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ODDLY-ADDRESSED LETTERS.

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My first instalment of oddly-addressed letters was received with such favor, I present a second supply; and I feel assured that such light reading will be far more appreciated, at this festive season, than the strictly philatelic and dry part of our study.

Among the letters recently received at the Halifax post-office, was one addressed

"To MR. SANTA CLAUS."

As the gentleman's address could not be ascertained, the Postmaster opened the envelope and disclosed the following:

"Dear Mr. Santa Claus.

Please bring me a pair of wooden skates and bring Bokins a rocking horse."

How many of us there are who would like to be back once more in those days when we had such faith in old Nicholas!

The Detroit Free Press says: "The following address on a letter sent to United States recruiting Officer, Capt. John S. Loud, was conveyed by the mail service without postage, no stamp being affixed:

Postmaster please deliver to said address for I haven't his name.

Advertiser for young men
for the Army of U. S.
at 61 West Congress St
Detroit Mich.

The writer wished to become a soldier at 'once'."

A direction so defective as to send a missive from one post office to another within the same State by the way of St. Petersburg, Russia, is open to criticism. The Washington Post gives an amusing ac-

count of the wanderings of a postal card, which found its way to the dead letter office of that city. The address was as follows:

"Mr. Koerster, North of New Oberlin, Russia."

"It was mailed in an Ohio town, the postmaster of which pitched it into the foreign mail-bag, and sent it across the sea. It arrived promptly in St. Petersburg, all right, was duly examined, marked, in pigeon English, "unsufficient address," and returned to this city, where it was taken in hand by the ladies of the dead letter office. They inferred that, as it was posted in Ohio, it was intended for the adjoining town of Russia, so they added 'O' to the card, and sent it West. The important message which this card had borne upon its back across the ocean to Muscovy and back again was this:

"When you come in, please to bring me half bushel of potatoes."

THE CONSUMPTION OF STAMPS IN GREAT BRITAIN.—

From two to three tons of stamps are despatched daily from Somerset House; at certain seasons, such as Christmas and other exceptionally busy periods of the year, the weight removed in a single day by the post office vans reaches as much as eight tons. This enormous quantity of stamps is daily distributed throughout the area of the United Kingdom without the loss of a single penny stamp.

—Herdman's Miscellany.

It is reported that Mr. Ketcheson will shortly issue a new philatelic paper,