

# The Sandman Story

THE STORM PARTY

"COME ON, Sir Freeze-the-Ponds," said King Snow. "Come on, Mr. Wind," he added.

"We're waiting for you, too, Lovely Snowflake children," he called.

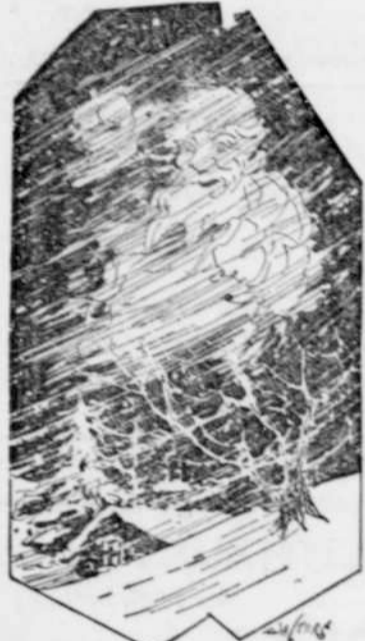
"And we hope you'll not be late," he shouted to the Jeweler Brothers known as the Diamond-Snow Jewellers.

"I want to have a storm party," King Snow said, "and I'd like to have you all come."

"Of course the Jewellers don't have to come right away. But I hope they'll come soon after the party and won't be late in taking their places in the great winter reunion."

"You all know that a reunion means a gathering together once more so we all want to gather together to show that Old Man Winter is here."

"I'm here," Old Man Winter shouted. And Mr. Wind blew through his



So Old Prince Storm Accepted the Invitation.

long fingers a great cold breath of air and whistled as he said:

"He's here all right. Old Man Winter is here."

"Oh, it's so nice to have a reunion," said King Snow.

"Would you like me to come, too, Your Majesty?" said an icy voice and there was Prince Storm dressed in lovely jewels of icicles and a crown of little snow peaks which had been frozen into shape by Prince Sleet's friend, Mr. Freezing-is-Fun.

"We want you, of course we want you," said King Snow.

"So Prince Storm joined the party."

"And we want Mr. Freezing-is-Fun, too," King Snow added. "He is always such a nice one to have at a party. Some creatures go to a party and never say a word and don't make the slightest effort to help have a good time."

"For those who don't get into the fun of things don't enjoy themselves either. That is only fair, of course. But it is so much nicer when they do enter into the fun of a party and enjoy it themselves and help others have a good time."

"Mr. Freezing-is-Fun is a splendid creature at a party."

"And we must ask Prince Sleet, Prince Sleet would help a great deal."

"I'm here," said Mr. Freezing-is-Fun, for Mr. Wind had offered him a free ride to the party and Mr. Freezing-is-Fun had accepted with great eagerness and pleasure.

"Well, well, well, this is nice to see the old friends again."

"How do you do, Snowflake children?"

"Why, hello, Old Man Winter. I might have known I would have seen you here. This is nice, ha, ha, ha, this is nice."

"And I'm powerfully pleased to see you, Sir Freeze-the-Ponds. I'm such an admirer of yours."

So Mr. Freezing-is-Fun went around greeting all his friends and they were all glad to see him, too.

Then along came Prince Sleet.

"I met some one on the way who wants to come to the party," said Prince Sleet.

"Tell me who wants to come," said King Snow.

"It's the whole Blizzard family. Old Boy Blizzard wanted to know if he could come and bring the others. He said it was the nurse's day out and there was no one with whom to leave the children if all the older ones went off, too."

"As a matter of fact I think they sent that word as an excuse to bring the whole family, but I don't mind if you know how very anxious they are to come—so long as you will let them come."

"Oh, yes," said King Snow, "have them come."

"I'll tell them they're invited," said Mr. Wind.

"Thank you kindly, thank you kindly," said King Snow.

And soon, oh so soon, the Blizzard family came and such a snow-storm and blizzard and wild time as there was at the big reunion of King Snow and of Old Man Winter and his friends!

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## For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

### SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS

FAUST hears at Easter dawn the music of cathedral bells. Thoughts of the immortal life bring him no joy. With suicidal intent he presses a vial of poison to his lips. Satan appears promising him happiness if he would be his subject. Satan enabled Faust to drink deep from the cup of power, only to leave his heart adamant and his eyes like balls of steel. The world of pleasure with abundant opportunities for happiness is next offered Faust, but he retires from it, satiated, tired and disappointed with Satan defeated. Faust now decides not to live for himself, but for others. He reclaimed a wide stretch of land from the ocean, which he made into a beautiful park where artisans could rest and children play. Thus Faust discovered that happiness was found in service, "in the merging of the interest of self into the general good." Through service, Faust found his way to redemption. Margaret in shining apparel awaits him as angels bear his soul to heaven.

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"Men sometimes forget how dear to them their wives are," says Flippant Flo, "but never on the first of the month."

### Whispers

Word of mouth is the sweetest of news and the deadliest of venoms.—American Magazine.

### New Evening Wraps

Many of the smartest evening wraps are cut a bit shorter than the frocks so that one glimpses long ends and ruffling draperies. The effect is delightfully feminine and graceful.

### For All Around Wear

There can be no wiser choice in a frock for everyday general wear than one of the new two or three-piece jersey knit costumes which come in such effective color combinations.

## THE WHY OF SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

### GERANIUMS

THERE is a rather common belief in the rural districts of the United States that snakes will not go where geraniums are growing and geraniums growing in a window box will prevent flies from entering the window. This superstition attaches to the plants cultivated in gardens and as house plants, which are not geraniums at all, but belong to the genus pelargonium of South Africa. The magical qualities of this plant were transferred to it along with the name from the true geranium, the word geranium being a Greek word meaning crane's-bill, a name given to the true geranium because of the long, projecting beak of the seed capsule. In fact, crane's-bill is the common name for the true geranium.

Now the crane was for long a bird of mystery. At a certain season the crane disappeared and at a certain season he reappeared, always flying in a V shape. This mystery as to the crane's place and manner of breeding, and the weird dances they indulge in at the time of their love-making caused a wealth of mythology and folklore to grow up around them. It was not until 1853 that it was discovered that the crane sought the shores of the Arctic sea to lay its eggs and rear its young.

Among the ancients there was a belief that forms of plant life were in some cases transformed into forms of animal life. In the mystery which hung over the propagator of the crane the peculiar form of the seed-capsule of the geranium caused it to be looked upon with suspicion, and to the plants were assigned some of the mystic attributes which pertained to the crane which was known to be antagonistic to snakes and flies. When the pelargonium came to be called in popular parlance "geranium"—crane's-bill—the superstition went with the name. This is a curious example of a superstition surviving by means of a name though the name is given to an entirely different object from that by means of which the superstition had birth.

### Known by Headdress

In primitive times the headdress was a distinctive mark, representing the organization of groups of men.

### Gay Little Coat

A gay little coat is fingertip length and made of some loosely woven material whose background is white, and whose design upon the surface consists of brilliant flowers and foliage.

### Redingote Dress

Nothing is newer than a black broadcloth redingote dress which belong makes distinctive by an intricately tucked design for trimming.

## Dorothy Sebastian



A late picture of handsome Dorothy Sebastian, the featured motion picture actress. Miss Sebastian is appearing in the leading feminine role in "The Frontiersman."

## Uncommon Sense

By John Blake

### THE LUCKY AGE

NO VISION of the millenium formed in the Fifteenth century could have equaled the realities of 1927. A great part of the things which people were most hopelessly trying to accomplish then has been done today. People who talk about "the good old days" are either ignorant or silly. Civilization has been set back in its progress from time to time. The Dark Ages succeeded the grandeur of Rome, which, after all, was only the grandeur of the nobility. The common people of that city did all the work, got all the cuffs and kicks, and shared all the poverty. But children born today find the world on the upgrade, and as far as opportunity for enjoyment is concerned, getting better and better. We are not yet free from war, or sure that this plague has been exterminated. But the busy inventors of war machinery are arranging for the next war to extend far behind the battle lines, into the interior cities, and into the meeting places of the statesmen who usually make wars. And when that is possible, wars will become fewer and fewer.

The son of a poor man today can get a better education than could the son of a king in the days of Louis XIV. He can also get better food, and better medical care, and more sensible, although not such elaborate clothing.

One of the greatest of all accomplishments is the doing away of superstition which made fear one of the most dreadful burdens of life in the days of witchcraft and black magic.

Poverty there will be as long as there is idleness in the world. Crime there will be as long as reality exists, and rascality will be long in exterminating.

But the general standard of conduct is higher today than it has ever been, and more safeguards are thrown by the nations around the foolish people who fall easy prey to designing schemers.

The hours of labor are much shorter than they ever were, and the wages are better.

We still have much to learn about the cause of financial depression and the means of removing it, but panics occur with less frequency, and even great shortages of crops do not affect the people of a nation as they used to.

Mothers used to pray that their children might be born under a lucky star.

And this age, while it is capable of improvement, is the best age that the world has ever known—more filled with opportunity, and more rich with the fruit of human labor.

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### Hint for Charles

"Charles, dear," exclaimed young Mrs. Torkins, "I am convinced that Solomon's reputation for extraordinary wisdom was deserved."

### Why?

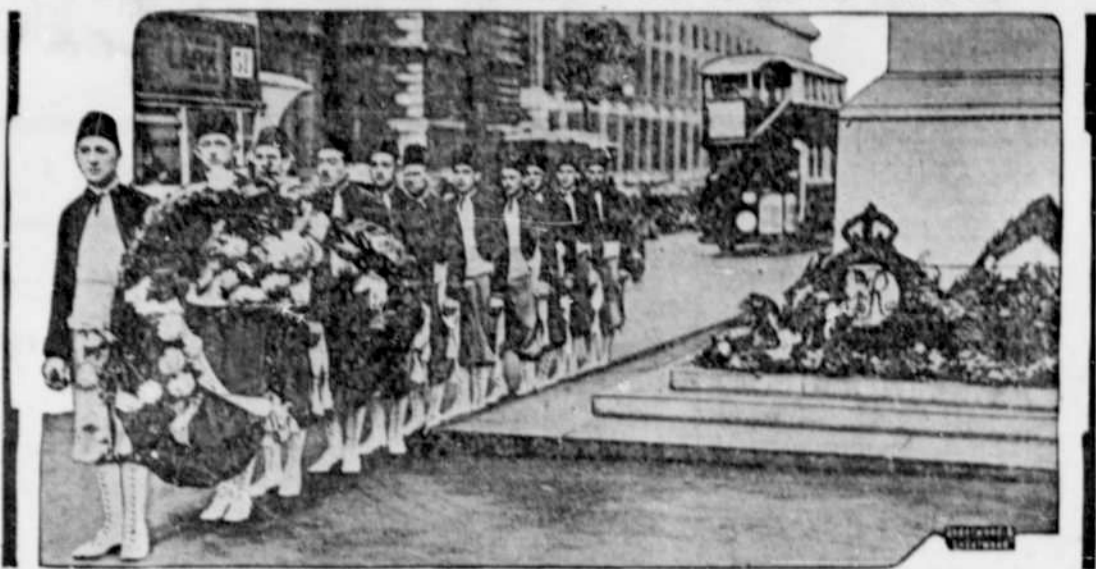
"Although you read of his spending money recklessly you don't see any suggestion that he ever placed a bet on a race horse."

What ever became of the old-fashioned banquet flashlight photo with a group of lop-sided faces down in the lower right-hand corner?

A great deal of trouble and unhappiness would be avoided if fewer people meant self-indulgence when talking about self-expression.

Who remembers the old-fashioned dude who carried a whitehrooned around under the buggy seat when the white mare was shedding?

## Famous American Zouave Drill Team in London



The celebrated American drill team of Zouaves from Jackson, Mich., has been giving exhibitions in London in aid of the funds of the British Legion. The Zouaves are here shown lined up at the cenotaph with wreaths.

## Constructive Thought in Schooling Children



Photograph shows some of the children, with their parents, at the School for Constructive Thought in Philadelphia, being conducted by Winifred Sackville Stoner of the International Natural Education Association. Flowers, toys, music, picture books, radio, etc., are used in the natural educating of the child along constructive lines of thought.

## Coolidges Enroll in Red Cross Again



The President and Mrs. Coolidge were enrolled as members of the American Red Cross at the beginning of the organization's annual membership drive. In this photograph Judge John Barton Payne, president of the Red Cross, is watching Mrs. Coolidge pin a Red Cross button on the President.

## Premier Baldwin as "Ben Hur"



Prime Minister Stanley M. Baldwin, without any rehearsal time, had to enact the part of "Ben Hur" during a students' "rag" at Birmingham university, which he visited in order to open some new buildings of the biological department.

## JOTS FROM HERE AND THERE

Electric brakes for automobiles are predicted.

The blue color of the snake's blood is due to copper.

About 16 per cent of our lumber goes into crates and boxes.

Fountains that spray rose water were a luxury of the Romans.

More than 100 million acres of tracks of the Southern railway in England are to be electrified.

Falconry still is a popular sport in China.

The apple crop this year is likely to be below average.

Dragon flies hunt mosquitoes, flies and other insects.

Texas has more cotton acreage than all the states east of the Mississippi.

Twenty million bushels of wheat were shipped abroad from Canada in a recent month.

## "GRACE COOLIDGE"



The "Grace Coolidge" bloom, which was one of the star exhibits at the annual "mum" show in Washington. It was named after the wife of the President.

## BARNARD IS PRESIDENT



The photograph shows Ernest Sargent Barnard, who has been elected and installed as president of the American League, to succeed Ban Johnson.

### Almost Too Realistic

Frank Bonner, an actor in a Los Angeles play, had a sincere compliment paid to his make-up. Bonner started from the theater for a restaurant at lunch time, forgetting that he was dressed as a tramp, and within a block was arrested by a policeman, who took him for the real thing.

### Innovation

How true it is that much which passes as first glance for progress proves to be merely innovation. Much reform might well move backward instead of forward.

### Dryest Place in America

The driest place in the United States, so far as is known, is probably in the eastern part of the Mohave desert, in California. There the average annual rainfall is estimated as about two inches.

## SICK WOMAN SOON RECOVERS

By Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

"A neighbor advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which she said had helped her so much. So I bought a few bottles and tried it out. It sure helped me wonderfully. I felt much better. My work was no longer a dread to me. If I hear of any one who is troubled the way I was, I will gladly recommend the Vegetable Compound to them and I will answer any letters in regard to the same."

Mrs. BERTHA MEEHAN, 1134 N. Penn. Ave., Lansing, Mich.

"I had been sickly ever since I was fifteen years old. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I got so I could do all my housework and I am in good health."—Mrs. MARI K. WILLIAMS, Ketchikan, Alaska.

From Michigan to Alaska, from Maine to Oregon and from Connecticut to California letters are continually being written by grateful women recommending Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The Compound is made from roots and herbs and for more than fifty years has been helping to restore run-down, over-worked women to health.

Are you on the Sunlit Road to Better Health?

### Too Much Science

"Your wife looks rather tired."

"Yes, she's been using a lot of new labor-saving devices."—Answers.

### A Benefactor

A physician who reaches out to benefit humanity leaves a record behind him that is worth while. Such a man was Dr. E. V. Pierce.

His study along medical lines, and his knowledge of the remedial qualities of herbs and plants led to the discovery of his wonderful herbal remedy, Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is just the tonic required if a woman is borne down by pain and sufferings at regular or irregular intervals, by nervousness or dizzy spells, headache or backache.

Favorite Prescription can be had in tablet form as well as liquid at your neighborhood store.

### First Time Known

"Congratulations! I've just thought of something clever."

"Beginner's luck."—Stray Stories.

Headaches from Slight Colds

Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets relieve the Headache by curing the Cold. Look for the name on the wrapper. Each box 25c.—Adv.

All the world's a stage; and we're amateurs till we're fifty, at least.

## The BABY



No mother in this enlightened age would give her baby something she did not know was perfectly harmless, especially when a few drops of plain Castoria will right a baby's stomach and end almost any little ill. Fretfulness and fever, too; it seems no time until everything is serene.

That's the beauty of Castoria; its gentle influence seems just what is needed. It does all that castor oil might accomplish, without shock to the system. Without the evil taste. It's delicious! Being purely vegetable, you can give it as often as there's a sign of colic; constipation; diarrhoea; or need to aid sound, natural sleep.

Just one warning; It is genuine Fletcher's Castoria that physicians recommend. Other preparations may be just as free from all doubtful drugs, but no child of this writer's is going to test them! Besides, the book on care and feeding of babies that comes with Fletcher's Castoria is worth its weight in gold.

## Children Cry for

