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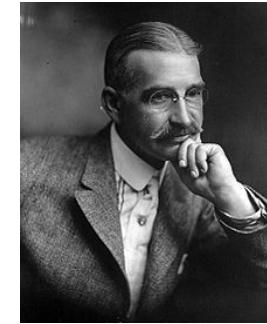
### A Kidnapped Santa Claus

L. Frank Baum

**A Kidnapped Santa Claus** is a short story first published in the December **1904** issue of *The Delineator* by American writer **L. Frank Baum** (1856-1919), best known for his children's novel ***The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*** (1900).

*A Kidnapped Santa Claus* followed ***The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*** (1902) by two years and plunges the reader into the same fairy setting of the **Laughing Valley** on the border of the **Forest of Burzee**.

This time, though, other than **fairies, ryls, knooks** and **pixies**, Santa meets five **daemons** who envy the love children bear him, and thus endeavor to undermine it by tempting Santa to take to their own vices (**selfishness, hatred, malice** and **envy**). As soon as Santa refuses to do so, they kidnap him with a view to destroying Christmas...



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