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SMOKETHOUSES

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(Michael) (Swingaze)

Hump, Marty Curley, Muscles (Rug), Uncle Frank (Scrubberhead)
near 80

Robbie

ought with an ^{or wife} (no good character), hooker (on a hooker-drunk); craddles (loaded with dough); ^{creams} (live) rolled him; rubbin' Snuff (Copenhagen)

last goodman man ever stood in a pair of shoes.

(B) - ^{Musc} Curley, Hump, Harry Michaels group in 60 ft channel from bridge

Sobey as a judge

Joaney looks sober, won't face me anymore "Y! Holdin' captain quad. boat, who goes there? doubleback? Swam away

"Musc" gets undressed, holds in his pants, 2nd arm, clothes
67 ft per fifth of Sherry

Sleep in field

"Curse of an Aching Heart"

"Under the Cherry Tree, with Marie"

Hump wounded in WWI died into trench, cut leg

- Sober up with ginger ale

Curley: "no profanity", I don't understand the definition"; his answer to Musc's riddle: "it's a fete!"

- Musc: Don't want a drunk, just a taste... Sober up, packaddle Louis Pt.; Louis Pt. my territory; All U.S. my territory undershirt strikes...

- Robbie: look like snake come out of grass; Slungged shoulder, Hump put snuff in guy's drink, guy keeled over

Harry - Striped Sweatshirt, wrinkled Summer pants, suspenders,
Sands Captain's cap cocked on side, gold-rimmed Specs,
Pale eyes; white fuzz around face, clump of hair in
ear & nose; speaks importantly, thin voice, jolts when
he walks...

- trouble is I drink too much... wish there was a remedy...
drank too much... wsh I could get ole lady into
yard, borrow some money, I'd return it; I like people,
I like Jew-people, raised with 'em in N.W. Baltw... know
Mr. Rubin, Metzger... No man ever seen God face-to-face, it's
a lie, got to pray to God, God is nice... I ain't no
sitter-day, I won't fire you Jews, I like people...
They're firm men at the factory... looks pretty ~~dark~~ ^{dark} to
me... gonna ask one of my ~~friends~~ ^{friends} - or one of our
people... what's behind this? (I know what I mean...
what's the consequences, or the alternatives - so I know
what to do... I ain't gonna lie long... I know it... God
said to me... Bay, I ain't got nuthin' to do with you
Any more, you be just doing it to yourself

SMOKING HOUSES

(Michael) (Lingazee)

Hump, Marty Curley, Muscles (Roy) Uncle Frank (Scrubster) near 80

Robbie

ought with ~~an~~^{or wife}, (no good character), Booker (on a bender-drunk); Cradles (loaded with dough); ^{Creams} Creams (like) rolled him; rubbin' Snuff (Copenhagen)

last goddam man ever stood in a pair of shoes.

(B) - ^{Musc} Curly, Hump, Harry Michaels group in 60 ft channel from bridge

Sobey as a judge

Joaney looks sober, won't give him anythin' "if holdin' captain quad. boat, who goes there? doubleboat? I swim away"

"Musc" gets muddled, holes in his pants, 2nd am; clothes 67¢ per pint of Sherry

- Sleep in field

"Curse of an Aching Heart"

"Under the Cherry Tree, with Marie"

- Hump wounded in WWI died in trenches, cut leg

- Sobey up with sugar-ale

Curly - "no profanity", I don't understand the definition"; his answer to man's riddle: "it's a joke!"

- Musc: Don't want a drink, just a taste... Sobey up, Panhandle, Lame Pt., Lame Pt. my territory; All U.S. my territory underhanded strikes ...

- Robbie: look like snake come out of grass; Hungged Shuckles,

- Hump put snuff in guy's drink, guy keeled over

Curly in Navy, Harry in WWI, Meuse in WWII - Spilled blood for my Country. I love my Country. Love the Army. Stick. I hate stick... worked in helmet... ate in helmet, couldn't cook in helmet... them people talk, sacrifice our lives, an' they talk

- Heart, at's what counts, heart - I don't care if you love the Country, d'you love the Smokebands?
- Jews ... we're all brothers & sisters, Jesus Christ was a Jew... we're all Jews
- a "hammer" - Smokeband, when drunk, runs head against wall ["give him water - he thinks it's medicine, pass to sleep"]
- CURLY. I got a heart. God's a good guy. He's a real good Summa fun he is. He's the only person in the world I trust. (Apologizes) Can't mean to say about you, y'know what I mean?

SMOKED HOUSES

- Chunky gets spells when drunk, falls on board, pot on chin, big bar stomach, gash on red left cheek, turned up nose, blue eyes, sland lips, speech defect, put "finger on people", bull neck
- Curly heavy bushy eyebrows, small eyes underneath, black jacket faded summer army pants, blue shirt
- Humpback - back like board, stiff neck, chest little mound with chin resting on it.
- wash in hot water from Heng's; can't run you in for washin'
- Rago Sobe, Sobe as a dredge - workin in market - took 1- year pledge with priest. "Priest got no will power; if I want to stop drinkin do it ^{of} own will-power - priests & magistrates - at's bullshit!" Got till next February.

SLIM - John F. Ritterland, 58 (Feb 11,)
leathery face, wisp of white hair in chin fleshfold; scars on fingers,
Slight stoop, gentlemanly manner, tips hat to ladies

Born in Balto; before high school was mechanist in
Riverview Room House (helped drive the engines, load
coal); went to Poly, graduated as mechanical draftsman,
A) made . got job in St. Claire's Station. (worked in locomotive
\$150 a month division; y' see there different divisions - locomotive, passenger
225 w.
govt passenger cars, caboose - these divided one from another) made out
good money - married Ruth Taylor, met her there
in those days - his wife was Ruth's sister - they worked at
ice cream parlor on Fort Ave - an' you know how
young boys are, eatin' banana splits an' all that -

(B) never drank at all where we met -

in those days - if (B) Had three children; wife died in 1929 from
I drank in
morning my child birth; I quit my job in '31 - just couldn't
tongue'd go concentrate, ^{couldn't get hold of myself after that...} went to pieces. - how I ever got to
flyin. course
I'd break be like this is beyond me - I tell you nobody
on weekend knows what's before him but the Good Lord
when wife
had - I sent the kids to my mother-in-law in
company.

Brother-in- Cumberland; she took care of them, was their mother.
bad bad - Here, I never remarry, any kids wouldn't know the
whole story in hell outta me - they didn't want no stepmother;
beer at I'd never wanted any. Course some men marry
dinner, sober up and it works out better than the first one. But
beer night it'd been my luck to 've married a high-flier -
I just couldn't tear all of those high-fliers.

- I can't stand Stein' women drive - Course y' go to
Jui Lee Laundry or Rosett's or Griffin's, an' everybody

Come in with them womenfolk an' sit and
drink, y'know, quiet, that's real nice. Come
those are high class places. But take the

(X) these b----. See Apple an' Brass Rail and places like them
billy girls
come up here are b----. Then girls, y'know ^(X) tell billy-billy,
an' go wild from N.C. Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, y'know them
places, why they raise more hell than winds.

Christ, they throw beer in your face, an' curse
an' raise, all kinda hell... I can't stand to see
'em like that... Come (b----) don't care what
they do, long as he makes his buck... they're like gypsies
- got a bad ankle here, hanged it up, just
bent over like that... Shoulda never come up
here from the hospital, always get in bad
luck up here... Boy, I tell ya, down there it was
really nice... I was in Ketchikan (Va.) Veterans'
Hospital for a year and half... heart and bad
nerves... really took care of ~~me~~... I got hurt

a) inspection in first W.W. War, in Texas, under a horse
every Friday, in the Cavalry... (Shows vet care with no. on it)
baracks tree from inspection... In Ketchikan, wake up with bugle call, eat
following Fri. breakfast at 6 or 7 (two shifts - 6 men to tell,

now ~~the~~ big batter bacon & eggs, all you want)

come back, clean your barracks, ^(a) ^(b) ^(c) duty,

lunch at 12 and 1 (two shifts), everybody ha got to

rest between 2 & 3 - rest of the day, do

guest room - you wash & bathe here stay out - can
to buy our meals in Canteen or outside - but could
stay over for free.

-2 Slim

(ABC
Stores
outside
hospital)

anything you want - ping pong, Softball (girl teams,
girl waiters), library (good library). play cards. Course
there was two things you couldn't do - an' that was
(on frig) drinkin' or fightin', if they caughtcha
drinkin' or fightin' they'd give you 90 day free leave...
You couldn't come back for 90 days. Left, a course,
of an emergency, then you could come back
anytime.

- You got everythin' there you could need or want.
[Pulls out handkerchief from back pocket, slowly opens it;
reveals set of false teeth] I got these here down there...
see government teeth... there's the number 372 (number
set in plaster of upper Plate & lower)... This is my
second pair (giggles)... If I break these, the doctor'll
rest holy hell... (sobs) but he'll give 'em to me...
See this hat? (Takes off, reveals bald sweating head,
flanked on sides with red whitening hair) Points to sweatband,
USA VA (at arm) quiced to me down there, was gone hat;
(points to hole in top) Hung nose threw a cigarette butt
on it, burnt a whole. This spot is an oil spot, got an
there while I was helpin' out in a garage... was a
no. to get check (A) good hat... This is good suit, clean up on pay day (45) girl delivery
(memorized) - when you come down there they give you a hat, two
wonderful suits (or two khaki pants steady one suit,) you don't need
how Uncle Sam keeps all two suits down there, just one to goin' out) two shirts
this straight (blue one & white one), 2 suits undershirt, pair of socks &

shoes. When they get dirty, you just tie 'em up in a bundle, sign a ticket (makes like dogani' ticket) and they clean em up for you, send em back all clean & pressed. It's really awa down time. I tell you when any Uncle Sam doc sumpin he really does it right...

- Used to sketch a little bit down there - I used to fool around like that... R-

- Ain't none of the boys around now, they're all in the lock. Wang fools, they bring it on themselves. They go down the market, get drunk, race hell and get run in. Nuthin'd be wrong if they'd go back in an alley, take a drink an' then come out, but they were right out in the open on corner of Charles & Cross, right cross from the Apple bar, they went behind iron gate in front of cut-rate druggist store & began racing hell. Woman upstairs on second floor complained, and cops run them in.

- Course them cops is always around when it comes to pickin' up the boys, but I fancy how the whole damned Cross Street market

A-

ROOSTER (face red, chewed tobacco, built like rooster)
an section foreman hired negro girls to clean
boxcars, tracks; slept with them; left his wife, moved
to Shady; brought color girl to store, bought
her a pair of silk hose; used to fornicate
with them in woman's room in March Market
(which closed after 5 p.m.); "Not so lively with
girls gone...", Ma said; "Nops," he said, chomping on tobacco.

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burst down an' there wasn't nary a cop around.

If they's been on the job as they shoulda been,
forsake wanen've gotten that far...

- Poor little Harvey ain't around. He's up in a Pennsylvania
hospital with TB. Didn't get it from drinkin, it
was in his family...

A) - An' Hump Muse. Y'know Rooster? He's a Section
foreman with the Western Md. Railway. Rooster's
bought a piece of land behind Jake Snyder's
(he's below the bridge), put up his own
shanty, an' Hump's stayin with him. Hump takes
care of the place. Christ, he's a good cook an'
all. His sister runs a funeral parlor out in
Locust Point and Hump used to cook for all
her kids. Yeh, he's a good cook.

Rooster makes out a list of all the things
he needs, ^{list on Fri or Sat,} and he goes Hump 50¢ for taxi-
fare, back and forth. (Stein slaps his knee) Know
what Hump gets and does? Walks up & back
to the store an' uses the taxi-money to buy
a bottle of wine. Course Rooster buys him a
bottle of wine once in a while too.

- Skinny Johnson used to be out here too but this
boy got tired of seein him drunk all the time, gave
him fare to go to ^{long while} Phila where he had job.
Skinny takes the money & gets drunk. Couple days

later his boy comes out here, see him layin' in the tracks. Christ, he gets mad as hell, he cleans him up, puts him on a bus to Phila., and follows the bus to the city limits to make sure Skinner don't hop off...

- Judge down there now, Frankel, is rough on the boys - Sholbridge, Clarencey, Art, Kid Muscles. Sol Liss (used to sell papers on corner Charles & Hamburg) was easy on 'em. Christ he used to let the wiggles off on a dollar or five dollar fine. But Sol was a Democrat, an' you know what it was - politics - Republicans got in, bring their gang in, and this guy Frankel. He giv'd 'em 30 days in the lock. Y'know he looked at the books, saw their names, how many times they was up, an' hell, 30 days.

[Joaney comes by, cleanly dressed, stiff, somber, correct, the reformed one, formal hello to Slein]

- Lost one of my bays. He was a clerk in a big company. Sat in a cage

-4 Slim

all day an' couldn't take a leak when he wanted to.
got on his bladder an' he died. Young boy, 35,
left wife an' two kids.

- SLIM & SYL

SLIM You got a little sumthin' for me to get a bite?
(gave him 25¢) Thank you. Thank you. (Puts hand up
to mouth) Now don't tell him, hell, past, don't tell
him (whisper)

SYL (seen x beard) Jesus Christ, you look worse than me
when I gotta drink an. Christ, I didn't look that
bad when I was in Silica... Oh, you studyin'
for the priesthood (sanctimoniously), let's shake hands.
I like the Jews, I like see the Jews, goddam em...
(walks down from garage to light pole) (Pulls out
pint of Sherry wine, takes gulp)

You ole man is mad with me. Christ heil
me, I drinks waly. They say I robbed that goddam
store. I didn't rob that store. I like them people.
They're Jews, but I like everyone em... Ah, Soph,
Miss Soph, you... I come to Christ, I never robbed
that store...

SYL (pleading, soulful, righteous look on face, eyes watery)...
Now, Syl, don't take the Lord's name in vain.

SYL I ain't taken no huffin' Lord's name in vain...

SLIM I mean, God is a nice guy, an' he looks after us,

ain't it ain't right to do that

SYL Now you go to hell (blustering, scowling face, bullying
deep scars on nose, Oxford grey suit, West of the
over dirty white T shirt, crucifix (tin) hanging
from piece of cord)

SLIM (turns head aside in exasperation. Then
apologizes) forgive him, he's a nice guy,
he's just a little drunk...

SYL I'd do anything in the world for these
people, for Ah, Soph... Pretty fast of it is.
I'd even wanted to drive him to N.Y...
time they was robbed... just in case
somethin' break down... I'd never rob
them... Did not Mary Hirsch & Tammy
Hirsch... goddam em, I'd not them...

SLIM (chagrined by bold talk) you shouldn't talk
about your neighbors like that... it ain't
nice (exasperates)... Syl, you ain't got no
gas (takes bottle to mouth, notices girls standing
on far corner, turns to fence, takes swig)

SYL Takes bottle, drinks it bally, not caring
about girls looking...

SLIM Heh, you might as do that... Syl, trouble
with you is you ain't got no principle

SYL (wiping mouth) who ain't got no principle? (continues)
I drink up after you from the same bottle

an' you got T-B... that's principle, godamnit tell me
that ain't principle! I got more principle than
you ever had ...

SIM Syl, you shouldn't've said it (embarrassed by mention
of TB) ... Syl, you gotta learn how to behave toward
your fella man... (places hand on heart) you
should learn to have a heart of gold.

SYL What in hell are you talkin' about? (Shoulders back,
chest thrust proudly forward, wrinkles a bit, eyes
dripped) don't I take care of you down at
the Soldiers' home?

SIM You took care of me? You ain't take care of
me, Syl...

SYL Sonuvabitch, don't I bring you smoke out in the
soldiers' garage and?! Talkin' about principles!

* Where you in the army

SYL Y' goddam right I was in the army ... 225th
Division Army Engineers

SIM What did ya do?

SYL Whady'a mean "what did I do"? Ask yer question
so's I can answer it?

SIM (Covered) I mean, where did ya go in the war?

SYL France, France godamnit! See this (pulls up
shirt, reveals scar running along length of stomach.)
Yuh, see that. I never told nobody 'bout this -
Kept it all to myself ...

I know what they used to say, says
used to say Jews don't fight... It wasn't
true coz I know they did... (what
Regiment was you in?) Used to say
we were fightin' for the Jews... goddamit
we were fightin' for democracy, we were
fightin' to put democracy on its feet
SLIM You ought've put yourself on your feet!

Eye sits on front steps, eyes bleared, needs a shave,
collar-linie inside black like tar. SEES guy drive
by in car. I should've had an automobile... now...
yesen, I should've had one by now... I know all about
em... should've had one... well, they got them
pleasures are fun an I got mine... See George there,
my nephew, lifting at baby carriage up the
steps... wal, I don't have to do it (emphatically
pokes finger)... I'm a GI guy... that's my
trouble (group of soldiers)... it's the whole thing.
GI guy...

What's today? July 11? I been on a
drunk since June 7. (Dragnate, self-anger) I
don't know what ~~felt~~ got hold of me... I jus'
don't know... I go on a bender & I jus' can't
pull out of it... (Weakly, lips tight together) I am
my boy to give me a quarter... one lousy quarter...

he stores up tracks; tears come into his eyes, run along his nose) he wouldn't give it to me ... a lousy quarter. It's all right. When I got out of the pauper's hospital, I had a hundred bucks, an' I gave it to him. If I had another hundred bucks now, I'd give it to him again. I would. But a lousy quarter. He shouldn't have ^{given} me. He shouldn't have turned me down. He shouldn't have turned his future down. No sir, not for a quarter.

I went up to my sister's for a sandwich, and she wouldn't give me any, see. She wouldn't give me any till I was older. I understand it. They want me to be sober. (cries again) But she shouldn't have turned me down.

I know what an army officer would do? He wouldn't tell me what to do. He'd trust me. Wal, goddamit (hammers fist on his knee) I don't... want... none of them... tellin' me what to do! I'll do it myself, but I don't want 'em tellin' me.

No fool no fun. It's what they say. I guess I gotta be the fool. (Reflects) Christ, but why do I have to be the fool all the time, let somebody else be it once in awhile.

(Sees his nephew George walking across the street with baby in arms) Look, there's George. He's my nephew. He's a good boy, don't feed for himself, he'll give me a dime. Hey, George boy, look, got

Hi -
George, look, got a dime? (par handle manner, friendly lift to asking)

An' it got no change... keeps walkin'
I'll ask ye when you fit change, O.K.? (out of ear-shot)
Shut, I'll get you change.

Christ here comes Frankie Soren (Ital, carrying box on shoulder), I drove his truck down to Oleapek...

[hey, Frank...]

[As Frank passes he anticipates panhandle, fences it off with wire mesh, fire him time to pass]

Pless a place, Syl, he tells him, walkin by fast
Hawgs done, Frankie boy? Get a drink.

[Frank well gone]: Ain't got nothing (ridicule - Embry)
Syl fumbles.)

Grass, Jr. walks by w. kid. "Them Wrights,
they ain't worth the powder to blow em up."

[That's all right. I don't hate nobody. We're all alike. If you don't get it, try again. That's the Catholic religion. I'm a Catholic, an' that's what the Catholic religion teaches you. If you don't get what you want, try again. why, hell, I help people out. Christ, when we was down the Sod house home I helped Slim & Clarence out. I used to bring 'em bottles of smoke out to the graveyard.

Christ I got a hang out of it, yes watchin 'em go drunk & enjoy themselves. I didn't touch it myself. Not for the first 6 months. Christ, then I broke out again & they threw me out.

I nearly tore the goddam place apart. They had to get rid of me.

Grass, Jr. walks by w. kid. "Them Wrights,
they ain't worth the powder to blow em up. But
one of em worth the powder to blow ^{him} up. Willie, the
old man, wasn't worth the powder. The old lady
wasn't worth the powder to blow her up. The boys,
christ, ain't in one of them worth the annus. Their
bastards Nailed on me (at Mathai) made me lose
my job. I did my job the way I thought I should,

and they rated. Christ, the old lady should've left
her alone. She never should've moved in with Billy
and Grace. Should've left her alone. I know them
mother-in-laws, I know em. I had an argument w. my
mother-in-law. I know what they are.

Me & my wife were ~~was~~ arguin' over somethin', and
her ole lady came in - came in to my house, mindja -
to tell me what to do, in my house! I hauled off
an' hit the ole bat. I slugged her ole man too. Well,
Christ, they made it rough for me. They took me into the
Northeastern and Judge O'Neil set he'd give me 3 yrs.
suspended sentence if I'd promise to stop drinkin'. I told
O'Neil I was sorry for evrythin', an' that I ^{Swore by} wouldn't
touch it again. An' he said ^{O'Neil} that's just what he
wanted to hear from me, an' he set me to come to
see him every Sun. mornin' for 3 months. I came every
Sun mornin' for them 3 months. An' I didn't touch
a drink.

Then I went in the army. An' that's when she
did me wrong. She shoulda never done it. It's rough. It's
rough I tell you. (Wipes tears away). In Sacramento, the
benton took me one day my wife wants a divorce.
I wouldn't give it to her. She couldn't force me to
give her a divorce. An' I had just bought her
a wrist watch for 50 bucks, yeah 50 bucks. I
was gonna give it to her for a present.

Well (wipes snout) I came back to Register St -
up there on the 180s block, right on the corner - & I
asked her to make up with her. I promised her I'd
never go on a bender again. She didn't want to make up.

She's married again, married a man in Pittsburgh, U.S.
Got an automobile, a house, an' everythin'. I
don't judge her it. No Sir. I don't... I
wish her happiness (cries) wish her all the
happiness.

I'll never marry again. If the best
woman in the world walked up there I wouldn't
marry her. I love that woman. There's only
one woman in the world for me, an' it's
Audrey Kirby. I'd go back with her. But I
wouldn't marry again. I'm a Catholic and I
can't remarry. It's my religion. Only one
woman for me. It's my religion [She's a Protestant]

She writes to my boy. He got a letter from
her an' she wants to know about me. I tell
him to write her back an' tell her I said
it's none of her business what I'm doing, finger
about me, an' stop askin' what I'm doing.

I better. I can prove Mrs. S.'s marriage
illegal. They never served divorce papers on
me. They tried to catch me at my sister's
to serve 'em on me, but they never caught
me. An' the boys told me if they don't
serve the papers to you in person, it's
no divorce. She ain't divorced from me.

23 years we been married! She should
never have done it. Got divorced on June 7, 1943,
I been on a bender ever since. Eight years.
Haven't worked a day in 8 yrs. Being take care
I gotten good job here as a truck driver.

if I can only manage to stay sober. I know the meat market. I worked one day for Quality Meats. They called up Henry for refs an' he tol' em over the phone I know my stuff. Said I'd be a top-notcher if only I could manage to stay sober. Everybody tells me that. I made \$50 in one day.

Andrew drives by: "Hiya Smoke"; "Hiya Smoke... a good guy -"

I worked today. Shoes are all most up. I mixed cement, helpin' em to put a bottom in a ship. Made \$14.00 today. Christ I had a bottle of Sherry this mornin', I was so damn drunk I didn't know what I was doin'. But I'm goin' back tomorrow an' I'll get better, an' the next day I'll get better' at. I'll get off this drunkie yet!

I went up to St. Mary's and set the Father for a buck. I said I was hungry an' wanted to get somethin' to eat. He said he wouldn't give it to me 'coz he said I'd get drunk. I swore to him. I told him: 'Father, Christ me-kille me, D. don't want nothin' to drink. I'm hungry. I ain't ate nothing in 3 days. If you don't believe me take me to a restaurant, an' buy me a meal, that'll prove it to you.' Father turns around an' says 'I believe you' and he takes a buck outta his pocket. I goes into a restaurant an' buys a lousy fifteen cent bowl o' soup, and I took the rest an' went on a bender. Now, what the hell's the use?

Sige sits on rear bumper of car (west mom). Two
kids (about 8) grilling him:

- "you been in the army? Then how d'you
open parachute?

- How do you? what ya mean how d'you open a
parachute?

- y' pull th' ripcord

- At's right- y' always gotta watch it

- what was you in the army?" "At fresh private!"

- you wasn't in th' army? "Who wasn't? (stands up)

Get the hell away from here, go on, get.

I don't want to talk to you, I wanna talk to people
w. class ...

- where's your dad? "(whispers) That's none of
your business. It's my business. Go on get."

Get down the street, goddamn you!

Commutes later: Fuck you!

- Smoke gets drunk, burning hot, Bystander says only way

to cool him off is to have kids pee in his mouth;

kid line up & pee

Clancy Kilkay (wedgebrimmed plough hat, white fuzzy granter,
brown tweedy jacket, army shirt, blue shirt under shirt)
Salutes: "77th Division" (pride); "My name's Clancy Kilkay,
looka me, clean? see? (turns out palm) I'm clean! You a
lawyer? Take my case? You're a lawyer Gintcha?
Here shake (long fingers, index reaches up to pulse)
C'mon I'll set you up to a beer

Johnny Locker - in cold Dec. rain sits in front of garage in
pool of H₂O, splashing his chest



Connie Kirby

drunk, in store for 16 cigarette matches. Mrs. L. gave him 2 books.
He walks out. Comes back 2 hrs. later. Wants cigarette. Don't sell
1d cigarettes. I got money to buy cigarettes. ^{Puts} Please don't mind. Gave
him back match. "Get the hell outta here & stay out..." bumbousant
Somebody else in store. He keeps door open 10 ms. to my great delight.



MARTY CURLEY (51) - Dec. 23, 51

Sit on sole step at 12:30, on chill day sun breaking out warm on side of house, Curley, dressed in long army coat, soft white shirt blackened at collar & along chest, dark grey pants, black shoes buried at toes & muddy, cap, eyes vaguely blue and red-veined, short upturned nose, wrinkles hardened into skin, froth at sides of mouth edged in dirt, hands scaled like chicken legs & purpled in cold, reddish hair spare Entangled under hat, whitened at temples, eyebrows still reddish & thick arched over inset sockets, he sits on wooden step thrusting hands out in short fighting gestures:

tetanic
tetany (extreme)
tetanize

I know all the movements. I know all the bolts, shots, jets.
(He) Grab his fingers like this & this one like this & spread 'em, rip 'em out
at the roots, kick out like that, up with the butts, I'm a little
godam dishonor but I can spread any man I don't give a care how
big he is, 300 lbs & I can throw him over my back, yes' let me get
him in a corner, an' I'll spread 'im out. (Waves in friendly gesture
to kids who stand in distance to watch him; then Harry Johnson comes, coat
like thick horseblanket tightened around throat, cigar thrusting out of edge of mouth,
grey cap, hands in pockets) "Hi Marty." Marty extends hand. Reaches back for
bottle & takes it. "No, no, I don't want any more..." "C'mon" "No, I had
enough, Marty." I took a walk. Down there, around the alley & back up here..."
Marty takes a deep slug, screws top back on Sherry bottle, wipes spit from
his back, spit runs down in viscous pile to corner of mouth which
smiles with froth. "See you later, Marty, Take care of yourself..."
Marty belligerent: "You damn footin' I will... yes' damn footin'" Holds up
fists in defiance.

(To me): If you got to know how to take care of yourself. Spread the fingers, to
use the butts, like a rifle butt. This is a democratic country, a godam

Give it up to
please his
children's son

little Dutchman like me can tear his coat off & fight any German who
don't care how big he is. This is a democratic country... Poor ole
Slim, he's a good guy, one of the best there is, but he can't take it any more.
He's 58 & I'm 51, 9 yrs older than me, an he's done for. Poor ole
Slim. Got consumption. Guess he got it passin' around the bottle, y'know
what I mean, from one of the boys. Thank God I ain't got it! I went
up there, up to Waterloo for a check-up & Thank God I ain't got it!
Y'know Slim is a goodly man. Y'know what Goodly man means? Kindness
& loving people. We means two. Slim & me are we. We love the people.
Everybody. Julius Priest, we're eatin' at Miss Romeo's up there on Pratt
& Howard. Slim's stayin' at the Mission. He is done for. Hih hih hih hih. Boy,
he is done for. I see him at night tho'. Yonice, we meet every night.
He can't keep away from it tho' he'd come back
But he won't drink. Takes one drink & the booze goes to his head. His
on his shoulders bones there, bones are skeleton bones Julius Priest he rattles like a
skellton. He can't wobble along with me anymore. But I see him,
deed I do. He's a good general.

68-
In stark
knowledge
Dougherty

I got to leave 'em all behind even so often; coz I can drink
more than any of em. I got a capacity. I sit out here on these steps
all night drinkin', right here, deed I do. Cop come along & said he
wouldn't bother me. A young feller. But I know my capacity. I got
an intelligent up here, in my brain it is. Them other fellas can't take it.
(TAKES OFF HAT IN RESPECT)
Buck Peters & Scottie they didn't know, Poor ole Scottie died of
thinkin' too much, a hemorrhage from too many concussions & thought it up
here. Does it to you. But I know my capacity. (HAT ON)

I shouldn't curse. Men who curses doesn't know the difference.
He can't appreciate things. Bishop Dougherty (TAKES HAT OFF, EYES GLOW SOFT,
HEAD BACK IN ATTITUDE OF ADORATION) Confused me. Ye be ast. It confused me.

But I'm a bastard. (Grows BEVIGERENT, SITE UP, EX EY.. FIERCE). We're all bastards. We're go' plain fuckin' bastards. We kill each other. I love everybody. I like you & Ed Kigel. His brother is a no-good dumb dumbshit. He'll never make a good Amsterdumb. No sir (loose, phlegm cough) he'll never make a friend. But Ed & you are good. You understand when a child in the street is hungry & what to give him. An' you know how to talk to ladies in the neighborhood. Ed always used to give you somethin' to eat. A sandwich or a pie o' somethin'. But he burns up when you steal it! ^{But} What's the difference, you're gonna get it anyway? Huh, what's the difference? hisin', I ain't so dumb, I pick up a little knowlidge from you, a little knowlidge from him & another, I got an intelligen' in that brain up there. Huh, what the hell d'you think I been doin' aroun' here so long an' see over the place? Julius Caesar!

Alvin gets \$68 a month from the government. I won't take it! No sir I won't. I'll be a fuggin' dumbshithole if I do. Not as long as I can rack a bag o' coal, I won't. Hell I won't. Not as long as I ~~can~~ got my strength & health. I always got a couple bucks with me, I'm never without a couple bucks, nowin' not as long as I can track a bag o' coal. (Holds one handful of cigarette butts & matchheads. 12 pennies, selects one, lights it) I won't take it! why... that's... that's Commercial's business & won't have none of it. (Throws butt on ground in passion & grins it out)

Smoke

Gotta a cigarette butt? (Assumes panting air) I ain't had nothing to eat? A little somethin' to help along. I 'preciate whatever y' can do to help an old soldier. Thank ye, May god bless ye & a Merry Xmas. ^{I'm going on down white} [Finds a match.] I found this right here, indeed I did. Is it yours? Here, take it. Right over here. ^{Takes off hat, takes on glasses, & sits out. Takes out sherry & swirls.}

- I lost my glasses. I did. I mean I can see from far, out there, but I can't see, you know what I mean, from near, to read a newspaper. I can't tell a Jewish person out there. (wipes his brow)
- Joanie, has put me into his leg; doesn't move; sits in water, waving hands



CURRY

I feel ashamed o' myself. yes, I do. (Hang head & stares blankly at garment's cracked books). I could get a job. Why I walked last week at Harry's down the street market or at Frank's down the old Belair Market. But I couldn't go now. I'm ashamed. Been drunk like this.

I was talkin today to a man about a job. An engineer's job. He ask me whether y' could convert an upright boiler into a... a high-pressure boiler. He says y'couldn't. (Smacks fist) Course, y'can! (Softly) But I didn't argue w/ him 'cuz I didn't want to embarrass him. Y'know I don't like to embarrass a man, I don't care who he is. But course y'can convert an upright boiler to a high pressure. Y'see they got a valve back there behind it (reaches for valve)... a Specialization valve they call it. Y'put 5 lbs ^{of} pressure in there an' you can make it up to 180... Julius priest, I know, I know all there is to know bout boilers & in things. I wasn't an engineer 25 years fer nothing. But I didn't want to embarrass the man. He jus' didn't know any better.

Where I been? I been around here. I was in the store the other day to buy some bread & a can a beans. Then I saw Sophie. She saw me down the market, ^{at the} ~~when~~ I was walkin for Harry selling tomatoes. She saw me. She calls out "Hiya Curry". I pretended that, I did. (Depressed smile breaks out, spreads into face-wide happy smile) Made me feel good. Like a man. At gave me a real built-up. (Dramatic) I present it, when people are good like that.

I tell all of ye, ^{you} your father, your mother, & Ed Kagle, y's got a lovely nature. You're not superior. A Superior Person Can not have a lovely nature. Only an inferior person can have a lovely nature.

A Clerk comes over to me very angry as churning from. Curly pulls like the way he turns people feet to show face. I'm a fool-headed (looks at Sophie - ness) & he asks, starting to move: Want us to go? I've got no, you sit here, you're a dinner having the soup. I know, honest. I present that it is.

God is not Superior. Your mother took time, she said a had me
locked up many a time... when I was drunk & rollin' all over
the place. But she didn't. Fact she ^{I come up from Standard of Living &} gave me ~~sumpin'~~ to eat
many a time. An Ed Kagle - ^{he sees me & asks:} what's matta now,
Marty? (Laughs w. entire head & trunk) No sirree, they're not inferior &
they're inferior to me.

(Grows fierce) holds up fist): I don't care what anybody says.
I dragged a bag o' coal this woman in' for a little child. She was
yes' a little thing, an' she don't have nothin' to eat, so I dragged a
bag a coal for her. I don't know what her mother or father do,
it ain't none of my business, but I know it ain't their fault.
She oughtna be punished. An' she ain't long as I can
help. [Excuse me for blurtin'. I feel embarrassed]

I learnt that from my mother. She loved me. (Ardently, eyes
soft as two' to wet). She was a kind woman. An' so was my father.
(He was kind too. They both were). Kind lets in heart (Points to
his brow). Y'get me? Kind lets in ~~brown~~ heart.

Y'know who's a good fitter? That Jewish fitter on Charley
St. What's his ~~name~~? (Creates his own in recollection) I can't
remember it. Help me remember, my memory ain't good no more. Y'know
(in) he's got a place on Charley St. Sam's his name (Snaps
his fingers) is pleased he remembers) That's it, Sam. I used to get
my work at his place, does I do. He's a good Jewish fitter.
He's got relatives offa South Africa, Johannesburg. (Pauses, smiles
to himself) It's a nice city, Johannesburg. Been there? Julius Street,
Sam I been there. That Alec (Laughs w. warm memory pleasure) isn't
a place I ain't been. When I was in the merchant marine

I went everywhere. Why I been to ~~Atlanta~~^{all over Africa} city. Florida & up at Atlanta city, we was out at Crab Island (he means away from the thread of conversation & we're still in a private happening) poor ole George & me, George's dead now, we was out there & on the run & he asks me if I got a drink & I said Honest To God I ain't, I am I left him up by the heater, Christ I did, left him yes him that with my arm & we got goin' - laughs away rest of (happening)

Christ, y'all y'all. There ain't a type or a place I can't talk about. Not one type or a place I can't learn from everybody & everythin' I can learn from you. I learn from that little girl who was there before. A man who don't learn anythin', how' know nothing?

Me again? (Laughs) I been goin' in a hood for 20 years. Baby... Know what that means? Y'ain't? Baby... That's Marie. It's the German for Marie. (Straining to indicate something) (Holds and finger) Baby, that's German... (holds finger) Marie.

I'm no angel, don't get me wrong. When you're in passion, you rip off panties & all (Marie ^{wings} rippin' movement & face turns purple etc). When you're all steamed up (ass ways head) Jesus likes that kinda. You can do it with somebody ~~so~~ nicely... it don't make no difference then, does it? I know? Christ, everybody is a father. When you're goin' like that y'ain't got no time to be careful about things (makes under rippin' movement) y'jes' rip em off, all of it. I'm goin' on it now. Christ, I'll be good till I'm a hundred.

(Grins) I'm workin' outside. Et ain'teters. I'll never get

The ulcers. Jes' fell back in here. Gotta dive? I got ^{5¢} in my pocket & I need a dive to get a bus. Y'don't mind my drinkin do ya? An' it's no difference between them bigtime kids & me 'cept they drink inside the saloons & I drink outside. (After he gets dive faces laces up pain).

Beware of the kid with protrudin' eyes. The ball-eyes. Watch out for them protrudin' eyes & their wallets.. Not all these men behind the desks are bad... I know a lot of em behind the desks who're O.K.

Slim is all shrunk up. Poor fella. Gettin thin! Jes' don't hit me on my ~~vacuum~~^{ed}. I'm goin' all bone anyway - but don't hit me on my little ~~or unclimated~~.

-midJuly - Curley in deep red shirt, large and billowy around thin waist, heavy brown wool pants baggy with cuffs hanging at heels, thin cracked black belt hanging too long and flapping loose; hair brittle and dirty ashen color streaked with black, face burned brown, with ~~xxxxx~~ grey ing beard stubble, eyes sunken deep in head, sad eyes, tired face. Smiles with pained effort, "Hi Tader!" Buys can of beans. Holds it in shaking hands, staring hungrily at beans. How's it goin, Curley? "Oh, pretty rough," nods head, ^{feel} /pretty rough, Tader!"

DROG STORE NEAR SALOON, out of one into the other



8 more hours

They think anti-hege at Meek Market; garage attendant
didn't let her to leave car there - they're liable to open
that judgment screw (Garage guy in denim fatigue
suit, Oh yes! Uh, yes! like I say! Oh yes! And I don't
mean maybe! That's how she goes! A cross between
jazz & evangelism). Well, our baby (the car) is almost
ready.



into the river, tipping apart. Island, the jungle that Biff and a score of other shantytown consider home.

Frog Island is a sprawling riverside area just off the Hanover Street Bridge, an island surrounded not by water, but by a railroad, a traffic-jammed city highway and murky, oil-polluted waters of the harbor's Middle Branch.

May Have Sensed End
Biff, as police call him, may have sensed the end just the other day.

He was sleeping peacefully in the coffin-sized cabin of his makeshift houseboat, which was perched precariously on a crudely made cradle. His feet stuck out the cabin door, propped up so as to avoid the open pork and bean cans and pots which littered the deck.

Voices wakened him—not the sounds of workmen at the small, near-by boatyard nor of his neighbors who lived in the large submerged hulk offshore. These were strange voices.

Peers From Cabin
Shifting his weight to avoid tipping his delicately balanced home, Biff twisted around and

waded past a single-story wood frame tavern, through an automobile graveyard, then walking through tangled underbrush, to the greasy watersedge where they pulled out their maps.

Debris Tossed On Bank
At their feet a mixture of driftwood, bottles, tin cans, oil and river scum was tossed shoreward as the wake of a passing tug raced from midstream to the debris-tangled bank.

To the left lay the Hanover street bridge, arching its way south over the harbor's Middle Branch. The distant homes and factories of Westport sat across the water to the right.

In front of them, a rickety pier, more like a catwalk, reached out precariously to a twisted, rotting hull which had settled at an uncomfortable angle in the river mud. The old cabin was torn from the deck and propped on makeshift supports to provide a somewhat level floor for the Frog Islanders who made their home inside.

Mentions Savings
Just beyond, five, perhaps six, abandoned hulks rested on the harbor floor. Two had rotted to

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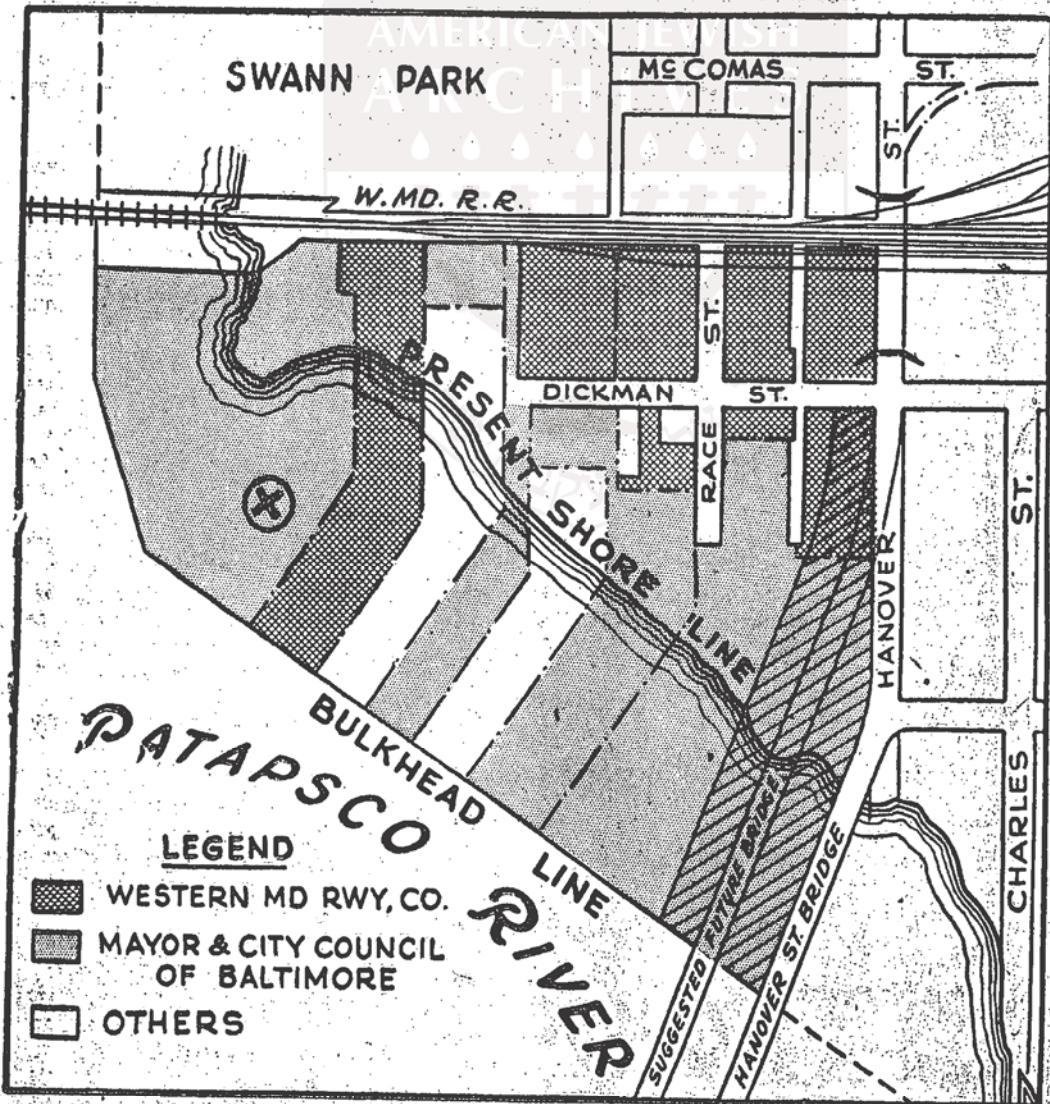
"You could bring the machinery in here, level the whole area and push it out toward the channel," said the first.

The group moved on along the shore, their voices fading.

Biff went back to sleep.
The Western Maryland Railroad plans to spend \$500,000 out of a proposed \$4,500,000 port loan to clear the Frog Island area and to extend the existing shoreline farther into the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River.

To Expand Facilities
Company officials say they will expand their rail facilities and plan to offer service to new waterfront industries needing only shallow draft dock space. The extensive landfill would cover a number of submerged, abandoned ship hulks rotting offshore.

The loan, which will also finance improvements to existing piers at Port Covington, has been approved by the Port Commission. The railroad, now negotiating with the city and individuals for needed property, is allotting space for a proposed new Hanover street bridge.



The proposed new bulkhead will reach far into the Patapsco and will cover a number of abandoned hulks, marked (X), according to Western Maryland Railroad officials who plan a land reclamation project at Frog Island. Solid areas denote city and railroad property.

Sil Kiley
(blood clot
epileptic
coat matted
red hair
2 pess. live
cat 'hot'

Janey Kaylor
to Mrs. A. :
kgm' kids
never grown
merry -
ed, money

18 stitches

AMERICAN JEWISH
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Amber bay rum, Aqua Velva shaving lotion, hair tonic



{ LIGHT
SMOKETIMES

On Saturdays, during the week too, but especially on Saturday, they congregate around the market [Hump, Harvey, Choc Crowley] leaning against the wall, basking in the sun. Harvey takes a passkey for a handout & Hump - who is built like a closing parenthesis with his head sitting heavily on its upper point - watches him approvingly, a smile on his face, & encourages: "That's right, Frank, help the boys out. That's right, Frank, give him a little somethin'. At's right, Frank." When the passkey gives him a coin, Harvey is confusedly happy - he waves his hand in a small salute, then tips his hat. In fact all the boys raise their hats as though at a signal.

All around the smokers a band of colored kids play, idling away Saturday afternoon time till someone orders their wagons to deliver big bags of groceries. Till someone orders or till they badger some kindly lady (mainly colored) to pick one of theirs. Two of them battle over a wagon - one, a strong smooth-faced boy of 11 or 12, raises the wagon (made from a Belto. Brief Co. wooden meat box) from off its front wheels & the owner who is pulling the wagon - a rough skinned pinch-nosed boy - suddenly stops as the ^{front} wagon wheels crash against his feet. Furious, he turns ^{tires} about, and although a good five feet from the other boy he takes a swing at him. The smooth-skinned boy, strikes a fighting pose for a moment, breaks into a mocking gale of laughter, decides to give it up, & runs off up Cross St., lost in the Saturday afternoon crowds.

Snobberwuls
watch this -
ever since
Joe Louis
whites wash
Reps fight
the natural
animals

Cursing and with agitated movements the owner puts his wagon together, thrusting the one-penny nail into the whole drilled into the front wooden axle.

Another boy in a second. Hand shiny red metal wagon backs the wagon up, & twisting the handle back & forth, goes thru an intricate driving routine. He is a burly driver - a tractor-trailor job. & he is backing into the loading platform. He keeps backing, backing, backing, & his parted lips shudder as his tongue vibrates the engine noisily, backing, backing, then a shrill - he has backed into a man. The imagined is suddenly, rudely crushed. He. The burly burly driver is sheepish & confounded, & muttering hoarsely in his breath, he pulls his wagon against the wall of the market & kicks its shiny wheels. "What's a matted wif yo' ? Duvomy!"

At the other corner of the market pavement, a dwarf-small colored boy in ragged jacket & sloppy woolen cap with rabbit-ear-like ear flaps tries vigorously to loop a bicycle inner tube around the head of a tall skinny bone-face boy. They stop the people passing by who fear being themselves looped. When the little guy misses whose-sheling the tall one & the inner tube bounces back to the pavement almost equidistant from the two, they race after it shrieking in glee, "my turn, my turn!". They collide, sprawl across the pavement, howling in ^{shock} pain & laughter. The crowd, temporarily halted, smile friendly, a twinge of concession. like the way one smiles at caged monkeys cavorting. Sort of superior.

HORSE-SHOT
TOURNAMENT
IN PARK

2 { L 16115
} SMOKE

A fat Polish cop with blunt, ^{hand-feature} face labors himself to leave his resting place against the wall of the liquor store on the diagonally opposite corner, he crosses the street. He is annoyed. "Come on 'ere, Scram!" He waves his bear-hand twice. "Get outta here. You're in the way. Scram!" The kids scramble off the pavement, the little one grabbing the man's hand, and they race across the street in front ^{an} ~~an~~ oncoming car, down Cross St, past the dark alley, ^{race through} across ~~across~~ the Hanover Street traffic, past the junk yard, and along the narrow wind of a street which leads into the sunless web of streets and shambled houses.

The cop's face twitches in annoyance. He hoists his stomach line. "Hi," Harry says friendly to the cop. "Hi ya doin' sir?" The cop grunts back and scowlingly makes it clear he doesn't approve of the smoke being there any more than the ruffian kids, but he doesn't like to be bothered any more so they can stay there, only don't ^{try to} get too friendly with an officer of the law. The officer retraces his steps across the street & is before the liquor store wall, against which he, in a moment, is resting under the unseasonal but nonetheless warm January sun.

65,000 Stars by
Oct. (Aug 1)

Packin' them stars, bout

\$2.50 an hour. It's
fast work. Men & 1

woman. 20.67 a day ain't
bad for one day's wages.

These guys who don't make
a hundred dollars a week
think they're gettin' hooked

Bill Kagle - work in 100

years. Wove a 100 dollars

used to make a \$1 a day -
\$8 a week

Gil worked overtime
Made \$145

Start packin' wed Thurs Fri
make \$60-\$70 - in 6m day

would buy a house for
that money. Houses around
here used to sell for \$100,
now sell for \$4000

X for \$375 we used to be
able to buy a house, a
car, & clothes on all

Two Shifts - one
a them workin' a 10
hour shift, an' another'll
be workin' two shifts.

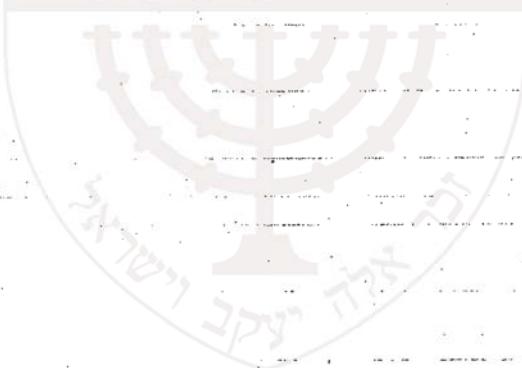
They got plenty a
work, only they ain't
got enough parts

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MATTHEW

- whatever other good qualities he may claim - honesty, forgetfulness of self in the service of humanity, enterprise & daring in the acquisition of riches, independence of mind in relation to religion & the Decalogue) he (they: the bosses) have never claimed to be men of magnanimity. They could see themselves in the mirror; they had no notion of how the others saw them.

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GALVANIZ

3 guys in store - blonde silken hair (who was drunk when Big Joe was last in store), one short guy who had worn cheap alpaca coat now in blue melton jacket, dark brown hair slicked back on head like billiard ball round, & new guy in melton jacket (taller slightly than other two), big nose with 3 large bumps, talk w. cigarette in mouth - They're in middle of conversation - "Well you remember this guy who was always comin' in with a load on - well, the last time he was at the ^{kittle} he ~~was~~ had a chew of tobacco in his mouth an' he was so damned loaded he damn near swallowed the tobacco an' almost fell into the kittle.

Boss: Don't waste money on workers - not for sports or better toilets - they come & go. It's not like spending for the machine or the building. They're here to stay. ^{now} They'll be here long after we're gone. (USE your business sense)

Galvange (new)

Factory

Rainy day, grey skies, slate cold. Crowds in everywhere,
in store Galvange (new); big, burly blond Polish fellow,
intelligent, obvious. Schooling.

- Blows hole

- barbed in face
Eyes, wire spec

- Spotty hair
tatty, maroon
Shirt w piping
flannel

green legs
in gas

- guess it hurt
you in the
long run;
the way they
been digging lately
guess they're
somethin' to it

bet metal
breakin' kettle

airman system
Can take em fast
awful fast



FACTORY

FRI - 3pm

Short man, neatly dressed in brown tan alpaca coat, yellow scarf, tan coarse felt hat, rectangular face w. flat jaw, cigarette wedged in end of mouth wrinkles comes in store holding clean paper bag pby in hand, puts paper bag on top of Soda bottles. "what time is it?" Three o'clock. "We go in soon." Places relaxedly up & down store. A weak or nervous expression around his perfectly round black eyes & his drooping mouth, his face pale-yellow & steady & the movement of his eyes, his nostrils & mouth is stiff & seems to crinkle his surface-tight face. "I like this ship; this 4 to 12 plft. It's a good ship. I like it better than the 8 to 4 ship, but there can't be no comparison to the 12 to 8. You can't get no ship tall on that one. I trust it, Christ, who can ship wif all that noise. ~~since daytime~~? Now, this is the best one. I goes to bed 'bout one an' gets up after 9 o'clock, an' then I can go out an' sleep on ~~go to a balloon on~~ ~~get a~~ ~~compliment~~ ^{bed} fool around till it's time to go on."

All this time the cigarette is wedged in his mouth & now he removes it & flicks ashes on floor. "I guess Big Joe will be here soon. You know Big Joe? He's the boss of our gang. A real big guy (eyes look up towards Camel poster high on wall). He's a strong sunburnt! He does all the ~~gymnastics~~ by himself & that's a tough job, believe me tell you (eyes dance up with his brows like ping-pong balls on movie song). We ain't got enough help. He's supposed to have an assistant, like I he-

posed to, coz galvanized & what that is is the music
for one man. Christ, I been washin' alone and (with
pain in eyes) my hands ready bent at the waist at the
day (wings hands at wrists as tho' disengaged from rest of
em). Them big knuckles are heavy as lead on --

Door opens and a giant of a man comes in ~~according to~~
~~the corner of the store.~~ "Here's Big Joe," says the little man.
a smile on his face and almost adoring, his eyes looking over
the bulk of Big Joe with true softness & near-reverence with
which partmentes ~~in~~ Church bimags or Rising Suns. Big
Joe storms in, the floor whenever he is standing and the walls
the rest of where he is not standing appear smudged, smothered.
One thinks of a rhinoceros, the massed strength, the plated
hide, the powerful neck, the girth, the ponderous fist-pilfered
sunewed arms. But a Rhinoceros is heavy in a plodding way.

Big Joe is electric, wild, vigorous. His blond head
(his pointed blue eyes, sharp penetrating, gleaming, unmetted, everywhere all at once.)
and hard white Polish face swirl in his neck. His
cigarette nervously bats all around the line of his mouth,
his hands more settling from the pockets of his blue mohair
machined to his lap, to the edge of the soda case on which
he leans his brute and wide back. "Christ," he blunts
in a big but gruff voice, "it took me 20 minutes to get here
from Monkey Wards over on Washington Boulevard."

"Twenty minutes?"

"Yah, twenty minutes! What time is it now?" Thrusts his
head around, a swift heavy jolted movement. His words

are pecking and hammering like bowlers base splintering
the air by their forceful impacts "Five minutes after three," said
the little man.

"Well, I left Leaveney Woods at a quarter of—three, that
makes it 20 minutes, just like I said!"

"Boy, that's breakin' some!" said the other man on Big Joe's
crew (who comes in type Bog Joe) — a scrawny-looking man,
a thin, a mere ^{thread} ~~remnant~~ of a man. Skeleton-thin, looking taller
drawn out from his middle height, his face ^{appears} ~~seems~~ a discord
from an elongation stretching [paine forte et due], his face is
distorted like an enlarged broken peanut, its left side dashed in
bringing the flesh under his cheek to a finger's distance
from his nose and leaving an opening as the tunnel
passage from the front to the back of his head through which
a short-haired child would expect the wind to whistle.
This distortion ^b carrying in beneath his left cheek also
depresses that side of his mouth causing it to sag abruptly
down forming a ragged inverted \wedge to his mouth. A pinched face
like a pinched Scotch bottle. His long-crowned black bat
perched on his narrow head makes him all the more
truly a scrawny-man, unreal & remote; not of this time —
as are his gold rimmed wire glasses w. their depressed nose-
bridge. He sits down on cool seats next to the soda pop
cases, almost squatting, rumpling his ill-fitting black suit,
revealing his chicken-lit ankles over the elastic-top of his
stockings & battered brown shoes. His speech, high & thin, ill-

Squeaky,
rustic voice
ravaged
body & spirit

formless words, swirl out of his twisted mouth in a drunken flow, a sputtering, tumbling and wobbling on his contorted bough. His eyes, painfully stiff, conscious & flinching downward, the uncertain eyes of an uncertain man.

On the coal sacks, he says ^{writing} twistedly, like his crooked mouth writhing ^{through} full of tobacco juice spume, "Well, Big Joe, that sure is good time an' I wouldn't believe it if you didn't say so yourself..."

"Well, it's what it was, exactly 20 minutes," powerful certain since. Then lantern and a confident backtrace

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FACT

Up the tracks, when the gates open into the yard which separates the main building from the galvanize room, a truck comes out loaded with bundled scrap wire, bumps over earthen ramp & tracks, down onto dirt road, turns left, rattles down to Byrd Street, right turn & away.

--cool mid-July morning, at 7 am day is still dewy and clean, air tastes fresh, a dozen or so men gather before watchmen's door of factory, not quite awake but rested. They hold paper bags in their elbows, big lunch bags or clean work clothes for changing over. They gather in a circle, but no one stands still, they step in and out of the circle, some turn around completely, walk toward the high curb and spit into the gutter, then return. They look at each other as talk cold brittle morning talk and then swiftly look away, up the street, across where the trucks are lining up before the slaughter house and are being loaded. Men are uncertain of themselves in the morning, and they talk and behave tentatively, finding out how their senses work, and then feeling they are themselves. A fiftyish balding man with a sloping beerbelly sneaks up behind Rob and touches his left shoulder. Rob turns his head to the left slightly and sees no one. The man sneaks up again and touches the shoulder again. Rob reacts the same way. Once more, and then Rob looks over his right shoulder and catches the sneak. "Cut it out you dumb prick!" Both of them smile little boyish smiles. Henry, holding a large paper bag under his left arm, turns around and hacks out a cough into the gutter just missing the black fire hydrant. He returns to the circle and stomps his feet.

In Tex Abe's store, big bluffy Lindsey, the Virginia fanner, sits

in a milk-crates and smokes his first cigarette. Every morning he comes in to buy a pint of milk and smoke his first cigarette. His thinning curly hair is ruffled on top his head, his large eyes are bloodshot, and the thick spumes of smoke which pour through the open space between his two horse-like bisuspids lend to his dreamy, sleepy appearance. He talks to Abe about the Jew preacher in his Christian church, a man bout in his fifties who became a Presbaterian. "He sure can talk tho'" Lindsey says.

He goes to hear him ever, Sunday with his wife and daughters. "He does right good. He gets about eighty a week and the church gives him his house". Abe mumbles uncertainly, "Not bad. Pretty good business..."

Mose gets drunk,
his sister tells
him in the cellar
for 3 days.

Leaning over like a jackknife, clasping his hands together with his cigarette/between his fingers, he turns his head toward the window and watches the workers come down the street. His eye catches a rectangular box jutting out of the closed window on the corner of the third storey of the factory. "At's Baker's office. He's got air conditionin'. Only room in the building that's got air condition'. Christ, we sure could use at down in the galvanize room..."

"How's Baker as a boss?" Abe asks

"Aw, he's ~~all~~ right," Lindsey says mild-mannerly. "He don't know a goddam thing about galvanizin' but he runs the factory ~~all~~ right. I guess. He don't bother nobody." He pauses, looks down at his cigarette, takes a drag, then squashes it under his foot on the floor. If he is rubbing it out, he says, "I tell you a man who knew his stuff, Cle Man Wiegand. He knew his galvanize..."

"Well," says Abe, "he learned from his family. Dey had another place on d'udder side of da city, an' he learned from dem."

"He was a pain in the ass, but he still knew his stuff. But Baker's o.k." Lindsey stands up and looks down the street toward the watchmen's door where the galvanize crew is standing in a circle. He sees a plump

white-haired man, wearing an olive green policeman's cap and uniform, a badge and gun holster, came out of the watchman's door. "There's a sunnuvabitch for ya," he says, nodding down the street. "That Napp. That ole basterd is the biggest snoop alive. If he catches you takin a smoke he goes upstairs and tells on ya. He ain't no good. They oughta string him up..."

Abe smiles tiredly. "He onces tried to beat me up. He owe'd me a bill for twenty some dollars, and I went over to the office to get it from him. He got mad because I let the office know he owed me money. He came over here later and said, "C'mon outside". He was gonna beat me up. ...But I got my money."

"Well he oughta have the shit beat outta him, ole stool pigeon!"

"He tinks he's a big shot b'coz his uncle onces was a big boss dere..."

"Big shot? Big shit!"

A whistle blew faintly from somewhere out of the middle of the factory. Lindsey, seeing the watchman step out onto the pavement and the other men begin filing in through the small doorway, picks up his bag from the soda box, puts his pint of milk inside it, walks toward the door, and grinning dully, says, "Well, Abe, see ya later."

"O. K. Linsey, Solong."

FACTORY

In the worst year of the depression, all the workers in all the factories of the principal industry of the community walked out. They struck at management with little or no warning; they struck with such impact that all the factories closed and no worker remained at his bench.

MANAGEMENT said they would never strike, for the workers were sensible, dependable, and by a long peaceful history had proved that they would always stay on the job.

UNION men outside the city agreed that the workers could not be organized and held that they were obstinate and "always stupid enough to play management's game".

WORKERS, many of them, said there would be no strike.

TOWNSPEOPLE, from autocrats to the welfare cases in clam flats, said the workers would never strike.

But they did - the foreigners and the Yankees of ten generations - the men and the women, very old and the very young, Jews and Gentiles, Cath & Prot, the whole heterogeneous mass of workers left their benches and in a few hours wiped out most of the basic productive system from which the city earned its living. Not only did they strike and soundly defeat management but they organized themselves, joined an industrial union, and became strong union members.

The industrial battle was fought between the owners of several factories and their workers. Four of the factories, the larger ones, employed the vast majority of the workers and accounted for most of the 34,000 dollars weekly pay roll. This industrial war lasted a month. It began on a bleak

and snowy day in early March and lasted well into April. There were three clearly marked periods, each with different objectives and strategy and in each the industrial workers and the managers were dominated by different feelings.

In the FIRST PERIOD: when management and the union fought desperately to gain control over the workers, the union was successful in organizing the workers, and management was prevented from regaining control over them.

SECOND PERIOD began when all the workers requested the union to represent them in the struggle with management; then the union began frontal attacks on management. During this time each continued its intense efforts to influence and dominate public opinion in the city. The union also won this fight, since the public identified the union with the workers and most of the city sided with them.

THIRD (FINAL) PHASE: that of mediation and peace negotiations, began when a government agency entered and started a series of negotiations that ended the strike. Other efforts had been made from the beginning, but none of them had been successful.

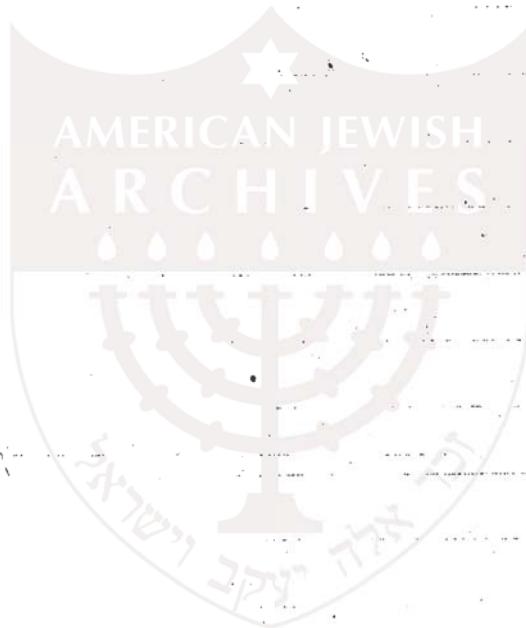
---the ultimate objective of each side, to which each fashioned its strategy was, of course, to make the other side capitulate and accept its demands. For management this meant that the workers would return to their benches under approximately the same working conditions and wages as they had left; for the workers it meant that management would agree to their demands and increase their wages and improve working conditions; and for union officials it meant that the union would maintain its control over the workers and keep them members of their organization, and management would be forced to deal directly with the union and not with the unorganized workers.

--Each side organized itself and developed its strategies of offense and defense. The workers' defense tactics were centered around maintaining their unity and defeating management's offensive strategy of breaking up the workers' groups and of destroying their morale. Accordingly, the workers used ritual and ceremonial procedures in which recognized symbols of authority and solidarity, such as the flag, patriotic hymns, and the Amer Legion band, played prominent parts. They achieved a defensive org. by means of meetings, speeches, entertainments, and the formation of a large number of committees that gave the mass of the workers opportunities to participate and to become and feel a part of a powerful and aggressive group. They took offensive action against management by making a series of demands for better wages and working conditions, by picketing, by making attacks against management in the newspaper, and by using the speaker's platform to influence public opinion. Management's defense was always to take the offensive. The tactics tried included sending foremen to talk to the workers, individually, thereby separating them from the group; spreading discouraging rumors, advertising in the papers; insisting on secret balloting by the workers when they voted on the issue of returning to work; and above all, threatening to move their factories elsewhere, should the workers continue with their demands and join the union. Of course, each side, thruout the strike, was being deprived of its income - labor of its wages and management of its profits.

(ECONOMIC REASONS FOR STRIKE: People forgot that there had been serious depressions before and that there had been no strikes. They forgot there had been low wages before and that there had been no unions. Also, that there had been strikes in this country when wages were high and times were said to be good...THE SECRET OF INDUSTRIAL STRIKE CAN BE FOUND ONLY IN THE WHOLE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WORKERS AND OWNERS ARE

Factory

Gil bends down to lift something, resting one hand on machine. Scream. "Christ, there goes another one". Ambulance rushes him to hospital. Loses 4 fingers cut up high.
Boy, they're two butcher shops over there. Y'oughta see 'em waitin' in line for the doctor up there. That's sure a slaughter house. Abe: Bunch a dummies they don't give 'em nothin' anyway for it.



FACT

Joe Sister

July 16. ~~After~~^{With} that temporary generator broke down. It's got two pieces of metal that fit together like this (holds ends of two wires together) over a cable, an' they began to charmin' apart an' broke into the field. Christ, I got up there just in time when it started to smokin'. I cut her off. We got a guy up there workin' on it now. It's knocked out a good part of the plant.

[Silver ~~per~~ paint flecks on his hands & side of his head.
Buys two cans clam Chowder, box of Salterin Crackers,
2 packages chewing gum - "Sixty Cents!"
- HOT in PLANT - NO FANS - WINDOWS OPEN]

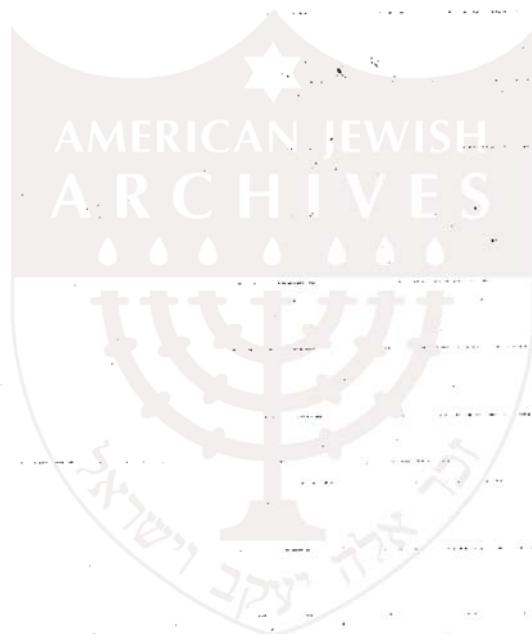
- FACTORY - SUNDAY ^{MID} JULY PICNIC - 4,5 bushels,
baseball bats, picnic baskets, swimsuits, in shorts,
T shirts, bandana caps, straw hats - SINGING SONGS,
good cheer, "HOPEY, IT'S BEEN REAL NICE SEEIN', WE
GOTTA GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOON, Y'HEAR... I'LL BE
SEEIN' YA... BYE, NOW!" Discharged from buses before the
factory on Sunday

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FACTORY

Buckets of Brass (traded every year w. 10,000 miles around the city) went to West African
& Chinese Shores. Just before the garage, picking
elminally fruit from the mangoes & palm trees.



CHALLEY RICHARDS

If you want a smooth teacher, I guess you've have to work all your life (a little ruefully). Frank Cook - he's a good example. Frank is a wise fellow - how unverständ' I got nuthin' against him - but he's got where he is because he's a good teacher. He started off in Jesus' Master's room, before they made the teachers, back then next to the galvanic room.

(5 ft.
high press

3 clothes

Shaper

old clothes

handy people

exp. beds
Dish

time keeper

Clothes
bedroom
new help

FACTORY
(Noggers)

Charley Richards

where
apple
cheeks

That little rigger, Shaty, is alright. Hank French (a sly grin, sort of stumbling & bringing his cheeks up to his eye slits) I hear he does all right for himself. What do I mean? Well, they say that aside from his job over there he runs or I guess he has an interest in a restaurant or a night club downtown (Counts out on fingers) an' he loans out money on interest, an' he washes cars over there for a dollar or \$1 — on company time! An' nobody says nuthin' to him. AMERICAN JEWISH LIBRARY
AUGUST 1945
That's hisin'. Youse, if gotta give 'im credit, he does all right for himself (for a rigger). He's a joker over there, he's supposed to see that逮 the toilets an' things like that are clean over the time, an' he cleans cars for the bosses an' managers an' superintendents. So while he's out there cleanin' that he'll clean yours for you too, Hank French. He's pretty sharp, he is. He don't ever say anythin' to you about money, but you know to slip him a dollar or more. He picks up a good bit that way.

I'd say this. The company is pretty lucky with its wiffs. Course, it won't always like this. Shaty didn't have any trouble from the beginning, but that tall colored fellow who works with Shaty had pretty rough going for awhile. Once he came down to the machine shop to clean up the ~~toilet~~ toilet an' stopped to wash himself there, look, boy.

H. knows
how to get
along w.
people
he's well
liked

some a few men there almost threw a fit. They had been
I drove him outta there. They told him they better
know his place, or else. There's a sort of washroom upstairs
on the third floor for them and that's what they're
supposed to use. We didn't have no trouble with Sherry
like that. He knew her place from the very beginning. A
funny thing, I was workin' with him, even short,
the other day up the street and a colored fellow came by
all got out in a foot stool with a big hat, one of them
outlandish things, an' sneeze shov, an' here that, an' Sherry
turnt to me an' he said - "Now how do those fellows
expect white people to accept them?" I know - heh-heh -
I was surprised to hear him say that. I thought
that was a funny thing to hear a fellow like that say - about his
own people. That was the first time I ever heard one a
fellow speak like that.

We only got one more colored person over there,
a young woman. I know, you know it's a funny thing,
when you come to think of it, when they frise her
hair, they frise her as a white woman. She looks white,
you know, very light-skinned, the only difference is - if
you look closely you'd see her hair is a little kinky,
like colored people's is - but otherwise she fools you. I
^{knew} I knew she was colored for sure when I saw her gettin'
on a bus over at the Cherry Hill housing development. She
got on with a big hefty dark one - I supposed it was

This other
fellow is a
little
dumb
anyways.

Charly (wiggles) -

her husband. They lost him they were together.

After the company hired her and found out it was a mistake they tried to get rid of her - but there was nothing they or the union could do about it. Course, she had some trouble at the beginning - There was some hair-pullings with some of the white girls - but she seems to get along pretty well now. I seen the other day where the husband & one of the girls she works with drove up after work in his car & took them both home, so I guess she's gotten along all right been recently. She also uses the washroom on the third floor with Harry on the other floor. [Shorty comes in for large box Relative
Harry on the other floor. [Soap for nurses]

I predict - although you can't say for sure - but I predict that some day there's gonna be a lot of colored folks workin' over there. Now that they're started on they see it works out, well, it's gonna keep on, more and more. Course, it's gonna take a little time, but I'd say by not too long about 50 per cent of the people workin' over there will be colored. I'd go even further on say the way the Negro population in this country is increasing I wouldn't be surprised that we're gonna have a Negro president. Course, it's gonna take time, but it's gonna happen. First they're gonna have to change their ways alot, white people are not gonna live in the same neighborhood with the blacks until they get to be cleaner. Why, it's ridiculous the way they behave now. They move into a perfectly respectable

neighborhood, an' before you know it, they get junk out
all over the front pavement - in no time the whole place
is a junk-yard. An' the way they drive! Why, the
~~other~~ day I was drivin' up Pennsylvania Avenue
behind a big black car on Madison - wham! - the
car stops - no signals, nothing. I almost rammed right
into that car! It was a cabaret fellow. He stopped off
in the middle of the street to talk to a girl friend
of some woman an' you could blow your horn from now
till Doomsday an' she wouldn't move. Well, they gotta
change that kind o' thing, what people ain't gonna
blame for it.

Course they've some good ones like Doc over there. He's been there a long time - some twenty-some years or more. He used to work down in California now. Well, he's a really nice fellow, being a pastor on the river. Doc can't stand it when the bears come around. The fellow's cursin' at the bear, an' when he's walkin' around an' bears, them ^{some a white fellers}, he tells em, easy-like, "What d' ya have to do that for?" He won't hurt any-body's feelin's.

But like I say, if they keep on in creasin' like -
they're doin' now, it's gonna be a whole lot different.

Joe (1862-1943) left Buffalo, NY, married, when
he was 17 years old.
STILL
Villa Bagdad, 1913
Sister (now mother of)
Peter, the Jew and his
children.

Elmore Ruby



JOE SISKE - nothing generator broke down, FACTORY

that's why parts of factory closed down and workers went home. (end of January). [Joe wears red corduroy jacket "boss gave me - man I look like the boss - I better duck - heh heh - everybody's liable to think I'm the boss and take a poke at me"] At generator's been in there 25 years. If you see, the Electric Company feeds us only A.C., an' we need D.C. for our machines, so we got to convert. The electric company won't give us D.C. 'cos they said it'd cost too much to put in the new lines.

check this
D.C. - A.C.

If you see the A.C. current gives you 60 cycles per minute (second?) which the A.C. produces only 25 cycles per minute. That's why all the lights are so dim in there. Not enough current. If they ask me, I'd get 'em to reverse the whole joint.

- Factory runs on D.C. - generator transforms A.C. to D.C. Except it being in Diesel Engine to make D.C. current, used it as spare in case generator breaks down.

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S.S.V.G

It ain't cold out (rainy wed, March 28) It's brrr, only
52 degrees. I no jacket, long sleeve blue work shirt,
over big hairy chest, belt under hard stomach protrusion
holding up dirty blue pants, light like shirt, or faded)

sharp as
watchin'
process -
how much
isnt? 37!
> Takes quart of milk, 2 choc. cakes, pie - 37¢,
"It's my breakfast an' lunch. I don't really eat
anything till I watch television - then I sit there
and chomp away. Christ, I gotta hurry back
& blow that lunch whistle. Leaves. Opens door,
stares w. head, smiles - "I could hear from even
if I blow it late.

FACT

ulcers-
cancer
(vomit)

40 years

Wed, Feb 25, Nat Flukman dies, bosses go to funeral. "There'll never be another Nat," said Baffer. "No Sir, there'll never be another one like Nat," said Boss Shley. They were standing before the open grave, fresh-moist like a wound. Nat's wife, a sick woman, screamed and carried on. The rabbi and the cantor and the Jews and the Bosses, all in skullcap, put Nat away. Back in the factory office, Carl Shley, Boss and ^{shiny} bald and fat with a jug-stomach, swiveled in his chair. A crazy-funny impulse. He put the black skull-cap on his shiny bald head and smiled. He smiled and swiveled about in his chair. Then he rose heavily out of his chair, smiling widely, and began to dance a jig, heavy bounce, heavy bounce, heavy bounce and smile, his finger on the button of the skullcap, spinning around heavy bounce. "No Sir, there'll never be another one like Nat."

the next morning

In the store across the street, 7:00 a.m., Frank Brodski, a hill-billy girl, and Mrs. Abe talk it over. "I went over to a corner and wept when I heard he died," said Frank. "He was a good man to work for."

"I never liked him when he was alive an' I don't like him now," said the girl. She explained how Nat F. used to criticize their work when he came around to examine it.

"Well, he had to make sure it was right, otherwise the bosses would get after him," Mrs. Abe tried to explain. To herself, in yiddish, she said, poor man between them.

dumb goyische bosses all these anti-semites, they drove him to his death.

Frank told about Shlomo and the dance & the skullcap. Behind the counter Mrs. Abe's voice quieted and then flamed. "That goddam man. You can tell him I said he can go to hell. What Nat had in his finger that fat dummy didn't have in his whole body. He had more brains in his little toe than all them bosses had together. It's only because their dumplings become bosses is because the old bosses died. They said so themselves, Nat did the work of four men. He's got some nerve. Makin' fun of the Jewish religion! The Jewish religion is older than the Christian religion. The Christian religion is only 1400 years old an' my religion is 5,700 years old. An' what was Jesus? If he makes fun of the Jews, then let him make fun of Jesus! (Shows Carking) I hope Nat takes him to himself. An' you can tell him I said so!

[Abe: He used to write a beautiful note in Yiddish. He wrote me a note. It was beautiful. An American boy! - used to see him Nat, the bigger...]

FACTORY -

Young "shang" followed him as he went to the bread counter, piece of paper draped over his shoulder. "They don't let you take anything out of there if it's wrapped." Please, afraid you're stealing. You can only take it out like this unwrapped. They got more than enough of 'em to give away. I got a friend over there in the department that makes these and he got it for me. This is a host, or \$1.50 (that's the stock up). The seconds are scratched, or got paint splashed on 'em, or a dead is scratched, but this one is first class.

- They invented standard but new designs to recover an elegance which factory articles were beginning to lack.

FACTORY

five basic acts: 1)shaping, 2)drilling, 3)turning

4)grinding, 5) milling

1) , 2)ballbearing drill, 3)lathe, 4)valve refacer

HOBBLING MACHINE (ground 10/12 Pitch gear hob with completed gear

GROUND SPLINE SHAFT HOB w. completed spined shaft

Ground sprocket hob w. completed gear

 hob

Ground worm gear/w. completed gear

 hob

Cutting a spur gear/on a hobbing machine

cutting a Sprial gear hob on a hobbing machine

ground 8 pitch gear hob w. completed gear

hobbing machine for small gears and pinons

HOW HOB CUTS A GEAR

1)High speed steel billet received from stell mill

2)hob forging made from billet

3)Hob forging after machining and forging of teeth

4)hob (dark, coke like) after being hardened

5)hob after shortblasting to remove scale ready fo form grind

6)hob with portion of teeth form ground

7)finished hob

-ground 125 pitch gear hob with completed gear

-ground worm gear hob on shank with completed gear

how many men on crew?

how much ball hammer
weigh?

Kettle men wear gloves, agree?

why does fast nail in
FLUX BOX cause explosion

how does potbell vat
operate going down?

How long does bucket stay
in wash process?

how is H_2SO_4 , NH_4Cl , Zn
mixed?

how much ash can weigh?
round tubs?

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Surface of ware like walls!



WHEELING

NARE
Look for this famous label

GALVANIZE ROOM



open
door

(E) Pickling

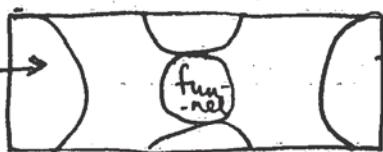
(D) Pickling

windows

Galvanized
buckets pails

Small &
large

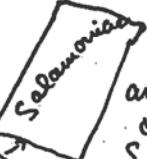
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Small



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(A) Pickling
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② 400 buckets (pails, or round tubs, or garbage pails) are placed in a 8 ft truck [large wagon,] & weighed [pails are greasy or rusty at this stage]

A) 25 of these at a time are placed into PICKLING VAT; carriage is then lowered into pickling solution which is thin, watery, containing $\frac{2}{3}$ H₂SO₄; this "acid water" removes grease & rust

A') 10 at a time are then washed in cold H₂O, acid is rinsed off

B) buckets are then immersed in SALAMONIAC VAT, a yellowish-green (looks like bile) viscous bath of

NH_4Cl (ammonium chloride)

B') Buckets then placed in stand M (grooved on inside to aid run off of excess NH_4Cl) to dry.

c) one at a time buckets are placed in FLUX BOX of KETTLE (Galvanize vat) by PUT-IN MAN who uses poker; bucket passes thru hot, thick solution of SMELTER (galvanize, which is 55 lb of molten Zinc - slabs of which lay in kettle gleaming if more Zn is needed) and emerges from either BIG END or LITTLE END where WHISK BRUSHER, places tong in ear of bucket on pail, holds it up, twists it to drain out extra "metal" [for saving metal he gets premium] metal sets & is weighed] pills them up to dry; they are then carted away to be bailed [put handles on, used to be done by hand, now by riveting machine which shoots off fire on each rivet] and labeled.

- 2,050 buckets are galvanized in one 8-hr day [when both lines of machines work in factory, 5,000 are produced in day)

- on kettle, huge chimney draws fumes out of room. Kettle is 840°F . All kettle men wear goggles, rubber gloves, blue work shirts, dungarees

- If pail is pushed too hard or quickly into FLUX BOX it will cause KETTLE to Explode; fuming

- zinc will "follow after you wherever you run";
- Fellow's skin came off his face right into his hands
 - only room where you can smoke ["we are proud of our work" - an Faculty Day: girls lose two fingers, excited when visitors go by]

I'm a die-setter (about 35, fr. sighted glasses, zipper lumber-jacket, black oily hair)
I set up the dies for the job - 2 Johnson machines & one minster, big as this house

- "wipes" (urging) under the ends of the table-top; drawing die draws blank down, keeps it from floating & getting wrinkled; air cushion w. pins keep blank above leather belt
- flanges are turned - clean sides of table-top
- five dies used in making top
- To turn on presses, stop whole line, throw belt on shaft overhead; block long

lester
jacob

HOWARD GRONEWELL, 76, short, medium heavy build, balding,
bald spot peers out from under back of gray pork pie hat, looks
8 years younger than his years, gay, frank, polite; been working
at Matthew's 50 years, was given longine watch & diamond
pin here just a couple months back. Hb., I would rather, but
heh, they give me a pension but they wouldn't do it.

CHARLEY RICHARDS: Lester Bahn was back there in the shop today
talking about that. Said the company couldn't afford it.

H.G.: Is that what he said?

C.R.: Yessir, that's what he said (about 29-30, gettin puffed-up
face since marriage, sideburns cut off above ears, wavy black-brown
hair, checked shirt, leather jacket, bone & form, car, waits for father,
Started work at 18, tall, raises eyebrows when he speaks, speaks
with effort to overcome timidity of childhood & to act authoritative as
mature man is expected to).

H.G.: Well, don't you believe the half of it.

C.R.: Well, he said it.

H.G.: Don't you believe the half of it.

C.R.: He said the company is considering a pension plan where
the employees will pay for every week.

H.G.: The employees? (studying it, trying not to be contrary)

C.R.: Yes. He was telling about the progress the company's been
making and said ~~we'll ready yet to talk on a pension plan~~
^{the stockholders are thinkin'}

H.G.: Come on they're always thinkin' of the stockholders. We come last.

^{fortunes}
^{widely}C.R.: What he said was that 12 years ago the company was
selling \$2 million dollars worth of goods (he doesn't tell (surely) how
much profit they made) today is selling \$50 million, & expects to be
selling \$100 million. At their board meeting Lester said, they decided
they're not going to pay dividends to the stockholders this year but
they're going to reinvest it in the company.

H.G.: Well, what's that got to do with the pension?

CR - He didn't say. He only talk about the stockholders. I think somethin' ought to be done about the pension and I think it can be worked out with the Social Security. They could lower the age to 60 instead of the 65 & raise the pension payments. The Railroad Bro Railroad Union they pay for their own pension plan out of their pay-checks, get \$25 a week.

HB - Some of them pensions plans give about \$50 a month. That ain't much these days with prices like they are

CR - I agree with you

HB - Money today ain't worth half what it used to be.

CL (wols) - You're absolutely right. But I tell you one thing - Any man who's been working there long enough to be pensioned ought to have a house of his own by this time ...

HB - What? (Rains down, first sign of real doubt; doubt men generally agreeable are more noticeable than those of contrary types)

CR - I mean it. Take Tressa Meyer. She's been there pretty long, ^{probably don't earn} she doesn't make more than the average & she's got two houses

HB - (he laughs)

CR - Well I grant you she's a pretty good manager

HB - You mean she knows how to squeeze a dollar (laughs)

CR - But I still believe a man could have himself a home by the time he's 65

HB - Not on the salaries we made all along till recently.

Not on \$18 & \$20 a week. An' not when you have to pay doctor's bills in addition to groceries & rent & furniture &

insurance. No dice you couldn't ...

CR - Well (relenting) maybe you're right... But Tressa Meyer ^{(cause they're some who don't want to work else & want} did it. pensions

HB - (With that's Tressa Meyer)

CR - One thing you have to say, tho; their ^{The Company's} attitude has

^{HG}
stand
showing
like hell.
life went as
of you, all's
right all's
right

changed. It ain't like it used to be in the ole days. I HG-2
remember when I first came into the machine shop, I was about 18,
when old man Silverhardt came thru there, the place was quiet
like it was empty. Everybody had jumped up to the mechanics &
^{then wasn't a word} stood there working. Said while he was
passing thru. Today I can be sitting down on my chair, eatin'
an apple or drinkin' a coke & if the Superintendent comes by I'll
wave to him & he'll wave back... or if I meet you on the
floor I'll stop & talk to you & nobody'll say anything.
Ain't that right?

HG- Yes, that is, you're right here. I will say that is so. It is
different these. I remember those old days (heh, heh) old
Mr. Nepp used to come by with his son ^{cheatin' the fat}. His son was
manager, & we'd be sittin' around ~~and~~ ^{we} had some
filler time on the 3rd floor watchin' for when they was
comin' & he'd give the signal & we'd all jump, heh
heh, face all over each to done get to the presses & Mr
Nepp would come by an' he'd see us all with our heads
bent down to the presses & he'd turn to his son
& say, "See them dive to their machines like rats rats?"
At's exactly what he said, "dive to their machines like
rats..."

ca I hear it told around the place that they'd tip
off on him by telephone.

HG- It's right, all's right heh heh

ca. Soon as he'd leave the office, the switchboard operator would
call up the third floor, & they'd pass it around that old man
Nepp was comin' & they'd all run to the presses.

HG At's right, all's exactly right... heh heh I'll now tell you
many things like that about the good ole days. heh heh.
They use to tip us off like that too. heh, in the ole days

I use to drink beer, an we used to sit around on
them little boxes, I didn't know what was in them,
passin' the beer around. About ~~6:00~~^{o'clock} in the mornin'

we had a milk can with a top on it & about 8 o'clock
in the mornin' we'd tie a string on it & drop it pas-

it out the window. We ast a man who passed by
to do us a favor &
to get us 10¢ worth of beer, at's all it cost then, &
he'd untie the string & get us the beer - Pearson
had the saloon in those days - & then he'd come
back & tie it on & we'd raise it up & pass it
around. When the fellow at the window would see
us app comin' down the street he'd holler 'Chez it'
& boy - bah bah - You shoulda seen em fly (claps
hands) - They was fallin' all over each other, fallin'
down the steps & every which way - my lad you
shoulda seen 'em - bah bah
(was loud, smiles lookin' at himself, carried
away w. thoughts)

HG. There was one fella who used to sing me a
song about the factory, but that was only when
he was half drunk. He used to sing
when it comes on Friday, they give us and pay
That was it they used to say

Something like that that he used to sing. Tell me
~~feel the breath~~

An' they used to call us GEESE when we
knocked off - y'know we used to have 1,400-1,600
workin' two men, & the way we'd come out, they called
us geese

you

turkles in eye,
mouth full
of laughter

CL. Tell the truth, & you live a better now or those days HG-3
HG- (past mistakes) Now... coz now I'm enlightened. You young
fellas got it smooth. We really had to go thru it.

(A) CR- We've got it pretty good now. I know no company that does
similar work like we do - say, like Federal Pen - that pays
a better wage - fact, I think we get 10\$ higher per hour
than they do - that is, in the machine shop where I work -
an' for the amount of work we do. We got good
conditions, I'd say.

(B) CR. Our union is discussing a pension plan with them but
they won't agree to it now

HG- That's our supervisor, isn't it? Ain't that it's called
(repeat phrase heard at union meeting) CR smiles & HG too.

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- soft-spoken W.H.B.S.H.

- intelligent
mild-mannered

- worked
here 48 years

73, retired pt 20, former supervisor in paint shop, for past four years paints wood-grained pie plates w. designs of birds, flowers, winter settings; (with birds to get the colors blending in like that you gotta sketch 'em in first then paint 'em, but I do the others, the flowers on them, free). I sell the paper-plates 2 for a dollar, that isn't much is it, an' these plates are \$2 and a quarter a set. I figure that these plates cost me 19¢ a piece, an' the rest is profit. In my time, however, I don't think to have 10¢ time on my hand. Has I been skinnin' some, like get along. You could starve to death on their pension, 20 dollars a month.

- When he was foreman he used to take off one each month - "sick leave" - and got paid for it (ordinary workers don't)

- The factory called in a woman to hand paint birds on jewelry sets. (Well excuse me, miss) They was the damnedest birds you ever did see. They simply took me about as birds. No effort at all. I brought down a couple of these an' showed 'em what birds looked like. But I don't know. They had to save on colors an' it didn't agree. Then they had to go. Let ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~whole~~ pottery sets.

- I just took a couple lessons in oil painting when I was 17. I wished I had taken more. I painted one canvas then an' I still got it - it's as good today

March 30

- rimless square glasses as it was then, not a mark or a blunsh on it.
- full round double chin
like Toba
- wear white shirt & jacket
pale blue tie
- grey hat,
black overcoat

I can't work too well on large canvases; I can only do these miniatures. I wish I had taken more lessons in oil paints. When I started out on these I invested \$5 in equipment, oil paints & brushes, etc. You know, I paint straight from the tubes.

- His father painted "We Cash Checks" sign for Abie, used to buy sardines to feed cats in factory
- Factory DISMISSED old ages (Charley Rush, Howard Groves (95))
- Miss Maude Seamed pie plates for him

FACTORY

FBI

Charlie Roberts (black leather jacket, plumping middle & face) brings in to store shopping bag with 6 dz. eggs, each dz. neatly sorted in box, wrapped w. newspaper & tied w. cord. "Here your eggs. I'll bring the rest in on ~~the~~ mon. I hot trace for a guy over the factory who takes 6 dozen every week, but he didn't come in today, so I can let you have 'em... There ain't much money in eggs these days. We raise about 30 dozen a day. Course, that ain't bad - but still there ain't as much in eggs as there is in beef. I tried raisin' pigs once, but there ain't much in them, too; real money is in cattle, livestock. Look at the daily market reports in the papers, you'll see. Why, there's a German family around us that raises cattle & they make beef to support 4 sons & their families; they each got their own houses and cars, live real good. Course, they work hard at it, but it pays off. Now you take some of the people over here, they been workin' all their lives & they got nothin' to show for it. They live from week to week; at the end of each week I bet you most of em don't have a cent to their names.

X
FACTORY - UNION

Management calls conference to halt labor union. Orders supervisor, foreman to talk friendly to workers, eat with them. After each conversation, foremen fill out index card, submit to office. Later reactions of foremen are tabulated on large chart - when 5 agree that one worker is pro-union he is immediately fired - "tonight, let him go!"

- Can't afford to keep good workers - he prices himself out of market - when worker gets too good, have to give him raise - imagine what would happen if you had to give a \$5 raise to the majority of your workers every month or so - why you'd go bankrupt! I trained a fellow during the past month - he was terrific - in four weeks he became manager of the parts department. Well, of course, I had to quit him a raise. The manager comes & tell me I gotta let him go. Find a reason, make up an excuse, but he's gotta go. It really hurt. I feel miserable all week. Finally, I had a talk with the manager on the let me have it, straight - look, he said, we're in business, an' one thing you gotta learn in business - an' that is you gotta use people. You gotta know how to exploit people for your benefit, else you'll never get anywhere. There just ain't no room for sentiment or conscience. That's one law of business you gotta realize before you make your first move. He told me about 2 guys who grew up together, went to the same school an' that kinda stuff, real close all their lives, y'know; both of 'em

woreted their way up to the top in the same corporation, an' then for one reason or another, the one guy had to fire the other one - an' he did it. (Snaps fingers) just like that - without battein' an eyelash. Business is business. An' the guy knew it would nearly kill this other fellow, because he had just bought himself a house based on his large salary - and now - boom! Nuttin!

Well, that's the way it is, my boss said, an' the sooner you learn that the better off you are. Cuz if you don't, no mattie how good you are, if you're just the last fit out of line with the company, you're thru, finished. That's one of the hard facts of life, guess. There's one supervisor in our place, Mr. Moss. Well, everybody is just crazy about Mr. Moss. Whenever he goes thru the plant, it's "Hello, Mr. Moss, How are you, Mr. Moss" - there isn't a worker there who doesn't think he's the most wonderful guy in the world. Always smilin', an' happy. That kind. Well, when it comes to a manager's meetin' - you'd never believe he was the same guy. He gets tough as nails an' he's absolutely ruthless when it comes to firin' workers. He can be all smiles an' jokes an' happiness to a worker at 2 o'clock an' at 4 o'clock in the manager's office he'll set his jaw an' order you to "fire him - today!" That's the way it is an' none of 'em know the difference.

That union, I'm tellin' ya, that's a real revelation! Why that Doc Gack is the biggest gangster in the

(2)

Manage
gives
regular
orders
on being well
to employees, go
easy w. them,
to executives
(foremen) not to
eat together
but to mix
w. the workers

Business

County. He came down here from New York trying to
organize the truck drivers. Well, the Company wouldn't have it,
so they made union in a bunch of poor, things, and Christ,
what they want do! They overturned trucks, they slashed tires,
and then they rodet. They pick you nice they try to throw you out of business!
they poured sugar in to the gas tanks. Unbelievable! Do you
think the Company is gonna take that sitting down? Hell,
no. Why the management has worked out a master-plan
to meet every one of their moves. And it works!

I'you know our company grossed a bigger annual dollar-
volume than (Macy's - or) Raleigh Metal Co. This We grossed
a dollar-volume last year of 3 million, 800 thousand dollars,
& Raleigh grossed only a little better than a million.
Can you believe that? I know it's tough to believe. That's
because they gave in to the union.

I'll give you an example of what the union can do to you.
We sell stones to our customers, an on an average day a
truck with three men on it can deliver about 8 Stones. Now when
we deliver these Stones, we also pick up the old Stones, the
trade-ins, coz most of our sales today are ~~not~~ trade-ins. Now
the union come along an said "no! You can't do that. You
send out 3 men on a truck, they deliver 4 Stones an they
pick up four Stones - That's 8. That's all they can do to one
day. You've gotta get another truck & 3 men for the other 8.
You see what I mean? That'll give you some idea how they
operate. Christ, if you do things the way they want you
to, you'll be out of business in no time. If you have to

Jack legs
infras.
won't
change

private
property
vs.
business

you're gonna have to cut down your profits like that
nobody's gonna want to stay in business (\$3 million is
small profit, apparently)

The real heart of the problem, tho' [guts teeth,
Spills it out in palm of hand,] is tho' driving them to heart
of the thing] is the difference between management & ownership.
The owners ain't so desperate about profits, the managers
feel they just gotta show bigger & bigger profits. Then jobs,
they think, depend on it. That's why if an owner comes into
an office & sees it lookin' dull & dingy, he'll turn to the
manager & say, "you oughta get this place painted. It looks
terrible". Whereas a manager will never do that - in fact,
he'll congratulate a supervisor for keeping his expenses down.

'Course, I realize, that if this is true way management
thinks then it'll never do anything for the workers unless
it's forced to - which is why unions are necessary, but
unions ain't gonna get too far with these guys 'coz
they'll fight them all the way.

But this is a tough problem for a guy like me, 'coz
I was raised to be thoughtful of the next guy - y'know
"love thy neighbor" an' that kind a stuff, an' to accept a
guy for himself, what he is, an' not for how I can
use him - an' then I come against this mess.

Hell - I dunno. I guess it's like my boss said -
"face realities - it's either them or me."

FACT (Joe Soske)

BOWLING

May

smart blue small checked summer suit, shiny brown leather Oxford
Joe & wife (attractive pekingese face, Shub nose, dyed burnt
hair) went to Bowling Party (Noco) ~~Saturday~~^{Sunday} night, 2nd
Floor, over Joe Buskey's. Wife got so drunk she went
downstairs, went to sleep in back of car. Didn't remember
a thing, 'cept she came home & went to bed. Joe said
he don't even remember drivin' home he was so drunk.
But he got up the next mornin' an' went to work.
I tol' him to stay home, but he said he was out
last Thursday an' he didn't want to stick the guy who
works with him, so he went in. But I betcha he didn't
know what he was doin' all day today.

- Tall thin friend with glasses has ulcer, went to Bowling
Beer Party, vomited, got sick, was out of work 2 weeks, don't
go any more to beer parties

Fair

Schmidt - likes iodine - no sugar in body - eats peppermints -
buys like hundred (gold rimmed spec), work one more
year (in pain, up at 6³⁰) till pensioned



FACTORY Produces:

A) LITHOGRAPH WARE

(mainly girls, women, elderly men)

B) GALVANIZE (all sizes)

- A) 1) funnels, 2) sieves, 3) kitchen garbage pail (Step-on),⁴⁾ milk pail,
5) bread pans, ⁶⁾ salt-pepper shakers (39¢), frying pans
8) radiator cover, 9) sifters (w. red agitators), 10) army
stones, (11) muffin pan, (12) tin cups, (13) wash-pan (shovel)
14) bread boxes, (15) trash basket (mirror, corrugated)
16) serving trays, (17) oil cans (corrugated, blue top)
(18) rubber burner (19) match. box, (20) cannisters (5 styles:
royal rose red, rose yellow, strawberry, dutchboy & girl,

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- B) GALVANIZE: 1) pails (8 gal., 10 gal., 12 gal.) 2) round tubs,
3) garbage pails, 4) mop bucket, (5) turn-pails, 6) ash cans,
7) sprinkling cans, (8) dub-l-tub (wash clothes, take bath),
9) coal hod

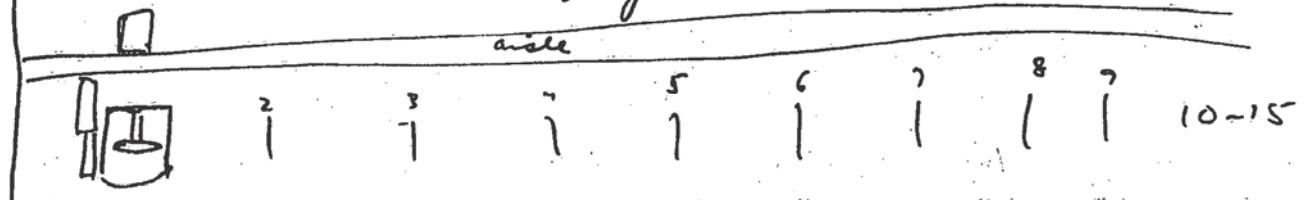
All steps, step steps (heart trouble: not); dark dark rooms, ill lights, dirty windows or cracked, machine parts dusty, greasy
1000's of sq. ft of buckets, pails, like a sea

Howard in dispensary w. nurse
Gronewold (blue bath Clark, little black hat)
rolling, forming, grooving, hit, spin in bottom, wedge (Kemfree) sides, rivet ears, put in wire handles, bale handles; heading (wire around top), burning bottom edge

Nothing	None
Except	Engaglays
Sense	Safe
Commands	Competent
Orders	Operators

Floor ARRANGEMENT: 130 x 54 feet; 2,070 sq. feet (1)
Bldg 12 E

Enter here →



- Each production room is a great madhouse of noise, motion, dim ceiling lights, monstrous machines black & stamping out form, hammering them together, spraying in bottoms oil spattered, intricate pulley systems overhead busily slapping movement to the machines below them conveyor belts, repetitive clatter of tin cans, bins, funnels, gails being thrown in great piles, rumble of load trucks across metal plates ^(runways) on the floor.

On each side of aisle, in production rooms (as opposed to storage rooms), machines are arranged in 2 mono/other rows, one behind another.

(1) Suddenly appearing actually blundered, sweating, if nervous used take them away from this; see to relieve this boredom

The operators, ⁽¹⁾ girls in dresses, blouses, dungarees, ^{long-} thin, plumb, fat (& witness), ~~agile~~, plodding but careful, agile & eager for promotion income, old women (die hair to keep age from being revealed, more swiftly to prove continued usefulness), young boys (strong, arrogant, lifting weights sheets of metal beyond what they should, to show off their strength) wide eyed (w. paunch, famine, slowly achieving sterility, nothing flamboyant, just reliable, looking for promotion & added income, curvaceous of foreman) old men (tired, drawn, desperate to hold job, careful to hold onto themselves (fingers) sensitive to rebuke, ardent to keep up with younger ones, to finish equally good products, longing for retirement, relief from 30, 40 years labor) — all these are completely integrated into their machines, a part of it, like the

die, the press, the lever, the pulley, the gears - take one of these away the machine stops, take them away the machine stops, too, take the machine away, and they stop. Somehow the machine, each, seems more eternal than each of them. Wear away a gear & the machine is hustled down to the machine shop where the young men repair it for use, immediately, in two hours, the following morning. Lose two fingers, hustle over to the registries worse, see the insurance man, get \$200, \$300, — rest and come back to an inferior job, packing, cafeteria, checking production figures, or don't come back at all if you cannot return to machine! They do Rome in common - the machine & operator - the endless motion of production, the filter, oil the sweat the oil the grease & oil film. But the machine speaks, shouts, shrieks, hammers out its speech or nonsense - the operator ~~sits~~ sits silently - to speak only when a question relating to the machine or its economy or welfare permits such parley with the foreman.

Only in the觉悟 room, where the dangers of destruction are so great that only those who dare venture such destruction venture their own speech, there the speech is thundering, vulgar, abusive, snatty in formulative phrases, a defiance of hard young men who taste death, inhale the acrid fumes mix the fuming fluids, and seek, never shant be out of their existence. For how else can one live daily over the mouth of a volcano crater?

In the bolting room where the girls rivet the handles on the pails, they raise hell on odd moments, but the room is vast, the bucklers stand high, the foreman is remote in

or that because of his foreman, who in turn negotiates
because of the friendly man behind the closed door in
the office who ~~tells~~ ^{savvy} answers friendly questions with
a delightful response about a pretty girl who may come
into his car after work.

And the man integrated into the machine belongs
to a union, and there is no union, no need for one is
there? in the green-paneled, ^{warm} cooler office. And the man
integrated into the machine, who belongs to the union earns
for his 8-hr day, 5 days a week, \$27.50, for his wife, his
children, for his father, his mother \$27.50, and if he will
work overtime on his day off, he may perhaps earn \$30 or
\$35, and the job in the office, the high school fit, the married
girl, the broadcast Spokes, earning for 8 hr - 5 day week, \$35
at the outset, more likely 40 or 45 a week, never being
required to work out a day off rest...

And so does the man of the machine stop to wonder about
his silence, stop to think of the \$27.50 with which he feeds his
wife and children, his mother & father, his first friends and future
wife, stop to think of why with money he has no real income,
no real security, he need not think long, need not trouble
his mind, so enveloped in pounding so long, need not exhaust his
little spare time in which his mind can be free of pounding & clatter,
need not, for there is the order on the wall.

"more recreation". Notice from the President. "More
recreation for the employees of the company". A notice on the bulletin
board. A notice hung up by the foreman (with a thumbtack). To be
read when going out ^{to} or returning from lunch, or after the 8 hrs. of
the Company's time is over. Don't stop to wonder. Recreat. Play baseball,
here are \$200, buy bats, buy baseballs, even smart new uniforms,

this jungle of tin, and the rivets play a cover (?)
true, but a true so tooth shattering, pitched so
fiercely high, why try to attack, and play, on that stage?

Contrast this freedom in the rooms of mechanics,
with that in the office. The High School graduate, having
mastered their long rows of figures, learned in red-lined,
blue-lined books, trained in punching typewriters, adding
machines, Calculators, Studied in lists of Segments, C.O.D.s,
tax payments, all this wisdom of the younger years
was matured over wooden desks & broadening axes,
~~a process of years~~ comes in clearly starched frocks,
in pants press last week the jacket put away
in the closets, all this wisdom & immature manner
leading these to a freedom of gaiety, a lighthearted
banter, a charming camaraderie; these are the royalty.

"Are we going home in your car, George? or in
Harry's?"

"Depends. If you bring the pretty new bobbege
along, you can go in mine..."

How how how... his ^{to keep out the machines.} It's so warm in the
office. Doors closed. No noise. Cooling System. Water coolers
at both ends of the room. And laughter.

Of course, they work. They produce. They are
necessary in the workings of this industry. But they work
in laughter, in human warmth. There is no silence before
a thundering, hammering monster unto whom there is no
exchange but for an electric current, a ring of metal.
There is no hesitant asking for permission for this or that
from a foreman, who hesitates giving permission for this

(red & blue, the company's colors, incidentally) the Co's
bands emblazoned across the blue blouse, play baseball,
compete with each other, fight over points, over stolen bases,
fight over anything, but don't stop to wonder, Compete
one department against another, packers versus galvanizers,
painters vs. machine shop, compete boy teams against girls,
(girls in uniform are so diverting, the plump rumps in
the Co's slacks, laugh when the blue rumps slide into
bases), compete with other employees of other Co's, Compete,
Compete, Compete, fill your mind with competition, but don't
stop to wonder. And ^{practice} ~~play~~ baseball on Saturdays, and
play baseball on Sundays, Compete and shout and
laugh and be tired with laughter, the folly of pointless
competition. And come back Monday morning at 7:30 a.m.,
^{in jangles, you} back to your machine and your silences and your hesitations.
And your mashed fingers and your voiceless humors and
your \$27.50, come back too satisfied to wonder, too
frightless to wonder, ^{but just} come back.

[He] met to wonder with family inspection day - buts
pride, kill wonder - "WE are proud of our products" ^{crepe} layout;
At the end of inspection, grade says: ^{part of how} ~~part made~~
"I'm glad to've been on tour with you. I hope after
what has been seen you can appreciate the company and
its products —

"And the people who make them..."

"Oh yes, and the people who make them..."

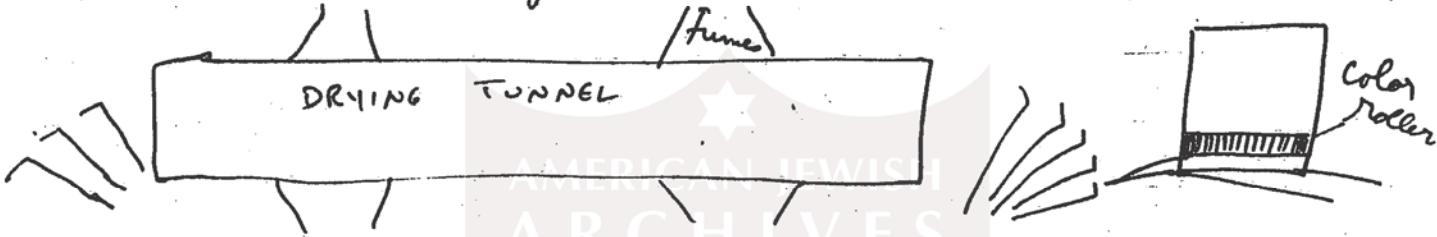
families
laugh with
you, fill
their pride
with lots of
groceries,
cheers instead
of new
possessions.

- 1) FUNNELS: a)  stamp shape out of plated tin sheets
 b)  put thru roller
 c) groove ends
 d) Stamp ends together
 e) put in funnel agent
 f) stamp in agent

3) KITCHEN GARBAGE PAIL:

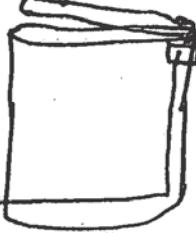
- 1)  designs lithographed on tin sheets
 by passing them thru roller

- 2) dried in long tunnel over heat.

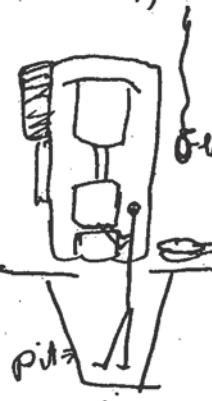
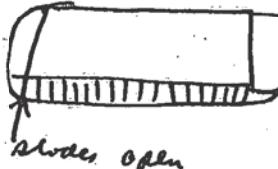
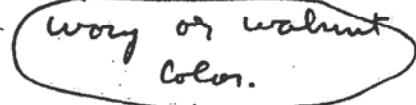


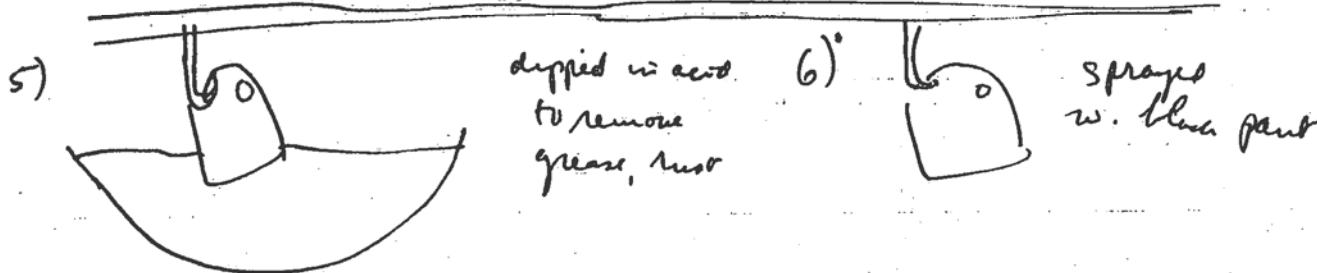
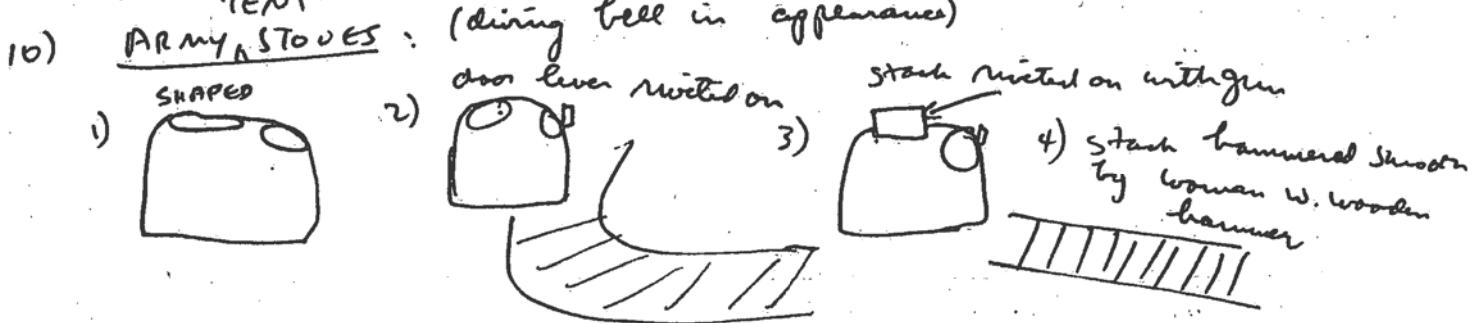
[Room is HOT, PAINT FUMES STICKING; "you get used to it, been doing this 34 years"]

- 3) tin sheet is rolled into rounded shape, ends are grooved, hit together by press; bottom is pressed in on whirling disk machine; ^{round} edges beveled smooth

- 4)  jacket (fulcrum) riveted on, arms of lever placed in, top fastened on, tried out to see if top pops up

- 5) wrapped, 4 placed in one large carton, sealed

- 4) MILK PAIL. 1) sides wedged for reinforcement
2) black handle stamped on
- 5) BREAD PANS. 1) stamped out all sizes, shapes out of mirror shiny tin
- 6) SHAKERS. 1) lithographed red or yellow ^{grooves}
2) girl on grooves & hitter ~~hitter~~
2 inches card, look aside, fingers off
3) 2 machines, second puts screw on neck
gets tired of making them, sorts & packs them
- 7) FRYING PANS: 1) from form, 5 different shapes until
fried pan
2) to stamp out form, man, standing deep in pit,
places 5 blanks at time in die, then brings
massive weight down on it (calls girl at lunch every day)
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- 8) RADIATOR COOKE 1) thin girl stands all day before
press stamping out form
2) next machine smooths edges
3) next flakes ends & fastens end on plate
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- 4) foreman been doing for 34 years, ~~lost~~ 3 fingers
of right hand cut off at ends; did it at 14 or 15, now
a foreman ... hand bleeds above wrists - no time to stop

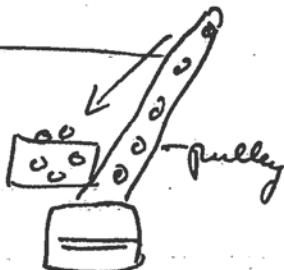


7) assembled - grille & base in bottom, stake on top, easy to take apart. "They like em"

11) MUFFIN PAN: 1) first pans are spun out

BB

2) [] pan form then shaped



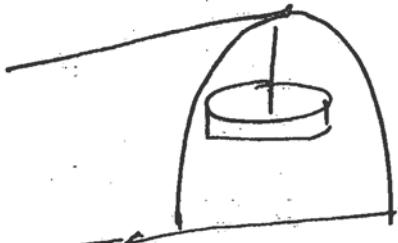
guide leads away Embarrassed that this could happen]

3) cans then pressed into form, edges beveled

12) BREAD BOXES: 1) Top stamped out in one punch,

including fancy markings. { girl stands in pit, wears gloves; foreman proud of "one process"}

XMAS TREE STANDS



1) Woman faces into short tunnel with paint spray gun - green all over her face, hair, & clothes

["don't hurt her, comes off w. special soay"]

FACTORY

Garbage can: 1) flat tin in press; made into round form 2)
2) bottom presses in on second machine; 3) third machine
puts on bails (handles) about 285 large are thrown out
each day (\$11.50 piecework); 350 Small

In whirling turn machines, tin is oiled & greased; buckets
are taken to galvanize room, where "pickle" immerses them
in acid which eats away rust and grease; 5) buckets then
bathed in thick galvanize, emerge gleaming.

Positions: 1) general warehouse trucker 2) trucker loading on
cars; 3) loading on cars itself; 4) ticket clerk in shipping dept.

- Earl, while showing new worker how to work press machine, lost
4 fingers. Company gives him \$3600⁰⁰. Can take it at once, or
in installments; If company official had told him to go to press,
^(A) would have gotten more, since he did it on his own, only 3000⁰⁰.
Earl not bitter since now he can buy home & convince neighbor's
girl to marry him. [got excited when he was told before finger-loss he
was to be "free" in paint-shop.]
- Wabash lost fingers on hand, now on pension; 620⁰⁰ per month.
- (A) official made witness promise to say Earl went on his
own under threat of losing job.

- (B) - Soft-ball team officially sponsored - 8 park, league contracts, played 7, lost 7,
- Hellen: gettin good, fixin up women's rest rooms, with
tassocks, don't let wiggers in there

told me as before about it)

EARL HARPER, - day before becoming boss (nervous, turbulent)
broke in another boy; thought he wouldn't ask for money if
given new post, insisted on payment; said took to count,
asked for 4,500, gave him 1,200; officials removed him
from job (say he didn't know how to be foreman); while
boss worked together w. girls to speed up work - to meet
daily quota; put him in shipping dept loading truck. (cut
hand, come in for band-aids); disgusted w. work, loss
of hands, lack of money, gets drunk on Fri till Tues (gets
\$20 a week for accident - another \$20 for work) bosses mad
with him for drunk; if he'd get all 1,200 he'd quit.
[Mother had 8 children, worked in town for Jew, elderly;
he married her; bought cabin-motels; hopes Stevenson
will help him]

- Was married three, divorced; had \$100, bought ring
for girl, she turned him down; "hell with her she don't mean
nothin' to me..." Has an apartment, on drunk pay
sleeps with women - talks a lot

- Paint buckets, funerals, Sprinkling cans

- FACE PARALYZED - clever, worked several years, galvanized.
Stood out couple days on drunk; if he stood out more than
2 days w.o. reporting illness would be fired - made him
sign paper to this effect w.o. his realizing it - they fired
him.

chicken-pox

TALL boy - last war, sores on face, married, witness on side,
she came by his house, he feared wife seeing her, shot
her & himself; wanted her to sleep with him, she refused.
long as married.

17-yr.-old

- B) President of one the factories says he wants more vacation
for the employees.

Had more Presidents than you can shake a stick at. Just
wore 'em out I guess.

- powerful motor - damned thing'll bore a hole in daylight.

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"GEESE"

- LUNCH HOUR - Come out of arched doorway in Stampede - fresh off cuts 2 or 3 oz alone & beginning running to lunch: 12 to 12:30, half hour doesn't leave much time; some rush home, 2, 3 blocks away, others go to Tommy's to sandwich, then, then rush back.
- Blonde girl walking w. fellow. "Want a ride home?" She says "yes". A guy behind, w. malicious twinkle in eye, says "I'll ride you home..." "Aw right" girl says to her.

EARL - got \$750 for account, following Fri. Spent \$200 going from saloon to saloon. Hired cab to wait for him at each saloon, paid driver \$75. // Two weeks before marriage, comes into store, shorts, 'Goddam her, she got away \$35 for me. She says it's for the baby' // Was goin' w. girl in factory who was married. He told me he was gonna kill me if he catches me w. his wife. Goddam him, he ain't gonna kill me, I'll kill him first! // Frank Dredley warns him not to fool w. woman; also tells Mrs. L. he don't know how to keep a dollar. Brags of his own wife, an older woman whom he married because she had a 3-story house on W. Lombard St [near May] & he got rent-free, who he says knows how to stretch dollar, always has money around. She goes out buys groceries & eggs in market, super-stores, comes home cooks soup, etc. (must be careful, Frank has bad stomach) & while she cooks, Frank goes into garage to clean car. She cooks enough to take along Sun. to her mother who lives in country.

- hot July Friday. Down to my waist in sweat. He fans over there. That Frank Cooks same as a teaching food. You oughta hear him talk back to Lester & Charlie Baker, Yoh! (emphasis, curling up his lip with fat ^{unshaved} friend) You oughta hear him! (and flips cigarette out) you know he was raised w. son of them. Yoh, they grew up together. He don't take nothing from them. He sure knows how to talk. It's how he got to be ~~boss~~ ^{president} of the union. 'Cause he used the union for his own purposes... .

(He (with knowing manner, raising head & nervously arranging
cigar & pipe) "You tellin' me! I know...

Mrs. Abe: Sherry, you keep out of it. He's a good customer
of ours & a fine fella. Don't pay no attention to what
he say, Earl. And please (waving hand w. which she
passes cigar) please don't tell nobody what he says.

Earl: Aw, Sherry, go in the house already! What did I
say? It's dark work here mornin'. Go in the kitchen,
go!

Abe: He didn't say nothin', Mrs. Abe. I knew Frank
Carter before he got to be a big shot. In fact he was the
one who made me a foreman. Yoh, he's a straight
guy with me, always one way! He ain't in the union
now. You can't be in the union when you're a manager.

Hell no, he ain't in the union! He goes to Milwaukee!
Crip, the company sent him to Milwaukee when they were
workin' bonds for the government. They give him a
check for a hundred, then hundred dollars for
his travellin' expenses. I know, 'cos I helped him drink
up some of it. (Gets money for his check, prob) Jesus! Ain't
there somethin'! Now how's a man gonna live on that?
With a wife & child. Well, hell, I guess I'll make out.

Jesus! \$78 dollars. I ~~gotta~~ work 2 days this week (he
says proudly) I went swimmin'! Yoh, went swimmin'!

My wife raised hell. She's a grand. Boy, she's a grand!
Grandma ain't the same! Christ, her kid ain't the best. He's
always drunkin'. He used to say this morning at 4:00 a.m. I'd be
first high for another till I left; He's like me. Hell. Garry, at night time!

FACTORY

Hot Spring, Va., big, coarse white flesh, soft washed hair; puts in
into well. He galvanizes him. When bucket put on flat,
bottom dropped out, galvanize fell on botn. Virginia stopped,
took off shoes, Will still stood up like spring in it. Will
kept running. Burned his legs. [Henry on different shift]. Worked
on farm. Boy son. Va. weighs 220. Boy 125. His sisters
married to Pa. coal miners, young fellows. "He's, he ain't no
coal miners. That guy won't work at anything if he can get
out of it" (Pleasant white smile, one tooth bent over other)

git truck
trucks

- Gil works in galvanize room, looks like woman washer, used
to be a truck driver, drove one of them vans, must weigh about
200 lbs, got muscles like a man, drinks a lot and curses like a sailor,
she pulls them trucks around w. a hundred buckets on 'em,
but, she pulls one w. one hand & pushes one w. another. I
haven't about pushed one of them myself.

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Machine shop foreman (Russell) collapsed while walking stairs -
trumped, ulcer. Taken to Hospital. He was operated on
at Congle's widow before. Men talk about it in store
at 7:00 a.m. from side-steps.



FACTORY LET-OUT

At 4 o'clock, "jazz" start flocking out. Women in 2's & 3's, men in 2's & 3's, an occasional man & woman; women in 3-quarter, toppers, full coats, Sienna coats, cheap & gaudy red or green or purple, uncolored bandanas, are the styles in Woolworth's, Tommy Tucker, Murphy's 5 & 10's, & Brown's Department store, parade by; men in melton jackets, mackinaws, Army & Navy Surplus, top coats, leather jackets; Mr. Bromwell shrunk in brown leather jacket & gray pants, gray peaked hat walks freely w. taller old man, gray hair frizzled out of hat. In 15 minutes the jazz have flourished - to streetcars, (strike), autos, walking.

COMING-IN

and Jan mom, begin coming in at 6:30, some in stores, some in saloon, some on corner (call out to passing car: Hya Blubberhead ... Blubberhead ya!) stamp feet on ground like stallions; girls stiff w. sleep & call trot to factory at 7:30 when doors open, snorting cold breaths of air; some go into office to get time card punched, some marching in platoon-like formation pants onto flapping hats down leg rolled up over white wool socks tramp thru gallery to get cards & then turn in side of bay to avoid cold go into office to punch cards. Paper lunch bags in right hand, left hand in coat pockets. As 7:30 grows close, some begin to run to get in uniform. Sky is clear blue above, beyond the trees and sky is like cold marble - no cream, with streaks of dark blue clouds & the pink of a reflecting sun now rising streaking the cold firmament. The windows are frosted on the

houses. Birds dart madly thru the air like tiny
shot. Autos move before small pillars of exhaust,
one tire & then crashing out in the cold, coughing, rasping,
then catching on again in a frenzied grasp. One girl in
red coat & blue slacks staggers in after another,
indifferent to lateness, time, care, knowing only the aches
in her body. Key Highway unfolds in the sun & is alive
w. racing cars. A barre is pulled off its pile at Heinz's.
The trucks are loading sides of beef. Vague wisps of
brown smoke blanch a moment in the air & are gone.
A man in business over in gray coat, his hands jammed
in pocket, walks up along factory, as he reaches the steps
an opposite girl in brown fur coat & scarf climbs before
him, he follows her. The door shuts. A worker in black
leather jacket comes by, leaps up steps. Bread truck
winds down street. Birds chirp. Kid runs into store,
lapping down street behind her.

What we?" Yeh, still growing; you I wish I had seen
check, all your dough looks greasy & damply atiger - is this the
kind? Hand over 11¢ - & that night?) Gorsh, friendly, easy
smile - This dough isn't going' very far - but when
you got a wife & two kids & a mortgage on a
house & a car - Christ I know - to pay \$16 for two
pairs of shoes for my kids.

Signed, Nick!

How ya
Doin', 109?
interesting

the way

people

suddenly
become

Mom & Pop

I know the

Callers are

eager to

have kids

& pops are

Around them,



FACTORY

- John Kelley, glasses, mustache, cigar, friendly dark face, shot w., Friday deposit - \$84 & check - "Well that ain't nothing, I do better than that!" - "Y' see I'm a machinist - I used to be a dressler but they got me on automatic machine now"

- John Birsitis - Poly-poly ^{American} Italian painter in white cap, streaked white dangerous, rubber smooth olive face, cigarette always popped in corner of mouth. Kelly says, "Here he is! The man who smears on the salve..." "Ain' you de guy who takes it off?" "Yah, I smear green on it..."

- Hattie Kelly husband & wife (in dangerous): I make \$80 now, know as much as I used to make & I don't get along now as good as I used to.

- Tom Stein ^{Skinny} _{fat} - Gerber - Cashing Checks - I don't want to make any mistakes, no sir, them fellows work too hard for their money; Elmer comes in (Broadway Inn this cap, leather Coca jacket, bucket on shoulder) carries a cigar. (Handy & with ringing pride) for my brother-in-law! (Raymond King?) Mrs. this; It's for a rich brother-in-law, Elmer, grins extremely sternly & dim-witted. To Poli, he says: I wish I had your money, pounds him heavily on shoulder,

FACT

Two hill-billy girls begin fighting, hair pulling in factory over man. When work is over they start fighting again outside. One gets in a car & hustles away.



HEINZ'S

CRACKLIN' - Large khaki-colored pigs (look like stamped $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar size of garbage-can cover) made from tripe, intestines, cows' heads & tails; grease is extracted, used for soap; residue (cracklin') used for fertilizers & feed for chickens & pigs; has thick meaty stink; 300-ton pressure hydraulic press is used for reduction process.

- Colored girl in Strohman blue Summer dress, outside ^{hydracks} gate, waiting for Screen money from boy (gassy boy in blue silk Shirt & blue baseball cap); he plays up to her girl friend, takes her for Soda
- A little white boy, on vacation, nosing around open stock gate, runs over triple barrels; colored workers fighten him out of them with uplifted barrels; kids scamper off screaming trucks roar up at 2:00 am with 20-25 cows; trap. gate on right turns & driven with helper H H like cowboy drives them into pen. Cows bay away thru night / doomed animal crying for their lives
- Crew of negroes called in to Salt holes, told for bending away on trains - under hot sun they stink; on lunch hour sit on brick pavement drinking from miniatures, bottles of beer, Soda, milk
- Cows down and street from stockyard at 12^o, city ^{stopped}

Joe Gibson - big farm boy, hearty, ruddy, big
full laugh; Born in Clarksville (near Columbia
Turnpike) 13 kids in family; mother died when 3,
father took care of entire brood, brought in
various housekeepers, sisters helped take care later on;

worked three farms; postman brought up dozen loaves
of bread every day; long dinner table, high button
shoes.

- Came to city at 17, married, no kids, adopted 2 boys
- Suffers from heart trouble, occasional smoke,
went from boiler, to basement (heat), to ice box (cold)
- Worked 17 yrs, gave up to work as supervisor at
Brown Seitz
- Doomed animals crying for their lives
- November - livestock show - Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat spent in cleaning
up stands for Sunday show of huge steer, cattle, scrub cement
floors, wash windows, scrub green garage doors, hang American
bunting across front of building (those on ground, stems of water
gushing in sun, laden on pavement)
- Sat 4105 - (wipes sweat on ^{forehead} ~~face~~)
so much his bag threw him out. I'm going to take a bath, a
hot bath & change my clothes, you change my clothes.

HEINZ LIVESTOCK SHOW

Sun. Nov 18. Shows took place on Mon., Tues (12, 13), Sale on Wed, prize cattle brou to Heinz's on Friday; shows on Sun.; to be slaughtered on Mon. On bulletin board on rt. hand wall display of prize cattle ribbons - Heinz lot 19 Grand Champions or

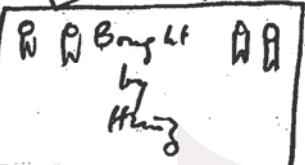
the 23 Shows, first show in 1929. Purple ribbon say:



A) Grand Champion or Reserve Champion or Champion

B) Eastern National Livestock Show

B) 1 Steer - 4 H Club; Trio of Steers - Boys' Club; Five Fat Steers



Atop bulletin board are pictures of two prize steer.

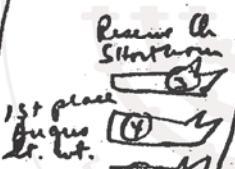
Boiler Room



Grand champion



Plump



1st place
Angus
Dr. Lt.



6 Herefords

white shorthorn

9 Angus

green gates

file walls
pink

HOSE

SLAUGHTER
House
(central radi
meat locker
skylight
STOOL

ICE BOX

6 Herefords

roof

roof

office
Shipping dep

garage

on
blue
steer

{ 1) Grand Champion (Hereford) 1030 lbs; 2.60/lb
brown & white; ^{clotted hair} good type, nice rounds, smoothness,
square across back, dresses nicely; when killed
will produce ^{about} 67% meat; standing in hay, tries to plan
beautiful look - 2½ yrs.

2) Reserve ^{Grand} Champion (Angus) 1230 lbs, 75¢/lb
black - 2½ - 3 years

3) Reserve Champion (Shorthorn) brown white

4) First Place Angus lighter weight (black)

5) White Shorthorn

- Herefords have pink snouts, pink rums. Eyes, small
furrows over legs; hair is thick & clotted

- Black Angus have nos. 269, 272, etc. branded on
left thigh, no. tags in left ear

- Different ways of feeding. Farmer from Pt. 40, on
way to Frederick beauty 6 ft., moon round face,
restless eyes & ^{alert} manner, crushed grey slouch hat,
olive green jacket, open collar, gold inlay front teeth,
smokes ^{at} 500 lbs. cigar, comes in & out of mouth, at show to feed
& cure (adjust angles in plan). Buys ~~two~~ steers

in Sept., Oct. ^{at} 50¢ lbs. feeds on grain (at 50¢ a day) till
Jan. Then sells to Raymond (175 a year). Others

feed on grass & grain (about 20¢ a day) gain 1 lb. a
day, then before selling fatten up all at once.

Farmer's cattle are usually prime or choice grade
of beef, dressing at 67% saleable meat. To produce
prime beef animals must as hub steer come from
prime stock.

Negroes come for the hamburgers & coffee. Kids dart in & out, get them free food, then badger Gil Rulstock loters for their hamburgers. Kids jump all over back of bus. Henry, swaddled in blue serge overcoat, grey hat, chases them out. "All right, if you wanna food around, go to the park... Nuff of that in here" - Kid says "I wanna hypostize 'em" (big cow) - one steer moos, others take up chorus

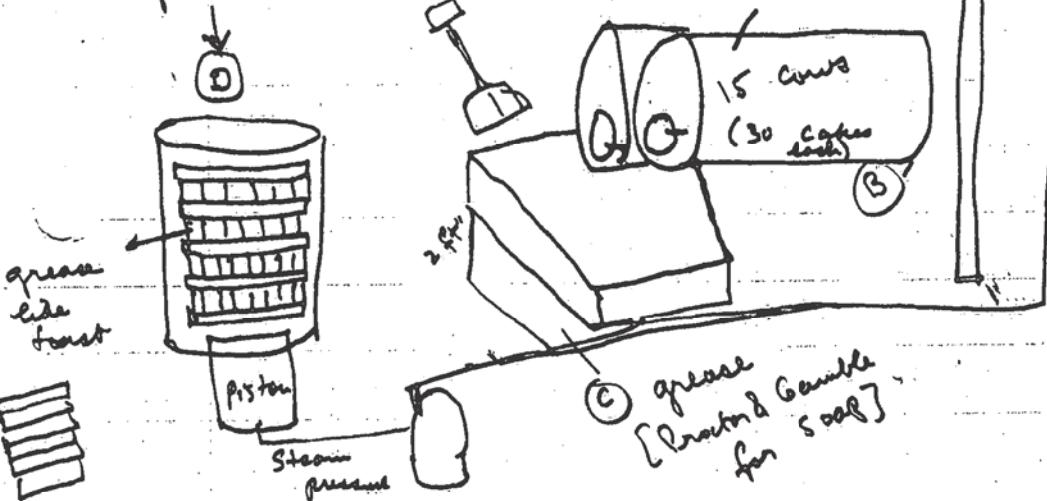
primply skin, shy, slow drawl
CLARENCE RUTHERFORD (16) works in Henry's w. butchers beaten for less than grown men. Willis, bigger fellow, knocks the latter, Austin slits their throats, Clarence skins heads (waits for inspection for mumps), then drops' the tongue, head is boiled; Andy Eden skins the hams (gets burns) Lester handles the belly-wagon (gut wagon), big John in ribbox, George on strands, butchers out front (Skinny Gouff: jerk juice good for principles): "Don't mind cow blood, get used to it, see it, on my arms & shirt, gotta wash it out, but human blood it's different, makes me sick. I hope they don't bring any in today (1 day after Thanksgiving) who wants to work? Boss wants us to, but hell, I don't wanna work (at night buys pt. Chocolate milk & pie) Tables w. hands on belt, confident as money position & wealthy income

- WILLIS 6'2" Negro white cap, white T shirt & pants, blood. spatters & brown, quiet; girl in brown wrap-around coat & black stockings, up to his shoulders comes in with him & his girl friend. He buys her a piece of liver pudding & bottle of soda. He, considerately, asks: don't you want no bread? She doesn't. Mrs. Lewis shows her side by side hose (51 Gauge, 15 denier, sell for \$1.59 at market, 98¢ less). "They're too tight"

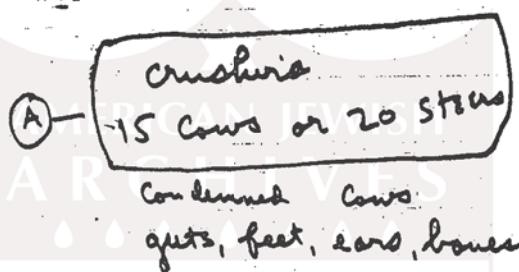
Mrs. L.: "Wait I got others". She looks at them: "Um um, I don't want any stockings." Mrs. L.: "She's a good girl. She don't want to suck you out of your money. Other girls'de suck for what they can. She's a good girl -" "Let's go". They leave, girl friend giggling. Mrs. L.: whistled: "Willis & you take me this woman you won fairin' to buy some stockings from me." Willis answers: "I can't help it, she don't want 'em -"

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300 tons pressure
hydraulic press



60
cates
(pieces of bone)
ear & hair
to process
for Fertilizer
(Mt. Wyan)



(B) - nice, quiet

Jin - Merchant name (19) Teheran, Shanghai, Hongkong man in Enginier

"Save everything Except the 'hoss'"

- take tails are skinned, hair called Sustiles

- machinery costs \$10,000

- Colored guy has 5 kids w. one woman, lived w. Angster,
given 2 yrs. jail for raping another, rolling guy, taking

- another playing cards on Charles St, other guy
shoots him

- pig grease boiled in open boiler, made into lard

HEINZ

Truck "Little Nancy" - long horns mounted on wagon front. 29 cows in Wed. load. Cows bark when they hear others in full moon. Young wry guy in flooded plaid shirt, denim, black wash - combed hair & city brown shoes scrambles up side of shirt-covered truck, sits on flats & boots cows in back. They turn about fiercely, jump at gate, rock sides of truck, their eyes glistening in blind fear. Driver climbs up on top, lifts pitchfork from side, & jabs it into spine. Pained, shocked the cows wheel about, & burst out into pen. (Truck driver, grey uniform, hat w. black peak, double chin, firm stomach pot)

- Trucks breaking in chip off brick walls. Joe Gibson puts up $\frac{1}{4}$ " steel plates to protect, fills in w. cement, welds edges, & bolts sides w. lead bolts. Gotta put up new doors next. These here are rotten. Always somethin' to do around here.

purple
back
uncovered

HEINZ

- Salter loads in box car - $\frac{1}{2}$ car loaded, 3 negroes rest & wait for next load. Two sit on hand, other on wood rail opposite & on other side of door. Tall negro w. big black brows, plough-hat settled back, shiny negro w. cap, thin legs slipping into galoshes. Third, also a small negro w. cap. Sun falls on their legs.

"They don't strike so bad now, Winter time ain't so bad. Summer time's they really strike. Even strike terrible ^{now} down there where they bring 'em from. I'm glad I come outta there. Just this one load. At's all we load, then we're gone.

- Hock for grouping (2 prongs) birds leans against wall. Potato sacks wrapped around legs. Strike part of their birds.

- New colored worker, before & was, goes crazy w. bonus money, every 5 minutes runs over to saloon to buy bottle (pt.) whisky for whites; feeling of equality-supremacy in "treating John Doe."

JONES (40's - Joe Jones face, rusty brown kinky hair, 5'6
 23 - 187 lbs.) thin hard build, feet crown with pointed edges,
^{blood-shot eyes} aged tooth in side of mouth, blood-spattered Smock, white
 rubber boots, - flat chest like metal plate

holds up hands, brown fingers are blistered, says thru
 blundering thick lips (perhaps drunk) "aggone, all burnt
 up, that hot water, I'm all blisters; Gloves? Wear gloves?
 I say what you say? Well, you can't wear gloves back
 here, y'see. I shoudn't care if you wears gloves, they say
 the black comes off & an sticks on the meat. [Drinks
 lime Soda & eats end of baloney - 15¢ piece] I'm the only
 one strondin' now. They used to have two men doin'
 my job. Jake Riley used to ^{shroud} work them in Herb - you know
 Herb? He's dead now. Here, (John Heng) he put me on
 strondin' in ~~the~~ the world. got me another man. But
 he ain't never done it. I'm doin' the work of two
 of 'em. John Eden tolle me I'm the best man they
 ever had com this. They wear pile up on me. I keep em
 going. Y'see, I knows how to do it. I got a secret. Y'see
 you're not supposed to keep the water too hot or too
 cold. It's gotta be milk-warm. If it's too hot it makes the
 blood clot. When it's warm like that, it's just right.
 I tolle John Eden how I do it, but I didn't tell Heng.
 Here, if I see him he'd get rid of me & get somebody

cheaper. I'm supposed to get higher pay 'cos I'm
done the job of two, but I ain't gettin' the
price. S'pose to get \$1.88 an hour. But I ain't
gettin' it. I came in as a butler but he put
me back there on shroudin'. I want to go back on the
floor but He said he ain't got nobody to take my
place back there... You can't have another man back
there anyway. I work on ~~top~~ that platform an' it ain't
no bigger than the top of this Soda case. Only
one man can work on there at a time - the other
one is full off ran get hurt... Yah, he's makin' this
money off his workers - y'know, Brown? That little heavy
fella who's always walkin' by here eatin' cake &
candy? Well he's the head of the gang, an' He gives them
a bonus of \$50 - but I only got a hundred dollars
and they took tax outta that, too!

I got 7 sisters an' 2 brothers an' I wouldn't let
none of them work over there (Nesco). If they ever had
a fire over there, all em people would get killed. There
ain't a single fire-escape on that buildin' - there
ain't even a ladder for em to climb down. They'd
have to jump from one of them windows an' they'd
get killed anyway... They (ain't workin' today) (telegrams
sent to the workers) I guess somebody must've got shocked.
I seen an ambulance over there yesterday.

4C/N2

- Skinny Ernst - prints of will put back in your pencil
- Andrew & John go to Hirsch's every noon (John playing with big attractive unmarried women)

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Cool
Any!
day-
bright
sun

Goddam you, Poodles (hog, shot eye) problem won't we
now (jumps off wheelbarrow)

- Peg: "I ain't botherin' you now"- comes back & they throw salt (like hail) at each other in big (Andy) handfuls making pebbly showers on cement ground. Kid comes over to you table, is discouraged, lets salt fall from fingers
- Andrew: Hey,... Sunnabitch!
- Kirby talks to two young Stein Negroes. "Hey, Henry!" laugh, burble excited unintelligible Negro talk". Henry goes easily w. them.
- Peg stands behind him, holding both handles. Wheelbarrow loaded w. hog broom, shovel, to small garage area.
- COOKS 4 kettles, each kettle 3 hours, works 12 - 8 p.m. Can't let nuttin' over night, The doctor won't let ya.

June 1952

CATTLE

HOLSTEIN

DAYBREAK FARM, Elgin, Ill.

NO. 1597802

name: Portia Aggie Fobes, Born: Nov. 14, 1931 (221)

SIRE: Joe Homestead Fobes; DAM: Portia Aggie Segis, 1119184

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LBS. MILK</u>	<u>LBS. BUTTER FAT</u>
1940	15,022	465
1941	14, 877	463

BROWN SWISS

FOXWOOD FARM, ELBURN ILL.

No. 41054

NAME: OD's Pollyanna Gertrude BORN: March 24, 1932

SIRE: Swiss Valley Girl G'the Carl 15271; DAM: Bollyanna Marie 13631

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>LBS MILK</u>	<u>LBS. BUTTER FAT</u>
1937	16, 584.4	626. 84
38	15, 240.4	597. 5
39	15, 307	601

JERSEY

PUTNAM'S JERSEY, HOWARD ILL.

No. 1200982

RH NAME: ASTOR SULTANA ; Jan. 8, 1938

SIRE: EASTER LILY'S ASTOR 366253 DAM: BEAUTY SULTANA ASTOR 1160825

1943 8, 163 434

GUERNSEY

CURTIS CANDY CO., Gary, Ill.

No. 633760

NAME: Peach of Vanity BORN: Dec. 3, 1939

SIRE: Luxerin Orpheus, 23398 DAM: Spot of Vanity 547725

1942 12, 185. 7 722. 5

AYSHIRE

GLEN URQUHART FARMS, BARRINGTON? ILL.

276663

NAME: Glengarry Butterbox, Nov. 8, 1938

SIRE: Glengarry Sir Burton, 199449; DAM: Glengarry Buttercup, 189341

1942	8, 552	335
43	9, 900	423
44	10, 226	429

Niggers

HEINZ

Bigx Short fat bulging belly negro, with large bulbous eyes and fat neck, a short bull rhinoceros, sittin on pavement leaning back against tree, rasping coarse laugh; hollering across tracks to men in slaughter house: "Sooner you knock em down (27 cows) sooner I can get smoked up.

**Medium height, build, surly faced, cigar smoking Negro, with dirty blood stained white hat, and sweat shirt, dungarees spattered with black blood stains, and/boots with white upturned soles: during lunch time talking to negroes grouped on side of steps and whites on other side: "Ain't you ever ate a grease sandwich? or a syrup sandwich? Sure, man, I usedta put lard on a piece o'bread an' eat it. Or put syrup on an make a sandwich. I ain't a bullshittin' you... (turns to white driver crossin tracks in truck drivin down to rear of slaughter house: hollers out impudently: Hey, mule, xmaxx ya wheels are turnin over.. drivers drives on silently but angry that a nigger should talk to him so insolently...)

Guess who's dead? who? Two loaves of bread.

Guess who's in jail? who? Two rusty nails.

Marlene: Two rusty nails is dead; no, hon, Marlene repeat it till
she gets it straight. [Plays this with Bob]

To cop (Johnnie, comes in from office)

Married in August - Five months later, on cold Jan. night,
they're sitting in living room, Billie holding paper, staring
over it at Gracie, Jr. "Billie, I wish you wouldn't
stare at me like that... either look at the paper or
look the other way, but don't stare at me..." Billie
gets up in huff & runs downstairs. Mrs W. is
sitting in kitchen playing patience (with cards). She
hears them fuss, gets up, where's Billie? Goes to
Staircase - where you going Billie?

Damnit I ain't taken no more of that boosin'
from her?

Wait a minit, it's cold outside, I'll get you
your sweater. So I goes back to put on my coat
& gets his sweater and I comes down to the staircase
and he's gone. I gets my coat & I comes downstairs
and he ain't there. I walks down the street and
when I gets down to Rebstod's I see him hidin'
there against Heng's door. He sees me coming down
and he runs down to his mother's & locks the door.
I goes up the steps, tries the door knob and it's
closed. I knocks couple times and I hear Evelyn

Billy, his mother, callin' out: "Awright! Awright!
We'll open it..." And she opens the door, sees me
standin there and she says oh, I thought it
was some of the kids, I didn't know it was
you else I won't have bothered. So I ask
her if Billy was there and she said he
wasn't. And I knew all along he was coz
I just seen him go in, I knew he was back
there in the summer kitchen (narrows her eyes
in shrewd observation, points hand to show back
there) well, anyway! She said he wasn't, so I
sez I thought I saw him come in there an'
I bring him his sweater coz it was cold
out side. An I tell her ^{of he comes there} when he gets ready
to come back up, well, here's his sweater, you
go let him come ~~up~~ up. She act me if
I won't come in for a little while, an'
I tell her no - no I don't want to leave
Grace up there alone by herself.

Well, I came back up and we sat up
till 12 o'clock -

"No - till 2 o'clock was sat up that
night -" emphasizing details with narrowed eyes.
and a sharp turn of head. Grace Jr. is
ironing clothes which Mrs W. washed - green
baby frock, narrow-waisted wide bottom white
skirt, white blouse with ruffled sleeves, blue flannel
stock - {"I ain't gonna iron one of these" says this
girl, taking after each piece which she irons. White baby
frock with "pink" embroidery on breast. This is
in S8106

(A) Bessie said always run home to mother, I tolle my boys if they ever fight they have to face up to it. I locket my doors so's they couldn't come home. (W-2)

yours, you can arm it yourself... Ansgar, leave it
there I'll arm it...]

sal, he didn't come that night, nor the next, nor the next, I don't know what got into that boy. It was, I do it think he's set on the farm land and is

W^e got along
real swell;
used to race
him up & down
the steps an'
Chase him from
one room to
another. I said
I'd move out
& leave my
furniture there
& he said

Well, anyway, I took her again to the doctor, an' I ast him to give her all kinds of pills an' stuff to make her blood.

Wal (throws both hands up in a gesture of lost hope) it
another, I said
I'd move out didn't help... [Billie told Henry workers she was with baby; she ran
down to tell in field & men told her not to run like that
and - don't want people lookin at her like that...]
Come two weeks, y' can't do nuthin agin two weeks.
Come two weeks an' I'll run bad Billie up before the
magistrate. He took Billie aside an' tried to talk to
him. 'If I was you,' he sez, 'I wouldn't want to live

Early & Maria
was there, &
she got up
to leave, was
stretchin like
she does, and
says to us:
I hope you
Satisfied. So
I told her

There's
two here
now
anyway the
place has
decided all
this. He
arrived 15 Decided
Kauai, she
said my
little aint

alone, he say. I'd want to go back, he say. You sure
you don't want to go back, he say. If know he was never
like that, tryin' to patch things up an make em go together.

"Well, Billie says to him, I don't never want to go back to
her... So the judge tells him (narrowed eyes and repeats in
manner of reprimand) "Well, then, you make sure that from now

so you send her \$10 every week. Don't send it to me, be say,
(pocket up)
Send it to the Court up town, an' I mean every week, be say.

Well, then Marlene was born on a Saturday night ten minutes to six. During the day she began to feel funny.

Bless goodness (laughs and slaps thighs) she thought it was the indigestion.

Homes; Gracie L. Seg lookin up from window, homes'

goin' back
& he isn't
payin'
nothing, she
said - she
was respectful
~~but~~^{about her care} She had the baby in the house coz in the hospital
but the it'd cost \$220 and here it'd cost only \$75⁰⁰. Billy
turning bangs
on the window would've had to pay the money and poor boy I felt sorry
I Shook his for him - deed I did - he didn't have that kind of
head for us
less to anglo money - an' besides, the way it turned out, the doctor
coz of she said if she had to go to the hospital, she'd die
and start ^{[old] Joe Campbell died then - I'd put her life}
anythin' on the way. [in his hands - and we went to Dr. Rubin and
they'd come ^{Condescending like natural or because he's / w]}
I stood there at the bed right through ~~all~~
but I. it, all with Mrs. Nagle, the lady downstairs. She was
lookin' her up. She real nice, she an' her husband were wonderful.
heard em, The doctor tried to give her chloroform on a
turn
around a washrag, but she didn't take it. He said smell
Sed - we'll this an' she made like she was smellin'
only talkin' but she didn't. She sat and watched right
put right on them it, saw him stretch her up and all. Doctor
had to help her said she had real patience - first case he
onto ^{when} he believed that he's ever had, he said.

my sister Bertie was downstairs & she
called up to ask if everythin' was all right,
and then she heard the baby cryin'. Bertie's
brother, Gracie, was next door at the cleaner's
an' when he came out an' learnt about
it I guess he went an' told ~~all~~ his
mother and all, coz next mornin' Mary Ellen, Bertie's
sister came up with \$25⁰⁰ and she said we need
but the baby an' Bertie thought maybe Gracie

and ~~would~~^{use} this. An' I thank her, near to now. & I ask her if she didn't want to see the baby. An' then, after she came out, she ask me if her mother couldn't see it. An' I said, course, she's the grandmother, she's got as much right as anybody.

Then Evelyn Kirby come up an' she said she was speakin' for Bailei, that how that the baby was born, an' bein' it was him he'd like to come back an' live together. But Grace didn't say nothing, since it was up to Bailei an' he should've come up to speak for himself. Evelyn said that Hiram & Bailei would come up later on - but they never did.

He paid for the baby - \$75⁰⁰ - Mrs. Nagle & Butler paid for the other expenses - and sent in \$11⁸⁰ every week for the baby. Then all of a sudden he start payin'. He used to bring Marlene little Xmas gifts - a little pink dress, ice cream cones - an' he stopp bringin' those, too. Well, Grace got a lawyer, French fellow Goldblum (2 offices, Howard's wife told about him - dweel gray, with wife) & she called the court and they put a warrant out for him. When he said he wouldn't pay, they put him in jail for 9 days - he was supposed to stay in for 18 mos. & 10 days - & then go in to the Service, or first go into the Service & then serve the 18 mos.

lawyer said
long as he
put in he
was merit
he might
come out
on furlough
& come back
... but I
won't have
him back
if he
does come
back on
his furlough...
you ain't
heard from
him, you or
your mom
or they did
up? And it
nobody heard
from him he
doesn't write
anybody

Well, I guess Heine talked to him & sofnet him
up, coz he said he'd pay out of
his Army Allotment.

Grace, Jr - Now I gotta go to the
Red Cross or Veterans administration to
find out when my money's comin' in. He's
been away 2 mos. now, takes time for it
to go thru. But he's so dumb he
wangles out of payin' for wife & child.
I'm happy now - all I can wait for
is that \$100 allotment so I can pay
up that \$125 grocery bill -

Marlene comes out with baby doll
wearin' pretty pink dress. Mrs W-Billy gave
that to her on the 1st Xmas. It got
too small & I fixed it for the baby doll.
Marlene says now: ~~Billy~~ I don't like
Billy K - he don't bring the money
for the baby ...

Grace: At beginning Marlene looked
like him, but now she looks less & less.

He almost knocked her over one night &
didn't even say I'm sorry I almost trun
you over or nuthin' ... One night he was
sittin' out there in a car, drunk as hell
& cuttin' up with some fellas, an' I hollered

x) had bushy hair, went to school w. Gracie, walked in laundry together, in school, cut
our lace. see in hair, left bad-spot she come over w. hair

put my head) and ballot)
out the window you better get away from her Billy
Kirby or I'll have you run in. He ain't allowed
to come near her when he's drunk or like that.

Mrs. W. - ~~The other~~^{one} day Catherine, a girl who used
to work with Gracie come in here with another girl
and I was real friendly to 'em, ast em in to the
kitchen, they sat right here, Catherine sat on that
sofa there, th' other girl on this here seat, an' I ast
her if they wanted some strong beans,^{or big} be-dapper. Well,
anyways, we got to talkin' and it comes out this other
girl, Dolores, a little redhead, was Billy's girl friend.

6 = I ast her if Billy was up the ways and
she said he was. An' I take her reason I ast was
because - I didn't mean another by it - only I
knew Billy was drunk durin' the day and I didn't think
he was gain' out. She say Billy was drunk an' that's
why he come late after her, but he did go up the ways.

Mrs. W. - I ast her what it was she saw in
Billy - after all she bein' a young girl and him
bein' a married man with this child, an' she said
it don't make no difference, she loves him an' he
loves her. An' she said furthermore Billy don't love
Gracie & he don't love the baby. An' I tell her
right out in front of her face, he don't know? Well,
he sure loves makin' babies... An' then I tell
her it'd be the same with her. At first, I see,

[puts tea
bag in pot
& back w.
water]

Gracie had other from one
room to another, up &
down the stairs...

Billy told Gracie & she told him, they
couldn't be five minutes without each other; wal,
look at it now, I sez. Then the talkin' settled
down an' she said she had \$25 of Billy's
ans she thought Gracie needed it an' she ask
her if she could use it an' she said she could
since the baby ^{needed} operation on her stomach,
bein' weddin' it since the first one 14 days.

B. won't
cut body
out ring
for girl

After she was born when they cut her wide
open like you cut a chicken an' she developed
an abscess which they cut out and then another
which broke open by itself - that was lucky
wouldn't it? we didn't have to pay for an
operation on that one. So Gracie took the
money an' she thought her an' all - real
perilous - an' then this Walter ast why don't ye
give him a divorce? Wal, Gracie ups an'
goes into the front room so's she don't
have ter answer her...

(eye & finger) G- I'll tell ye why I don't give him
one - let her suffer like I suffered!

W- Wal, after that, I tol' her it's
best they leave, an' I ast her not to say
anythin' to the Kibbs bout their bein' here,
an' they said they wouldn't. Wal, as soon as
they leave these steps, they goes right across

the street an' they tell Mary Ellen Roger out there by
the finger that Grace see she'd never give Billy
a divorce! Now how do ye like that?

G - Oh, ter hell with em. Just let me get my
\$80⁰⁰ a month.

Mrs. W. - y'know, he tried to claim Marlene wasn't
his... well, I take that to the doctor an' he said
that gentleman is gonna have a time proving that what
with blood tests an' all... How d'ye like that?... an'
all the trouble that boy causes this poor girl... why two
weeks after they were married she got the diphtheria, she
got it from him...

G - Hm here' around them cows see the time,
I guess it don't catch on to him, but he brings
the bug to me from one of them cows

Mrs. W. - They carry it on their skins, y'know
~~Marlene~~ ~~she~~ dropp'd dead on floor: G - Blamed,
I'll beat the hell outta you... Marlene goes out,
heads back rolling say...

Mrs. W. - What's your name? M. K.

- what's your father's name? B. K. (source of pride)
in legal way
Guess who's dead? Who? Two losses of head
Guess who's in jail? who? Two neatly naked? all long

BOB
Bob, little Eva

W.M.'S
Blonica

GRACE (blue eyes, fleshy slant, small ear rings in ear-pierced holes,
immaculate appearance

Stands before clothesline in sun
- Her pants "Em" in (brackets), Will galvanizes 'em. It's a terrible dangerous job.
Then poor boy. Will's got his leg all burnt up both sides
- took his shoe off, skin came off. Then took him up in hospital, & Rob followed us car
to bring him home. My God, that's dangerous work. Sick benefit to 13 weeks. I can't
- Rob in shipping - works late every night till 6. He works too hard. I wish he wouldn't. Stand to go in that
room. It's terrible.
- Will, ~~is~~ ^{comes} ~~now~~ ^{now}
8 all tied
but you
but you off
at one off
almost chopping
wood
- dog - 11 yrs.
5 mos old from
Howard
- Sister's husband
died from blood
clot - broke off
like it; he's
terrible, we
should have left
& come live with her
- feelings are awful
ain't like they
used to be; you
can go out &
pick up but you
don't know
what you're
puttin' up
- Robinson says,
about her;
but don't know
the last of her
that wall
- Bill An ^{old} soldier - They dance that. (Throws hand up like burlesque bump & laughing, lets hands
fall to stop like they do). Margie seen girls there w/o their husbands. That ain't
for her. She ain't going there anymore. She'll just watch it on television. It's what
I say. They ain't like they used to be, decent & respectable.

Lambey 124

Belle running
around & drinking

Henry sits at - home, Nellie Sols
man at Saloon;
runs to mother,
after bath, laundry,
keeps house
clean, laundry
Henry doesn't
drink beer,
wishes him sober,

Coupled step into
bedroom from
garage

watchman's auto's
true little
blonde girl, I'm
gonna kidnap
her; watch
her, Ma, watch
her

G helped Grace
break out w.
Margaret to meet
Britty at theater
St. alley; told
Willie to wake
Em up bright & early

Man tries to
get in bright St.
gate - "better
get away or
you'll get what
you ain't lookin'
for

Telma's lookin'
in the window:
put out the
lights in bathroom (turns off lamp to set)

Marlene (P)
- opening dress on clothesline, breaking behind dress, sitting backwards on chair, emptying (make-
believe) scarred red brain in gutter, picks up gravel & slips thru fingers (Mar - don't
pick that up in your hands, hon. Them dogs & cats mess in there & I don't
want you getting that mess on you) [thin blonde hair on large head,
- tightly pulled & held by two cheap gold-plated buns w/ red & blue design] Marlene
talks to Shadows & Slim [so why, what you doing here? Babble babble. Go away
- Give me the salt I tell you." Shakes at shadows. J dressed in wooden plaid shirt w/ red stripes &
(head, water)
- won't go to bed
unless Slim w/ her.
She's gotta be damned
sleepy to go to bed
who. Well,

Told you not to go back up her; You'll find her at bar at night or watching
television

AMERICAN JEWISH
ARCHIVES

Get gas by W.
carriage. That's
Dorothy Steinberg's
girl. Helen Hill.
They were married
3 weeks when she
had that. (Doris
be look
will) Well
She's bent over
to be a wife girl

Don't talk to - (pent up, blinks out, tightening eyes) Once I was walkin' my sister to street car in
Howard Garden. rain, and I was holdin' the umbrella, and Howard was standin' across the street
Told him off in front of (his) and he called out: "You don't have to walk her back". I just kept quiet,
kept my mouth shut, didn't say a word. Another time, I came over to the factory
to find out if Will had gone yet, & I ask the watchman if he'd seen Will
her husband. I'm & Howard was standin' back there & he called out: "He's done gone". I
too good for you, coulda burst in, but I kept my mouth.

Craig (In) out
2 in 5 years

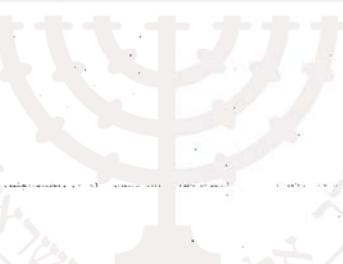
4 years married.
26 years on top
St. old man
dead 9 yrs. [tiny]
3 yrs. later we same
house, 3 yrs on
light St., gone
Ran to St. Sennin
do good for dogs -
to Soldier is
license & stuff.

3 yrs. here.

Born 1841
Hannover, guess
Ich die 1841
Westfall

G. M. has 14
daughters,
never
wrote
one; were in
one day an
when they're the
least last weeked (gesture like empire sofa or plate)
she throw. Em
into the hamper
goes bouldin' Tues.
nights w. Rida
Henry

AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES



הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְיִשְׂרָאֵל

[She likes workin' TV, she likes that moshin. But I can't stand it. When it's on
I get up & git all nervous & am tryin' to separate 'em]
- used to come home & strip naked & I'd dress her over complete.

afraid to
come down
bright & alone
at night - it's
dangerous & you
can never tell
what'll happen.
Things have changed.

I know by law
I can make 'em
[the boys] give me
\$3 a week. But I
don't bother 'em - with
all that. Yess. Them
Sarrow boys takes care
of all man Sarrow. Yess.
He's up there in a wheel
chair & they each give
him \$5 a week. I
could do that, wif my boys
but, I dream... They don't
do nothing for me, you'd
think

iceman - y/know
it's tough gettin'
along nowadays.
Yess for re,
l then insurance (Giza
makes 24 weeks)

Mrs. K tells Mrs. McLean's bear Gruis' runnin' around w. anteburnan. whose
hear anything? wife in hospital. we have baby (Mrs. McLean's there's smoke, now)
but billy gettin' out (Mrs. K say") heard from 4 different people, they see him pick her up in car. Wound
wishes by w. distant like to catch in act so billy be freed from payin' \$180 a month (\$40 for
look) start go back himself) only pay \$60 for baby. Gladys heard Grace call out - long as I
w. him. He listened got 3 meals a day I'm happy (She got it better than Kirby who has
to work) to too many of em.
Break & running around



GRACE

Grace would buy ice-cream for herself - would give none to Billy - wouldn't let him buy some for himself - was gettin' back at him for torturin' her (in bed).

- 6 yrs. old man
- Howard - will stay, 35 a.m.
- Sat - Nettie another man
- Eva tells dad

- Edie don't
want to live,
have dirty
- Nettie adolphe
- Billie - mother
Liber 28
- married 18, had
19
- didn't do
right
- came back
every furlough
day
- brother-in-law
Brentwood County

- Sister in
country - she's
and we're
church
- corridor have
the desk-table
no chairs
- I think
about church.
god send me
from nothing
- fire as good
as look

- when am go
die better to
be around,
want to help
or old man,
still be way
there
- we always
angry
about our
day
- kids today
know more no
letter
- better begin to
yourself
- last 2 days
dearie
- goes to country



ED HENZ

WINDMILL House - I

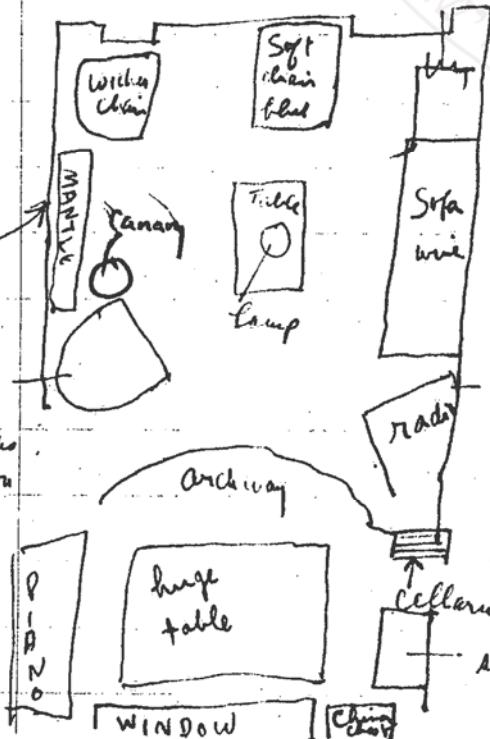
Grace

Son throws out the time, throat always red, sorely - one yellow tooth
pink - got diphtheria after she gave birth - Howard got them for her
A sick person takes over a whole house, commandes everybody to meet his
needs (shows how great individual needs are, how much time one must spend for
Sheer biological existence)

WILLIE - yellow light in kitchen, sign they were up, humongous sofa & arm
for long periods, was frequently toward end; lay in state parallel to
mantelpiece - soon completely languished - elegant floor lamps at head &
foot of bed - covered by funeral parlor - "Never looked so handsome before"
dressed in black suit, white shirt & tie, a "dignified person"

LIVING ROOM - Many pix on glass of patriotic flags, & 2 dogs, mantelpiece
loaded w. snapshots; corner rocker next to window in which she
sat reading; linoleum on floor; place kept spotless - always
dusted, washed & polished; but wallpaper always brown & dirty

Ella lay world frequently



Boy radio didn't play; small one on top of its
'piano'

Dining Room Cluttered

Player Piano - Roll piano - enormous

Sideboard (w. drawers) Calendar over wall

wooden foot chair in corner, big black stone used for
beating hens' house (egg shell to heat front room) very
warm in whole country; also big basin heated on stone
for washing clothes or bath (everything seemed so sturdy)
blue & green trim stone; robes (w. few off-white color;

dining room cluttered in contrast to barren, cold blue
kitchen walls like Catholic girls uniforms.) Clock on
wall; small sink warm basin, {Washed face hair
till shine, lot of powder, put long hair up in bun, newly
starched dress, studied face in mirror} long, narrow mirror.
W. dark brown wooden frame; clothesline always strung
across black stone to window (men's blue shirts, under-
shirts & men's stockings, bag)

- Captain (sugar, flour, dishes, faded steel forks &
Cofetaria - mixed oleomargarine fascinating, beat ~~up~~
^(too clean to use hands) softening up margarine w. spoon, pound in coloring, & mixed up,
& packed into one big square, then into robes

Gas Stove - boiled water in kettle, then poured into basin
single yellow bird over window; naked bulb in
kitchen on wire, full cold w. luminous glass on end.

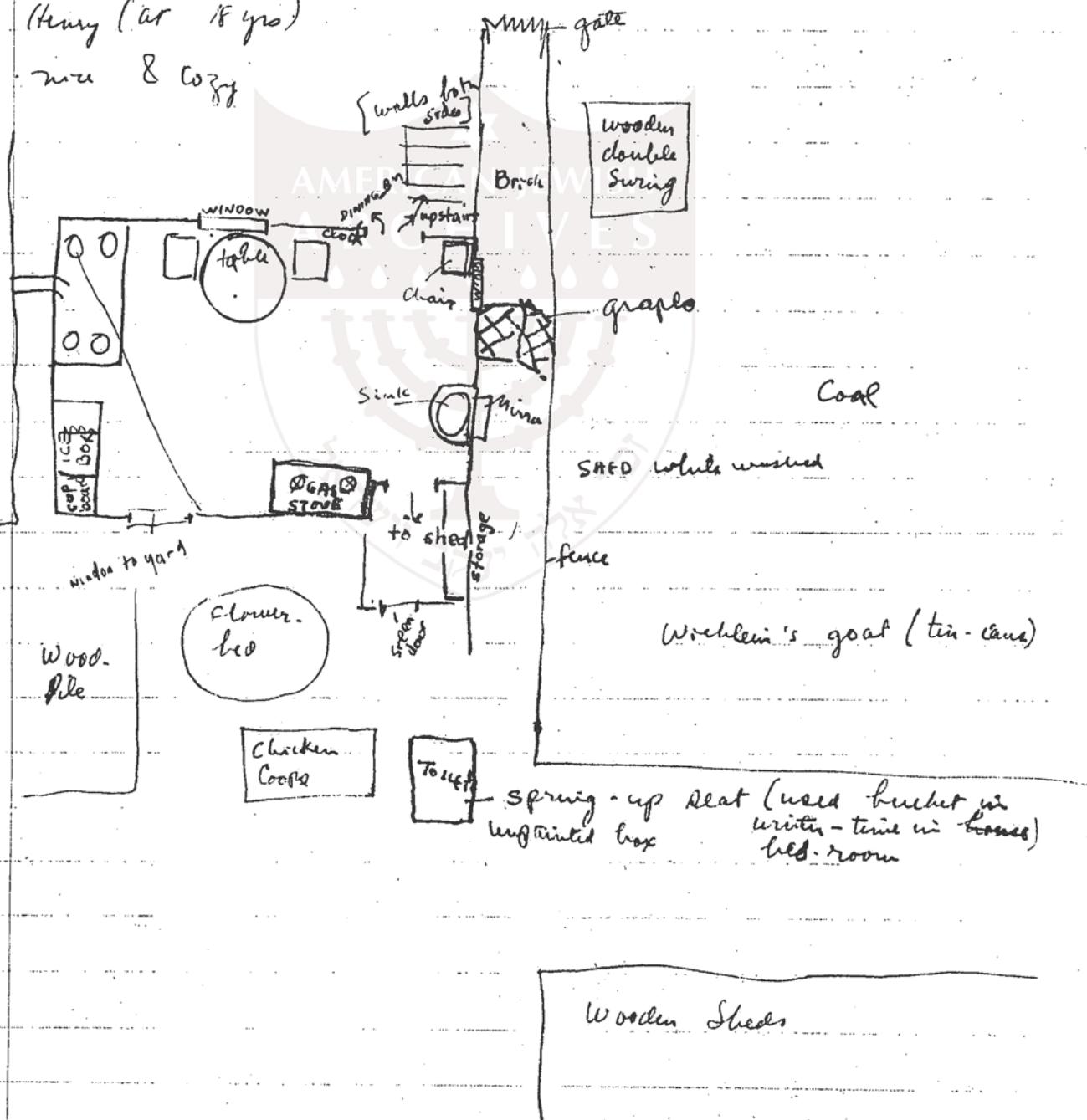
- in vegetable (to yard) storage space (Rover & his food pan)

WINGATE House (2)

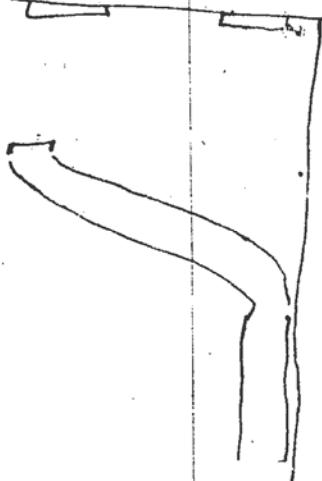
Breakfast room -
There is their ~~bassoon~~ window in dining room (chest - dark mahogany
hands painted almost black - or very dark red - hard to tell
because dark. Victorian lamp on dining table chest feather
lighter - table always cluttered w. paper - clothes
Framed portraits sitting on easel on top of piano - one of
Henry (at 18 yrs) ~~poor gate~~

KITSCHEN

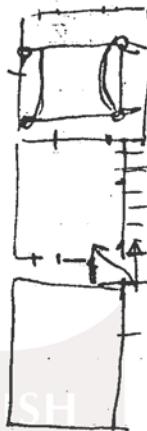
new & cozy



UPSTAIRS - Front Room - Grayish-blue, bare wire hanging down w/ bulb w/ string



wrought-iron



Middle Room

Back Room

in shade
left by
Grace
and
out

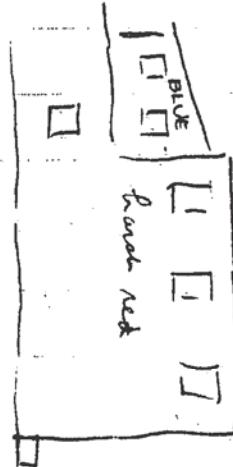
WILHELM

Grace & mother slept in front room

iron bed together [old man slept on tent,

guests automatically moved into dining room].

weak jaw, Squirrel tooth, bulged in front & back
like mole; Sawdust dirty hair, mousey brown
gray cardigan sweater (w. buttons)



Cottage house

Six



WORLDS GATE

In middle night, drunken railroad crew, throwing bottles, terrified the night try to break in - in front room.

7 hills - kites, baseball, table football, hunting thru apple orchard, Sina She caught in Stomach

GATE - good housewife - up at 6⁰⁰, to store, get breakfast order, then at 11⁰⁰ to get lunch order - Margie at 11⁰⁰ first w. boys at Harry's blonde Jimmy ["He likes it"]

- After Nellie's boy was killed, Eva (Rob's wife) about to give birth to second child, Margie said someone said baby would be born dead, was born & died - at 4 yrs. old

- Broke heel about Suffie - Someone asked her where is her mother? Oh, she's up in bed havin' a good time with some man. Little boys & girls plays in alley, one loves day & night - Parents don't watch them - Caught two of them footin' around behind Jimmy's alley.

- Willie's funeral - yellow lights, house transformed. He looked beautiful

stone - dry gloves, shake down ashes, glowing heat in face.

WILLIE. Failure was compassion & pity, which meant he was now getting attention, & he was content to be a failure so long as he did not go there like unnoticed. For when you are unnoticed, forgotten you are dead. [That's why he made chairs for people & sold them at not to nothing - an outlet for his ^{hidden} creative talent - he didn't enjoy - an recognition (they sit in Willie's chair) - also it kept him out of mischief and that alone was a great accomplishment] if he couldn't create something useful and beautiful he would certainly create something else - trouble, for instance..."

- His words came out like a football bullet pass, clean spiraling & hard to catch.

TRAGEDIES WILLIE
1) LOSES MURK
2) LOSES HOME
3) DAUGHTER HAS
BODY, LOSES
HUSBAND
4) LOSES FAMILY
5) LOSES SELF
IMPORTANCE

Grace drinks lots of coffee.

- On William - Read the Prophet in Sarah Review - Emotional dynamism (Dec. 26, '52)

GRACE

- She lay down to sleep, to sleep and rest. She sought a quiet place and she closed her eyes; withdrawing from the outside world, excluding the disturbing without. But she could not protect herself from within herself, the internal turmoil of unfilled desire, her unfinished work, ~~of~~ the mounting frustrations of the previous day - worry and heavy guilt continued to invade her in her sleep. She hoped she would dream. That she could ~~then~~ combat the invading thoughts and she would be able to prolong her sleep. And in her sleep she would be able to be happy, if she could not be anywhere else. Here her desire need not go hungry.
- multiple hysterical symptoms [periodic inability to speak, nervous asthma, migraine headache, tedium vitae]. Only those people die who are forgotten. To feel death is a small price to pay for immortality.
- gossip - causes hard feelings, suspicion, arguments. Why does she do it? She wants to be important.
- gold fish, unfed for two days, one eats another, bites out skin on side, revealing transparent silvery underneath - This is life, eh?

Epi
XVI

WILLIAM WINE

Takes off car axle, replaces grease plan, finds band that holds ball bearings is worn out. Exasperated calls wife: "Hello, Edna. Is Bill there? Tell him to come down... I need him to help fix the car, what's wrong? Well, I took down the axle & put in a new grease plan; this then I found the damned ball bearings... well, you don't know what I'm talkin' bout anyway. Just tell him to come down. Yeh, you can come along with him... I'm parked in front of my mother's, y'know, on that dirt road next to Tommy Hesch's..."

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Rob

had little station wagon - "oh boy" - "I got a big engine
in it, you gonna hear it rum"

[when he eats eggs & tomatoes, figures he has three bites
of egg & two bites of tomato. Won't ^{skip} eating tomato with
next egg mouthful, saving last two tomato bites for later -
for last two egg - hoarding & ^{Alice} of order

WINEGAR

May 15. Will (began 1932, Henry in '36, Rob year after) in faded blue
 shorts, ^{T-}seamed polo shirt, gray summer pants, scuffed black shoes, thin
 build, head flat chest one piece with middle, arms white
 muscular, serious face like a person or school teacher with
 rimless glasses, careful holding of lunch pail (never swinging),
 large white or neatly tucked under arm (no foolishness) serious & aristocratic,
 eye, grey center affected by veins on throat ^{high} rough nose (nostrils flare ^{too} open revealing clean fine Red
 when talks) ^{ridges} subtle blending into tip - Henry's has ^{more} _{thinner} of this royal quality;
 but his nose is longer & with flat dented end, smaller nostril flares,
 puffiness under outer sides of eyes emphasizes angularity of face; Rob's
 nose is thicker, less refined, bulbous at end like father's & his his
 mouth strains under, his lips thicker altho' they aren't. Grace, Jr.
 has most graceful nose of all, the same royal lines as Will's
 but a delicate swoop from brow to bridge, with small flares.]

- On factory accidents (a man last week hand fingers cut off all across knuckles, yesterday a girl lost two fingers, Ambulance and all came for her) Well, it's yer own fault. The damn dummies ain't careful. They stick 'em hands in an they ain't supposed to. When them machines gets ^{jammed} jammed up like that, they're supposed to use one of them things to open 'em up, but they don't use 'em; they stick them hands in, an that's when the trouble comes in. It's their own fault (chuck). Take Earl Harper. He did it to himself. He wasn't even supposed to be at them machines, but he was showin' off for the girls. That day, Joe Fico, my boss. Christ, when we got in there new air hammer he walks over, picks it up, an starts to

turn it on. I tol' 'im. I tol' 'im to watch out. That goddam thing ain't to be fooled with, but that dumb basterd has to have his own way an' he went sheas an' trimmed off the end of 'is thumbs. No, he wouldn't listen to anybody... Christ, there's some dangerous stuff in there. Take that drop hammer. Why the Sunwatch nearly takes from the ceilin' to the floor. Christ, when
^{3 wks vacation}
^{rubs long bony}
^{finger it's shell'd}
^{well along neck}
^{PIPE}
that thing comes down the whole goddam floor
shakes. You think the' buildin's gonna 'xplode or
Smethin'. That poor guy that stands down in that pit
an' fees that baby, boy, I don't want his job. No
Sir. No Sirree. That ain't for me. I tell you tho', I'd
like to get a hunk of that metal they make for
them gurney stoves, y'know that heavy stuff. Boy,
that ^{is} kind of metal cost you a good penny - if you
kin buy it at all. I'd like to get my hands on a
piece a' that. Makes a good grill for outside. But
how in the hell kan you git it outta there? It's
too goddam heavy. Besides, at's Uncle Sam's. No, I'll
buy it. I ain't gonna tangle with him. No Sirree,
the hell with that noise. I'll buy it!

They're takin' the tinware outta there, an' sendin'
it to Milwaukee. They're always changin' machinery now,
takin' out the ole stuff an' puttin' in new.

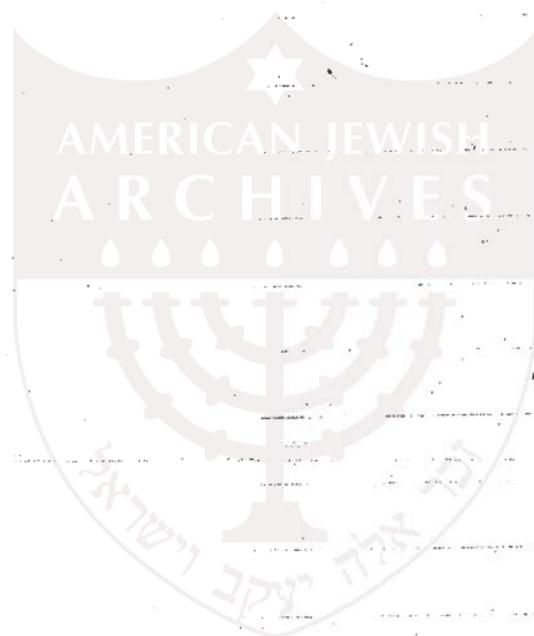
[I been there since 1932: I get 3 weeks vacation
this year... Billy comes in, wearin' army uniform, sweaty

bloody, knives in wooden holder. Will's face tightens. Suddenly remoteness. His eyes out the window, absorbed in the distance. He doesn't know this intruder. ^{On} He knows him and closes him out of his mind. The pipe. He puffs hard, the smoke plumes out, thick wreaths. Billy walks past him clumsy, fumbling, ^{open at Herm, at floor.} his eyes glance self-consciously at Will. A greeting pauses on his open lips. "A soda, Herm." He goes to the box, takes a Pepsi, comes to the counter for a cake. Wearily, as though returning from his visit with his eyes, Will says: "Hiya domi, Bill?" — "It's hot, hot as hell over there. Workin' hard. Got too goddam much cattle today. Jesus Christ, Sulkin' like a bastard," he blurts, nervous chatter, circumlocution, evade the tension between us. Mary Ellen comes in. A quick gaze at Will, — "~~You. Well, I~~, self-conscious, tentative, hateful, naturally wan, or indifferent. Her face is suddenly taught. Seeing strangeness on Will's face, ^{uncertainty} ~~his~~ in his eyes, she looks uncertainly to counter. "Hello, Mary" Sullenly, Will is courteous, if somber. Mary Ellen smiles faintly. Walks to rear of store, takes bread, turns around to see if Herm takes sides. "Well I gotta step on it, or I'm gonna miss my ride. It's twenty of... See you later..." a rising, deliberate enthusiasm. He leaves. Bill gulps down drink & leaves. Mary Ellen still faint-smiling, uncertain, holds up bread for working down, leaves
old men who get hurt get lifetime pension, work one a them slow elevators back there, y'know where they can sit

WIPERIES

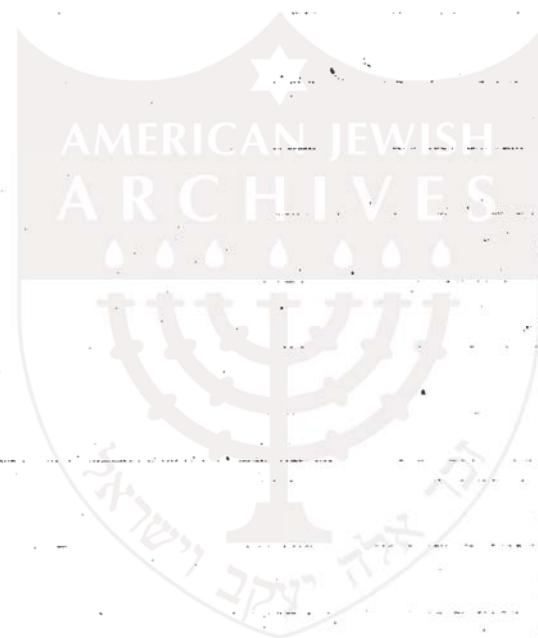
Henry

Misfortunes confer certain rights (Voltaire)
He is miserable because without he loves the
evil that he was against, he loves the ~~believe~~ that is
his destroying reason for existence



SOLDIER

back from Korea, wants to go no place, just stay home, 1,000
year old Buddha in Tokyo - "So what, what's it mean to me?"



HENRY

he has ^{Started life} the grand idea he is the lord of creation; his father ended life with the grand idea he was a meaningless speck of dust living his little life as the victim of cosmic irrationality

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Cope - Sister

Aug 27th 1911
begin less looked less his him
already know say dinner over & d
know less than you are always

He will give you all the love he can give.

~~gloss goodness were her blood~~

didn't talk to Horace in 3 years

perched in August 6 Silene life

- ~~Values~~ - don't have you I can't have one big
Don't think. This would be in about 15-20
 - ~~Int. value~~ - blue test ~~(no choice)~~ let the people decide
~~different from ours~~
 - but he, I AMERICAN but him WISH

val.

4) Raymone Lefley - Joan ^{wife of Mr} - 19 (2 children) wants to marry him - know \$25 & for refrigerator - clothespin, clothesline got Raymond job in Chinese factory - comes up to Worcester with her - gave her \$5 & to case gas co - comes back w. 2 bars of candy - buy soft stuff - always dinner soft stuff - always wear a pot of tea or coffee like that - real dirty - no boys - \$1100 rent
and Nagle wife paid for baby

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- baby aspirins & sometimes to work it thru

→ Moulting from 10-106 Sat no wings, two others indistinct,

"*Big Goldmoss*"

remember waffer in field beyond

I go with me & I don't pay

Rub

225 for 15 uniforms less per family, begin cutout
people. Let me know

Marlene - don't let me bill for damage per money to buy

\$100 worth rice

Car. less truck

damaged things less a week aggregate

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GRACIE Shows apartment, bath tub, bath every night, shows Billy owes me 3 months, shows wedding pictures (Billy looks like lame idiot); talk about people upstairs (gril 19 lies all day on couch watching TV; kid in bed w. her, gril walking up & down in rain waiting for ^{Raymond} ~~him~~: goodness, what d'ye wanna marry a bum for, y'got one bum already, but least this one works...) (Shows rooms upstairs - they struck from all the ger (Marlene) struck & got - her hub) terrible sin way she lay there, let hands go to music - at night, they Samuel him married couple... way they was carryin' on... Course y'don't know what was happenin' but way it sounded y'could imagine what it was... oh, the voices that come from there... plus a haan... ouch! Stop it! don't do that... it hurts! Once Gracie called up "Stop makin' all that noise... she hollered down... Shut up & mind your own business, if you don't listen you won't hear..."

- would come in gawk at her, y'don't want that, coz sometimes y'd want to pull the fat off with you hands and y'e don't feel comfortable; once Pietro on steps, 6 very hungry, don't go in to see little mid-mkt blem girl went upstairs.

(Joan)

a (Mrs. W hair up in curlers, took out curlers)
^{hair in knot} (hair was long, Mr. Campbell told her to cut it, was healthy, etc
and to cut it, had woman in blonde cut it, threw locks out the back window, got permanent, now can't afford it, when she gets

enough money, wanted get one; took combin' out, put in fast. and tin box; combed hair finely, big bobby pins, put on hair-net pulled tight to scalp; takes loose hair from comb, winds around finger, goes to gas stove, lights hair w. match, goes up in flame; don't want them birds to get hold of it, make nest out of it, coz they'll give her headache - Gracie Sniffs - Aw that's ole silly suggestion; Mrs W.: oh, yes. I sometimes get headaches, not all the time, an' I don't want them birds to give me one.

- Rob's wife (Eva) : criticizing Madeline's clothes; Wid, Gracie, has a husband ... had a husband ... Mrs W.: Oh yes, he walked out & left her w. the baby, an' you better be careful, coz Robit won't walk out on you, ^{cost ob)} don't leave you any day, you better watch out. the way you talk, he might leave you any day.

- Eva felt aches & pains when giving birth to 5th child, 2 weeks after Jackie (Henry's baby was killed) died, Eva gave birth, baby was born dead, Gracie said "it's head bowed to jelly, saw the afterbirth, it was green slimy stuff went down to barrel place, saw two kids." (15 & 16)

6 - ^{below} smooching (w. Robt, Henry, ? Eva, 8 & 6) kids ran, later saw girl running up aley w. pants in hand, police were cheering; below hollered at them, didn't stop them, didn't want to be accused by cop & say: "Mister what you tryin' ob, rape this girl?"

One day Mrs W. used up the last of the mayonnaise ^{on a ham and pickle sandwich.} When Grace came home from work that evening, Marlene fibbed on Mrs. Wrigate. She said to Grace something like, "Mom - mom ate your mayonnaise. I've 'er hell!" To Grace said she did. She didn't know where Marlene picked that up. "You gotta watch what you say and do in front of her, or she'll tell everything."

Grace's job consists of picking peanuts out of peanut butter. A neighbor helped her get it. She makes \$24 a week. 11 of this goes for rent. She usually has \$4 left for food. Everytime the Good Humor man sounds his bells, the kid to the window and looks after him longingly. When Grace can spare a

she buys her ice cream - which isn't very often.

THAT'S ALL ON

THIS TRIP

(raw cotton in ear, face swollen, always sick, used oil of Cloves (warmed)

Recently Gracie had to take time off from work to ~~surgery~~ ^{she always suffers from} abscess of the nose. A few days later ~~abscesses~~ ^{she has + mouth.} Misses ~~at~~ ^{at} in the same place.

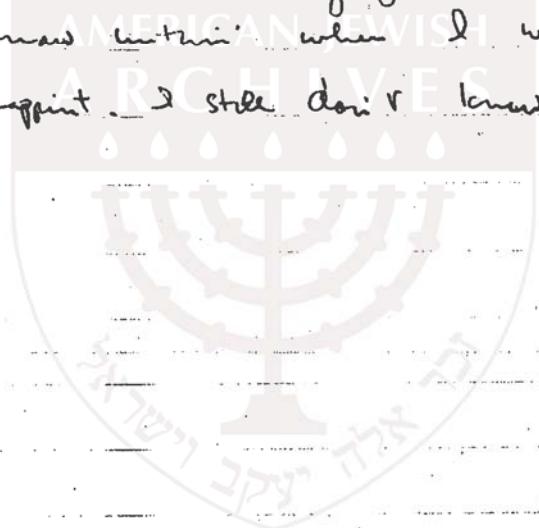
She remarked that her doctor's bill was \$9, but she clapped her hands to her face when she remembered it was really \$3! When Billy's allotment comes through, she decided to get all her teeth pulled out; - and Mrs. Wingate's going to get a new permanent.

One reason, they claim, Billy did not pay 3 months alimony, was that he spent all his money at Horwitz's restocking his girlfriend's wardrobe - including jewels & accessories. "Now his poor wife & child's gotta suffer because he throws all his money away on a girlfriend!"

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- Mrs. W.: Bernadetti's little girl, 4, goes "dungares down, little boy, looks out back window, hollers at them, told woman to see what they were doin', said they were measing around. Woman came back, waved hand, they're clean within.
- Juggie, 4, Somebody ask "whom's your mother?" Juggie said: "she's up in bed w...." (Mrs. W. tries to recall name of man) " havin' a good time ". It's a terrible shame, they see grownups doin' it, so they just try it themselves. I never tell Grand Anythin' even when they got married...
- G: I don't know ~~in this~~ when this was married; 2 yrs. afterwards is happen. I still don't know within...

Chopped onions



- Mrs W. sneaked out hot H₂O to Howard in garage; gave him socks, cigars as birthday gifts
- during Strike, Frank whom she owed \$100 for groceries ended her credit, boys soon gave her \$5^c they got from union kitty, she bought flour, made dough, fried it, and served it. when times bettered she made "papryes": cooked meat surrounded by cooked dough with gravy spilt over.

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- Willie accused Mrs W. of setting up at night to sleep in garage w. Howard
- Willie tortured her w. passes
- Willie made to sleep downstairs; she would come down to him, then return to sleep w. Gracie, Jr.

Gracie, Jr. called Howard, "Pop"

- Howard dog shot at Willie's funeral

[break two
rids in
street-car
lunch]

After Willie's death, Howard ill, Gracie visits hospital, finds another woman kissing him; burns up; both meet on streetcar, argue; Mrs. W.: he's going to marry me; others: He'll never marry you

After streetcar incident, Mrs. W. sees G's pokey, hot self new coat, dress, permanent, returned to hospital w. cigars, fruit - argued w. Howard: what kind of right has she got to kiss you? she's not your girl friend, you promised to marry me; Howard: She's only my neighbor

long hair -
short, money,
kinky hair,
"modern look"

- I can't stop her from kissing me.
- After hospital, house destroyed moved to 1200 block, Howard came every morning at 7⁵⁰ for eggs, coffee - for a year, never asked to marry again; she went to tennis to see him, argued w. him on marriage (charged he had w. another woman) he never returned.
 - Howard, year later, in store: "I think I'll have to take her out again."

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- Billy (17), Gracie (19) made love in park (boys travel in wolfpacks, around Sunnyside Park, bushes rustle, cops at 11⁵⁰ p.m.) also made love w. Andie Haley - Elsie said she could get Andie away from her
- Mrs. W.: neighbors talking about my Gracie; next time I'll hang out her pants to show them She's innocent.
- 1700 block - Mrs. W. is across the street, sees Rennie Henry again on, comes into 3^d floor apartment, sees Billy run out bathroom then back door, sees Gracie douching. Mrs. W.: "What's the matter?" G: nothing!
- Willie: You don't have enough for me but you got enough for Howard. Mrs. W.: It's not my fault, you s.o.b., if you can't take it anymore - before you're ready to do it, you lose it; Willie used to chase after her (grab her like male frog) as soon as kids went to sleep. She tried to

- satisfy him, but before pftt ("It's not my fault you
can't satisfy me")
- Sex on W.'s mind Continually
 - Willie used to drive elevator in a.m.; boss rang: So b.
you know wait till I come down; boss fired him.
Never worked since then for 20 years. On welfare 15 yrs.
Arthritic in galvanizing room - hand lame to month.
 - 2 baskets of groceries (Xmas, Thanksgiving) to Grace,
also during strike (Aug 21-17, Rob not working) Mrs. W. to
Mrs. A: "I hope I did afore ye do"
^(I'd rather die...)
 - First 5 years Willie worked dealt in Abe's Store.
During strike suggested them for several weeks, but them
basket groceries & meats. Then Mrs. W went to another
grocer w. few dollars from welfare fund; bought new
grocer \$100; Henry & Rob now work, then strike (to organize
union, a Scal Shop couple months) but new grocer small
check from union (\$13⁰⁰ every 2 wks or month), given back
it, no more groceries; Mrs. W. came back to Abe for
few things (flour w. H2O - pretzel in fry pan - \$5⁰⁰ spent
during week - Canned milk, coffee) Thanksgiving basket:
fresh shoulder, canned goods, bread, butter; Xmas basket: chicken
butter cream, vegetables (left bill of \$35⁰⁰); Abe later
overcharged W.O. Mrs. W. knowing it.

- When all three boys worked more than \$1.00 a week. Came in; after work, boys went separately to 3 movies each night; Mrs. W. deducted (back off) in insurance, rent, store bill, gave rest of money back to boys. Worked night work (12 to 8 a.m.), during day went to 3 movies every day in week - didn't know about saving when they came back but 1 lb. cooked them for lunches ($.90\text{¢} - 1\frac{1}{2}\text{ lb}$) spent \$40.50 a week for groceries; \$3/wk for rent (could plenty)

- As soon as insurance policy worth \$25⁰⁰ (50¢ each week; \$1.50 for W.H.R) cashed it in, bought candies, beer

- When she didn't work night shift, William went out evenings w. silly girl. "Never let anybody play w. my titties, except you" - This, when engaged.

- Rob's girl (Eva) lay on top of him, begged him to marry her [her stepmother made her move furniture to clean; later, after marriage, she sits reading books, watches TV, leaves dishes in sink] gets very fat

His wife insisted William go to church, at first did, then got out of it. One girl child, Bet Ford & \$9,000 home.

(Henry's girl 7 mos. pregnant, then marry. After year, had another child, at 4, killed by automobile (Mrs. W. Can't look at Coca-Cola truck))

(Henry beat up in Saloon, face bleeding, taken to hospital (took wallet))

Willie, on taking sprn Every Friday night in store - His family tools turns talking to him while each are supper.

before Willie died, always sold w. mother, after death Margie sold w. father & took flowers once every two weeks to grave (gave it up after 3 yrs.)

Margie rt. breast cancer in doorway, didn't develop fully, afraid of cancer.

As kids come up to store laugh a lot (Rob on rebar, Gran on potato chip bag or gran on Soda case, we behind counter), then Rob suddenly let's were stop laughin - it brings somethin bad to happen

Margie heard going to lierade (hotels spirit from garage room & father - it'd be hell to pay)

wouldn't - loan things - Kibbs always would lend

Come into the house the way a man should come in, running it, ^{his} possessor of its self, its ^{it's you & you've} ~~in~~ ^{about your house} walls in ^{I, makes sense when they agree it's yours.} ~~about belonging~~ ^{feeling,} you belong together. But this feeling must be more than your own; the others have to know it, too. When they deny you the right of that ^{to yourself} feeling, no matter how much you insist ^{it's yours}, it ain't the same thing any more. You gotta be strong inside, like iron, to keep it to yourself & be comfortable with it, not needing anybody else's assent. But being strong somehow ends up being bitchy, an' if you got to be bitchy most of the time to live, you ask yourself is it worth it? Can't you just live being yourself, easy-going and not wanting much except what it takes to live? Why do you have to battle for those things which ought to be yours by right — like this coming into your house and knowing it's yours — without questions. I dunno — maybe I'm tired, old & tired, too tired to battle anymore. Well, let the others have it so much. I'll take what there is left to take an' get along with that. I guess it's too late to try to tame the people.

— free float & head like a dream
— these soft-speaking guys who you can't look in the eye are dangerous. They talk soft not because they're so sweet at all, but because they're cowards—they're afraid to tell you what's really on their minds. And they're the jealous kind too—they don't say nothin' jealous—but it comes out in crazy things they do. They're the kind that kill their women & then shoot themselves

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WINCATE

- Sat afternoon, warm April day - Rob in car - "Swapped it
 outright for the ~~the~~ ^{little} Stationwagon" (new car - blue Chevy
 coupe - '38) in front seat w. plump baby (1 yr.) Barbara,
 thin wavy hair, blushing pink cheeks, ingratiating smile, friendly
 to strangers, wife Eva [coal black hair, eyes, big horse teeth
 separated, married-woman fat] Mrs. Grace, ~~etc.~~ [in blue house
 dress, apron, sunny skin, sandy-haired, moist suggestion of white
 hair, no teeth, - smiles & eyes squint Chinese-like] Grace, Jr.,
 in blue dress, hair in pins, purple kerchief, big white tooth &
 big black tooth next to it, Coquettish smile - raised Eyebrow, nervous
 glancing out window "Who's watchin'?", fixes hair under kerchief.

^{we} "Just been out to ["] cemetery to see my ole man - that is
 (turbs rubber finger like & Savage) I mean, we ~~were~~ been out
 there to see if they was takin' care of his grave, - fixin'
 it up, y'know, takin' care of the flowers an' all. Hee Pee, if
 my ole man woulda seen me in these bed clothes he'd a
 got up an' thrown me outta there. Hee Pee. But I
 thought he'd know we'd just drive over an' take a look. He's
 laid out in Cedar Grove, y'know. (Family lot plot - pay
 for dyin' as you live)

"Don't even git mad! You'll live longer! Wait till you
 eighty! Look at me, I look better an' feel better than I
 ever did. Hee Pee. Robert's got his girl now so he's gonna
 stop. He wanted a boy an' a girl. A football team? Eva:
 You can go to Pee too! You can have him, I've had enough!

Don't ever git movie. It ~~for~~ gets you into trouble.

- Will: you never get fat workin' over there. [Anxious, nervous, hands, Eyes always movin', feet in constant agitation, touches nose as he speaks]

- Bob - grouch, nervous laugh, face electrically transformed into wide false-truth grin, ^{laugh} comes out hollow, like a long handle and then a gong! Ha AH! Head swirls, hand shoots up, a piston, his enormous head body a steam chamber, its packed energy coming out in sudden bursts - bursts of laughter, burst of hand wave, burst of neck turn, burst of smile - uneven, sudden, unsettling
"Take it easy, hear?"

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Grace gets Billy's allotment, buys 2 new chairs, truck load of furniture

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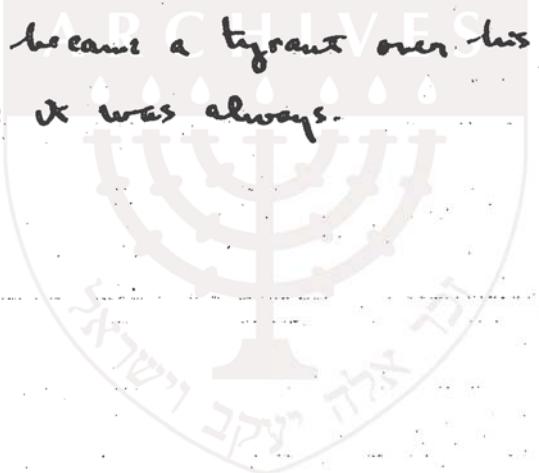
- Mrs. G., looks up, across street, while she sweeps, watching if they're
on watching.

she, too!

- Willie, negative about everything - don't want to eat, five minutes later eats; food ain't important, when she don't feed him ^{as punishment}, raises hell, "She don't feed me anyway"; clothes, doesn't put on good clothes to spite her; she don't keep clean, sweeps up after her, if it wasn't for me the place would always be dirty (burns up rubbish in yard); greedily curious - bits in on everything, when she talks at door, walks into living room to see who it is; when she talks to boy or Gracie, listens in; Gracie whispers often to children to keep him from hearing, but he hears or suspects hearing; even tho' he's supposed to be deaf; GROUCHY, SURLY, POUTING SIGHTS WHEN SITS TO INDICATE HOW HE SUFFERS IN LIFE, HIS MURKYN DREAM, & NO ONE CARES NOR KNOWS HIS PRIVATE GRIEF OF WHICH HIS SIGH IS BUT A FLEETING INDICATION; wants credit for anything he does, & she has only reprimand - because person is between them - hence his bitter martyrdom increases & as he grows more surly, she grows more resentful, hateful, begrudging him his very existence.

[All the - friendliness & -laughing - cackle is outward show,
a paste holding her together temporarily, but then she
begins to fawn about herself, her voice cracks, a
trembling, a softness, an indefinable fragileness helpless
with pity, as though a touching word would start
tears, the placid surface of a breakwater after the
wild ripple churning waters. She was offering up
her undignified sheep-soul and before the altar of
self-revelation there can be no alien pretense.

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- Henry his will became a tyrant over his impulses rather than the engine it was always.