the light, and exclaiming, impati-

"Arrah, byes, what's up wid yez? Lave the owld gint alone; be aisy, now!"

A torrent of explanation nearly overwhelmed him, but singling out Johnnie Gwinn, he bade the rest keep still. Mr. Pendleton was so intent upon his new acquaintances and their remarkable language and behaviour that his own errand had quite slipped his mind. Johnnie, nothing daunted, stood forth.

"Me an' dese other kids," he began, "was up to Macy's yistiddy,an' we seen dis yere old gent in de windy a givin' away Chris'mus presents; but he didn't give us none, so he comes down here, an' axed w'ere we lived, an' he's got presents for us all,-ain't yer, Santy?" turning anxiously to Mr. Pendle-

There was a breathless moment of suspense, then that gentleman suddenly took a most surprising re-

"For every single one of you," he said, gravely, "as soon as I find out what you want."

They crowded around him, and he got out his notebook, and balanced himself on a three-legged chair. The Magees stood open mouthed in the background.

"I want a rollin' chair for me sister; her legs got cut off by de cars."

"Gimme a drum, Santy,g'wan !."

"Gimme a knife, old man!"

The confusion made Santa Claus throw back his head and burst into such a laugh as nobody in the Broadway building had ever heard or dreamed of.

"Go out and get every boy that lives in this house," he command-

"Dear heart!" broke in Mrs. Magee, who had relinquished her hold on the chair, and had grown suddenly cheerfull, "don't you be worryin'; ivery wan is here now."

Then into Santa Claus's notebook went name after name, and after each name, the name of Poor litthe article desired. tle chaps on Delancey street! Some of them asked for nothing for themselves, but for mother, or sis-

Observing this, ter, or baby. Santa Claus's benevolent intentions expanded to include whole families.

He forgot his errand; he shook hands with every boy there, and called him by name. He hurried up town to a great departmental store, and then rushed out to a toystore, and hastened back again, until the whole day was gone. check was made out in three figures and he had not a cent in his pockets, but his heart was light as he watched the great pile of gifts being sent downstairs.

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