

December Mon ~~day~~ day 31<sup>st</sup>

Last day December was pleasant though just trifle cold. This month has been warmer than same month in any year I can remember. Saw in pocket of course. Johnnie Hornet trusted me with cigar & dummy ticket. Borrowing with slight chances of doing any better in the future. Very little to say.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

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Rather a stupid forenoon. George called about 1. With him to see Modjeska at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. theatre. Second time I saw it. Same opinion as at first. An artistic splendidly acted part that of Adrienne. With George to Newark. Quite a surprise to them all. Had it been out in over a year before. Warm reception. The little ones gathered about. Mr. & Mrs. Reilly called. I smoked great deal. Uncle received me cordially.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Of course I got up early. In Newark I dare not stay in bed. George & I to New York. By elevated road to 57<sup>th</sup> St. thence to Court. Great number of cases. Dislike than I had ever seen it before. Saw Glen of Herald among the prisoners. He was discharged. Until late at office writing up cases. Wrote about 2 or over 1 column. I needed just such a god send as salary I am dreadfully low. Harlequin in better spirits.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

I could not have dared expect such ill luck. Only 1/4 of column in. My bill amounts to but \$4. Glory hallelujah! And I owe nearly every cent of it. About this time I think a day later perhaps not asked Aunt Sue for \$5. My little plan does not work extra well. Some time hereabouts posted letter for Ellen, had kept it in pocket for weeks. Sent papers to Aunt Jim.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Meighan smiled when saw my \$4 bill. Nothing great this week was about his remark. To 57<sup>th</sup> St. undaunted. Handly any thing up. Paid Nemessy \$1.75. Pauston \$1.45. George O'Gorman to Court with letter from Aunt Sue. In it \$5; and a wish it could be more. Nothing at Court. Left early with George sick & disgusted. Raining. Oyster stew. To Herald. Don't know if to theatre.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Met George at 1 or later. With him to see War at Last. Which he enjoyed. I think it good play enough. Montague tries to but fails to play the star part. Second time I witnessed it. In the evening I believe I went to see Babes in Wood, though perhaps not. No I guess not. Writing a story about a marshal which didn't get in after all my trouble. Hurrah on night duty. <sup>at head quarters</sup> Responsible posit. Luckily nothing up.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Wished to reach 57<sup>th</sup> St. early. Passed there after 1 1/2 afternoon. To Herald. Another stroke of luck. Resent to Jefferson & Essex Courts. Things do look brighter. To Bath quite late. In time for 6.30 dummy when there was none. Almost two hours wait. Damn dummy. Sat up late waiting for Papa to go bed. He went late. Then I smoked. Did next to nothing.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Well. really did mean to get up but — well I didn't. Wrote not in diary yet left Bath after 1. And my first day of important work. Got in so late did not go near either Court but saw Wood at Press Club & Associated Press man at his office. Luckily but very little up. Keeping my promotion silent. Wonderful that I can do so. No theatre to night. None I guess till Friday if there.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Still staggering under heavy salary of last week — or this week rather in Herald of today two or three small cases. About this time sent to meeting of Street Cleaning Committee. This week's bill will be better I should think so than last week's. Been intending to run to Bath & also to stop smoking. Doing neither. Word acting kindly some asking me to supper &c.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of Maruma's death. By steam cars to 42<sup>nd</sup> from 125<sup>th</sup> St. Quite a pleasant way down. Met George by Putnam House. He to see Babes in Wood at the Courts. Heard nothing of account. When reached office found there had been large case at Essex. Accordingly wrote it up. To Harlem earlier than usual. Believe found Auntie & Frank just retiring. Had something to eat.