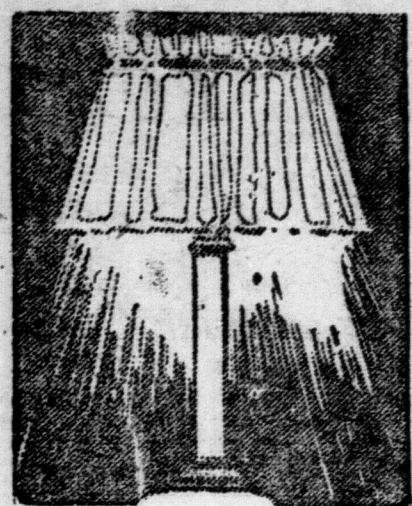
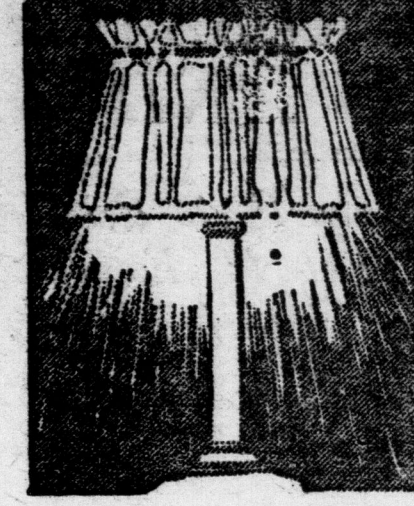




Lamp Light Stories for Winter Saturday Nights



A Wasted Day

BY RICHARD HARDING DAVIS.
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When it was his turn, the private secretary, somewhat apologetically, laid the letter in front of the wisest man in Wall Street.

"From Mrs. Austin, probation officer, Court of General Sessions," he explained. "Wants a letter about Spear. He's been convicted of theft. Comes up for sentence Tuesday."

"Spear?" repeated Arnold Thorndike. "Young fellow, stenographer, used to do your letters last summer going in and out on the train."

The great man nodded. "I remember. What about him?"

"Went on the loose; had with him about \$500 belonging to the firm; he's with Isaac & Sons, now, shoe people on Sixth avenue. Met a woman, and woke up without any money. The next morning he

offered to make good, but Isaac called in a policeman. When they looked into it, they found the boy had been drunk. They tried to withdraw the charge, but he'd been committed. Now, the probation officer is trying to get the judge to suspend sentence. A letter from you, sir, would—"

It was evident the mind of the great man was elsewhere. Young men who, drunk or sober, spent the firm's money on women who disappeared before sunrise, did not appeal to him.

"Spear had a letter from us when he left, didn't he?" he asked. "What he has developed into, since he left us—" he shrugged his shoulders. The secretary withdrew the letter, and stepped on to his place.

As his car slid downtown on Tuesday morning the mind of Arnold Thorndike was occupied with such details of daily routine as the purchase of a railroad, the Japanese loan, the new wing to his art gallery, and an attack that morning, in his own newspaper, upon his pet trust.

But his busy mind was not too occupied with the details of the traffic policeman who cleared the way for him. Or by some genius of memory, to recall the fact that it was on this morning young Spear was to be sentenced for theft.

It was characteristic of the great man to act quickly. "Stop at the Court of General Sessions," he commanded. What he proposed to do would take but a few minutes. A word, a personal word from him to the district attorney, or to the judge, would be enough.

Out of the sunshine Mr. Thorndike stepped into the gloom of an echoing rotunda. With a deprecatory laugh, he laughed good-naturedly and reached for the outburst of approbation he had anticipated did not follow.

The district attorney ran his finger briskly down a printed card. "Henry Spear," he exclaimed, "that's your man, Court III, Judge Fallon. Andrews is in that court." He walked to the door of his private office. "Andrews!" he called.

"Mr. Thorndike is interested in Henry Spear, coming up for sentence in Court III. Three this morning. Wants to speak for him. Take him over with you."

The district attorney shook hands quickly, and retreated to his private office. Mr. Andrews took out a cigarette and, as he crossed the floor, lit it.

"Come with me," he commanded. Mr. Andrews led him to an office, bare and small, and offered him a chair, and handed him a morning newspaper.

Mr. Thorndike refused the newspaper. "I thought I was going to see the judge," he suggested.

"Court doesn't open for a few minutes yet," said the assistant district attorney. "Judge is always late, anyway."

Mr. Thorndike suppressed an exclamation. He wanted to protest, but his clear mind showed him that there was nothing against which, with reason, he could protest. Next time he would send a clerk.

But he was not without a sense of humor, and the situation as it now was forced upon him struck him as amusing. He laughed good-naturedly and reached for the desk telephone.

"May I use this?" he asked. He spoke to the Wall Street office. He explained the situation, and a few minutes later, he directed what should be done if the market opened in a certain way. He gave rapid orders on many different matters, asked to have read to him a cablegram he expected from Petersburg, and one from Vienna.

"They answer each other," was his final instruction. "It looks like peace."

Mr. Andrews with genial patience had

remained silent. Now he turned upon his visitors. A Levantine, burly, unshaven, and soiled, towered truculently above him.

"You gotta hell of a nerve to come to see me," he commented cheerfully.

"Was it you," demanded young Andrews, in a puzzled tone, "or your brother who tried to knife me?"

"Get out!" said young Andrews, "and don't show your face here—"

The door slammed upon the flying Greek.

A kindly-eyed, sad woman with a basket on her knee smiled upon Andrews with the familiarity of an old acquaintance.

"Is that woman going to get a divorce from my son," she asked, "now that he's in trouble?"

"Now that he's in Sing Sing?" corrected Mr. Andrews. "I hope so! She

permitted to sit as an equal among policemen. No longer was he Arnold Thorndike. He was merely the man "with Mr. Andrews."

A court attendant beat with his palm upon the rail.

"Sit down," whispered Andrews. "The judge is coming."

Mr. Thorndike sat down.

The court attendant droned loudly words Mr. Thorndike could not distinguish. He saw a rustle of silk, and from a door behind him the judge stalked past.

"Stand up," he hissed. Mr. Thorndike stood up.

After the court attendant had uttered some unintelligible words, every one sat down; and the financier again moved hurriedly to the rail.

"I would like to speak to him now before he begins," he whispered. "I can't wait."

Mr. Andrews stared in amazement. The banker had not believed the young man could look so serious.

"Speak to him, now," he exclaimed. "You've got to wait till your man comes up. If you speak to the judge, now—"

The voice of Andrews faded away in horror.

Not knowing in what way he had offended, but convinced that it was only by the grace of Andrews he had escaped a dungeon Mr. Thorndike retreated to his armchair.

The clock on the wall showed him that, already, he had given to young Spear one hour and a quarter. The idea was preposterous. No one better than himself knew what time was really worth. In half an hour there was a board meeting; later he was to hold a post-mortem on a railroad; at every moment questions were being asked by telegraph, by cable, questions that involved the credit of individuals, of firms, of even the country. And the one man who could answer them was risking untold sums only that he might say a good word for an idle apprentice. Inside the railed inclosure a lawyer was reading a typewritten speech. He assured his honor that he must have more time to prepare his case. It was one of immense importance. The name of a most respectable business house was involved, and a sum of no less than \$200,000. The contrast struck Mr. Thorndike's sense of humor full in the center. Unknowingly, he laughed, and found himself as conspicuous as though he had appeared suddenly in his night clothes. The tipstaff beat upon the rail, the lawyer he had interrupted uttered an indignant exclamation, Andrews came hurriedly toward him, and the young judge slowly turned his head.

"Those persons," he said, "who cannot respect the dignity of this court will leave it." As he spoke, with his eyes fixed on those of Mr. Thorndike, the latter saw that the young judge had suddenly recognized him. But the fact of his identity did not cause the frown to relax

Man, "the court is open." At a door a tipstaff laid his hand roughly on the arm of Mr. Thorndike.

"That's all right, Joe," called young Mr. Andrews, "he's with me." They entered the court and passed down an aisle to a railed inclosure in which were high oak chairs. Again, in his effort to follow, Mr. Thorndike was halted, but the first tipstaff came to his rescue. "All right," he signaled, "he's with Mr. Andrews."

Mr. Andrews pointed to one of the oak chairs. "You sit there," he commanded. "It's reserved for members of the bar, but it's all right. You're with me."

Distinctly annoyed, slightly bewildered, the banker sank between the arms of a chair. He felt he had lost his individuality. Andrews had become his sponsor. Because of Andrews he was tolerated. Because Andrews had a pull, he was

or the rebuke to halt unuttered. In even, key tones, the judge continued: "And it is well they should remember that the law is no respecter of persons, and that the dignity of this court will be enforced, no matter who the offender may happen to be."

Andrews slipped into the chair beside Mr. Thorndike and grinned sympathetically.

"Sorry!" he whispered. "Should have warned you. We won't be long now," he added encouragingly. "As soon as this fellow finishes his argument, the judge'll take up the sentences. Your man seems to have other friends; Isaac & Sons are here, and the typewriter firm who taught him; but what you say will help most. It won't be more than a couple of hours now."

"A couple of hours!" Mr. Thorndike

of the law that is no excuse. Some men can drink and keep their senses. It appears you cannot. When you drink you are a menace to yourself—and, as is shown by this crime, to the community. Therefore, you must not drink. In view of the good character to which your friends have testified, and on the condition that you do not touch liquor, I will not sentence you to jail, but will place you in charge of the probation officer."

The judge leaned back in his chair and beckoned to Mr. Andrews. It was finished. Spear was free, and from different parts of the courtroom people were moving toward the door. Their numbers showed that the friends of the young man had been many. Mr. Thorndike felt a certain twinge of disappointment. Even though the result relieved and delighted him, he wished, in bringing it about, he had had some part.

He was moving out of the railed inclosure when Andrews called him by name.

"His honor," he said impressively, "wishes to speak to you."

"The law, Mr. Thorndike, is not vindictive," he said. "It wishes only to be just. Nor can it be swayed by wealth or political or social influences. But, when there is good in a man, I personally, want to know it, and when gentlemen like yourself, of your standing in this city, come here to speak a good word for a man, we would stultify the purpose of justice if we did not listen. I thank you for coming, and I wish more of our citizens were as unselfish and public spirited."

It was all quite absurd and most embarrassing, but inwardly Mr. Thorndike glowed with pleasure.

The chief clerk and two bank messengers were waiting by the automobile with written calls for help from the office. They pounced upon the banker and almost lifted him into the car.

"There's still time!" panted the chief clerk.

"There is not!" answered Mr. Thorndike. His tone was rebellious, defiant. It carried all the authority of a spoiled child of fortune. "I've wasted most of this day," he declared, "and I intend to waste the rest of it. Andrews," he called, "jump in, and I'll give you a lunch at Sherry's."

(The End.)

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