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 The Coming Umpire  
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Dad and Ma were talking, one night, of what we'd be,  
 —Us eight kids all snug in bed, and all asleep but me—  
 Said Dad, "John wants to doctor equine or human ills,  
 Maude to join the movies and specialize in thrills;  
 Marmaduke's to study law, Hannah-Ann will teach,  
 Laura Jane is sure to write, and Percival to preach.

God Meant little Molly to reign in someone's home;  
 But Sam" (that's me) " 's the problem, with that Gibraltar Dome,  
 Nature never wised him up to anything at all;  
 He couldn't clerk or preach or teach, or play a game of ball."

"O, bosh!" said Ma, "Dame Nature's no fool if *he* is, Jim,  
 For, can't you see, she means to make an umpire out of him!"