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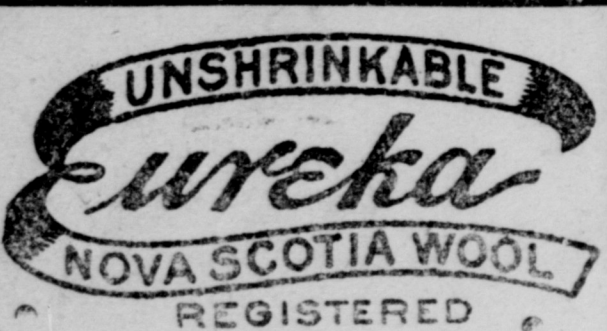
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SANTA CLAUS IN THE CITY

By JAMES A. EDGERTON

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IN days of yore old Santa Claus
Had a delightful time.
The chimneys all were big and wide
Through which he had to climb.
But nowadays our modern ways
Afford him little ease.
When he climbs through our skimpy flues
He has an awful squeeze.

They say he has an ample form.
With girth profound and vast,
And first thing anybody knows
Some day he'll get stuck fast.
But this is not the worst of it,
For how can Santa crawl
Into a modern city flat
That has no flues at all?



His bursting pack upon his back,
He clambers up the walls.
Climbs ladders like a steeplejack,
To make his midnight calls.
And once some city children saw
A roly poly shape
On Christmas eve go past their flat
Upon the fire escape.

With buildings twenty stories high
And flats on every floor,
More girls and boys who want more toys
Than ever were before.
The way poor Santa Claus is worked
Is certainly a shame,
But he is such a good old sport
He never quits the game.

If buildings should grow taller yet
And still more girls and boys
Keep being born, each one to get
A longer list of toys,
I do not know how Santa Claus
Can visit such a mob.
But, I'll be bound, he will be found,
As always, on the job.

CHALLENGE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The spirit in which the Opposition enters upon the debate on the navy bill was indicated when, late this afternoon, Hon. George P. Graham, amid loud Liberal cheers, addressed the following challenge to the Government:—"I would like hon. gentlemen who form the Government to bring in a redistribution bill and let us

put it through, and let us go to the country. If it is fair at all we will assist you in putting it through and we will go to the country. Let the people decide as to this naval bill." (Liberal cheers.) Major Currie—A gambler's chance.

As a vernicee there is nothing so potent as Mother Graves, Worm Exterminator, and it can be given to the most delicate child without fear of injury to the constitution.

The Star of Bethlehem

THE story of the star of Bethlehem has ever been a favorite one with painters and poets and has been a subject of serious study by theologians and scientists. Many astronomers have asserted that the heavenly visitant was a comet and have even sought to identify it with some of the comets now known. Churchmen, on the other hand, have combated these attempts to ascribe a natural cause to the phenomenon and have contended that the gospel text shows the star to have been sent by a miracle to guide the wise men to the Christ Child. One of the favorite theories in the early days of the church was that a luminous angel shining like a star led the magi on their way. Another explanation was that the Holy Ghost took the form of a star, as he afterward did that of a dove at the time of the baptism of Jesus by John.

The beautiful tale of the star of Bethlehem is contained in the second chapter of Matthew:

"Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in Judea, in the days of Herod, the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

"Saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him."

Herod is troubled on hearing this and calls in his chief priests and scribes to learn where Christ should be born. They told him in Bethlehem. The account goes on:

"Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared."

"And he sent them into Bethlehem and said, Go and search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

"When they had heard the king they departed, and, lo, the star which they had seen in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was."

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

They did not return to Herod, however, being warned in a dream.

Another story of the Nativity that has made an equal appeal to artists is that of the shepherds. This occurs in the second chapter of Luke:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

MR. BORDEN'S LAST CHANCE

(From the Regina Leader)
Macdonald remains today, as surely as it was before Mr. Rogers' bluff and bluster speech of last week, one of the most unsavory incidents that ever marred the pages of Canadian politics. It is an incident that Premier Borden cannot ignore. The man chiefly responsible for the crimes committed in order to win Macdonald for the Conservative Party, is the Premier's right hand man in the Federal Cabinet and as the direct result of those crimes Mr. Morrison sits in the House of Commons today as a supporter of Mr. Borden. The Premier must do one of two things; he must either accept full responsibility for the prostitution of justice which took place in Macdonald or he must repudiate the methods that were resorted to and the minister at whose instigation these methods were resorted to, viz., Hon. Robert Rogers.

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The comic opera, Capt. Bing, which made such a hit when it was put on here in Sept. is to be repeated on New Year's night, at Hayde-Gibson theatre. It will be a purely local cast, with all the old favorites and several new ones. The opera is put on at the request of a very large number of citizens and every effort will be made to put on a performance that will be creditable alike to the performers and the

Almost continual discharges of dynamite a few miles distant, speak in thundering tones these days, announcing in no uncertain language, that the St. John and Quebec railroad is coming. Carvell Bros. of Lakeville have a contract for three miles, between their home and Centreville.