

A CLUMSY THIEF

(Continued from Page Three) Frank found Mr. Hays easy to approach and the second afternoon, almost without realizing it, the young engineer found himself eagerly outlining the plan of his invention, roughly sketching his idea as he talked.

"Show me your drawing," said the president, with interest. Frank saw that he had let himself into a trap. "I'm sorry, sir, I had it nearly finished, but it has been mislaid," he answered, confused.

Mr. Hays turned away with an indifferent shrug. "There's no use discussing the matter until you have worked out your idea. You are slightly premature."

Frank, roused with a sinking heart that it would have been better if he had not mentioned his invention. Now he must appear stupid, or give his friend away.

"I was hoping to interest you in having some forms made to try out. I'll work night and day to get the drawing ready."

"We'll see when you have something concrete to present. Many engineers have had your dream, and you'd have to have an invention that was practical and different before my company would think of putting money into it," replied Mr. Hays, coldly.

"If your idea is as remarkable as you believe, I should think you surely would have taken better care of your drawing!"

Frank felt as if the bottom were slipping out of his world. Mr. Hays thought him careless and irresponsible.

His thoughts were interrupted by the sound of hurrying feet. Suddenly the office door opened as Eugene, hatless, his suburban hair disheveled, hastened over to Frank's desk.

"The best news!" he shouted. "I saw Mr. Hays. 'I beg your pardon?'"

"Mr. Hays, my foreman, Mr. Markham, introduced Frank, overcoming his surprise with a supreme effort. "We have finished going over the warehouse work and I was telling him about my invention."

"That's what I'm so excited about. I hope you'll forgive me for taking your drawing, but I was afraid to raise your hopes until I was sure I could put it across. Dad says you have a great thing and he'll back you financially to put your invention on the market and I'll sell them."

"Your father isn't Denton Markham, the eminent engineer?" asked Mr. Hays.

"Yes, he is the drawing."

Frank felt like an outsider as Eugene produced his precious drawing and Mr. Hays looked it over critically. "You have something really good," he said at last, turning to Frank.

"Let me congratulate you. And, since Denton Markham agrees with me, I shall be glad to have a few forms constructed to try them out."

"I'm sorry, sir, but we couldn't bother with such a small proposition," cut in Eugene. "My father plans to put this thing over just as soon as I can take Mr. Benson back with me to work out the details."

Mr. Hays took his defeat graciously. "Then I can only congratulate you again, Mr. Benson, and trust you will give our company the first opportunity to purchase your finished product."

The group which gathered on the Benson front porch that evening was bubbling over with excitement.

"I made a clumsy thief," laughed Eugene. "I knew you'd suspect me, but I tried to throw you off the track by changing the subject and making those tracks down to it. After I'd found the drawing, I heard the night watchman coming so I had to run without stopping to close the window. When you missed the drawing, I tried to direct suspicion at some one else because I had to have time to raise money to make the trip."

"You sold your instruments!" broke in Frank.

An Elder Brother's Friendly Talk

With the Younger Folk



OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE BROTHIERLY HINTS A BIT OF HUMOR

YOUNG FOLK'S CAREERS

These are busy days in the schools and colleges. Examinations are being prepared for, and are being written.

This is the final year for many. Some, unfortunately, will complete their work in the Public School and will not be able to enter any higher institution of scholastic tuition.

Some will matriculate from the Collegiate Institute and thereby complete their formal education. Others, happily, will pass their finals at the University and emerge with the coveted degree to their credit.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

It is the purpose of education to train one for a career, and also to aid in the selection of a vocation for which one is best fitted by nature and inclination.

Everyone has latent capacity which fits him to do a certain kind of work better than another. It is to the interest of every boy and every girl to be on the alert while in school to discover for himself or herself the field of activity for which he or she is best fitted.

The primary purpose of the elective system now employed in most High Schools and Colleges is to provide the means whereby each individual student may discover the field of activity in which he is likely to attain greatest success, if followed as a career.

During the past few years, educators have given considerable attention to the subject of aiding students to choose careers. The development of psychology and its practical application to everyday affairs has done much good.

A recognized and scientific way of choosing the vocation for which one is best adapted is somewhat as follows: Write down a list of every possible vocation which can be followed honorably, honestly and with compensation sufficient to reimburse one fully for his efforts.

Then go through the list slowly and deliberately and cross out one by one all the vocations for which one recognizes his unfitness. Disinterestedness and incapacity go together, and this simply means that one cannot hope to attain success in a field of endeavor in which he is not interested.

In the elimination method of choosing a career referred to above, it will be discovered after striking out from the list of all possible vocations those for which one is admittedly unfitted through lack of interest, and therefore lack of ability, that there remain in the list certain vocations which are similar in certain respects.

For all vocations may conveniently be classified into three groups, as follows: (1) those in which one's success depends primarily upon his influence upon other people, (2) those in which one's success depends primarily upon his use of materials and things, (3) those in which one's success depends primarily upon his use of thoughts and ideas.

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY OPEN

The first named field of activity, namely, that in which our influence upon other people counts most, includes many and varied vocations, of which the following representatives are typical: merchants, salesmen, agents, brokers, attorneys, politicians, physicians, teachers, and preachers. Here the keynote of success lies in selling ability—one must be able to sell himself above all else. He must have a pleasing personality, good character, personal charm, and magnetism, and perhaps most important of all, he must be a good talker. He must be able to make friends easily, and to retain them.

The second named field of activity, namely, that in which efforts are concentrated primarily upon material things, includes vocations of which the following representatives are typical: mechanics, engineers, architects, manufacturers, chemists, farmers, stockmen, foresters, miners, and a great variety of humble laborers who work primarily with their hands. We are living in a mechanical age, and the demand for those who possess manual dexterity and know how to use tools and machinery is greater than the supply. Most important of all in this field of activity is the ability to use one's hands efficiently. Training and apprenticeship are necessary in youth in bringing out inherent skill and dexterity.

The third named field of activity, namely, that in which efforts are concentrated primarily upon abstract thoughts and ideas, is the smallest so far as the numbers of people involved are concerned. Representatives of vocations in this group are: writers, authors, editors, poets, musicians, composers, philosophers, statesmen, and scientists. Distinction rather than wealth is the external reward for success here, though the internal and personal reward which comes from the feeling that one has contributed even a single thought to the world of learning is the most enduring satisfaction of such a life. This is the

The Elder Brother



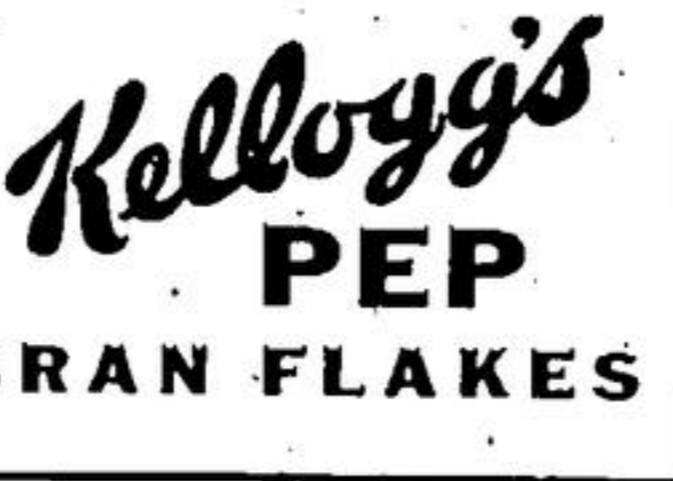
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