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# Whether Common or Not

By WILL M. NEUMAN.

## The Lookout Man

Now listen, little chil'run, an' I'll tell a story true, An' better you remember, 'cause it means a lot to you. An' if you heed th' lesson, then when Chris'mas time is here You'll git a lot of pleasure, an' a lot o' Chris'mas cheer. Th' Lookout Man is walkin' when th' stars begin t' peep To see if little chil'run air in bed an' fast asleep; An' all who act up naughty an' don't mind their ma's and pa's Th' Lookout Man is watchin'—an' he'll tell Ol' Santa Claus.

I knowed a little feller wunst who got real bad an' said He didn't care fr' Santa Claus, an' wouldn't go t' bed; Said that he didn't have t' mind—O, he wus awful bad, An' didn't care th' leastest mite 'bout makin' folks feel bad. But when it come t' Chris'mus time he didn't git a thing 'Cause Santa Claus had heard o' him an' not a thing he'd bring. He knew that bad boy's record—better mind your ma's an' pa's; Th' Lookout Man is watchin', an' he'll tell Ol' Santa Claus.

I also knowed a little girl who wus just awful bad. She wouldn't learn her lessons an' she allus got so mad If anybody told her t' be still an' hush her noise— Well, she wus allus wishin' fr' a lot o' Chris'mus toys. But when 'twas Chris'mus mornin' to her wonder an' surprise An' empty stockin' hangin' in th' corner met her eyes. You see, she acted naughty—better mind your ma's an' pa's; Th' Lookout Man is watchin' an' he'll tell Ol' Santa Claus.

Th' Lookout Man is peepin' thro' th' winders ev'ry night, An' countin' up th' chil'run who air allus actin' right An' goin' off t' bed at wunst when told it's time t' go, An' never poutin', rot a bit, or takin' clothes off slow. He puts 'em in his good book, but th' bad ones in th' bad; An' when he writes a bad one he looks, O, jus' awful sad. 'Cause he knows they won't git nothin'—better mind your ma's an' pa's; Th' Lookout Man is watchin' an' he'll tell Ol' Santa Claus.

## Argument

The Strange Peoples gathered under the mango trees and gave a respectful hearing to the Serious Stranger in their midst.

"I have come," said the Serious Stranger, "to bring you a message of peace and good w.i.l. I am sent to you because my people love you with an unselfish love, and would teach you love, kindness, peace, good will and all the neighborly virtues. I have —"

"Pardon me, sir," said a leader among the Strange Peoples. "But we live at peace with all the world. We have our schools and colleges. We have built some churches. We have artists and artisans. We live in peace, asking only that others treat us as we treat them; that they treat us as they them-

selves would be treated. We take care of our helpless poor and unfortunate. What more do you do?"

"O, we do it differently. Our way is a way we have developed for ourselves."

"But is your way better than ours?"

"To be sure."

"Have you less of woe and misery in your country than we have in ours? Are your public servants all honest and thoughtful? Is your economic system without flaw or blemish. Are your lawmakers responsive to the will of the people? Have you no selfish interests that seek to profit by unjust exactions upon the people?"

"O, we have dishonest servants and all that sort of thing, but we are so unselfish that we come to you with our message."

"Well, we welcome you, but we must have time to think it over. We must study your offer in all of its phases. We ask for time in which to make investigation."

"But there is no time. You must accept our offer and listen to the message of peace and good will at once."

"Why are you so insistent?"

"Because we have no time to waste. If you do not accept our message of peace and good will at once it will be the worse for you?"

"In what way," queried the leader of the Strange Peoples.

"Just this way," said the Serious Stranger. "I'll give you just seven minutes to accept, and at the end of that time if you are still stiff-necked and obdurate, I will signal a gunboat just around that point of land, and also wig-wag to the regiment of soldiers just landed on the other side of the island. At my signal they will shell your village and devastate your island."

"But I thought you came with a message of peace and good will," said the astonished leader of the Strange Peoples.

"That's what I have," said the Serious Stranger. "But I'm due to deliver the same message at another island tomorrow, and you must either accept it right now or have it injected into your system with ten-inch guns and Krag-Jorgensens."

Moral: There isn't any, but a whole lot of men have been pretending that they understood it.

## Christmas

This is the glad and festal time When boys are making lot o' fuss Because their legs are not as big As some old hippopotamus. Because, you see, were they as big Their stockings would enormous be, And Christmas morn they'd hold a lot Of jolly Yule-tide ecstasy.

## Brain Leaks

Brave men are always afraid to do wrong.

Determination never shakes hands with doubt.

Some men who think they are frank are only rude.

You can not get close to God by drawing apart from your neighbor.

History is very often only tradition accepted because of universal credulity.

Wouldn't you rather associate with a man who is narrow-minded but sincere than to associate with a man so

"liberal minded" that he has no convictions at all?

Our idea of a mean man is the one who would delight in telling a child the facts about Santa Claus.

We are very apt to dub a man a crank if he refuses to give up his opinions and accept our own.

You can not catch the same rat twice in the same trap, but you can a man. This is no compliment to the man.

The strong man avoids temptation; the weak man flirts with it to prove that he can withstand it—and fails.

Men often achieve fame because they care very little about it and do not allow thoughts of it to take up their time.

The heroes who die for their country are not entitled to any more credit than the herces who live for their country.

Somehow or other we always feel chilled when a salaried choir stands up to sing the invitation hymn after a good sermon.

When we hear a church member complaining of something the preacher said we are moved to believe that the preacher is doing some good.

"Every boy must sow his wild oats" is a quotation responsible for a large share of the sin and misery of the world. There is no more reason why a boy should sow wild oats than that a girl should put in a crop of the same grain.

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