

QUOTATION

UPTON SINCLAIR ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHOBIAS

Three days later there came another heavy snow storm and Jonas and Marija and Ona and little Stanislovas all set out together, an hour before daybreak, to try to get to the yards. About noon the last two came back, the boy screaming with pain. His fingers were all frosted, it seemed. They had had to give up trying to get to the yards, and had nearly perished in a drift. All that they knew how to do was hold the frozen fingers near the fire, and so little Stanislovas spent most of the day dancing about in horrible agony. . . .

One of the consequences of this episode was that the first joints of three of the little boy's fingers were permanently disabled, and another that thereafter he always had to be beaten before he set out to work, whenever there was fresh snow on the ground.

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