

# THE HIGH SCHOOL TELL-TALE

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### Literature.

#### A Christmas Wish.

Seated at the table is little Ted,  
 With eyes of blue and hair of red,  
 Over his papers his pencil goes  
 Telling Santa of all his woes

O' dear Santa! but life is stale,  
 'Come to my rescue and never fail!  
 Bring me an alreale, with whiskers  
 long,

Loyal, friendly, big and strong.

A radio set to hear the news,  
 Would help me cast away my blues,  
 But if you cannot bring me this,  
 A pair of skates would bring me bliss.

Please deliver me from school,  
 I'm sick of being teacher's tool.  
 Bring me a country where there are  
 no rules

Forcing kids to go to schools.

Abolish homework the very first thing,  
 And you'll hear us kids shout and  
 sing.

Bless the teacher that gives us none,  
 With all the presents under the sun

And now dear Santa, bring me these  
 And one thing more if you please,  
 A happy Christmas and New Year too,  
 For little boys and girls so blue

VIRGINIA KILLARNEY, '23

### Jokes.

#### The Last of the Cider Hounds.

The moon's pale light  
 Was bright one night,  
 O'er an active cider mill;  
 The Klu Klux Klan,  
 Was right on hand  
 With a large milk can to fill.  
 Their hearts were bold  
 As knights of old,  
 Their courage knew no bounds,  
 And till this day  
 You hear people say  
 There's one of the cider hounds  
 The moon's pale light  
 Is bright this night  
 O'er that dear old cider mill,  
 But at six each day  
 The boys hit the hay,  
 And the cider mill is still

Written by a THIRSTY POET

### Personals.

Mrs. Woodcock and Miss Tremble  
 have been sick during the past week  
 Dubbs came to their aid and substi-  
 tuted for them.

The Christmas vacation begins on  
 Friday, December 22, and will end on  
 January 8. It surely is hard to study  
 this week. All are thinking about what  
 they're going to get for Xmas.

A fate deserved—"Sir, your daugh-

ter has promised to become my wife."  
 "Well, don't come to me for sym-  
 pathy, you might have known some-  
 thing would happen to you, hanging  
 around here five nights a week.

Miss Collier (in bank)—"Will you  
 cash this check?"

Cashier—"What denomination?"

Miss Collier (meekly)—"I'm a sev-  
 enth day Baptist"

The script of "Wazzle's" favorite  
 song is  
 I love its gentle murmur—  
 I love its gentle flow,  
 I love to wind my tongue up—  
 Then sit back and hear it go.

"Was that a new girl you had at the  
 dance last night?"

"No, just the old one painted over."

### Athletics.

Last Friday afternoon the Katonah  
 girls teams played the girls teams of  
 Harrison, N. Y.

The first team of the local girls won  
 their game by a score of 23-8. The  
 second team also won by a score of  
 22-1.

After the games were over, some  
 delicious refreshments were served to  
 the players

It was very gratifying to see so  
 many people at the games. Come again  
 and our girls will do even better!

### SANTA BANNED BY PURITANS

Christmas Was Utterly Banned as  
 Evil and Ungodly in Early  
 Days

**I**N THE early days of Amer-  
 ica's history Christmas festi-  
 vities were not generally  
 observed.

In one state the observa-  
 tion of Christmas was utterly de-  
 nounced as an evil, ungodly and per-  
 nicious custom, and any child daring  
 to think of as much as a plum pud-  
 ding on that day would make himself  
 liable to reproach by the authorities.

All along the coast and rock-bound  
 coast, Geraldine Ames writes in the  
 Churchman, the early Christmas trees  
 were those that Puritan domination  
 were those that nature had planted  
 there and had adorned with fleecy  
 snow. The first burned brightly on  
 the open hearth, but as far as the  
 children knew, Christmas was just  
 like any other day in the calendar.  
 Even after the Puritan reaction  
 against the terms and customs of the  
 old church had made itself to some  
 extent the children of the Seventeenth  
 century still expected no gifts in hon-  
 or of the birth of Christ.

### Misc.

"A pleasantness of disposition is of  
 great use, men being willing to sell  
 the interest and engagement of their  
 discourses for no price sooner than  
 that of mirth, whether the nature of  
 man, loving refreshment, gladly be-  
 takes itself."—George Herbert.

**Love of Argument.**  
 "Why is betting an almost ex-  
 clusively masculine habit?" an ex-  
 change inquirer, and a cynical cor-  
 respondent answers: "Men choose bet-  
 ting as a means of stopping an argu-  
 ment; women never want an argument  
 stopped."—Boston Transcript.

**Moravians First in Ohio.**  
 Missionary ministers of the Mo-  
 ravian church were the first white set-  
 tlers in Ohio. In 1722 these men laid  
 the foundation to the town which they  
 called Schoenbrunn, in the Tuscarawas  
 valley of the unknown wilderness.

**Foolish Sensitiveness.**  
 Sensitiveness is closely allied to  
 egotism; and excessive sensibility only  
 another name for morbid self-con-  
 sciousness. The cure for tender sensi-  
 bilities is to make more of our objects  
 and less of ourselves.—Bovee.

**Well Worthy of Reward.**  
 We are to be rewarded, not only  
 for work done, but for burdens borne,  
 and I am not sure but that the bright-  
 est rewards will be for those who have  
 borne burdens without murmuring.—  
 Andrew Bonar.

### THE FEATURE OF CHRISTMAS

Spirit of Generosity and Happiness  
 and Arrival of Old Kris Kringle  
 Completes Program.

**T**HE happiest feature of  
 Christmastide is the spirit of  
 generosity it engenders.  
 The embodiment of this  
 spirit is a Father Christ-  
 mas, Knight Expert, or some other  
 mysterious personage, who ubiquitous-  
 ly glides from house to house show-  
 ing down his gifts for the "weans,"  
 and leaving behind him everywhere  
 an atmosphere of cheerfulness and  
 genial happiness.

The beneficent belief in this Old  
 World spirit has, happily, spread to  
 almost every corner of the civilized  
 world. In America the German Christ-  
 kindle or Infant Christ, becomes the  
 Kris Kringle, who like Santa Claus in  
 England, pursued his unimpeded way  
 through keyholes and down sooty  
 chimneys to bestow his gifts upon  
 children that are "spod," while Pele-  
 nichol or "Nicholas With the Fur" fol-  
 lows closely upon his heels with a  
 birchen rod for the "naughty."

Long may this belief in Kris Kringle  
 maintain its virile existence, and may  
 the "weans" see little of that chasten-  
 ing rod of Pele nichol.

### Rather Mixed.

Servant (returned from an errand)—  
 "Please, ma'am, I couldn't get it." Mis-  
 tress—"Get what?" "They said they  
 didn't keep it, ma'am." "Keep what?"  
 "What you told me to fetch, ma'am."  
 "What was that?" "Dunno, ma'am;  
 I forgot."

### Japanese Cleanliness.

The cleanliness of the Japanese is  
 well known. The poorest Japanese  
 cooils regards his evening bath as a  
 sacred duty and as the greatest luxury  
 of the day, and is scrupulously careful  
 about taking it on time.

### Truth in Two Phrases.

A witty Frenchwoman said: "If  
 youth only knew; if age only could,"  
 and a dramatic critic has written of  
 Juliet: "This is a role no actress can  
 master until she is too old to look the  
 part."

### The Acme of Inertia.

As a zero, or base, line for labor, it  
 is proposed to use the maximum effort  
 of a small negro boy paid 50 cents in  
 advance for raking the leaves off the  
 lawn.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### A Frugal Swain.

English Paper—The bridegroom's  
 gift to the bride was a gold  
 bracelet, and to the little train bear-  
 ers old safety pins.—Boston Evening  
 Transcript.

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**"COME AN' GONE!"**  
**I**N THE days before prohibi-  
 tion, an old, southern dorky  
 was wont to celebrate Christ-  
 mas with a quiet and solitary  
 bottle of liquor. Upon one oc-  
 casion he was going home with  
 his prize under his arm, when  
 he stumbled on the curbstone.  
 The bottle slipped, fell and  
 broke, spilling the contents all  
 over the pavement.  
 The old dorky regarded the  
 catastrophe with gentle mourn-  
 fulness.  
 "Dere, now," he murmured,  
 "Christmas come an' gone!"

**"Windfall"—Good Luck.**  
 The origin of "windfall," in the  
 sense of "good luck," dates from the  
 time of William the Conqueror. It was  
 then a criminal offense to cut timber  
 in the forests. Only such could be  
 gathered as the wind had blown down.  
 Hence, a heavy windstorm was hailed  
 by the peasants as so much good luck,  
 and from this comes its modern appli-  
 cation.

**Developing the Brain.**  
 Mental health means mental diges-  
 tion. The better the brain the better  
 the digestion, of course, but the most  
 ordinary brain can, by carefully con-  
 sidering what the eyes and ears bring  
 it, become better and more fully de-  
 veloped, and of much greater use to  
 its owner.—John Blake in Chicago  
 Daily News.

**The Better Position.**  
 He that is taught to live upon little  
 owes more to his father's wisdom than  
 he that has a great deal left him does  
 to his father's care.—William Penn.

**True.**  
 Even those who think twice before  
 they speak are apt to have another  
 think coming after they have spoken.  
 —Exchange.

**Thought for the Day.**  
 There are splinters in the ladder of  
 success, but you don't know it until  
 you begin to slide down. Keep climb-  
 ing.

**Some Ingratitude Looked For.**  
 Milk of human kindness should not  
 be turned sour by ingratitude. Some  
 of that is to be expected.

**Some Time**  
 You will be in need of  
 printing of some kind.  
 Whether it be letter-  
 heads, statements wed-  
 ding invitations or  
 public sale bills, re-  
 member we can turn  
 out the work at the  
 lowest cost consistent  
 with good work.

# KATONAH DEPARTMENT STORE

## CHRISTMAS 1922

We thank our many customers for having made possible our busiest and biggest Christmas Season. Our efforts have been bent towards making this Christmas a very happy one for all by bringing to Katonah a large variety of presents and toys of a high quality and priced as low as possible. Judging from our business, we have been very successful.

There still a variety of gifts and toys on our tables that have been substantially reduced in order to make a clean sweep of our Christmas goods.

# The Christmas Store

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