

BURGLAR IN TWO HOMES

Loot Of Prowler Small From Ridgedale, Hazel Street Homes

Birmingham police are watching today for repetition of burglaries which were reported last Thursday.

The same person is believed by the police to be responsible for robberies reported by Mrs. H. A. Weaver 218 Ridgedale avenue, and William Fyke, 404 Hazel street. Mrs. Weaver reported someone



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IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

By all means, yes. Just as sure as there are stars and the moon, there is a Santa Claus.

The Eccentric is pleased to publish here two answers to that question. The first was written by Walter Elliot of Townsend street (and how we obtained it,

he will never know) and the second is the immortal editorial which appeared in the New York Sun on Sept. 21, 1891.

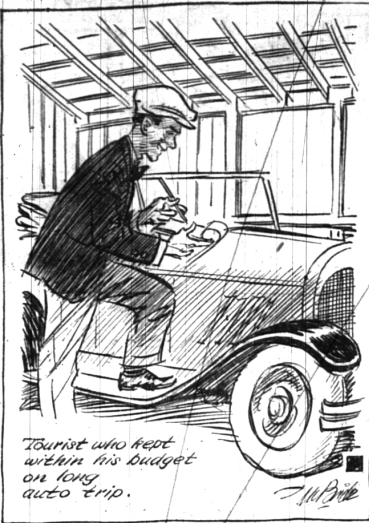
Read them. They are worth while. And if you are asked the question, "Is There a Santa Claus?" you will have the answer.

"Better than the mythical Fountain of youth—better than the rejuvenating springs of West Baden or Mt. Clemens—is a trip to the Toy Department today. Where is there an artist who could correctly reproduce that eager look of the little youngster who confidently shakes the hand of Santa Claus and makes known his or her wants? Who can look upon that scene and not be moved? The Faith thus displayed by that youngster—a faith in Mother, Daddy and Santa Claus—is the same faith that has aided man in his light down through the centuries for existence. Faith that has conquered the mountains, the sea and the air.

"So to that youngster let's say there is a Santa Claus. A guiding Angel that has guarded man since the Garden of Eden. Disease, pestilence, wars, floods, fires, hurricanes come and go—but man keeps on and on. He builds his homes, his cities, his bridges, his railroads, etc., etc.—his work goes on forever. All built upon an undying Faith that knows no defeat. So Faith is our Santa Claus—faith in ourselves—in mankind and in God.

"Walk down Woodward avenue and count the smiles—the laughing hearts—rejoice with the

UNCROWNED KINGS



Tourist who kept within his budget on long auto trip.

youngsters in their belief in Santa Claus—renew your youth and your Faith."

"We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

"Dear Editor: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' "Please tell me the truth—is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA (PHANLON), 115 West Ninety-Fifth Street. "Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, apt and, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by

his intelligence, capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound, giving to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, no sense, no sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Price of Luck "John, here is five shillings. Fetch my mother-in-law from the station."

"But if she is not there?" "Then you shall have me with five shillings." Der Genatlische Sachse (Leipzig).

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The Climate Is Ideal

The climate is semi-tropical, semi-arid and delightful all the year round. The winters are ideal and the summers are not excessively hot. Indeed, it is frequently remarked by those who have moved from farther north into this favored region that the summers are no less pleasant and enjoyable than the winters. There is a reason. The Rio Grande Valley lies far enough south to be well within the northern edge of the zone of practically continuous easterly winds. These are frequently referred to as the "Texas Monsoon," but are undoubtedly a part of the great trade wind movement which accounts for their persistence and dependability. For such is their consistency that they can be relied on during the greater part of the year and especially so during the entire summer season, when they are most needed. It is well known that large bodies of water are cooler in the

summer and warmer in the winter than the adjacent land. The Rio Grande Valley, being on the west side of the Gulf, is fanned by these delightful east winds after they have traversed the open ocean for hundreds of miles, taking on the lower temperature of the sea water in summer and the higher temperature in winter. Thus they come steadily from April to November as cooling-salt-sea breezes and during the remainder of the year, while not so continuous, are laden with the warmth from southern seas, preventing the approach of anything like real winter. A semi-arid, semi-tropical land, with no extremes of heat or cold, without sultry nights in summer or snow and frozen grounds in winter, and over which the ocean breezes blow the year round, cannot be other than a healthful country for man and beast. Such is the Lower Rio Grande Valley:

"A land where the breeze from warm summer seas,
A breath of the tropics brings;
And besides the delight which it makes of the night,
Bars healing in its wings."

Plan to See the Lower Rio Grande Valley Excursions Leave Detroit on December 30 and Every Friday After January 1st.

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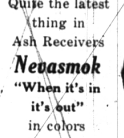


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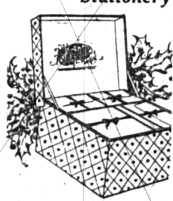
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