

**FUNDS  
EXCEPT  
PRESENTS**

The Santa Claus Committee has been busy since the first of the year in making arrangements for the hiring of auto trucks with which to make delivery of presents the night before Christmas. In the past, every year use of trucks has been donated by owners, and we have reason to hope that our friends will take care of this part of the work the coming Christmas on the same generous terms. Rock Island merchants always have been liberal in making special discounts upon all purchases by the committee, while some of the business firms have made outright donations of candies and toys.

"The list of names in possession of the committee is carefully guarded, and for obvious reasons. In the first place, the Santa Claus fund is not a charity, and does not pretend to assume the functions of organizations maintained in the city primarily for the purpose of protecting the poor and needy. The Santa Claus fund exists only for one purpose, and that is to spread Christmas cheer among children in those homes where circumstances, in most cases but temporary, are such as to preclude the possibility of the parents providing for their young at Christmas time as they would like to had they the means to do so. The committee has a sacred obligation, at least it feels it has, toward the children of the city who are thus unfortunately situated. In a majority of the homes where the committee distributes presents there are no calls made upon charity organizations, for people naturally hesitate in appealing for aid until their condition becomes desperate. A family may be able to struggle along with means at hand, but is not in position to indulge in luxuries, and gifts are placed in that category.

**Parents Consulted.**

"The committee does not presume to purchase gifts for children in a home until the parents are consulted. If the parents are unable to provide presents for their young and are willing to accept the services of the committee, as

in most cases they are, then the names and ages of the little folks are obtained, and there is no further communication with the family until the auto drives quietly up to the door of the home the night before Christmas and in the role of Santa Claus leaves such gifts as it has been learned the children within have been praying they would receive. There is no publicity involving the families.

"The children of Rock Island have come to know The Argus Santa Claus as their never-failing friend. They have never yet appealed to him in vain, and it is the fervent hope of our committee that they never will. The list of names the committee has on hand now is large, and it probably will be increased considerably in the next few weeks. We do not wish to make alarming statements, but there is nothing to be gained by evading the truth, and that is that there is to be much suffering among the poor of Rock Island this winter because of slackening of employment in the industries of the community. That inevitably involves the little folks, and they are the ones for whose concern the Santa Claus committee is organizing its Christmas plans. The committee has entered upon its activities, and promises that not a poor child in Rock Island will have a cheerless Christmas providing the good fellows, as doubtless they

will, as nobly and generously shoulder their responsibility as they have done in the last 18 years the Santa Claus fund committee has been in existence. The committee gratefully accepts any amount, be it large or small, so do not hesitate in assisting because you feel that the sum you are able to give may be modest in proportions. You would be surprised to know how far a few dollars can be made to go in securing those little things that bring joy to the heart of a youngster at Christmas time."

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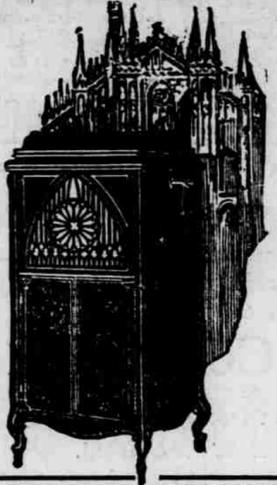
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