



The Sandman of Cuddledowntown.

Cuddledowntown is near Cradleville, Where the Sand Men pitch their tents, In Drowsyland, You understand, In the State of Innocence; 'Tis right, by the source of the River of Life Which the Grandma Storks watch over, While honey-bug bees, Neath funny-bug trees, Croon lullabys in sweet clover.

Thought Jocko a Boy.

The little daughter of a distinguished French scientist had never seen a monkey, so when an organ grinder, accompanied by Jocko, in cap and jacket, appeared before the house, her father took her out on the sidewalk to view the creature's antics, expecting that she would be much amused.

What a Boy Can Do.

Be frank. Be polite. Be prompt. Be obliging. Obey his parents. Keep himself tidy. Keep out of bad company. Never laugh at a coarse joke. Be kind to his brothers and sisters.

Down Steep Slope.

The snow was just right for coasting on Round Hill. Quite early the big boys came and broke in Steep Slope. They played there only a short time. After they had gone no one slid down the Steep Slope.

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"Oh, but you go so fast you don't have time to steer," returned Ronald. "Even the big boys get hurt. Ed. Smith ran his sled right into the square rock. Didn't you see him?" "Yes, but the track is broken now. I'm going to try it. If you're afraid you can stay with Jackie."

Jim.

"I've lost my pepper-pot," said Deborah, looking sharply about the kitchen. "I wonder if you've been up to any of your tricks, Jim?" Jim gave no answer except a toss of the head, as he slowly walked across the kitchen, but Deborah's ears caught a little chuckle as he went out the door.

Forty Cigarettes a Day.

The habitual consumption of cigarettes in large quantities has turned back the hands of time ten years in the mental life of Max Zillman, according to the Cincinnati City Hospital physicians who are observing his case, says a writer in The Homeless Boys Friend.

Why, it ain't so long since I read a story about one of them set-must-a-been first cousin to Jim, I reckon—that stole a elegant breastpin, and it was laid to a poor young girl that worked in the family.

"You can come and help peel the peaches now, Marian!" called Mrs. Graham to her daughter. Marian came, looking admiringly at the basket of rosy-checked, downy fruit on the great table, all of which was waiting to be made into peach-butter.

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weak mind, and for three weeks he has been palpably unbalanced mentally.

His ailment is diagnosed as juvenile dementia in medical parlance. Though 17 years old, almost grown physically, the boy's mentality has been reduced to that of a child of six or seven years old.

Max, according to his own statement, has smoked cigarettes for about five years. When he was sent to the hospital his parents said nothing about his smoking.

"I never kept track of the cigarettes I smoked," Max told Dr. Rodney H. Bunch, assistant superintendent, who has charge of the observation cases, noticed the tell-tale yellow stains on the boy's fingers. Max at first denied being a smoker, but later admitted it.

It is not a certainty that cigarettes are wholly to blame for Zillman's present mental condition, but it is certain that smoking has not helped him any. I believe that cigarettes are the cause, but will not say so positively.

Habitual smoking could bring about such a mental condition as his. Cigarettes may cause almost any mental or physical ailment. Smoking affects the nerve centres. The nerve centres control the organs, health and sanity. If the nerve centres are affected, everything may be affected.

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POET'S CORNER

FOREVER.

Those we love truly never die, Though year by year the sad memorial wreath, A ring and flowers, types of life and death, Are laid upon their graves.

WEST WIND.

Come in, wet wind of the West, Through the dusty streets of the town, With the scent of the new-mown hay,

WHEN THE TIDE IS LOW.

Some time at eve, when the tide is low, I shall slip my mooring and sail away,

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Advertisement for Lapo Cresolene medicine, listing ailments like Whooping Cough, Croup, Sore Throat, etc.

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His Presents \$25,000.

Archbishop J. J. Glennon, who recently celebrated his silver jubilee in the Church, learned to-day that several unopened boxes sent him during the jubilee celebration contained pictures valued at approximately \$25,000.

HE IS THANKFUL HE HEARD OF THEM.

That's What Antoine Cottenoire says of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

They Cured His Diabetes After the Doctors Had Failed to Give Him Relief—What Dodd's Kidney Pills Do and Why.

St. Pie de Guire, Yamaska Co., Que., Jan. 24.—(Special).—That there is one sure cure for Dodd's Diabetes, and that cure is Dodd's Kidney Pills is proved once more in the case of Mr. Antoine Cottenoire, a well known resident of this place.

Three Coming Centenaries.

Three noted Catholic centenaries are to be celebrated during the coming spring. March 2 will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the late Pope Leo XIII.

Could Not Sleep In The Dark.

Doctor Said Heart and Nerves Were Responsible. There is many a man and woman tossing night after night upon a sleepless bed. Their eyes do not close in the sweet and refreshing repose that comes to those whose hearts and nerves are right.

Mrs. Calvin Stark, Rosmore, Ont., writes: "About two years ago I began to be troubled with a distressing nervousness at night, when I would lie down, I got so bad I could not sleep in the dark, and would have to sit up and rub my limbs, they would become so numb. My doctor said my heart and nerves were responsible. I saw Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills advertised and got a box to try them. I took three boxes and was cured. I can now sleep without the light, and I am now highly so all nervous and run down women."