



**The Dangerous Business of Being a Baby**

Dangerous, indeed, when we see the tiny little bodies menaced by dirty dairies, by sick cows, by ignorance, by disease; and dangerous, indeed, when we know that one baby out of six—last year—died.

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but here I was in Washington with three months ahead of me and not fifty dollars to tide me over, and in Washington if you want to breathe you have to pay for the privilege.

I had to have money at once, so I went to a loan shark and raised \$500 by paying five per cent a month and giving him an assignment on my salary. He didn't know that the assignment wasn't worth the paper it was written on, and I didn't think it was necessary to tell him. I suppose he thought I was temporarily hard up. But even \$500 wouldn't see me through until the fourth of March, when I should become an "ex."

I was feeling pretty blue that evening when I went to dinner at the house of a man named White whom I had always believed to be rich. He had a large house in the fashionable northwest section of Washington, a charming wife, a pretty daughter, who was one of my particular friends; and a boy at Harvard. After dinner, in the smoking room, White said he was sorry I had been defeated and asked whether I intended to go back home when Congress adjourned. I told him I was forced to, but I would rather stay in Washington if I saw an opening.

"You can stay all right if you want to," he said quietly.

"How?" I asked eagerly, for that was what I wanted more than anything else.

"You can be useful to us," he went on speaking so carelessly that the other men must have thought our conversation was of no importance. "If you want to do me a good turn and put a thousand dollars in your pocket get me tomorrow the report of the committee on the Bland bill."

I looked at him and felt the blood rising in my face. I had done things of which I was ashamed, but at heart I was an honest man. I felt as if I must strike White and shout out the offer he had made to bribe me.

WHITE was an extraordinarily handsome man, one always well-poised, whose life apparently ran on ball bearings, for nothing seemed to jolt him. If he was surprised that I made no reply he did not show it. After an interval of a few seconds, that seemed to me like hours, he looked about the room and said negligently, "Well, suppose we join the ladies," and as we got up he said in the same level tone, "Remember, I must have the report not later than noon, and I'll add an extra thousand if you get it to me before the market opens." And to make sure that I understood he went on, "That's ten o'clock in New York, you know."

I had in my room the confidential report on the Bland bill, which had been given to the members of the committee with the pledge that its contents would not be divulged until the report was presented to the House. Earlier in the day several of the newspaper correspondents, who had done me many a good turn, had begged me to tell them what the committee recommended, but I was compelled to turn them down. At that time it no more occurred to me to break my word than to make money out of my knowledge. I knew of course that the Stock Exchange was wild to find out, but they couldn't find out from me.

As I walked home that night I fought the battle with myself and conquered. I wanted money and knew that I was in a desperate situation; it was not unlikely I had committed a crime when I gave the loan shark an assignment of my salary which had already been assigned, and even if I were not guilty legally, I certainly was morally. In some way or other I must pay off my debts and provide for my living expenses, but I would not sell myself to White.



**The Writing on the Wall**

It was at the famous feast of Belshazzar, King of Babylon, that the prophet Daniel read the awful dictum—"Mene, Mene, Tekel Upharsin." That night Cyrus and his army captured the city, but not until thousands of years later was unearthed the inscribed cylinder that told the real story of the "Fall of Babylon." This curious account, which is very different from the popular version, is but one of the many thousand "original documents" contained in



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