

Christmas in the Desert



had just been beaten for making its Christmas dinner off the only pygmy they had found.

The temple at Kharga will be very famous. Its pylons tower over a delightful grove of date palms.

After lunch we rode on to Kharga, the oasis village, the most extraordinary sight of the day.

The idea of a rest-house had terrified my wife; it was really high up in the scale of hotels.

CHRISTMAS EVE

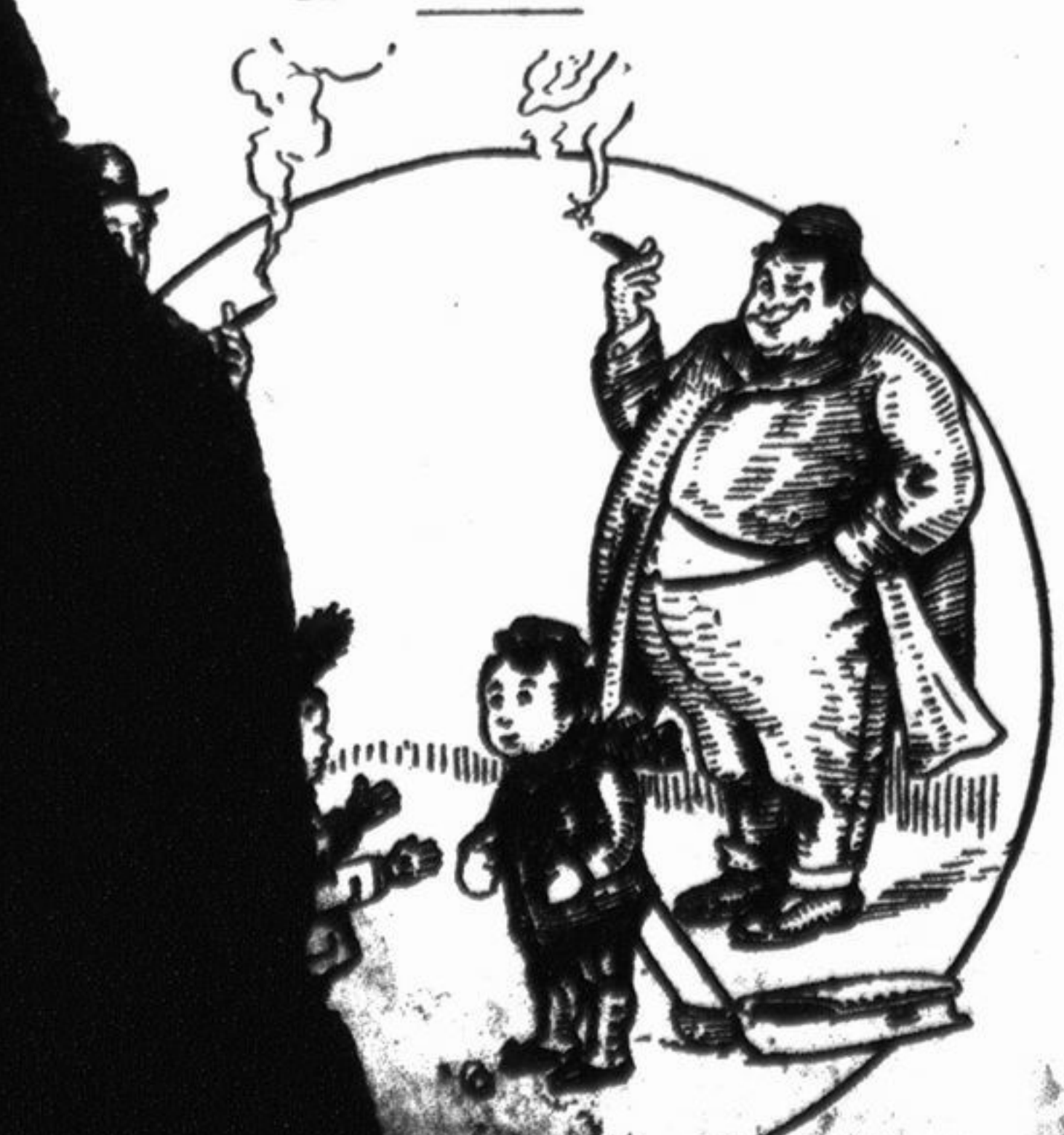


A Letter to Santa Claus.

Pa, how much money have you got for Christmas?

Don't give the baby a shotgun unless he has shown a tendency to become a duck hunter.

DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS.



MONEY FROM WEEDS.

Common Wild Plants That Grow All Over the Country Are Imported from Abroad.

WIDELY USED AS MEDICINE.

Value in Such Roots as Burdock, Dandelion and Pokeweed and in Dog Grass and Catnip.

This country is actually importing for medicinal purposes plants that are growing wild all around us.

Belgium and other European countries ship to this part of the world every year about 50,000 pounds of burdock root.

Who has not wondered at the sight of Italians digging for dandelions? The country boy knows that dandelion greens are not bad for the table.

Instead of gathering the dock root that goes to waste all around us, the American nation pays for the importation of 125,000 pounds of this plant every year.

A quarter of a million pounds of dog grass, a remedy for kidney troubles, comes to this country annually from abroad.

Then there is pokeweed, a skin and blood remedy, the dried roots of which sell for from 3 to 5 cents a pound.

These are only a few of the many weeds that are salable, but which we allow to go to waste in this country.

Strictly Neutral.

Among the humorous and human stories in Dr. T. L. Pennell's recent book, "Among the Wild Tribes of the Afghan Frontier."

"Now tell me," said the officer, "if there were to be war—which God forbid—between Russia and England, what part would you and your people take?"

"Do you wish me or to tell you the real truth?" was the naive reply.

"I adjure you to tell me what is the 'white word'."

Cure for Disconsolate Lovers. Tye one end of a rope right over a beam.

The Egotistical Actor. Theatrical Manager—I'm sorry, but there's no place for you in this drama; every part has been taken.

As a man grows older, more loss of the beauty of formerly possessed, and is merely old, and stumpy, and good for nothing.

INCOMPETENCY OF OPERATORS

Law Methods of Railroad Officials Cost Thousands of Lives.

In the American Magazine a young railroad telegraph operator, Harry Bedwell, makes frank confession of his own shortcomings and of the laxness and carelessness of railroad officials which cause wrecks and smash-ups on the line.

"I left this station and the service of this company after about seven months' service. It was still bound for the land of the setting sun, and thither I drifted.

"How are you fixed for operators?" I asked of him.

"He thought that he could use me, he said, and asked the usual questions about previous service.

"He showed me a table, gave me a pen and I set to work to copy the book of rules. It took lots of time and patience, but I finished it at last.

Working on the theory that earthquakes are preceded by an electromagnetic disturbance, an Italian scientist has devised an instrument which gives warning that an earthquake is about to occur a few minutes before the disturbance is felt.

Researches by a horticultural expert show that the so-called "wild apple" or "wild crab," from which many of the present standard commercial varieties have sprung, were wayward descendants of trees originally imported from England and other foreign countries in the eighteenth century.

Dr. Ponsa, director of the lunatic asylum at Alessandria, Italy, has cured many of his insane patients by confining them in rooms of some uniform color.

As all schoolboys know, a suction-pump can theoretically elevate water only about 33 1/3 feet, a column of water of that height balancing the atmospheric pressure.

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Prof. H. E. Armstrong, at the recent meeting of the British Association, made some curiously interesting remarks about carbon and the astonishing relation of its properties to the geometrical figure known as the tetrahedron, a solid bounded by four equilateral triangles.

His Claim to Prominence. At a social gathering a certain man, intent on knowing every one, was introduced to Senator Julius C. Burrows of Michigan.

When a division is taken in the House of Commons a two-minute and-glass is turned to allow members time to enter the house.

There are more than a hundred firms manufacturing chocolate in the United States.

Backward-looking. A contemporary starts the question, "Why do women's buttons always fasten backwards?"

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WOMEN AND FASHION

Self-Reliant Women.

Being able to meet an emergency in life, no matter what it may be, is a form of self-reliance that every woman should train and develop herself for.

More than half the women in the world fall, not only in important but trivial things, because they are afraid.

Doubt, after a positive step in any direction has been taken, is weakening. Nothing is gained, in fact, either in work or in daily domestic routine, without effort.

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New Tailor-Made Designs. The jacket is very long, and ends in points at the sides.

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ABOUT THE BABY

The cradle is an out-of-date piece of furniture which should be consigned to the attic. It is not good for a child to be rocked.

Health and Beauty Hints. If your heart is weak, do not indulge in showers, and be careful to temper the water, no matter how strong the heat.

Health and Beauty Hints. Cold water dashed on the face and chest in the morning gives the same effect as a cold plunge in the morning without the shock.

Health and Beauty Hints. A simple remedy for burns is made by adding to a cupful of olive oil a teaspoonful of carbolic acid.

Health and Beauty Hints. Relaxation is the secret of taking the mental, moral and physical kinks out of one's system.

Health and Beauty Hints. Drinking with meals greatly dilutes the saliva, making mastication all the more difficult.

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NEW FASHIONS IN HATS.

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