

Santa Claus Letters FROM THE GIRLS

Dear Girls:

You certainly are better letters writers than the boys. The mail you sent to me at **THE FREE PRESS** certainly made the job I had a difficult one. How could I possibly pick a winner out of all that bunch of letters!

Well, when I get stuck in a job like that there was nothing else to do but let Mrs. Santa Claus help me to decide. But even with the two of us it was hard to say who would have that great big doll from **THE FREE PRESS** window.

We couldn't spend too much time over the decision at this very busy time of year, and so we finally decided Annetta Evans had the letter we liked best and should win that big doll. I hope she will be good to it and it will be ready for her on Friday.

I want to thank you all for your nice letters. There are five other letters to be printed and all these will get one of my special red boxes of candy, if they will call at **THE FREE PRESS**.

I've made a note of all the things you want and I'll do my best to see that you get them. But if I do make a mistake or two I know you girls will realize I have lots to remember and the places may get mixed up a bit.

Your good friend,
SANTA CLAUS.

Acton, Ontario,
Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 1935

Dear Santa Claus:

I better write and tell you that we have not moved. I'll be looking for you on Christmas Eve. I would like to go to Toyland, but I can't ask for too much because train fare costs quite a bit. It is snowing now, and I hope that there is enough snow that you can make this Christmas. I want to get a suit-case, please, and a black-board that stands up if it is not too much.

Don't forget the other little boys and girls and if they don't write you a letter you can send them something nice. I have tried to be a good girl and I hope you can send my presents and all the others, too. If it is very cold out, we will leave on a good warm fire and some cake or pie for you to eat and get warm.

Your old friend,
ANNETTA EVANS.

Acton, Ontario
December 5, 1935

Dear Old Santa:

This is just a letter of business which I am sending to your big ice palace up North.

In this I am going to tell you what I would like you to bring me in your big bag at Christmas time. This is not very much because I do not want all the things and not leave anything for anyone else, because lots will not be getting anything. The things I would like are baby Bubbles' doll, black board because I want to save some for other children who are not getting anything. This will be all because it is late and all good little girls like to go to bed early so Christmas will come soon.

Good-bye Santa, until Christmas, when I hope to see you.

Yours truly,
MATHILEEN MAY LOUETTE.

Age 8 years old. Church Street.
Acton Dec. 1, '35

Dear Santa:

Well, it is just about time for you to come again, and I can hardly wait. I hope there will be snow and then you can come in your sleigh, with the reindeer.

Please don't forget any kids that are sick, because they need toys worst of all. There are some who will be in the hospital and won't be home for Christmas.

I am trying to be good and I would like a Topsy doll if you have one to spare. Be sure and come to Mother and Dad, Jean and Roy, and bring Buddy a bone, please.

Bye-bye for now. Love from
BEATRICE.

Beatrice Lambert—Age 8 years.

Dear Santa:

Just a few lines to ask you how you are. I am just fine. Well, here goes Santa to write you a few lines. And Santa, I admit that beautiful doll and chocolates that you gave **THE FREE PRESS** Office. I sure would like them but I would rather give it to the poor little children who have nothing. Santa this Christmas I would like a pair of mother boots and a fountain pen and eversharp pencil to match. I am not getting anything else or you will have nothing left for the poor little children who are starving to death and are always thinking about you. Well Santa I have not a bad doll but listen, I washed my doll's stockings and then I had them come place. My doll's legs will freeze. Oh Santa can you tell me how to make them warm. I have lots of clothes for it and I would like the doll in **THE FREE PRESS** window to be my doll's friend. My doll Santa is very very lonely, without someone to keep it company.

Well Santa I must leave you now.

Your old friend,
HELEN MANN.

Agnes Street. Box 320, Acton, Ont.

If you have not those things for the night, serve the other poor children first before me, I don't care if I am last, Santa Claus.

Acton, Ont.,
Dec. 3, 1935

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is nearly here and I suppose you and all your merry elves will be busy making gifts for the good girls and boys.

Please don't forget the sick and unfortunate children this year. I would like a nice big doll this Christmas, because the one I got two years ago is broken, but I am nearly eight years old and will be able to take good care of it. Don't forget my dear friends and brother of sister. I am sure you will be cold and hungry after your long journey, so mother and I will have a warm fire and a lunch for you. Wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your loving friend,
MARJORIE BIGTON.

Campbellville, Ont.,
Dec. 4th, 1935

Dear Santa Claus:
As it is getting near Christmas I thought I had better write you a little letter to tell you what I would like you to bring me. I would like that little bigger doll I saw in Hinton's store window. I have two brothers and one sister. Please bring them some nice things. Please remember all the little needy children. We are having a concert at our school and church. Hope I will see you there. I will close now.

Yours truly,
HAZEL RAMSEY.

SOME PECULIARITIES OF HONEY

Before the introduction of cane sugar, honey was apparently the only sweet available for human consumption. In those days of long ago honey was not desired for its sweetness alone, but it was also considered to be a food of remarkable qualities for instance, one old legend claims that to eat honey brought health, wealth, strength and offspring to man.

Furthermore, King Solomon in his wisdom advised that it be used not only for its sweetness, but from the standpoint of health as well. The modern beekeeper is too much inclined to adopt the inferiority complex when it comes to advertising his product, and as a result overlooks many of the legitimate claims that may be given as reasons for using it in preference to many other products that are now in competition with it.

In the first place honey is the only sweet that comes from nature to the table unchanged by human agency. Honey is the nectar of flowers gathered by the bees and ripened by them within their hives. The ripening process consists of driving off the excess moisture from the nectar and of certain chemical changes in the sugars it contains. Honey may be classified as a concentrated solution of sugars having a wide range of distinctive aroma and flavor that no other food possesses. Honey consists largely of invert or predigested sugars, levulose and dextrose, and because of this, honey when eaten is immediately absorbed into the blood stream and thus becomes a quick source of energy which makes it an ideal food for children and athletes. Furthermore, being a predigested food it places no tax on the digestive system, a quality which makes it especially suitable for elderly people, and those with impaired digestion. Honey also contains all the mineral elements necessary to the well-being of the human body. It is true that they are present in small amounts only, but the fact that they are present and in a soluble form is one that should not be overlooked. Flavor is necessary for the enjoyment of food, and honey absorbs its flavor from the flowers and a honey with a flavor that will suit the most fastidious palate can be obtained. Honey when first obtained from the bees is in liquid form, but all Canadian honeys granulate sooner or later, and many people prefer granulated honey to the liquid form. Honey is most widely used as spread.

WHAT RETURNS ARE YOU MAKING?

Courtesy and rudeness are both contagious. Children who are snatched at by the older members of the family bully their younger playmates. Clerks who are unkind and scolded by their superiors are likely to be rude to customers. It is much easier to do as you are done by, than to do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you have been treated roughly most of your life, if you have had more than your share of hard knocks, of rudeness, and of unkindness, that is a pity. It would be a greater pity however, to let such experiences spoil your character. While it is natural to return rudeness for rudeness and unkindness for unkindness, if you let yourself do this, you have harmed yourself more than anyone else.

THE STAKES

A doctor and a minister recently teed off for a golf game.

"Well, sir," said the doctor, "what are you playing for?"

"The minister smiled. 'It's a little out of my line to bet,' he observed.

"That's right, too," returned the physician. "We ought to play for something, however. I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll put up a complete physical examination."

"The minister smiled. 'Okay,' he asserted. "And I'll put up a prayer."

OUT O' DATE



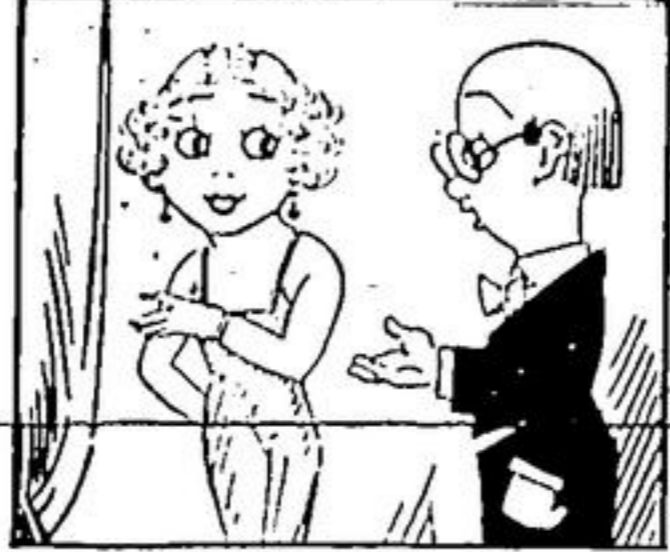
Old Gentleman—I believe you are afraid of work.
Happy William—Afraid of it? I ain't even acquainted with it.

MISSED SOMETHING



"When I was at college I worked so hard at my studies that I didn't have any time for baseball."
"Go, Dad, you don't know what you missed."

MILK AND BANANAS



Pool—"Fashioned so slenderly" thus runs that beautiful poem.
Maid—I must read that poem, I just love to read about ultra fashionable girls.

START EARLY



He (passionately)—I would go to the end of the earth for you.
She (calmly)—Good-bye.

BANG! BANG!



"Hastus, if you want to prosper in this world, you must go to bed with the chickens."
"Yassar, I've willin' to go to bed with 'em, but de folks dat owns chickens ain't sufficiently trustful."

BUSY OLD BOY



"He denies his wife nothing."
"Well, that's one way to avoid trouble, if you can afford it."

WHAT'S 'AT



Billy—Ah! Now confound? Wouldn't you like to be a nun?
"Tilly—Of course! Wouldn't you?"

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

EXTRA TEACHING THE LAW OF GOD

Golden Text—The entrance of thy words giveth light—Ps. 119: 130.

Lesson Text—Exra 7: 10; Neh. 8: 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12. Venes printed here, Neh. 8: 1-3, 5, 6, 8-12. Study the entire eighth chapter of Nehemiah.

Time—444 B. C. Place—Jerusalem.

Exposition.—I. Ezra leading the Word of God to the People, 1-6.

We have here a picture of one of the most interesting revivals in all history, the whole people gathering together as one man for one purpose, to hearken to what God has to say. Ezra did not have to urge the people to listen to the Word. They rather requested him to "bring the Book." It was real hunger for God's Word that brought the crowds.

There was no need of rag-time music or vaudeville stunts or movie shows to draw them. There is a great hunger for the Word of God in many quarters to-day. No other preaching draws so largely and so continuously as preaching the Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. The writer's own long experience as pastor and his world-wide experience in evangelistic work has demonstrated this. The author of the Book of Nehemiah called the law, "The law which the LORD had commanded to Israel." He either believed that the law was given by Moses, or else he did not believe so himself, but wished to deceive others into so believing. If the law as found in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy was not given, as here stated, by Moses, then Nehemiah and Ezra (and Jesus Christ, too) were either badly mistaken or deliberately deceived and people (cf. Luke 16: 29-31; John 5: 46, 47; Luke 24: 44). The opinion of Nehemiah and Ezra, who lived so much nearer the time and who probably edited the O. T. Canon, and of Jesus Christ, who lived so much nearer to God, is of vastly more weight than that of these "modern scholars" with their fine-spun theories that lead to no consistent conclusion and which they are so constantly changing. Though it was "the law of Moses" it was Jehovah who had commanded it by Moses (v. 1; cf. v. 14). So Jehovah was the real author. So it is with the whole Bible. God is the speaker; whoever is the human writer or recorder of God's utterance. The fact that the people did not observe the law is no proof of the non-existence of the law. The fact that the people did not obey the law being proof that the law was not in existence, is one of the favorite and strongest arguments of the destructive critics, but it is absolutely without force. The Bible existed throughout the Middle Ages, but it was not read. The same line of proof that the destructive critics adopt to prove that the law did not exist before Josiah (or before Ezra) would prove that the Bible was not in existence during the Middle Ages. Not only did men and women gather to hear the Word, but all the children who "could hear with understanding." The Word of God seemed to be sweet to them. Some to-day think that a service an hour long is long enough, but these people listened from the morning until mid-day, and not only did they listen, they "were attentive unto the book of the law." Quite a model congregation, that. The people showed their reverence for the Book of God by standing up when Ezra opened it (v. 5). We ought not to worship the Bible, for the Bible is not God, but we ought to regard it with a respect and attention that we give to no other book, for it is the voice of God. "Ezra blessed Jehovah, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen! Amen!'" It was not the book they were worshipping, but the author of the book. They stood up out of respect to the book. "They bowed their heads and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground."

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DISCOURAGEMENT IS DEFEAT

Discouragement is defeat. You can not imagine a discouraged person going out to victory for such an event is contrary to all observation and experience. Some of you young people who have fallen into the habit of acknowledging that you are discouraged, do not realize that such a statement is a "give-away."

Almost as bad as saying you are discouraged is to look it. In any crowd you can pick out the discouraged people. Their mouths droop; their eyes have a blank, bewildered expression. If such a person tries for a job, the person to whom he makes the application barely looks at him before he says: no. However hard up he may be for help, he does not want that kind. It is a very different matter when a young fellow radiating vitality and self-confidence walks in. That sort of person never has to look far to find employment.

There is every reason in the world for fighting discouragement, and one of the most important is that it classifies you among the defeated. You are never beaten so long as you keep a brave, confident heart.

MISTAKES DO HAPPEN

A passenger on the Limited, looking under his berth in the morning, found one black shoe and one tan. He called the porter's attention to the error.

The porter scratched his head in bewilderment.

"Well, of dat don't beat all," he said. "Dat's de second time dis mawnin' dat mistake's happened."

AT LAST

Little Girl—Mother, you know that old vase you said has been handed down from generation to generation?

Mother—Yes, dear.

Little Girl—Well, this generation has dropped it.

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