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### ALPHAS PRESENT SANTA CLAUSLAND

#### A Novel Entertainment for Ochoconians

AT HIGH SCHOOL LAST WEEK

Realistic Production of Scenes in Santa's Headquarters At Christmas Time

Several weeks ago the Alpha Society sent an invitation to the Ochoconians to be present at a Christmas entertainment to be held in the assembly room of the high school building on the evening of December twenty-third. Beside the Ochoconians there were several invited guests, all of whom seemed to thoroughly enjoy the "Trip with Santa Claus," which was presented by the Alphas, assisted by several children from the Grades.

The play was unique and unusual and from the raising of the curtain upon Santa Claus land where were seen all nations; the negroes, Charles Lowther, Elmer Martin and Roland McCallister, in their native garb, making the musical instruments for which these people are famous; the Dutch girls, Misses Vivian Hinkle, Etta Houston and Ethel Klann, in the picturesque garb of these peasants, making the beautiful picture books for Santa to carry in his rounds of distribution; the American girls, Misses Fay Baldwin, Maude Potter and Lulu Montgomery, each representing the Goddess of Liberty and making the significant Billican dolls which have replaced the popular Teddy Bears; the French nation, represented by Miss Orpha Wright, Verna Smith and Amy Davenport, in the fantastic dress of these pleasure-loving people and

making the dolls with which Santa gladdens the heart of every little girl; the last nation, represented by Vernon Bell, Roy McCallister and George Mingers, was Japan, and they were veritable Japs in gowns and ques and were making fans of all sorts and descriptions for both old and young. Into this scene of action, Santa (Roy Lowther) appeared and was soon joined by Mrs. Santa (Wilda Nye) and Brownie (Lee Rowell) who was Santa's attendant. Next came the messengers who had been sent to earth to gather news for Santa and to prepare the way for him. First came Frosty Jack (Warren Yancey) and reported that all was in readiness for Santa and his reindeer. Next came Mischief Finder (Clarence Bixby) who had discovered some naughty children on earth that Santa was to punish by leaving lumps of coal in their stockings. Then came Sweet Charity (Blanche Wilson) who had discovered a poor family that she wanted Santa to remember; and lastly, came Fairy Kind Heart (Gladys Doak) whose mission was to touch hard hearted people and make them feel the spirit of Christmas. Santa receives and notes all reports and then calls his Esquimaux groom (Robert Kester) and announces that he is ready to start earthward and the fairies (Bernice Shipp, Tony Coruet, Emma Hockenberry, Esther Adamson and Myrtle Lister) and the brownies (Walter Rosenberg, Ralph Haner, Raymond Smith, Doyle Templeton and Teddy Ewing) dance in and sing "Jingle Bells" to the sound of which Santa leaves.

On earth we find him in the desolate home found by Sweet Charity, inhabited by Mrs. Blake (Louise Summers) and her three fatherless children (Dessal Johnson, Borgia O'Neil and Glen Barnes), whose stockings he fills to the brim and their surprise at the gifts is well accumulated indeed. We next find the four naughty children (Blanche Shipp, Fred and Frank Rice and George Stearns) who have been reported by Mischief

### Craig Sentenced for a Year and a Day

Nineteen-year old William E. Craig broke down and cried when he was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the federal penitentiary by Federal Judge C. E. Wolverton in United States district court, says the Journal.

Craig was found guilty of robbing the United States mail by a jury in the United States district court Tuesday, and was brought up for sentence, Friday. He did not avail himself of the opportunity offered him to make a statement to the court. Judge Wolverton impressed on him the fact that a great degree of clemency was being shown him because of his age and the crime his first offense.

Craig was driver of the Madras Heister stage. On October 20, of this year, he was given charge of a mail pouch for delivery. When the bag reached its destination two registered letters containing \$116 were missing. Following the robbery, Craig appeared gaily garbed, and lavished presents on a sweetheart. Since his arrest, Craig has repeatedly declared his innocence to officers.

Finder with lumps of coal in their stockings but who are going to profit by Santa's note that he will cross off the black mark if they will be good next year, but who are still skeptical about the existence of a Santa and to prove the reality of this personage, Santa, with all of the nations and assistants march in, much to the consternation of the little ones and close the scene and play by singing, "Merry Christmas," after which Santa distributed the Christmas treat of candy and nuts, which was placed in bags representing the Society colors, to the guests. All departed feeling that the Alphas deserved much credit for giving the Ochoconians such a delightful and enjoyable evening.

### THE BOTTLE TREE.

A Life Saver For Cattle During the Australian Droughts.

"It was like a real bottle, thirty feet high, covered with the bark of a box tree and with a gum tree growing out where the cork ought to be."

Such was the way in which an Englishman described the first bottle tree which came under his notice, and truly one who does not know the tree its sudden appearance in his pathway, often in the midst of dense scrub, must make a vivid impression.

The lower part of the trunk is thick and cylindrical, decreasing in size toward the top, its shape being that of a gigantic living bottle, from the neck of which spring the only branches and leaves that the tree possesses. In this respect it carries to an excess the peculiarity of most Australian trees—namely, their lack of branches for a considerable distance up the stem.

The bark is of grayish color and is very hard, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, but the wood inside is soft and moist. The latter can be chewed in the same way as sugar cane, but as it lacks its sweet, pleasant taste it is rarely used in this way. This peculiar characteristic of the tree, however, makes it a valuable food for cattle.

Indeed, during the long droughts which occasionally visit Australia hundreds of settlers have to thank the bottle tree for saving them from ruin. Sometimes for more than a year and in the inland districts for still longer periods scarcely a drop of rain falls.

Every blade of grass is dried, tanks become empty, creeks no longer run and in many cases dry up altogether, as do nearly all water holes and lagoons; cultivation is impossible, and fodder for cattle and horses is extremely difficult to procure. Then the bottle tree comes to the rescue. Every scrub is searched for these living bottles, and everywhere is heard the ringing of axes as the strange, attractive trees are laid low.

As soon as the trunk has been stripped of its bark the cattle are brought to it if within easy distance, and there they remain till either leaves or wood is left. In places where the settlers have to scrubs of their own they will drive many miles in order to obtain a wagon load of this great treasure.

Sometimes instead of allowing the animals free access to the tree the settlers cut the trunk into strips, put the strips through the cutter and thus make a substitute for proper chaff.

In many instances during a drought, except for prickly pears and the foliage of trees, cattle are fed on these living bottles alone, and they have been the means of saving large quantities of stock.

It seems strange that in the absence of rain these trees should retain their moist interior, as the majority of others look dry and drought stricken. But throughout all the bottle tree flourishes, lifting its dark green leaves toward the sky, whither the farmers and squatters turn longing eyes in hopes of the wished for rain.

When the dry season ends and the land in a very few weeks is covered with fresh green grass, the work of the bottle tree is done. But, mindful of its past usefulness, no farmer unless under absolute necessity fells this tree, and it may often be seen standing in solitary grandeur, its strange shape outlined against the blue sky, while the land at its base has been put under cultivation or has been converted into grazing grounds for the cattle.

**Homemade Barometer.**  
Those who love experimentation may try the following method of making a cheap barometer practiced in France: Take eight grams of pulverized camphor, four grams of pulverized ultrate of potassium, two grams of pulverized nitrate of ammonia and dissolve in sixty grams of alcohol. Put the whole in a long, slender bottle closed at the top with a piece of bladder containing a phial to admit the air. When rain is coming the solid particles will tend gradually to mount, little star crystals forming in the liquid, which otherwise remains clear. If high winds are approaching the liquid will become thick, as if fermenting, while a film of solid particles forms on the surface. During fair weather the liquid will remain clear and the solid particles will rest at the bottom.

**Rival Dignities.**  
An Englishman, fond of boasting of his ancestry, took a coin from his pocket and, pointing to the head engraved on it, said, "My great-great-grandfather was made a lord by the king whose picture you see on this shilling."  
"What a coincidence," said his Yankee companion, who at once produced another coin. "My great-great-grandfather was made an angel by the Indian whose picture you see on this cent."

**No Witnesses.**  
"You are charged with stealing nine of Colonel Henry's hens last night. Have you any witnesses?" asked the justice sternly.  
"Nussab!" said Brother Jones humbly. "I s'pecks I's sawth peculiar dat-uh-way, but it ain't never been mah custom to take witnesses along when I goes out chicken stealin', sub."

**Never Touched Him.**  
Landlady (to new boarder, crushing-ly)—Mr. Newcome, that is the cream and not the milk you are pouring on your oatmeal. It was intended for the coffee. Mr. N.—Oh, never mind, Mrs. Balkins. I like it just as well.

Let those who would affect singularity with success first determine to be very virtuous, and they will be sure to be very singular.—Walter Colton.

**Love.**  
Think what it is not to hate anything but sin, to be full of love to every creature, to be angered at nothing, to be sure that all things will turn to good, not to mind pain because it is our Father's will, to know that nothing—no, not if the earth was to be burnt up or the waters come and drown us—nothing could part us from God, who loves us and who fills our souls with peace and joy, because we are sure that whatever he wills is holy, just and good.—George Elliot.

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### Santa Claus at the Presbyterian Church

A large audience gathered at the First Presbyterian Church Christmas evening to celebrate the event of the Birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. The program rendered by the Sunday School was far beyond the ordinary and showed careful training and perfect execution. The old fashioned fireplace with its back log and wood piled high, burning merrily; and the children's stockings hanging to the shelf to be filled by Old Santa, took many of us back to childhood when at our old home we waited anxiously for the coming of the morn to see what Santa Claus had left us during his rounds of the night. After the exercises, the children were favored by a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed many valuable and useful presents to both young and old. He finally tore down the chimney to give the bricks as souvenirs and these were found to contain a treat which added to the enjoyment of the evening.

**Voted Twice.**  
Sir Gavan Duffy, formerly speaker of the legislative assembly of Victoria, was once returned to his seat by a single vote majority. On visiting his constituents subsequently, he was received with a special warmth by an Irish fellow countryman.  
"And so," said Sir Gavan Duffy to his friend, "you were one of my supporters."  
"No, sir," was the reply. "I was two of them."  
**The Boss.**  
"But," exclaimed the man of delicate sensibilities, "will your conscience permit you to do as you suggest?"  
"Look here, friend," answered the New York politician, "I am accustomed to be boss even of my own conscience."  
—Washington Star.

**Not Modesty.**  
"Sometimes," said the press humorist, "I think my jokes are rotten. I s'pose that's my modesty."  
"No," explained a friend, "that's your common sense."  
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**They Certainly Keep It Dusted.**  
Women in all lands are the custodians of speech. They preserve its purity. To them must go much of the credit of the improvement in American English.—New York World.

**Used to It.**  
She—I suppose it would break your heart if I were to say that I can only be a sister to you. He—Not at all. I'm used to having girls say that.—Exchange.

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Franklin.

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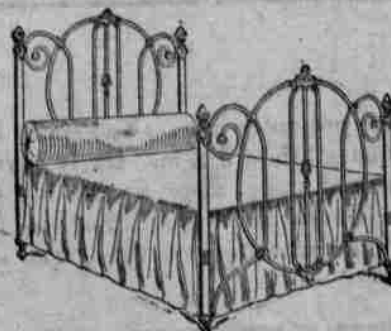
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