

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 ink, and not pencil. 3-Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words. 4-Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.

WIDE-AWAKE POETRY.

Break, break, break! The other day my sister Madge, Who isn't very tall, Fell all the way from second floor And broke her finest doll.

When Daddy goes to work each day, From Baby's room must part, Then when the little fellow cries, We say: "A broken heart."

There's something, too, I always brag, (Have you a good solution?) Before the year's twilight old, Bang! goes a resolution!

Why Moon Looks Sad. I saw the Moon Mother, big and bright, Bring out her baby stars one night To play about the fields of sky. She watched them with a careful eye.

And then, as plainly as could be, One star looked down and winked at me! It was a naughty star, I think, Because it gave a wicked wink.

Just then a cloudy bit of lace Was blown about and jumped on the face; And while her eyes could not see through What did the bad star-baby do?

What happened to that baby star? Who ran so fast and jumped so far? Perhaps he tumbled in the sea, And now is sorry as can be.

The other stars come out to play, But poor Moon Mother pines away, And I can see her grow each night More thin and faded, sad and white.

—A. H. H. Brown, in Mother's Magazine.

UNCLE JED'S TALK TO WIDE-AWAKES.

There are not many boys and girls but what get great delight from sliding and skating. You all enjoy it from the youngest to the oldest, who are happy to help others while having fun yourselves.

There isn't anything much better or healthier than sliding and skating. Both afford good exercise and keep you out in the good pure air. The sport is exhilarating and popular, and all active youngsters appreciate what they would miss if they couldn't participate in one or both.

No one wants to see the boys and girls denied such wholesome pleasures but there is a desire that such merry times should be surrounded with all possible safety. Sliding down hill, or skating, in themselves are not likely to have serious results under proper conditions. However, it is well to keep off of the dangerous hills, those where many autos and teams and the trolley cars travel or cross part way down or at the foot of hills.

Drivers of vehicles and trolley cars have no desire to take part in accidents but it is always possible to avoid them when coasters suddenly confront them. No boy or girl wants to have a broken leg or arm or receive a worse injury, but many of them figure in serious accidents because they are not careful.

Quite the same is so with those who go skating. It is to be expected that there will be the bumps and falls from various reasons while learning to skate, and even afterward. That is one way to see stars in the daytime, but such are not apt to be serious. Care by skaters is needed in seeing that the ice is sufficiently thick to sustain the weight without taking any chances, in keeping away from holes and broken spots. It is better to be 20 feet high. The sugar cane or rick-rop keep off the dangerous hills, than to risk the loss of life or limb in taking chances.

WINNERS OF PRIZE BOOKS. 1-Adrian Poirier of Danielson—Messenger No. 48. 2-Ernest M. Monroe of Plainfield—The Castle of the Carpathians. 3-Mary Burns of Norwich—Teddy. 4-Orrill Adams of Taffville—Captain Topsy. 5-Berard Malcolm of Norwich—The Auto Boy's Race. 6-Helen T. Greene of Plainfield—The Prize Watch. 7-Helen Daniels of Deep River—Little Prudy's Captain Horse. 8-Edward L. Grover of Norwich—The Boy Scout's Path.

Winners of prize books living in Norwich can obtain them by calling at the Bulletin business office after 10 o'clock Monday morning.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT. Loraine Gladue of Taffville: I thank you very much for the prize book you sent me the other day. I was very glad to receive it. I am reading it and find it very interesting.

Pauline Eisenstein of Colchester: Received the prize book entitled Tabitha's Story. I was very glad to receive it. I was very glad to receive it. I was very glad to receive it.

LETTERS WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWAKES. Dear Uncle Jed: Sugar is one of the most valuable products of the vegetable world. Most all plants contain some sugar.

Man has learned to use several plants which produce sugar. Besides the countries that produce sugar enough for their own needs, the amount of sugar bought and sold in the world's commerce amounts to 26,000,000 tons.

In tropical countries sugar is obtained from the juice of certain palms. In cooler regions like Canada and the United States, people obtain sugar from the sugar maple. The first sweet used by man was honey. The two plants which produce the most sugar are the sugar cane and sugar beet. Sugar was made from sugar cane long before it was made from sugar beet. Sugar cane is a very large grass-like plant which looks a little like corn.

Sugar grows best in or near the tropics. In the tropics it sometimes grows to 20 feet high. The sugar cane originally came from Asia and spread westward into Africa, then into Spanish lands from there to Brazil and about the year 1500 the Spaniards introduced it into Mexico. In 1760 the Jesuits introduced sugar cane into what is now the United States. Sugar cane growing did not become a regular industry in the United States until about 1800, when it was introduced by the French.

Louisiana has always been the chief sugar district of the United States. A little sugar is produced in Texas, a little in Georgia, Florida and Alaska. More than seven-eighths of our sugar still comes from Louisiana, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, which belong to the United States, produce a great deal of sugar cane.

ESTHER GOLDSTEIN, Age 12, North Franklin.

What I Did With My Christmas Club. Dear Uncle Jed: This being my first attempt I hope to please you. It was toward the tenth of December, nearly the end of my Christmas club, in which I had been saving throughout the year of 1921. I went to the bank and asked the teller what it was worth. I was told it was twenty-five dollars, and with the interest it was \$46. Much pleased, I was returning home to tell my parents, and to ask them what to do with it, when I thought came to my mind. It was to give it to the poor family, that lived on Douglas alley, south of the four corners.

They had been quite comfortable until the father died and the mother was alone, five children and their mother. I knew they would not have any Christmas cheer on account of their poverty. On my way home I thought of my mother if I might give them my money. She told me that if my father consented, she would, too.

When I came home, he told me to keep the interest, and give them the rest. The next week I received the sum and took the interest. This makes a check for twenty-five dollars, and putting a "Merry Christmas" card with the check, I mailed it to the Ryan family. I never enjoyed a happier Christmas day in my life, as that one of mine.

ADRIAN POIRIER, Age 13, Danielson.

The History of the Town of Killingly. Dear Uncle Jed: I am going to tell you about the town of Killingly. Killingly is a wide tract of land in the north part of the state of Connecticut, between Quinebaug river and Rhode Island. It was early known as "Whelston Country," but was long neglected for many years and was not very attractive to settlers. It was settled by different men at different times. These settlers had many encounters with the Indians. The first white man who came to the settlers rolled mostly on their own farms for food.

From year to year our town has grown. The town was first settled by the north by Putnam, on the south by Plainfield and Sterling, on the east by Rhode Island, on the west by Brookfield and Danbury.

Danielson, where our town laws are made, is now a borough, and the town is noted for its many prosperous manufacturing concerns.

MILDRED PECHEE, Age 11, Attawapung.

An Exciting Adventure. Dear Uncle Jed: As I was walking along a lonely road in the dusk, I suddenly saw a terrible figure loomed up in the path before me.

Another day I went skating with my brother Frank out of Pond's pond. I had a good time every day.

EDWARD L. GROVER, Age 8, Norwich.

My Three Little Kittens. Dear Uncle Jed: I have three little kittens. One I call Nigger, one Calico and the other Tiger. The little black one got lost and I miss him so much, as he was my favorite. I wish he would come back again.

LAWRENCE AHEARN, Age 7, Norwich.

Christmas Time. Dear Uncle Jed: A week before Christmas little Lucille asked her mother if she could have her two cousins from New York visit with us over Christmas and New Year's. When her mother consented, she went right into the library and sat down at her small desk to write the invitations. When her cousin received the invitations they started right away to pack up their clothes and make preparations for the visit. Christmas eve at last arrived and the three children hung up their stockings and waited as they were very tired. When they woke up in the morning they looked into the stockings and found them full. But when they looked under the Christmas tree, my goodness, I do wish you could have seen their eyes. They fairly popped out of their heads. Each one received a large French doll straight from Paris and a large doll carriage, also many other gifts. At noon they had dinner and played again in the afternoon as they had done in the morning. When evening came they were very glad to jump into bed as they were really tired.

DOOTHY MALCOLM, Age 12, Norwich.

The Story of a Discontented Kitten. Dear Uncle Jed: Jumbo was a little fat little kitten which always wore a big red bow and thought himself very important indeed. He was hardly to be blamed for that, because everyone from Mr. Steadman, his master, down to Maria, the baby, made a fuss of him. He had his own saucer for milk down in the kitchen, by the dresser. He was allowed to take a nap on the sofa whenever he felt sleepy. He was always welcome in the nursery, and when Mary the maid went up to bed, she would put Jumbo to sleep in her arm chair.

So Jumbo felt very annoyed when Mr. Steadman came home, saying that he arms a little dog he had found wandering about, lost and hungry.

"Here's a companion for you, Jumbo," he said.

The children crowded round the poor dog, but Jumbo would have anything to do with it, and when Mary gave it some food in his corner, the cat put up his tail and swore angrily.

"I am quite ashamed of you, Jumbo," Mary, "of all the selfish, horrid kittens you're the worst!"

"This little dog is much kinder to Peterkins, as they called the dog. But Peterkins was so good-tempered and kind that there soon became good friendship between Jumbo and Peterkins."

ROSE HODKINSON, Age 11, Taffville.

The Blind and Deaf Child. Dear Uncle Jed: Once there was a little girl whose name was Helen Keller. When she was a baby of twenty months she had an illness that left her blind and deaf. She picked up a good deal of knowledge just through touching things. When she was five years old she could

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What is Going On Tonight.

Peter J. Hinds, since April 26, 1920, superintendent of the manufacturing department of the American Thread Company's local plant, has been promoted to general superintendent of all the plants of the company located in and about River Hope, Glasgow, Westbury, and Willimantic. He succeeds H. H. Cook of Fall River, who has held the office for many years. Mr. Hinds assumes his new office February 1st with headquarters at No. 240 West Broadway, New York. His family will continue to reside in this city until May 1st when they will move to their new home in Upper Montclair, N. J. Mr. Hinds was born in Newark, N. J., receiving his early education in the parochial schools in this city. He spent several years in the Newark, N. J., business college and then entered the employ of Clarke O. N. T. Broad Mills of Newark, N. J., in 1910 as a helper in the manufacturing department of the American Thread Company. By several advancements he worked up to superintendent of the manufacturing department of the local mill.

In association with Arthur I. Richards, a former Willimantic man, he formed the firm known as the Richard-Hinds Company to manufacture a tubular patent of Mr. Hinds that is used on all spinning machines of all kinds. The plant is located in Indian Orchard, Mass., and has done an excellent business in a member of Willimantic.

Mr. Hinds is a member of Willimantic, No. 1211, B. P. O. Elks, and has taken active part in numerous for the welfare of the city. In a statement issued after notice of his appointment, Mr. Hinds told of his special treatment in this city and said that when he left Willimantic he will take with a feeling of regret. Mr. Hinds recently suffered the loss of his wife by death, and in his loss he the sincere sympathy of the community.

Attachments on the stock at the Willimantic store of the Mill Outlet Stores Company have been removed by the time the stock was brought into the store. The stock in the local store was valued at \$2400 and was removed Saturday by Manager H. Lester Green of Boston.

General Manager C. L. Harde, Spvt. E. E. Bean of the New Haven division and other officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company were in this city Saturday morning for a tour of inspection. Later in the morning they left for Hartford. Although

John Woolfing of Hastings, Nebraska, was in the local police court Saturday morning, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from Captain Joseph H. Morrison of this city. Woolfing was fined \$100 for his own defense. Judge Foss gave him thirty days in the Reformatory. The prisoner was arrested in Bridgeport Friday and held for the local police. The tale of the arrest

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