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"And then of the tast afternoon—his would have saved her from him! Oh, my God, she'd better be dead! I'd rather see her dead. You've wrong. John Bruce! It wasn't the way. I saw it all so clearly after—I'd got past that saloon; and —and then it was all right for me to promise myself that I'd go back. It wouldn't hurt her none then."
"But I'm sure there is." said Claire, "I don't quite understand what you mean by that. Hawkins," he said a little huskily.
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An Unusual Romange of People Whose Very Being is Pledged to Do the Bidding of Other

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of 60,000 by this time, and the ONLY NINE MORE DAYS "Too many of our citizens have be TO FILE INCOME TAX

TO FILE INCOME TAX McCaughn Warns of Penalty for Those Who Fall There are thousands of Philadel-phians who are unwittingly laying themselves open to heavy penalties that will be incurred in their income tax matters, eccording to Blakely D. Mc-Caughn. Internal Revenue Collector here. Mr. McCaughn divulged the fact that only 20,000 persons have filed their thx returns. Last year there were upward





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sent from Argentine, or of delighting your guests with the luscious flavor of the Peaches, Plums and Nectarines from Cape Colony, South Africa. As for the huge Florida Strawberries, they are simply superb. But it is not only the Philadelphia hostess who is able to serve these delicacies, for Hallowells' guarantee perfect delivery of their Fruit to any place within 1000 miles.

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Bree: "I mean really know him, of more first a little is a sort of merei, for that reason. Hawkins is and perhaps I loved him all the lower set deal. Everybody knew
Bree: "I mean really know him, of more for that reason. Hawkins is a low voice." "Yes," said John Bruce mechanical is a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins in a low voice. "I'm going now," sald Hawkins hesitated, and then he nodded his head. "No one spoke. Paul Veniza's arm, was around Hawkins' shoulders as they left the room. The door closed behind the more for has reason. Hawkins, and then the closed door; first a little help-tensible besk. "Correct Care of the Freet." Best Half-Smokes or Ham & Beef Bologna. . 10c lb. 5221-23-25 Market St. 5939 Market St. One car ticket brings you from almost anywhere. Look fe our ad in Thursday Evening Newspapers.

with the tassel of thist dressing gown for the last balf hour." John Bruce let the tassel fall as theugh it had suddenly burned his ingers. "I? Not at all?" he'denied stoutly. "Oh, dear?" sighed Claire, with mock plantiveness. "What bores you two what do you call it?—a thought wave and ingire some one, and most of all Bawkins. to come over here this eve-ning. He, at least, is never deadly dull." Neither of the two men spoke. "Tou don't know Hawkins, do you. Mr. Bruce?" Claire went on. She was milling now as she looked at John Brue. "I mean really know him. of course. He's a dear, quaint, lovable wil, and I'm so fond of him." "I'm sure he is," said John Bruce "I'm are he is," said John Bruce "I'm are the is," said John Bruce

The and perhaps I loved him all the set face as the old cabman's words charge for that reason. Hawkins used is drink a great deal. Everybody knew is I-I never felt I had the right to preak to him about it, though it made feel terribly, until-until mother died." Taire had dropped her sewing in her is and now she picked it up again and now she picked it up again and fumbled wish it nervously. "I apoke to him then," she said in a wroke to him as the other had reeled the fury with which the old man had inspired him as the other had reeled

inspired him as the other had reeled into the room, and Claire, hurt and

miserable, had risen from her chair

But he remembered Hawkins' in a dif-ferent way now. It was Hawkins, not Claire, who had been hurt. The shabby

John Bruce smiled a little wistfully.

He shook his head in a puzz'ed way.

Somehow he envied Hawkins—so piti-fully unstable and so weak—his strength !

life of the past rose up in contrast with it-not of his own volition, but be-

cause the comparison seemed to insist

on thrusting itself upon him. He had never before met men like Hawkins and Paul Veniza. He had met

an intimacy with either Hawkins or Paul Veniza.

John Bruce raised his head abruptly. The front door had opened. A moment later a footstep sounded in the outer room, and then upon the stairs. That would be Paul Veniza returning, of

inaffected hospitality which verged on the bizarre too, because their genuine-ness and simplicity were ro unostenta-tious—and so rare. And somebow, sud-denty, as he sat there with his chin cupped new in his, hands, he was not nroud of this courset—himself on the one hand, a drugker rand a pay abroker

life.

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to boke to him then, she said in a bet voice. "I told him how much you needed him, father: and how glad and happy it would make me. And—and I mamber so well his words: "I wamber so well his words: "I promise, Claire, I promise, so help me, fied, that I will never drink nuother frop." Claire looked up, her face stow, "And I know, no matter what isphody says, that from that day to this, be never has." That for the show in the Paul Veniza, motionless now in the inter of the never has."

ther of the room, was staring at her a sort of numbed fascination. John Bruce was staring at the door. Some fully fully the thought, a step in the

outer room. The door opened. He shook need in a pucked at His thoughts led him on. What a his frayed, black cravat, which was strange, almost incomprehensible little world it was into which fate, if one wished to call it fate, had flung him.

a groping unsteadily for support his at fell from his other hand and rolled gross the floor. Hawkins reeled into the room. "Good-hic!-good-evenin"."

Hawkins thickly, Claire alone moved. She rose to her Claire alone moved. She rose to her feet, but as though her weight were the heavy for her limbs. Her lips wilvered. "Oh. Hawkins!" she cried pitifully "and burst into tears, and ran from the room. It seemed to John Bruce that for a

It seemed to Join Bruce that for a moment the room swirled around before the eyes; and then over him swept an uncontrollable desire to get his hands upon this maudlin. Jurching creature? Rege. disgust, a bitter resentment, a mad hunger for reprisal possessed him: Claire's future, her faith which she had but a moment gene so proudly vanuted. would be Paul Veniza returning, of but a moment gone so proudly vnunted, wre all shattered, swept to the winds, by this seedy, dissolute wheek. Her father' No, her shame? Thank God "You druken beast?' he gritted in forward. But half merches fury, and stepped suddenly But half merches fury and stepped suddenly

But halfway across the room he billing. But halfway across the room he kins bad turned to stone. Haw-sold in his hearing about the robbery! Sold in his hearing about the robbery! Suid in his hearing about the robbery! Queer people-with their traveling pawn-shop, which was bizarre: and their standards, of honesty, and their unaffected hospitality which verged on the bizarre too, because their genuine-ness and simplicity were so unostenta-it was Paul Veniza who moved now.

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