

the first place, can you imagine a boy of fourteen learning to trim hats? Or a man of 30 being paid the magnificent sum of \$6 for selling infants' wear? What kind of men would they get? Brainy men, practical men, and courteous men—they demand that you be brainy and practical and courteous—are wise enough to know they can get \$4 a day plastering walls, and that that isn't anything near as hard as forever being polite on starvation wages.

And they say they will move away from Chicago, from Illinois. Isn't that awful? We would miss them so. But they won't do that either. You see they know that if they do retire on their millions they have

made out of you, other stores will spring up on the same sites and the battle still will be waged. And if you ever discover a millionaire who thinks he has enough money to go out of business and destroy the business, please let me know. His place would be in the Field Museum.

We don't want CHARITY, and we don't care anything about their idle threats—we are hard to scare—but we do want to be paid for the services we give them, and we want to be paid on an equal scale—whether we live at home or are self-supporting. In each case we give them the same number of hours, and work throughout each hour.

We want a living wage.

## HE BREATHED LIFE BACK INTO THE DEAD BOY

And Now They're Trying to Explain Another Fine Old Bible Miracle.

Was the famous prophet Elisha the first pulmotor?

The Pulmotor, you remember, is the instrument they now use to save the lives of people overcome by gas, drowning or electricity.

Elisha lived as many as 3000 years ago. One day, as told by the bible in II Kings, 4, he performed a miracle—brought the breath of life back into the Shunamite woman's boy.

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London is in the throes of an argument of this question and the general opinion of the men who know seems to be that he was. In fact, the learned men who write things for the London Lancet, the most standpat of all the world's medical magazines, are convinced that Elisha's miracle was nothing more than the application of the modern idea of artificial respiration—in other words, Elisha gave the son of the Shunamite woman the same course of treatment the life saver does on the beach when he brings in the body of a person who has been drowned.

The bible tells that the young man in question was in the field when he

complained of a pain in the head and was carried home, where he died. Elisha was sent for. He went into the room with the body and stretched himself on the boy, with his mouth covering the boy's mouth. This used to be the way breathing was started in the old days of artificial respiration. It is not a very sanitary way of doing it, but it accomplishes the result. The boy's lungs were filled with air and the weight of Elisha's body caused the air to rush out again as soon as Elisha stopped breathing and then more air was sent into the lungs to be pressed out in the same way.

The pulmotor is an oxygen pump. It is filled with oxygen and this is pumped into the lungs of the person treated until a certain amount has been supplied, and then it is sucked out of the lungs again by another part of the apparatus and another supply sent in. Roughly this process is kept up until the lungs commence to work of their own accord. That is called artificial respiration today—in Elisha's time it was a miracle.