CHRISTMAS TRIVIA (answers on page 2)

**Christmas trivia question # 1:** What popular children’s cracker today was introduced in 1902 as a Christmas ornament?

**Christmas trivia question # 2:** In 1939 Robert May created this Christmas figure as a Christmas promotion for Montgomery Ward department store in Chicago.

**Christmas trivia question # 3:** In the 1920’s what world-wide beverage company adopted the Santa Claus figure for a winter advertising promotion?

**Christmas trivia question # 4:** Who was the United States’ first ambassador to Mexico?

**Christmas trivia question # 5:** What popular Christmas candy today had its debut and was given out by a choirmaster in 1670 to quiet the noisy children?

**Christmas trivia question # 6:** What best-selling song did Gene Autry record in 1951?

**Christmas trivia question # 7:** What American President barred the Christmas tree from being displayed in the White House?

**Christmas trivia question # 8:** In which years were the first machine-printed Christmas cards offered in a United States Variety Store?

**Christmas trivia question # 9:** In what year did Coca-Cola hire Haddon Sundblom to illustrate Santa Claus dressed in the red Santa Claus suit and Santa Claus hat trimmed in white fur that helped standardize the image of the gift-bringer in the eyes of America?

**Christmas trivia question # 10:** The politicians, women’s groups, and seniors’ organizations protested this Christmas song written in 1979 and popularized by Elmo and Patsy. “Crying up the lum ” is how some Scottish children tell Santa Claus their Christmas gift wishes. What is “crying up the lum “?

**Christmas trivia question # 11:** The Nutcracker phenomenon started as a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann in what year?

**Christmas trivia question # 12:** To determine who opens the first Christmas gift, what kind of glass Christmas ornament has to be found first on the Christmas tree?

**Christmas trivia question # 13:** What are the names of Santa Claus’s eight reindeer as named in Clement Moore’s poem “The Night Before Christmas”?

**Christmas trivia question # 14:** American’s concern over the separation of church and state resulted in a number of court challenges. What was the “ruling name” of the United States Supreme Court decision?
ANSWERS:

1. The Barnum’s Animal Cracker and box was introduced by the National Biscuit Company. The box, as it does today, had a string designed so that the box could be hung as a Christmas ornament.

2. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

3. The Coca-Cola company used Santa Claus to promote the idea that a soft drink was a winter beverage as well as a summer beverage.

4. Joel Poinsett, the developer of the popular Christmas Poinsettia flower

5. The candy cane

6. Frosty the Snowman

7. The environmentalist President Teddy Roosevelt

8. In the 1850s Pease’s Great Varity Store in Albany sold the first machine-printed Christmas cards.

9. Haddon Sunblom was hired to illustrate Santa Claus in 1931 and drew Santa Claus illustrations until 1964.

10. Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.

11. They simply stick their heads up the chimney and shout out their Christmas desires.

12. The Nutcracker began in 1816.

13. The glass pickle ornament


15. The “Reindeer Rule” decided that the presence of secular elements such as Santa Claus, elves, and the reindeer had diluted the religious content sufficiently.