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CHAMP CLARK, Speaker of the House or Representatives; I am a strong believer in Santa Claus. I got much pleasure out of hits when I was a youngster. My children have en joyed him greatly, and I what other people's children to derive all the pleasure they can from life, 1 am opposed to abelishing Santa Claus of any myth which affords pleasure to the uttafolks, and old folks too. I remember that my Christmases on a farm in the Mississippi valley were the happiest days of my life. We boys used to save up hog bladders from hog killing time until Christmas, when we blew them and had great fun bursting them. They sound like

CHAMP CLARK.

cannon. We all had bobsleds and homemade popguns and whistles and enjoyed many simple pleasures on Christmas. If we were to abolish Santa Claus it is hard to tell where we would stop.

### BY A SETTLEMENT WORKER.



JANE ADDAMS.

MISS JANE ADDAMS of Hull House: The belief in Santa Claus should be encour nged in children. I think the idea a very protty one, and not for the world would I try to dis courage it. The chief value of it ites in giving children an idea of the kindly spirit that walks abroad about Christmas time. All the children in the neighborhood of Huli House believe in Santa Claus. We enter into a conspiracy with their mothers and take the trees to their homes after they are asteep. Then they come next day to see us and gravely tell us all about the mysterious visit of Santa Claus. No one could mak

into the big, wondering eyes of the little ones and wish to dispet the illusion. They get utilitarian views soon enough. I think the belief in Santa Claus is a good influence in the lives of children. It is a very pretty way of expressing to them the Christmas spirit, and the longer they keep up the belief the better.



BY A SENATOR.

SHELBY M. CULLOM, United States Senator From Illinois; Of course I believe in Santa Claus, and I am old enough to be him myself Santa is much better to the young folks now than he was in my day. We were glad to get a few pieces of candy for Christmas or some other simple gift I believe in Santa Claus so strongly that I am going to entertain my granddaughter and her two children at Christmas. I am going to have a Christmas tree and let Santa trim it for the little girls, and i expect they will be delighted with the presents he brings them, as they have been good girls.

FATHER J J O'CALLAGHAN, Fastor of St Mary's Church, Chicago: I used to believe in Santa Claus when I was a boy. Now that I am growd up i still believe in him. You know if fife were all inflexible, literal train t would lose half its poetry and beauty. If our food was all antiseptic we should starve to death. So it is with our mental faculties. They crave a stimulus so



# Sure, They All Believe In Me! ---- Santa Claus,

to speak. Therefore we have our fairy tales, our traditions and our toiklore, and among these the story of Santa Claus stands out presemmently. To take Santa Claus out of the lives of children would be to deprive them of one of the greatest sources of joy known to history. But we are not going to do that, for who could go back on Santa Claus?

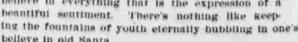
MRS. RAYMOND ROBINS, President Na-tional Women's Trade Union League: Do I believe in Santa Claus? Most certainly I do. with all my heart. I was brought up in a Kriss Kringle atmosphere, but the name doesn't matter in our home the windows were thrown wide open to let in the Christmas spirit. I do not suppose that I was more imaginative or less imaginative than other children, but I do not recall that I ever regarded the Christmas tree as anything other than an expression of the Christmas spirit. But I love the idea and can enjoy it now as much as when I was a little girt. I have wills, way MOND ROBING



no sympathy with those who want to do away with all diusions. The dold away with mystery to a child is doing away with a fundamental fact in an The longer we can remain children the better. Life is full of mystery anyway, and in that respect we grownups do not differ much from children. We kned down and ask for things with that same faith the children show when the write their little letters to Santa Claus. We cannot understand any more than they can, but we feel and hope and are comforted. The idea is rely beautiful and should be encouraged. Every little illusion that makes for bay piness is good for children and grownups slike.

BY A MAYOR.

CARTER H. HARRISON, Mayor of Chicago: I believe we ought to believe in Santa Claus My Christmas, however, comes election day, and my faith in the old gentleman depends upon what he slips into my stocking at the primaries Every man who has the right spark of youth in him believes in Santa Claus, and the older he grows the more he cherishes these traditions that give color and joy to childhood. I believe in the jolly old saint just as I believe in music, paintings, flowers, stories, literature, laughter, song, good cheer, fellowship. I like to believe in everything that is the expression of a



CARTER H. HARRISON. ing the fountains of youth eternally bubbling in one's heart, and that's way i believe in old Santa.

## \* \* BY AN ACTRESS.

MARGARET ILLINGTON: It wasn't so much the fact that it was Christmas that delighted me when I was a child, but it was the regular Christmas party at the Sunday school. I was always the little fairy who distributed the gifts, and it always pleased me more to watch the expressions on the children's faces when I'd hand them a doll or something. I'm as young now as I was then, for I love to go to Christmas parties yet. My, what wouldn't I give for a good old fashioned Christmas? Of course I believe in Santa Claus!



MARGARET BLINGTON.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL