

Your Boy's Life's Work

What Shall It Be?

FIREMAN?

If your boy's temperament demands an occupation full of action and adventure he will find what he craves in the fire department of a large city. It is a calling involving hard work and more or less danger, but it offers chances for advancement that are attractive despite the unusual risk. With nerve and ambition, there are prizes to be obtained by the young man who makes this his life work.

By C. W. JENNINGS.

AS it ever occurred to you, father of a strong, active and fairly intelligent boy who has arrived at the age when it is necessary for him to make a choice of his life work, that the occupation of fireman presents certain attractive features? This is especially the case when your boy is of a temperament which demands a certain amount of excitement in order to bring out his best effort. Despite its dangers and life of rigid discipline, there is sufficient adventure attached to it to make it satisfactory to one who prefers to live in a condition of almost constant expectancy.

So, if your boy is of a venturesome turn he can find in this work plenty of opportunity for the exercise of his bent—more even than would be likely to come to him if he should enlist in the army or navy. If he is lacking in nerve and stamina he should take up a quieter calling, but if he has courage he might look farther and fare not so well.

Since fire departments in all large American cities are conducted under practically the same rules and regulations, and because New York's fire control system is regarded as a model for all others, I shall make use of it to illustrate what I am about to offer in regard to the mode of procedure for a young man who wishes to become a professional fireman.

To get into the fire department of New York your boy must be twenty-one to thirty years of age, between 5 feet 7½ and 6 feet 5 inches in height and weigh between 140 and 185 pounds. His education need be only the most ordinary, in arithmetic, including long and short division, which is practically all there is to the test, except some questions showing that the applicant knows his city fairly well and has a general knowledge of its government. There is also a physical examination, which is reasonably but not excessively strict.

Having passed this test, your boy is put on the eligible list, and as soon as there is a vacancy he is made a probationer for 30 days. He spends this month learning to the knots, climb ladders, use scaling ladders, rescue people from burning buildings, etc. Then, if his progress has been satisfactory, he is sent from headquarters, where he has been in training, to one of the company fire houses to don his uniform and go to work as a full-fledged fireman of the fourth grade. If from 5 feet 7½ to 5 feet 8 inches in height, he goes to an engine company; if over 5 feet 9, to a truck company. His pay for the first year, including the probation month, will be \$890.

All firemen, from the highest officials down, sleep in the fire houses. They are on duty constantly day and night, except during time allowed for meals. If they go out to eat three times a day, they are allowed an hour and a quarter for each meal; if only one meal, three hours. Other time off duty for firemen is four periods a month of 25 hours each and two of 24 hours, and they are also allowed two weeks a year under full pay. Lieutenants and captains are allowed three weeks' annual vacation and battalion chiefs and deputy chiefs a month.

Their duties, besides handling the hose, ladders, standpipes and other apparatus and doing all that is to be done at a fire, are to take care of the fire house, horses and equipment; in short, to do everything about the place except washing the clothes and taking care of the beds. All firemen pay for their own uniforms.

The pay is advanced to \$1,600 the second year, to \$1,200 the third, and to \$1,400 the fourth. They are known as third-grade firemen after having served three years, and after working six months in this grade they are permitted to take an examination for promotion to engineer or assistant foreman (known as lieutenant). This covers, to quote the civil service rules, "the writing of a report to a superior officer on some designated subject; knowledge of the administration, organization and discipline of the fire department; knowledge of the administrative relations of such department with other branches of the city government; knowledge of laws or ordinances relating to fire duty; knowledge and construction of departmental rules and regulations; and such other pertinent subjects as the commission may prescribe."

If your boy should aspire to be an

engineer, he must learn to manage the steamer, and he is allowed a period in a sort of school to help out in this. A similar rule governs appointment to pilot on a fireboat. Engineers are paid \$1,600 a year, and pilots \$1,500. The promotion to the grade of assistant foreman, or lieutenant, is the one generally sought, as it is in more direct line of advancement to still higher positions, and now carries a salary of \$2,100 annually.

After working six months as lieutenant your boy is eligible to take the examination for promotion to captain, or foreman, a position which carries a salary of \$2,500; but this does not mean that he will be made a captain four years after he has started in the department. Vacancies do not occur so conveniently, and promotion comes only when there is a place to be filled. The higher the promotion the fewer there are of them and the harder they are to reach. However, positions often become vacant, and they are always filled by promotion. The chief of the entire New York department grew up from the ranks. The total of over 4,200 men in the service includes one chief, 15 deputy chiefs, 51 chiefs of battalion, 259 captains and 261 lieutenants. Every one of these posts is possible of achievement by your boy.

The captain has charge of a company, consisting usually of ten firemen and two officers, although there are double companies of twice the number. Six companies make a battalion presided over by a battalion chief, who is paid \$3,300 a year. Over the battalion chief is one of the deputy chiefs, paid \$4,200 annually, while the present chief of the department, the boss of the entire service, gets \$10,000. It is technically required that there be a service of at least six months in any lower grade before being eligible to promotion to a higher.

Quite an elaborate pension system is in vogue in the New York fire department. If a member of the department should incur total disability when on duty, after ten years' service he is retired on half pay for life; if the disability occurs before ten years, on one-third salary. If partly disabled after ten years' work, he is given employment that he can do at the same salary as before; if partly disabled when not on duty, he is given other work at one-third his former salary. If he is killed when on duty, his widow and children get half his salary (a minimum of \$600 and a maximum of \$1,000 is fixed, however), till the widow is married again and the children are eighteen years of age; if he dies when not on duty they get \$300 a year. If killed in discharge of his duties, and he has only one child or dependent parents, the latter are paid \$500 a year. Also it is provided that all members of the force pay \$1 to \$2 a month into an insurance fund so that at death the widow or dependents get \$1,000 in addition to the pension.

There are few places in either public or private service, with the exception of the army and navy, in which this paternal interest exists. In addition to all this, any member of the force is permitted to retire after 25 years' service on a pension of half the pay he was drawing at the time of retirement.

Thus your boy, who started in at twenty-one and rose only to the grade of captain, can quit at the age of forty-one on a pension of \$1,250 for life, and if he should become a battalion chief he will draw \$1,650, no matter where he goes or what he does.

Discipline in the department is quite rigid, similar in many respects to that in the army. The disciplinary rules were prepared by a United States military officer.

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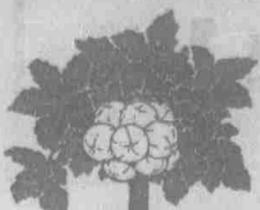
Big Pencils for Lower Grade Schools.
The Baltimore school board has authorized the use of large round lead pencils in the lower grade schools, where children are just beginning to write, so as to prevent what is known as writer's cramp. This is a kind of paralysis which is common among bookkeepers, accountants and others who use a pen or pencil constantly during the day and is primarily caused by gripping the pencil too tightly, causing a cramping of the muscles of the hand.

By the use of the large pencil the child just learning to write finds it impossible to grasp the pencil except in an easy way, and writing is less difficult and without restraining effort. Many mothers have wondered why children are using the big pencils, and according to Superintendent Van Sickle this is the reason.

Omen Quickly True.
Hostess—Mr. Squibs is going to recite a comic song.
Guest—I knew something would happen. I upset the salt at the dinner table.—Stray Stories.

If you will secure a contented spirit, you must measure your desires by your fortune and conditions, not your fortunes by your desires.—Jeremy Taylor

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To the Childish Mind.
Dorothy Ullman of E. Eighty-fourth street, is a very literal young person. To her mother's definition of the All-Seeing Eye she returned a question as to the size of the eye.

"Can God see everything?" she continued.
"Yes, dear. He can see everything at all times."
That afternoon Dorothy escorted her mother down town. Before an optician's display she stopped. Then, big blinking eye in the window: "Is Mother," she asked, pointing to the God's eye as big as this?"—Cleveland Leader.

His Wurst.
The German proprietor of a Brooklyn delicatessen store has got far enough along to pun in English. A writer in the New York Sun reports the fact.

Hanging in the window of the little shop is this advertisement:
"The Best You Can Do Is Buy Our Wurst."—Youth's Companion.

Local Color.
"I understand that sixteen different women have brought suit for breach of promise against Ritter. What's his defense?"

"Oh, he claims that he was simply getting material for his annual output of summer love stories."—Puck.

The Riddle.
The Sphinx propounded a puzzle. "Why does it always rain the day you move?" she asked.
Herewith the ancients gave it up.

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FOGG—With a woman it takes only one.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc. a bottle.

Some parents are a long while in finding out that money in a boy's pocket will do him little good, unless he also has brains in his head.

Lewis' Single Binder gives a man what he wants, a rich, mellow-tasting cigar.

Even a wise man can't tell when a woman's hat is on straight.

KIDNEY CHILLS AND BACKACHE.

If, when you get wet or take cold, it settles on the kidneys, and there is a shivery, chilly sensation in the back, it shows kidney weakness which is often the beginning of serious disease. Doan's Kidney Pills should be used persistently until the backache and other symptoms disappear.

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GETTING FRIENDLY.



Tom—Making any progress in your suit for Miss Millyun's hand?
Dick—Oh, yes.
Tom—Why, I heard her father kicked you out every time you called.
Dick—Yes; but he doesn't kick me as hard as he used to.

"Kicking the Bucket."
When you speak facetiously of some one for whom we have no reverence as having "kicked the bucket" we employ a phrase that would seem to be a piece of latter-day slang, but, as a matter of fact, it dates back to old England, when, about the year 1725, one Holbever hung himself to a beam while standing on the bottom of a bucket and then kicked the bucket away. Although at first used only in cases of suicide, it has been applied in the course of years to any death, without distinction.

Too Much Like Work.
"The boss's son is kicking."
"Why?"
"Say's he's overworked. All he used to do was tear the pages of the office calendars once a month. Now he has to wind the eight-day clock, too."

For over fifty years Rheumatism and Neuralgia sufferers have found great relief in Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Don't wait for inflammation to set in. Get a bottle today.

A Strong Preference.
"She is literary, isn't she?"
"Yes, indeed; she'd rather read than do housework any day."

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If you want a thing well done, do it yourself.—Wellington.

Egipience is not to be obtained without time and energy.—McCormac.



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Well Mated.
Thus the inquisitive boarder:
"What has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to call a wedding reception an infare?"
Response by the white-haired boarder:
"I think she married the old-fashioned man who used to crack his knuckles regularly twice a day."

It sometimes happens that a street fight reminds a married man that there are other pieces like home.

GREATLY ATTACHED TO IT

Husband Who Had "Married Money" Acknowledged the Truth to His Friend's Query.

A broop of a beautiful young wife, worth \$40,000, who had just divorced her penniless husband in order to marry again, Henry E. Dixey, the comedian, said at a dinner in New York:

"The young man who marries for money has none too easy a time of it. His rich wife is likely to tire of him and throw him out in a few years, or else she is likely to limit his allowance to 25 or 50 cents a day.
"I married money," a man once said to me.

"Wasn't there a woman attached to it?" I asked.

"Yes, you bet there was," he exploded. "So much attached to it that she never parted with a penny."

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The expectation of being pleased which prevails so much in young persons is one great source of their enjoyments.—Bowdler.

A man may avoid family cares by taking care of his family.

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