

will probably be Dan's tutor."

The red blood struggled to flaunt its color through the heavy tan.

"But suppose I try some of my tricks up there? I just can't help it, sometimes."

The Dean smiled widely.

"I feel sure that, as Dan's tutor, you will have little temptation to misbehave. When can you be ready to go?"

"To-day, I suppose," sulkily.

The Junior's triumphal march down Central Walk, his airy comments to his friends, his smiling farewell waved from the rear of the car, gave no evidence of deep and abiding sorrow over his misdeeds. But as the train whirled him away, the prospective peril to society kicked each separate valise viciously, then sat down with his cap pulled low, his hands deep in his pockets. Arriving at his station, he hopped into the Long carriage, still thinking. Only when the carriage stopped did he shake himself free from meditation, square his shoulders, and lift his eyes in a level gaze so clearly defiant and determined that the footman, turning to see at whom the look was directed, got

foundation for any such faith, so the Junior ventured no answer.

"You must be firm with him. His mother for years has been too lenient and now we can't get the curb on."

The Junior sat speechless, dizzy with the responsibility thus summarily thrust upon him. Memories of his own blustering father, his own pretty helpless mother, his own lawless, rampant boyhood trembled before him like a succession of moving pictures. The self-satisfied voice puffed on.

"Dean Carrier tells me he is certain that you will comprehend my boy as few people could. You seem young to me. Have you ever had experience with a boy like mine?"

"Yes, for a number of years?"

"Well, you can begin with the youngster in the morning. Sam," to the servant who answered his ring, "show Mr. Lovell to his room. Come down in the morning, Lovell, whenever you like; I breakfast at seven."

Appearing at that meal at the appointed time, the Junior met his ward, a tall, well-built youngster of fifteen, blue-eyed, light-haired, mischief-laden.



"Say could you show me that stunt?"

quite a turn, to use his own phrase, to find no one in sight except himself.

The library into which the incipient pedagogue was ushered gloomed dark with evening shadows. As he stood for a moment at the door, a voice, husky with approaching manhood, commanded, "Sit down."

He had no doubt as to the identity of the invisible insolence and his muscles stiffened as the voice chuckled on, "Say, Molly, are you the dub my father's imported to improve my mind?"

The Junior started for the dim pile of shadows, muttering things not usually included in the model tutor's vocabulary. Things would have happened had not the father of the impudent one stepped into the room, snapping the electric switch as he came. By the time greetings were duly exchanged, the davenport whence the voice had proceeded revealed no living presence, but an open window offered an explanation of a rapid disappearance.

"You will find my boy a bit difficult." No comment sufficiently mild came to the lips of the listener.

"In fact, we hope you may be able to train him into some little degree of seriousness of attitude."

Memory seemed to furnish no reliable

The greetings exchanged were about as cordial and as full of good-will as the formal handshake of two pugilists before the fray.

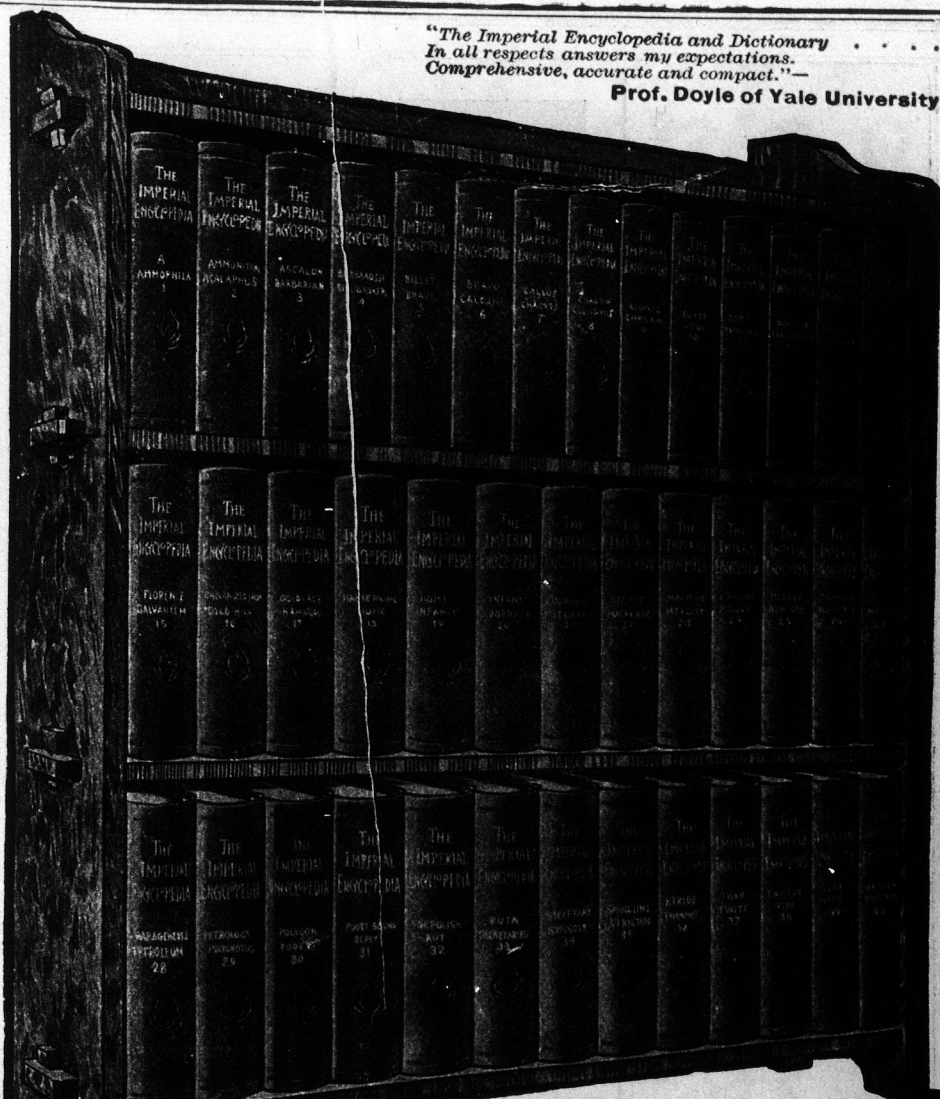
"Will you be glad to begin work again this morning, sweetheart, with your charming new tutor? I'm sure you'll be fond of him," chirped the inconsequent little mother from behind the coffee.

Sweetheart measured swords with his charming tutor and as blue eyes defied blue eyes, murmured something to the effect that he proposed to begin that morning a new era in his educational career.

"You will meet Mr. Lovell in the library at nine o'clock, Honey." Then as Honey sauntered out of doors, "I think you will find everything there for your needs, Mr. Lovell. I am going to town this morning with my husband for several days. I know you will get along beautifully," and with a step as light as her load of material responsibility, she floated from the room to join her lord.

At the stroke of nine Lovell entered

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