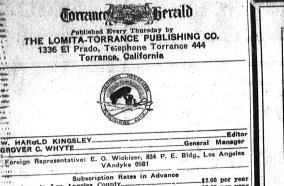
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Torrance, Calif., Dec. 20, 1928.

TORRANCE HERALD, Dear Sirs:

On Christmas day of last year, there was printed in a Los Angeles newspaper an article entitled, "Is There a Santa Claus?" This beautiful expression of Santa Claus so impressed me that I saved it and am send-ing it to you with the request that you publish it so that all the boys and girls in this district may enjoy it as much as my family and I

Sincerely, J. W. POST, President,

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TORRANCE.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

(From the New York Sun; September 21, 1897)

E take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of THE SUN.

"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?

115 West Minety-Fifth Street." Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical 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 in-telligence 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 high-est 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 child-like faith then no poetry, no romance, to like faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

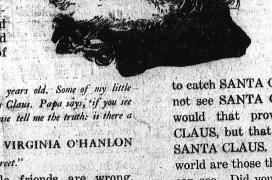
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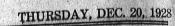
Not believe in SANTA CLAUS! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve

to catch SANTA CLAUS, but even if they 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 unseenable 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 the world there is nothing else real and abiding. NO SANTA CLAUS! Thank God he lives; and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

In 1897, when Charles A. Dana was Editor of The New York Sun, a letter was received from a little girl named Virginia O'Hanlon which asked Mr. Dana as to the question. 'Is there a Santa Claus?'' The reply, here printed, was published in the New York Sun, September, 21, 1897, and has come down through the years to represent a classic.





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