



money out of it; will the banks break, or the factory burn; have the stocks gone up, and will his money be doubled, or have they gone and left him poor; or,—all the endless complications attendant on great wealth,—will they ever give him rest? I was going to say, yes they will give him rest when he dies,—but no, he may not be sure about this either. Perhaps he has used dishonest methods to amass his fortune; and the image of certain poor, wretched, miserable, starving faces, possibly cold in death, may add to his cares, or form the substance of his troubled dreams.

Many are the anxieties and causes for worry that torment the very rich man. Among them are the manifold dangers of wealth. It is not necessary to mention more than a few of these. Human nature is weak at best, but especially so when surrounded by unhealthy conditions. Hence, when the children of millionaires find themselves in a position in which they can have almost all the money they want, for the mere asking, they are very liable to fall into every sort of excess; because, they have the means wherewith to procure all things that they desire. They are well-versed in the work of evil, and especially the scandals of modern times. They learn how to break the ties of domestic peace and harmony by watching the conduct of their superiors. They receive the training at home which is fitting them to commit afterwards their share of the Sins of Society.

Here we come to the great bane of this age, the so-called High Society, an institution distinctly peculiar to the wealthier class. The things done by members of this class have been so scandalous, in the past, that already a bad meaning is beginning to be attached to the word Society. One of the worst effects of this reign of the Smart Set is the divorce evil. It is the cause of untold misery, and well-nigh threatens the extinction of good society. Surely, happiness cannot reign where the family ties are broken, and where mutual distrust prevails. Can home be called home, where the husband, or the wife is not welcome? Will children bring happiness to parents, who are themselves divided? Not likely. Are those children not imitative by nature, and will they not follow the example set before them? You have only to consult experience to see. Oh, no! there cannot be peace at home. And where, then, if not at home? Certainly not in the club-room, nor in the gambling-den, nor at the race-track; for, all these mean trouble and anxiety, since they involve money losses, or gains. And, besides, they do not offer the consolation which the righteous man feels, when overtaken by cares and misfortunes. Many rich men live lives which are opposed to their consciences. Rarely do they make the