CHRISTMAS JOY

May heaven and nature sing for you this season.

M. C. Blair Insurance Agency

Letters To Santa

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

As Xmas is drawing near I had better get busy and let you know I would like for you to bring me.

I am a little boy five years old. Been pretty good for three or four days now, so Mommy and Daddy say's I can ask you for a side-walk bike, guns andholster set, cowboy guitar, doctor set, basket ball set, a big drum and I would also like to have an electric football game so I can learn to play like (our little E). Now if you think this is to much for one little boy you can divide it with others.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls and all my playmates. Don't forget Mommy and Daddy and also the boys who are far a way from home. I will leave something for you under my tree. And I will try to be good until Xmas.

One of your many,
Little Boys,
Duaine K. Greene

Myers Route 1

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy two years old. I have been very good or rather meant to be, although I did swallow a Jack, but I didn't mean too, it just slid on down.

I want a big ball, candy, and oranges.

Your boy,
Johnnie Scott

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five years old. I saw you in Lexington but am afraid you didn't quite understand what I really want for Xmas, so I thought I'd write and tell you.

I want a peddle-wagon, some clothes, fruit and candy. I've tried to be good. Mom says that's only when I'm asleep.

As I don't have any brothers and sisters don't forget my cousin, Charles, he wants a tractor, and all the other little boys and girls. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. There'll be some cake and fruit for you under my tree and a good warm fire. I'll be looking for you Xmas Eve By, By,

James Allen Walker

Moorefield, Ky.

Dear Santa,

As Christmas is less than a week away and everytime I go to town I change my mind as to what I want you to bring me, I thought I'd better write to you.

I want a doll, a blue doll bed and a doll high chair.

My little sister, Tresa Lynn is two and one-half years old. She wants a doll like mine (so we won't quarrell a doll buggy and a doll swing.

If you don't have the toys we want, we will be pleased with anything you leave us.

We would like to have some candy, fruit and nuts too.

Don't forget our little cousins and friends.

Luann and Tresa Ellington

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl, 7 years old. I go to Moorefield school, and am in the second grade. I have been getting on the Honor Roll and have been trying to be good.

I'm not asking for much, 'cause I think mostly of the boys and girls who have no parents in which to have a Merry Xmas. And don't forget the boys in Korea. Anything you want to bring I will be satisfied.

Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Your little girl,
Phyllis Scott

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl four years old. I'm not asking for very much, because there are other children, who also want toys. I want a doll and stroller to push my dollie in.

Don't Santa don't forget the other boys and girls especially the little orphans. Don't forget the boys in Korea and pray for them to get back safely, and also my sister, bothers, and mother and Daddy.

I'll be looking for you.

Your girl,
Peggy Scott

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy four years old. So I have to get my Mommy to write for me. I would like for you to come an see me an bring me lots of pretty toys.

I want a big tricycle, a Hop-a-long-Cassidy gun, an toster (I mean holster) but I can't say it. I have a brother an sister an be sure an bring them something pretty. I think they have also written to you. Don't forget all other little girls an boys an I also will be good from now until Christmas.

We will go to bed early Christmas Eve.

Your little friend,
Bobby Lee Eads

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five and one-half years old. So you see I can't write you this year so Momie is going to write for me.

I have been pretty good they say I'm bad, but I'm not I just like to be a boy.

I would like for you to bring me a filling station, you left just the one I want at the Western Auto Supply, Hop-along-Cassidys guns and holster, a tractor, an wagon, some puzzels, some story books, an autor-transport.

I hope you won't think I want so much, but I will be satisfied with what I get.

I will be a good little boy from now until Christmas. I have a little brother an sister so don't forget them. They are also going to write you. Don't forget all the other children an don't forget Billy Wayne Barton, you know he's my little cousin an he lives over by Mama Huddleson. I will go to bed early so you can come an see me on the "very first one."

Also Santa, I hope Daddy can be home for Christmas you know he drives a big truck an he may not get home for Xmas. By Santa,

Charles Allen Eads

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I'm a little girl two years old, an am so happy that it's almost time for you to come an see me. See this is the first Xmas that I can remember because I was so small the year before.

I would like for you to bring me a doll an buggy for Xmas, some dishes for my table an chairs. I also want some picture books.

Don't forget Mommie and Daddy I know they want something for Christmas like I do.

Well Santa I must close for this time an I will be a good little girl from now until Christmas. Don't forget Bobby an Charles Allen, you know they are my little brothers an we just play together an fight, an just do a little bit of everything.

Well Santa by now an I'll be seeing you sometime during Christmas.

Your little girl,
Dottie Sue Eads

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy seven years old. My sister, Rita Kay is four years old and my brother, Mike is two years old. Rita Kay wants breakfast set, plastic table cloth, set of dishes and a betsy-wetsy doll. Mike wants a teddy bear, a tractor, gun and holster set and a rocking chair. I want a farm set, bowling gloves, Hop-along-cassidy watch, Bow and arrow and please don't forget all the little boys and girls in the world.

Roy Wayne Dotson

Dear Santa,

We are two little boys, four and five years old, we want a dump truck and cowboy suit. Also Charles wants a doll and Wayne Allen wants a filling station, a telephone and flashlight and our sister, Beverly Brogan wants a desk for her room and anything else that Santa wants to bring in. We are good little boys when we are sleeping.

Wayne Allen and
Philip Charles Weaver

Myers, Kentucky

Dear Old Santa,

We are two boys, we are cousins. Eddie Earl is nine years old, and goes to Myers school and is in the fourth grade.

I'd like for you to bring me a sidlooser or some kind of toy. I expect you can find them at my Uncle Bob's store in Lexington. The name of it is B. & M. Variety store. Bring me some clothes and things to eat.

Tommy is 16 months old and wants a fire truck, a sweater and a train from Uncle Bob's store.

We both live on Cassidy and go to Sunday school and church. We try to be good.

With lots of love,
Eddie Earl Barnett
and Tommy Vice

P.S.—We will have a Xmas tree at Jimmy's house.

Paris Route 3

Dear Santa,

Just a few lines this year to tell you what we would like for you to bring us this Christmas. Patricia wants a doll, George Thomas, a cowboy outfit, Willie Frances a pewniter, Mayme Durwerne a crayon book, Mary Lou a wrist watch. We want fruit, candy and nuts. Anything else you would like to bring us. Don't forget Mama and Dad and Grandded at Carlisle and our Mama at Louisville. Gooby till next year.

Your Kiddies,
The Love Children

Carlisle Route 3

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl nine years old. I go to N. C. H. S. I am in the fourth grade. I like your stories and bring her something too.

I would like for you to bring me a big boy doll, a typewriter and some games and some fruits and nuts. I have tried to be a good girl.

I will leave some fruit cake and ham under the tree for you.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your friend,
Donna Ray Scott

Carlisle, Ky.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 7 years old. I go to NCHS and in the second grade. If you possibly can do anything about it, Please bring all our boys home from Korea for Christmas. Give us peace and good will among men.

I also want the snow to stay off the roads so we can get to school.

And Santa, don't forget to bring my three upper front teeth.

As you pass through Preacher Hall's farm please open the barn doors so his cows can get in out of the snow and rain.

Don't forget the sick people, and wounded, crippled, please visit them too.

Your little friend,
Shirley Mae Skaggs

Ewing Route 1

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five and one-half years old. I would like to have a carpenters set, steam shovel, and lots of candy, apples and oranges

Bye Bye,
Robert Paul Bishop

Bring me a pair of gloves too.

Carlisle Route 3

I have been a good girl and go to school every day and have made all A's. My teacher is Miss Jane Guffin, I love her a whole lot. I think she is the best teacher in the whole world., On Sunday I go to Sunday school and always stay for church but I think Daddy preaches too long sometimes.

I say my bed-time prayer every night, and pray sometimes in the morning the Lord's Prayer, and also the Twenty-third Psalm.

You know all because I is just 17 days till Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll and a doll house, bed room slippers, rubbers for my shoes, a skirt, and a telephone. That's all. My little Goldien Dictionary has helped me a lot to write this letter, and Daddy's typewriter. I know you will remember all the other children.

With Love,
From your girl,
Gloria Ann Haley

Colored Notes

By Aurelia Hamilton

(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sharp, Mrs. Edwards of Cincinnati were the weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Mag Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Cincinnati were the guests of Mrs. Charity Mark for a few days.

this week's patterns...

Doll Clothes
219
FOR 14, 16, 18 & 20 DOLLS

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Circuit Clerk

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We want to say, with deepest sincerity, a very happy holiday to you.

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Williams' Restaurant

A bottom-of-the-heart wish for Holiday happiness.

1950

Galbraith Buick

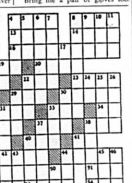
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSSTAIL

1 To now
5 Miss Astaire
10 Large black cow
12 Wing
13 Mother of Castor
14 Inventor of the sewing machine
15 Hot, wet, unpleasant
16 Corn weight
17 Ancient Persian
18 Low note
20 Pro, for
21 Fuss
23 Every path
27 Worm
28 To unfasten
29 Fuel
30 Mailing box
31 Note of scale
32 Period of time
33 Fine
34 Chinese measure
35 Additional
37 Sack
38 Fuse
40 Quiz's opposite
41 Collection of water
42 Tiny
43 Tiny animal
44 Striped quadruped
47 An essential commodity
51 Rule of scale
52 Dip
53 One of the Great Lakes
54 Gumbo
55 Tiny
56 Young salmon
58 Linden tree
67 Pedal digit

DOWN

1 Layman
2 Slightly awe-struck
3 Mixture of lime and water
4 Lacking
5 Lasted
6 To have thoughts of
7 Kind of confectionery
8 Cooking apparatus
9 "The Merry Monarch"
10 To steal from
11 Boatswain
12 Mother
15 Pronoun
17 Pertaining to the Druids
19 Sandy ridge
22 Old woman
23 Goddess of love
24 Son of Adam
25 Sewing implement
26 Exclamation of incredulity



PUZZLE NO. 112

36 To move
38 Subject of the Czar
39 Fruit drink
41 Promises
42 Fourth letter
43 Fifth letter
44 City in Nevada
46 Mothers of Israel
47 Ere
48 Energy
49 Anglo-Saxon money
50 Kind of fruit
51 Prefix: three

Answer to Puzzle No. 111

May Santa's packages hold peace, joy and health.

1950

Ben Alexander Grocery

We're deeply grateful for the gift of your friendship.

Southern States, Carlisle Cooperative

Your Merry Christmas is in the bag this year.

Giffin Manufacturing Company

STONEY CREEK

By Opal Howard

(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Yank Allison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pumphrey and daughter, Lena.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Bowles and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dampier.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pumphrey and son and his father spent a few hours Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Pumphrey and Lena.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wagoner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Craycraft spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fryman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hardin were called to the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Woodford Worsell who is ill.

Cassiday

By Mrs. T. H. Vice

(Delayed)

Rev. Everett Allison and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kenney Friday night. Miss Marietta spent several days last week in Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford and Judy and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Letcher and Jimmy visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gillispie and daughter.

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Crump.

Mrs. Alton Rose and Mary Ethel spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Tommie Vice.

Mrs. Julia Hawkins, who has been a patient at the Nicholas County hospital for the past 10 days was able to be brought home Sunday much improved.

Mrs. Charles Gray and baby have gone to Indiana to live where Mr. Gray is in service.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Letcher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Letcher and Jimmy visited with Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gillispie and daughter.

Cane Run

Mrs. C. A. Hopkins

(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hunt of near Carlisle spent one Sunday recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bromagen had as their guest Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison George and children of the Upper Blue Licks, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott and sons of Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. DeAtley spent a Sunday afternoon recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard in Bourbon county.

Mrs. John Bromagen and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gilley visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hopkins Sunday afternoon.

Herbert Smoot Jr. spent Saturday night with relatives in Carlisle.

Mrs. John Bromagen and daughter spent a few hours Wednesday night with Mrs. Rector Smoot at Carlisle.

Some of the farmers around here have killed hogs and some are through stripping tobacco.

The electric light line has been finished through here and some have their lights in while others have not been turned on yet.

Myers

By Rena Crawford

(Delayed)

Miss Frances Sue Flora and Mary M. Walton of Carlisle spent Sunday with Kathleen and Rosemary Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Faris Flora spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Flora.

Little Brenda Fay Flora spent Saturday night with Rosemary and Kathleen Crawford and family.

Mrs. Mae Collins of Carlisle is spending a few days with Miss Ella Conaway and Mr. Kelly Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crawford and Rosemary were in Lexington Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth George spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George and family.

Mrs. Raymond Crawford was in Lexington Friday.

Sugar Creek

By Mrs. Robert Sears

(Delayed)

Mrs. William Hudnall and daughters, Alma and Drusie spent one night with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Palas of Cynthiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Ball and son of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Royce Ball recently.

Mrs. Theadore Purcell and two children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henry of Paris one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Palas of Cynthiana spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. William Hudnall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fryman spent one day recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fryman of Stoney Creek.

Little Rock

By Mrs. Perry Vice

(Delayed)

Mrs. James Poole and daughter, Charlotte spent the weekend with Mrs. Lottie McClain.

Mrs. Ruth Rails and sons Jimmy and Eddie spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick of Lexington.

Mrs. William Severance of Stanfort were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Walls. Mrs. Sallie Walls accompanied her daughter home for a visit.

Views of Religion In Nicholas County

G. W. Haley, pastor Saltwell

Sensible Salvation, In Season and out of Season!

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are good report; if there be in virtue, and if there be any praise, Think On These Things. Philippians 4:8 English Version.

Further, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is solemn, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovable, whatever graceful, if anything virtuous, and if anything honourable—meditate upon these. And what you learnt, and accepted, and heard, and know by me—practise that; and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9. Translation by Dr. Ferrar Fenton, M.R.A.S.

Think of These Things

Things true, things honest, things just, things pure, things lovely, things good report, things virtuous, things praiseworthy will keep you in PEACE WITH GOD, and you, brethren, by the saving merit of the shed blood of the VIRGIN BORN SON OF GOD, Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men, will be made acceptable you to lead many others to see that Your Saviour, desires to present to Their Saviour, too. Herein lies the answer to why the angels sang at His birth: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

When put into practice these principles are PRODUCERS OF PEACE! 1) Things True: True Love, Jeminah 23:6; True Men, Genesis 42:11

True Laws, Nehemiah 9:13; True Witness. Proverbs 14:25; True Riches. Luke 16:11; True Light. John 1:9; True Worshippers. John 4:23; True Bread. John 6:32; True Vine. John 15:1; True Holiness. Ephesians 4:24; True Heart. Hebrews 10:22; True Word. Psalm 119:160. Your Truth Temperature Test! A B C D or F (failure). 2) Things Honest:

Honest Heart. Luke 8:15; Man looketh upon the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart.

Honest Report. Acts 6:3; Honest Conversation. 1 Peter 2:12; Your Honest High Ideal.

3). Things Just: Just with God? Job 9:2.

4). Things Pure: Pure Doctrine. Job 11:4; Pure Prayer. Job 16:17; Pure Language. Zephaniah 3:9; Pure Conscience. 1 Timothy 3:9; 2 Timothy 1:3; Pure Religion. James 1:27; How do you score yourself on Things Pure? A B C

5). Things Lovely. Friendship, akin to that of Jonathan and David. 2 Sam. 1:23 Character. Song of Solomon 5:16; Songs-Voices-Instruments. Ezekiel 33:32.

Note: Voices, songs, instruments are lovely only when there is a complimentary combination. Many good songs are spoiled void of inspiration when sung by inferior voices; Good voices have been wasted upon senseless songs; Preconceived notions, and prejudice has kept stringed instruments, and otherwise, from being the inspirational blessing, and fulfilling the purpose for which they were created.

6). Things of Good Report; "By faith the elders obtained a good report." Hebrews 11:2, and v39

Seven Men of honest report,' Acts 6:2. "A good report maketh fat the bones." Proverbs 15:30; "I bring you good tidings, of great joy, which shall be to ALL PEOPLE." Luke 2:10

7). Things of Virtue: "A virtous woman is a crown to her husband." Prov. 12:4

"And now my daughter, fear not; I will do thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman." Ruth 3:11

"And he said, Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning. INASMUCH AS THOU FOLLOWEDST NOT YOUNG MEN, whether poor or rich." Amen. Ruth 3:10

8). Things of Praise: "Out of the mouths of babes, and sucklings thou hast perfected praise! "Matthew 21:16

Yes, Christmas is A CHILDREN'S MASS, because the LITTLE CHILD CHRIST IS COME!

"Hail thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: Blessed art thou among women." Luke 1:28

Tests made by the Experiment Station at the University of Kentucky indicate there is little difference in the value of alfalfa and Ladino clover for fattening hogs. Where corn, tankage and minerals were fed, gains were about the same, whether hogs had the run of alfalfa or clover.

Crayton

Mrs. Orel Hollar

(Delayed)

There were 43 present for Sunday school at Robe Hill, Sunday.

Trienzi Hollar of Asbury College came home Friday to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents.

Forrest Morris and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenkins, Sunday.

We are thankful to report that Ruth Ann Hollar is home from the hospital and the small son of J. W. Frederick's is much improved.

If you need spiritual strength try to attend our prayer services at Rose Hill every Tuesday night at 6:30. We are having good crowds, even though the roads are slippery. The Lord is always present with us to bless, strengthen and give us hope.

CLUB HAS TWO WINNERS

Sally Allphin and J. D. Lawson, Gallatin county's outstanding club members for 1950, were both from the Napoleon 4-H club. Cups donated by The Gallatin County News and Warsaw Implement Company were given them at the annual 4-H Achievement Day program. Ninety-seven club members and leaders received certificates.

With all the extra duties of the Holiday Season, busy housewives will welcome these kitchen aids that save time, steps and labor . . . and money!

Caloric GAS RANGES FOR CITY, SUBURB & FARM

An outstanding Value . . . that is something to get excited about. Operation and quality has been proven by years of satisfactory service and thousands of owners.

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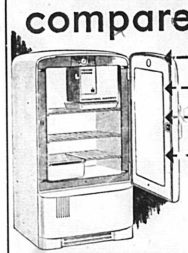

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More features, more value . . . than in any refrigerator comparable in capacity and price! Big, 36-pound freezer storage . . . 13.3 square feet of shelf area . . . Tight-Wad unit for low cost, extra-quiet operation . . . world famous International Harvester quality. See it today...with other great International Harvester Refrigerators and Freezers.

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NEW BURNERS—Fast, instantly adjustable for all cooking jobs, all utensils. Whole unit lifts out for easy cleaning at sink! Guaranteed for life of range.

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STAYS BEAUTIFUL—Smooth contours, one-piece top mean easy cleaning. Acid-resistant enamel all one, not just on top, stays white. Bright metal parts stay bright.

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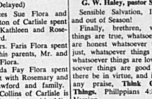
Carlisle, Phone 101



MARGIE'S SLENDER EAGER-NESS bounced through the door. Her tensile reflexes, like two bounding balls into a corner of the hallway. Before the echo of the racket had died down, her lithe and long-billed cap had sailed toward the small table. She paused in the corner of one eye noticed something strange under one sleeve of her jacket.

"Oh, Mama," she squealed, "look what I found!" During the time she tenderly picked up the orchid plant and placed it under the kitchen where her mother was busily preparing supper.

"Orchid, Dear?"

"Yes. I found her here at her mother. "Oh, isn't she a lamb, Mama. Look, whoever gave me anything like this. The next time I find a child, dear, I'm going to be very kind to her."

Margie's pallor, she murmured over-enthusiastically.

"Mama isn't a tightwad, and I think he's been very considerate about your duties."

"That's the trouble, Mama, he takes me for granted. Mank would have to be a lot more than just like this to make a girl feel that she is something extra special."

"Margie, that's not being fair."

"Oh, I know all but Mank is working his way through school and he just can't afford things like this." Margie smiled down at the orchid. "Maybe I should be mad, dear, but I thought he was just about the sweetest guy in the world."

"Why don't you see if there's a card in the box," her mother said gently. "Maybe there is the kind of fellow who even sends orchids her a corsage, or color-starting date."

There was a ring of one. My first chance for a big date, and I have to be home. Tears were gathering in her eyes as Margie took the little box out of the refrigerator. There was no hope in the dejected way she opened it and took out the little card that had been hidden under the soft petals.

She stared at the card with wide eyes for a moment and then smiled through the tears at her mother. "Oh, Mama, I'm the luckiest girl in the world. You were right, it was pinned and to match the blue dress."

Her mother looked puzzled. "I'm glad for you," she said slowly. "But what about Hank?"

"That's the best part of it, Mama. Hank goes with me tonight. I think he would want you to make your own decision, Bobbie, just it wouldn't be fair to him if he had to watch you, trying to decide between him and an orchid."

"I'm going to wear that orchid. I've not lived in vain." Margie tossed her head in defiance of the pleased expression on her face. "But what am I going to wear with it?"

"It will go nicely with the blue silk, that blouse he wish."

"Oh, Mama, that's what I had on last night, when I met Steve."

"It's the only one that is done up, and I haven't time to do the pink one."

A cloud of despair chased away the exuberance that had begun to dance on Margie's face. "I just won't wear that dress again to-night."

"That orchid might have been pinned on it by your blue dress."

Hope flashed and then died out in Margie's eyes. "If I were that clever I would be ready, combing one of a basket dash with Hank. I'll just have to return the orchid to Margie soon to the floor and buried her face in her mother's lap. "And I don't even know where Margie's going to take me," she wailed.

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Let a holiday spirit prevail, and 'giver and receiver alike cherish the happiest Christmas ever. May the faith of the children be strong in your hearts.

Holbrook's