THE GUMPS.

LISTEN SANTA- IF YOU WANT ME TO I'LL TAKE MY PRESENTS HOME- I'VE GOT MY PONY AND SLED- I CAN CARRY A LOT OF THINGS IN IT-

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GEE WHIZ- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET CHESTER FOR CHRISTMAS- I'VE RACKED MY BRAIN- HE'S GOT EVERYTHING-

YES- AND YOU SHOULD SEE HOW SWEET AND NICE HE IS AROUND THE HOUSE- HE KEEPS COMING IN TO ASK ME IF THERE'S ANYTHING HE CAN DO TO HELP ME-

I TELL YOU. WHAT I THINK I'LL DO, MIN- I'LL RUN ACROSS THE STREET TO BISBY'S AND HAVE THEM CALL HIM UP ON THE TELEPHONE AND TELL HIM IT'S SANTA CLAUS TALKING- THEN WE'LL LISTEN AND FIND OUT WHAT HE WANTS-

HURRY BACK- IT'S ALMOST SUPPER TIME-

SEE HOW NICE I WASHED MYSELF, MAMA? DON'T I LOOK CLEAN? I SHINED MY SHOES TOO- DON'T THEY LOOK NICE?

YOU'RE MAMA'S LITTLE MAN ALL RIGHT- THAT'S THE WAY YOU ALWAYS WANT TO DO- KEEP YOURSELF NEAT AND CLEAN AND EVERYBODY WILL LOVE YOU-

AM I HUNGRY! IS DINNER READY MIN? I'M ALMOST STARVED- GEE- I SMELL ROAST CHICKEN- HAVE YOU GOT DRESSING WITH IT?

YOU BET I HAVE AND I MADE SOME SWELL PUMPKIN PIE TOO-

I DON'T BELIEVE I'LL BUY ANY PRESENTS FOR ANYBODY THIS YEAR- CHESTER HAS EVERYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF- A PONY AND CART AND EVERYTHING-

OH BUT DADDY- CHESTER HAS BEEN SUCH A GOOD BOY- YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE WAY HE HELPS ME-

THERE GOES THE TELEPHONE

I WONDER WHO THAT CAN BE-

OH YES- IS THIS YOU SANTA CLAUS? JUST A MINUTE AND I'LL CALL HIM- OH CHESTER!

SANTA CLAUS IS ON THE WIRE AND WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU-

NOW WE'LL HEAR WHAT HE WANTS-

BETTER GET A PENCIL AND WRITE IT DOWN-

HELLO! YES- THIS IS CHESTER GUMP- OH- I'VE BEEN A GOOD BOY-

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LISTEN-

OH, I'VE BEEN RUNNING ERRANDS FOR MAMA- I'VE KEPT MY SHOES SHINED- AND I GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TOO- WHAT DO I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS? HOLD THE WIRE A MINUTE-

ALL RIGHT SANTA CLAUS- I'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS- ALL I REALLY NEED IS A NEW PAIR OF SKATES- MY OLD ONES ARE TOO SMALL- I'M GROWING SO FAST- AND I WANT A WHITE SWEATER WITH A BIG COLLAR- AND SAY, SANTA CLAUS- MY MAMA AND PAPA HAVE BEEN AWFULLY GOOD TOO- I WANT YOU TO BRING A NICE WARM PAIR OF SLIPPERS FOR MY DADDY AND A GOLD WRIST WATCH FOR MAMA- I WANT TO SURPRISE THEM-