

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR PATRONS.

For the Children.

The Two Little Stockings.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Two little stockings hung side by side, One to the chimney, broad and wide,

'Twas said Saint Nick, as down he came Loaded with toys and many a game.

'Ho! ho! he said, with a laugh of fun, 'I'll have no cheating, my pretty one, I know who dwells in this house, my dear, There's only one little girl lives here.'

So he crept up close to the chimney-pipe, And tucked a sock with a silver toe, Just when a little note fell out, And dashed low, like a bird, about.

'Aha! what this? said he in surprise, As he pushed his nose up close to his eyes, And read the address in a child's rough pen.

'Dear Santa Nicholas,' so it began, 'The other stocking you see on the wall, I have hung for a child named Clara Hall, She's a poor little girl, but very good, So I thought perhaps you kindly would Fill up her stocking, too, to-night, And help to make the Christmas bright.'

These words in Clara's, I shall not care, Santa Nicholas brushed a tear from his eye, And 'God bless you, darling,' he said with a sigh.

Then, softly he blew, through the chimney high, A note like a bird's as it soars on high, When down came two of the funniest merrits.

That ever was seen this side earth's portal, 'Happy!' said Saint Nick, and nicely prepared.

All at a girl wants where money is rare, Then, oh, what a scene there was in that room!

Away went the elves, but down from the gloom Of the sooty old chimney came tumbling down, A child-like wardrobe from head to toe, How Santa Claus laughed, as he gathered them in.

And fastened each one to the sock with a pin, Right to the toe he hung a blue dress, 'She'll think it came from the sky,' I guess.

Said Saint Nicholas, smoothing the folds of blue, And tying the hood to the stockings, low, When all the new clothes were fastened on.

And both little socks were filled and done, Then Santa Claus tucked a toy here and there.

And hurried away to the frosty air, Saying, 'God bless the poor, and bless the rich, Who gives them, too, on this night so wild.'

They caught the words, and bore them on high, Till they fled away on the midnight sky, While Saint Nicholas flew through the sky.

Being in peace and good will with him everywhere.

How Billy Caught Santa Claus.

Billy Davis, aged 9, was a scoupler. Not on the subject of religion—his would have been a terrible thing indeed—

but upon the subject of Santa Claus. Now it happened in this way: Billy had a friend two years older than himself, Tommy Toole, who lived next door and was a prodigy of knowledge—

which means that he knew a very great deal for a small boy, and in consequence he had looked up to him by his playmates, who considered Tommy's word as law, and not on any account questioned when once he had decided a thing for or against. Billy had come home from school one day, and found two weeks before Christmas, brimful of stuff Tommy had filled him with, by hearing with his younger brother and sister, Johnny and Natty, aged respectively 7 and 5.

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