

# SANTA CLAUSES FOR THE POOR FOLK

### How the Good Saint Visits Those Who But for Him Would Hunger on Christ- mas Day—Ten Million Such in This Land.

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(Copyright, 1908, by Frederic J. Haskin.)  
Washington, Dec. 24.—It has been estimated by charity statisticians that there are at least 10,000,000 people in the United States who are poorly clothed, improperly housed, or underfed. In nearly every principality of the country one person out of every five or six gets municipal or private aid at some time during the year. There are over 80,000 people, enough to populate a city like Richmond, Va., locked up in prison, and as many more find themselves in the limbo of the insane. With such astounding figures of poverty before them it is little wonder that the great charity organizations of the nation are moved to deepest pity, and that they work so hard and so faithfully to banish the pains of poverty for at least one day in the year. With more than 5,000,000 hearts oppressed by the smothering pang of want, there is little wonder that the great heart of the nation rises responsive to the call and gives food, raiment and cheer to the struggling world, and that it sends it with the blessings of plenty during the day of world wide rejoicing.

### Everybody Fed on Christmas.

In every city in the land the Salvation Army and other charitable organizations have arranged to feed all who are homeless, and to provide baskets for the poor homes where Christmas cheer might not be known by their work. New York takes the lead in this direction. The home of the richest people in America, that city has no less than a dwelling place of the poorest of the nation's population. Always at the head of the procession in the extent of its charities and in the relative proportion of its aid to the poor, New York turns out on Christmas day to her own record one better and to outdo the whole world in deeds of kindness.

Perhaps no less than 100,000 souls in that metropolitan city are fed on Christmas time through the hands of strangers, moved by that little touch of sympathy which makes the whole world a kin. Not a single poor man, woman or child is left to starve. The age passenger who has just landed in this home of hope is forgotten. Last year there were a full 100,000 immigrants at Ellis island. Through the thoughtful thought of that little sister of the poor, the Red Cross, a Christmas dinner of some kind was given to each one of them had a Christmas dinner that might have delighted the king in the land from which they had come. Each child received a toy for Christmas a carnation. Thus were they given a taste of that whole hearted helpfulness through which the world is being transformed their lives from poverty ruled existence to affluence and useful citizenship.

### Other Cities That Remember.

In the great west liberality at Christmas time is notable. In Denver, St. Paul, Kansas City, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland, and other cities, arrangements have been made that no one need go hungry on that day of joy. In Denver, the heart goes out to black and white alike, and at Atlanta, New Orleans, Houston, Birmingham, Montgomery, Memphis, Columbia, and other cities, arrangements are being made which will give everybody, even to the most wretched, a little Christmas cheer. In a whole day's enjoyment, if not more. Some cities not only provide feasts for the poor, but also entertain the best of the best orchestras in the city. Last year the best orchestra in Houston played its choicest selections while the orchestra of the city were playing their Christmas dinner.

Every indication is that this Christmas would end, yet it is estimated that before approached. Hard times make but little difference in Christmas giving, serving only to increase the liberality of the givers. Last year times were tight about Christmas, and the whole country was in doubt as to where it would end. Yet it is estimated that the beneficiaries of that season in such cities as New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Memphis, Houston, St. Louis and Chicago were about 15 per cent greater than they were the year before.

### Those Too Proud to Beg.

Perhaps the people who feel the grind of poverty most are those who deny it. Wrought souls who have known plenty and have been brought into contact with misery by adversity, they are too proud to beg, too heroic to complain, they eke out their existence, keeping their poverty hidden. This year the great organizations of Washington have made an especial effort to discover them. In a quiet way that will give no offense to the most sensitive they will bring Santa Claus into their lives once again. A carefully prepared and guarded card index of these cases has been established, and it is open for the inspection of confidential agents alone. After it has served its purpose the index will be burned.

One of the most beautiful charities of the Christmas time is that of a prominent clothing firm of Washington. Every Christmas they have the Associated Charities find them from 50 to 100 poor boys who have not enough clothing to keep their little bodies warm. These are taken to the store and, after nice bath, are outfitted from head to foot at the expense of the firm. Through essentially a Christian institution, Christmas day is non-sectarian in its helpfulness. Last year its helpfulness were dispensed last year in New York's east side to representatives of

## FEELS THREE O DIME PER DIEM

### Brave Effort of a Polish Woman Whose Hus- band Left Her.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Christmas is coming! Listen to a Christmas story: Working in a tailor shop at 902 South Second street, Mrs. Sarah Arbotman, a Polish immigrant, is wasting her life in the effort to feed herself and two baby children. She is paid 10 cents a day.

The woman wears little beside an old, thin skirt and a shawl, pinned across her shoulders. Her room is a tiny room, 10 feet square, where she sleeps, there is no furniture. Neither is there a stove. The cupboard for months has been bare.

A kind neighbor takes little Ida and Kelka at night to keep them from freezing, but the mother has no room for the children and mother too. Mrs. Arbotman sleeps as best she may, huddled in a corner of the bare room.

### Starves in the Cold.

It is poor shelter, that room, but it is more than possible she may not have even that soon. She is months behind in her rent, and once by general consent has kept her from being thrown into the street.

In the morning Mrs. Arbotman goes to work and in the evening she returns. With her 10 cents she buys as much as she can to feed herself and the hungry babies. At night she sits up in the corner of the room and waits until the dark hours of agony shall pass. Then she begins another day.

### Husband Deserted Her.

It was only a year ago that the woman with her husband and their children came to this country. They had been taught to think of America as a land where all might have plenty. They fled from the curse of Russia to the country of the free.

Arbotman obtained work at the tailor shop, and his wife used to take his lunch to him at noon. While there she got in the habit of doing little things about the house. One day she recognized her thrift and gave her 10 cents a day.

But wages were small, and Arbotman found it a hard matter to provide for four out of his earnings. Finally he became indifferent and left them. The woman was desolate. One day she sold the few things in her home. So long as her husband was with her they had two rooms, but now she has only one. She continued at her work in the tailor shop, for it brought her the only revenue she had.

### Millionaire, Wedded Year, to Quit Wife

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New York, Dec. 23.—Married a little more than a year, W. Gould Brokaw, worth more than a million and prominent in society and yachting circles, has according to reports instructed his attorneys to begin a suit for separation. His wife is Miss Maud Brokaw.

### Weds Girl; Risked Life to Save Her

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Fort Plain, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A girl's fall over a dangerous cliff, a man's saving a brave youth and a steel tape were the elements which combined to form the romance of Miss Anna A. Muench of Philadelphia. Her fiancé, Hendricks of Kingston, N. Y. They were married in Albany.

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### Wives Gain Mercy for Bank Wreckers

President Commutes Sentences of Men in Enterprise Crash—Women Get Pardon.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt has extended clemency to two women employees of the wrecked Enterprise National bank. They are Edward F. Menzemer, who pleaded guilty to misapplying funds and making false entries in the books of the bank, and the same charges. They were taken to the West-ern penitentiary July 5, 1907.

### Changes in Marines' Service.

Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash., Dec. 24.—The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, Commander Bostwick, has arrived with a draft of 102 marines from the Pacific fleet for duty at the local barracks. A total of 100 men will be detached from duty at the local barracks and taken to Honolulu on the Buffalo for duty at the new naval station. The marine guard will be extended to the command of Captain F. A. Ramsey, second in command at the local barracks.

### Catches Thief; Sits on Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—After a fierce struggle on the stairs of the Manhattan hotel at an early this morning, M. E. Roush overpowered Al. Meyer, who, he says, he caught in his room, and sat on him till the police arrived. Meyer was lodged in the city jail charged with burglary.

### Long Journey Through Perils.

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(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
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Black opium, or smoking opium as it is known to the trade, has been barred from America. Absinthine is about to be barred, together with many other things that Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, and those associated with him in the enforcement of the national pure food and drug law shall decide to be dangerous to the health of the people of the United States.

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## DRESSMAKING NOT SO PROFITABLE AS "BLIND PIG"

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Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 24.—Finding that dressmaking did not pay, Mrs. Sarah A. Campbell introduced a "blind pig" into her establishment as a side issue.

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