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A Christmas Eve Thought

If Santa Claus should stumble
As he climbs the chimney tall
With all this ice upon it
I'm 'fraid he'd get a fall
And smash himself to pieces—
To say nothing of the toys!
Dear me, what sorrow that would bring
To all the girls and boys!
So I am going to write a note
And pin it to the gate—
I'll write it large so he can see
No matter if it's late—
And say "Dear Santa Claus don't try
To climb the roof to-night
But walk right in, the door's unlocked,
The nursery's on the right!"
—St. Nicholas.

No Words Wasted

Nora was a treasure of a servant, whose habit of speech was often indirect, but was frequently picturesque and unexpectedly expressive. One evening "the Master" was sitting in the library when the door-bell rang. Nora answered it, and on her return through the hall "the Master" inquired who it was.

"It was a young man, sor," replied Nora.

"Well, what did he want, sor?" was the question.

"Oh, he was just lookin' for the wrong number, sor."

A Bargain-Hunter

It was a pleasant-looking Irishwoman, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger, who walked into a store and asked the price of the collars she had seen displayed in the window.

"Two for a quarter," said the clerk.
"How much would that be for one?"
"Thirteen cents."

She pondered. Then, with her forefinger, she seemed to be making invisible calculations on the sleeve of her coat.
"That," she said, "would make the other collar twelve cents, wouldn't it? Just give me that wan."

Just in Time

When the bell in the parsonage rang the other evening the clergyman was in his study and his wife was busy, so Master Harold, aged seven, went to the door. The New York Press says that on opening it he found a couple evidently from the country both young and bashful.

After looking at the boy for a moment the young man asked "Is the pastor at home?"

"Yes," said Harold. "Do you want to get married?"

"That's just what we're here for," replied the prospective bridegroom.

"Well, come right in, then," said the boy, ushering them into the parlor. "I'll tell papa, and mamma, too. She'll be awful glad to see you, for she gets all this marriage money. I heard her tell pa this morning that she hoped some folks would come soon to get married, 'cause she wants to buy a new hat."



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