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**A Mistletoe Doubt**

By W. B. HOLLAND

SWEET Bessie was there 'neath the mistletoe, An alluring picture in pink and white, Her eyes were inviting, her cheeks aglow, Her lips were puckered and arranged just right.



She knew, of course, when I found her there That she was caught in the kissing trap, I got the kiss—she played the game fair— But I think she expected the other chap.

**The Lord of Misrule.**  
The "Lord of Misrule," who sometimes rejoiced in the whimsical title of the "Abbot of Unreason," was a very important functionary of the Christmas ceremonies in the olden time. His office was that of master of the revels, and in castle and hall, from Christmas eve down to Twelfth day, he was absolute master of all. On taking up the duties of his office he generally made some quaint speech, explaining to the company that he absolved them of all their reason and that they were to be just wise enough to make fools of themselves. Under his rule all were to be equal. No one was to sit apart in pride of self sufficiency to laugh at others. Moreover, being possessed of the magic power to turn his auditory into children, it was his intention while his sovereignty lasted that they should conduct themselves as such.

**Her Christmas Stocking**



I'm specting such a lot of stuff, My stocking won't be big enough, And so before I go to bed I'll just hang mamma's up instead.

**THE BEAUTIFUL SANTA MYTH.**

Don't Undeceive the Little Ones About St. Nick.

If your daughter is just six or seven years old and you are beginning to feel your conscience pinch you at deceiving her any longer with the beautiful myth of Santa Claus, just silence that conscience and wait until she finds out the truth for herself.

If your daughter has any illusions left in this day of disillusion, let her keep them. She will feel more resentment toward you for shattering them than she will for deceiving her. You do not think it necessary to tell your grownup girl all the things you have discovered about love and matrimony and thereby terminate her dreams that those myths are all they seem to be, do you?

After all, the sweetest part of a girl's life from babyhood up is the dream part. Some day she will find out that there is no Santa Claus, and then she will find out that there are no fairies, and then she will find out that romance doesn't last, and then that matrimony has its thorns, and then that women grow old, but why open her eyes to these things?

Let a child believe in Santa Claus just as long as he or she will and pluck the delicious fruit from the mythical Christmas tree to her heart's content. It is bad enough to discover the sawdust in the doll of life when it begins to fall out without being told about it when you thought it was really flesh and blood.

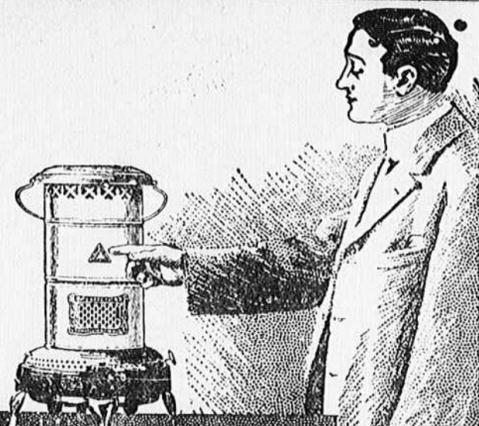
If any mother's conscience is troubling her about the Christmas fib telling just now, let her sit down and try to remember that awful day when she first discovered that there was no Santa Claus, and that conscience will shut up tight and never open its mouth again.

**The Glastonbury Thorn.**

A famous old English tree was the Glastonbury thorn. According to the old monkish legend, St. Joseph, while resting, fixed his staff in the earth, where it immediately took root and ever after blossomed forth on Christmas day. Curiously enough, when the change of style took place no blossom was seen on the tree until old Christmas day came round. The probable truth is the tree was one brought from Palestine by some of the pilgrims, there being a species of thorn, a native of that country, which blooms at Christmas.

**Devonshire's Yule Log.**

In Devonshire the Yule log was represented by the "Ashton fagot," which was brought in and burned with great glee. The fagot was composed entirely of ash timber, hooped round with nine bands, and while it burnt merrily on the spacious hearth sports and fun were the order of the night. For every crack which the bursting of the hoops made the master of the house was expected to furnish a fresh bowl of liquor.



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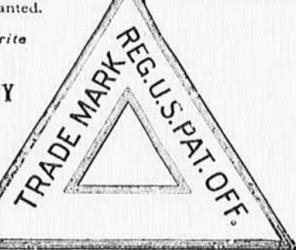
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**ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1914.**

The Auditor's office will be open from the 1st of January to the 20th of February, 1914 to make returns of all real estate and personal property for taxation.

For the convenience of taxpayers the Auditor or his deputy will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year to wit:

- Tuesday, Jan. 6, Craigs store, Seufftown Township, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 7, S. W. Dean, Jacks Township, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Thursday, Jan. 8, Renno, Jacks Township, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Friday, Jan. 9, Clinton, Hunter Township, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- Monday, Jan. 12, Clinton Cotton Mill, Hunter Township, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 13, Lydia Cotton Mill, Hunter Township, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 14, Goldville, Hunter Township, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
- Thursday, Jan. 15, Mountville, Hunter Township, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Friday, Jan. 16, Cross Hill Town, Cross Hill Township, 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Monday, Jan. 19, Waterloo Town, Waterloo Township, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 20, Irvin L. Madden, Waterloo Township, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 21, Jerry C. Martin's store, Waterloo Township, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Brewerton, Sullivan Township, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.
- Thursday, Jan. 22, Sharp's store, Sullivan Township, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Princeton, Sullivan Township, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.
- Friday, Jan. 23, Tumbling Shoals, Sullivan Township, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
- Monday, Jan. 26, Abner Babbs's, Dials Township, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; D. D. Harris, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 27, Gray Court, Dials Township, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; V. A. White's, 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 28, Stewart's Store, Youngs Township, 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.
- Thursday, Jan. 29, Cook's Store, Youngs Township, 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
- Friday, Jan. 30, Young's Store, Youngs Township, 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, Pleasant Mound, Youngs Township, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Lanford, Youngs Township, 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, Ora, Seufftown Township, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; Watts Mill, Laurens Township, 2 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years on the 1st of January except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed polls, Confederate veterans excepted.

Also all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 on the 1st day of January, 1914, are liable to a road tax of \$1.50 and are required to make their return of same to the Auditor during the time above specified and shall pay to the County Treasurer at the same time other taxes are paid in lieu of working the road.

All taxpayers are required to give Township and No. of School District; also state whether property is situated in town or country. Each lot, tract or parcel of land must be entered separately.

After the 20th of February 50 per cent penalty will be attached for failure to make returns.

J. W. THOMPSON,  
County Auditor.  
Nov. 27, 1913.—td.

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204 1-2 acres of land, in Youngs township, bounded by Enoree river, near Allens bridge. Dwelling and two tenant houses and outbuildings. Terms made easy.

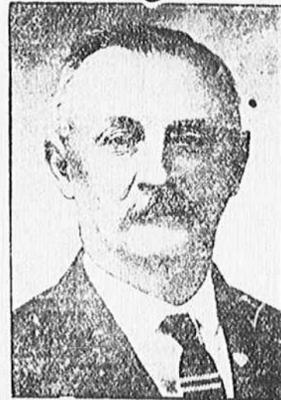
116 acres, in one mile of Ware Shoals, three dwellings, six, five and three rooms respectively. Bounded by lands of Aug. Huff, J. W. Beeks and others, \$6,500. Terms: one-half cash, balance in one year with interest.

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66 acres of land, four room dwelling and good outbuilding, in Sullivan township, bounded by lands of C. R. Thompson, estate of W. F. Bagwell, M. L. Cheek and J. C. Milford. Price \$1,200.

The outfit of the barber shop at the King Hotel, consisting of two chairs, beautiful mirror, including all other furniture and fixture. Price \$350.

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Three lots at the Watts Mills, nicely located, fronting North Harper street. See me for prices.

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