OLD KRIS!

Letters From the Little Folks--Santa Claus' Answer.

Krissville, Dec. 18, 1897.

Dear Old NEWS:

I have received so many nice letters from my little boys and girls that it is impossible for me to answer them separately, therefore I write to them through your paper know-that all the little folks read the NEWS:

My Dear Little Folks: Every mail has brought me a letter from some of you and I have read every one of them. Many were written and printed in good style showing that you go to school and are learning real fast. I was pleased to see that many of my little children thought about some body other than themselves. This is a good sign and shows that you are being taught good lessons at Sunday school. We live so far away that my little boys and girls do not get to school or church. My wife teaches them everything and they are learning rapidly.

Some of my boys have been bad the past year. I heard more than one of them swearing. I don't like these bad boys. Then there were some of my girls who cried and talked back to their mothers and behaved ugly. I love good children.

I have just returned from a visit to Chestertown and other places to find out how my children have been behaving the past year.

Last Christmas I came on my bicycle and made the trip safely, but on my return home, while coasting down Goose Hill, fell and hurt my ankle. Since then I have been suffering with rheumatism. I will send my oldest boy to see you next Friday night. He has a new bicycle to which is attached an electric battery so that he can go through the mud or on a hard road. I wish you could see his load, now all packed and ready to start! We have made nearly every kind of toy including dolls, dresses, blocks, wagons, horses, wheelbarrows, sleds, carriages, skates, gloves, etc., etc.

My children, I will do the very best I can for you, but it will be impossible for me to give you everything mentioned in your letters. I would have to own a Klondyke to do this. I hope you'll all try to be good next year and be satisfied with what I bring you. The little boy and girl who left some money by the chimney for me will please accept my thanks.

Yours truly,
SANTA CLAUS.

LETTERS FROM THE LITTLE FOLKS.

Master Joseph Wheatley, Chestertown: I want some nice things. I want a pair tights and some good things. Russell wants a horn, some candy and a pony. Don't bring a tree this year, because Russell would tear it up.

Eva Beacham, Chestertown: I don't want much this year. Will you please bring me a pair of kid gloves, three games, an umbrella, and anything else you wish to bring me.

Melvin Spry Hersch: I am a little boy 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll baby, a little steamboat and a horn, and some nuts and candies.

Marguarita Hersch: I am 6 years old, go to school and in the 2nd 1st grade. Please bring me a doll and cradle, nuts and little trunk.

Herman M. Robinson, Still Pond: Please be so kind as to bring me a pair of gum boots, a pair of skates, some nuts and candy, orange and some bananas.

Mary W. Capps, Still Pond: Please bring me a pair of kid gloves, some candy and nuts and bananas. P. S. My sister wants same.

May and Ada Hurlock, Kennedyville: Ada wants a pair of roller skates, a doll and carriage, a set of dishes and a sled. Please don't forget Mama and Papa. May wants a sled, a pair of slates and set of dishes and some story books. P. S. Bring us a Christmas tree and some games.

Mary Trew: Please send me cups and saucers, doll, little baking pans, plenty of candy and cake, household and kitchen furniture, a little coal oil stove and everything that's nice for a good little girl like me.

Ringgold Strong, Lankford: Please bring me a pair of skates, a sled, torpedoes, roman candles, sky rockets, a cannon, sand mill, a kite, gun shooting crackers, watch, candy and nuts and everything you wish to bring me if I be a good little boy.

Oswald Saunders, Lankford: Please bring me saddle and bridle, lots of nuts, cakes, candies, oranges, etc. Please remember my sister and bring her a pair of kid gloves and lots of candy, cakes, nuts, bananas, etc.

Mary E. Orr, 2034 Wood st., Philadelphia, Pa.: I want you to send me a doll, set of dishes and a baby coach. Lizzie wants a doll, a coach, a set of dishes. Jamesie wants a drum, a horn and some candy. Samie wants a gun and a sled to beat the boys here. Mother says you will not come on account of us moving away we send our number.

William Trew: Please send me ten pins, kite, express wagon, skates, cakes, nuts, candy, nuts, knife, sky rockets, torpedoes, sand mill, shooting crackers, watch, and anything you want to bring me. Also cap and gun.

Clarence N. Pinder, Hanesville: I want an iron wagon, some nuts, candies, raisins, nuts, candies, oranges and bananas, paper caps.

Hallie Pinder, Hanesville: I want a doll that will open and shut its eyes, a carriage to ride it in and some nuts and candy, oranges, bananas, etc. Please don't forget my brother Earle, he wants a tin horse and wagon, candy and oranges and raisins.

Allie Reed, Worton: Please bring me a rocking chair, pair of rubbers, candy, nuts and raisins. Don't forget my dear little sister Reba, she cannot eat candy so please to bring her something nice.

Howard Reed, Worton: Bring me a pair of gum boots, gum coat, lots of candy, nuts and candy and oranges. My fat little sister Reba wants a pair of leggings and rattle.

Grace Lewis Greenwood, Locust Grove: Please bring me a tricycle, doll carriage, two dolls, picture book, little cupboard, set of dishes and an abundance of candy, etc.

Golden Warren, Still Pond: I want an express wagon, pen knife, rubber ball, candies, nuts, oranges, etc.

Anna W. Ireland, Coleman: Please fill my wish by bringing me a doll, carriage, candy and nuts and oranges.

Myrtle H. Ireland, Coleman: Send me doll, some dishes and stove and candy and nuts.

Page Ireland, Coleman: Send me a bicycle and a pair of gum boots and some candy and bring my little brother, Wm. Jennings Bryan Ireland, candy, nuts and a little silver.

Bertha Dill, Chesterville: The nice little dishes you brought last year are nearly all broken up. I am sorry. Please forgive me. Please bring me a pair of kid gloves, a silver watch, a double slate, muff, looking glass, a wire brush, a comb and rocking chair.

Foster Dill, Chesterville: Please bring me tools, express wagon, mouth organ, shooting crackers and sleigh bells and a big picture.

Charlie Ireland, Coleman: Send me an express wagon, sled, candy, nuts, oranges.

Ethel Jacquette, Lankford: Please bring me a pair of skates, some nuts, oranges and candy and bring my little brothers and sister something nice.

Clara R Biggs, Rock Hall: I want a doll, a set of dishes, dinner basket, picture book and of course plenty of eatables.

Elizabeth Jones, Kennedyville: Please let me have a doll, little tub, wash board, clothes pins, chair, cradle and candy nuts, oranges.

Pearl M. Taylor, Kennedyville: Bring me a big doll, little pony, and candy.

Norris Miller, Rock Hall: I want an express wagon, candy, nuts, oranges and raisins, and don't forget my two brothers.

Lydia Newman Jones, Millington: Please bring me a little engine, picture book, carriage, umbrella, and candy and nuts. Trim my tree too, please.

Jonathan Jones, Millington: Please bring me a pair gum boots, shooting crackers and candy, nuts and oranges.

John A. Groves, Betterton: I would like a pair of gum boots, if that is too much to ask I will be satisfied with a lot of fire crackers, horn, mouth harp, nuts, candy, etc.

Albert Sidney Groves, Betterton: I want a wagon, horn, mouth harp and lot of candy, nuts and fire crackers.

Margaret Groves, Betterton: I want a doll and carriage, candy, oranges and nuts, bring brother Harris something that will make lots of noise, rocking horse and candy.

Marie Johnson, Massey: Please bring me a doll, book, ball, set of dishes, rocking chair, candy and nuts and trim my tree.

Blanche Johnson, Massey: Please bring me a doll, story book, game, sled, nuts and candy. My sweet little sister's wants are too numerous to mention.

Mary R. Miller, Chestertown: I want a nice mackintosh, big doll and picture book. Sister Sue wants a big doll with some clothes on it and a bonnet and coat. Sister Francis Hines wants a black cat. P. S. Bring Mama a nice bicycle.

Elizabeth Connelly, Chestertown: Please bring me a doll and table, dishes and a desk. My brother Frank wants a drum, horse, horn, wagon and blocks. Also goodies for both.

Myra Benney, Chestertown: Please bring me plain gold ring, doll, rocking chair, trunk, candy, nuts and oranges. Sister Lillian wants a doll, rocking chair and plenty of candy.

Dave Connelly, Chestertown: Please to bring me gum boots, express wagon, pop gun and nuts and candy.

Anna B. Smyth, Townsend, Del.: I want a little baby coach and doll, a stocking full of candy and lots of other things. I will be at my grandmother's in Kennedyville.

Willie E. Garrett, Chesterville: Please to bring me a bicycle, a mule, billy goat, cultivator, gum boots, pants, candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. I don't want much this year.

Carrie P. Roe, Massey: Please bring me a set of dishes, doll, rocking chair, candy, nuts and oranges, and don't forget little brother.

Lula Stevens, Chesterville: I would like to have a doll, book bag, candy, nuts, etc.

Minnie Stevens, Chesterville: I want a doll, book bag, candy, nuts, orange.

Nellie V. Gillespie, Pomona: I wish a pair kid gloves, piano, nuts, etc. Don't forget Ma and Grandma and Cousin Elsie.

Alice G. Turner, Millington: I want a doll and set of dishes and a coach. Percy wants a wagon and Thomas a rubber doll. Bring us a barrel of sweets and trim our tree.

Nellie McWhorter, Chestertown: I would like to have self-guiding sled, books to read, penknife, watch, rubber ball and please dress my doll in blue silk. Don't forget the poor little girls and boys of Chestertown.

Genevieve Dixon, Chestertown: Please to bring me a trunk, a desk, little house, a toy lamp, little stove with kettle, piano, a parlor set, baby carriage, doll with green ribbon in front, a table, set of dishes.

Freddie Hirons, Chestertown; I would like to have an auto-harp, air rifle, nuts, oranges, candy and apples.

Lillian Matthews, Chestertown: Some toys I want, and an iron stove, mackintosh, a tin kitchen, a Bible, big doll, some games and pictures. P. S. Crook wants a rubber ball, a horn, game of dominoes. Wallace wants a horn, a play pistol and Japanese doll.

Roland Matthews, Chestertown: I want a cat rifle, bicycle, magic lantern, violin, cornet and a pen knife, gum coat, and picture book.

Mabel Toulson, McGinness: Please bring me a tea set, wax doll with slippers, rocking chair, ring, nuts, candy and oranges.

Mason Greenfield Latham, Chestertown: I want an express wagon, horn, candy, nuts.

Simon Westcott, Chestertown: Will you bring me a foot ball and stocking full candy?

Anna Trew Wroth, Chestertown: Please to bring me a prayer book, hymn book, pocket book and nuts and candy.

Letters have also been received from the following little folks, but owing to our lack of space are unable to publish them:

Dora Sheats, Kemp Bordley, Sallie Clarke, Cora and Emma Roe, Jessie Matthews, Chas. Campbell, Sadie Toulson, Daisy Barnes, Maxwell Blakney, Mamie Layman, Norman B. Nelson, Clark Colgain, Merla R. Elburn, Ruth and Ernest Robinson, Beulah Walbert, Carl and Edna Roland, Susie and Hurlock Howell, Julia Moffett, Reba Burris.

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Harrison W. Vickers, Trustee,
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Louis K. Stam and Mary M. Stam.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 9th day of December, 1897, that the sale of the Personal and Real Estate made and reported by HARRISON W. VICKERS, under a Deed of Trust, in said report and proceedings mentioned, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of February next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 10th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,289.58.

JAMES T. DIXON, CLERK.

True copy, Test:
JAMES T. DIXON, CLERK.

Dec. 11, 1897—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

ALEXANDER J. CAHALL,

ate of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of June, 1898, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 30th day of November, 1897.

RUTH A. CAHALL,
Dec. 4, 1897—4t. Executrix.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE AVERAGES.

The following students lead their respective classes during the month ending December 10, 1897: Gordon Nicolson, senior, 97.6; T. A. Goldsborough, junior, 95.9; Adele France, sophomore, 95.3; Hallie Toulson, freshman, 92.9; Gilbert Rude, third preparatory, 96.3; Walter Sparks, normal, 93.2; Lillian Benton, second normal, 92.3; Rowena Graves, first normal, 93.

Freshman class: Hallie Toulson 92.9, C. C. Gum 92.8, Walter Shepard 92.8, Lillian Benton 92.3, Ida Deane 91.8, Lottie Woodall 91.5, Elizabeth Heame 91, Jessie Jones 90.7, Ethel Maslin 89.8, Lydia Whitworth 87.1, Susie Culp 87.1, Grace Price 86.6, Dudley Roe 86.5, Cora Ewing 85.9, E. D. Simpers 84.4, Guy LeCompte 84.3, Minnie Stevens 84.1, Clara Vickers 83.6, Irma Eliason 83, Olive Handy 82.9, H. Nicholson 81.4, U. S. G. Welsh 81.1.

Third preparatory: Gilbert Rude 96.3, Mattie Davis 94.1. Mary Brown 93.7, Rowena Graves 93, Estelle Crew 92.3, Alfred Manul 92.3, A. Beauchamp 92.1, George Biddle 91.6, Scott Beck 90.4, Viola Richardson 89.5, F. Strong 88.8, Carrie Ford 88.6, Clara Jones 87, Maude Newman 86, Ethel Smith 86, Elva Reese 85.9, Maude Bramble 84.5, Gussie Cannan 83.6, Effie Blades 83.2, F. Grise 82.6, Frank Bacon 81.2, Roeser 80.6, Bessie Nicholson 80.3, Anna Grise 80.

Second preparatory: C. Brown 83.5, Jefferson 83.4.

Injurious Effects of Cigarettes.

The dozens of Chestertown boys who are constantly seen with a cigarette in their mouths should read the following item and take warning:

"Charles Pedrick, of Newcastle, who became ill several weeks since, and afterwards eluded his parents and was discovered at the home of a friend in Philadelphia, to whom he stated that he was going to Klondike has been taken to the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane at Farnhurst, where he will be treated for acute mania. The young man, who is in his twenty-first year, has been addicted to the use of cigarettes, and has only shown the illness during the past few weeks.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 14, 1897, at St. James parsonage, by Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, SAMUEL B. LATHAM and Miss BESSIE G. COHEE.

DIED.

Lines on the death of John W. Crouch, who died in Worton last Sunday, aged 73 years.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peaceful in they grave so low;
Thou no more our sorrows know.
Yet again we hope to meet thee;
When the day of life is fled:
And in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

We miss thee from our home, dear husband;
We miss thee from thy place;
A shadow o'er our life has crept;
We miss the sunshine of thy face.

We miss thy kind and loving hand;
Thy fond and earnest care;
Our home is dark without thee,
We miss thee everywhere.—HIS WIFE.

At the residence of Mr. John Morris, Nov. 26th, 1897, FANNIE REED, only daughter of the late Albert Reed, of Sandy Bottom, aged 14 years, 26 days. Her kind and gentle disposition endeared her to her playmates. To her mother is extended the sympathy of her many friends in this, her second bereavment in the past year.

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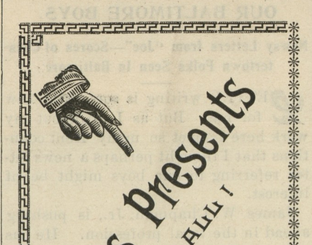

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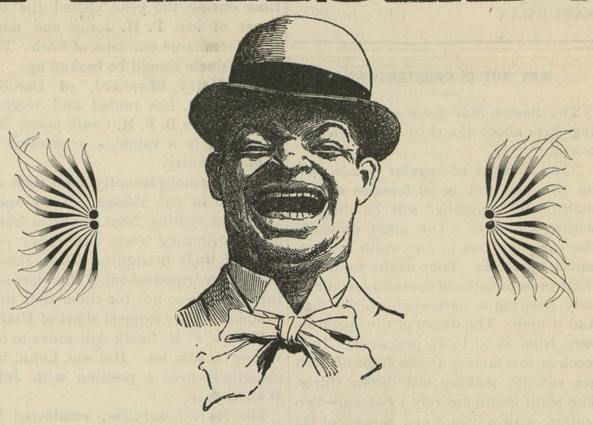

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