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**IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?**

There are hosts of little children who are dreaming and thinking of the approaching visit of that most lovable old fellow who comes from the realms of ice and snow, from the mysterious land of happiness and joy and laughter and good will and singing hearts bringing with him the treasures for the children, the good boys and girls.

Childhood's days are filled with pleasant fancies. There are fairy princes and princesses and enough joys to make a heaven of earth in those little minds—but the supreme pleasure of all is the longing and the planning for the arrival of Santa Claus.

Some of the sweetest memories that come to the grown folks are those which center around those days before Christmas and on Christmas morning. They are everlastingly grateful that they were allowed to inhabit that fairyland of the long ago and claim Santa Claus as their dear old friend. Their faith in the childhood days was unshaken. They knew there was a Santa Claus because they were remembered every Christmas day. There was so much love and gladness in their hearts that it remained there all through life. Their hearts were softened every time Christmas came along and they made a special effort to assist Santa Claus in making other folks happy.

There are thousands upon thousands of people who deplore the fact that there is too much realism brought to the attention of a child at a tender age. There comes a time when the realities of life are impressed upon everyone and when sentiment and princes and princesses and Santa Claus are put away in the treasure troves of memory.

If the childish faith of those little children could be followed by those who have grown cold and selfish and cynical by their experience in the struggle for existence, the world would be inhabited by nations of happy people who have no fear and no misgivings when they reached the end of life here.

To cast any doubt in the mind of a little child as to the existence of Santa Claus is almost heartless for little folks live in that world that is full of love and trust and light. It is wrong to throw shadows into it at Christmas time.

As the years go by the child finds out more about Santa Claus, and while there is regret that the dear old man of the younger days doesn't seem the same, yet they are content and happy. They had several years of the dearest joys that can come into the life of a human being.

It doesn't do any harm to build air castles and fill the mind with beautiful thoughts and live in the land of make-believe. It helps make life easier to live.

To tell a trusting little child there is no Santa Claus seems brutal, but the little folks know better. Just wait until Christmas morning, when with eyes opened with surprise and wonder these little folks tiptoe down the stairs and gaze on the treasures left by the wonderfully kind old man. Then they know there is a real, sure-enough Santa Claus.

**THE CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE**

Among all evenings in the year, and all the days, there is no other evening like Christmas eve, no other day like Christmas day. Whether the eve and day be dark and stormy, or still and fair, does not matter. The difference is not in the weather or the season, but in that more subtle atmosphere which, from generation to generation through all the centuries, has been our inheritance from that first Christmas eve and a day when a new-born babe sent its wailing cry from the manger of Bethlehem.

The world looks different thru this Christmas atmosphere. However festive or sad the occasion, however gay or gloomy the streets may be, whatever may be our surroundings, the Christmas feeling is there. No one may say just wherein it lies. It is like an unseen halo that glorifies every good thought and impulse, while it reveals in darker relief whatever is tragic or vicious. A great disaster on Christmas eve or day shocks us as it does at no other season. Thus it is that our government has been moved to secure if possible the declaring of an armistice by those countries abroad who are now at war, during the Christmas season. Thru nineteen centuries has the light of Christmas lingered around the hearts of men, and thru all these ages it has not grown dim. Year after year slips by and is added to the past. But with each Christmas eve and day our homes and highways are once more filled with the old, sweet joy.

There is one way to make a white Christmas even though there may not be a flake of snow in sight. Let the whiteness be in your heart. Put aside all thoughts of guile. Look beyond your workaday horizon. Get out of yourself. Get into the hearts of others.

**THE CHURCHES**

**Methodist Episcopal Church**

Sunday, Dec. 20—10:30 preaching service with Holy Communion and reception of members; 11:30 Bible school Christmas lesson; our courses of lessons are adapted to all grades of scholars; 6:30 Epworth League; leader, Miss Marguerite Searles; a service by young people and for the young people; 6:30 class meeting service, led by the pastor; topic of conversation for this service will be "How Jesus is Born Again in the Souls of Sunday school will be given on Thursday evening at 7:30, under the direction of Mrs. O. A. Persons and Mrs. D. R. Pelton; the Sunday school class of Mrs. A. D. Aylard is meeting every week to do Xmas sewing to be distributed thru the Methodist Deaconess' Home at Cleveland.

**Church of Christ**

Sunday, Dec. 20—10:30 a. m., preaching, 11:30, Bible school; 6:30 p. m., Endeavour society; 7:30, preaching, R. F. Holterman of Brantford, Canada, will preach both morning and evening services. Mr. Holterman is one of the most celebrated bee keepers in the world and is the guest of the A. I. Root Co. Mr. Holterman is an evangelistic minister and the public are invited to hear him. Alanson Wilcox, minister.

**Congregational Church**

Morning worship at 10:30; sermon, "The Influence of Thought Upon Health." Sunday school at 11:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening services at 7:30; a pre-Christmas service, with reading of Van

Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" (illustrated with 40 beautiful colored views) by Marian Gleason. H. Samuel Fritsch, pastor.

**St. Pauls Episcopal Church**

Sunday, Dec. 20—morning prayer and sermon at 10:30; Sunday school at close of service. Evening sermon and prayer at 7:30. Monday, 7:30 p. m., special school Christmas celebration; Christmas day, at 10 a. m., service and Holy Communion. The Ven. Rev. A. A. Abbott, arch-deacon of the diocese of Ohio, will be present and will preach. Special Christmas music on this day. Wm. V. Edwards, rector.

**First Baptist Church**

Sunday, Dec. 20—10:30 morning worship, subject, "A Christmas Message"; 11:45 a. m., Bible school; 6:30 p. m., young people's; 7:30 p. m. people's service; the choir will give "The Adoration," a cantata by Nevin, with other musical numbers. S. F. Dimmock, minister.

**LICENSE BOARD ENJOINED**

The state liquor licensing board on Monday was temporarily enjoined from appointing liquor license commissioners in 45 dry counties pending a decision by the supreme court in the Hockett case from Logan county set for hearing Jan. 6. Hockett attacked the constitutionality of the home rule amendment and lost out in the lower courts.

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In the famous Meriden Cutlery, priced \$2.25 to \$5. Steak sets, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

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**Child's Sets**

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**Miscellaneous**

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**For Milady's Toilet Table**

Manicure sets \$1.25 to \$2.05; dresser sets \$1.00 to \$2.50; comb and brush trays, 50c to \$1.25; manicure trays, 85c; hair receivers, powder boxes, etc.

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