THE CRACK IN THE BELL' A STORY OF POLITICS IN PHILADELPHIA

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THE PROPLE IN THE STORY

magistrate were deaths who alternated intimated the crutty too, from time to time, moved a little vellow-eyed shyster lawyer who appeared to intervene on the side of Aurentsky and to pose as his friend as he was also his co-religioust. When the detectives and the national whole to see his arte, to see his cousin Aurentsky and the national whole to see his arte, to see his cousin Aurentsky and the national whole our in Kenshigton, to see his cousin the detectives and the national seconds. in the torture chamber. Among them. "But Asconstein is a robber," mounced rentsky and to pose as his friend as he was also his en-religioust. When the detectives and the notice had exhausted themselves in an effect to waing a confession from Aurentsky, and had only succeeded in frightening him almost into fear of his life, they three him into a cell, tearing his hair and raying in wild protest of his innownes.

Aurentsky had at no time since his incarceration been permitted to see Becky, his wife though the faithful woman haunted the front of the police station, weeping, with Sylvy at her side, the girl trying valuity to cheer her mother, while her own heart sank like so much lead. When Aurentsky had been silowed to stear in his own misery for a silowed to stear in his own misery for a litting;

Aurentsky placed at his beard and whend to see his acte, to see his collect in see his cafe, to see his cafe, to see his collect his collect. Also may be addition of the und entry collection of the police of his life, they three him into a cell, and at length he two wont aways. At \$1 in the morning they admitted his wife to see his cafe, to see his cafe his collection. Able our in Kersangton, to see his cafe, to see his cafe, to see his cafe his capital may be all may withest. Able our in Kersangton, to see his cafe his capital may withes—but all may withes be all and one of him it agreed to him in Kersangton, to see his cafe his capital may be all may withes—but all may could be all may withes—but all may could be all may withes—but all may could be all may subject to see his capital his capital may withes—but all may subject to his little soliow-eyed puesy. One in the could have all may withes—but all may could be all the see his capital may withes—but all may could be all may subject to see his capital may withes—but all may could be all may subject to see his capital may withes—but all may could be all may subject to his his capital may subject to his his and may withes—but all may could be all may subject to see his capital capital may subject to his his and may wither out in Kensington,

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and called on the field of Israel to witness his innocance, employing a voice
so loud that it evoked protest and
matediction from the tanks.
"Shut up, you dirty Jew" yelled a
guard, and Aurentsky subaided.
Issaes, the yellow-eyed, watched the
wretched man's demeanor with calculating eye.

"I couldn't never get you off before

"I couldn't never get you off before a jury in the world," he sighed presently, and then, after a dreary interval of moanings on Aurentsky's part, he added calculatingly, "but if I had a thousand dollars I could square it."

A thousand dollars I. The savings of years. Aurentsky, shook his head stubbernly.
"Do you remember Joseph Klappheimmer." asked Isaacs craftile. Joseph Klappheimmer, neighbor to Aurentsky, arrested upon the same charge—"stokin property"—convicted on the same charge and sentenced to prison—coming back after three years to find his business gone, his family scattered and himself an outcast! Yes, Jacob remembered Klappheimmer very well, and shuddered to see himself in similar position.

A thousand dollars! A cheap price

to see himself in similar position.

A thousand dollars? A cheap price for relief from the agony Aurentsky was suffering. The sum was more than he-had, and yet he grasped at the lure of the proposal. A thousand dollars! To be quit of this entangling plot? To escape an uncertain number of years in a penal institution? To get out where he could be free and strong to protect Sylvy? To spirit her away from the eyes and machinations of Maidono? What a bargain!

Sylvy? To spirit her away from the eyes and machinations of Maidono What a bargain. "Skuvare it? What you mean, skuvare it? Aurentsky demanded of isaacs. Things is rotten down here, explained the shvister deprecatingly. "It you would give me a thousand dollars I would give some to Maidono and some to the Magistrate, and he would dismiss the case on the ground of insufficient evidence."

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"And the police?"

"What can they do if the magistrate dismisses the case?" inquired the shyster shrewdly.

Aurentsky did not know. He was unversed in such matters. He knew that the police pounced like hawks and some they let go and some they devoured. That was all he knew. Therefore, for the little yellow-eyed lasacs to tell nim that money only could save him from the jeopardy in which he stood was all that was necessary to turn Aurentsky's thoughts to that subject and that sione.

But a thousand dollars! He had in an old can in a secret pocket in the wall of his bedroom, of the existence of which Becky and he alone knew, the sum of \$270. It represented his savings of two years. He confided to the lawyer that he had this sum of money and this sum only.

"But you got the store, ain't you?

Then Isaacs took the \$720 and the \$52 which had resulted from this final looting process and went off to see Maldono and the magistrate. The conspirators sat together and divided the money in three piles. Maldono took one pile and dropped it delibersiely into his pocket with a wink and a smirk of satisfaction; the magistrate got his pile out of sight hurriedly with one furtive clutch of the hand: Isaacs, however, paused and creasing each bill



there were Becky and Sylvy hurrying out from the back of the store to meet him. It seemed years since they nad been together in their little family circle last night. He embraced each passionately and kept reaching out hand after hand to the other children as they came running up. Last of all came little lasders, him Aurentsky smatched into his arms and hore tenderly, held close the countermance of Magistrate Parry, with its stamp of low cumning and ignorant sincerity, decided that the man bis arms and hore tenderly, held close the countermance of Magistrate Parry, with its stamp of low cumning and ignorant sincerity, decided that the man bis arms and hore tenderly, held close time out a band. Thank you very time out a band. Thank you very

bis arms and hore tenderly, held close his arms and hore tenderly, held close against his lean, palpitating breast.

Before the store itself, however, Aurentsky's sense of relief and joy departed. The little store was gone. Aurentsky sense of relief and joy departed. Aurentsky's eyes lighted with maleverence at the sight of the rotund figure waddling about within, but be did not enter. Neither did he cry out nor high a curse. He feared to, He felt strangely a curse. He feared to, he self the light he had been bereft, and he walked in liberty now, but by the sacrifice of his savings and of the savings and keepsakes of his wife and children, and by the faithful intervession of a friend, Isaacs, to whom he must be forever graneful, hough hitherto he had barely liked Isaacs.

That afternoon the Aurentskys moved for a new family would be living behind the store temorrow. So quickly are adjustments under among the poor, and the Aurentskys in a night and half of the day had become poor.

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CHAPTER VII Jerry Makes Discoveries

THE day the Aurentskys moved was the the day upon which Jerry, sixty to say

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sight hurriedly with one furtive clutch of the hand; Isaacs, however, paused and creasing each bill lovingly through his fingers, counted his share again to make sure no mistake had been made.

"Turn him loose," said Maldone "and we'll see if he's learned anything."

The magistrate made a note on his record of the case; "Dismissed; evidence insufficient."

Maidono met the marble-worker later and gave him a \$10 bill. Isaacs meanwhile slipped in through the police station to Aurentaky in his cell.

"All the robber would give me is \$450," he reported gloomly.

Aurentaky ground his teeth.

"By the way, may I ask, Judge Parry, what has been your training for your magisterial position?"
"Jimmy Carey got me the Job."
"Job?"
"It pays \$3000 a year."
"But what had you done to prepare yourself to sit as a magistrate? Were you a lawyer?"

"Lawyer, no!" and Parry laughed.
"I was a dock foreman; and my first year in politics I delivered eighty-two votes off my own dock. The next election I carried my own division by one hundred and sixty-nine majority, there only bein' two hundred and twenty odd votes in it. After that I got to be sort of a lieutenant of Carey's, you might say. He put me on the force for a couple of years, then promoted me to sergeant for three months to sort of iearn me the roses, and after that be put me here. I've been here ever

"All the robber would give me is ever, he reported gloomly.
Aurentsky ground his teeth.
"But for 1772—an account of you being a friend of mine—they squared it."
"I can go?" demanded the prisoner, leaning up excitedly.
"You are free."
"You are free."
Aurentsky flung his arms about Isaacs

"I see. And you view your 'Job,' as is to render political service to the man

"You'd a make a good man in the ward," he complimented. "Kind of got your dander up, bayen't you" "Kind of," admitted Jerry

"Kind of admitted Jerry
"I got a brother workin for you Mr
Ayrher." If socurred to the Magistrate
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know this might some day make it
better for that brother; or if it turned
out that the brother stood high in the
Archer graces, might some day make
it the better for the magistrate.

"Indeed What's his name?" William William Parry."

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Why, smiled the magistrate. "He's always had to work. William don't never have quite pull enough to land

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so much that is line, and partly because able to do at home, and partly because mother is so deeply concerned as to their whereabouts at all hours of the day and night.

The subjects selected for discussion and work during the summer should be matters in which the children themselves are deeply and vitally interested, by the yard will be comrades with your boy and furnish him the adventure lie is seeking, while at the same time they are keeping his ideals in the right direction.

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they will orceils with military problems in an effort to become officers, and if they succeed in passing the tests will be placed on the elligible list for commissions. More than 150 Philadelphia hors have made this camp, but their names are not available. A list of the student candidates probably will be made public tomorrew.

For the week ending May 3 this camp proved to be the most healthful of all National Army cantonneants. There were half two deaths, and its noneffective rate, but two deaths, and its noneffective rate. Sergeant Fielding L. Willeex, Ambu-inne Company No. 216, of the 204th Smilary Train, was today transferred to the Quartermister's Department at Washington Private Clifford M. Cole.

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