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Mother Gives Him Weed
As If It Was Candy

She Says the Boy is a Natural Born
Smoker—Urchin Has Had No
Childish Ailments.

NORTHUMBERLAND, N. H., April 20.—From the very first time Sir Walter Raleigh made use of "Amor canis" tobacco up to the present age of anti-cigars and anti-tobacco leagues, there never has been a younger victim addicted to the use of the "weed" than Allen Johnson Dexter, better known as "Pete," the little wonder of Northumberland, N. H., and Guildhall, Vt. This young urchin lives in Guildhall, but he is scarcely at home except for meals and at bedtime. He prefers the company of the boys on the New Hampshire side of the Connecticut river, and the two towns are connected by a toll bridge, one of the 12 between the two states.

This boy wonder and inveterate victim of the tobacco habit is only five years old. He has been smoking daily for about a year, and it is not an uncommon thing for him to use a dozen good cigars in a day. While his father, Lorenzo Dexter, declares he will break the boy of the habit, he does not apparently intend to do so, for the present, at least, as he registered no objection when the anxious mother told her little son to show a Boston Herald man how he could get away with a good cigar. As Mrs. Dexter has a 10-cent cigar in her hand and asked "Pete," as she calls him, to light up, the little urchin ran to her side and grabbed the cigar.

BITES OFF END OF "LONG FILLER" MOTHER GIVES NEEDED LIGHT

Man fashion and without any apparent signs of being a "smart" child, little "Pete" bit off the end and placed the "long filler" in his mouth. The mother lighted a match and "Pete" began to pull.

With the air of an independently wealthy sport, young "Pete" puffed, as small clouds of smoke rose heavenward. The boy apparently was not proud to exhibit a 10-cent cigar in the hands of a stranger, but he quietly smoked the cigar down quite close to the end, instead of being drowsy or sickly from the effects of a strong smoke, he was ready for another, and asked the mother for it. Were it not for the fact that he had been given his usual allowance during the day, and that he would fight against going to bed unless he had his regular cigarette, Mrs. Dexter would willingly have given him another. At her refusal the boy scowled and said he could get another in Northumberland at one of the stores.

NO SIGN OF EITHER MENTAL OR PHYSICAL WEAKNESS ABOUT HIM

Quite out of the ordinary, this young victim of the tobacco habit is a good sized, healthy and bright youth. He has not the least apparent sign of mental and physical weakness which authorities on the tobacco habit say must necessarily follow the use of the "weed," especially by children of a tender age. Of the small boys in the vicinity of his home, young "Pete" is the only one who has successfully mastered smoking. From the very beginning he was successful, while boys twice and three times his age are still so greatly impressed by the effects of their first attempt that they have no desire to repeat it. Once was enough, the young boys of Northumberland and Guildhall declare.

Young "Pete's" first attempt was more successful, and it was a day about a year ago that a lumberman at Northumberland gave him his first lesson. Who this man was the parents would not say, but the little fellow to put a cigar in his mouth himself was smoking. The child made such progress that day that the same lumberman gave him a fresh one the next day, and after he had lighted it for little "Pete" he appeared in his home. In a few minutes he appeared in the home of his parents and walked into a house puffing away at his cigar. For a moment Mr. and Mrs. Dexter could not believe their eyes, and the father snatched the cigar from the child's lips and threw it into the kitchen stove. The little fellow caused such a pandemonium for a few minutes that the parents decided to break him off at once, and they thought of no better scheme than to have him smoke a strong Havana and keep him at it until he was deadly sick. That was just what the child wanted, and he asked for another when he finished that one. This angered the parents, but each time after that for several weeks they watched him closely and administered a whipping. This had no apparent effect, and finally the mother gave up, declaring that the child was a natural born smoker, and that he was bound to smoke. Ever since that time he has not been reprimanded to any extent by his parents, and while there are a few tobacco crust-crusters in the vicinity of the boy's home none of them have ever tried to convince him. That this is an excellent chance for some enemy of the tobacco habit to demonstrate his or her ability is the opinion of many; but no one has attempted to do so yet.

GOOD BALL PLAYER CAN BEAT OTHERS ON LAND AND WATER

It is not because of his ability to smoke that little "Pete" has become known as the boy wonder of Guildhall and Northumberland. For a small boy

he is a good baseball player, and he can run, swim and push a boat faster than any child twice his own age in these two towns. The bright-eyed little youth will not be old enough to go to school until next September, and despite that fact he knows more than dozens of boys twice his own age. Little "Pete" is a puzzle to many, and more especially to those who are acquainted with him sufficiently to study him. Many of these believe that tobacco is injurious to any one, especially those under 20 years. They believe that if any one under that age is addicted to the habit, he must be necessarily nervous, weak, dull and physically a wreck. Such is not the case with this little boy, and the use of tobacco has, apparently, no effect upon him. The more he smokes, the more he enjoys it. He generally smokes strong cigars, but occasionally takes a cigarette. He detests a pipe. In indoors he is very frequently seen with a cigar in the corner of his mouth. When he has an audience he will inhale the smoke, blow it out through his nostrils and send rings of the smoke heavenward with the same apparent pleasure that an Egyptian would have with his cigarette or water pipe.

Time and again the child is seen on the street by strangers, who are astonished at such a waste of humanity smoking a cigar. Often they threaten him with a whipping or that they will tell his parents, but that has no effect upon him, and unless they give him pennies to buy candy he will keep on smoking. After they give him the money to a larger boy, who buys a new supply of smoking material.

NEIGHBORS THREATEN PAR-
ENTS TO APPEAL TO AUTH-
ORITIES.

While people generally about the two villages on either side of the river criticize the parents and threaten to bring the matter before the attention of the authorities, it apparently has no effect, and "Pete" keeps on smoking. "Pete" was born at Guildhall Sept. 23, 1900. He is the son of Mrs. Lorenzo Dexter by her second husband. There are three children, each representing a marriage. The older brother, George Darby, is a model boy and never thinks of smoking. "Yes, of course, we know little 'Pete' smokes and that smoking is ordinarily fatal to small boys," said Mrs. Dexter to a Boston Herald reporter, "but as it apparently has no effect upon him I do not know whose business it is. He is a natural-born smoker, and he has never been sick a day, never had any of the ailments children often have, and people say that smoking is often times a preventive. I give him a cigar occasionally in the same way as mothers give their children candy, and I have never seen any ill results. My husband has objected time and again, but it would be necessary to keep the little fellow in a cage to prevent his smoking, as many men in the village see no better pleasure in watching him puff away at a cigar."

AGED WOMAN BURNED.

While Fighting Prairie Fires Mr. Schalk Carried His Mother Out to a Ploughed Field, But the Old Lady and all the Buildings Were Burned.

WINNIPEG, April 17.—Details of a horrible fatality which occurred at Remby, near Lacombe, Alta., have been received here, in which Mrs. Schalk, an aged invalid, was burned to death. A prairie fire threatened the destruction of her son's farm building, and he carried his paralyzed mother out upon some ploughed ground, where he left her in supposed safety, while he returned to battle the flames. However, a spark ignited her clothing, and she was so badly burned that she died ten hours afterwards in great agony. Schalk's buildings and their contents were also reduced to ashes, but neighbors have taken up a subscription to give him another start in life.

CASTRO IS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The World tomorrow will say: "Cipriano Castro, president of the Republic of Venezuela, is coming to America when secret dispatches from Washington are completed and he is being received in his official capacity." Should this reception be denied he will come as a private citizen. He still is president although he has turned over the functions of the government to Vice-President Gomez.

CANADIAN ELECTED TO THE JOCKEY CLUB

MONTREAL, April 20.—Colin Campbell of this city received word this morning that Wm. Hendrie of Hamilton had been elected an honorary member of the Jockey Club of England. Mr. Hendrie is the first gentleman outside of England on whom this honor has been conferred. The Jockey Club of England is composed of only fifty active members, and in its honorary membership are included King Edward, members of the royal family and the aristocracy of England. The club honored Mr. Hendrie in recognition of his efforts to improve the breeding of horses in Canada and to bring turf racing up to the highest level. It is said by Mr. Hendrie that though he has never ridden a race, he has never bet on a race.

PILES

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COUNTRY MARKET.

The price of provisions generally is on the increase, as the supply in Canada at present is not equal to the demand. This is especially true of grain and heavy feed.

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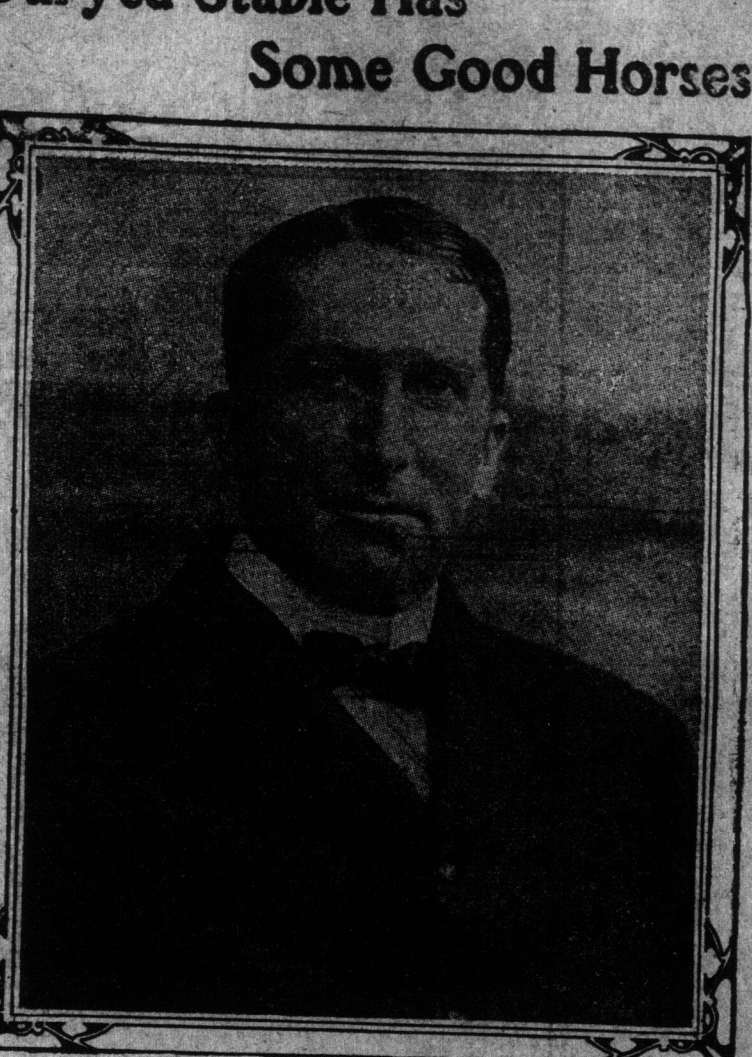
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MR. HERMAN B. DURYEA.

Herman B. Duryea will be represented on the turf this season by a good stable of horses, most of which are star performers, such as Eubelbert, Sandham, Ben Strome, Sir Dixon, Hambro, Watercrest, Handspring, Tankoe, Lamplighter, Goodrich and Maccagnan. His colors were not often in front last season, but this year he has a likely looking lot of racers, and on appearance and breeding they seem sure to carry the "green, white bars, on sleeves" of this well known turfman to the front many times.

EARTHQUAKES IN AMERICA.

(Mail and Empire.) The North American earthquake record dates back to 1833, when, in the afternoon of June 1, all New England was violently shaken. The weather was clear and warm, and there was not the slightest atmospheric warning of the earthquake. Four minutes the shock lasted, and it was accompanied with a noise like thunder. People and houses were thrown down. For twenty days there was more or less disturbance, and then the earth quieted down. On Jan. 26, 1863, there was a heavy shock felt in New England, New York and in eastern Canada. This earthquake lives in our Indian legends, and was described at length by Parkman. Of this shock it is recorded that "the doors opened and shut of themselves with a fearful clattering. The bells rang without being touched. The walls were split asunder. The doors separated and fell down. The fields put on the appearance of precipices, and the mountains seemed to be moving out of their places." Small rivers were dried up, and half-way between Quebec and Tadoussac two mountains were shaken down and formed a point of land extending for some distance into the St. Lawrence.

IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

After this disastrous earthquake there were no more notable shocks until 1737, when New England was visited again by a tremor that lasted for two minutes. This earthquake, like other ancient ones, traveled a long distance, shocks being noticeable at a distance of seven hundred miles, and about as violent as those of 1833. On the same day the island of Martinique was threatened with destruction by a shock that lasted for eleven hours. A month later there was a more violent trembling along the Atlantic coast from Halifax to Chesapeake Bay. Houses were thrown down, people hurled to the earth, and much property destroyed. At the same time there was a great tidal wave in the West Indies.

CANADA'S BULWARKS.

(Senator Scott, secretary of state in the Dominion government, gives us to understand that Canada need not contribute to the expense of the British navy, since Great Britain could not discard a single ship, even if she has no colonies to defend.) Canadians need no bulwarks, nor towers along the coast. We've got Britannia's ample skirt, And Uncle Sam's elastic shirt. Both good as they are cheap. John Bull, the kindly, patient ass, Likes bearing burdens; we, on the other hand, prefer collecting cents. Canadians need no bulwarks while J.B. floats above. The briny deep; Heaven send him cash; Our role will be — we won't be cash; To pay him back with love. —Glasgow Herald.

CASE SHOULD BE PRESSED

TORONTO, April 22.—On Saturday Crown Attorney Curry stated that in his opinion the case against Joseph Phillips of York county would be pressed. Mr. Curry also said that the attorney general was of the opinion the case should be pressed.