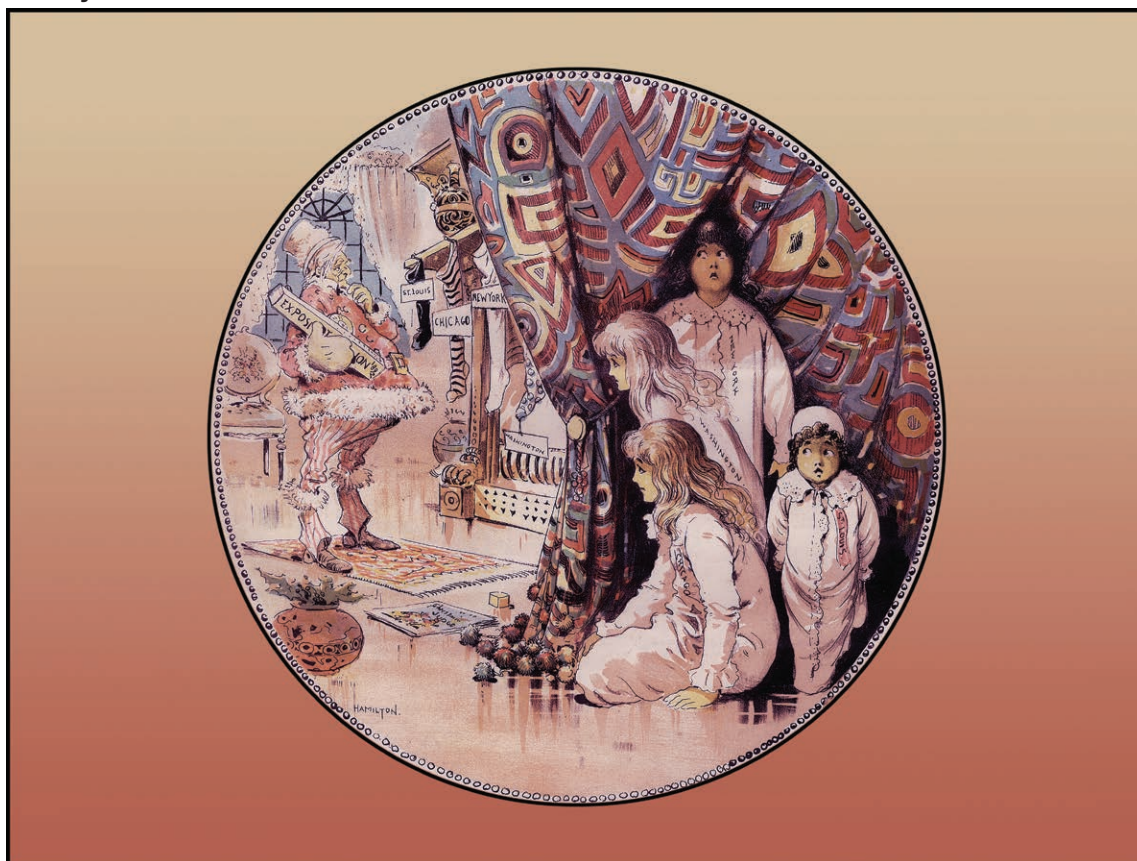


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Christmas Suspense about Hosting the Columbian Exposition...and, Indirectly, the “Post-Graduate School of Anaesthesia”



Hiding from Santa Claus behind the curtain, four children populate a circular illustration that is suspended like a Christmas tree ornament on the cover of the December 28, 1889, issue of *Judge*, a weekly magazine of political satire. Dangling from the fireplace mantle are four Christmas stockings labeled with the names of St. Louis, Chicago, New York, and Washington—each a city hoping that Santa would fill that city's stocking with the job of hosting the Columbian Exposition. Signed “[Grant E.] Hamilton” by its political cartoonist, the illustration was captioned: “SUSPENSE! Which one will get the fair?” Eventually, Chicago won the bid for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. Once the Exposition was underway, Chicago's “Post-Graduate School of Anaesthesia” would hold classes weekday mornings but leave afternoons available for the postgraduate physicians and dentists to attend the world's fair. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists' Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology.)

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