

"Do Tell me about yourself, William."

Now I suspect that much as it delights
a man to be in the company of a beautiful
~~warm-hearted~~ woman, it delights him even more
to find her appearing to ^{yearning} ~~yearning~~ to learn all
about that unique and remarkable ^{male} ~~male~~ garrulity,
who is her companion; ^{my delight was matched by my garrulity,} I prattled on for hours.



Business

1. Have L W so "owly" ^{and suspicious} that Willy finally asks her if she wants him out of the case. Tells her of financial sacrifice he is making, etc.
2. Have Cozzens use hesitate about admitting L W to dinner.
No →
3. Have Indian assault Willy in dark after losing case in circuit court.
Done.
4. Have Indian ^{brave} paying court to L. W.
Done.
5. Possibly have chints avoid Willy because he represents an Indian.
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Not used.

Cash to Willy

head in mind ^{inspiring} It's the kind of lawyer Dr. Johnson must have
~~been describing~~ ^{once remarked} when he ~~said~~ of a fellow who
had just quitted ~~the~~ company that 'he did not
care to speak ill of any man behind his back, but
he ~~believed~~ ^{suspected} the gentleman was an attorney.' "

(P. 143 of Maugham's The Vagrant Mood.)

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252 Check LW

253 Same

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299-300 Look

316 Fusion spot.

317 Check downcast eyes.

318 Melting point?

320 Deleted (M.J.)

330 Challenge to Gov.

382 Give LW a line?

401 Check LW bottom.

- 39-40 How about Indian scam?
- 23 p 45 L to - Mystery, etc This is the chap.
- 63 Fee? She wanted to discuss my fee, but
I put her off, etc.
- 96
- ✓100 Willie's conviction?
- 120 amb?
- 129 They also had a country on the verge of war, alas
- 133 check to
- 134 Christian
- 151 See
- 179 Prag? (Out?)

But even the most ardent young lawyer
cannot work on his case all the time, or fish for trout,
and there were moments when I flinched at the
prospect of ^{the} stale and empty hours I had somehow to drag through,
each day, at the burden of boredom I had ^{often} to lug around with me.
During these arid ^{perverts} patches I turned to writing.

X ^{moderately} In their despair that ^{any} witness will ever
be ^{coherent let alone} coherent lucid or ~~even coherent~~ they cultivate a
kind of protective professional stupor;

X Philos' Journal about Marji.
a magnificent specimen of a man
wearing a wonderfully soiled Cordoban shirt that
fit him like a pet.

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Willy on \$ grubbing

It was not that I was ^{dead set} against toil or the quest for security and worldly goods, heaven knows — all that was doubtless a ^{normal and} proper concern of mankind in a ~~hard~~ and uncertain world. It was that I recoiled from letting a ^{too great} preoccupation with ^{these} things crowd living out of human existence. I could not believe that man was put here ^{only} to ~~work~~ ^{live} ~~love for work~~ but rather to ^{only} work to live. Life was the thing. The trouble was that I ^{found myself} ~~stood~~ far in the minority in my heretical views, and it puzzled and depressed me.

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from ^{the idea of} letting ^{money and the getting of it} a crowd living out of human existence
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but rather to work only to live -- life was the thing. But
more and more I was ^{discovering} finding that my views were regarded
~~as~~ heretical, and this resolute ^{mass} turning against life depressed
and puzzled me.

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Of our injustice, ^{harshness} becomes big enough, ^{and dispersed enough} it simply doesn't register.

Cash to Willy.

It's similar in its ^{way to the impersonal} emotional detachment we are developing getting in the face of mass tragedy. Thirty thousand
breathes can perish in a typhoon and we but not
an eye, but ^{well} ^{with} ^{monumental} ^{disen} when a child ^{who stabs}
it's his ^{little} ^{to} ^{be}.

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Willis' "essay"

In a courtroom, abstract justice, ^{can} doesn't count;
~~for there~~ Justice is not only blind, but also a little deaf, and
she ^{bestowing} listens ^{reluctant favor} her ^{only} ^{on} those ^{who} ^{prove} they ^{deserve}
merit ^{it} her ^{favor}. This ^{requires} ^{people} witnesses.

^{smiles} ^{upon}
In a courtroom abstract justice doesn't
^{there} count; Justice is not only blind, but ^{often} also a little
deaf, ^{and she bestows her reluctant} ^{favor} only ^{on} those who can prove
they deserve ^{it}. This means producing witnesses, and
there lies the rub. For witnesses ^{are people and people} not only forget or lie,
(they sometimes) ^{more awfully} inconveniently forget or die. And sometimes
they can hurt one cruelly with the simple truth. With
these morbid thoughts I lunched upon my big new case.

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I was learning rapidly what ^{what} very young
 lawyer must ^{not to know} learn rapidly as ^{what} perist; the vast gulf
~~that law~~ ^{the} difference between law school and ^{confronting} actual practice;
 the ^{great} difference between answering examination
 questions and handling ~~an~~ actual ^{contested} case
 in the courts. In law school ones "facts" came
 frozen, idealized, immutable: all the student had to
 do was apply ~~the~~ ^{such} law ^{as he knew} to the facts outlined in
 the question. ^{correlating was the trick.} In practice, ^{the lawyer had to} ~~must~~ go out and dig up his
 facts and, ^{once he} ~~when~~ found ^{them,} pray that he ^{might} ~~find~~ also find
 favorable law to fit them.

And ^{miraculous} the facts of one case, I was finding,
^{almost always} were chameleon and elusive; One could allege all the
 facts he wanted in his pleadings, but he had ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{still} to
 prove them, and there ^{could be} ~~was~~ ^{often} many a ^{gap} ~~gap~~ between the
 allegations and proof. ^{facts had to be} ^{revealed} ^{magically}
 people, and people ^{had a} ^{peculiar} ^{human} ^{talent} ^{to} ^{forget} ^{or} ^{lie}
 or move away or die. ^{It} ^{or} ^{simply} ^{hurt} ^{and} ^{with} ^{the}
 truth. ^{From} ^{bits} ^{and} ^{pieces} ^{the} ^{lawyer} ^{strung}
 to ^{weave} ^a ^{mosaic} ^{pattern} ^{that} ^{was} ^{the} ^{story} ^{of} ^{his}
 case. ^{The} ^{law} ^{followed} ^{the} ^{facts} ^{and} ^{was} ^{shaped} ^{by} ^{them,} ^{not} ^{the} ^{other} ^{way} ^{around.}
^{However} ^{just} ^{his} ^{case} ^{he} ^{had} ^{to} ^{prove} ^{his} ^{case};
^{It} ^{was} ^{not} ^{enough} ^{to} ^{have} ^a ^{good} ^{cause};
^{However} ^{just} ^{the} ^{cause,} ^{justice}
 smiled only on those who ^{were} ^{prepared} ^{to}
 prove they merited it. It was
 not always easy.

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