

"PAWNED"

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THIS BEGINS THE STORY

John Bruce, an old New York gambler, was to throw a dinner party...

AND HERE IT CONTINUES

CHAPTER I

Their Story—Aladdin's Lamp

JOHN BRUCE, stretched at full length on a luxurious divan in the parlor of the Bayme-Milroy...

He whistled softly. It was, though, if not moon-madness, perhaps the moon, serene and full up there...

A modern Mephistopheles! Two men only in the world knew Gilbert Larmon for what he was...

Maldeck was the manager of the entire ring of gambling houses, and likewise the clearing house...

He shrugged his shoulders. The whole scheme of his changed existence had all been artfully simple—and superbly efficient...

John Bruce laughed suddenly, softly, out into the night. It had been a good bet that he had made it...

John Bruce left the hotel and entered a taxi. A little later, in that once most fashionable section of New York...

lawned upon him and treated him with awe and an unholly admiration...

Well, it was life! It made him a superman. He had no human ties to bind him...

With the manager's million apologies for the unpardonable act of teasing himself away still sounding in his ears...

He turned suddenly from the window, switched on the lights, drew from his pocket a great sum of money in banknotes...

He snatched off a large diamond ring from his finger and held it out to the croupier...

like puppets on a stage of his own setting—the followers of the Great Creed, at his will!

And it had cost him nothing. Only the pawning of his soul; and, like Faustus, the day of settlement was afar off...

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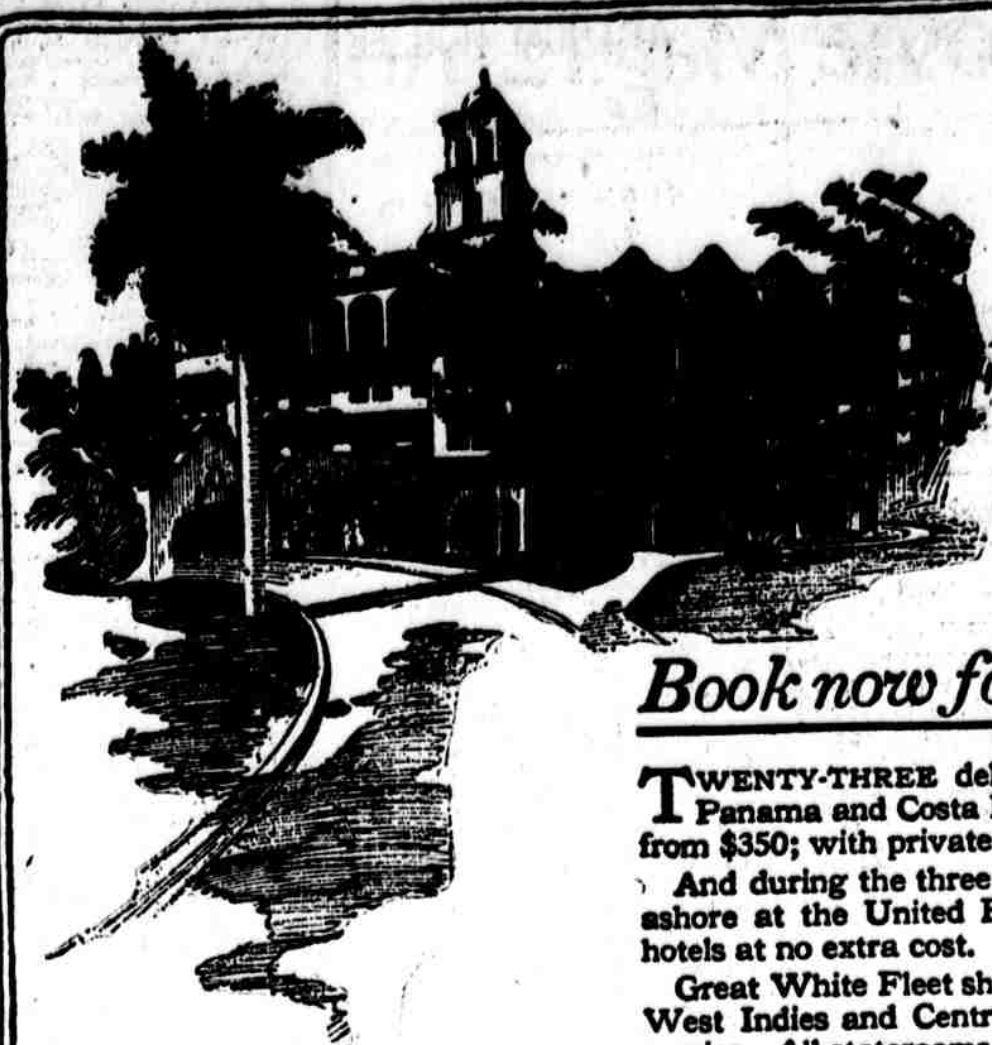
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TRY THIS FUN-PUZZLE! Just take a good look at the picture puzzle and see how many objects you can find that start with the letter "C," like cat, cow, etc. You will have all kinds of fun solving this puzzle and who knows but what you may win one of \$1,000.00 FREE CASH PRIZES. Wouldn't you like to win \$1,000? Sure you would—then try this puzzle, send in your solution at once. You cannot win unless you try.

Prizes Offered to Advertise Coffee! We are giving away these \$3,000 worth of prizes to advertise our coffee campaign. We want to acquaint every person who drinks coffee with the famous Barrington Hall Soluble Coffee—the kind of coffee you will always drink after you have once tasted this nationally known beverage. We want you to assist us in a small way during this campaign by sending for a trial order of Barrington Hall Soluble Coffee. This is not necessary as you can win a prize without sending in a trial coffee order.

First Prize you will be awarded to the person sending in the largest, nearest correct list of objects found in the picture puzzle starting with "C," second nearest wins second prize, etc. If your solution is awarded first prize and you have sent in a \$5 trial order of Soluble Barrington Hall Coffee you will win \$1,000; if you have sent in a \$3 trial order of Soluble Barrington Hall Coffee you will win \$500; if you sent in no coffee order you will win only \$25. It is not necessary to order any of our coffee to win—sending in a trial coffee order is optional.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY 1. Anyone living outside of Minneapolis, Minn., who sends in a solution to the puzzle picture starting with "C," will be eligible to win a prize. 2. The person whose solution is the nearest correct list of objects found in the picture puzzle starting with "C," will win the first prize. 3. The prize for the second nearest correct list of objects found in the picture puzzle starting with "C," will be \$500. 4. The prize for the third nearest correct list of objects found in the picture puzzle starting with "C," will be \$250. 5. The prize for the fourth nearest correct list of objects found in the picture puzzle starting with "C," will be \$100. 6. The prize for the fifth nearest correct list of objects found in the picture puzzle starting with "C," will be \$50. 7. All solutions must be mailed out by the date of the drawing. 8. All solutions will receive a receipt. 9. The prize for the first prize will be \$1,000. 10. 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