

THEY WON'T SAY DIE!

Their Friends May Weep But Courageous Cripples Overcome Handicaps and Carve Useful Careers in World of Business

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Next time you're down on your luck and your jaw sags like an overloaded clothesline, try swinging your legs and arms, or blinking your eyes. And be thankful you have arms, legs and eyes.

A lot of people haven't. But the disasters that robbed them of these faculties have usually inspired them to make the best of it. More often than not they've achieved outstanding success.

Nineteen-year-old Jessie Simpson is an example. A few months back she was acclaimed Miss New Jersey, a personable young lady whose beauty and talent won admiration everywhere. Then one day she ran for a train, missed, and woke up in a hospital a few days later to find both her legs gone.

Gone, too, were tennis, golf, dancing and other sports, but Jessie Simpson didn't weep about it like her friends. Disaster brought her a new life, and today she's receptionist at the New York city telephone office. Moreover, she's building a career as a commercial photographer's model, for Jessie's hands are remarkably beautiful.

Legless Swimmer.

Speaking of legless people, there's also the case of Charles (Zimmy) Zibelman of New York who lost his legs years ago in a Chicago trolley accident. Since then he has become famous as a stunt swimmer. He was photographed drinking beer and smoking cigars while swimming "across the Atlantic ocean"—in the swimming pool of the Queen Mary. His most notable achievement is a 144-hour, 145-mile swim down the Hudson river from Albany to New York last autumn. Last winter he planned a similar excursion from Miami to Havana, sharks permitting.

In Provo, Utah, a high school student named Wilkins Nuttall is a prize-winning lightweight wrestler even though he has but one leg! Nuttall used to stand on the sidelines until he said to himself one day, "What has any other wrestler got that I haven't got?" and proceeded to give more experienced matmen a run for their money. Of course he can't apply a "scissors" hold, but it is equally impossible for an opponent to apply the "split" on him.

Success on "Stilts."

In the village of Bellflower, Calif., lives Ralph Veady, a leading business man and bicycle rider who nevertheless has no legs. Seven years ago Ralph was working his way through Whittier college by driving a tractor. One day the tractor overturned and he regained consciousness to find his legs gone. Today, seven years later, Veady conducts his jewelry business, drives his car and even dances, with the aid of artificial legs. A star performer in many amateur races, Veady is also an expert swimmer and a clever skater with or without his legs.

Only a few miles from Bellflower, in Huntington Park, lives Miss Clover Kerr, who lost both legs and one arm in a traffic accident last year. Like Jessie Simpson, she refused to be pitied, outlining a new career before she left her hospital bed. Today she has found the way to happiness and usefulness through service.

Miss Kerr is artist, counselor, philosopher and fairy godmother to hundreds of crippled youngsters in the Far West through her daily



ABOVE: Jessie Simpson, Hoboken, N. J., beauty, whose legs were cut off by a railroad train, but who has carved herself a new career as commercial photographers' model. BELOW: Bobby Jones, the world's greatest golfer, who was weak and puny as a child.

before scientific research found means of aiding the physically disabled. Today instruments have been designed which provide mechanical eyes and ears to youngsters born without sight or hearing.

Science Takes a Hand.

In Evanston, Ill., five-year-old Joan Higgins cannot see or hear but is learning with the aid of a "phonotactor," devised by Dr. Robert H. Gault of Northwestern university. Whereas Helen Keller learned to "hear" by placing her fingers on the speaker's lips, Joan Higgins' phonotactor translates voices into vibrations. She places her fingers on sensitive reeds which vibrate from 64 to 8,000 times a second as the instructor speaks into a telephone transmitter.

Few jobs can compare to that of the blind person who regains his sight through surgery. In Asbury Park, N. J., Mrs. Ella Reynolds was taken home from the hospital to see the three children whose faces she had often caressed, but whom she had never seen. After 15 years of total blindness she was again made happy by surgeons who removed cataracts from her eyes.

In El Paso, Texas, twelve-year-old Julian Galindo could only exclaim, "It's wonderful!—beautiful!" when he saw the world for the first time in his life. And a grandmother in Denver, whose sight was restored after 20 years, could see her three grandchildren after years of wondering what they looked like.

Infantile paralysis, one of mankind's most feared assailants, has left in its wake many a crippled victim but most of them have found new hope in the joy of living. The most publicized case is that of Frederick Snite, Jr., whose millionaire father willingly spends \$2,000 a day to keep his son alive in the "iron lung" which may be his home for the next 10 years. Stricken in China during a round-the-world cruise, young Snite has lived in the lung almost two years but has never lost courage. He jokes with his nurses and his parents, keeps up an interest in world news and plays chess by calling his moves.

From Cripple to Athlete.

It's an accomplishment for a cripple to regain average health and become normally active, but it's amazing when they become outstanding athletes! Glenn Cunningham, the world's "fastest human," was trapped in a fire when he was eight years old. What had once been a pair of legs were grim, blackened fragments. Few people thought he would ever walk again but Cunningham fooled them. Today if you see him running around the track a full hour before his race starts, don't think Cunningham is "strutting" for the public. He has to exercise those rebuilt legs, to work up circulation by sustained effort.

Bobby Jones, the world's greatest golfer, was so skinny as a youngster that a good sneeze would have toppled him in the dust. Modern society is taking a much more humane attitude toward the cripple than did our forefathers. Scientists and the public alike are realizing that physically handicapped people can become useful citizens if given help and encouragement.

Pioneers like Helen Keller have opened new fields of activity for the blind. They have been taught useful trades and have gained independence by using "seeing eye" dogs, highly intelligent animals who guide their masters through every traffic hazard without danger. But it takes grit to face the world when the lights go out and you've no legs to stand on. Ask Nettie Timonds or Jessie Simpson!

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"A Dog's Premonition"

By FLOYD GIBBONS
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HELLO EVERYBODY: Do animals possess "second sight"? I mean, do they—because they are closer to Nature—receive mysterious advance warnings of evil that fail to touch our less sensitive consciousness? Sometimes it seems that way.

A California friend of mine had a pet cat. One day a few years ago the cat suddenly jumped on his lap, the picture of terror. Her fur was standing on end and she meowed excitedly and buried her head in her master's coat. He leaned over, surprised at her strange actions, to see what was the matter, and the next minute over went the chair, man and cat in a heap. An earthquake had struck that part of the Pacific coast, and the cat—he is convinced—received advance warning!

All of which brings us to today's adventurer, John W. Herbst of Flushing, L. I. John has a dog who acted strangely on a certain day in April, 1933. John has good reason to remember that day—the twenty-fourth—because he lost his right hand in an accident that almost took his life.

John's dog is a shepherd named "Pal"—and what a name! John was a railroad conductor in those days and Pal WAS his pal. Every night, John says, when he was ready to go to work Pal would come to him with his rubber ball and drop it in his master's hand to be put away in a drawer. Then Pal would "shake hands" with his master.

Dog Wouldn't Go Through His Tricks.

Every morning when John returned, the dog would be waiting for him. Joyously, Pal would take the morning paper up to the house and then sit up and bark before the drawer until John gave him his ball. This, John says, had been going on daily for years. But on the night of April 24, 1933, as John kissed his wife and started for work as usual, Pal was not up to his usual tricks. He paid no attention to the rubber ball and instead of offering his paw, sat glumly re-



Pal Wouldn't Shake Hands.

garding his master with downcast looks. This was a new one on John and it puzzled him.

John was puzzled still more when, as he started down the stairs the dog took hold of the leg of his overalls and PULLED HIM BACK. "I patted him on the head," John writes, "and tried to shake hands with him, but he kicked up a fuss of barking and crying and when I pushed him away he again caught hold of my leg."

John's Wife Thought It a Warning.

Women are more sensitive than men to things bordering on the occult and John's wife was no exception. She immediately took Pal's actions to be a warning and asked her husband to stay home that day. But John laughed at the idea and promising to be careful, went to work. He wishes now he had listened to what he is convinced was a real warning.

A few hours later John was taking his freight train out of Long Island city. He gave the starting signal to the engineer and swung on board. As the cars started to move John heard the sound of a brake scraping and locating the car he climbed aboard. And just as he released the set brake Fate put a stop to his railroad career.

Lost His Hand and Almost His Life.

The brake chain snapped—John slipped and fell under the train—he saw the wheels coming too late—his hand hurt him terribly and the next second he was lying on the roadbed holding the bleeding stump of his severed right hand!

Followed months in the hospital. Blood poisoning set in, and John's weight went from 179 pounds to 92. Back home Pal was disconsolate. The dog had not been taken to see his master but still he seemed to know. The rubber ball lay unheeded on the floor; instead he guarded and nursed John's working cap that had been brought to him.

Finally on July 1 John came home. Pal was so excited that they had to tie him up for fear that he would hurt his still invalid master. After a while they let him go and the dog surprised everyone by his actions. Instead of jumping all over John he approached his idol gently. He sniffed the bandage and licked John's remaining hand.

Pal Now a Sober Guardian.

And from that day, John says, the character of Pal changed. Instead of the playful Pal of other days he now became a sober watchdog and took up a tireless vigil at his sick master's side.

"No one can touch me on this day," John ends. "It seems as though Pal blames himself for letting me go to work that April day and now thinks it his duty to protect me as long as I have only one hand."

You're right, John. "What an experience and—what a dog!" Scientists, I suppose, would say it is impossible for a dog or any animal to give such a warning as Pal did. They would use a lot of big words proving their contention, too. Maybe they're right. I don't know. All I know is THESE THINGS DO HAPPEN!

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The Fall of Nassau

In 1776, during the war between Great Britain and the American colonists, a fleet of eight vessels was sent by the latter to Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, with instructions to capture the large quantities of munitions believed to be stored there. This force, under Admiral Hopkins, landed a detachment on the eastern extremity of New Providence island and marched on Nassau. Forts Montague and Nassau surrendered without resistance, and the new "Grand Union flag," consisting of the Union Jack in the first quarter and thirteen red and white stripes to represent the independent states, was hoisted over Fort Nassau. The invaders took 100 guns and a small quantity of other war munitions. But they left the following day.

Grant Once Ready to Quit

During the Civil war, Ulysses S. Grant once packed his belongings and was ready to start for home. He felt, as he told William T. Sherman, that he was in the way. But Sherman talked him into staying.

Valley of Oaxaca

The valley of Oaxaca, in southern Mexico, was the abode of the highly civilized Zapotec and Mixtec Indians, whose cities and religious buildings, covered by the dust of many centuries, have been unearthed.

Definition of University

According to a well established tradition, James A. Garfield, in a Williams college alumni address delivered in New York city in 1872, said: "My definition of a university is Mark Hopkins at one end of a log and a student at the other." The quotation, however, does not occur in the speech as it was recorded, but a similar line of thought was expressed by Garfield in a letter which he wrote the same year. Mark Hopkins (1802-1887), was one of the ablest and most successful American educators and was president of Williams college in Massachusetts when Garfield was a student there. Garfield particularly liked the stress which Hopkins placed upon the development of the individual student.

This Is a Different "Law"

The "law" in "mother-in-law" and "father-in-law" is not the same word as "law" in the sense of a legal mother or father, but is derived from the old English word, "lage," meaning "marriage."

Naming Days of Week

Days of the week are named after celestial bodies and elements in Japan—Sun, Sunday; moon, Monday; fire, Tuesday; water, Wednesday; wood, Thursday; metal, Friday, and earth, Saturday.

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Much of the sand used in manufacturing glass in America is imported from Belgium.

Half of the more than 5,000 varieties of chrysanthemums have been added to fanciers' list since 1904.

If a kitten reaches the age of two or three months without any experience with mice, it will not show a mousing instinct later.

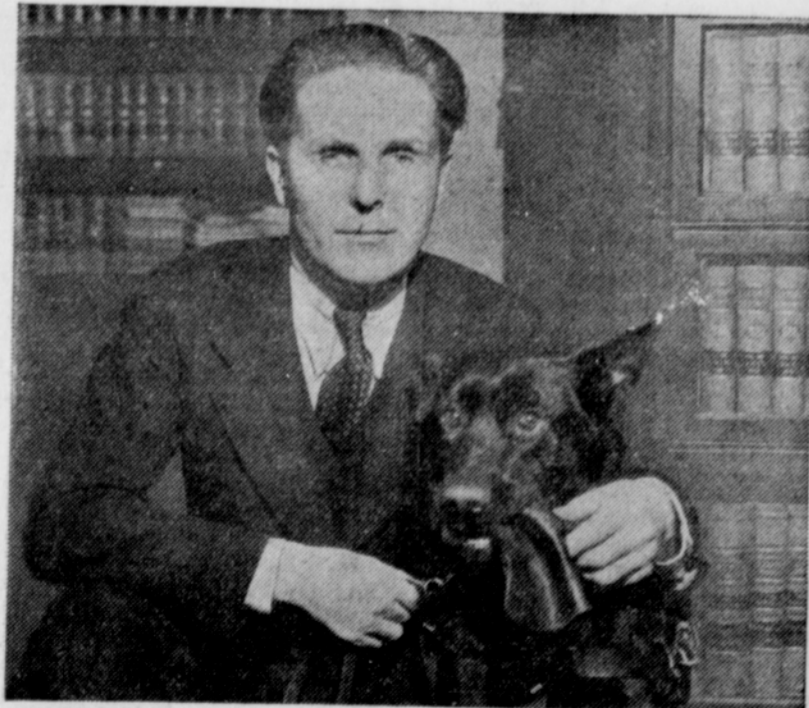
Tinting the nails was common among the Egyptians, and not conforming to the practice would have been considered indecent.

Out of a potential electrical power of 16,000,000 kilowatts on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, only 2,000,000 have been utilized.

AROUND THE WORLD

Japan is rich in the production of copper.

India was the largest producer of oil seed in the world last year.



Theodore Geister, a blind Chicago lawyer, finds no difficulty walking through the Windy City's crowded streets, guided by his highly intelligent "seeing eye" dog. These animals have brought new independence to sightless persons.