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The Origin Of The Legend Of St. Nicholas

The Patron Saint of Russia—His Patronship is More Extensive than that of Any Other Saint- The Story of His Generous Deeds

Nicholas, the son of Epiphenius and Jonna, was born about the year 300 at Patara, a city in the province of Lycia, in Asia Minor. What St. George is to knighthood Saint Nicholas is to the poor. He is called in Russia, of which country he is patron, the Little Father Nicholas. In Italy, where his remains are supposed to lie at Baria, he is called San Nicolo, or San Nicola; he is patron of the coast. In England, and in France and in Germany he is held a great saint, and from the last country comes the name we know him by most familiarly—Santa Claus. As Santa Claus he has been secularised by us in Father Christmas; and Father Christmas with his white beard and venerable garments, is one and the same person with Saint Nicholas, the young, brown and beardless Bishop of Myra.

His patronship is more extensive than that of any other saint, for he is the protector of children, young poor girls, merchants, scholars, and particularly of sailors. His emblems are three golden balls which are seen on many shields by him on old stained glass, three purses on a book, an anchor, a ship, and a tub containing three children.

Now when Nicholas was still a youth his father died, and he was left in possession of great riches. He heard that a certain knight had come upon evil days, and, having no money, was debating sending his three daughters to beg along the highway that they might get for themselves and for him. Nicholas started out one night with a purse of gold in his hand, and coming privily to the knight's house, he looked through the window. There sat his daughters' beds; and they were asleep all unconscious of their miserable fate. Nicholas dropped his purse in through the window.

Again he came another night (hearing that the knight had dowried his eldest child), and put in a second purse. And he did it a third time; but this time the father was on the look out for his benefactor, and called upon him to stop and receive his great thanks. So Nicholas did this, and many other works of charity in his city and in other places, and his fame grew and has lived after him.

In memory of this there grew up a custom in Christian countries of giving presents in secret on the Vigil of Saint Nicholas. In Italy it was called the Zopata, which means, in Spanish, a shoe, because the gifts were put into shoes, to surprise people when they should put them on in the morning. In many French convents the boarders used to place each her silk stocking at the door of the room of the Mother Abbess, recommending themselves at the same time to Saint Nicholas. And in Germany a boy dressed as a bishop would go round in vestments and mitre and fill the stockings hung up.

This solemnity of the Boy Bishop came to be kept here with much care and ceremony on the feast of Saint Nicholas, to commemorate his youth and his patronage of children. In Salisbury Cathedral there is, or was, a monument of one of these Boy Bishops who died during his term of office. The same custom was observed in Spain, and in Switzerland until the end of the eighteenth century. At one place in England, the convent of Godstone, in Oxfordshire, public prayers were said by a little girl dressed as an abbess.

The custom stopped here first by Henery VIII, and afterwards by Queen Elizabeth, was, in a different form, carried on by the Dutch in America, and became in the end the secularised ceremony we still use here of Santa Claus, a person dressed in Dutch or German winter clothes of the sixteenth century.

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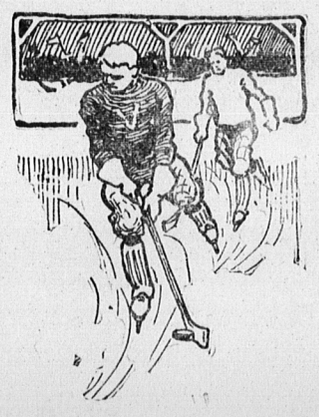

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