

A Plea For Santa

By Luise Clarke-Hawley

This is the season when the old, old tale is told of Santa Claus in his sleigh, urging his reindeer over the housetops that he may descend each chimney and fill the stockings hung in the fireplace on Xmas Eve. Perhaps, if a vote could be taken, this myth would be found to be the one, out of all fairy-lore, that lies closest to every little child's heart. Can't you remember the breath-taking thrill with which you once listened to "The Night before Christmas"? Drop into any kindergarten; the vision of eager faces and shining eyes as the teacher begins in a tone of hushed mystery:

"Twas the Night before Christmas,
And all through the House,
Not a creature was stirring—
Not even a Mouse"—
—will take you back over the years to the wonder-time of unlimited anticipation.

But how often have you heard older brothers and sisters sneeringly break down all a child's illusions of Christmas Eve? Then his grief and disappointment is so poignant that any parent may well be dismayed at the task of putting "Humpty Dumpty together again". To those whose mental adaptability is such that they can reason upon a child's plane of thought is given the blessed opportunity not only to restore the halo of benevolence about St. Nicholas' white head, but to grant the little one a vision of the Santa Claus spirit. For, oh! my friends, there is a Santa Claus. He lives in our hearts, and to the degree that we are able to visualize and appreciate his true character, just so much are we able to reflect

his unselfishness and loving giving at Christmas time.

When the illusion of Santa Claus is shattered (as it must be in every child's experience) won't you rebuild it into a real and vital symbol of human friendliness that a child can make a part of his mental and spiritual growth, gaining fresh inspiration for unselfish giving with each succeeding Xmas tide?

Kenilworth Happenings

Among those who attended the concert at the Illinois theater on Sunday last, given for the benefit of the "Off the Street Club," were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hulbert, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young. Miss Marjorie Maxwell, lyric soprano of the Chicago Grand Opera company, was the soloist.

Among those who attended the Buffet Supper at Indian Hill on Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foresman, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Ridgway, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cresap and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berger.

Mrs. P. D. Rathbone, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Rathbone for the past three months, left Saturday for Parkersburg, Va., to spend the holidays. Mrs. Rathbone will sail for Europe on January 12, where she will remain a year.

Mrs. Mark Cresap, 239 Essex road, and Mrs. Alexander W. Hannah have cards out for tea to be given for their daughter, Miss Helen Cresap, who will return from Vassar, and Miss Elizabeth Hannah on December 24, from 4 to 6 p. m. at the Cresap residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Shattuck of 338 Kenilworth avenue were dinner hosts Wednesday evening in honor of their twenty-fourth anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keehn entertained the Evening Bridge club on Monday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pease.

Another of the young people's bridge clubs met Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Clark in Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cresap were hosts at a Sunday night supper party at their home on Essex road.

Mrs. George Shipman entertained in honor of Mrs. P. D. Rathbone on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Richard Vivian Morrison was host at a stagg dinner Saturday at his home on Kenilworth avenue.

One of the young people's bridge clubs met Thursday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Bunnell of Highland Park.

Mrs. Walter B. Gerould of Evanston entertained informally on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. P. D. Rathbone.

Mrs. Walter Marx gave a birthday luncheon on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Harry Harrison.

Miss Virgene Maltby entertained informally at luncheon on Tuesday last.

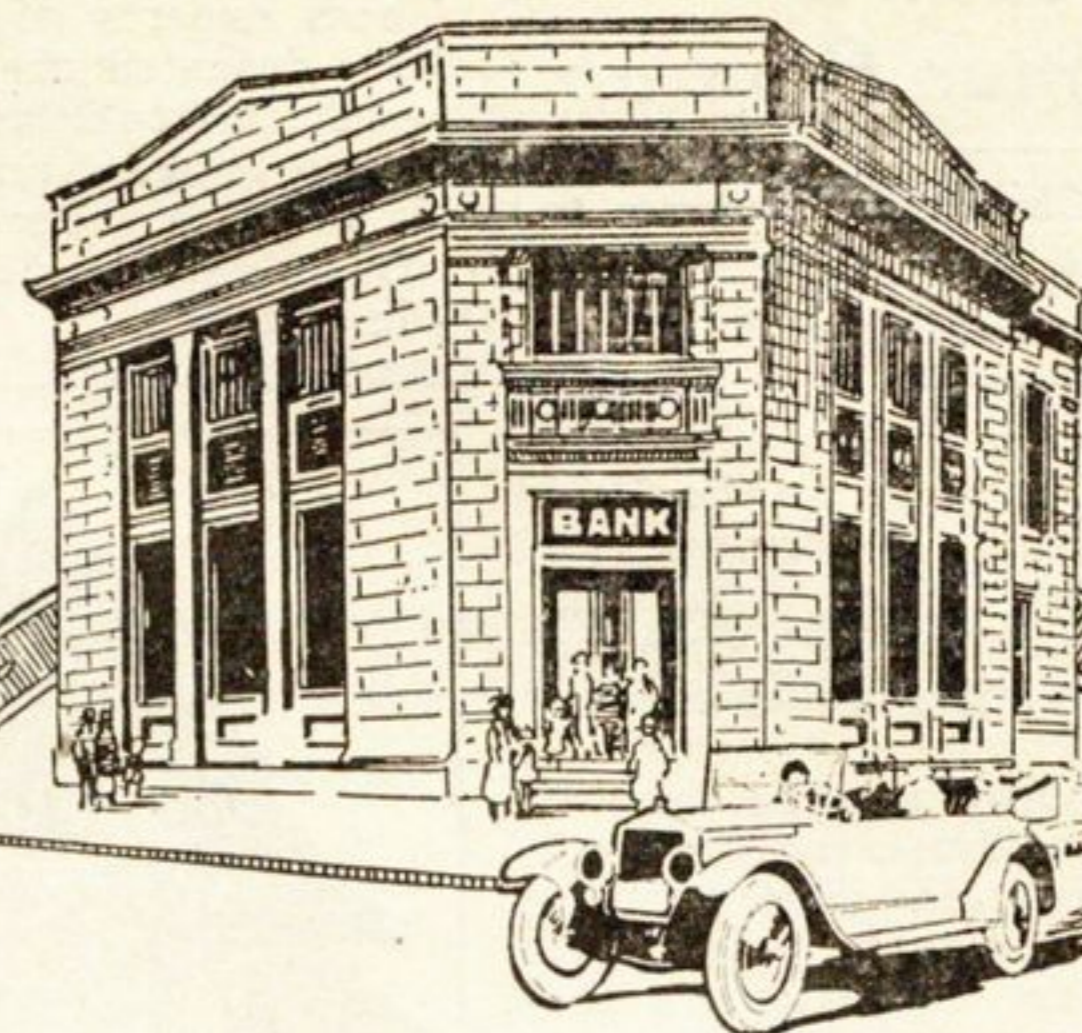
Mrs. Adele Wolfe Smale was the week-end guest of Mrs. Guy Osborne.

Miss Ruth Woodward entertained informally at luncheon on Monday last.

Mr. Warren Pease entertained at bridge Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hugh Foresman entertained her Bridge club at luncheon on Wednesday last.

Miss Miriam Shattuck entertained at tea on Sunday last.



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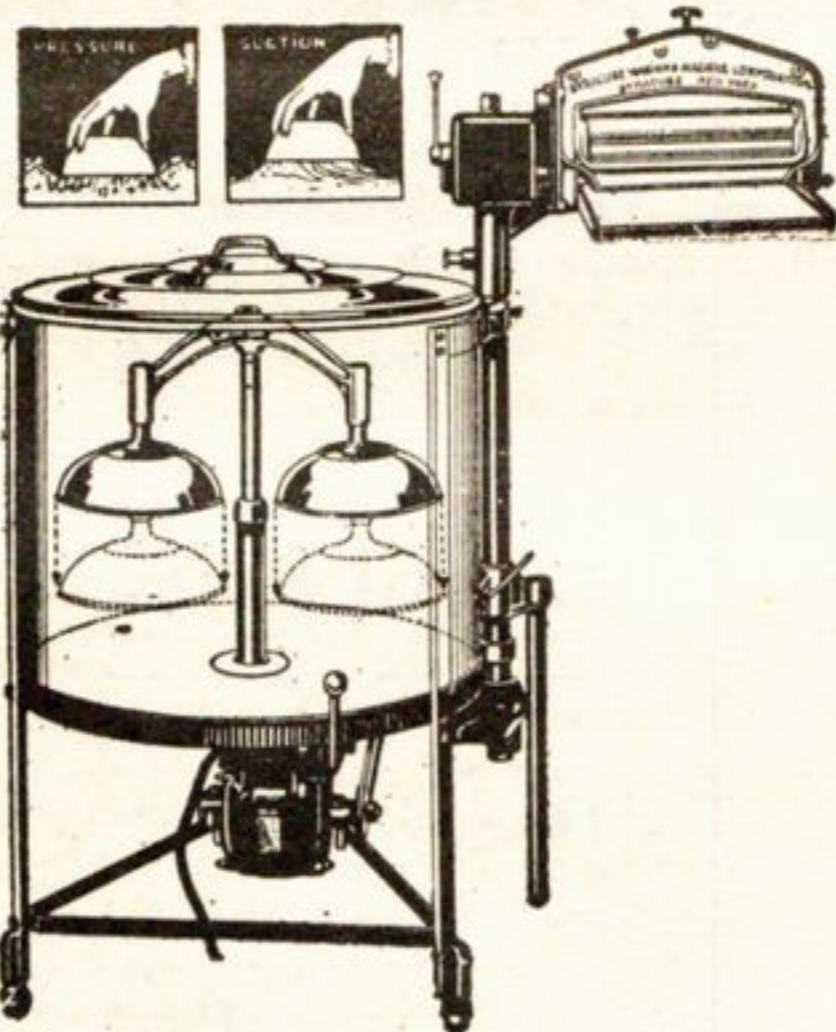
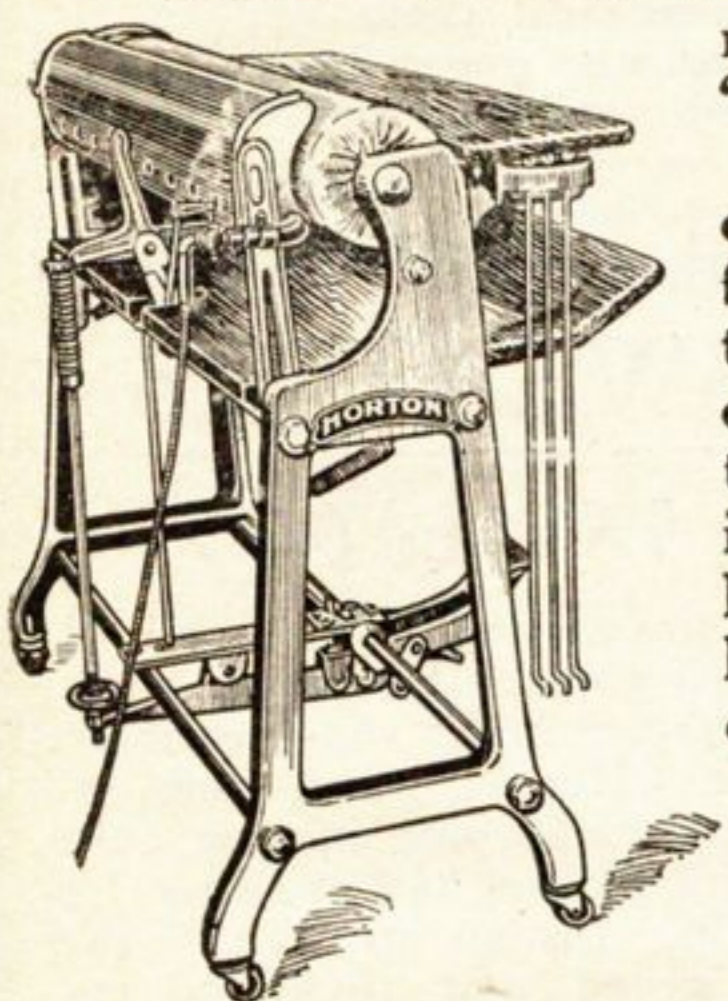
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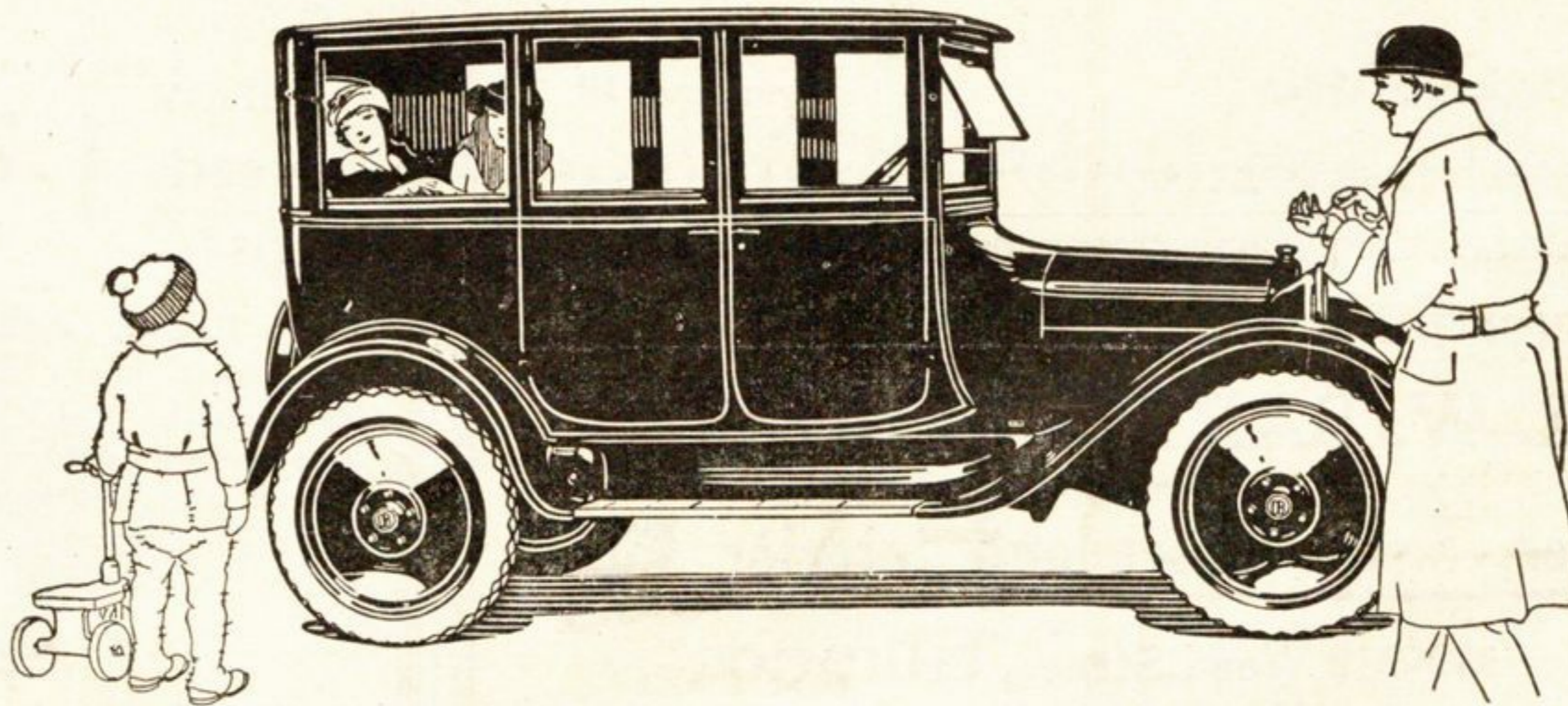
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