Cæsar McD. to one fair, flitting form whom he encountered in a narrow passage by avoiding another-"I beg vour pardon." Sotto voce.
"Charybdis. . . Scylla."
Waitress (spontaneously combustible)-"Apple pie or mince pie?" Hungry freshman (reverting to a past course)-"Mutton pie, please." Irate waitress-"You're too smart, young man."-Exit.
"If you put in that joke on me you'll be hanged." -J. McV-r. If any mon will be hanged let him be hanged.

## Santa Claus.

We had a visit from Santa Claus this week. It was the day before Christmas that he dropped inwia the ventilator. Poor old chappie, wrapt in his thick furs, he was almost suffocated by the heat and unusual closeness of the atmosphere. Notwithstanding the cool way in which he entered our sanctum, he was hot as July; his merry old face glowed like a young furnace, while the perspiration dripped from the two pointed-ends of his long beard, and oozed out through his loose waterlogged "shebogans." All the same we conld not refrain from giving our old friend a warm welcome, which, indeed, he received as cheerily as if it had been $20^{\circ}$ below zero (we refer to the temperature), and unbuttoning his coat he accepted our invitation to "sit down and chat awhile." He first thoughtfully placed our cuspidor directly under his dripping beard, then disposed of his footgear so as, to drain down the register, and after lighting his pipe began: He was on a prospecting tour, he told us, to see what people wanted most to find in their stockings on Christmas morning. Here he drew from his pocket a note-book and as he turned over the pages, reading softly to himself the while, we managed to catch a few of the inventories of what people wished to find in their sox: $-\mathrm{W} . \mathrm{H} . \mathrm{Cr}-\mathrm{m}:$ " The lost voters' list." H. R. G-t: "Fame." S. W. M-ws: "Peterboro." $\mathrm{McK}-\mathrm{n}$ : "The address of Miss _—." C. G. Y-g: "A pass on the K. \& P. Ry." Mark A-y: "The latest ideas in philosophy and religion ready for use." J. R. H-11: " Nothing but leaves, i.e., of books." H. H. H.: "The past to live over again, or tailing that a brief for next sitting of the C.I. et V." T. C. Ik-h-r-: "A merry Christmas but no China-ware." W. M. K-n-w-n: "The wings of a dove good for at least 160 miles and return." N-v-ll-K.P.R.: "A double track." S. A. W-ds: "A Parisian Laundry." J. R. Fr-z-11: "A heart, i.e., a sweet heart." M. H. W-ls -n: "A doll." At this point our smile became audible, and our melting friend, looking up from his book, caught us taking notes. "Ah," he said, as he borrowed
our pencil, "I must be going. What will you have for yourself?" " Dollars," we promptly answered. "Our sox chuck full of paid-in-advance subscriptions to the Journal." The old elf puckered up his mouth and whistled softly. "The most modest wish of the lot," said he. "Well, we shall see, we shall see." We found it necessary to raise the window, but when the fog had cleared somewhat our visitor had vanished, and, save the brimming cuspidor, no trace of him remained.

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