

THE WIDE-AWAKE CIRCLE

Boys' and Girls' Department

Rules for Young Writers.

- 1-Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and number the pages.
2-Use blue or black ink, not pencil.
3-Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.

WIDE-AWAKE POETRY.

A Visit from St. Nicholas.
'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the shades.

There on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the luster of midday to objects below.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
Saw a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his courses they trace,
And his whisked and shouted and called them by name!

'Now, Dash!—Dancer!—Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane blow,
So they with their bodies and tails tucked up in a row,

With a sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too,
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!

ARCIE MEECE

at 3.30 a. m. every morning. He always started the day's work by carrying the different kinds of papers to his stand. He has a specially selected place for each separate kind of paper.

It is wonderful to see his slight eyes light up when one of his numerous friends calls him by name. Immediately he has recognized the person, not only by voice, but also by the ring of footsteps upon the pavement.

Among many of his accomplishments is the curious one which he gives chance to his many customers. He has learned by much handling of coins and a very keen sense of touch to know the different pieces of silver. He has a separate pocket for each piece of silver which he carries in his pocket.

He is very much changed now. No one would say he was once a down-trodden man who despaired of ever earning a living.

Now he has a comfortable little business which he attends to by himself. He is cheerful and healthy, except for his one defect, in fact he even takes a lively interest in the many papers that he will sell names which are played during the summer season.

Dear Uncle Jed: Alice was sitting by the window of the parlor, looking out. It was snowing fast. She saw an old man with a cane, he was walking as if in pain.

"Who is that?" she asked. "That is the man who has been in the hospital," said the nurse. "He is very ill."

"Let me go!" she said. "I will go to see him." "No, no," said the nurse. "He is very ill. Do not go."

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Wild Life of Forest and Field

"Porkey" BY ADELIA BELLE BEARD. He is a queer customer, "Porkey," but harmless enough unless you let him slap you with his tail and thus drive in his rights.

His right name is PORCUPINE but he is nicknamed "Porkey" by woodmen and hunters for scraps of food. His taste demands something great and he will eat leather if he gets a chance at it.

I once saw a little dog up in the mountains with his face stuck full of quills. He came to me whining like a dog and close together that it was impossible to do so.

Porkey often prowls around a camp and hunter scraps of food. His taste demands something great and he will eat leather if he gets a chance at it.

In the country between the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay, Porkey is known as the Canada Porcupine. In this region, his color is black tipped with gray.

The Canada Porcupine is not a hedgehog and should never be called by that name. Mr. Hedgehog's home is in Europe and he has never migrated to America.

Lucy Dugas, Age 12. Dear Uncle Jed: I have never written any stories to you, but will make my first attempt.

Last Christmas my friend and I started out for the station, when we arrived we had had time to buy our tickets and get aboard the train.

My Pets. Dear Uncle Jed: I am a little girl and I want to tell you about my pets. I have two rabbits and a hamster.

Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to tell you and the members of the Wide-Awake Circle about my hunting trip.

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195th DIVIDEND

Norwich, Conn., December 10, 1921. The Directors of this Society have declared out of the earnings of the current six months, a semi-annual dividend at the rate of Four Per Cent. per annum, payable to depositors entitled thereto on and after January 15th, 1922.

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WESTERLY

A sale and tea conducted by Phebe Greene Ward chapter, D. A. R., at the home of State Regent Mrs. Samuel Davies on Spring street was most gratifying.

CHESTNUT HILL

Mr. and Mrs. George Chappell of Lake Pond, Mr. and Mrs. Garden Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grimes of New London spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Chappell and attended the morning service at the Baptist church in Lebanon.

STONINGTON

James H. Stivers is exhibiting a pine board which is a curio by reason of the fact that it is 6 feet long, 3 1/4 inches wide, an inch thick, and does not contain the vestige of a knot.

How the King Taught a Lesson

Dear Uncle Jed: Once upon a time a good king called Albert, ruled. He had a large army and he was very wise.

Saved By An Elephant

Dear Uncle Jed: One day as a hunter was roaming through the woods he was captured by natives and tied in chains to a post, ready to be burned.

My Life In Washington

Dear Uncle Jed: For three months I lived one block from the capitol and four blocks from the new railroad station.

POETRY

Low-drifting clouds o'erread the sky: The day is dull the landscape drear: On earth's fair bosom snowflakes lie, While trees their snow-caked branches rear.

From lowering clouds the winter rain, Cheerless, descends no longer now; To patter loud on roof and pane; But falls the dancing flakes of snow.

The birds give forth no notes of cheer, For many have flown. The woods are still; The fields are shorn, and brown and bare; Icebound are river, brook and rill.

All nature seems grown gray with rime, And looms for rest-to die to sleep; Like man, whose sweet rest, courts decline, And feels the death-hill o'er his creep.

Her race seems short and almost run; Her neck is toll'd by pattering hail; In clouds of grape is clad the sun; The wind gives forth a moaning wail.

The earth seems wrapped in her last sleep; All nature robed in shrouds of snow; The lowering clouds in pity weep, That she, like man, is thus laid low.

What wealth is mine, why do I see My golden store without a care? Why turns no man with love to me, Why did He triumph, and I fail?

Floor and despair! How strange a thing That night's best with worshippers, Their homage to his name should bring!

Oh, 'tis a grievous mystery— That mankind never looks to me, As to that spent and broken Christ That drooped on Calvary!

Humor of the Day. Gladys—When you told father that you wanted to marry me, did he put his foot down?

Druggist—Why both at once? Lolly—Pa hit me with a china cup—Westfield, N. J. Leader.

Abbe—How, can you give me the correct definition for the word "barren"? Lolly—A barren woman is one that has the best of the other fellow—Albany Argus.

Riggs—All automobiles have the tobacco habit. Jiggs—How is that?

Riggs—Well, some smoke and all use a pipe—Science and Invention. "Do you call that a breakfast?" it makes me laugh!

"I'm glad to hear it, sir. Most people swear,"—Kasper, Stockholm. Riggs—So you didn't hear the burglar run? It was leaving the house. Were you alarmed?

Griggs—Should say so. I thought it was a sneaking out on us—Boston Transcript. Jones—We are coming over to see you tonight, old man.

Smith—Go, but don't let your wife wear her new costume. I don't want mine to see it just now—Boston Transcript. Jones—Good Heavens, that's the very reason we are coming—The Bulletin (Sydney).

"See here, doctor, that bill you sent me, pretty steep." "But think what I saved you, by telling your wife she shouldn't go to Palm Beach this winter."—Boston Transcript.

KALEIDOSCOPE

The first Dutch church in America was built in 1666 in Breuckelen, now Brooklyn.

England is dependent for six-sevenths of her bread on foreign sources of supply.

Miss Belle Devlin and Miss Olive Bragdon have been appointed state commissioners in St. Louis.

At midday on the moon, Professor Very has demonstrated that the temperature in the equatorial region reaches 355 F.

So long does it take the light to travel that the pole star might be extinguished fifty years before we were aware of its fact.

In some parts of China horses are shod with straw shoes, and hundreds of Chinese obtain a living by collecting the cast-off shoes on the highways.

A Scotchman has invented a cylindrical concrete chimney for residences, fitted with a fireplace that can be rotated to warm an angle of four rooms.

A torii belonging to a South African museum, which died in 1920, had been under observation since 1834, when it was already of gigantic size, and of unknown age.

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