

fishy-men. But I'll ask Jim what he thinks about it next time I see him. I'm sure they are fishy enough. And I'll ask them how soon I shall be able to have a boat of my own and go sailing about the world. For then you know, you can come with me, Maudie, and make the nets and mend my clothes; and Brother Reginald can't interfere with us then, because we shall be on the high seas, and he's only a land lubber, so he won't be able to catch us."

"I don't know whether you ought to call Brother Reginald names. He's a civil engineer, and perhaps—he will be—nice."

"Well, I don't care what he is, he's a land-lubber all the same if he isn't a sailor; and I can be civil and polite if I'm a fishy-man, I suppose. Mother always said how polite they all were to her; so Brother Reginald needn't think he's so much politer than other people. Maudie do you think we could get away before he came?"

"Get where, Guy?"

"Why, haven't you been listening? I wish you would listen better, Maudie. I have so often to say things over twice. Get away in my boat, of course, and go sailing and fishing about, and have a dear little tiny cottage of our own to live in in the winter, somewhere just near here, when Brother Reginald had quite done looking for us and had gone away."

The little boy spoke with such eager good faith that I felt quite sorry to think how impracticable his scheme was, and to secretly wonder who this redoubtable Brother Reginald could be. Evidently he was very much older than this little pair, and he seemed to stand in some sort as their guardian. I felt pretty sure he must be a great tyrant. Anyhow they plainly stood in considerable awe of him.

"No, Guy dear, I'm afraid we can't do that. You see, you aren't quite a man yet."

"But I am nearly—very nearly. They all say I'm a born sailor. If I made great haste I might be quite a man before Reginald came back, mightn't I, Maudie? Say, 'Yes.'"

(To be Continued.)

### LEARNING A BUSINESS.

A gentleman who had induced a large publishing house to take his son as boy into its employ at a moderate rate of pay, was especially anxious in his request that the young man should be made to work and learn the business.

This instruction was needless, as although modern fashion had done away with much of the janitor and portage work of old times, yet the young man found that the selection of stock for orders, packing the same, entering, charging ditto, and occasional errands kept him actively employed for about ten hours a day, with an hour out for dinner.

At the end of three weeks' time he failed to put in an appearance, but the father walked in one morning

with the information that John would not return to his position.

"Why not?" asked the publisher.

"Well John has to have his breakfast at half past seven every morning to get here, and then he is not used to carrying bundles; and sometimes he's been sent with books right up to the houses of people we know socially. My son hasn't been brought up that way, and I guess I won't have him learn this business."

He did not, and what's more, has never learned any other business."

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"But that is impossible," said the father, "unless you practically learn the business."

"That is what I would like to do," said the son.

"But to become a superintendent or manager we prefer a man who has risen from the ranks, and understands the mechanical department and the ways of employees."

"Let me begin 'in the ranks' then," replied the young man.

To this the father assented, stipulating that no favor should be shown the son, but he should actually begin the work at regular labor in the mechanical department.

Not only was this done, but the young man went and boarded in the manufacturing town at a workman's boarding house, and went in an out of the factory at bell call. In three years he was foreman of one of the departments, and a former classmate and well known society man, calling there upon him, was surprised at meeting a stalwart fellow in blue overalls, with hands so soiled by machinery oil as to prevent the conventional hand shake.

But this young man persevered, made and paid his own way himself, and his father concluded it would not injure his future prospects. Judging from the facts that he is now manager of mills, not his father's, at a salary of ten thousand a year, and with ability to command even better compensation and partnership, is evidence that "learning a business," even by a man with a good education and a rich father, pays a good return, both in money and manly independence.—*Commercial Bulletin.*

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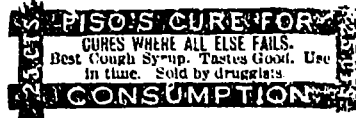
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