hog mange damages the dressed carcasses and results in price losses. When the skin is injured by mange mites, the grade, together with the value of the carcass, is lowered. In advanced cases, valuable cuts are damaged and can be used only as trimmings.

The specialists point out that there are two kinds of hog mange. The common type does most of the damage. In this, the mites burrow into the skin, first around the head and neck and spread from there, causing inflammation and swelling of the skin tissues. The skin becomes thickened and develops wrinkles and folds. As the infection is contagious, it spreads rapidly in a herd when hogs are closely confined.

This mange responds readily to treatment on the farm. Dipping in a medicated bath is the most thorough method of killing the mange mites. Treated animals should then be moved to clean quarters or the old enclosures should be thoroughly cleaned of all litter and disinfected.

The other form of hog mange is caused by a different parasite. There is no known cure for it, but it spreads rapidly and its effect on animals is less severe than common mange. The best way to get rid of the infection is to dispose of the affected animals and disinfect the quarters.

Too Restricted

"Why don't you advertise?"
"Look here! I know my business."
"Sure! But how about letting others know about it?"

Spot Cotton Prices Jump Over Week-end

Spot cotton prices advanced about 30 points during the week ended Friday. Spot market activity increased and mill demand improved somewhat but buying continued to be largely on "hand-to-mouth" basis. Farmers are not selling freely and the movement into the government loan continues in substantial volume. Indications are that almost 95 percent of the crop was ginned through November 30, but trade reports indicate that farmers are holding considerable cotton outside the loan.

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We wish you all the best possible.



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OF THE

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Season

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It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

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As the
SHADOWS
of the Year
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The Christmas season brings to a close another twelve months during which time all of us have had experiences which we will remember for many days to come. Some of these incidents we will treasure in our hearts. Other experiences we may regret, but we wish that from the past year we had learned lessons which will strengthen us in preparation for the year ahead.

And so as the shadows fall on the close of the year, we desire to express our Christmas greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact and to wish for you all the better things that life affords.

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