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"DEAR COUSIN ALEX, I HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN TOWN AND WOULD BE PLEASED AND HONORED IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ME..."

HE SIGNS HIMSELF "RUFUS B. SMART, BY JOVE HE MAY BE A DISTANT COUSIN, BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM BEFORE"

EVER SINCE I BECAME THE OWNER OF A ROLL OF MONEY EVERY RELATIVE I EVER HAD HAS POPPED UP AND PATTED ME ON THE BACK. WELL, IF COUSIN RUFUS HAS DESIGNS ON MY GREEN BACKS, HE'S JUST OUT OF LUCK, THAT'S ALL!

WELL, WELL, COUSIN ALEX, HOW ARE YOU? I KNEW YOU AT SIGHT, YOU ARE THE LIVING IMAGE OF OLD UNCLE JOE.

SO YOU'RE RUFUS, EH?

YES I'M ONE OF THE SMARTVILLE SMARTS... WENT WEST IN THE LATE NINETIES, SETTLED ON A RANCH AND MADE SCADS OF MONEY OUT OF OIL.

YOU DON'T SAY!?

I'LL SAY I DID! ALEX, I'VE GOT MORE MONEY THAN ANY THREE MEN CAN EVER SPEND. I'VE GOT A RANCH HOUSE THAT WOULD COVER A CITY BLOCK. ... SAY, WHY DON'T YOU COME OUT AND VISIT ME?

BY JOVE, I'D LIKE TO DO THAT!

PARDON ME, MR. SMART, THE MAN HAS JUST DELIVERED THE NEW TOWN CAR. DO YOU WISH TO GIVE HIM A GRATUITY?

OH, YES TO BE SURE, JONES. ... THIS GENTLEMAN IS MY SECRETARY, COUSIN ALEX.

WHY, CONFOUND IT JONES, I HAVE NO MONEY WITH ME, YOU WILL GO TO THE BANK AT ONCE AND CASH A CHECK... THIS IS DASHED ANNOYING... I SAY, COUSIN ALEX, COULD YOU LET ME HAVE A HUNDRED?

SURE!

... AND NOW TO GET BACK TO OUR CONVERSATION BEFORE JONES INTERRUPTED US. AS I WAS SAYING, YOU'VE GOT TO COME OUT AND VISIT ME... I'LL TELL YOU WHAT... I'M LEAVING TONIGHT, MEET ME AT MY HOTEL AT SIX, AND WE'LL TRAVEL TOGETHER. YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT, ALEX... I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER!

O.K. RUFUS

HE WAS TO MEET ME HERE TWO HOURS AGO

WE HAVE HAD NO ONE OF THAT NAME REGISTERED HERE, AND I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE ANSWERING THAT DESCRIPTION

THE SWINDLER!!!

Elmer

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BY GEORGE, I GOTTA THINK UP A WAY TO SKIP SCHOOL TODAY... THEY'RE GONNA HAVE SOME HARD PROBLEMS AND I CAN'T DO 'EM

THERE! THAT OUGHTA DO THE TRICK!

CRIM-A-NEENTLES CAN YOU BEAT THAT? BUSTED MY SHOE STRING!

WELL, ELMER, YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER IN YOUR DRESSER DRAWER... HURRY AND GET IT, IT'S GETTING NEAR SCHOOL TIME

BY GEORGE, HERE'S THE LETTER SPECK WROTE ME WHEN HE WAS ON THAT CAMPIN' TRIP LAST SUMMER

GOOD LAND, ELMER, HAVEN'T YOU GOT THOSE SHOES ON YET?

YES, UM, ALL BUT ONE!

NOW GET A MOVE ON OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL

GEE-E WHIZ, MA, I FEEL TERRIBLE! I'M AWFUL SICK!

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MATTER? ... YOU WERE ALL RIGHT A FEW MINUTES AGO

I JUST FEEL WEAK, ... I GOTTA SIT DOWN SOME PLACE

MAYBE IT'S A TOUCH OF INDIGESTION... TAKE THIS GLASS OF SODA AND WATER AND YOU'LL FEEL BETTER

I DON'T WANTA TAKE ANYTHING FOR IT! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE FOR A COUPLA HOURS

OOH! OOH!! OOH!!!

WOT'S DE MATTAH, MIZ TUGGLE? DON'T ELMER FEEL WELL, DIS MAWNAW?

HE MIGHT THINK HE'S FEELING BAD NOW, BUT HE'S GOING TO FEEL WORSE IN A FEW MINUTES

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WOOD SHED E.T.

NOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF THAT LITTLE SCAMP? ... ELMER!

GANGWAY, YOU KIDS, I'M IN A HURRY!

TO SCHOOL

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