

For the LITTLE ONES

STRANGE RECOVERY OF BOY

Letter of Sympathy From Walter Johnson, Noted Pitcher, Works Miracle With Washington Lad.

Warren A. Slee, thirteen years old, lay sick for weeks, and, according to a Washington dispatch, physicians said they did not think he would recover. Then the lad went into delirium and talked of Walter Johnson, the "speed king" among the pitchers of the American league. He had been the boy's idol, the man of men before whom this lad had stood secretly in awe, and when the mind was free the idol of his worship spoke to him.

When the team came back to Washington from its western trip, a member of the boy's family had intuitive sense enough to seek out the pitcher and tell him what the doctors said. Naturally Mr. Johnson wanted to go to the boy's bedside, but the physicians said no, that the excitement would be fatal.

So he wrote this letter, and it was read to the boy in an interval of delirium:

"My Dear Warren—I take pleasure in sending you herewith one of the baseballs used on our western trip, and hope that you will soon have the opportunity of using it with your friends."

Pills, powders and surgery had failed, but an idol worked another miracle. As if touched by the gods of old, there was an immediate change for the better, and within a remarkably short space of time the boy left the hospital and was able to use the baseball. The primitive mind had been allowed to work.

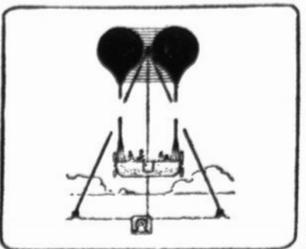
Many noted writers have tried in vain to describe the psychology of miracles such as these, remarks the New York Sun. Kipling and his "Brushwood Boy," Kenneth Grahame and his "Golden Age," have essayed to explain the mind of boy, but it can not be done. All that we know is, as Thackeray says, that every boy at a stage in his life has some idol. Of course, the idols change, eventually becoming feminine. Yet if our learned uplifters would seek to learn the name or nature of each boy's idol, and work through it, instruction in moral hygiene and eugenics would become obsolete. That way progress lies. If an idol can save a life it can do other things, for it represents the boy's ambition at its best and most impressive period.

And what matter the form the idol takes? It may be, as it often is, a locomotive engineer, a drum major, a baseball pitcher; through the hero worship of these exalted beings the boy's salvation lies. Text books on biology were never intended for the primitive mind.

BALLOON-SUPPORTED SWING

Ingenious Device, Patented in England and Germany, Has Car Suspended From Two Balloons.

This ingenious swing, recently patented in England and Germany, has a car suspended from two balloons, which are held captive by ropes fastened to anchors.



Balloon-Supported Swing.

The swinging motion is produced by propellers fitted to the car, and the car can move in curves within the same space inclosed by the anchor ropes. To permit passengers to enter the car, the balloons are pulled down by means of the central cable, which is wound up on a drum.

Smallest Inhabited Island.

The English island on which the Biddystone lighthouse stands is the smallest inhabited island in the world. At low water it is thirty feet in diameter; at high water the lighthouse, whose diameter at the base is 24 1/2 feet, completely covers it. It is inhabited by three persons. It lies nine miles off the Cornish coast and fourteen miles southwest of Plymouth breakwater. Flatthorne, an island in the Bristol channel, is only a mile and a half in circumference, but, consisting mostly of rich pasture land, supports a farmhouse, besides the lighthouse, with a revolving light 156 feet above the sea.

His Manifest Aspect.

Small Boy—Mummy, is it really true that the devil has horns and a club foot?

The Mother—Ah, my dear, sometimes the devil appears in the shape of a very handsome and charming young man.

Small Boy (pityingly)—Oh, mummy! you're thinking of Capt. London Punch.

MACAW IS LOVER OF MUSIC

On Hearing Gramophone Beautiful Bird Gives Convulsive Start and Then Begins Cack Walk.

Most of the birds in the aviary at the New York zoo took no interest in the gramophone, but there was a big macaw, a beautiful creature, dressed in blue, who went crazy with the first note. As soon as it sounded the macaw gave a convulsive start, and then began to dance about his cage. This expression of his emotions was too limited, and he flew to the bar that stretches across his cage and began a cack walk. There was no mistake about it—it was a cack walk. The music lent itself to that form of dance, and the macaw lifted his feet



Macaw Trying to Sing.

and paraded around the bar in exact measures that have been made familiar by countless strutting Afro-Americans. Then, tiring of this, the macaw turned to face the music and began beating his wings in time to the music. The macaw bent himself almost double across his rod or bar and distended his body in rhythmic motions to the dance music that was being played. Then he tried his skill at singing. He listened attentively, with his head bent on one side, until he discovered that the simple tune that was being played was in regular measures, and then he undertook to express his musical appreciation by butting in with a chorus at the end of each line.

NOT EASY OF PRONUNCIATION

Foreigner Meets With Many Difficulties in Efforts to Understand Peculiarities of Words.

It is hard for the person to whom English is his native tongue to realize what a struggle the foreigner has to understand some of the peculiarities of our spelling and pronunciation. One foreigner gives the following description of his first lesson in an English class:

We have been given a book to learn the letters. I arrive at the class, having learned them perfectly. Soon, in the course of the lesson, we have the word l-o-w. "Love," I pronounce it, thinking the w has the sound of v.

"No; it is pronounced 'lo,'" says the teacher.

"Then why is the w there?" I inquire, mystified.

"It is there because that is the way the word is spelled," responds the teacher; "but it is silent. Never mind why; it is sufficient to know that it is there."

Before long we come to n-o-w. "Pronounce it," says the teacher.

"No," I reply.

"Why will you not?" she asks me. It is some time before she understands that I am trying to pronounce the word when I say "No." Then she declares that although l-o-w is lo, n-o-w is now.

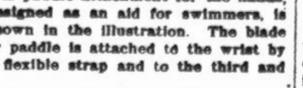
"If you want to make it no," she explains, kindly, "you put k before it."

You may believe I am bewildered. However, I memorize that n-o-w is now. The next word is s-n-o-w. I pronounce it like now with an s before it. The teacher laughs. The w is again become silent, apparently for no reason, and the word is called sno. But that is not all. Later I find that if you drop the n from snow you can pronounce it whichever way you like!—Youth's Companion.

DEVICE HELPS IN SWIMMING

Paddle Attachment for Hands Aids Swimmer in Getting Over Water—Blade is Slightly Curved.

A paddle attachment for the hands, designed as an aid for swimmers, is shown in the illustration. The blade or paddle is attached to the wrist by a flexible strap and to the third and fourth fingers by means of flaps. The blade is slightly curved longitudinally in order to conform with the outline of the palm.



Swimming Device.

Tommy's Impending Promotion. "Well, Tommy," said the father of a six-year-old youngster, "how are you getting along at school?" "Bully!" rejoined Tommy. "Guess the teacher is going to promote me."

"What makes you think so?" "She said today that if I kept on at the rate I was going I'd soon be in the criminal class," explained Tommy.

Gulf Between Them. "She wanted to know if I smoked, drank or chewed."

"Well, you could easily satisfy her on those points. When is the engagement to be announced?"

"Never. She discards from strength at bridge, and I consider it foolishness to discard from anything but weakness."

Practical Fashions

LADY'S COAT.



6317

This coat is in the style so much worn with one piece dresses and may easily form part of a three piece suit or be worn separately. Body and sleeves are cut in one, the fronts being extended in a curved band to the side seam. The front is open, the neck trimmed with a wide collar. Faille, crepe materials, satin, linen and sponge are used for these coats, and also certain woollens.

The coat pattern (6317) is cut in sizes 34 to 42 inches bust measure. Medium size requires 1 1/2 yards of 44 inch material.

To procure this pattern send 10 cents to "Pattern Department," of this paper. Write name and address plainly, and be sure to give size and number of pattern.

NO. 6317. SIZE..... NAME..... TOWN..... STREET AND NO..... STATE.....

Practical Fashions

CHILD'S DRESS.



6295

This simple frock is made of flouncing. It has a small square yoke with a group of tucks at either side of it, and a waistband of beading through which ribbon is run. The sleeves can be long or short. Plain materials can be used for this dress, and in this case lace makes the daintiest trimming. The model is also good for simple gingham frocks.

The dress pattern (6295) is cut in sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Medium size requires 1 1/2 yards of plain material, 1 1/2 yards of 10 inch flouncing, 1 1/2 yards of insertion, 1 1/2 yards of beading, and 1 1/2 yards of ribbon.

To procure this pattern send 10 cents to "Pattern Department," of this paper. Write name and address plainly, and be sure to give size and number of pattern.

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Scarlet Harder to See Than Red.

Experiments have been made to determine what color in a soldier's uniform is the least conspicuous to an enemy. Of ten men, two were dressed in light gray, two in dark gray, two in green, two in dark blue and two in scarlet.

All were then ordered to march, while a group of officers remained watching them. The first to disappear in the landscape was the light gray, and next, surprising as it may seem, the scarlet. Then followed the dark gray, while the dark blue and the green remained visible long after all the others had disappeared.

Experiments in firing at blue and red targets, according to same experiments, proved that blue could be more easily seen at a distance than red.

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THREATEN TO FIRE SOCIALIST MAYOR

Anti-Military Expressions Alleged to Be Cause.

CHICAGO — The denunciation of the American soldier as a man who has "reached the lowest depth, beyond which no one can go," by William M. Lawson, mayor of Des Plaines, Ill., stirred a number of soldiers and citizen organizations into joint action to demand the mayor's immediate resignation. The action followed riotous scenes at the town hall the evening before, in which City Clerk John A. Bell, Jr., and four trustees refused to sit with Lawson because of the sentiments he had expressed. In the melee Lawson was pelted with eggs and vegetables and the disorder reached a climax when a woman, coming out of a meeting of the Woman's Relief corps, openly spat in Lawson's face and was cheered for her act.

"I'll fight that crowd to the last ditch," said Mayor Lawson in his office in the Insurance Exchange building. "They are sore because I closed the saloons on Sunday and are using my views on the army as a cloak."

Reports are that plans have been prepared for an indignation meeting to be held Saturday evening in the town hall.

WAR ON GRADE CROSSINGS

Gov. Dunne Summons Illinois Railroad Leaders to Conference.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Governor E. F. Dunne has tackled the grade crossing evil in Illinois. He has issued a call to every railroad in the state to send representatives to his office next Saturday, when the grade crossing will be discussed. He has also addressed a letter to the state highway commission, asking it to investigate highway and railroad crossings and be prepared to co-operate with the new utilities commission when it is appointed.

The governor in his letter to the railroads says that during his campaign he was impressed by the large number of obscure, diagonal, steep or hidden railroad crossings.

LOVE AT SIGHT IS IN COURT

Divorce Suit Follows Sudden Romance of Sterling, Ill., Dentist.

CHICAGO — One more "love at first sight" romance received a rider last week when Dr. Robert L. Hopkins, dentist of Sterling, Ill., was accused in a divorce suit of beating his wife, Mrs. Marie Hopkins, and otherwise being cruel to her. Mrs. Hopkins is living at the Hotel Sherman. She left her husband July 28 last.

"It was one of those love-at-first-sight marriages," said Attorney Edgar A. Jones, counsel for Mrs. Hopkins. "She met some friend of his on the train coming from Oregon. She went to their home and met the doctor. Three days later they were married and went to Sterling to live."

HONOR CONVICTS FIGHT FIRE

Camp Hope Men Save Farm Houses Near Grand Detour.

DIXON, ILL.—The forty-five state convicts doing road work near Grand Detour made a hard run of a mile from Camp Hope to fight a fire on the Charles Johnson farm north of Grand Detour. One negro convict was burned rescuing property.

The fire, which destroyed a big barn, despite the efforts of convicts, was kept from spreading to many nearby farm buildings by the efforts of the men and they saved most of the stock and machinery in the barn.

No guard accompanied the men and every one of the forty-five returned to camp when the fight was over.

RAISES ITS FRUIT SUPPLY

Mount Morris, Ill., Outside Fruit Belt, Meets Local Consumption.

MOUNT MORRIS, ILL. No pears or peaches were imported to Mount Morris this year for the town, though situated a considerable distance north of the Illinois peach belt, raised enough of the fruit to supply all home needs.

On the farm of A. W. Brayton alone more than 700 bushels of pears and 200 bushels of peaches were produced.

JULIA LATHROP IS STRICKEN

Children Bureau Head Ill at Homer—Tested for Typhoid Fever.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Julia C. Lathrop, the head of the National Children's bureau, has been ill at her home here for a week. It was feared she had typhoid fever, but tests do not indicate the presence of that disease, and her physicians believe her illness is due to overwork and the strain of travel.

Her temperature was lower at last reports.

APPOINTMENTS BY DUNNE

Vacancies on Mining Board and Canal Commission Filled.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—John Bohlander of Pekin has been appointed a member of the state mining board by Governor Dunne. He succeeds Richard Newsam of Peoria, deceased. Edward S. Merahan of Sheridan, La Salle county, was appointed a member of the Illinois and Michigan commission in place of William L. Sackett of Morris, whose term expired.

AFTER WORLD'S PENNANT

Connie Mack of Athletics, Above, and Johnny McGraw of Giants.



Photos by American Press Association.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Milwaukee clinched the American pennant by winning the first game of a double bill at Louisville 3 to 1.

The Brewers dropped the second game, 3 to 0. Anxious Milwaukee fans awaited returns from Louisville and the news of the Brewers' victory started a celebration which continued far into the night.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—Charles W. Meisner, seventy-one years old, was found guilty of manslaughter for killing Henry Berger on July 15.

Meisner shot Berger, a saloonkeeper, after having been ejected from the saloon. He is a veteran of the civil war and there were two soldiers on the jury, which was out eleven hot s.

VASSAR, MICH.—Hazen Ferguson, about sixteen years old, living six miles from here, was fatally wounded while hunting rabbits with his father and brother.

His gun was accidentally discharged while he stood on a stump, the shot entering the flesh and muscles from the abdomen.

CONSTANTINOPLE — More than 250 persons were drowned as the result of a cloudburst causing the worst flood ever known here.

Those killed lost their lives when the wooden residences they occupied were swept away by the flood.

BORDEAUX, FRANCE — Two rich Spanish noblemen, Marquis Calzada and his brother-in-law, Marquis de la Roca, were burned to death as the result of an automobile accident.

The Marchioness de la Calzada was seriously injured.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. — The relatives received word that Victor East of this city had been murdered in Mexico.

He has been manager of the Mexican Lumber and Development company in Campechi. His wife was with him in Mexico.

CERBERE, FRANCE — A terrific thunder storm, which raged for many hours, spread death and ruin throughout this city.

Fourteen persons are known to have been killed and thirty injured, and there are many missing.

QUEBEC, CAN.—As the result of a blaze in a three-story wooden building in St. Francois street, eight children of the family of Ulrich Trudel, the proprietor, were cremated.

SPORTING AFFAIRS.

CINCINNATI, O.—Chairman Garry Herrmann of the National commission said emphatically that the commission would go so far as to call off the world's series altogether if players who participated in the series peremptorily refuse to refrain from writing newspaper articles.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Ad Wolgast of Cadillac, Mich., and Battling Nelson of Chicago, two former lightweight champions, came to an agreement and signed articles for a ten round no-decision boxing contest to be held here Oct. 13. The men will weigh in at 125 pounds.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Frank Klaus of Pittsburgh and Eddie McGearty of Oshkosh fought ten rounds to a draw here. The shade, if any, went to McGearty. After losing the earlier rounds to Klaus he came back strong and evened up the affair.

Hubert Jones REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE

"I told you so"—how often that phrase is used by insurance agents! How few people are making an effort to protect their families after their earning power ceases! Fire insurance is another "I told you so" proposition. There has been over \$25,000,000 fire insurance written through this office in past week. Are you protected? Accident insurance is no closely related to our every day life that it needs little argument. Have you a policy? Better have it always and not need it than to need it once and not have it.

There is one place in Downers Grove for sale that has just recently been put on the market at \$3,500. Seven rooms, modern; bath, heat; wooded lot 50x160, a fine neighborhood and an unequalled value.

Could you use a lot, 50x132, inside corporation and well located? There are a few left at \$150.

\$200 after October 1st. Water, gas & sewer in.

We have a booklet, listing about 100 of the numerous places in Downers Grove. This book also contains pictures of most of the streets and all of the churches and public places. If interested, call or write for one.

Numerous inquiries are received from Chicago for 6 or 7-room modern homes. If you have one strictly up-to-date that you wish to sell, we will be pleased to place it on the market.

A good 6-room house (not modern) on a lot 50x270 with fruit, garden and shade, in fine neighborhood, and not remote from train service. Cannot be equalled anywhere at \$2,500. Hope you will doubt this assertion enough to investigate.

A fine, modern house on South Side;

3 rooms, cement basement, hot and cold water, bath, furnace—in fact, a house that could not be duplicated for the price of the whole place, for the price of a little over one acre. A number of fruit trees, cement walks, \$4,000, on very easy terms, \$1,500 with 1/2 acre.

A comparatively new story and a half

dwelling with cement basement, laundry tubs, furnace, hot and cold water, living room, dining-room and kitchen on first floor, 3 bedrooms and bath on second. An unequalled value at \$1,000. One and a half acres of good soil, chicken houses and pens. Small fruit and high quality of trees just coming into bearing.

Something extra in residence property,

with plenty of ground to occupy your spare time. Eight rooms and pantry, hardwood floor and trim throughout. Bath, steam heat, gas and electric light; lot 62x172, with all kinds of fruit. Chicago home 12x18. House recently decorated inside at a cost of \$700. A South Side home of this nature will not last long at \$2,250. Better see it.

One, and the only one of its kind in

Burling county, in the 2 1/2-acre farm at \$200 cash. Improvements are worth \$10,000. Please note what the ground is selling for. This is an ideal country gentleman's home, and could not be duplicated at any price in the unequalled location and perfect appointments. House of 12 rooms, modern in every respect, even to a 10x14 refrigerator built on the pantry, supplied with ice from the ice house on place, plus a standing offer of \$10,000 for 10 acres of this place, which owner refuses to split. Ripe for subdividing.

If you have any real estate for sale or

for rent, and really desire to do business, you are losing opportunities if you don't see Jones.

A comparatively new story and a half

dwelling with hall, parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 3 bed rooms, bath, hot and cold water, cement basement, laundry tubs, etc., good cement walks with 2 lots, \$3,500. This place is advertised elsewhere at \$4,000.

Accident and health insurance is a

good proposition for investigation.

HULBERT JONES

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Take Away Unused Sugar.

People in France when they dine at restaurant frequently appropriate the sugar they don't happen to use. Sugar in France is dear, and what is served with the coffee belongs, by right, to the purchaser as much as the coffee itself. So why not take a lump or two home to little Jeanne or Pierre?

River of Time.

Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought into sight than it is swept by and another takes its place and this, too will be swept away.—Marcus Antoninus.

Putting It Clearly.

"Rastus, what's a alibi?" "Dat's provin' dat yoh was at a prayer-meetin' whar yoh wasn't, in order to show dat yoh wasn't at de crog-game whar yoh was."—Life.

Perseverance.

Because perseverance is so difficult, even when supported by the grace of God, thence is the value of new beginnings. For new beginnings are the life of perseverance.—B. E. Pease.