Across the Kitchen Table

By Mrs. Mac.

All countries throughout the ship. man in the coming of Christ. In a and other gifts left instead. family ceremony, three candles From Germany came one of Bringing in the Yule log and are lit, one on Christmas Eve, our best loved Chrestmas carols, the processions of carolers are one on Christmas Day and one "Silent Night, Holy Night," and highlights of England's Yuleon New Years Day.

crop for the coming year.

Polish celebrations.

dow sill and all doors are left bearer and banner boys.

The candles must burn all in the living room. snuff them.

world have their own customs On Christmas Eve, Holland, and good luck charms. The ideological borders. and ways of celbrating Christ- children stuff their wooden shoes children are blindfolded and take One new-Canadian devised a mas. In Austria, emphasis is with hay and carrots for St. turnes hitting at the Pinata until scheme to send copies of the Scriplaced upon light to commemo. Nick's white horse, and in the it is finally broken and in the rate the eternal Light given to morning, find it gone and toys scramble for its contents each

the same country has contri- tides. The carolers are as much In Serbia, each friend who buted hand carved toys, Kris a part of Christmas in the tiny enters a home on Christmas Day Kringle and the "Tannenbaum," villages as in the famous cathemust throw a handful of grain in- (the Christmas tree) to the dral towns. England is famous, to each corner to ensure a good Christmas traditions of the too, for Dickens Christmas Carol world.

Christmas supper, in Poland, In Switzerland Santa is known Tiny Tim's "God bless us every begins when the first star app- as "Samichlaus," and is usually one.' ears in the sky Christmas Eve. impersonated by a young bishop, Songs play a large part in the who wearing a fur trimmed robe and accompanied by other bis-One of the nicest of all Christ- hops, wearing grotesque masks customs originated in Ireland, and carring large purses to re- ation air-mail from God is the where on Christmas Eve, lighted ward the children, parades throcandles are placed on every win_ ugh the village, led by a Cross

show that there is room for the scene is always arranged, us- and drops them in remote vill-Babe that was the son of God. ually by the children and placed ages in sections of the country

night and only those who bear A giant wicker figure, named As he flies slowly and low over the name of Mary are allowed to "Melchior after one of the three a village, he drops the Scripture Antwerp, Belgium, has a back, is strapped to a donkey and young rush out and search cathedral that is five hundred and paraded from door to door the streets and cournty-side for years old and on Christmas Day to gather whatever generous the little books. They return in ninty nine bells chime out a call minded people will give. It is triumph to read "the message to the people to come and wor- then brought to the church from the sky".

poor of the parish.

one may keep what he gets.

with Scrooges's ghosts and

THE BIBLE TODAY

.. It is sometimes by devious routes that Bibles reach their destindescription given to his novel method of distribution by a young missionary in Mexico. He ajar as symbols of hospitality, to In France a miniature Nativity packs Gospels. into an aeroplane bound by mountains and forest. Magi, with a huge basket on its portions in a steady stream. Old

> The young missionary pilot often visits the same villages later to find the books have been well received. An old man will be quietly reading under a shade tree; a woman will have one tucked into her market basket; a group of boys may be found slowly spelling out the words one by one. He claims he has never heard of a copy being torn up or thrown away

In Europe various similar efforts have been made to get the

book that seen more variety in their secret delivery. Mexico is that of breaking the other, has been attached to gas- the week. "Pinata" which is an earthen filled ballons when the wind dirware jug hung from the ceiling ection was right, and cast aloft and filled with fruits, candies to be carried over national and

> ptures to friends in Central Europe. When they failed to arrive by regular mail in their own

Sunday- Phil. 1: 1-21 Mondap- Col. 1: 1-23 Tuesday- Jude. 17-25 Wednsday-Psa. 67:1-7 Thursday-Psa. 23:1-11 Friday-Psa. 46:1-11 Saturday-Psa. 100:1-5

DANGER IN RAW MILK.

where it is distributed to the Bible behind the Iron Curtain, the bread or cake, and thus secured map be the carrier o the germs of undulant fever, typhoid or One of the gay customs in its method of delivery than any Suggested Bible readings for paratyphold fevers dysentery, bovlne tuberculoisis or oter diseases which can affect humans.

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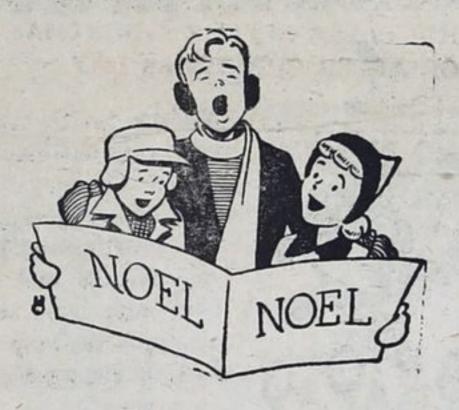
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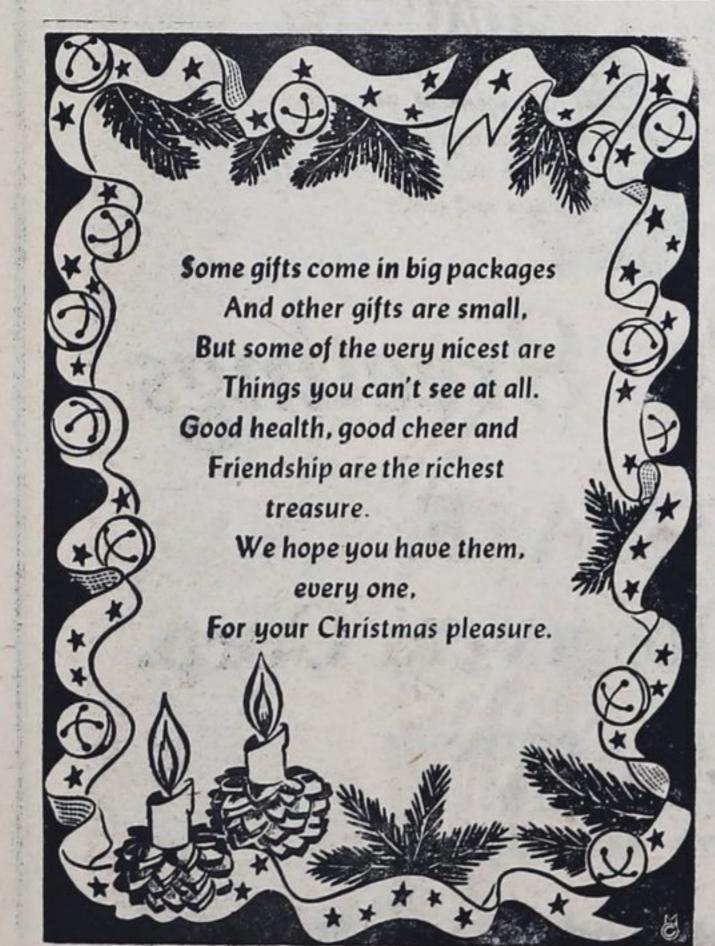
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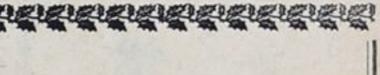


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Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia's Letter

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. "Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus."

Papa says "If you see it in The Sun it's so." "Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

> Virginia O'Hanlon 115 West Ninety-fifth Street.'

THE ANSWER:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their littleminds. All minds Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable or grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would they prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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