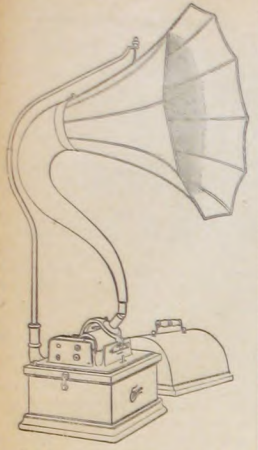


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SANTA CLAUS IN THE CITY

By **JAMES A. EDGERTON**
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IN days of yore old Santa Claus
Had a delightful time.
The chimneys all were big and wide
Through which he had to climb.
But nowadays our modern ways
Afford him little ease.
When he climbs through our skimpy flues
He has an awful squeeze.

They say he has an ample form,
With girth profound and vast,
And first thing anybody knows
Some day he'll get stuck fast.
But this is not the worst of it,
For how can Santa crawl
Into a modern city flat
That has no flues at all?



His bursting pack upon his back,
He clammers up the walls.
Climbs ladders like a steeplejack,
To make his midnight calls.
And once some city children saw
A roly poly shape
On Christmas eve go past their flat
Upon the fire escape.

With buildings twenty stories high
And flats on every floor,
More girls and boys who want more toys
Than ever were before.
The way poor Santa Claus is worked
Is certainly a shame,
But he is such a good old sport
He never quits the game.

If buildings should grow taller yet
And still more girls and boys
Keep being born, each one to get
A longer list of toys,
I do not know how Santa Claus
Can visit such a mob.
But, I'll be bound, he will be found,
As always, on the job.

The Evergreen Boob

Mabel—That nearsighted Mr. Boob actually asked me on Christmas night if the wreath of evergreen in the parlor were mistletoe.



Alice—What did you tell him?
Mabel—Why, I told him it was he might try to kiss me, and if I told him it was not he is such a poor sport he wouldn't even take a chance!

Real Christmas Weather

THE greatest snowstorm in the experience of England began falling Dec. 24, 1896, and continued during Christmas day. The snow in some places reached a depth of forty feet. All travel was blocked. There was no communication, not even between houses, and avalanches buried many people in their dwellings, where they were frozen.

PONTIAC.

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East Madison street, for several days, left Wednesday afternoon for her home.

H. B. McGregor left Tuesday afternoon for Bloomington for a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. Milburne, and also on business.

Mrs. C. E. Leger, who was called to Rochester, N. Y., some time ago by the death of a relative, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Judge W. C. Graves and Attorney P. A. Gibbons returned Tuesday afternoon from Watseka, where they had been on legal business.

Mrs. William J. Butler and daughter, Miss Louise, of North Main street, went to Bloomington, Wednesday afternoon for a short visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey and children, of near Fairbury, spent Tuesday in this city with the latter's father, Lawrence Power, on West Livingston street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weeks, of East Howard street, accompanied by their daughter and son, expect to leave soon for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Harris, of Moline, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rasmussen, at their home on the east side for the past week left Tuesday afternoon for her home.

KINSMAN

Mr. Dennis Ryan autoed to Odel on Monday.

Miss Julia McCabe spent Saturday with friends in Verona.

Mr. Walter Kilmer of Verona autoed to our town Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Allen, of Peoria, called on his customers here Friday.

Mr. P. L. Gallagher of Chicago called on White and Co., Monday.

Mr. Roy Brown of Streator transacted business here Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Duffy of Campus spent Sunday at the David Sisk home.

Miss Belle Coveney of Joliet spent Monday with Mrs. Dr. McGoe.

Mrs. C. Donelson and son, Charles, were Streator visitors on Sunday.

Messrs. Robert and Harry Rosendahl were Joliet visitors on Saturday.

Messrs. Frank Carey and Steve Ryan were Ransom visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will White of Morris, spent Tuesday with his brother, Frank here.

Mrs. Michael Ahern, of Ottawa, was the guest of her son, Thos. Ahern, last week.

Mr. Harry Carlson attended the funeral of Mr. Gorman at Joliet on Wednesday.

Messrs. Lou Coveney, John Phelan and Dennis Ryan autoed to Ottawa on Sunday.

Mrs. R. Hanna spent this week with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Stickle, in Marseilles.

Messrs. Elmer Harty, Mike Carey and Howard Connors were Dwight visitors on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harty and daughter, Delight of near Ransom spent Sunday with relatives here.

Messrs. Mike Carey, Elmer Harty, Hary Dawson and John Phelan went by auto to Morris on Monday.

Miss Mary Rosendahl went to Blodgett on Thursday where she visited friends, returning home Saturday.

Several of our young people from here attended the Leap Year dance given at Verona on Friday evening.

Miss Nellie Ryan returned home from Marseilles, Thursday where she had spent the past week with her sister.

Mrs. F. White spent from Thursday until Saturday with her sisters, Mrs. John and Mrs. Parnell Vaughney at Marseilles.

Misses Saydie and Mary Phelan attended the Variety Shower given on Miss Grace Fisher at Ransom on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Kathleen Dawson returned home on Saturday from Joliet, where she had spent the past week with her aunt, Mrs. M. Dawson.

Miss Mary Walsh of Longham and Miss Collette Dunn of the Morris Academy, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. J. R. Dunn, last week.

Messrs. Thomas Roach of Streator and Henry Denhart of Ransom spent Wednesday in our town in behalf of the Public Service company.

Mrs. Michael Dunn is recovering from a serious attack of stomach trouble with which she was stricken last week. A trained nurse from Chicago is waiting on her at present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Moore, daughter Mabel and Della, and son, Dyas and Mr. and Mrs. C. Fisher attended the wedding of Miss Grace Fisher and Mr. Clarence Meagher at Ransom, Tuesday morning.

The Catholic Fair for the benefit of the Sacred Heart church will commence on Monday, December 16. Dancing every evening at Quigley Hall. Music will be furnished by Gualano's Brothers Orchestra, of Ottawa, for the entire week. Come! Everybody.

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The Spirit of the Mistletoe
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And eyes are bright and cheeks aglow
Where stirs the pulse of Christmastide.

O gracious branch with berries pearly,
What gloried green surpasses this.
Whose magic sways the whole wide world,
The rhythmic sweetness of a kiss?

Grateful for Life Saved.
Thirty-five years ago a Swiss sailor saved the life of an English lad, a petasos, which was soft and light, beupul at a boarding school at Vevey,ing made of felt; it was strapped unwho was drowning in Lake Geneva,der the chin to fasten it firmly to the The young Englishman was then head. But only the lower classes without means, but he has since be among the Greeks, such as herds and come a wealthy man. For a long travelers, wore hats, and both sexes time he tried to find his rescuer, and wore hats of the same shape. The at last discovered him in the captain Greek nobility and gentry wore no of a lake steamer at Villeneuve. He covering for the head out of doors, has sent him a bank note for a thou- and women only adorned their hair sand francs (\$200) as a reward. with a wreath of flowers.



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