

## *SCHOOLROOM OF SORROW* *"one dear little romper" [COPP]*

*Home schooling is not for the faint of heart, as many of us are discovering in the age of Covid-19 (either by direct experience or through harrowing tales shared over social media).*

*This might be why the governesses we run across in the Sherlock Holmes stories are all strong women.*

*They have to deal with the children (and let's face it, they're usually children from well-to-do families, which may contribute to their 'sparkling' personalities), all while cooped up in a home environment.*

*Take Grace Dunbar, for instance.*

*She looked after the Gibson children in "The Problem of Thor Bridge."*

*When Watson first saw her, he described the how he felt:*

*"I can never forget the effect which Miss Dunbar produced upon me. It was no wonder that even the masterful millionaire had found in her something more powerful than himself."*

*We can only imagine how she must have commanded a classroom at home, and how that may have translated to Neil Gibson, the U.S. senator and so-called "gold king."*

*As Holmes says in the closing paragraph, "the financial world may find Mr. Neil Gibson has learned something in that schoolroom of sorrow where our earthly lessons are taught."*

*These days, the "schoolroom of sorrow" might be any home around the country where parents are taking on the role of teacher.*

*Even Baker Street Elementary is not immune...*

**THE LATEST DISPATCH FROM SCOTT  
AND BURT IS AN INTERESTING  
SUMMARY OF HOME-SCHOOLING THEY  
ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING...**



**SCOTT TOLD HIS "TEACHER" HE TALKS TO EVERYONE... MOVING HIM TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DINING TABLE WILL NOT HELP...**

**BURT INDICATES HIS "TEACHER" IS HOLDING 5 FIRE DRILLS OUTDOORS EACH DAY...**



**SCOTT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE  
"HEADMASTERS" STUDY FOUR TIMES  
FOR SAYING "THAT'S NOT HOW OUR  
REAL TEACHER DOES IT..."**



**FOR SCIENCE ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY, THEY  
STUDIED THE EFFECTS OF GODFREY'S  
CORDIAL\* ON STUDENTS...**

**BURT'S 'TEACHER MAY BE  
SUSPENDED FOR  
DRINKING ON THE JOB...**



**A VERY STRONG SEDATIVE USED TO CALM AND SEDATE CHILDREN...**

**SCOTT'S PARENTS HAVE SUDDENLY  
REALIZED, "MAYBE THE REAL  
TEACHERS AREN'T THE PROBLEM..."**

**BURT'S PARENTS ARE  
RECOMMENDING RAISES  
AND COUNSELING FOR  
THE "REAL TEACHERS"**

