

# MISTAKEN MEDDLERS PART THEM

**PERCY NOURSE, THOUGH BUT 13 YEARS OLD PROVES A REAL MOTHER TO HIS LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS BUT BUSY BODIES SEPARATE FAMILY.**

Six months ago the mother of Percy and Charles and Leonard and Daisy and Eugene Nourse went away from their home in Brooklyn. She did not die. She just went away, although Eugene, the youngest, was not two years old, and Percy, the oldest, was but 13.

Let us all hope, for the honor of motherhood, that this mother did not know what she was doing when she deserted her children. For it is difficult to believe that so bad-hearted a mother as she would be, if she did know, could have borne and bred a son so faithful to the duty that lies nearest as Percy Nourse at the age of 13.

For their father had to be away at work all day, and as their mother was gone, Percy did what he could to take her place. He rose early in the morning and got breakfast. Then, when his father had gone to work, he washed and dressed and fed the younger children and took care of them all; he made the beds and swept the house and went through the day and all its household tasks until night came again.

And he administered discipline and gave needed correction when required. When little Daisy would not be persuaded, little Percy was spanked, as she ought to have been. And the Nourse family were getting along very well, in their own opinion, and were happy together.

But some of the neighbors—we must needs hazard the opinion that they were meddling neighbors, who would have done much better to attend to their own affairs—thought the situation was not just what it should be, and reported the case to a benevolent society.

So Percy Nourse and his flock were brought into court, as if it were a crime for him to do what he could to take care of them, and for the Nourse family to hold together as best they could in selfhelp, instead of scattering in dependence. The queer ideas some people have of what is "social welfare" then received illustration.

For, though Percy Nourse pleaded, with little Eugene in his arms, that he had taken good care of his younger brothers and sister—and they showed that they thought so by their childish grief at the threat of separation—and though their clean bodies and neat attire were mute witnesses, it was decreed that they should be separated.

Perhaps this was well. It is impossible at this distance to say positively that it was not well. But there must be doubts whether by any sort of arrangement that external benevolence can make it will be better for the Nourse children than it was and would have been with their brother Percy doing what he could to take their mother's place.

At any rate, it is clear that Percy Nourse is the kind of boy of which the world never has quite enough and can never have too much. His is a quality of instinctive faithfulness whose value is beyond computation. It is to be hoped that his experience with the benevolent society will not break or sour his loyal spirit.

For his country and mankind need such as he—need the spirit that does uncomplainingly the duty that lies nearest—that, though the task be too great for the strength, yet faces the task manfully and does all that can be done.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

## \*\*\*\*\* X-RAYS AND SMILES. \*\*\*\*\*

England's queen is said to be cold and haughty and on top of this information comes the statement that Fairbanks is to be appointed ambassador to England.—Our president knows what is what.

Some people are as frightened at the comet as though it belonged to the scorpion family and had a deadly sting in its tail. The wild stories told about it are like the comet's tail, "very thin gas."

Dave Myers performed the seemingly impossible at Montana by stealing a vacuum. It was a vacuum carpet cleaner.

A girl in Binghamton has discovered tape worms in eggs. Strange some folks must be always finding something the matter with the food supply.

Teddy has tackled one thing that downed him. He cannot get his tongue (maybe it is his teeth) to give the proper twist to the French language, and so delivered his lecture in Paris in English.

Down in Alabama an editor published an article on dancing, in which he alluded to a local dance as a public hugging match, and said no virtuous woman would participate in such an affair. A committee of citizens waited on him with the clipping from his paper, and made him "eat it," but whether as food for thought or reflection is not stated in the dispatch.

The doctors in Paris say that by tomorrow Teddy will not be able to speak above a whisper. That may be true, but it is a dead certainty that he will break the record as a whisperer.

A physician to make a specialty of healing physicians, a censorship to edit editors, a court to correct lawyers, and a boss to steer the politician. We all need fixing.

Is there any perceptible wear on bitulthic Court street after four years? Then why experiment with concrete?

The Oregon Blossom, published by the Salem Board of Trade is a beauty.

St. Nicholas for June has puppies on the front page, comets in the middle and delights all the way through. It is like one of Schubinger's fromage de brie cheese—good, rind and all. The older it gets the better.

At last a big Portland hot-air banker is convicted by a jury. Of course, the courts of appeal will correct the mistakes that have been made by the jurors.

The Portland Telegram had a scoop on the rest of the papers in that revelation of jury fixing.

A man who nominated himself for governor four years ago, and got about 1200 votes by spending several thousand dollars is against the Direct Primary law and for the Assembly. And yet the people are said to be incompetent.

Eight students drown together at Wilkesbarre. Which is more important to a man—Algebra or to know how to swim. The colleges better revise their courses of study.

A plain prescription is printed upon each 25c box of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Ask your doctor or druggist if this formula is not complete. Pain means congestion, blood pressure, head pains, womanly pains, pains anywhere get instant relief from a Pink Pain Tablet. Sold by Capital Drug Store.



## CANNON TALKS ON COLLEGE TRAINING

**SAYS: "TO A YOUNG MAN A COLLEGE COURSE IS NOT NECESSARILY FATAL IF HE HAS ANYTHING IN HIM."**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
New Haven, Conn., May 13.—"Politics is no business," according to an interview attributed to Speaker Cannon, printed in the Yale News on sale here today.

Cannon is quoted as saying: "To a bright young man who has anything in him, a college course is not necessarily fatal to success. That is my view of it."

"The common school system, the high school course, gives the average individual at least a fair equipment for practical success in business or in the various callings that men follow who live by the sweat of their faces. That is about all that the average man would utilize."

"There is always a question as to whether the average student will survive the spoling effects of a college course."

"The human animal on the average, is not worth his salt if he is incapable of making his own way. The greater rewards come in business, not politics. A good business man is much better off than a poor politician. The business man has better chance for advancement and better remuneration."

## AMENDED ACT IS BIG IMPROVEMENT

State Engineer Lewis is in receipt of the act passed by congress March 15, 1910, amending the Carey act in relation to the withdrawal of public lands by the state for reclamation and its provisions will assist the engineering department much in the development of the arid lands of the state as it obviates a difficulty which the department has had to contend with in launching its projects under the Carey act.

The state under the Carey act has entered into preliminary contracts for the reclamation of eight different projects which will mean in the course of the next few years millions of dollars to the state and the settlers who are availing themselves of the provisions of the act by settling on the lands. The main difficulty encountered in the launching of the projects was the withdrawal of the lands from the public domain prior to their appropriation by settlers under the general land laws of the United States. But this difficulty will be obviated by the amended act as it provides for temporary withdrawals of the land by the state upon application, and which will be valid for the period of one year, during which time the engineering department can make the detailed surveys and comply with the other requirements of the federal law on the subject.

## JAPANESE ARE BUYING SHIPS

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Victoria, B. C., May 13.—Word received by Japanese here today that the Japanese shipping firms are increasing their fleets of steamers in anticipation of the increase in the customs tariff of \$7.50 a ton on the vessels over ten years of age. The duty is being imposed in the interest of Japanese ship builders, but it is said it will work a hardship on steamship firms, who will find it impossible to purchase steamers at home, and if they buy abroad will have to pay the duty.

There are at present very few steamers for sale in Eastern waters. On this account it has been necessary for the owners to look to Europe and America for their bottoms. According to the news received nearly 20

## STEAMERS WILL BE PURCHASED, IF THEY CAN BE SECURED AT REASONABLE PRICES. OPTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN ON A NUMBER, AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS FOR OTHERS.

### Torpedo Boat Wrecked by Explosion.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
Hamburg, Germany, May 13.—Five sailors were killed and two fatally injured today in an explosion aboard the German torpedo boat "S 33," cruising near Heligoland.

The craft was completely wrecked by the explosion, which is the seventh naval fatality occurring this year.

The cause of the explosion is withheld by the authorities. The afternoon papers are clamoring for an investigation and immediate court-martial of those who may be responsible for bad conditions.

A Swede in Tacoma who refused to be enumerated was flogged by the enumerator, arrested by the police and put in jail. Tacoma is going to get there consularly.

### The End of The World

Should it come tomorrow would find fully 1-3 of the people suffering with rheumatism of either slight or serious nature. Nobody need suffer with rheumatism for Ballard's Snow Liniment drives away the trouble, relieves the pain instantly and leaves the user as well and supple as a two year old. All sales.

## CALIFORNIA HAS ANOTHER QUAKE

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]  
San Bernardino, Cal., May 13.—This city was shaken by an earthquake at 10:20 o'clock last night. The tremor lasted several seconds. No damage was reported.

### Redlands Feels It.

Redlands, Cal., May 13.—Redlands was visited by a slight earthquake shock at 10:22 last evening. Reports today from nearby points indicate the quake was felt in a radius of several miles from this city. No damage was done.

### Reaches to Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 13.—The chronometer in the government weather bureau stopped at 10:20 last evening, the hour at which the tremors were left in the San Bernardino valley. Officials of the government bureau believe that the shake may have been felt here.

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## Women Get Ten Millions.

San Francisco, May 13.—The bulk of the \$10,000,000 estate of ex-President Don Angel Guirrola, of Salvador, who died two weeks ago in Santa Tecla, will be inherited by his daughters, Mrs. E. Mejia, of Oakland, and Mrs. Cordelia G. De Moran of San Francisco.

Mrs. Mejia, who is well known in San Francisco society, will sail tomorrow for Santa Tecla.

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## MINE IS SEALED— HOPE ABANDONED

**THE MINE, A RAGING FURNACE, WAS SEALED UP TODAY, IN AN EFFORT TO SMOTHER THE FLAMES.**

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

White Haven, England, May 13.—The hundred and thirty-seven miners entombed in the Wellington coal mine have been left to their fate. The mine was sealed today in an effort to smother the flames that are raging in the lower workings.

The fire followed an explosion in the mine. Efforts were made yesterday to rescue the miners, but the rescue parties were driven back by the flames. Officials gave up hope of saving the men, and the mine was sealed to check the flames.

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