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## CHRISTMAS AT AUNT MINNIE'S

#### By ARNOLD SERWER

(One of those old-fashioned stories of high old times at Aunt Minnie's, back in the days when Christmas meant roasted chestnuts, luscious chilblains steeped in gravy, toasted marshmallows, hunting songs, a stolen kiss from Agnes the scullery maid, hot rum punch, snow in the beds, pledges to sparkling-eyed belles, another stolen kiss from Agnes, a shot in the dark, a bird in the hand, a pain in the neck, the duel set for daybreak, kiss number three from Agnes, more bot rum punch, and more snow in the beds, dammit! Just one of those old-fashioned accounts of an old-fashioned Christmas, and you ought to be glad you got this pill in your sock, instead of Modern Version No. 3426 of the "Christmas Eve-Lonely Millionaire-Poor Shivering Newsboy" yarn!

... Never mind telling people that I brought it upon myself, Lady Teazle! If you raise your foot to me just ONCE more, I will have the footman order up your Somerset Brougham immediately!)

Shouting and laughing and pushing each other about jovially, we tumbled out of the sleighs, the eightynine of us, all nephews and nieces of Aunt Minnie's, and assaulted the great knocker on the front door.

"Hurrah!" we shouted. "Hurrah for Aunt Minnie and Christmas day at Old Pantspatch Farm! Hurrah for snow and sleighs and old Lelong Q. Mortimer, Aunt Minnie's coachman! Hurrah for Santa Claus, reindeer, Charley Schwab, and areas of low barometric pressure over the Atlantic states! Hurrah!"

The wind came whistling around the ancient eaves of the great rambling mansion, came whistling the query:

"So what?"

"So nothing!" we shouted back, quick as a flash. Then the front door opened, and there framed in the portal, we saw Aunt Minnie, herself!

"Hurrah for Aunt Minnie, herself!" we shouted.

"Shut up before I slug the lot of you!" grated Aunt Minnie. Quietly we trooped inside, deafening only four butlers and a Harz Mountain canary staying in a cage at Aunt Minnie's at the time. (I mean the canary was in the cage, not the butlers. They were afraid of him. He was always eating butlers. That was why they never stepped inside of his cage, because he was a high-strung canary, and they did not think he would have an easy time of it, because his nerves made it hard for him to stomach butlers. What's that? Ha! ha! Certainly I am not selling any magazines! I was just telling you about this canary of my aunt's.)



"I'm Upstairs!"

"We've come to spend Christmas Day with you, Aunt Minnie!" cried Cousin Theobald, acting as our spokesman at this point.

"Are you spokesman at this point?" asked Aunt Minnie, who must be reading this over my shoulder, or something.

Cousin Theobald concentrated for a moment. "What paragraph are we in?" he queried, frowning.

"Oh, yes, you're right!" said Aunt Minnie, quickly, "You do come in here! I got mixed up. I thought you didn't speak until the time when I come onstage, left, eating olives, and humming the march of my alma mater, 'Fight On, Pitt! Fight! Fight! Fight!

"Then the woodwind section comes in," broke in Cousin Theobald, eager-

ly, "and then the brasses, with a 'Tara-boom-de-ay!', and then the tympans go made, simply mad, and . . ."

Aunt Minnie interrupted Cousin Theobald. "And then the lights go out and when they come on again I am in the center of the stage, clothed in a flowing white robe, singing the Marseillais from, from—" She hesitated doubtfully.

"From Marseilles. The Marseillaise comes from Marseille," said Cousin Theobald firmly.

"From Marseille," agreed Aunt Minnie. "And how would you like to stop trying to light that match on that Rembrandt?" she added frigidly.

"Well, the Rubens is too slippery," complained Cousin Theobald. Aunt Minnie pushed him in the face, and turned to her four score and eight other nephews and nieces.

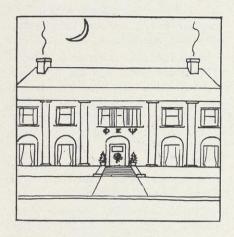
"G'wan upstairs and skin out of your wraps!" she commanded, lapsing into her native patois again, which her four butlers then lifted to their shoulders and bore aloft into the dining room, with Aunt Minnie yelling:

"Hup! Hup! Hup! Keep your oar in the boat, Number Four! Hup! Hup! Put your back into it, Number One! Hup! Hup!" And so on. (When Aunt Minnie was at Cadwallader Jehosaphat McLeamish Night School, she was their outstanding sculling ace, and for years afterwards she ran a scullery of her own, and that was where I met Agnes, Agnes of the rippling laugh, but that is another story and I could get fined for telling it in mixed company, so I will let my brother Jared do a cornbrake stomp for a few minutes while I go out and take a breather with that winsome brunette down in front, if she can shake that aged gentleman she is with for a few minutes.)

We went upstairs, after three cheers and a Tiger for "Upstairs!" The amusing thing about this part of the story is that no sooner had we finished the cheer, with the syllables—"Up-

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## AMERRIE



Hard times have caused Santa to give up his gift-giving activities, and become a racketeer. Now he takes guys for slay rides.

"What makes your friend so cynical?"

"Oh, he's just filled with Christmas jeer."

First freshman: My dad was a big activities man when he went to college here. He belonged to the best fraternity on the campus.

Second freshman: That's nothing. My dad left college at the end of his first semester and went into the mortgage business, and now the best fraternity on the campus belongs to him!

Russian kid: Teacher, what is

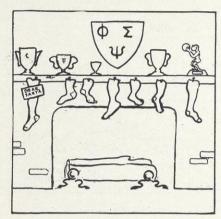
Teacher: It's a capitalist plot!

Christmas?

Like the two preceding Christmases, that of 1932 will probably be a year of beardless Santa Clauses. This phenomenon is due to the fact that so many of them got trimmed in 1929.

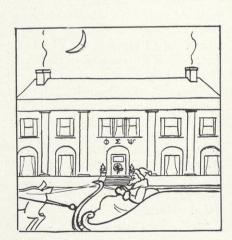
Interviewer: I suppose, Mr. Martinelli, that you have already mastered all forms of vocal music.

Martinelli: Oh no! Hard as I try, I can't yell "hey-de-hey-de-hey" like Cab Calloway.



A diplomat's love-making often turns out to be a coo d' état.

Every politician has at least two hats—the one he throws into the ring and the one he talks through.



## AHAPPY

## CHRISTMAS!

"Now," concluded the speaker,

"are you people with me or are you

In unison the crowd answered,

against me?"

"Yes, we are."

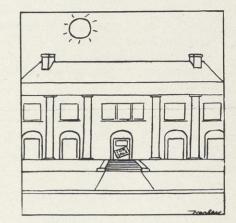
Customer: Is this hair restorer any good?

Barber: Is it good? Why, the other night I spilled some on my bed and when I woke up the next morning, I was between two mattresses!

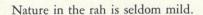
"Why do you always take your wife with you?"

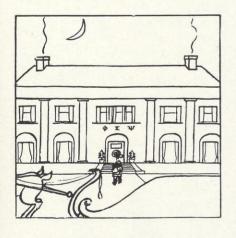
"I'd rather take her with me than kiss her good-bye."

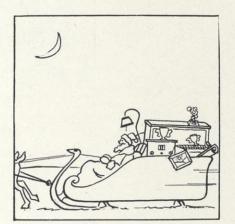
—The Wampus



The millionaire's son had enough clothes, so his father bought him a new pair of Cords for Christmas.







Modern science scoffs at the idea of the ancient Greeks that a hair placed in mud becomes a worm.

But how about the modern male who is placed in grass on a moonlit night and becomes a snake?

Dear Miss Fairfax:

I am going out on a picnic with an insurance agent. Should I be careful?

Cutie:

Yes. If he says he is going to "take out a blanket" policy, don't go.

He: Darn it, I can't think of that name—it's right on the tip of my tongue.

She: Stick out your tongue and let me read it.

## NEW YEAR!

## OF YOUSE WE YODEL »

(Editor's Note: Encouraged by the success of "Of Thee I Sing" and the more recent "By the Dawn's Early Light," Octopus presents more songs from the hymns of the fatherland. So tune up your piccolo and stand at attention.)

I

O'er the land of the free, A light shines for me, It's the moon high above, Bringing moon-beams of love, From the girl who is waiting for me.

II

Mine eyes have seen the glory, Of the cutest little doll, She winked at me and I at her, But the winking wasn't all, I've got a date for 8:15, Beside the waterfall.

III

My gal is the gem of the ocean, She's the sweetheart of every Navy lad, Each one she pets and kisses, And me she hardly misses, But fifteen minutes with her ain't half bad.

IV

The stars way up there, Give proof through the night, Of being aware, That my honey's all right.

V

Glory, glory to the girl friend, To the sweetest little babe in all the land, Some day we shall marry, Even if it is contrary To her old man's disposition and demand.



#### ADVICE ON INEBRIATION

If you've quarrel with the girl, Go get drunk. If your head is in a whirl, Go get drunk. If you've lost your funds in poker, Go get drunk. If your work is mediocre, Go get drunk. If caught petting on the sofa, Go get drunk. If they say that you're a loafer, Go get drunk. If you find your grades are sinking, Go get drunk. If you feel like going drinking - -Hit the bunk!

#### **HEIGHTS**

The height of unreliability: Madison weather.

The height of improbability: The prom queen from West Johnson Street.

The height of asininity: Cramming for a physical examination.

The height of immortality: The Chi Omega in a campus speakeasy.

The height of calamity: Oversleeping on a no-cut day.

#### SCOOPS FOR THE TABLOIDS

- 1. Picture of Herbert Hoover asleep in church.
- 2. Story of chorus girl going back to the farm.
- 3. Picture of Jimmy Walker looking remorseful.
- 4. Diagram showing course taken by Republican party in past eight years.
  - 5. Story of movie star consenting to a salary cut.

#### WHO WANTS WHAT?

Roosevelt: Prosperity and a nice swimming pool in the White House.

Huey P. Long: Prosperity and a nice, big, Huey P. Long.

Glenn Frank: Prosperity and a nice new pair of spats.

Hoover: Prosperity and a nice Arrow collar.

Coolidge: Prosperity and a nice hobby-horse saddle.

Curtis: Prosperity and a nice round table for sister.

Mellon: Prosperity and them lost millions.

Winchell: Prosperity and . . .

Chapple: Prosperity and a nice hide-out in the African jungle.

Capone: Prosperity and a nice steel saw.

Nathan: Prosperity and a nice, lousy show.

Hearst: Prosperity and a nice little war.

Jimmy Walker: Prosperity, wine, women, and song.

Will Rogers: Prosperity and a nice big wad of Wriglev's

William Z. Foster: Depression and a nice revolution. Whoopee!



## COCK-EYED YULETIDE »

(News Item, North Pole News, Dec. 16)

Santa M. Claus, local toy manufacturer, is about to take off on his annual trip south. He intends to be away indefinitely.

"No presents on this trip," he said "Who do those kids think I am anyway? Santa Claus? But I got me a swell new sleigh with red wire wheels, free wheeling, remote control, and a horn that goes 'burp-burp!"

(From Walter Winkle's Column, North Pole Times)

... Big-Butter-and-Egg-Man Claus, of the Subordinate and Dependent Clauses, is slipping out of town while the Mrs. isn't looking ... the Kiwanis are giving him a send-off that will knock out your granny's glass eye ... Claus's shnozzle will be plenty red, and not from the cold either ...

(News Item, Lodi (Wis.) Courier-News-Post-Sickle, Dec. 24)

Charged with drunken driving, an old man was driving a sporty red sleigh full of empty bottles was fined \$25 by Judge Poe Whitetrash. He gave his name as S. Claus, and his destination as Madison, Wis.

Claus was speeding along Highway 18 at a speed of 75 miles per hour, running over four chicken, around town and three cops, through four stop-lights and his bankroll, and finally into Mayor Hillbilly's shiny 1907

When notified, Hizzoner threw his worst fit since the Teapot Dome Oil Scandal. "Why, that \$#@\$\frac{1}{4}\times!" he screamed. "Ran down my car, did he? It's a family heirloom—been in the family since the last war with Spain. We'll fix him!"

"I'll show you city slickers ye can't put nothin' over on us!" cackled Judge Whitetrash. "What have ye got to

say for yerself?"

Claus expanded his chest and off snapped three buttons on his belly. "Ladiess and gen'men," mumbled bewhiskered, cherry-nosed Claus (See Time, April 19, 1776), "it ish 'xtreme pleasure to b'able to tell yoush that I 'preshiate the dinner and shigarsh. Drop 'round Nor' Pole shometime. Be glad to have you if wife's folksh shtay 'way long 'nough. Whoopee!"

(News Item, Society Page, Capital Times, Dec. 30)

S. Claus, North Pole, Wis., is a week-end guest at the Phi Pho Phum phraternity house.

(From The Gypsy, Wisconsin State Journal, Jan. 4)

The deadness on Langdon Street has been broken by the crashing of bottles at Phi Pho Phum fraternity. Students who have remained over Christmas say that some high old times have taken place since the arrival of one S. Claus, a guest at the house.

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## HAVE YOU GOT YOUR FEE CARD?

OR

#### CHRISTMAS AT THE UNION

#### By ALDRIC REVELL

The snow was falling softly as I made my way down Langdon Street. I knew it was Christmas time, not only because everything was white, but because for the past two weeks people had been calling me up asking whether I wanted to take the bus home? Was I leaving by car? Was I leaving by train? How was my cold? Was that me lying in the gutter on Park Street? Did I want some good stuff cheap? And who the hell did I think I was?

Along the side walks the fraternities had shoveled out the snow in huge drifts together with the installment men and bad telephone numbers. In the Tri-Delt house the windows were lit up on the top floor while the girls were lit up downstairs in the parlour. Near the bend in the street I ran into Marberry F. Quam, my old bench-mate from Franklin Park, Grand Rapids.

"Hello, Marberry," I said, "what are you doing around here?"

"Looking in ashcans," he replied.
"I've found an old pair of goloshes.
I already have an old pair of goloshes.
That makes two pairs of old goloshes."

"Right you are," I answered doing some quick mathematics. "But what do you expect to do with them?"

"Maybe I could swap one pair for a book on agronomy," Marberry declared, "then I could enter the short course in agriculture."

"You've had enough to drink already, Marberry, better come with me to the party at the Memorial Union. It's free."

Festivities were in full swing, as they say on the society staff of the Cardinal. In the center of the lounge was a huge Christmas tree with the lights from all the rest rooms on it.

Under the tree, sitting on a high stool with a pen in back of his ear, sat a high collared individual with a card attached to him. We walked over and read the inscription—"With the best wishes for a merry Christmas and a lower price level, the Daily Cardinal presents this C. P. A. to the Memorial Union in token of its extreme unction."

We walked along the lounge watching the couples sitting in each other's laps. "That," I said to Marberry, "is an old Wisconsin custom. So many people use this place that if they did not sit in each other's laps there would be no room. Besides, the fellows are all teaching the girls how to pronounce French the way it should be spoken."

The halls were filled with people, and we could hardly move. "Marberry," I declared, "do you know who all these people are?"

"No," he said, "but they look hungry."

"They are the fellows that have been laid off."

Just then there was a noise of sirens outside and four armored cars drove up. "Holly Christmas," Marberry shouted excitedly, "we've be en pinched."

"Quam yourself, Marberry, that's only the salaries of the Union officials arriving. They get paid today."

Two figures clad in mysterious black passed swiftly through the hall and disappeared around the corner.

Before we could comment on these apparitions, a large, fleshy Santa Claus appeared from behind the Union desk. "What's the matter with his beard?" Marberry asked.

"It's been cut," I replied, "along with everything else around here."

"Who is Santa Claus for the Union anyway?" Marberry whispered.

"Shh," I declared, "it's a secret. Don't say a word but it's the Board of Regents. He only dresses up like Santa Claus at Christmas, but he keeps his munificent role throughout the year."

A group of students came running up the stairs and rushed over to Porter Butts. "It's Christmas," they yelled, "what do we get for our ten bucks a year?"

"Have a drink," he said. "I have to see the committee appointed by

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#### LIBERAL SERENADE

Bombsky, knifesky, clubovitch and riot. Pamphlets, handbills—come along and try it. Peace, by God, if we have to kill to do it. Dagger in the back—who's the dirty bum that threw it? Picket, soap-box—cheese it, there's a copper! Meeting in the alley, let the devil try to stop 'er. Dead cat, brick bat, down with law and quiet! Bombsky, knifesky, clubovitch and riot.

-Widow

First ditch-digger: Help! Help! Quick!

Second ditto: What da mat'?

First d.-d.: Tony, he stuck in da mud.

Second d.-d.: How far in? First d.-d.: Up to da knees.

Second d.-d.: Aw, let 'im walk out.

First d.-d.: He no can do; he's in upside-a down!

-Tiger

Jack: Do you know I saw the bed that Hoover slept

Jill: How could you recognize it?

Jack: It had a big depression in the middle of it.

The astronomy professor was lecturing.

"I predict the end of the world in fifty million years."

"How many?" cried a frightened voice from the rear.

"Fifty million years."

"Oh," said the voice with a deep sigh of relief, "I thought you said fifteen million."

-Rammer Jammer

"So that girl whom you had at the dance was untrue to you?"

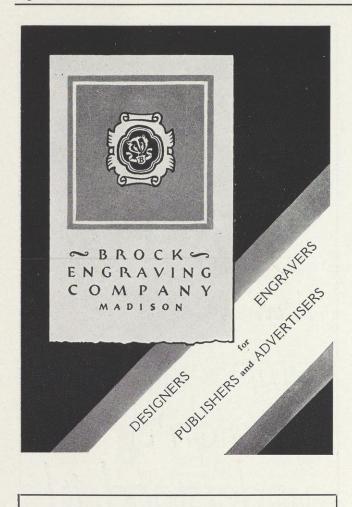
Yeh, she went home with the fellow who brought her."

-Exchange



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First cop: We ain't had nobody bumped off for two week. Dis depression!

Second cop: Shure, and do yer remember a year agowhen they put five of them on the spot?

First cop: You mean when dey took Two-Barrel Joe for a ride?

Second cop: 'Twas the verra same time they rubbed out Bull-Face Bill.

(Telephone rings. The first cop answers it.) Voice over phone: Hello, flatfeet. This is Smith of the East Side gang. I just killed a man . . .

#### Today's Good Deed

Dean (to Frosh): Do you know who I am? Frosh: No, I don't; but if you can remember your address I'll take you home.

-Tiger

A drunk fell into the police station and confessed that he had pushed his wife out of a ten-story window.

"Did you kill her?" asked the sergeant.

"I don't think sho. Thash why I wanna be locked up." -Sour Owl

He was rather shy, and after she had thrown her arms: around him for bringing her a bouquet, he stood up and started to leave.

"I'm sorry if I've offended you," she said.

"No offence," he replied. "I'm going for more flowers!" -Red Cat

> And there's the happy bounding flea-You cannot tell the he from she. The sexes look alike you see; But she can tell, and so can he!

-Battalion:

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They also say that Claus is considering a university career. He will support himself by selling A (B C books) to freshmen. If he enrolls, he will be the oldest student at the university.

(From The Daily Cardinal Society Page, Feb. 8)
Phi Pho Phum announces the pledging of S. Claus, '37,
North Pole, Wis.

(From The Daily Cardinal, Feb. 9)

"The oldest student enrolled in the university is S. Claus '37, of North Pole, Wis., who is 89 years old," announced Frank O. Holt, registrar, at exactly 11:06 p.m. last night.

Claus is registered in the College of Letters and Science and at the U. S. Post Office at Madison, Wis., under the federal Postage-Stamp Licking Act of 1879. He is majoring in Sanskrit, and is mistaking it for Greek in case he doesn't know it.

"I washn't to any classesh yet," said Claus, "but shtill I learned lotta thingsh in Madison I never knew before. Whoopee!"

(From Connie Co-ed, Daily Cardinal, Feb. 10)

"Sandy" Claus, Phi Pho Phum playboy, is busy these days making eight o'clocks. We saw him being poured out of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Phi Beta house at 4 a.m. last night.

As far as we could make out, he said that the Phi Pho Phum house is "the nertsh", because he's seen only five fellows around, giving him "lotta privashy". The only trouble he can find is that he didn't know that second mortgages and grocery bills were included in the pledge dues.

#### (From The Daily Cardinal, March 18)

Santa Claus '37, passed out and away last night from overnourished stomach ulcers. He was a member of Phi Pho Phum fraternity. His home is in North Pole, Wis.

Members of Phi Pho Phum (both of them) will be the pallbearers. They are Ichabod Iskowitz '35, and Isiah Iskowitz '33. They will be aided by the alumni: Ignatz Iskowitz sr. '41, Ignatz Iskowitz jr. '68, Ignatz Iskowitz III '95, and Ignatz Iskowitz IV '23.

Pledge Ivan Iskowitz '36, is in charge of decorations and complimentary tickets. Pledge Ipswich Iskowitz will take care of orchestra arrangements, Grand March, Rainy April, Balmy May, and Romantic June.

(the end)

Cop: Madam, didn't you see me hold up my hand?

Lady Driver: I did not.

Cop: Didn't you hear me blow my whistle?

Lady Driver: I didn't.

Cop: Well, I guess I might as well go home. I don't seem to be doing much good here.

-Tiger



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the committee of the committee of the Union to see whether you're entitled to anything else.

He turned around and with a scream rushed up the hall and into his office. We turned around to see what caused his fright, and saw the two black clad figures disappearing behind a davenport.

"Marberry," I declared, "I know who they are. They're Union investigators from the Daily Cardinal."

A crowd had collected at one end of the hall and we walked over to see what was going on. A photographer was taking a picture of a young man who proudly held the elevator open. "What's it all about?" I inquired of a stranger.

"I don't know," he said, "I'm a Union official."

A man next to me supplied the information. "It's a photographer from the town papers. The fellow's whose picture is being taken is the first one in the history of the building to get the elevator when he wanted it."

"Marberry," I said, "let's go outside. It might be cold, but at least it's comfortable."

(the end)

A droll tale is told about the deaf and dumb man who had a nightmare and broke his knuckles on a bedpost, screaming.

-Lampoon

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stairs!" when a man came running down stairs, to take a bow! Then he introduced himself, saying that he was Upstairs. The following interesting conversation ensued:

"Upstairs, are you?" scoffed Cousin

Griswold.

"Yes, I'm Upstairs," said the man, smilingly.

"Listen here!" said Cousin Griswold, "all of us just saw you come downstairs! What's the idea of telling us you're upstairs?"

"You don't understand," explained the man, beginning to look unhappy. "I'm downstairs, but my NAME is Upstairs!"

"His name is upstairs, but he's downstairs," said Cousin Ichabod to Cousin Griswold.

"Well," said Cousin Griswold, who was fairly full of Christmas cheer at the time, "what good's his name doing upstairs? Why doesn't he bring it downstairs, where we can ALL look at it!"

The man began to rock back and forth, moaning slightly. "My name is right here with me," he said in

pleading tones. "Right here with me. It's not upstairs, my name is downstairs, I—"

"You mean it's here?" asked Cousin Griswold.

"Right here, my name is right here!" replied the man, beginning to scream.

Cousin Griswold turned to Cousin Agatha. "His name is Righthere," he announced triumphantly. "We're glad to meet you, Mr. Righthere!" he added kindly.

"No, no, no!" bellowed the man. "It isn't Righthere! It's Upstairs, my name is Upstairs! I mean, it's right here, but it's Upstairs! I—it's downstairs here, but it's Upstairs all the time! Oh, I'm going mad, I'm going mad! I'M UPSTAIRS! I'M UPSTAIRS!"

"Crazy as a bedbug!" said Cousin Griswold. "Still insists he's upstairs, when he's downstairs!"

"I wonder what his name really was," said Cousin Griswold, peering after him.

"My goodness!" exclaimed Cousin Agatha, looking worried. "You don't suppose that could have been Santa Claus?" (I must explain here that Cousin Agatha is in her second childhood, but no longer teething.)

"Of course not," explained Cousin Ichabod indulgently, "Of course not." "Of course not," repeated Cousin

"Of course not," repeated Cousin Griswold. "It couldn't have been Santa Claus. Santa *never* comes downstairs! He's always upstairs."

downstairs! He's always upstairs."
"What?" asked Cousin Agatha,
who is slightly deaf.

"I said," shouted Cousin Griswold, "that it wasn't Santa!"

"Oh!" said Cousin Agatha. "Why not?"

"Because Santa is never downstairs, when people are around!" yelled Cousin Griswold. "Santa Claus is UPSTAIRS!" he roared.

"By the way," asked Aunt Minnie, coming in at this moment. "Have any of you seen my friend, Mr. Upstairs, around?"

I will never forget those old fashioned Christmases at Aunt Minnie's! In that sort of atmosphere, that the literati used to be so fond of, you could make a gag, like the Upstairs one, last for pages and pages at a dollar a paragraph.

(the end)

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"And what do you do when you hear the fire alarm, my good man?"

"Oh, I jest get up an' feel the wall, an' if it ain't hot I go back to bed."

Spokesman: We are Kappa Sigs and honest men. Judge: Fine; the Kappa Sigs line up over on this side and honest men on the other side."

-Puppet

Frosh: How come you say Zoology and Law are good Physical Ed. courses?

Soph: Just carry a few of the texts around.

-Wampus

The members of a certain fraternity were "putting the buzz" on their cook for some pies he had made.

"Pie?" asked the cook. "Why, I made pies before you were born."

"I know, but why feed 'em to us?"

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