

EASY MONEY

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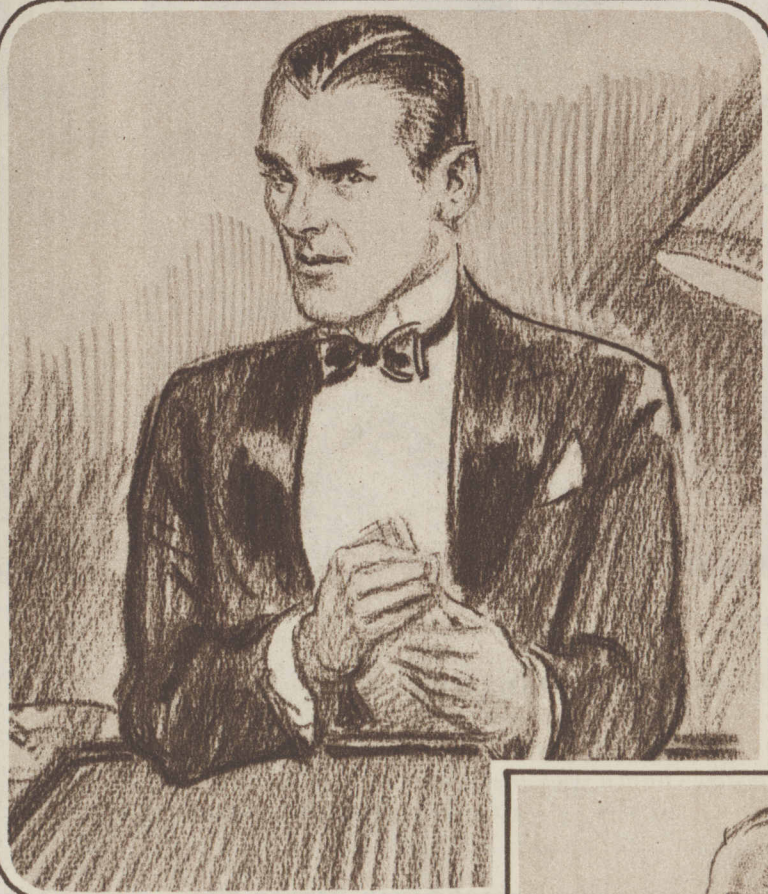


So many young people in this age of rush and hurry don't like to wait for anything. That's why many young fellows like to go right out and get money when they want it. Hence the stickup game. (This is Benny, the gangster, and his girl. Poor kid; her last winter's chinchilla is worn badly around the collar. O, well; pretty soon Benny will hold up a lot of chain grocery stores and then he can get her a new wrap so she won't look shabby.)



Banking pays remarkably well for the occasional official who ought to be watched and isn't. (This bank head is leaving for foreign shores accompanied by most of the bank capital.)

You hear a lot about money not being everything. However, it's just as well to have it before making sure that it isn't everything. That's the way many of our lovely young girls look at it today. And one splendid method of acquiring a few dollars easily and quickly is the heart balm suit. (This girl is suing a rich playboy friend for ninety grand, charging defamation of purpose and incompatibility on the ground that the defendant was married all the time she was trusting him implicitly. What is more, defendant took her to call on his wife and six children and she supposed all the time it was some one else's wife and children, etc., etc., which just goes to show you what the lawyers for and against are in for.)



And here's the bridge shark, who can always find a little easy money by way of a bridge game.



A beer racketeer is very, very adept at acquiring the so-called coin of the realm easily and fluently. And when he gets to be a big figure in public life, with millions in the bank, he will have lots of fun with the income tax adjusters.



This political big boy is thinking pleasant thoughts about rich office seekers, favors, and the like. There is an old Norse saying which runs "A little easy money now and then is relished by political henchmen," and, O, how true it is today.



Perhaps the simplest method of extracting money easily and painlessly from those who have it is to sell something that people simply must have. A girl with a little selling ability can always become a beautician and say, "O, modom, you will be astounded at the way your tired facial muscles and fatigued tissues are responding to my 'Desire d'Amour' skin rejuvenator. It is only \$10 a jar and your pores need it."



Some boys who are on the lookout for easy money marry it and then everything is velvet and roses. The ideal age for the groom is 25, and for the bride anything from 65 to 95, after which a lady becomes set in her ideas.

"Easy come, easy go," runs the old adage—but this does not often apply to the boys who inherit the dollars. The dollars usually stick to these boys closer than the well known bark on the tree. And the words "Can you lend me . . ." will all but bring on a heart attack.