

Santa Claus Letters FROM THE GIRLS

Dear Girls:
Your letters to me in care of The Free Press gave me an awful task to decide who should have that beautiful big doll you have all been admiring in the window. So many of you wrote that I was almost swamped and I've had a real busy time deciding and then undecided who should have that doll. I had to have Mrs. Santa Claus help me to sort out the letters.

Well, I finally decided that I liked the letter by Beatrice Taylor the best and that she should have the doll. And I hope Beatrice will be very good to her new doll, and she will have a jolly Christmas with it and her other presents.

Then there were some other letters I liked very much. So I asked The Free Press if it would be possible to print six more of these letters from the girls besides Beatrice's, and I agreed if this was done that I would have these other six girls a Christmas treat at The Free Press office so that they could have it after Friday noon. So if the girls whose letters are printed will call there on Friday afternoon or any time after, they will get their prizes.

You all wrote such nice kind letters that I would have liked very much to have given you all prizes, but since it is so near Christmas you will have to wait for my visit on Christmas eve. And I hope you will all be very pleased and thankful for all the gifts that you receive.

Your old friend,
SANTA CLAUS
Main Street, Acton,
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Dear Santa:
This is the first letter I've written to you and I hope you like it. I hope you are well and you are able to come to Acton this Christmas. I hope, too, that the snow will come for Christmas, because then your reindeer can pull your sleigh. If it doesn't snow, you will have to bring your aeroplane.

I'm very glad to hear you found Billzen for the reindeer couldn't come then. I'd love to have that big doll in the window, it sure is a beauty. Do you know what I'd like for Christmas? I think I want skates.

Have you been skating at the North Pole yet, Santa? We have been skating here on Fairy Lake.

I hope you have enough presents to go the world. Please don't forget my sisters, will you, or don't forget my mother either. I think I'm a pretty bad girl during the last months, but I am trying to be good. I guess you know about me being in school after four, but I get stuck on those questions, and I can't get them right.

We have got a new cat, and please don't forget it's present, and our dog would like a fat juicy bone. Well, Santa, I guess you will read someone else's letter, so you can get me aside.

Your loving friend,
BEATRICE TAYLOR.
R. R. 4, Rockwood, Ont.,
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Dear Santa Claus:
I was glad the man in THE FREE PRESS office gave us a chance to write you a letter and I hope you will give him a present for Christmas. Maybe a tie, men all like ties, except my dad don't wear mother buys them, because they are bargains.

Mother thinks I shouldn't ask for too much as you might not have enough to go around this year, but if I don't ask how will you know? Have you any family? I hope they give you something warm, like mitts, or ear muffs. I hope it snows for Christmas. It makes it a more merry Christmas if we can go sleigh riding and hear the bells ringing. I just want a pair of goloshes, a pair of bedroom slippers and a pencil box.

Wishing your family a merry Christmas.

ANNA MCNABB,
Eden Mills,
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Dear Santa:
I see by THE ACTON FREE PRESS that you want little boys and girls to write you. I live at Eden Mills, Bobby and me. I hope you won't forget us, Santa. I would like a school bag, I go to school every day and I have none now, and some candy and nuts. Bobby wants a horse to pull. I hope you will fill our stockings.

Mama said not to ask for too much, for there are so many more poor boys and girls. Good night and come, please, to us.

Bye Santa, with love,
EVELYN WILSON,
Main Street,
Acton, Ont., Canada.

Dear Santa:
I have read in THE ACTON FREE PRESS that you are coming to Acton. I want a skirt for Christmas. There are many little girls and boys who will not be able to have any toys this Christmas, so please do not forget them. I am a good girl and I go to bed early. I listen to you over the radio. My mother said he wants to get a pair of skis and a new hat, but Santa, please do not forget the children who will not get any toys. I think this all this time, Santa. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your loving friend,
EDNA ROBSON,
Limehouse, Ont.,
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Dear Old Santa:
You are such a jolly old fellow. I often wonder how you are getting along up at the North Pole. It must be very cold up there. I wish I could come up to help you get warm.

Mother said that I could make you a cake to put beside my stocking. I will put five cents in it, because I know that you put more than five cents in my stocking.

This winter I have been sleigh-riding on my old sleigh that doesn't steer. If you think it is wise, I would like a steering sled. We have lots of fun in our old one, even though it doesn't steer. We go into the ditch and all over. I wish you were up here to sleigh-ride with us. Oh! you would have the grandest fun. We all look forward to your coming when Christmas comes.

I am a girl, ten years of age. I guess I am too young to have a watch but I am always going to Mother or Daddy for the time. We have a clock, but it is away out in our kitchen. I wish you were right by my side always to tell me the time, but I guess I can do without one.

My sister has a bicycle but she won't let us have it, unless we really need it. We have a kitten at home and I like giving it rides on the bicycle. I can steer with one hand and hold her in the other. If you think I shouldn't have one, why, of course I wouldn't be mad.

Please excuse my writing, dear Santa, because I have been falling down on the way to school and cut my hand. It is awful sore. If you want to, you can bring me a first aid kit. I hope there will be enough snow for you to come to our Christmas concert. I hope you aren't forgetting. Well, I hope I haven't asked for too much, for there are other boys and girls for you to visit. Well, I will have to stop now, so you can get on your journey.

Your friend,
MURIEL STEPHENSON,
Age 10,
Limehouse, Ont.,
Box 179,
Acton, December 2, 1933

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I am a girl 6 years old. I won't be able to have many toys, as Daddy is out of work. I'd like a doll, a Christmas stocking and a picture book. I have been a good girl and go to school every day.

Yours truly,
MAY SPIRES,
Acton, R. R. No. 2,
December 7, 1933

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is coming so soon and I am wondering if you know my new address. My Daddy said I had better write to you, in care of THE ACTON FREE PRESS, as the paper is the best place to tell things.

I will just leave everything to you. Please bring me the things you think best but I would like a pair of slippers very much, also a doll. The farm where we are moving to has a lovely Christmas tree right in front of the house, so my sister will help me fix it up pretty then you will know it is our place.

My big brother says you ought to be a very happy fellow, as you give away so much on Christmas. Jesus said it was better to give than take.

Good-bye Mr. Santa Claus. Lots of love from
MARIE ANDERSON,
Miss Cook,
Boxer Street, Acton.

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Mineral mixtures are more important in winter feeding than during the summer when the pigs have access to the earth through use of pastures. A self-feeder with a constant supply of mixed minerals is well worth while. Another good supplement to winter feeding is the regular use of soda. From the way pigs work over a sod thrown to them there is evidently considerable mineral nutriment derived from this source. Salt need not be say is a very necessary constituent of the swine ration and its use pays its actual cost many times over.

A good eastern mineral mixture is: Bone meal or bone char, 25 pounds; ground limestone, 50 pounds; and salt, 25 pounds. This can be used in a self-feeder, or by mixing in the meal ration at the ration of 1 to 2 per cent.

Western mineral mixture: Slacked coal, 76 pounds; salt, 29 pounds; air-slacked lime or ground limestone, 3 pounds; and sulphur, 1 pound. This should be used in a self-feeder, giving the pigs free access to the mixture at all times.

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Lady: "I'd be ashamed to be a great strong man like you, and ask for money."

Tramp: "I am, madam, but once I got six months or taking it without asking."



The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Why not present your family with a Family Income Policy for this Christmas so that their future Christmases will be assured, even if you are not here to provide for them? If you are spared you will enjoy the income yourself in later years. It's truly the Gift That Keeps on Giving. Let us tell you about it and we'll gladly have the policy ready for Christmas presentation.

F. L. Wright
GENERAL INSURANCE
TO ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GIFT GUIDE

Visit Toyland At Hinton's

IT'S A TREAT FOR THE KIDDIES

It is easy to choose Gifts from Our Large Selection of Wooden Toys, Mechanical Toys, Story Books, Painting Books, Blackboards, Toy Sets of Dishes, Drawing Slates, Pencil Boxes, Stockings, Baby Battles, Stuffed Dolls and Animals, Musical Toys, Trains, Clarinets, Horns, Blocks, Telephones, Wagons, Shovels, Brooms, Trucks, Slices, Knives, Colored Balls, Harmonicas, Sewing Sets, Heavy Metal Cars, Come in and look them over. The lowest prices are available on our Complete Stock.

NEWEST STYLES IN STATIONERY
Here are real Christmas values in Boxed Envelopes, High grade linen and velour finish papers, with envelopes to match, beautiful, arranged with silk ribbon bows, per box 15c, 25c, 35c, 45c, 60c, 75c.

Children's Boxed Note Paper, per box 15c
Smart Boxes of Correspondence Cards, per box 25c, 35c, 45c

DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS
Red and Green H-noka Rope, 15 yards for 10c
H-noka Wreaths, each 5c, 10c, 15c
POIL, packet, 5c, 10c
Fancy Paper Garlands, each... 5c
Artificial Snow, per box 5c
Beautiful Candles in Colored Glass Ornaments, box of 12 at 10c, 15c, 25c
Others at 5c and 10c each

Candles, all colors and sizes, at each 5c, 10c, 15c
Silver Tinsel Rope, 1/2 inch, 6 yards for 10c
1 inch width, 6 yards, for 25c
Christmas Bells 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c
Holly Sprays, Green and Silver Poinsettias and Christmas Table Trees at 5c, 10c, 15c
Christmas Tree Electric Light Sets, Hydro approved, six lamps 98c and \$1.49

Silver Fox Tails, each 5c
Paper Napkins, 40 to packet, with Christmas designs 15c
Dennison's Crepe Paper, all colors, with Christmas decorations and brickwork designs 15c
White, Red and Green Tissue Paper, Special, 2 rgs.
10c rolls of 12 sheets for 10c
A large assortment of Neckties, Earrings, Chokers, Pearls, Rings, etc., boxed 15c

Tinselled Chord, Red Silk Ribbon and Cellophane Ribbon, Gold, Silver and Red colors at, per ball 5c and 10c
Tags, Seals, Gift Cards, Large assortments at 5c and 10c

Supreme Aluminum Ware
We Offer a Group of Selected Items of
Listed below. Each piece in a Christmas gift box. Drastically reduced prices.
Breakfast Kettles, Tea Kettles, Double Boilers, Child's Sets, Perculators, Tea-pots and "The Wonder 9 Cup Drip Coffee Maker" These items, regardless of Low Prices are "Supreme" quality and fully guaranteed
MEN'S AND LADIES' TOILET SETS
Something New and Moderately Priced—See These

Christmas Cards and Folders
Lined Envelopes to match Beautiful workmanship. See These
2 for 5c

Folders and Booklets
This range will suit the taste of anyone. Steel, die, Offset and Embossed, Designs.
5c and 10c.

SPECIAL
Boxed Christmas Cards, 10 different cards to a box. Regular 5c cards
Box 20c

OUR CHINA AND JEWELLERY DEPARTMENT
Offers such a host of Quality Gift Suggestions at such Low Prices that make Christmas shopping a pleasure.
23 piece Tea Sets, attractive designs **\$1.98**
TEAPOTS 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c up
Cut Glass Water Sets, Sherbets, Etc.

Green Glass Water Sets, 6 tumblers and Water Jug Special, per set **59c**
Fine Assortment of Cake Plates, each 25c, 50c, 75c
Beautifully Decorated Cups and Saucers from **15c to 95c**

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS
on Silver Flatware and Hollow-ware

Ladies' Wrist Watches, Selected group, Latest styles, Regular \$15.00, Christmas Special, for **\$8.50**
Gents' Wrist Watches, Regular \$15.00 and \$17.50, Christmas Special **\$12.50**
Boys' Nickel Watches, Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50, Guaranteed, for **95c**
Ronsen Lighters, Rolls Razors, Cigarette Cases, Etc.

Rogers' Silverware Free
Our Lucky Draw for 26 Piece Set of Rogers Silverware was won by Mrs. Wesley Allan.

The popularity of the Draw was so Great that we have decided to offer Another One of These Beautiful Rogers Silverware Services. Sign a Lucky Coupon with each purchase and place it in the Ballot Box. Draw will be made 12 p. m. Saturday, December 23rd.

Hinton's 5c to \$1 Store

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