

ernoon when I first wore it. (Ed. Note: We have seen the hat. It is of the inverted coal scuttle type, and our opinion of George is not especially raised to know that he "certainly" admired it).

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I must record here, for my sins, that Jones has been my chief for the past four years. Before that I had Tompkins, who certainly was a corker, and is now dead. *Nil nisi bonus de mortibus*, as George says. (I hope I have that right.) Jones considers me inconsiderable, for am I not a "working girl"? The Joneses have been aristocrats for centuries, barring a couple of generations just prior to, and in part overlapping with this Jones, when they milked cows and hoed potatoes for dear life. But this Jones has reverted to type alright, because now he never works. "Having the honor to be" is his strong suit in office hours, and it pursues him into private life, where he thinks himself some pumpkins, I tell you. To tell the truth, Jones is a bit of a toady, and his manners and temper are something fierce. I remember well the evening when George Carstairs, seated on our steps along with that bore David Mellow, who simply would not go home, scarified old Pollock of his Department. George always has the most apt and cutting things to say, wherever he gets them, and he said that Pollock reminded him of old Thingumbob that he had read about somewhere, who was "to his superiors a fawning sycophant, to all beneath him proud and arrogant, and with his equals surly, rude and impracticable." That sounded so fine and fitted Jones so well that I asked George to come into the house and write it down for me, which he did, and Mr. Mellow went home mad as a hornet. When we finished with this quotation and our talk about it, George said it was quite a bond of union having chiefs who were alike in their "bad eminence," and he

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