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**CHAPTER XXXI.**  
SOON after noon on the 22d of  
September Monty folded his re-  
port to Swearingen Jones, stuck  
it into his pocket and sallied  
forth. A parcel delivery wagon had  
carried off a mysterious bundle a few  
minutes before. Mrs. Gray could not  
conceal her wonder, but Brewster's an-  
swers to her questions threw little light  
on the mystery. He could not tell her  
the big bundle contained the receipts  
that were to prove his sincerity when  
the time came to settle with Mr. Jones.  
Brewster had used his own form of re-  
ceipt for every purchase. The little  
stub receipt books had been made to  
order for him and not only he, but ev-  
ery person in his employ, carried one  
everywhere. No matter how trivial the  
purchase, the person who received a  
dollar of Brewster's money signed a re-  
ceipt for the amount. Newsboys and  
bootblacks were the only beings who  
escaped the formality; tips to waiters,  
porters, cabbies, etc., were recorded  
and afterward put into a class by  
themselves. Receipts for the few dol-  
lars remaining in his possession were  
to be turned over on the morning of the  
23d and the general report was not to  
be completed until 9 o'clock on that  
day.

He kissed Peggy goodby, told her to  
be ready for a drive at 4 o'clock, and  
then went off to find Joe Bragdon and  
Eton Gardner. They met him by ap-  
pointment, and to them he confided his  
design to be married on the following  
day.  
"You can't afford it, Monty," ex-  
ploded Joe fearlessly. "Peggy is too good  
a girl. It isn't fair to her."  
"We have agreed to begin life tomor-  
row. Wait and see the result. I think  
it will surprise you. Incidentally it is  
up to me to engage a minister's ser-  
vices. It's going to be quiet, you know  
Joe, you can be my best man if you  
like, and, Gardie, I'll expect you to  
sign your name as one of the wit-  
nesses. Tomorrow evening we'll have  
supper at Mrs. Gray's, and among  
those present will not comprise a very  
large list, I assure you. But we'll talk  
about that later on. Just now I want  
to ask you fellows to lend me enough  
money to pay the preacher. I'll return  
it tomorrow afternoon."

"Well, I'm blessed!" exclaimed Gar-  
ner, utterly dumfounded by the nerve  
of the man. Gardner promised to have  
the minister at the Gray house the next  
morning. Monty's other request—made  
in deep seriousness—was that Peggy  
was not to be told of the little transac-  
tion. He then hurried off to the office  
of Grant & Ripley. The bundles of re-  
ceipts had preceded him.  
"Has Jones arrived in town?" was  
his first anxious question after the  
greetings.  
"He is not registered at any of the  
hotels," responded Mr. Grant, and  
Brewster did not see the troubled look  
that passed over his face.  
"He'll show up tonight, I presume,"  
said he complacently. The lawyers



"Lend me enough money to pay the  
preacher."  
did not tell him that all the telegrams  
they had sent to Swearingen Jones in  
the past two weeks had been returned  
to the New York office as unclaimed in  
Butte. The telegraph company report-  
ed that Mr. Jones was not to be found  
and that he had not been seen in Butte  
since the 3d of September. The law-  
yers were hourly expecting word from  
Montana men to whom they had tele-  
graphed for information and advice.  
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Montgomery Brewster was too eager  
and excited to notice the fact.

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"A tall, bearded stranger was here  
this morning asking for you, Mr. Brew-  
ster," said Ripley, his head bent over  
some papers on his desk.  
"Ah, Jones, I'm sure! I've always  
imagined him with a long beard," said  
Monty, relief in his voice.  
"It was not Jones. We know Jones  
quite well. This man was a stranger  
and refused to give his name. He said  
he would call at Mrs. Gray's this after-  
noon."

"Did he look like a constable or a bill  
collector?" asked Monty, with a laugh.  
"He looked very much like a tramp."  
"Well, we'll forget him for the time  
being," said Monty, drawing the report  
from his pocket. "Would you mind  
looking over this report, gentlemen?  
I'd like to know if it is in proper form  
to present to Mr. Jones."  
Grant's hand trembled as he took  
the carefully folded sheet from Brew-  
ster. A quick glance of despair passed  
between the two lawyers.

"Of course, you'll understand that  
this report is merely a synopsis of the  
expenditures. They are classified, how-  
ever, and the receipts over there are  
arranged in such a way that Mr. Jones  
can easily verify all the figures set out  
in the report. For instance, where it  
says 'cigars' I have put down the total  
amount that went up in smoke. The  
receipts are to serve as an itemized  
statement, you know." Mr. Ripley  
took the paper from his partner's hand  
and, pulling himself together, read the  
report aloud. It was as follows:

New York, Sept. 22, 19--  
To Swearingen Jones, Esq., Executor Under  
the Will of the Late James T. Sedg-  
wick of Montana:  
In pursuance of the terms of the afore-  
said will and in accord with the instruc-  
tions set forth by yourself as executor I  
present my report of receipts and dis-  
bursements for the year in my life ending  
at midnight on Sept. 22. The accuracy of  
the figures set forth in this general state-  
ment may be established by referring to  
the receipts which form a part of this  
report. There is not one penny of Edwin  
Peter Brewster's money in my posses-  
sion, and I have no asset to mark his  
burial plot. These figures are submitted  
for your most careful consideration:  
Original capital ..... \$1,000,000.00  
Lumber and fuel misfortune ..... 58,550.00  
Prize fight misjudged ..... 1,000.00  
Monte Carlo education ..... 40,000.00  
Rice track errors ..... 700.00  
Sale of six terrier pup men ..... 250.00  
Sale of furniture and personal  
effects ..... 40,500.00  
Interest on funds once in hand ..... 19,140.00

Total amount to be disposed of, \$1,100,040.00  
**DISBURSEMENTS.**  
Rent for apartments ..... \$23,000.00  
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Three automobiles ..... 21,000.00  
Renting six automobiles ..... 25,000.00  
Amount lost to DeMille ..... 1,000.00  
Salaries ..... 25,550.00  
Amount paid to men injured in  
auto accident ..... 12,240.00  
Amount lost in bank failure ..... 113,483.25  
Amount lost on races ..... 4,000.00  
One glass screen ..... 5,000.00  
Christmas presents ..... 7,211.00  
Postage ..... 1,105.00  
Cable and telegraph ..... 2,353.00  
Stationery ..... 2,400.00  
Two Boston terriers ..... 500.00  
Amount lost to help-up men ..... 450.00  
Amount lost on concert tour ..... 56,282.00  
Amount lost through O. Harri-  
son's speculation (on my ac-  
count) ..... 60,000.00  
One ball (two sections) ..... 6,000.00  
Extra favors ..... 6,000.00  
One yacht cruise ..... 212,209.50  
One carnival ..... 6,824.00  
Cigars ..... 1,720.00  
Drinks, chiefly for others ..... 9,040.00  
Clothing ..... 3,400.00  
Rent of one villa ..... 20,000.00  
One courier ..... 500.00  
Dinner parties ..... 117,900.00  
Suppers and luncheons ..... 88,000.00  
Theater parties and suppers ..... 6,277.00  
Hotel expenses ..... 61,218.59  
Railway and steamship fares ..... 31,274.81  
For Newsboys' home ..... 5,000.00  
Two opera performances ..... 20,000.00  
Repairs to Filter ..... 6,242.90  
In. tow from somewhere to  
Southampton ..... 50,000.00  
Special train to Florida ..... 1,000.00  
Cottage in Florida ..... 5,500.00  
Medical attendance ..... 3,100.00  
Living expenses in Florida ..... 8,500.00  
Misappropriation of personal  
property by servants ..... 3,580.00  
Taxes on personal property ..... 112.25  
Sundries ..... 9,165.00  
Household expenses ..... 24,805.00  
Total disbursements ..... \$1,100,040.00  
Balance on hand ..... \$0,000,000.00  
Respectfully submitted,  
MONTGOMERY BREWSTER.

"It's rather broad, you see, gentle-  
men, but there are receipts for every  
dollar, barring some trifling incident-  
als. He may think I dissipated the for-  
tune, but I defy him or any one else  
to prove that I have not had my mon-  
ey's worth. To tell you the truth, it  
has seemed like a hundred million. If  
any one should tell you that it is an  
easy matter to waste a million dollars  
refer him to me. Last fall I weighed  
150 pounds; yesterday I barely moved  
the beam at 140. Last fall there was  
not a wrinkle in my face, nor did I  
have a white hair. You see the result  
of overwork, gentlemen. It will take  
an age to get back to where I was  
physically, but I think I can do it with  
the vacation that begins tomorrow. In-  
cidentally I'm going to be married to-  
morrow morning, just when I am poor-  
er than I ever expect to be again. I  
still have a few dollars to spend, and I  
must be about it. Tomorrow I will ac-  
count for what I spend this evening.  
It is now covered by the 'sundries'  
item, but I'll have the receipts to show  
all right. See you tomorrow morning."  
He was gone, eager to be with Peg-  
gy, afraid to discuss his report with  
the lawyers. Grant and Ripley shook  
their heads and sat silent for a long  
time after his departure.  
"We ought to hear something definite  
before night," said Grant, but there  
was anxiety in his voice.  
"I wonder," mused Ripley, as if to  
himself, "how he will take it if the  
worst should happen."

**CHAPTER XXXII.**  
IT'S up to Jones now," kept run-  
ning through Brewster's brain  
as he drove off to keep his ap-  
pointment with Peggy Gray.  
"The million is gone—all gone. I'm as  
poor as Job's turkey. It's up to Jones,  
but I don't see how he can decide  
against me. He insisted on making a  
pauper of me, and he can't have the  
heart to throw me down now. But  
what if he should take it into his head  
to be ugly! I wonder if I could break  
the will—I wonder if I could beat him  
out in court!"  
Peggy was waiting for him. Her  
cheeks were flushed as with a fever.  
She had caught from him the mad ex-  
citement of the occasion.  
"Come, Peggy!" he exclaimed egerly.  
"This is our last holiday. Let's be  
merry. We can forget it tomorrow if  
you like when we begin all over again,  
but maybe it will be worth remember-  
ing." He assisted her to the seat and  
then leaped up beside her. "We're off!"  
he cried, his voice quivering.  
"It is absolute madness, dear," she  
said, but her eyes were sparkling with  
the joy of recklessness. Away went  
the trap and the two light hearts. Mrs.  
Gray turned from a window in the  
house with tears in her eyes. To her  
troubled mind they were driving off  
into utter darkness.  
"The queerest looking man came to  
the house to see you this afternoon,  
Monty," said Peggy. "He wore a  
beard, and he made me think of Rem-  
ington's cowboys."  
"What was his name?"  
"He told the maid it did not matter.  
I saw him as he walked away, and he  
looked very much a man. He said he  
would come tomorrow if he did not  
find you downtown tonight. Don't you  
recognize him from the description?"  
"Not at all. Can't imagine who he  
is."  
"Monty," she said after a moment's  
painful reflection. "He—he couldn't  
have been a!"  
"I know what you mean, an officer  
sent up to attach my belongings or  
something of the sort. No, dearest; I  
give you my word of honor I do not  
owe a dollar in the world." Then he  
recalled his peculiar indebtedness to  
Bragdon and Gardner. "Except one or  
two very small personal obligations,"  
he added hastily. "Don't worry about  
it, dear; we are out for a good time,  
and we must make the most of it.  
First we drive through the park, then  
we dine at Merry's."  
"But we must dress for that, dear,"  
she cried. "And the chaperon?"  
He turned very red when she spoke  
of dressing. "I'm ashamed to confess  
it, Peggy, but I have no other clothes  
than these I'm wearing now. Don't  
look so hurt, dear. I'm going to leave  
an order for new evening clothes to-  
morrow if I have the time. And about  
the chaperon. People won't be talking  
before tomorrow, and by that time"  
"No, Monty, Merry's is out of the  
question. We can't go there," she said  
decisively.  
"Oh, Peggy! That spoils everything,"  
he cried in deep disappointment.  
"It isn't fair to me, Monty. Every-  
body would know us, and every  
tongue would wag. They would say:  
'There are Monty Brewster and Mar-  
garet Gray. Spending his last few dol-  
lars on her.' You wouldn't have them  
think that?"  
He saw the justice in her protest.  
"A quiet little dinner in some out of  
the way place would be joyous," she  
added persuasively.  
"You're right, Peggy, you're always  
right. You see, I'm so used to spend-  
ing money by the handful that I don't  
know how to do it any other way. I  
believe I'll let you carry the pocket-  
book after tomorrow. Let me think.  
I know a nice little restaurant down-  
town. We'll go there and then to the  
theater. Dan DeMille and his wife are  
to be in my box, and we're all going  
up to Pettingill's studio afterward.  
I'm to give the Little Sons a farewell  
supper. If my calculations don't go  
wrong that will be the end of the jaunt  
and we'll go home happy."  
At 11 o'clock Pettingill's studio opened  
its doors to the Little Sons and  
their guests, and the last "Dutch  
lunch" was soon under way. Brewster  
had paid for it early in the evening,  
and when he sat down at the head of  
the table there was not a penny in his  
pockets. A year ago at the same place  
and at the same hour he and the Lit-  
tle Sons were having a birthday feast.  
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fortune. You shall be all  
to me of the past. Will you  
the day after tomorrow?  
"No, dearest. I want to begin  
y. At 7 in the morning, dear,  
see how good the start will  
pleaded so ardently and go  
that he won his point even  
grew out of a whim that she  
then understand. She was  
until afterward his object  
the marriage take place on  
ing of Sept. 23, two hours be-  
time set for the turning over  
dignified millions. If all went  
would be Brewster's millions  
o'clock, and Peggy's life of  
would cover no more than  
s of time. She believed him  
lifetime of poverty. So they  
the new life with but one  
-love.  
rebelled against his desire to  
\$70 that still remained, but  
in his determination. They  
he and drive together and see  
old life that was left—on \$70.  
the next day they would start  
again. There was one rude mo-  
nismay when it occurred to  
Peggy might be considered  
if she became his wife be-  
clock. But he realized at once  
she only demanded of him that  
and that he possess no  
had had been acquired through  
him of Edwin Peter Brewster's  
Surely this wife who was not  
to him until his last dollar was  
did not be the product of an old  
agency. But so careful was he in  
to the transaction that he decid-  
money of Joe Bragdon to  
license and to pay the minis-  
Not only would he be penn-  
the day of settlement, but  
in debt. So changed was  
the world to him now that he  
sure to win Sedgwick's mill-  
not crush out the new life  
joy that had come to him  
ning of Peggy Gray.  
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