

"PAWNED"

An Unusual Romance of People Whose Very Being is Pledged to Do the Bidding of Others
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THIS BEGINS THE STORY

Hawkins, an old New York gambler, unable to throw off the love of drink, pawned his little, motherless daughter, Claire, to a man named Crang. Crang, who is brought up without knowledge of his real father, is a young man who is pawning himself to a young woman, a brilliant physician, but a drug addict. Crang is in love with her, and she is in love with him. Crang is a brilliant physician, but a drug addict. Crang is in love with her, and she is in love with him. Crang is a brilliant physician, but a drug addict. Crang is in love with her, and she is in love with him.



He read as fast as a word appeared—like a starving beast snatching in ferocious greed morsels of food

AND HERE IT CONTINUES

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A Wolf Licks His Chops

OUTSIDE the house Crang continued to run. He was unconscious that he had forgotten his hat. His face worked in livid fury. Alternately he burst out into short, ugly gusts of laughter that made of laughter an evil thing; alternately, racked with unbridled passion, he mouthed a flood of oaths.

mounted the stairs and returned to her bed. He stepped rapidly down along the hall and opened the front door. "That you, Birdie?" he called in a low voice. A man's form appeared from the shadow of the stoop. "Sure!" the man answered. "Come in!" Dr. Crang said tersely. He led the way into the consulting room, and slumped down again in his chair. "Well?" he demanded. "Peters arrived all right," Birdie reported. "He registered at the Bayne-Milroy Hotel," he said now. "Good!" granted Crang. For a full five minutes he remained silent and without movement in his chair, apparently utterly oblivious of the other, who stood, shifting a little awkwardly from foot to foot, on the opposite side of the desk. "He'll be anxious, of course, and growing more so," he said. "He might make a break of some kind. I'll have to be that ready yet. What?" Birdie, from staring intently at the wall, came to himself with a sudden start at what he evidently interpreted as a direct question. "Yes—sure!" he said hurriedly. "No—I mean, no, you're not ready." Crang glared at the man contemptuously. "What do you know about it?" he inquired. He picked up the telephone directory, studied it for a moment, then, reaching for the desk telephone, asked for Mr. R. L. Peters. Presently the Bayne-Milroy Hotel answered, and he asked for Mr. R. L. Peters' room. A moment more, and a voice reached him over the phone. "Mr. R. L. Peters, of San Francisco?" "Yes? Then I have a message for you, Mr. Peters, from the person who sent you a telegram a few days ago. I beg your pardon?" "Yes, I am sure you do," Myself? I'd rather not mention any names over the phone. "You understand, don't you?" "He told me to tell you that it is absolutely necessary that no connection is known to exist between you, and for that reason he does not dare take the chance of getting into touch with you tonight, but he will manage it somehow by early afternoon tomorrow. * * * What say?" "Yes, it is very serious, otherwise he would hardly have telegraphed you to come on from San Francisco. * * * No, personally, I don't know. That was his message; but I was also to warn you on no account to leave your rooms, or have communication with anybody until you hear direct from him. * * * No, I do not know particulars. I only know that he is apparently in a hole, and a bad one, and that he is now afraid that you will get into it, too. * * * Yes, you are sure you fully understand? * * * No, not at all. I am only too glad. * * * Good-night."

RYDNEY ANGUS CRANG, M. D.
He tried the door. It was locked. He searched impatiently, and hastily in his pockets for his pass key, and failing to find it instantly, he rang the bell; and then, without waiting for an answer to the summons, he immediately began to bang furiously upon the panels. An old woman, his housekeeper, whose bare feet had obviously been thrust hurriedly into slippers, and who clucked at the neck of a woman dress, and with equal haste, had been flung around her shoulders over her nightgown, finally opened the door. "Get out of the room!" Crang snarled, and brushed her roughly past her. He stepped forward along an unlighted hall, opened a door and slammed it behind him. He switched on the light. He was in his consulting room. The door just behind him was standing beside his desk and had wrenched John Bruce's letter from his pocket. He spread this out on the desk and glared at it. He yawned, and then, with a sudden start, he saw that the paper was a letter from an abortive word, was a well-formed, "no," and there, unmistakably, a capital "L."

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Uncommon Sense : Grievances Are Expensive
By JOHN BLAKE

THE man who is animated by his hatred is always unhappy, never successful. The man who carries a load of grievances about with him is so busy looking after them that he never has any time to enjoy life. Most of us are prone to acquire grievances from time to time. If our lives are cast in pleasant places we are sure to learn some day that the world is full of injustices and that ingratitude is extremely prevalent among the sons and daughters of men. That first annoyance, that sudden us, when injustice and ingratitude are expressed individually, as they are bound to be from time to time, we feel aggrieved.

WOULD CURB DANCE HALLS
More Careful Supervision Urged by Church Federation

Philadelphia's 4000 dance halls should be more carefully supervised, according to E. A. E. Palmquist, executive secretary of the Federation of Churches of Philadelphia, who spoke at the forum of the Young Women's Christian Association, 1222 Locust street, last night. Licensees should be taken from the places which tolerate improper dancing, according to the speaker. He also told of the work of the Federation of Churches along the lines of industrial relations, good government and social services.

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By Lee Page

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