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## Waiting For Old Santa Claus

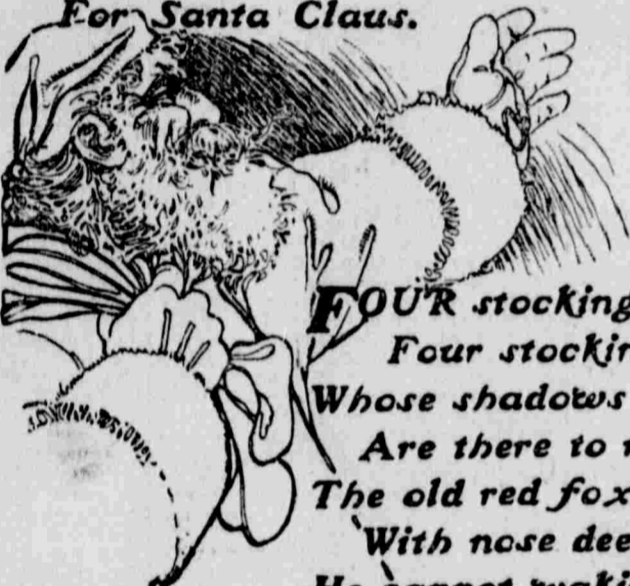
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**BLACK** lies the hearth, the lights are out,  
The brass andirons faintly shine,  
And ghostly winds wail shrill without,  
While stars look down in peace benign.  
Slow ticks the clock, the hour is late,  
And midnight near and nearer draws.  
It is the time when households wait  
For Santa Claus.

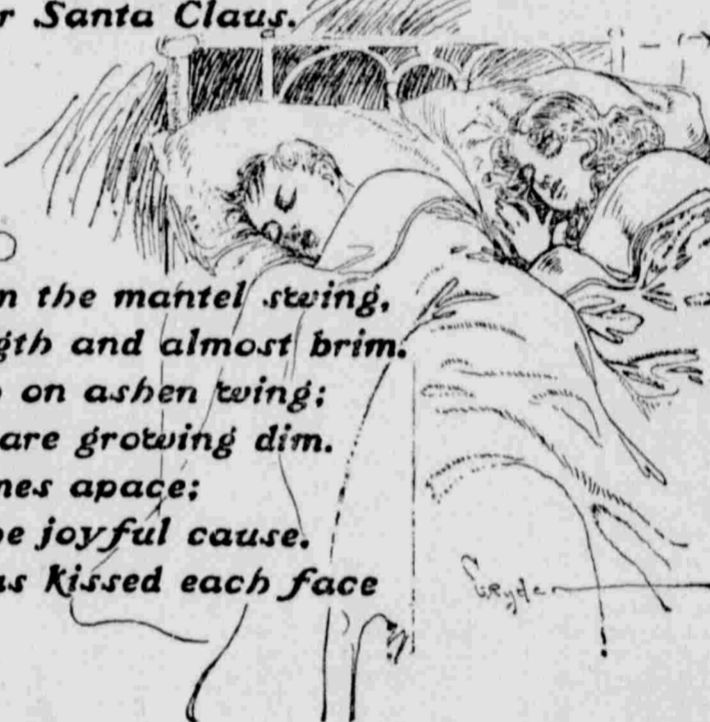


**THE** rough elm backlog's fading glow  
Turns now to gray, as if with age,  
And flickering shapes pass to and fro,  
Gloom-sprites upon a dusky stage.  
Dense stillness reigns, now broken while  
A mouse within the wainscot gnaws,  
And in their sleep the children smile  
For Santa Claus.



**FOUR** stockings to the mantel hung—  
Four stockings of unequal size.  
Whose shadows on the hearth are flung,  
Are there to meet the traveler's eyes.  
The old red foxhound lies asleep,  
With nose deep buried 'twixt his paws;  
He cannot waking vigil keep  
For Santa Claus.

**FOUR** stockings from the mantel string,  
Filled to their length and almost brim.  
Dawn skims the earth on ashen wing;  
The faithful stars are growing dim.  
A childish uproar comes apace;  
No need to guess the joyful cause.  
For Christmas time has kissed each face  
For Santa Claus.



## Uncle Sam Has Free Seeds For the Million; To Be Had For the Asking and In Liberal Quantity

Fix the poor old congress-man!  
Some work that's what he needs.  
Don't snub him just because you can,  
But write for garden seeds.

If you need any garden seeds or care to receive any that you don't need write a letter to your congressman. If he wants to be re-elected he will have the department of agriculture send you the package by return mail. You need not inclose postage. Your congressman has a privilege called a frank which carries garden seeds and other official matter through the mail. Just intimate to the man who represents you at Washington that you would like a selection of Uncle Sam's choice seeds, and he will do the rest. It is all very simple. Also, say some, it is all very silly. Nevertheless the sending of seeds to constituents is one of the perquisites of members of congress. It is a privilege so old that it almost ranks with the prerogative of the German emperor to wear his moustache at an angle of ninety degrees. The Declaration of Independence seems to have overlooked the matter of free seeds to congressional constituents, and there appears to be nothing in the constitution of the United States that requires free seed distribution, but both congressmen and constituents have held this to be one of the inalienable rights of mankind since the establishment of the practice. Any attempt to do away with the sacred privilege is considered little less than treason. The country cries for free seeds, and the congressman responds nobly to the cry. Who shall dare arise to rob us of this time honored right?

For some years there has been a feeble effort upon the part of a congressman here and there to yank his neck out from under the galling yoke of the seed sending tyranny, but to no avail. It requires a very bold and fearless congressman to stand up and defy the free seed sentiment. Few of them care thus to make martyrs of themselves, for re-election is sweet to the man at Washington, and he knows full well that the best way to build up his political forces at home and keep them properly stoked and ridged so that no other candidate can hope over and passers his pasture is to send the farmers and the town gardeners all the free seeds they ask for, and then some.

For what do we elect a congressman? asks the householder who is going to raise turnips in his back yard. Is it to make laws? Nay, verily. There be too many laws already. We send a congressman to Washington that he may send us seeds from Washington. He is our seed clerk, and we pay him \$5,000 a year for his work. Of course, after hours, when he is not busy sending seeds, he may attend the sessions of congress. If he likes and help make laws, but woe to him who sits in the house of his going forth if he scuddereth on his job and refuseth to frank a package of turnip seed to us when a poor crieth for turnip seed!

Even the congressman from the great city district is exempt from this seed sending requirement. The man who represents a New York city district wherein there is not enough space to grow a hill of beans receives frequent requests for garden and field seeds. No, the tenement dwellers do not intend to grow roof gardens, nor the denizen of

the seventh floor flat a hanging garden of Babylon. These people want to send seeds to their country cousins, with whom they spend six weeks in summer on the dear old farm.

When the late Amos J. Cummings represented a New York district in congress one of his constituents, whom he knew well, astonished him by writing a supplicating request for garden seeds. Mr. Cummings knew positively that the man had no more knowledge of agriculture than a London chimney sweep. He wrote back:

"What on earth do you want with garden seeds?"

"Dear Amos," wrote the friend in reply, "I want to plant those seeds in Madison Square Garden."

Champ Clark of Pike county, Mo., who represents one of the most highly

a cook stove, I want to see if I can't get them to co-operate with me and raise a few leaves of bread."

The free seed industry, which began in a small way, has grown to huge proportions. In the early days the congressmen carried packages of seeds around in their coat tail pockets, mailing them out on demand. The gentleman from Indiana or Arkansas was not true to his trust (the seed trust) unless he was able to rattle pumpkins, parsnips and peas in embryo when he lifted his coat tails to take his seat in the house of representatives. Now that many congressmen have adopted the sack coat, minus tail pockets, this system of seed storage is not feasible. Consequently six years ago the seed section of the public service was put under the control of the bureau of

the Harlem goat prefers cauliflower, and he feels that the cause of science is badly served when the gentleman from Nebraska sends prairie grass seed to a region where prairie grass already chokes out the corn crop, and what the farmer really needs is a hoe.

Scientifically applied, the seed sending industry is highly beneficial to our agricultural interests. For instance, there is the macaroni wheat, introduced by the department of agriculture from Europe. Some of the semiarid sections of the west are not suitable for growing the ordinary wheat. Macaroni wheat, thrives there, and enormous acreages have been planted and successfully grown. Macaroni wheat, it should be pointed out, is not intended exclusively or particularly for Italian citizens. It makes biscuits deli-

is conceded that the results are worth the expenditure. For 1906 the appropriation for securing and distributing seeds and plants amounted to \$242,920. Postmaster General Cortelyou estimated that about 7,300,000 packages of seeds are distributed annually under congressional frank. This is about 690,000 pounds. The packages aggregate from thirty to thirty-five carloads a year. That would make up a pretty long freight train if shipped by freight. Uncle Sam cheerfully carries it by mail, however, at a cost of about 6 cents a pound, or \$34,500 a year altogether.

Most of the congressmen have built up machines at home to insure their re-election. The department of agriculture is also in the machine business. It has seventeen machines for making

Write to your congressman. A postal card will do. He may not be overjoyed to hear from you, but he will work manfully to hide his annoyance, and he may send the seeds.

ROBERTUS LOVE.

### HANDS AND GLOVES.

One of woman's greatest charms is in the beauty of her hands, members which are truly adorable when their smallness is combined with other indications of fine breeding, but even if they are large they may still be beautiful if they are shapely, finely made and white, with blue veins, taper fingers and rosy nails, slightly arched. The women of North America are claimed to have the smallest hands in the world, and next to them come the Austrian, Spanish, Italian and English

gin by buttoning the second button; then, when buttoned to the top, you can easily fasten the first button without tearing the kid. Never remove the gloves by pulling the fingers, but by drawing the part covering the wrist over the hand, and leave them thus wrong side out for some time before turning them to their proper shape. Always lay gloves lengthwise; never roll them. Light colored gloves should be placed between two pieces of white flannel. There is nothing better to perfume gloves than a tiny tablet of concentrated scent, or a small sachet within the hand. A glove thus scented never loses its perfume.

And, by the way, while on the subject of gloves, it may not come amiss to know that if you want to make a neat job of mending your glove fingers turn them inside out, and putting the edges carefully together, overcast them with cotton thread, fine, but firm. Silk thread cuts the kid. If the glove shows an inclination to break in the palm or about the fingers and you have no old gloves to mend them with take a bit of ribbon the color of the glove and put it over the break on the underside and darn the glove down on it.

### SHAVING BABY'S HEAD.

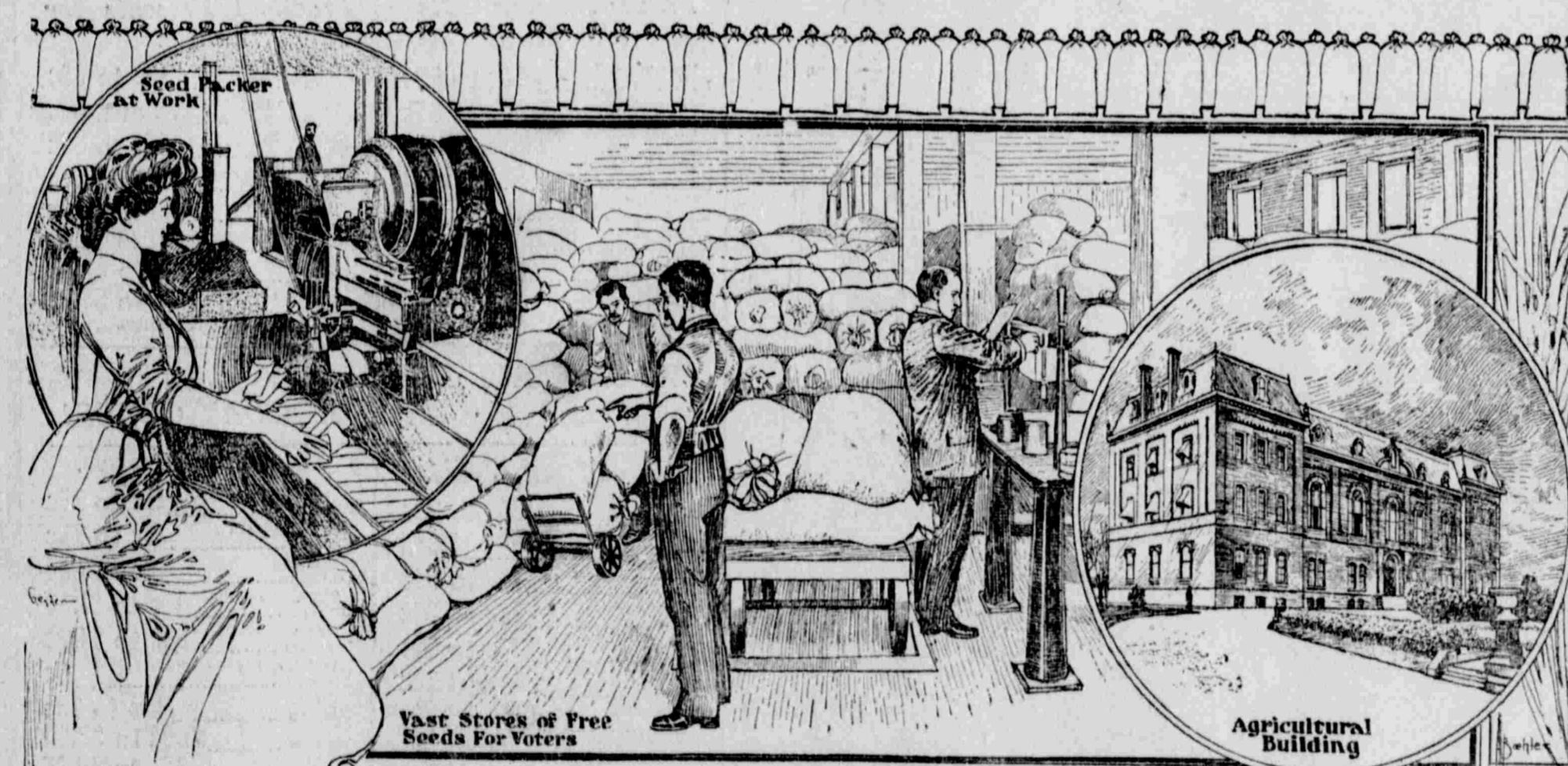
Life has exceptional difficulties for the babies of Arabia, especially for those who are of sufficiently high rank to be brought up according to all the ancient customs of their race. A royal baby's first toilet there consists in winding a bandage about its body, after it has been carefully bathed and perfumed.

If the child be a girl, on the seventh day after her birth, holes, usually six in number, are pricked in her ears, and when she is two months old heavy gold rings are attached to them, to be worn throughout her lifetime, except during periods of mourning for relatives. On the fourth day the baby's hair is shaved, and the disposal of the hair is regarded as a very weighty matter. It must not be burned or carelessly thrown away, but buried, thrown into the sea or hidden away.

The fortieth day marks a turning point in the child's life. Heretofore it has only been seen by few, but now it may be seen by anybody and is regarded as fairly launched on the time of existence. Several charms are attached to its body for protection against the "evil eye." Everything the child uses is perfumed and covered at night with jasmine, and before it is used fragrant with amber and musk and sprinkled with attar of roses.

### DISCOVERED FROM THE SEA.

Nishima, in Japan, there is a wonderful castle possessing a gold lined well, which attends the garrison an abundant water supply. Not only does gold line the well but it is also fashioned into two great golden dolphins which glitter on the castle roof. These dolphins are centuries old, and one of them was once taken down and sent for exhibition to Vienna as a rare example of antique Japanese craftsmanship. The fate of Cleopatra's needle befell the dolphin, as the ship on which it was sunk, and the ornament remained for many years at the bottom of the sea. Numerous attempts were made to raise it, and at last one was successful, and the golden dolphin was reinstated in its original place, never (it is to be presumed) to leave it again.



Seed Packer at Work

Vast Stores of Free Seeds For Voters

Agricultural Building

developed farming districts in the United States, with a considerable coast line on the Mississippi river, received a letter from a constituent in one of the river towns. The man wanted some water lily seeds. Mr. Clark replied that the department of agriculture had made no provision to furnish water lily seeds.

"I am very sorry," wrote the constituent. "You know the Mississippi is a part of my front yard, and as it gets pretty muddy sometimes I wanted to plant it with water lilies to improve the appearance of the waterscape."

It is related of Congressman Victor Mordock of Kansas that a constituent wrote him to this effect:

"Dear Vic—Please send me by return mail a bushel or two of wheat seed. My uncle has a flour mill and my wife

plant industry in the department of agriculture, and the seeds are now kept in the bureau drawers. A large force of bill clerks is employed. When a congressman desires to make good with a constituent by complying with a seed request he sends his frank over to the bureau, and the clerk mails the package.

The bureau of plant industry has been trying to reduce seed sending to a science. The original intent of the law was to provide "new and valuable seeds" where they would do the most good—for the cause of agriculture and the career of the congressman. The secretary of agriculture at various times has protested against the promiscuous and desultory distribution of seeds. He deprecates the sending of hayseed to New York city, inasmuch as

clous enough to set before the royal family or any good Democrat or Republican. Even the Populists prefer it to corn dodger bread.

Splendid results have been obtained also in the introduction of new types of cotton in the southern states, new tobacco in Connecticut and Florida, and in the encouragement of sugar beet growing. It is stated that more than half a million dollars is sent abroad every year for good sugar beet seed. Secretary Wilson of the agriculture department is making inquiries into the growing of sugar beet seed to prevent this drain. In Virginia, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska and California the department has established experimental farms for this purpose.

Seed distribution costs money, but under the present scientific methods it

up the free seed packets. Each machine puts out about 20,000 packages a day when running full working hours.

There is no indication that seed sending will be eliminated from our national economy. The congressmen have no other concrete means of making themselves popular with their constituents by official service. A congressman who refuses to send seed will soon run to seed himself.

Since the seed distribution is now done scientifically, with a view to the best results to agriculture, why should one complain? The national treasury has a surplus sometimes, and so much per capita belongs to you, but you can't get it because it is not distributed. But you can get your share of garden or flower seeds. Don't be against the government. Share in its bounties.

ladies. Those of the fair Spaniard, however, are often spoiled by coarse fingers rounded at the tip. Russians have long, but beautifully formed hands. The hands of Englishwomen of rank are aristocratically shaped, but they are long and sometimes too dry. The French grande dame takes the best care of her hands all the world over. Germans are generally endowed with large and flat ones, with enormous fingers.

Most Parisiennes wear six and a half or six and three-quarters gloves. These are not the smallest sizes for a pretty hand, but are those worn by many of the fairest of the sex nevertheless, for a tight glove is a perfect abomination. It makes the hand look larger instead of smaller.

When putting gloves on always be-