

Solving the Difficulty.

"Any children?" queried Rose, gently. "He had just given her the interesting information that he was a widower, although so young—thirty-five at the outside." "One," he admitted; and his dejected tone seemed to imply that that one was an unsatisfactory possession—not quite right in his head, perhaps, or disfigured with a blemish. "We had only been married a year, you know. She died when it was born."

"Of course not. It's a preposterous situation. And I just drifted into it. I don't know how, or I do know—it was for the child's own sake; so that you really mustn't call me a heartless parent any more, Miss Lascelles. Nobody would do that who knew what I'd suffered for him!" Mr. Bell took the second cigarette from his mouth, and arched deeply. "Even in the beginning it would have been difficult to get out of it, having once got in," he continued, after a pause; "but it has been going on so long, getting worse and worse every day and every hour, till now I'm tangled up and helpless, like that moth in that spider's web"—solacing to a little insect tragedy going on beside them.

"Well, if moths will no into spider's webs," remarked his companion, "they must take the consequences." "Sometimes they get helped out," he replied. "Some beneficent godlike being puts an antidote in them." He looked at her and she looked at him. At this moment they seemed to have known one another intimately for years. "The moon again," she said, "and I'll help you out." "So then he's not her that he had been giving up the habit of frequently visiting his son, cowardly and weak, he knew, but the thing was too profoundly awkward, too embarrassing altogether."

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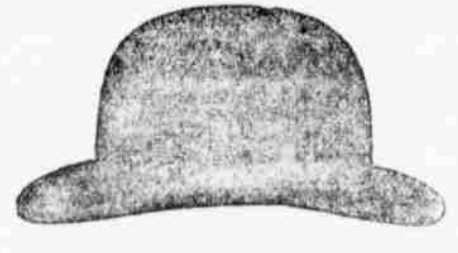


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