

When Santa Came to Our House

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SANTA came to our house, an' me an' 'Lizabeth
Was skeered at first, but when he smiled was tickled 'most to death.

HE put his arms around us an' wouldn't let us go.
We know he liked us awful much, because he telled us so.

SANTA came to our house an' said, "Now, don't forget:
I'm comin' back next Christmas eve," an' he will, too, I bet.

Waggley's Little Joke

It Sounded Funny the Day Before Christmas, but Not So Funny the Day After.

By WILL S. GIDLEY

CHRISTMAS not being more than fourteen rods off and rapidly coming in this direction, it is incumbent on everybody to get a hustle on and attend to his holiday shopping without further delay.

"Procrastination gathers no moss," or words to that effect, and the woman who postpones her Christmas purchases until the last minute usually emerges from the final free for all scramble a wild eyed, shivering nervous wreck and feeling as if she didn't care two pins whether she ever saw another Christmas again or not.

Moral.—But why waste time pointing it out?

One thing it may be well to mention, however, and that is a Christmas gift to have the real Christmas flavor should be selected with due care as to its appropriateness. Don't give a doctor a treatise on "Mental Healing, or the Folly of Using Drugs in Diseases;" don't send a young married couple a set of boxing gloves; don't give a joke book to a suffragette; don't send a free correspondence course in dancing to a man with a wooden leg.

Have your present fit the person for whom it is intended. Give rein to your fancy, if you will, in picking out your holiday gifts, but not to your sense of humor. It doesn't pay to exercise your wit at a fellow's expense when you are conferring a Christmas present on him. A joke is well enough in its place, but not at a time like this,

especially if it has a sarcastic twist to it.

Take the case of John W. Waggley, for instance. You would never guess it from his name, but Waggley was a bank president. Well, while laying in his supply of Christmas gifts for his staff of employees one season a brilliantly facetious idea, a sort of inspiration, so to speak, suddenly illuminated the recesses of his intellect, and, chuckling softly to himself, he sallied forth to a department store and purchased a handsome valise for the cashier of the institution over which he presided and had it left on his desk



the day before Christmas, when the presents were being passed around, adorned with a tag plainly labeled in big black letters, "Theopolus J. Peters, Boodleville, Canada."

It was a fine joke. Everybody roared over it, the cashier among the rest. But it was noticed that there was a thoughtful, faraway look on Peters' face the rest of the day.

The morning after Christmas the humorous Mr. Waggley was astonished, not to say shocked, at finding his trusted cashier missing, together with a goodly share of the portable funds of the bank, and later in the day he received another mild jolt in the shape of a special delivery letter from his erstwhile employee, running as follows:

On train en route for Canada, Christmas Eve.

Dear Mr. Waggley—Thanks for suggestion and satchel. Hadn't thought of such a thing until you put it into my head. Now that I am safely off with a snug little fortune, sufficient for a life competency if

judiciously handed you can't imagine how grateful I am for the hint.

In investing the funds of which I find myself (by promptly accepting and acting on your kindly suggestion) so fortunately and unexpectedly possessed I shall endeavor to follow out the precepts thoroughly impressed upon my mind during my years of association with you and do so conservatively and wisely.

With many thanks for all that you have done for me in times past and especially for your final thoughtful Christmas gift and its accompanying hint, upon which, relying on your wisdom and judgment, I have acted, I remain ever your grateful debtor, THEOPOLUS J. PETERS.

"Ever your grateful debtor," repeated Waggley, with a grim smile, as he finished reading the letter. "Guess that's right. This appears to be the sort of joke that comes home to roost. Mighty good thing I had my laugh beforehand."

And without another word John W. Waggley, banker, turned to his private cash ledger and jotted down the following items:

Debit by	
One bag bought Dec. 24 for Theopolus J. Peters, cashier.....	\$4.98
Stuffing for same as per D. phool hint of mine.....	19,360.00
Grand total.....	\$19,364.98
Credit by	
Fun got out of alleged joke.....	\$0.05
One lesson in the school of experience.....	19,364.93
Grand total.....	\$19,364.98

Christmas Cards.

The Christmas card has grown a burden, and the voice of the shopper is heard in our land. Not only is it a trouble to pick out appropriate cards, but they are not in the best taste even when found. A better method often is to write our Christmas greetings on a visiting card. This is more personal, entails less labor and is in better taste.

Must Be Married.

"I didn't know she was married."
"She isn't."
"She must be."
"Why?"
"I just heard her say she didn't expect much this Christmas."

Christmas Suggestions

FROM A MAN'S STORE

Look over this list. You will see many things in it that "He" would like

<p>Fur Caps In Genuine Seal, near Seal and cheaper Furs, \$3.50 to \$15.00.</p> <p>A Hat makes a very acceptable gift, \$2.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>Hand Luggage Give him a fine Suit Case or Hand Bag, \$1.50 to \$10.00.</p> <p>Umbrellas In cotton and silk, \$1.00 to \$5.00.</p> <p>Lounging Robes Bath Robes House Coats They mean more solid comfort—more real genuine pleasure than it is possible to crowd into the same money any other way. Prices \$2.00 to \$10.00.</p> <p>Sweater Coats Make a most appropriate gift for a man or young man. It is a pleasure to choose from such an assortment as we have. Every style in a big selection of colors enables you to find just what you are looking for. \$1.00 to \$8.50.</p> <p>Fur Coats In Russian Calf, Galloway and Kanaka Wolf, \$20.00 to \$35.00.</p> <p>Suits and Overcoats The best gift of all would be an elegant Suit or Overcoat, Boys, \$3.00 to \$8.00. Mens \$15.00 to \$25.00.</p>	<p>Something to Wear Makes the Ideal Christmas Gift Because it is Appreciated Above Everything Else This store points a way to an easy, practical, quick solution of the all puzzling Christmas Gift problem of what to get for "him." Things really worth while are here in abundance. Men are practical. You must give them practical gifts to win their genuine appreciation.</p> <p>The gifts you buy here are the kind that endure and bring thoughts of you to the recipient for many months to come. Our store is full to overflowing with hundreds of appropriate gifts for men and boys, especially selected for the holiday trade, but you will know it is not best to wait. Now is the best time to make your selection.</p>	<p>Nicely Boxed Matched Sets Different combinations of Hose, Handkerchiefs, Ties and Suspenders, 75c to \$1.50.</p> <p>Neckwear, 25c to \$1.00.</p> <p>Fancy Handkerchiefs, 10c to 50c.</p> <p>Dress Kid Gloves, 50c to \$2.00.</p> <p>Fancy and Silk Hose, 25c and 50c.</p> <p>Fancy Vests, \$2.00 to \$6.00.</p> <p>Knitted and Silk Mufflers, 50c to \$2.00.</p> <p>Pajamas, \$1.50 to \$2.50.</p> <p>Shoes and Slippers, 75c to \$5.00.</p> <p>Laundry Bags, \$3.00.</p> <p>Utility Cases.</p> <p>Collar Bags, \$1.00 to \$2.50.</p> <p>Arm Bands and Hose Supporters in boxes, 50c to 75c.</p> <p>Cuff Links, Scarf Pins and Tie Holders in fancy boxes, 25c to \$1.50.</p> <p>Dress Shirts, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.00.</p> <p>Fur and fur-lined Mitts and Gloves, \$1.50 to \$6.00.</p>
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