

kind of talent striving for expression, your little boy is probably a daring spirit, and while train robbing is not to be encouraged in as much as train robbing is injustice, your boy would probably make a successful sea captain or explorer. It is probable that we all have talent in some direction if we take an interest and try to discover it.

Discover first of all what you like to do, what is a pleasure to you, what you would be willing to do without pay or applause, then stick to your work in an unselfish way against all opposition. The most common mistake a person will make if he is trying to be for instance, an artist or inventor, is to expect applause and encouragement from others who have qualified in these directions. Always remember friend that the other party is interested in himself more than in you, he probably worked up alone and expects you to do the same, and in justice to him it must be admitted that your great success would be his great failure, he cannot excell if you do. He takes pride in his work, wants to be the best, naturally, and is suspicious of competition, he is trying to advance himself not you, so don't be discouraged if he fails to enthuse over your career. But stick to your work and if you have talent and don't abuse it, it will surely find expression, demand and force recognition.

Now perhaps it will be said that my reasoning is inconsistent, inasmuch as I claim that really talented persons work unselfishly and if the successful man referred to was really unselfish he would be glad to help and applaud the beginner who appealed to him for encouragement. Well it must be remembered that the would be genius who seeks the support has not yet proved his talent, it is not developed and perhaps not so readily recognized, if he had as it were arrived and if his genius