

THE THREE WISE MEN

By George Hansen



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Christmas Eve in the Kitchen

By ELEANOR E. KING.

IN THE kitchen of an apartment building in the city was seated a large, husky man with a little girl of about seven, on one knee and a boy of perhaps six, on the other.

"But grandpa, I don't see why Santa Claus doesn't come," said little Doris. "We have waited so long out here in this old kitchen."

At this, Master Fred laboriously climbed down from his grandpa's knee and ran over to the kitchen door, and then to the window.

"Isn't it disgusting, grandpa? I can't even see him coming."

"Well, you know," said grandpa, as Fred climbed back upon his knee. "Santa Claus was a little boy once himself, and he knows how impatient little boys are. He has a hard time, though. Every year he has more boys and girls to bring toys to than he had the year before."

"But grandpa," said Doris, "I never knew Santa Claus was ever a little boy."

"Oh, yes," asserted grandpa firmly. "Once upon a time a group of fairies were playing around in an open place under some trees and they found a little baby asleep. They took the baby to their queen. The fairies loved the little baby, so they begged the queen to let them keep him and take care of him. The queen consented and the little boy 'Claus' thrived under the care of the fairies."

"S-h-h! Grandpa, I think he's coming," interrupted Fred as he again climbed down and ran to the window. "Nothing doing," he said with much disgust and gave a signal with his arm like the flagman does when telling a train to go.

Grandpa obeyed the signal and continued: "He lived under the care of the fairies until he grew to be quite a man. Then the queen ordered her fairy workmen to build 'Claus' a hut, as he was a mortal and could not live the way the fairies did, any longer. 'Claus' had lots of time when he got into his new home and he occupied it by carving things. The fairies had taught him how to whittle and he began making all sorts of toys."

"There was a village some distance from his hut and every time he heard of a little boy or girl down in the village who was sick, he took them one of his little toys. The children grew to like him ever so much. After a while he became acquainted with so many children that he found it hard to get around and see them all so often. He decided that he would work all year making toys, and then go around and find out which of the children had been good, and leave them presents."

"When the fairies heard of this plan they were delighted and gave Santa Claus four reindeer and a sled to help him out."

"After many years of this hard work Santa Claus began to show that he was growing old. The fairies realized that Santa Claus was a mortal and would die, so they—"

"Santa Claus has come," some one shouted from the front room.

"Hurry and finish, grandpa. What did they do?" queried Doris nervously.

"They gave Santa Claus everlasting life so that he could make little children happy always," finished grandpa.

"Oh, I am so glad," said both of the kiddies.

"Now, to see what Santa brought," said grandpa, and all three made a rush for the parlor.

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