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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

One of the gems of present day journalism is the reply of the New York Sun to the letter of a little girl, Virginia O'Hanlon, who, not doubting the editor's infallibility, demanded the truth about Santa Claus. Here is the editor's answer:

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exists, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived can lift.

BLEEDING THE COUNTIES

Lane county, a few weeks ago, paid \$1200 to representatives of the State Insurance Commissioner's office for the experting of the Lane County books, and this in spite of the fact that the county had just had the books experted by a competent local accountant. The court, however, had no discretion, for the law requires that the counties allow the state officials to expert their books. Speaking of this system of state inspection, the Dallas Observer of this week says in part: This matter of uniform accounting throughout the state on the surface would seem desirable, but what does Curry county want with a system of bookkeeping as complex as that of Multnomah. And why should any county be compelled to pay from \$800 to \$1200 for the experting of its books when competent work has been secured before at from \$300 to \$500?

Almanacs state that the shortest day of the year comes on December 21st. However, any father will tell you that the Almanacs are mistaken, and that the "shortest" day is December the 26th.

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GEORGE W. MCFARLAND
(n 18-d 16) Executor.