In Holland a 1000 men worked for weeks to build a great dyke. With this dyke they reclaimed a large area of land from the sea. On this land people established farms and homes. For years the dyke stood strong and effective, protecting their homes, and their lives from the raging sea outside. One day a young boy walked by a certain portion of the dyke and saw that a portion of it had ~~weakened~~ weakened. Water was coming ~~$~~ through just a tiny crevice. The boy knew enought to know that if this water was not stopped, the dyke ~~===~~ within a few minutes there would be a great gash in the dyke and thousands of tons of water come pouring in and the whole area would be overthrown. There would be nothing that could be done to stop it. He rushed to the spot and stuck his thumb in the hole in the dyke, and pressed his hand against it. He stood there for a few minutes holding it. Then he saw one of his playmates, a young girl, pass by. He called to her, Run quick, get help. The dyke is beginning to break. The girl ran. It was necessary for her to go quite a distance to get to headquarters for help. There she got some men. They came rushing. The boy standing with his finger [or arm] in the cold water holding hard against it was almost ready to faintwith the exertion when they arrived. They arrived and he took out his finger and the men slapped cement into the space in the dyke, and strengthened it at that point. During the next few days a thousand workers strengthened the dyke all along the way, and ~~$~~ it stood for many years ~~thereafter~~ thereafter. The boy prevented a terrible catastrophe. He accomplished as much in a few hours with the use of his thumb as had been accomplished by 1000 workers in a month~~XX~~ of work before by saving what they had done from complete destruction. God knows where you can   Did this boy deserve more pay than all these 1000 workers for all their work? Did he deserve more credit? No, he was at a stratigic point. He had sense enough, courage enough, heroism enough to jump in at the point and do what was needed.