

SANTA CLAUS. Well, what of it? So does a cat.—*Pittsburg Chronicle.*

THE gourmand's ailment is not unlikely to prove meat for repentance.—*Whitehall Times.*

A STOOL pigeon is not the kind that makes good Christmas pot-pie.—*The Toothpick.*

If a man sits at a banquet too long he is quite apt to become dish-putative.—*New Haven News.*

TOWN booms that were picked before they became ripe are rotting in various parts of the country.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

WHAT a beautiful complexion! Every lady can have this said of her by using Jelly of Cucumber and Roses. Try it; druggists keep it. William A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

WHEN does evolution go backward? On Thank-giving and Christmas days, when the turkey ceases to be and festive man becomes the gobbler.—*Railway Advocate.*

Each little boy and little girl
With now grow wondrously devout;
Each little brain is a whirl
To get the best church festival route.
—*Baltimore American.*

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TAKING NO CHANCES.—Groom—(to bride; they are waiting for the minister)—“Hain’t I better skip out and see what is the matter, my dear? The minister should have been here twenty minutes ago.” Bride—“No, George; you stay right where you are.”—*Harper's Bazar.*

PITY the poor man who is doomed to make a super-heated guy of himself dressed up as Santa Claus. He knows better, you know, and he only does it to please the children.—*Boston Courier.*

At the Toronto Opera House during Christmas week the children will have a pleasant treat as well as the adults in the “Kindergarten,” a play brimful of fun. The Brooklyn Journal says:—“The company that is presenting this budget of wholesome merriment is said to be an excellent one. There have been times when we have felt like reaching up, clutching the jodel by the neck, and wiping up many dusty thoroughfares with it. But not Eddie Giguere's jodel. If it is a healthy, hearty, clear-from-your-boots laugh that you're waiting for, by all means and see the “Kindergarten.”

THE country editor now throws out hints to his subscribers that a present of a turkey for Christmas would be acceptable, while his city brother has to content himself by going to the market and smelling some old, tough patriarch of the flock, already half spoiled, and selling at eight cents a pound.—*Hotel Mail.*

NEVER mind, ladies. The Christmas shopping doesn't come out of your pockets. It is your annual opportunity to get more than even with the men folks.—*Hartford Post.*

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