



Santa Claus' Books

When the evening shadows gather and the time is eight o'clock You can hear, if you will listen, Mr. Sand Man's gentle knock. Then you'd better hustle lively—time your evening prayers were said And each boy and girl well tucked in cozy, downy little bed. For when Mr. Sand Man's knocking sounds the signal, you may know Santa Claus is closely watching from his palace built of snow, And the children that are naughty and don't mind their ma's and pa's Get their names down in the "Bad Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Boys who never split the kindling, and the girls who always cry When they're asked to wash the dishes—Santa Claus has got his eye On such boys and girls, and watches with a sad and sorry look As he writes each name in sorrow on the pages of the book. And the girl who never hurries, but lets mamma do the work, And the boy who's always scheming all his little chores to shirk— They may think no one pay's notice when they don't help ma's and pa's, But their names are in the "Bad Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

But old Santa keeps a "Good Book"—it's the bestest book of all, Where he writes the names of children who are prompt at duty's call. And the boys who splits the kindling and the girls who never shirk But rise early in the morning and help mamma with the work; And the boys who never grumble when there's work for them to do, And the girls who help their mammas till the housework is all through— O, they needn't ever worry when it's Christmas time, because All their names are in the "Good Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Is your name down in the "Bad Book?" Well, there's still a chance for you, And if you will listen to me, I will tell you what to do. Don't act naughty, don't talk rudely, don't be noisy, be polite, Get up early in the morning, early into bed at night. Cheerfully perform each duty, do your work before you play, Never put off till tomorrow work that should be done today. If you do these things, dear children, it will please your ma's and pa's, And your names go in the "Good Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Optimism

Christmas is a-comin' An' no turkey bird in sight, But a happy tune I'm hummin'— Ain't no moon t' shine tonight.

Correct

"I tell you," shouted the campaign orator, "our grand old party stands for a great deal."

"That's right," grunted the wise gazabo in the corner. "It stands for you, and that's something I won't do."

To Be Sure

"Do you not believe that it is always best for a public official to take the people into his confidence?"

"Well," was the cautious reply of Senator Graball, "I will admit that I have always held to that in a measure. I always take the people in."

Dangerous Man

Willie — "Dat feller Bertilon o' France is a dangerous man." Johnnie—"W'ot's de matter wid him?"

Willie—"He's de guy dat invented detectin' fellers by finger prints." Johnnie—"Well, w'ot uv it?"

Willie—"Mamma was readin' about him de other day, an' yesterday I got into a jar o' her preserves. It was de finger prints dat led to my undoin'."

Signs of Age

When you see a boy skating and you begin to say to yourself, "I could beat him skating when I was his age," it is a sign that you are growing old. The older you get the better you could skate when a boy.

When several of you get together and begin laughing over the escapades of your boyhood days you have a lot of fun. But when your own boy attempts some of those same pranks you scold him fiercely and tell him he is headed straight for destruction. That is a sign that you are growing old.

When you get up in the morning and think you will walk down town, you feel as if you could walk forty miles at the rate of about five miles an hour. After you have walked about seven blocks at a moderate gait you are puffin' like a porpoise and looking back over your shoulder to see if a car is coming. That's another sign.

The Labor Vote

In a western community where there are in the neighborhood of 4,000 union workingmen in a total voting population of about 8,500, the dominant party was asked to nominate two union working men to the legislature. The request was refused. The minority party, however, nominated two clean, capable, honest working men, one a union printer, the other a union carpenter. If one-half of the union working men who affiliated with the dominant party had cut loose from partisanship and voted for their fellow unionists, they would have been elected. The returns show that less than five per cent of them thought more of their unionism and the interests of labor than they did of their party.

And yet there are a lot of working men who are forever complaining that "labor is not recognized," and that "capital gets everything it asks for."

Is there such a thing in this country as "the labor vote?"

The Message

Laying aside the paper containing the president's message Mr. Voght R. Strate exclaimed to his wife:

"Susan, that is the most statesman-like document that has been issued from the White House in a quarter of a century."

"Yes, dear," replied Mrs. Strate, hiding a smile behind her hand.

"Clear, concise, right to the point, and fearless in its demands for reforms that the people need."

"I'm so glad, dear," said Mrs. Strate, turning her head in order to high a laugh.

"Its demand for tariff reform is as clear as a bell and can not be disregarded. The language is that of a statesman, the thought is that of a patriot, and the whole breathes an in-

dependence that is refreshing after fifty years of political intrigue."

"I am so glad," said Mrs. Strate with a giggle.

"I can not help contrasting it with the messages of that political non-entity that held the presidential chair a few years ago, Grover Cleveland. His messages were turgid, unreasoning, lacking in logic and wholly without merit. But this message is just the contrary. It will go down in history. "What 'n thunder are you laughing at, Susan?"

"O, nothing much. Only yesterday you told me to be sure and hand you the morning paper the first thing this morning, as you wanted to glance at the president's message."

"Well, why should that make you laugh?"

"O, I don't know, only in cleaning up the other day I ran across an old paper folded away in a book and it contained President Cleveland's message of 1887, and I just cut the headlines out of this morning's paper and pasted over the headlines in the old paper. You have been reading Mr. Cleveland's message instead of President Roosevelt's and it struck me as being so funny that I just couldn't help—"

But by this time Mr. Voght R. Strate had jammed the old paper in the stove and was on his way down town, muttering to himself.

Brain Leaks

Satan is his own press agent.

Self-sacrifice entails self-denial.

Life is worth living if the liver is worthy of life.

A smile is the best weapon with which to meet trouble.

People who look with eyes of love seldom see the defects.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

Congress met Monday, December 3. The president sent to the senate several important nominations, among which were the following: Secretary of the treasury, George B. Cortelyou; attorney general, Charles Bonaparte; postmaster general, George L. Von Meyer; secretary of the navy, Victor H. Metcalf; secretary of the interior, James R. Garfield; secretary of commerce and labor, Oscar S. Straus; associate justice supreme court, William H. Moody; civil service commission, John Avery McIlheny, Louisiana; interstate commerce commissioners, Edgar E. Clark, Iowa; James S. Harlin, Illinois; Judson C. Clements, Georgia; officials of the United States court for China—Judge, Lebleus R. Wilfley, Missouri; district attorney, Arthur Bassett, Missouri; marshal, Orvice R. Leonard, Michigan; clerk, Frank E. Kinckley, California. Minister to Panama, Herbert G. Squires, New York; secretaries of embassies, Spencer F. Eddy, Illinois, at Berlin; M. P. Dodge, Massachusetts, at Tokio; second secretaries of Embassies, George Post Wheelock, Washington, at Tokio; Paxton Hibben, Indiana, at Mexico; third secretary of embassy, Basil Miles, Pennsylvania, at St. Petersburg; secretaries of legations, W. M. Langhorne, Virginia, at Christiania, Norway; William Heimke, New York, at Havana; consul general, William P. Kent, Virginia, at Guatemala; circuit judge for the Third Judicial district, Joseph Buffington, Pennsylvania; assistant attorney general, A. W. Cooley, New York; United States attorneys, J. D. Elliott, South Dakota; W. C. Bristol, Oregon; John Embry, Oklahoma; P. H. Rourke, North Dakota; marshal, A. W. Merrifield, Montana; receiver of public moneys, A. N. Kennedy at New Orleans; collectors of customs, Henry McCall, New Orleans; W. C. Carnahan, Oregon; paymaster general of the navy and chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, Eustace B. Rogers, attorney general, Charles J. Bonaparte,



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