

THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT

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own way, are disobedient and get angry. How wretched little boys and girls make themselves by getting ugly and crying and how they disturb the neighbors and annoy their parents.

POETRY

Sir Smile-Ups' Visit to the Grump-a-Grump. By Thistle De Winks. The Grump-a-Grump sat on the Grump-a-Lamp.

"Can't escape!" said the Grump, "this prison, you know, and that's where I'm likely more grumpy to grow."

"Poo! poo!" cried Sir Smile-Ups, "You don't have to live in this prison all day!"

The Grump-a-Grump blubbered and sobbed in his woe: "But never, oh never to Smile-Ups could grow!"

"My elbows are out and I've nothing to wear. The robins have pulled out the most of my hair; I'm sorry, I'm sore; and you tell me to smile."

The Grump-a-Grump gazed at Sir Smile-Ups awhile. "Until in his stomach he felt a small smile; He laid back his ears, wagged his nose, Gave a big stretch and up he arose!"

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sarah Becker, of Fitchville—I received the prize book and thank you very much. I have read some of it and it is very interesting. I am very glad my story, 'The Hunter's Escape,' met with your approval.

THE WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS

- Richard Tobin, Jr., of Norwich—The Boys of Columbia High. Michael J. Burns, of Fitchville—The Boys of Columbia High on the Gridiron.

UNCLE JED'S TALK TO THE WIDE AWAKES

"What boys and girls make the happiest men and women think you? Not the ones who like to have their mother scold them."

THE EMPTY BAG

It had snowed all the day before Christmas, but with the rising of the moon it had cleared and now it was a snappy bright night.

In one of the most fashionable churches in New York, sounds of merry Christmas music were heard for there had the weather else gathered to make merry their Christmas.

Here they waited and watched until he did come, but alas! how sad their hearts were when he showed them the bag.

It is the little willing workers who gain the good will of others and it is the good intentions they are capable of making upon others which will open the way to employment that pays, or offer opportunities which make life always prosperous with them.

It is easy for fault-finding and disagreeable people to make bad impressions on people and bad impressions are a curse to progress.

It is just as easy to acquire the good habit of being sweet and agreeable as it is to form the habit of being cross and saucy and making employers unwilling to have you around.

Some of you quite likely are disappointed at times because you do not get as good a job as you are capable of. This is an injustice to a goose to use his name in this way.

Where others sulk learn to smile, and where others shirk be prompt to act. This is the way to show you are a true-blue Wide-Awake and you'll surely be a winner.

STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE AWAKES

Seeing British Soldiers Off to War

August 17th and 18th Cork City was full of soldiers, some of them were in the longest lines they had ever seen.

August 19th we saw three transport ships leaving Cork. August 20th I saw many transport ships were filled with soldiers and horses, ammunition and guns and war supplies.

When we arrived at Queenstown we found it was difficult to secure a room in any hotel, as they were filled with soldiers and Americans.

We were told that five dollars will keep one patient suffering with tuberculosis for one week.

In these sanatoriums they can have every comfort to make them well and strong.

The doctors and nurses are kind to the patients, and societies give entertainments and bring flowers to cheer those stricken with the dread disease.

We school children are trying to raise a fund to help the poor sufferers by buying the Red Cross stamps.

The stamps are pretty, with good old Santa Claus picture, and a Christmas wish, and I think every package ought to have one.

Duke was a large black and white dog. He had long silky ears and large bright eyes. When he was a pup he was so full of mischief that his mistress used to say:

"We really shall have to send Duke away; we cannot have any peace of our lives while he stays here."

But somehow Duke was never sent off. Even though thought too much of him. Every time, although she scolded him, would have been sorry to have him go.

Duke was very fond of a little yellow kitten, and the kitten was fond of him. Although Duke teased the kitten he was very careful not to hurt it, and they had some lively times together.

They used to play hide and seek together. The kitten would run under an ottoman which came so close to the floor that there was just room for her to get under. Duke would lie down and put his head close to the floor. The kitten would stick out its yellow paw and Duke would try to catch it. After a while the kitten would run out, and they would play up and down the walks.

Sometimes the kitten would run under the porch and put its paw up through a hole in the floor. Duke would come and put his paw on it. Then the kitten would put its head up. Duke would take its head in his big mouth, pull it without telling his mother good night.

The next morning he was ashamed when his mother asked him about Mrs. White.

He went there that morning and found her very ill. He had no fire or food. He told all the boys at school they formed a club and helped her. He liked the boys and was always happy.

Once there was a beautiful lady whose name was Cornelia. She had two sons.

One day a lady came to visit her. She had some jewels with her and showed them to Cornelia. Then she said, "Where are your jewels?" Just then the two boys came in and great-great their mother. She put her arms about them and said:

"Here are my jewels! There are none so precious in all the world!"

Yantic. How He Celebrated Thanksgiving. Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to tell you about my Thanksgiving.

The day following our school closed with a few exercises. We had two little plays. Some of the children were dressed as Indians and Puritans. One boy was dressed as a woman, as there were not girls enough.

We had a real old wooden cradle, a candle, plates and bowls and arrows. There were nine visitors.

On Thanksgiving day I went to Hartford. So one morning she asked me to visit my uncle and aunt. It was muddy some of the way, so we had to go to all Lott's, because she wouldn't be better; but that she could have her Christmas later.

Lottie thought this would be a long time to wait, but she thought she would like to make somebody else happy by giving them the presents she would get. So when her mother came to see her she told her the plan and

My Choice

If I could go to South America to live I would go to Argentina because it is the most progressive country in South America and because it is not hot there, as is the case in most of the other South American countries.

It has a good government and therefore there are good roads which would make it more easy for me to get my products to the cities.

There are many industries in the cities, so the things would not cost so much as would be the case if the things had to be imported.

There are many railroads, so traveling would be easy.

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FRESH FISH SPECIAL, FOR FOUR DAY AND FIVE DAY

Table with 3 columns: Fish Name, Price, and Quantity. Includes items like Live Haddock, Flounders, Butterfish, Fresh Mackerel, Long and Round Clams, Halibut Steak, Salmon Steak, Codfish Steak, Solid Meat Oysters.

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SINGULARITIES

Chinese tea bricks, now chiefly sold in Tibet, consist of hard blocks of tea leaf and crushed twigs mixed with a strong extract of the boiled leaves.

Propellers of aeroplanes such as are used in the present European war may be made of selected ash, which is both strong and light, and will not split under vibration or shock, or of built-up layers of spruce with mahogany centers.

South Dakota people utilize their automobiles as prairie dog exterminators. They destroy the animal by conducting the exhaust from their engines into the burrow, using a bit of hose for the purpose.

The Uinta mountains of Utah, included within the Wasatch, Uinta, and Ashley national forests, should become a favorite recreation region, because of the many small lakes within the depressions scooped out by glacial drifts.

Fred has tried at least half a dozen different things, but has not made a great success of any one of them. He has been baffled with a "pass" in everything he has touched, and has never got anything better.

East Norwich, N. Y.



GERMAN OFFICER GOING TO HIS GRAVE

German soldiers who are killed in battle are buried with no ceremony and but little ceremony is paid to officers who fall. They are not buried in trenches as the privates are, but are placed in separate graves and a military escort accompanies the bodies to their resting places.

FELTS and OVERS

Ask to see RUBBER HIDE BOOTS

WALES GOODYEAR Bear Brand BALL BAND Rubber

Felts and Overs in one or two buckle. High Cut Arctics, two and four buckle. Sheepskin Boots, 9 and 12 inches high.

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with pacs make a lighter outfit and are warm as well.

Boys' and Youths' Felts. Two buckle School Arctics. Rolled Edge Rubbers and High-cut Storm Shoes.

They cost more but will outwear all other makes. Be sure and see them.

GOLD SEAL RUBBERS

THE GEO. W. KIES CO.

THE POOL

"Well, I declare, if I haven't forgot and left mother sticking a toe out into the soil while her finger has been pushing upward hunting for the plants' ruling outer force—the sun."

"No, she wasn't hungry for the plants' endospore like this on which I lie in this horny cradle was being converted as fast as needles into good food by the same forces that caused mother to wake up. Mother says it was her 'Germination Day.'"

"Say, now it's a kind of coming-out like a 'debutante'! Please, Mr. Teacher!"

"Teacher! The noun germination means act of sprouting, and to germinate is the verb form and means 'to shoot.'"

"Wonderful! Now I know that was commencing to shoot; that I may be a sprouter, too; that these atoms, if they survive the attacks of worms, animals, birds and Farmer Churchhill's hose, may be shooters to benefit the world, not to be despised. What an ideal an army of sprouters ready to shoot."

"But Ma'men is shaking her leaves. Listen!"

"Madam Oak. What are you telling? Hush! Little embryos that have left their shells and baggage should not waste time and strength but sleep. You will never germinate—sprout or shoot—if you once really wake up. Embryos that awake before their time will be but food for worms; even animals will devour them. Let me find out what the teachers and books have to say on this subject. I understand from Grandpa that you

GRANDFATHER LOWATER.