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THE NEW SANTA CLAUS.
 (As a Child Sees Him.)
 If Santa Claus in a airship comes
 He'll load it down with sugar plums
 An' pile it high with horns an' drums,
 An' he'll scatter 'em far, an' he'll scatter 'em wide—
 Just toss 'em down on every side,
 An' little children—rich an' poor,
 Will find 'em there, at the Christmas door!
 But I'd rather he'd come down the chimney place,
 An' that I could see him—face to face!
 —Frank L. Stanton.

CONGRESS CONVENES
 WHAT promises to be the most momentous session of congress since the civil war began today. It is a session in which the fortunes of the country are linked in remarkable degree because of problems arising out of the war. It is a time when the American people need to stand together and the only safe policy consists in support of the administration. The president's message this year is awaited with great interest because he will point out the line of action deemed necessary for the welfare of the nation at this trying juncture. In the recommendation he makes President Wilson will have the confidence of the country because of the fact thus far he has kept us free from war yet has been able to maintain our prestige and our rights.

DIFFERENT VIEWS
 IN the December issue of the Woman's Home Companion two writers show the curious contrast of viewpoint on marriage held by modern young men and women. Several young men were asked why they avoided matrimony, and one, whose engagement had been broken, made the following comment on the up-to-date girl:
 "I want just a common, garden variety of wife, like my father married. There can't be two business careers under one roof. I'm willing to work like two, if she'll drop hers.

And, let me tell you, when I'm the head of a big automobile concern, I'll issue a ukase—no girls employed in any branch of the plant. That's what I think of matrimony for the business girl. Business warps her views on the home, the husband and babies. She thinks she wants all three of them, and she does; but her salary, her financial independence, the habit of earning have a stronger hold on her. My stars, what a bunch of tight-wads and tyrants our male ancestors must have been!"

In striking contrast to this view is that of the young heroine of "The Rising Tide."
 "Shall I make the soap, or knit Mortimore's stockings? Or do you want me to wait on the table, and put Flora out of a job? No; where people have any money at all, 'home duties,' as far as girls are concerned, are played out. Machinery is the cuckoo that has pushed women out of the nest of domesticity. That's not original with me," she added, honestly, "but it's true. I haven't anything to do at home so I've got to do something outside."

THE WAR AND SUFFRAGE
 IS it not more than possible that the new democracy which it is supposed will spring from the ruins of the warring nations in Europe may carry with it equal rights to women?
 The label "superfluous" applied in the past by statisticians to women not born independent, or unmarried, will no longer hold. Far from being superfluous, they are proving themselves of the most vital importance. Wherever a man has been called to the front a woman has stepped into his former place, till today a large part of the commercial business of England, France and Germany is being operated by women. This, too, is not restricted to clerical work, as she is showing her efficiency in manual labor as well. She is working side by side with the men in the factories and at the same wage.

Hitherto the "superfluous" woman has been rather a pathetic figure in the world. To her brother workers she was something of a nuisance in tending to a reduction of his wages.
 Today all this has changed. While the men were away fighting woman has won a bloodless victory. She is in every sense of the word man's equal and will remain so.
 When the war is over, with the many men killed and the many more maimed, competition in labor between the sexes will cease. The problem will be to find sufficient people to perform the necessary work, and it is to women the states will have to turn. With affectionate solicitude she will be importuned to aid in alleviating the situation, and her equality will be a fact as a co-worker. When this happens supplication will be a thing of the past. Women need not ask

her brother whether he will or will not grant her suffrage, but can bluntly demand it.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

CURRENT THINKING

A BIGGER TRADE BALANCE.

(Atlanta Constitution.)
 That trade balance of more than a billion dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, promises to be far eclipsed in next year's showing, if it is not practically doubled.
 Growing rapidly from month to month, and even from week to week, under European war conditions, the September foreign trade of the United States was the greatest in all our history. Our exports for that month alone amounted to more than \$300,000,000, as compared with \$261,000,000 in August and \$156,000,000 in September, 1914.

The balance of trade in favor of the United States for the nine months of the calendar year 1915, ending September 30, reached the vast total of \$1,229,390,331. These enormous figures give some idea of the tremendous rate at which our foreign trade is expanding. In their showing that the nine months' trade of the present calendar year leaves us with a trade balance nearly 25 per cent greater than the twelve months of the fiscal year which ended June 30.

If the increase keeps up at the rate at which it is now going, indicated by these figures, we may find ourselves on July 1 next with a fiscal year's trade balance of two billion instead of one.

Of the total exports for the nine months of the fiscal year, aggregating \$2,532,435,167, one-sixth is represented by crude materials for use in manufacturing while nearly one third is represented by exports of food-stuffs and food animals. Actual war munitions were considerably less than one-sixth of the total amount.

Unquestionably a very large proportion of this foreign trade is due to the cessation of productive activity in England, France, Italy, Russia and other countries seriously affected by war conditions. The end of the war will naturally bring cessation to the demand for ammunitions and steel products, but the process of rehabilitation will unquestionably demand continued large shipments of food and clothing products.

It is interesting to note in this connection that imports are showing a tendency to increase, although not yet to an extent to give assurance that there will be any substantial growth in national customs revenues. This fact itself, however, lends even greater stress to the marvelous growth of our balance of trade, which has long since placed us in the forefront of the commercial nations of the world.

SOCIETY NOTE.

Mr. and Mrs. C—e—e—e celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary last Wednesday night. Among those present were Mrs. A—e—e—e, Miss C—e—e—e and Miss A—e—e—e. These names may look strange as printed, but the truth is we used up all our consonants in setting up the Balkan war dispatches and if we had used the remainder to

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