

For the Boys and Girls

"Eight-Nine-Ten-670"

The story of an Eighteen-year-old Fireman.

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Hal Clarke awoke with a start. He sat straight up in his iron cot in the "bunk room" of Hook and Ladder 94...

For a second he sat stunned. With bated breath and partly open mouth, he watched the moving picture his frenzied imagination painted. He saw his mother turn in her bed and call to May, his sister. He saw the girl rise...

Hal gasped. The picture was gone in a flash. Leaping up he slid into boots and overalls. By the brass pole he reached the apparatus floor as the second number of the station "hit in."

He was aware that the big doors had been opened. He heard faintly the third alarm from the motor. He saw a man from his mates hurrying about him. But his every energy was concentrated on the station. What was the number? Would the going be "Eight-Nine-Ten-670" or "Eight-Nine-Ten-670"?

When he awoke into the avenue he became aware of the time. It was only five o'clock. He had been awakened by a man shouting "Eight-Nine-Ten-670." He had heard faintly the third alarm from the motor. He saw a man from his mates hurrying about him.

It was a relief to find that he had not been called to the scene. He was in luck. He had not been called to the scene. He was in luck. He had not been called to the scene.

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Her Passport. GIRL CRIMINAL'S LOT IN FRANCE IS HARD

CONFINED BEHIND WALL NINETY FEET HIGH. Obligated to Work Long at Difficult Tasks and Speech Forbidden.

Although child crimes in France are not so numerous as might be expected after four years of war when far more children were killed and maimed than in any other country...

While the boys find shelter in reformatory schools, where they are usually maintained until they reach the age of 21 or until such time as their conduct indicates that they should be sent to a large castle, formerly a military depot, at Bretonville, where they are kept in a large castle, formerly a military depot...

Just inside the walls and surrounded by a large park, across which the girls pass to work, are the girls' quarters. These are arranged in a long row of small buildings, each containing several girls. The girls are kept in a long row of small buildings...

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In a Sunken Ship

It was just breaking over the horizon when the morning of August 20, 1907, when a shout of alarm roused Harry Willey from his sleep. Willey writes Mr. John G. Rowe in the World Magazine, was into a boat on the steam trawler Quail of Hull.

The mate pitched headlong out of his berth. Scrambling madly to his feet, he rushed into the main cabin just in time to see the great captain of a steamer protruding through Captain Lewis's berth. He could see nothing of the captain himself.

Amazing Appetites. Our forefathers seem to have been mighty men, who thought nothing of riding 100 miles a day or of performing feats of pedestrianism from which we would shrink.

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Immigrant (held up by "quota")—"Hey, Sam, do you mean to say you'll make a better citizen than I will?" Uncle Sam—"No, but I guess I've got to pretend so for the time being."

As Willey was flung out of his berth, he was struck by a beam of light that fell on his face. He saw the mate pitched headlong out of his berth. Scrambling madly to his feet, he rushed into the main cabin just in time to see the great captain of a steamer protruding through Captain Lewis's berth.

Without waiting to take a second glance Willey made a dash for the door of the cabin. Behind him water was pouring in through the shattered berth in a mighty flood. Before he could reach the door, however, the flood had washed him off his feet, and in a moment the rising water was hankled high against it.

Unhappily for him or perhaps fortunately the skylight was closed fastened, and he found that he could not possibly break through it. All while the water was rising rapidly round him. Soon it was up to his armpits; and it continued to rise as the trawler sank lower and lower.

When the water was up to his neck, he was obliged to stand on his toes in order to breathe. Then, in immense relief, he felt a half shore where the trawler had struck bottom.

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