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Best Fancy Candies, All Kinds, Best Mixtures in Market, 15c, up to 50c. Best Dates, Oranges and Lemons...

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SANTA CLAUS—CAUSE AND EFFECT, BY JOSEPHINE POLLARD.

"The children are old enough now," said the mother, "and 'tis time that they know—little May and her brother—"

GOODWILL'S HOLIDAY, Ever on this Christmas morn Holy mirth and joy are born...

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HANG UP THE BABY'S STOCKING, Hang up the baby's stocking, Be sure you don't forget— The dear little dimpled darling...

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