### IGE OF LOUD SPEAKERS HERE

and Threat Troubles, Says a

A music teacher remarked the other day that more and more people were going to her for voice production, or the advice of a doctor, who rightly said that their throat troubles were merely the result of straining their vocal chords, says London Answers.

"We belong to an age of loud speak era," she said smilingly, "Particularly women and girls talk much more loud ly than ever before. The restless age in which we live is responsible, and this modern shouting accounts for the number of strained throats about."

Her statement raises a very interest. ing point, because we all certainly find that the voice raised the loudest usually gets home first! The sweet simpering prunes and prisms of a hundred years ago won't get us a telephone call, or a bun in a tea shop, or a jumper at a sale, or tell us the way to Putney bridge.

The man or woman who whispers in these crowded days never gets very

One man said, quite seriously, the other day, that he thought modern dance music had a great deal to do with people's strident tones. And there certainly is something in that,

Occasionally, after all the harsh voices some one comes to town with a soft, crooning speaking voice. You can spot such a man or woman at once, and know, too, that they found their soothing tones in the heart of the country. And you know as well that, if they live in a big city for long, they will be forced to shoutas we all do-for our daily bread!

Spencer Eats No Breakfast, Curtis Won't Use Elevator, and Overman Takes Snuff.

During the full to business employtake stock of some peculiarities and which she had so ardently longed. idiosyncracies of sensiors, says the

Senator Smoot of Utah shaves, or is shaved, every other day. He threat that is office enough and he "likes to give his face a rest."

Senatur Spender of Missourt never eats breakfast. But Bengtor Moses of New Hampstore, who was his guest at lasterboom recentify, suga "you should see him sai the rest of the day."

Senator Curtis of Sannas never takes an elevator if he has the time to climb the study. He says climbing states is the best "reducer" he has ever tried. During the enimmer he has done much stair climbing and has been 30 possible.

Bengov Overman of North Carolina. is one of the few sensitors who now and then take a pinch of soul from the biscorts sould broom in the sensors chamber, which are kept filled during the sensions of congress.

Benacer Cameron of Artsons sure he is the best rook in the senate. When a boy of statests years old be was the acts rock for a large crew on a fishing amon't which operated of the tuest of Maine. He also boids recerds se a Saberman.

Separor LaFolistic raims his perven after a braced debete by, "pulling" unas sid, well-seasoned pipe.

Sky Cycle and Man Kits. Remarkable fixing feats performed. in ministure aircraft are described in the Popular Science Monthly. An

Obio seronautical engineer, it is said, has built a "bicycle-plane," weighing less than 100 pounds and operated by foot power, which has flown successfully at McCook Field, Dayton. Even more remarkable is a kite-like gilder constructed in Europe. Although weighing only ten pounds and capable of being folded up and carried on the back, this airship is said to have remained in the air for almost an hour on several occasions.

### Save Your Nails and Tacks.

When you open boxes, take up carpets, or do anything that produces a crop of bent nails, or useless tacks, save them. Then, the next time you repot or transplant flowers, scatter the nails and tacks through the bottom layer of the soil, set in the flowers or plants, and fill the pot with rich loam. When you water the plants the nails will rust; the product of this oxidation will enrich the soil remarkably. You will be agreeably surprised with the strong and beautiful growth of the plants.

"Play-as-You-Enter" Cars for Kids. "Play as you enter" is the welcome sign on the sides of the "Jollytown" trolley cars in Baltimore, where the traction company has set aside several cars for the children to play in. They are complete in every detail except that the power is turned off and they are anchored to the ground. Instead of the usual advertising cards, Mother Goose rhymes and pictures are displayed along the sides. The clanging gongs and the loud calling of the imaginary and unheard of street names afford noisy proof of the popularity of the play sars sa the crews take them along functed routes.

Warse Than I Crime. Maltiron-Chest up, sid son. Fun-

Brachrode-That's the worst thing stood is. If general was a crime in aright he sink in dright the puscul-

### For Bobby's Birthday

By JANE OSBORN \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

"Then, Miss Whitman, please consider yourself employed. Report for duty at eight temorrow morning-and you'll please wear uniform and cap in the office." So spoke Doctor Blair

on the first of September when he engaged Hortense Whitman, trained nurse, as office assistant. "There's just one thing," said Hortense. "The arrangement is for me to be in the office every morning, including Sundays-with two afternoons offa week. I shall not ask for any full days-only if I should be still with

you by the 15th of April I'd like to have the whole day off." Doctor Blair studied the nurse as she made this request and for the first time realized how very young and naive she seemed-unbellevably so, thought Doctor Blair, after the wear

and tear of hospital training. "It comes on a Wednesday-" she

was continuing. "Oh, that's perfectly all right. Of course you'll still to with me. I wouldn't take you on if I thought I was going to have to dig up another nurse in such a short time. Of course you'll have a day off now and thenthat's quite all right. Here, I'll put it down on my desk pad-April 15-Day off for Miss W-. Birthday, I

"Not my birthday," said Hortense, and then feeling that she ought not to go into matters of personal detail and feeling quite sure that the doctor PECULIARITIES OF SENATORS had asked only out of politeness, she said no more.

The truth was that it was mobby's birthday-and Boley was hir fiveyear-old nephew. It was for the sake of Bobby and because Bobby had lost both father and mother that Hortense sea at the capitol have had time to | Whitman had given up the cureer for

She had planned to continue with Washington correspondent of the New | the hard grind of hospital work until, Tork Herald. For metaors, they have through force of perseverance and moted to the position of superintend-

"They fould make hospital superintradrate out of pretty girls like you." one of the internes had teased. "Your game is to take private cases until you get a millionaire hackelor or widover. You know that's why you eradied narring."

Hortenan had been too angry to repty. No one knew how deeply she felt about becoming a superintendent, e Then when her mater and her sister's bushand had gone, leaving only Bubby and a couple of Liberty bonds, Hoptotas tucked away her dreams. She most be father and mother both to Solidy. She must make a home for tim where she and he could be to-

It would be wrong, she was more, to wad him off to some arboot. So Hortenne took a guick course in shorthand and typewriting, which, with herhaspital work, qualified her as dictor's assistant. In her own town there were no doctors who were sufficiently important to require a trained nurse as an assistant—most of them had so assistant at all. So Hurtense purked her ewn and her nephew's things and started off to the big city where she would find her apportunity.

Doctor Blate, though not much past chirty, had already won renown as a child specialist. And this had made Hortense especially glad to work for him. If anything happened to Bobby, she assured herself, Doctor Blair would be willing to advise her.

Hortense had taken a little flat not far from the doctor's office and she had found a good private school where she made arrangement to have Bobby cared for after school hours until her duties at the doctor's office were over. Once when Bobby had acquired a

black eye and another time when he had been rather painfully scalded onthe arm through a too great eagerness to examine the mysteries of the radiator in Hortense's little apartment, It was necessary to consult the doctor. On the latter occasion the doctor had to call at the little flat to see the boy. And on these few occasions the doctor had come to know and like the young-

ster immensely. It was Tuesday, the 14th of April. After afternoon office hours the doctor sat at his desk consulting his engagement pad to see what was on foot

for the remainder of the afternoon. "Miss Whitman," he called to Hortense, who was sterilizing some instruments in the little operating room adjoining, "you know you're to have a day off tomorrow. It's the 15th."

"Is it quite all right?" asked Hor tense shyly, coming into the doctor's office. "I don't want to inconvenience you-'

"I've made no appointments for tomorrow," said the doctor, "so I shall be able to manage. Of course I shall miss you." He looked intently at Hortense, but she had turned her head, so their eyes did not meet,

The 15th of April was Bobby's birthday, and Hortense had decided to give. him the entire day. It occurred to her that mothers and fathers and aunts are forever giving children what they themselves, want them to have, taking then to places where they watth them to go under the supposition that they are being generous to the child. "Purhage what String would want to de," thought thermouse, "In sery, hery

"You can have just what you want for all your meals, providing what you want won't hurt you; and you can go just where you want to, providing it is a good place to go.

"You can have a party and invite just whom you want, or you needn't have a party at all. It is the one day in the year when you are to have things all your own way," she told

It had not been easy to din into the little five-year-old mind just what Hortense meant, but when Bobby did grasp the idea he waited in joyous expectation. So he made his plans and until the morning of the 15th he refused to tell his aunt what they were.

For breakfast Bobby wanted to eat on the "best dishes"—the few pieces of green glazeware that constituted Hortense's afternoon tea set, and he wanted to eat sitting on the floor. His aunt had also to sit on the floor. Thus far his wishes were simple and inex-

"Now," said Bobby, jumping up and down with glee as Hortense washed up the dishes after breakfast. "Now the party's coming. You don't know. do you?"

"No," assured Hortense.

"Are you sure?" quizzed Bobby. "Didn't he tell you really and truly? I told Doctor Blair he mustn't say one weeny word about it to you."

"Doctor Blair?" asked Hortense. "What has he got to do with the

Bobby giggled and danced absurdly. Hortense would have tried to force further explanation, but the bell of their little apartment door rang. Quickly she went to the door, opened it and there stood face to face with Doctor Blair.

"Do you want me?" she asked with

"Are you ready for the party?" asked the doctor, ignoring her question, and then, as he saw Bobby, "Come, now, Mr. Bobby, you said you'd be out to meet me. But it's all right. Fup into your things and we'll start right off-if that suits you, Mr.

Hortense processed and tried to get an explanation, but the doctor gave her but five minutes to dress for the Butby out of the flat down the stairs isto a comfurtable and recory car that was wairing at the curb with a spirk and span chauffour at the wheel. Butby, Hortense and the focusy sat together in the back.

"Where shall we go?" Ductor Blair nated Bobby before giving his directions to the chauffeur.

"Way out West," ordered Bubby "Out where there are Indiana."

The ductor stiffed a laugh and looked seriously into Subby's face. "We won't be ship to see any fullane, but we'll go first as far West as we can in one morning and then if you want to see indicas we can go to the Hippotrome this afternoon. They have real Indiana

"But how did you know it was Bubby's birthday?" asked Hortones, with difficulty covering her intense embar-

"Bothly told me," said the ductor, "He said you told him he could do just what he pleased and that what he wanted to do was to have a picnic with the along. So I suggested the car and then we said it would be a surprime for you."

"But where did you see him?" asked Hartenge.

One of the boarding children needed me and I saked to see Bobby and he

"But we can't go-it was very rude of Bobby-" stammered Hortense,

"But you promised Bobby you'd do anything he wanted on his birthday." insisted the doctor, and so there was no alternative for Hortense.

So they went as far west as the morning would permit, lunched at a country inn and came back in time to see the Indians. It was on the homeward trip from the Hippodrome when Bobby had fallen to sleep between Hortense and the doctor that his hand slipped over that of the little nurse as it rested on Bobby's shoulder.

"Mayn't we go on-sharing Bobby as we have today?" he asked looking eagerly at Hortense, not at Bobby. "You know I've been in love with you from the first-"

"How could I have guessed it?" she asked in surprise, and then, as the doctor looked pleadingly in her eyes-"And this was the birthday Bobby planned. I suppose he wants me to!"

Coal in the Congo. A valuable find for the future of the

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