

THE COWARD'S SON

As a leper might watch for the dread signs of the scourge in his offspring, so John Pierce watched for the dawning of cowardice in his boy.

Yet the man had been lucky, for the secret of the craven timidity that blotted and blurred and stained his waking and sleeping consciousness was still his own.

Sometimes when, in the brooding night, those eyes had awakened him from sleep, he was glad to reflect, looking upon the tangle of brown hair that lay upon the white pillow beside his own, that she had never known this despicable side of him.

Then came the child, and his dread took on a new phase. To be a coward himself—and to know it—that was misfortune deep and terrible, but to perpetuate cowardice in the world—that was a crime.

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closed the door upon him. The child sobbed in an agony of terror, beating his fists upon the door until his mother let him in.

"You are too harsh with him, John," she protested. "He must not grow up a coward," he declared.

"But he is only a baby yet, John, and somebody has doubtless been scaring him with foolish tales. Look at him. He's such a little, little fellow."

"He has the same material in him now that he will have when he is a man," he retorted, and turned to his newspaper with a finality that closed the argument.

He was impatient of his wife's tenderness to himself that night, defending himself by this attitude against the accusation he was afraid he might meet in her gaze.

At nine years old the boy came home from school one evening with bruised and bloody face, and, crying, threw himself into his mother's arms.

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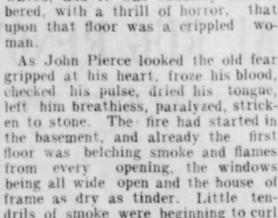
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