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THE SECRET OF BANTA CLAUS More's a secret-don't you tell-

I must whileper to you— Hy old reindeer's slipped and fell— You don't wonder, do you? Heattered books and toys afar, Bloigh turned up-ide down;

Must go back to you bright star-That's my trading town. What a pickle to be in! Chrismas Eve a-flyin' i Won't there be a dreadful din-All the youngeters cryin',

If old Santa docon't come, Or forgote a sugar plum-That indeed wore sinckln'!

I must be more up up-to-date-Chimnoys aren't in it; Reindoors doomed, as sure as fate-Needn't butt ngin' it; Electricity is best ?

Bubby, now you're talkin'; This slow goin' I detest— Most as bad as walkin'. Next year, if travellin's good, Won't I come a-kitin'

Over city, town and wood, On a streak o' lightnin'. Automobile filled with toys, When the kids are sleepln' Not a blessed thing for boys Stayin' up and pospin'.

When the kide are all a-bed, I will come a-flyin'; Banta Claus, sir, is not dead-Don't believe in dyin'. If you hear 'om enyin' so, Don't hollove it, nover.

Folks may come and folks may go-Santa stays forever.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

. The Christmas tree is all very well, It is "splendid" in fact, and how beautiful it looks with the candles lighted and bright tinted balls and bells and oggs and hearts and stars shining all over it, but it is nothing to the stocking in the chimney-place on Christman Eve. Have the tree by all means. But if you want to make the children

happy don't omit the stockings. It is English and fashionable to have the tree, with all the aunts and uncles and consine asked, and gifts for everybody, and music and dancing and games, and cakes and oranges and candles and lemonade and funny recitations, and all sorts of things. But oh, the stockings! When everyone has brought a pair of the longest and biggest, and papa has taken pains to hang them so that they are strong, and all is quite still in the street and it is bed-time, what wonderful ideas come into the little minde, and what pleasant memories into these of the grown-ups. What mother would like to miss the little exhibition of hope and falth. The child who trusts most ardently in the henevolent Banta Claus will be most likely to put faith in heaven's morcies in his after life; for Santa Claus always comes when he is expected, and when mother and father hang the stockings up he is sure to put some-

thing in them. How swiftly the little feet fly upstairs when mamma calle : "Bed-time, darlings." How little frocks and aprons slip from the protty shoulders; and when the prayers are said, the heads are ready for the white pillows, and every little eye shuts up at once. The children are going to sleep "right off," to bring morning nearer. But when the lights are out, it is not so easy. Surely, that was the tinkle of eleigh-bulls. Burely, that is a sound in the chimney. "Suppose poor Santa Claus should get stuck there some night, and be smothered before he was gotton out." Bosele suggests that. But Daley says: "He couldn't. He lan't like folks." And they are glad to

Tom, with a troubled conscionce-lie did nip that piece out of the mines-ple on the pantry shelf-asks. Wille if he believes that Santa Claus ever puts rods in had boys' stockings to whip them with. And Wille replies, with a thrill in his voice, for he feels that the idea is an insult to his old saint: "No, of course not. He is too nice: He is like grandpa."

Then Tom says that he has a mind region. The belching or eructation of to go down-stairs and take a peup. | these gases is offensive and the only And how jolly it would be to see Santa | way to prevent them is to restore the Claus's legs coming down! He says stomach to proper action. Parmeles's this every Christmas Eve; but he Vegetable Pills will do this. Simple to keep a promise. never does it, and he never will.

that is on the roof. Some one is moving in the dining-room. Tom govers his head with the quilt, and does not say what he was going to due solely to neglect. The hair say, about asking Banta Claus to take often becomes dry and dandruff getting more than his share of hard him out with him some night, as the forms because the hair glands milkman did one morning in his sleigh. Tom feels that this is a solemn do not supply enough nat-

And suddenly it is morning. They that delicately perfumed, rehave all been sound asleep. How funny all those hours are gone! It seque such a waste of time to wash Avoid baldness; apply Bearine and dress and have curls brushed, but to your hair occasionally. All the little feet, and there alt mamma druggists, 50 cts. a jar. and papa, and their opinion is that the stockings are very full, as indeed they are. The old Saint has had to put some of his gifts on the mantel-piece or on chairs. And oh, the dolls! Oh, the twa-set ! Oh, the carts and horses | and steam-engines! Oh, the wonder-

ful beautiful gifts! "How did Santa Clans know that I wanted my doll to have a parasol? And there is nothing but joy in Tome heart, for he has a little photo-"Santa Claus," he says, "Is the kind-

ost person I over heard of." Oh, It is out of the stocking that the great - Ohrlatman fun comes for the hildren. Let us have them always by our fire-sides while there are oblideen

in our homes.

DRESSING A CHRISTMAS THEE

A Christmas tree ought to be selected with special reference to the space it lato occupy; one of those with branches firm, not too broad, and quite tall is best. The upper branches should be decorated before the tree is set up, in case they are too tall to be reached by step-ladders. This can be managed by undoing the strands that confine the upper branches of the trees as prepared for market, then tying upon the tipe of the boughs white cotton-batting anow balls, short loops of popped-corn, strings of cranborries, glittering ornaments, etc., etc. The decoration of the tree may be more or less elaborate, as desired. To save expense, yet at the same time to insure a brilliant effect, it is a good plan to hang the gifts so that bright, contrasting colors may set off the tree. Hundles done up la brown paper are never pretty; but dolls bright-covered books, gayly painted toys, bright allk handkerchiefs and white scarfe, sleds wagons, etc., should be placed in prominent view.

When the gifts are all nicely arrang ed, take a liberal quantity of frost powder and a dozen more or less, packages of gilt and silver fringe, (those are sold at one dollar per dozen). Spread the fringe to ornament as much space as possible, and cover lightly the front and sides of the tree with it. Then sprinkle the gilttering frost nowder upon the tree branches. Under a brilliant light the tree becomes a veritable creation of fairyland Santa as a dispensor of candy bage and honbons is always welcomed by the Chartered by Dominion Government little ones. If he has a fund of Christmas rhymes, stories and songs to mingle with his gifts, he is all the more welcome.

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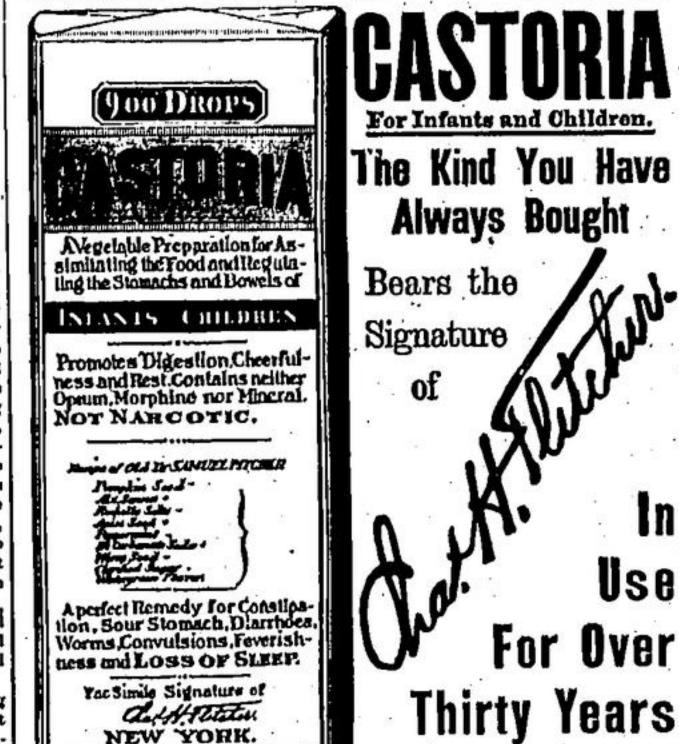
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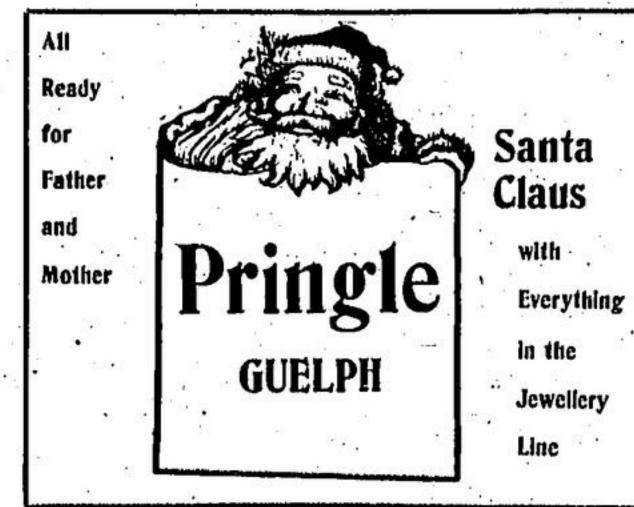
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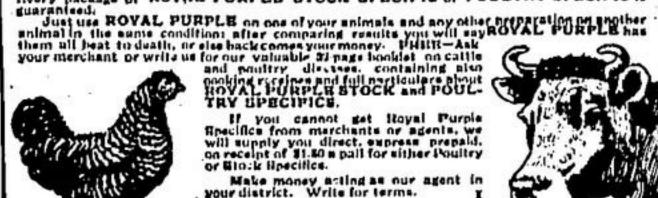
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