

By Dr. George W. Crane

A nervous breakdown usually results from a deep-seated and prolonged emotional conflict between two antagonistic desires. Romantic frustration is one of the most common causes, but Jerome's case illustrates a different background.

CASE T-395: Jerome M., aged 24, is a third year medical student.

"I wish you'd take Jerome in tow," a professor friend of mine urged me over the telephone.

"He is a fine chap and comes from an excellent family. His father is a prominent surgeon. And the boy has done good work for his first two years in medical school.

"Now, however, he has collapsed, scholastically. He sits around dreaming. He will not study. In fact, he is becoming so detached from the world that we must do something quickly or the boy may become a mental case.

"I'm going to recommend to his father that Jerome drop his medical studies, but I'd like to have your opinion and also have you talk to the boy immediately. The father will be broken up over the case, for his heart has been set on Jerome's becoming a surgeon."

BETTER ENGLISH

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am free of all obligations and my future career should be interesting."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "entreaty"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Presidency, prescription, presinct, presumptuous.

4. What does the word "infallibly" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with an that means "to inflame with love"?

ANSWERS

1. Sap. "I am free from all obligations, and my SUBSEQUENT career should be interesting." 2. Pronounce ah-tre-ay, accent first syllable. 3. Precinct. 4. Unerringly. "Whatever he tells you is infallibly reliable." 5. Enamour.

Read And Remember

By W. L. GORDON

The racing pigeon has few peers in sporting speed, and eclipses all other birds in speed durability. One pigeon, in a race a few years ago, flew 600 miles at an average of 67 miles an hour.

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California has a greater number of Japanese and Chinese than any other state in the United States.

boy into following a career which is distasteful to him. This is effectively demonstrated in Jerome's case. Jerome's mother is a quiet, music-loving woman. But her successful husband dominates her home.

Telephone calls, hospital staff meetings, conventions and consultations, emergency surgery—these keep the household in turmoil.

Everything must be arranged, therefore, around the doctor and his duties. The timid wife has meekly reflected his glory and gained her self-expression at the keyboard of their grand piano.

Since it is rather difficult for two dominant personalities to monopolize the same stage, we are likely to find the children taking a secondary role whenever either parent is an aggressive, go-getter type of individual. A magnetic parent often means a shy child!

And so it was with Jerome. In high school, he was a studious, quiet boy with a great passion for sketching. His vocational preference lay in the realm of art. In fact, he wanted to attend art school.

But his father was determined

that his son should follow in his medical footsteps. The father accordingly chose Jerome's course of study. The father pushed him along a scientific program, selected to suit the wishes of the father, not the son.

In fact, Jerome and his father had very little in common, partly owing to the strenuous demands of the medical profession which kept the doctor away from home a great deal of the time during Jerome's boyhood.

So Jerome has been between the devil and the deep blue sea. He admired his father, and wished to avoid offending him. He also appreciated his obligations to his male parent, and naturally wished to make him happy.

But he disliked medical subjects. He had never wanted to be a doctor, anyway.

Once or twice he and his mother

had timidly tried to state their viewpoint, and suggest that Jerome's talent lay in the direction of art, but the doctor poodshed such an idea.

Of course, Jerome was going to be a great surgeon, just like his dad! For 25 years the father had cherished such an ambition. He would not let anything stand in the way of its fulfillment.

So Jerome took two years of pre-medical work at the Liberal Arts college and then enrolled in medical school. However, the deeper he got into medicine, the more he longed for art. In this basic conflict, he finally broke down.

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4. At what age do children usually show the first curiosity of birth and sex?
5. Canadian troops fought in the World War II Pacific theater; true or false?

ANSWERS

1. Baggy-like pants of twill, etc. 2. Midas. 3. Satan. 4. From 5 to 7 years of age. 5. True.

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