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Subject and Conditions of Contest.

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\$25 in gold will be given for the best essay answering this question that reaches the contest editor of The Herald prior to 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, September 21.

Second prize, a box, seating six, at the Columbia to see "The Top o' the World" Saturday matinee.

Third prize, four orchestra chairs for the same performance.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes, two orchestra chairs each for the same performance.

The names of all prize winners will be published in The Herald's Page for Every Woman, Friday morning, September 22, except the winner of the first prize, who will be announced on the stage of the Columbia Theater at the Saturday matinee, when Santa Claus himself will present the coveted gold to the fortunate winner.

Letters submitted in this debate must not contain more than 300 words and must be written on one side of the paper only.

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Following are a few of the views presented by contestants for the contest, in dollars, or cents to see Santa Claus presented in regular form at the Columbia Theater this week:

Santa Claus' Own Reply. "Dear Woman's Page—Permit me to answer myself the question whether or not children who receive gifts at Christmas from their parents should be told that these presents are not the gifts of some one or hung on the tree for them by me."

"The myth adds a charm to the feast. The children themselves will testify to that, for when at last they find out who are the real donors, the gifts lose half their value for them. The day remains the glories as the birthday of Christ, but the added splendor of a celestial visitor sends joy to earth in the gloom of poverty and sorrow."

"The story has done no harm. Every grown-up by whom it was believed in childhood will so declare. For after the little shock caused by the knowledge of the truth in the past, it is now regarded and cherished by them as a sweet dream—shattered, but beautiful still. Even now they wish that they had never

awakened to the unromantic fact and that they still expected me."

"I am a real personage. I am Saint Nicholas (Sanctus Nicholus—Santa Claus, Bishop of Myra, in Lycia, Asia, who lived in the fourth century. I was famous as a friend of children, and one who was wont to give gifts to the poor of his pastoral care. I am yet their heavenly patron, and even now I do rejoice in seeing the gifts that they receive in honor of their gift-giver."

"If we must give up the pleasant notion that I distribute the children's gifts on Christmas Eve, let them, with a good conscience, give up the idea of all the fairies, and even the parables of our Blessed Lord Himself."

"Santa Claus."

"From Columbus and Co."

"It is often argued that the story of Santa Claus, with all its delightful attendant mysteries, adds a charm to the Christmas season of which it would be a pity to rob the child. But is it not a pity also that the most learn, on that inevitable day of disillusionment, that his childish affection has been lavished on a being that never existed? And what is more serious—the discovery that he has been intentionally deceived (however good the motives), by those to whom he looked for information about