



A yuletide treasure from Copresco...

Yes, Virginia, We Believe There Is a Santa Claus

Yes, Virginia is a yuletide tradition that has been featured on Copresco's website since 1994.

This holiday season, we thought it appropriate to tell you more about this famous editorial that first appeared in the *New York Sun* on September 21, 1897.



The classic of American Christmas lore was written by Francis P. Church and carried the heading: "Is There A Santa Claus?" Following is the text of this famous piece:

"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, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of 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 and give to our life its highest beauty and joy.



"Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

"There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and 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

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Dear Editor—

I am eight 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 O'Hanlon

might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you 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's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.



"You may 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 lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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Happy Holidays

We wish you a most happy holiday season and look forward to sharing a prosperous 2018 with you.

Our Holiday Plans

Copresco will be closed on Monday, December 25 for Christmas and on Monday, January 1 for the New Year's Day holiday.

We may leave a little early on Friday, December 22.



As a little boy climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The



child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my text?"



A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a babysitter."



The stores are putting up holiday decorations earlier and earlier. I went up to one display tree to see how they had flocked it, and discovered it was just dust.



Q: How come you never hear anything about the 10th reindeer, "Olive"?

A: You know, "Olive the other reindeer. The one that used to laugh and call him names."

I heard of a guy who shoplifted an Advent calendar. He got 24 days.



Q: Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer?

A: Because every buck is dear to him.



A salesman strode into the office with a cocky grin. "Boy, I made some great new year's contacts today." A co-worker looked up from her desk and said, "So, you didn't get any orders either, huh?"



Thanks for the harmonica you gave me for Christmas," Jimmy said to his uncle. "It's the best present I ever got." "That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?" "Oh, I don't play



it," said Jimmy. "Mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and Dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night.

Q: What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

A: Claustrophobic.



Actual want ad: Snowblower for sale. Only used on snowy days.



The pastor of a small church was having holiday tea with one of his elderly members. "Since you're getting on in years," he said, "you should be thinking about the hereafter." "I do all the time," she replied. "Wherever I am—the kitchen, the laundry, the living room—I ask myself, now what is it I'm here after?"



Q: Why did the elf push his bed into the fireplace?

A: He wanted to sleep like a log.





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