SANTA CLAUS' MAIL.

Letters from Little Folks Received from All Parts of Kent.

The NEWS has received scores of letters from its many little friends addressed to Old Kris and they have been forwarded to the kind old fellow, who says he is glad to hear of what good children all have been.

Space will not permit us to publish all that arrived but the name of everyone is here given and their requests have been made known to Santa Claus. The NEWS wishes all its little readers a happy holiday and we would impress upon them this injunction, "BE UNSELFISH."

Lizzie Woodall, Galena: I do not want much this Xmas. I would like to have a box of writing paper, a story book and gold ring. I have a brother and sister. My brother is 13, and sister is 5. I am 11. Please bring my sister and brother something. My grandma is a nice old lady, please bring her a pair of gold frame glasses.

Dorine Woodall, Galena: I am going to have a tree and want you to trim it. I want a doll house, story book and pair of gloves. I have a sister and brother. Bring them something nice.

Roland Matthews, Chestertown: I am a little boy 9 years old, I want a 'devil in the band box' and a pair of gum boots and some candy, nuts, bananas and toys.

Russell and Samuel Cole, Chesterville: Please bring a sled, drum, two horns, pair of rocking horses and nuts, candy, oranges and apples.

Katy W. Capps, Still Pond: Will you please bring me a large doll and cradle and a pair of kid gloves and a sled and some candy, nuts, oranges and some bananas.

Lillian Smith, Catlin: Bring me a house and doll baby. Please bring my baby brother hobby horse some candy and apples.

Nettie Smith, Catlin: Please bring me a toy piano, a doll and coach and a broom, some nuts and candy.

Pearl S. Brown: Please bring me a nice hood and a pair of good warm gloves and a big doll with curly hair, and if you will bring me that I will be a good girl.

J. Randolph Brown: All I want is a big tool chest so I can help papa to do the work, and if you have any candy and nuts put a few in.

Anna Theresa Haley, Locust Grove: I am a little girl six years old; this is my first letter to you. Mama said if I didn't write you wouldn't bring me anything this Christmas. I would like to have a rocking chair, two picture books, some candy, nuts, oranges and apples. I wont ask too much for I know you are poor.

Elizabeth Haley, Locust Grove: I am a little girl five years old; sister has wrote you a letter and Mama said I must write one too. Last year you brought me a doll. I have it yet. Please bring me a rocking chair, some picture books, an express wagon some candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. Please do not think this is too much, for I know you have other little girls besides me. Please don't forget Mama and Papa.

Bessie Durham, Chesterville: Will you please bring me a China doll baby and a coach, some candy, nuts and pretty things. Bring sister Lillie a doll and some nuts and candy, and bring brother Willie an express wagon and some nuts and candy, and brother Wood all wants a rocking horse, nuts and candy, and brother Grover wants a boat, and my Cousin Leonard wants some candy, nuts and toys. Mama and Papa want some candy and nuts.

Flora M. Kirby, Cliff City: I want you to please bring me for Christmas one pair of gloves, a doll, a pair of gum boots and a little lamp.

Margaret W. Groves, Chestertown: You have always been so kind I will write to you again. Please bring my big brother John a knife and lots of good things and my little brothers, Sydney and Harris, a wagon and some toys. Please bring me a big doll and a gossamer and all the good things you can. I have tried to be good.

Barbara Elliott, Chestertown: Being as it is nearly time for you to visit us little children I want to let you know what I want. I am a little girl six years old. I go to school, and I want you to bring me a veil, a mackintosh, a boy doll, the largest you have, a dollhouse and rocking chair for my boy-doll, a piano, broom, set of dishes and table, some nuts, candy and all the different kinds of goodies. Please fill my little kitty's stocking and bring her a piece of ribbon and a bell. I hope you'll not forget where I live. I live up town at the paper store. Mama says she will have the chimney hole open for you.

Reba Baxter Millington: I am a little girl five years old. Will you please bring me a doll that shuts its eyes, an express wagon, some candy, nuts, raisins and oranges, and please come trim my tree.

Sadie Toulson, Rock Hall: Please bring me a doll, picture book and some nuts, candy, oranges and everything nice. Please do not forget Aunt Sadie's ring.

Mabel Toulson, Rock Hall: Please bring me a doll, rocking chair and some nuts, candy and oranges and a little brother.

Grace L. Greenwood, Locust Grove: Please bring me a doll, little bed stead, book and a tricycle. Please don't forget these and bring Uncle Henry a neck tie and pair of gloves. Please bring me abundance of nuts & candy.

Mary W. Capps, Still Pond: Will you please bring me a pair of kid gloves, an album and oranges, candy, nuts and bananas.

Carroll N. Elburn, Chestertown: I thought I would write and let you know where I am staying at Chestertown. Please to bring me an overcoat, pair gum boots, pair skates, and please don't forget my candy and nuts and a few shooting crackers and also don't forget my Cousin Emma, she wants a pair of skates and sled and a pair of gum boots. She loves plenty of sport. I will try to be a nice boy.

Dora Sheats, Chestertown: I am going to write you a letter and tell you how good I am. I am 8 years old, go to school every day and learn very fast and love my teacher very dearly. Old Kris will you please bring me a gum gossamer and umbrella and doll baby and all the candy and grapes you want to, but please bring them I want them so bad. Please don't bring Mama any skates. I am so afraid of Old Kris.

Reba Bennett, Kennedyville: I would like to have this year a nice big doll as big as I am, dressed in pink silk and a story book, also a stocking full of candy, nuts and oranges. I think I have been a good girl.

Ralph Shallcross, Kennedyville: I think I have been a good little boy this year, so I would like to have a pretty story book, little gun and two barrels of shot, a pair gum boots and stocking full of candy, orange and nuts.

Anna B. Smyth, Chestertown: I think I have been a good girl this year so I would like to have a nice big doll, a sled, a bureau, desk and stocking full of candy nuts, etc.

Mamie Layman, Chestertown: I will not ask you for much this time. I would like to have a zitha, pair of gloves and pair of leggins and a christmas tree.

Pearl Taylor, Galena: I am a little girl 3 years old and know my a, b, c's and can make nearly all of them. Mama is helping me to write. I want a doll baby, a b c book and blocks, tub, wash board, wringer, flat iron, clothes horse and rocking chair for sister.

Marie Johnson, Massey: I am a little girl 4 years old. I want you to please bring me a boy doll, a book, mouth organ, rocking chair for myself to sit in. Please bring me some nuts and candy. Please trim my tree pretty. I have one sister, please bring her a pair of skates. I am a good girl. I wish you a very merry Xmas and happy New Year.

Blanche C. Lewis, Buck Neck: Please to bring me a doll, set of dishes, picture book, game of fish and nuts and candy. My little sister Edda wants a stove, cooking things, a doll, picture book and candy and nuts. I will thank you very much.

Richard Golden Warren, Still Pond: I am a little boy nine years old and I want you to bring me a pair of gloves, drum, rubber ball, pair of gum boots, candy, nuts, oranges, figs and anything else you can spare.

Ralph McFeely, Philadelphia: Will you please bring me a big ball, horn, suit clothes, and some oranges.

Mary Elizabeth Davis, Chestertown: Please bring me a doll carriage with one doll in it for me and one for sister, with umbrella on it and candy, nuts and an orange.

Josephine Wheatley, Chestertown: I do not want many things this year as I have so many, but I wish a big doll that can go to sleep. I want a new dress, slate, candy etc.

Crook Matthews, Chestertown: Please to bring me a pair gum boots, curly head coon with nipple in its mouth, candy, nuts and a rattle for Aunt Mamie's baby.

Mabel Hunt, Galena: Please bring me a little rocking chair, cany, nuts, etc., and do not forget little sister Blanche.

Blanch Gibson, Tolchester: I want a carriage, doll, piano, candy, etc. Bring Rubie something nice. Millard wants an express wagon, candy, nuts, oranges.

Ella Faulkner, Kennedyville: I want an infant baby dressed in long clothes, christmas tree, a new hat for my baby, candy, etc.

May and Ada Hurlock, Kennedyville: Ada wants a laundry set, a doll, pair roller skates, toy piano and a coach. May wants a pair of skates, ring, sled, set of paints. Please don't forget our teacher, Mr. Harris, and Papa and Mama.

Lillie Brooks, Chestertown: I want a big organ; my six year old brother wants a rubber ball, and a set of cars, and my four year old brother wants an express wagon, and little brother wants a high chair and rattle.

Allmond Daniels, Newark, Del.: I want a horse with saddle on, monkey, piano, wagon, sled and lots of candy, etc.

Emma Robinson, Lankford: Please bring me a stove, doll, carriage, set dishes, candy.

Carrie Stevens, Massey: Please bring me a doll, wagon, writing desk, little house and dishes and candy and nuts.

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

Bert C. Cooper, Cora Olivia Roe, Mary Elizabeth Willis, Morris Hevern Cooper, Ernest and Ruth Robinson, Herman M Robinson, N. Clark Colgan, Graham Nelson, Eva and Linwood Burris, Sallie Clark, Mamie Crouch, Reba Maine Ashley, Linwood Morris, Harold B. Matthews, Nannie S. Satterfield, Lloyd Scott, Helen Wagner, Dora Sewell, R. Irving Willis, Walter Scoon, Nannie Ryan, M. Larrimore Willis, Rock Hall; Leslie Duyer, Eunice Isabel and Ruth Lambert, Mary A. Hines, Dora and Charles Hodgkins, Elmer, Isabel & Bessie Batchelor, Daisy Chilcut, Mason Greenfield Latham, Robert V. and Cora Moffett, Chestertown; Geo. W. Balwin, Chesterville; Charlie, Daisy and Annie Jones, Lynch's Station; Ross B. Dulinz, Millington; Rayman L. Joiner, Wye Mills.

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Kent News

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1898.

Galena School Ahead!

The contest started in the NEWS a few weeks ago still progresses. Nellie M. Stouffer, aged 10, of Morgnec school, sends 188 words made from the letters in the word Baltimore. Daisy Jones, aged 11, of Lynch's school, sends 231 words; Miss Fannie Smith, of Chestertown, sends 130 words; May Cannan, of Pomona, sends 200 words; Bradford Pierce, aged 13, of Galena school, sends 236 words!

Bass for Mr. Massey!

Mr. Josiah Massey has one of the finest ponds on his farm near town that there is in the county. It covers about two acres of land and just now has four inch ice on it. He will stock it with bass, shad and perch and place stones, willow trees, etc., in same for the bene- of the finny tribe. Bank Examiner Wm. E. Griffith visited Mr. Massey's a short time ago and became interested in the success of the pond. A letter from Mr. Griffith on Wednesday says he has arranged to forward a fine lot of bass at an early drte. Massey's pond is destined to be the Mecca for lovers of fine fishing and for "fish frys."

A Recherche Affair!

A feast fit for a king was recently given at the home of Mr. William A. Hendrix, near Rock Hall, by Mr. R. J. Fagan, of Baltimore, to a number of friends, and to say that all enjoyed the occasion would be mildly expressing it. It was served by Caterer Guino, of Mulberry street, Baltimore, a skilled chef. The menu follows:

RAW OYSTERS, MOCK TURTLE SOUP.
WINE, CHAMPAIGNE
FILLETT BEEF WITH MUSHROON SAUCE.
FRIED OYSTERS.
BEEF TONGUE, A LA MODE,
HAM AND CHAMPAIGNE SAUCE.
CHICKEN SALAD. LOBSTER SALAD.
BEVERAGES:
CAFFAOIR, CLARET PUNCH, ORANGE CIDER, ROMAN PUNCH.

Among the distinguished guests were J. P. Parvis and H. Brenner, of the steamer Ford; Capt. Wm. Taylor, Robt. Fryer, Messrs. Roach and Legg, of the corps of the Gratitude's efficient employes; Robt. Leidon, of California; James G. Harris, Ford Schofield, of Still Pond; Robt. Wickes, Herbert R. Strong and Reybold Wilson, of Rock Hall.

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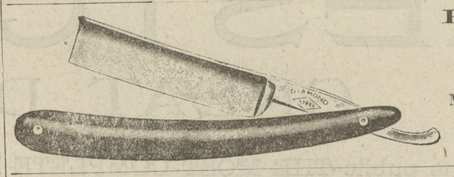

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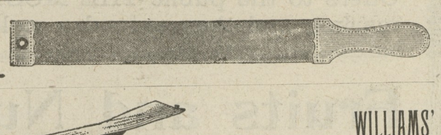

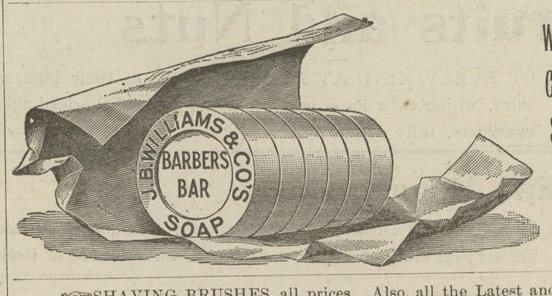

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LOST IN A SNOW STORM!

A Young Man Gets Lost Driving a White Hearse From Galena to Chestertown—The Owner's Midnight Chase.

Joe Mench is an industrious young man employed by Mr. Chas. M. Brown on his farm near Lankford. Joe's parents reside near St. Paul's church and are justly proud of their young son. It happened that on Monday Joe attended the funeral of Mr. Wright Robinson's four-year-old daughter who died on Saturday at the home of her parents near Lankford. The burial took place at Galena, a distance of twenty-one miles.

The undertaker in charge was the veteran E. C. Reiche, but owing to his bad health he deputized his son, Mr. Charles J., for the unpleasant duty. The horses attached to the hearse were perfectly safe being from McWhorter's livery.

After the burial services Mr. Reiche secured Joe Mench to drive the hearse to Chestertown while he remained with Mr. Charles Brown to attend to some private business at Georgetown.

Joe started on his novel ride on a white hearse at about 3 o'clock. He walked the horses as far as Harmony without incident. Night began to cover the land and with the darkness came the blinding snow-storm! Joe had braved many a storm but never before on a white hearse and alone. At Harmony he turned toward the bay and drove on and on *in a walk!* He started the horses in a trot on several occasions and each time he heard a peculiar noise as if some one was groaning inside the vehicle! He began to grow uneasy and would look around each time the noise was heard, finally deciding not to let the horses trot. After riding for several hours he began to inquire as to the road to town and never felt satisfied until he struck Melitota! He knew the road well from Melitota to St. Paul's and about 9 o'clock he pulled up at his father's home and related his experience. After getting warmed he started for town, the road now being familiar to him, but he never allowed the horses to go in a trot.

Messrs. Reiche and Brown left Galena shortly before six and arrived in town about eight o'clock confidently expecting to find the hearse here and was astonished when told that it had not arrived. "Well, I do declare," remarked a friend, "I have heard of losing many things but never a white hearse before!" Mr. Reiche felt confident the young man would show up all right, but his father was uneasy, and in order to satisfy him and Mr. McWhorter, Charley started to look for the hearse! He went first to Joe's home at St. Paul's but he had not been seen, then to Mr. Robinson's, then returned to town. Joe had not arrived up to this time, about ten o'clock. A fresh horse was geared and Charley started off toward Galena. It was very cold and Charley had been driving since early that morning, but on he went looking for a white hearse! At Harmony he was told that such a vehicle had arrived about 6 o'clock. Then he followed the trail to Hanesville; at the latter place Charley awoke a resident and asked concerning his hearse whereupon the man replied, "no, I've not seen any hearse, and I don't want to see any here!" Another resident had noticed Joe drive through and Charley proceeded to Melitota. Here he saw a light in a colored man's house at whose door he rapped. Immediately the light went out and he heard talking. "Whose dar?" came a voice, "don't let him in," another said. "Let me in," said Charley, "I want to see you." "You don't git in here 'less you'se got the pass put," came the voice again. Mr. Reiche told them whom he was and his errand and they gave him a satisfactory answer and on he drove to St. Paul's church. Here he found Joe's parents who told him that the young man had left for town sometime before!

Mr. Reiche arrived in town at 2.15 A. M. and found his vehicle and horses all safe but had previously made up his mind to do his own driving next time! Joe arrived about ten minutes after Charley started on his second trip!

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