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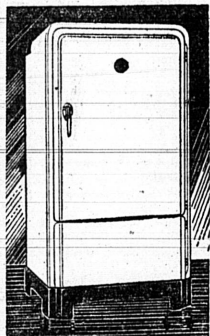
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## IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?



One blustery November day in 1897 a strange little letter came to the editorial desk of the New York Sun. It was from a little girl who was greatly troubled because her playmates had tried to shake her faith in Santa Claus and who wanted the question of whether or not there was such a person settled for once and all.

The editorial reply to that letter has become a newspaper classic. No other newspaper article has been reprinted so many times and in so many different places as "Is There a Santa Claus?" The Herald well knows that many of its friends have read it before. But this week there came the annual request: "Will you please print that letter to the little girl answering her fears about the existence of Santa Claus?"

Will we? No power on earth can stop us! So here's to all the little Virginia O'Hanlons in Torrance—may they realize more than ever this coming Yuletide that there IS a Santa Claus!

### Printer Unable to Read or Write But He's Paper's Chief Typesetter

TENTERVILLE, Miss. This little town with its weekly newspaper boasts a 23-year-old printer who can neither read nor write. To say that Joe Lee, a Negro, cannot read may be putting it a little strongly, for he can recognize two words—Centerville and Mississippi.

At writing he's a complete failure, but he can take a case of printers' type and "set" anything from sulfanilamide to antitranstributionalism. He just goes by the shape of the letters, and he's proficient enough to be the chief typesetter of the Centerville Jeffersonian Weekly.

It was five years ago that Joe said he sat down before a case of type and learned where the various characters were

kept. Now, he "reads" his copy by the shape of each character. He gets in a little trouble sometime in hyphenating words—words that have to be divided at the end of a line. Then he relies on the judgment of his boss, Mrs. Charles G. Grubb, who with her husband publishes the Jeffersonian.

Paradoxically, Joe has no formal education, because a doctor advised his mother to take him from grade school because his eyes were bad. Now he sits with his face 26 inches from a type cabinet and has no trouble distinguishing letters.

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(New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus promptly 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?"  
Virginia O'Hanlon,  
115 West 91st Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what 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.

Most Real Things Invisible

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 your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be like a 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 the 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 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 there's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in this world.

You 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 subliminal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real. As, Virginia, in all this 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.

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## Plant to Roll Red-Hot Steel Ribbon At Rate of 2,121 Feet Per Minute

CLEVELAND (U.P.)—A red-hot ribbon of metal soon will start rolling through the Republic Steel Corporation's giant new continuous strip mill here—largest and fastest of its type in the world.

Twenty-five hundred men have toiled in the grimy Cuyahoga river valley since spring building the \$15,000,000 plant, capable of turning out the widest strip of steel produced—98-inch material.

The hot and cold strip mills are built in two units, consisting of a total of nine buildings. One group is 1,800 feet long and 315 feet wide, the other 900 feet long and 350 feet wide.

Two Pickling Lines  
The hot mill will roll a strip of steel 98 inches wide at a speed of 2,121 feet per minute and will have a capacity of 60,000 to 70,000 tons of steel per month. It will be fed from three heating furnaces capable of heating 50 tons of steel slabs per hour.

In the cold mills will be two

lines of continuous pickling vats; annealing furnace equipment; one three-stand tandem cold mill; two single stand finishing mills; high speed cutting units, flatteners and uncoilers.

The cold mill will be fed from the hot mill and will have a capacity of 25,000 tons a month to be expended in increasing business warrants.

Steel for Homes  
In announcing plans for the construction of the new mills, Tom M. Girdler, chairman of Republic's board, explained that it was the greatly increased demand for strip steel that made the continuous mill desirable.

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