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# A Fool and His Money

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♦ **SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS**  
♦ **INSTALLMENTS.**  
♦ In the opening installments of  
♦ "A Fool and His Money," George  
♦ Barr McCutcheon's charming novel,  
♦ serial rights for which have been  
♦ specially obtained for the Home  
♦ and Farm Magazine Section, we  
♦ learn of John Bellamy Smart, the  
♦ young man who is telling the story.  
♦ He has just written his first novel,  
♦ and at the same time has fallen  
♦ heir to an immense fortune left  
♦ him by his uncle. He is 35 years  
♦ of age.  
♦ After a visit to London Smart  
♦ takes a trip on the river Danube.  
♦ After finding an old-world town,  
♦ he discovers an ancient castle,  
♦ which he purchases from its owner,  
♦ the Count. With his secretary,  
♦ Poopendyke, he takes possession of  
♦ the immense structure, which is  
♦ supposed to be tenanted only by  
♦ the caretaker and his family, the  
♦ Schmicks. To Smart's amazement,  
♦ the first night, he hears the cry  
♦ of a baby. The story continues:  
♦♦♦♦♦

(Continued From Last Week.)  
♦ **IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN, Mr.**  
♦ Smart, what could have induced  
♦ you to—?" He got no further  
♦ than this, and to my certain knowledge  
♦ this unfinished reproof was the nearest  
♦ he ever came to openly convicting  
♦ me of asininity.  
♦ "Make yourself at home, old fellow,"  
♦ said I in some haste. I felt sorry  
♦ for him. "We are going to be very  
♦ cosy here."  
♦ "Cosy!" murmured he, blinking as  
♦ he looked up, not at me, but at the  
♦ frowning walls that seemed to pene-  
♦ trate the sky.  
♦ "I haven't explored those upper re-  
♦ gions," I explained nervously, divining  
♦ his thoughts. "We shall do it together,  
♦ in a day or two."  
♦ "It looks as though it might fall  
♦ down if we jostled it carelessly," he  
♦ remarked, having recovered his breath.  
♦ "I am expecting masons at any min-  
♦ ute," said I, contemplating the un-  
♦ stable stone crest of the northeast tur-  
♦ ret with some uneasiness. My face  
♦ brightened suddenly. "The particular  
♦ section of the castle is uninhabitable,  
♦ I am told. It really doesn't matter if  
♦ it collapses. Ah, Britton! Here you  
♦ are, I see. Good morning."  
♦ Britton, a very exacting servant, look-  
♦ ed me over critically.  
♦ "Your coat and trousers need press-  
♦ ing, sir," said he. "And where am  
♦ I to get the hot water for shaving,  
♦ sir?"  
♦ "Frau Schmick will supply anything  
♦ you need, Britton," said I, happy on  
♦ being able to give the information.  
♦ "It is not I as needs it, sir," said  
♦ he, feeling of his smoothly shaven chin.  
♦ "Come in and have a look about the  
♦ place," said I, with a magnificent  
♦ sweep of my arm to counteract the feel-  
♦ ing of utter insignificance I was ex-  
♦ perienicing at the moment. I could see  
♦ that my faithful retinue held me in se-  
♦ cret but polite disdain.  
♦ A day or two later the castle was  
♦ swarming with workmen; the banging  
♦ of hammers, the rasp of saws, the spat-  
♦ tering of mortar, the crashing of stone  
♦ and the fumes of charcoal crucibles ex-  
♦ tended to the remotest recesses; the  
♦ tower of Babel was being reconstructed  
♦ in the language of six or eight na-  
♦ tions, and everybody was happy. I had  
♦ no idea there were so many tinsmiths  
♦ in the world. Every artisan in the  
♦ town across the river seems to have  
♦ felt it his duty to come over and help  
♦ the men from Linz in the enterprise.  
♦ There were so many of them that they  
♦ were constantly getting in each other's  
♦ way and quarrelling over matters of  
♦ jurisdiction with even more spirit than  
♦ we might expect to encounter among  
♦ the labor unions at home.  
♦ Poopendyke, in great distress of  
♦ mind, notified me on the fourth day  
♦ of rehabilitation that the cost of labor  
♦ as well as living had gone up appre-  
♦ ciably since our installation. In fact,  
♦ it had doubled. He paid all of my

bills, so I suppose he knew what he  
♦ was talking about.  
♦ "You will be surprised to know, Mr.  
♦ Smart," he said, consulting his sheets,  
♦ "that scrub-women are getting more  
♦ here than they do in New York City,  
♦ and I am convinced that there are more  
♦ scrub-women. Today we had thirty new  
♦ ones scrubbing the loggia on the gun-  
♦ room floor, and they all seem to have  
♦ apprentices working under them. The  
♦ carpenters and plasterers were not so  
♦ numerous today. I paid them off last  
♦ night, you see. It may interest you to  
♦ hear that their wages for three days  
♦ amounted to nearly seven hundred dol-  
♦ lars in our money, to say nothing of  
♦ materials—and breakage."  
♦ "Breakage?" I exclaimed in sur-  
♦ prise.  
♦ "Yes, sir, breakage. They break  
♦ nearly as much as they mend. We'll—  
♦ we'll go bankrupt, sir, if we're not  
♦ careful."  
♦ I liked his pronoun. "Never mind,"  
♦ I said, "we'll soon be rid of them."  
♦ "They've got it in their heads, sir,  
♦ that it will take at least a year to  
♦ finish the—"  
♦ "You tell the foremen that if this  
♦ job isn't finished to our satisfaction by  
♦ the end of the month, I'll fire all of  
♦ them," said I, wrathfully.  
♦ "That's less than three weeks off,  
♦ Mr. Smart. They don't seem to be  
♦ making much headway."  
♦ "Well, you tell 'em, just the same."  
♦ And that is how I dismissed it. "Tell  
♦ 'em we've got to go to work our-  
♦ selves."  
♦ "By the way, old man Schmick and  
♦ his family haven't been paid for near-  
♦ ly two years. They have put in a claim.  
♦ The late owner assured them they'd get  
♦ their money from the next—"  
♦ "Discharge them at once," said I.  
♦ "We can't get on without them,"  
♦ protested he. "They know the ropes,  
♦ so to speak, and, what's more to the  
♦ point, they know all the keys. Yester-  
♦ day I was nearly two hours in get-  
♦ ting to the kitchen for a conference  
♦ with Mrs. Schmick about the market-  
♦ men. In the first place, I couldn't find  
♦ the way, and in the second place all the  
♦ doors are locked."  
♦ "Please send Herr Schmick to me  
♦ in the—in the—" I couldn't recall the  
♦ name of the administration chamber at  
♦ the head of the grand staircase, so I  
♦ was compelled to say: "I'll see him  
♦ here."  
♦ "If we lose them we also are lost,"  
♦ was his sententious declaration. I be-  
♦ lieved him.  
♦ On the fifth day of our occupancy,  
♦ Britton reported to me that he had de-  
♦ vised a plan by which we could utilize  
♦ the tremendous horse-power represented  
♦ by the muscles of those lazy giants,  
♦ Rudolph and Max. He suggested that  
♦ we rig up a huge windlass at the top  
♦ of the incline, with stout steel cables  
♦ attached to a small car which could be  
♦ hauled up the cliff by a hitherto wasted  
♦ human energy, and as readily lowered.  
♦ It sounded feasible and I instructed  
♦ him to have the extraordinary railway  
♦ built, but to be sure that the safety de-  
♦ vice clutches in the cog wheels were  
♦ sound and trusty. It would prove to  
♦ be an infinitely more graceful mode of  
♦ ascending the peak than riding up on  
♦ the donkeys I had been persuaded to  
♦ buy, especially for Poopendyke and me,  
♦ whose legs were so long that when we  
♦ sat in the saddles our knees touched  
♦ our chins or were spread out so far  
♦ that we resembled the Prussian coat-of-  
♦ arms.  
♦ That evening, after the workmen had  
♦ filed down the steep, looking for all  
♦ the world like an evacuating army, I  
♦ sought a few minutes of peace and quiet  
♦ in the small balcony outside my bed-  
♦ room windows. My room was in the  
♦ western wing of the castle, facing the  
♦ river. The eastern wing mounted even  
♦ higher than the one in which we were  
♦ living, and was topped by the loftiest  
♦ watch tower of them all. We had not  
♦ attempted to do any work in that sec-  
♦ tion as yet, for the simple reason that  
♦ Herr Schmick couldn't find the keys to  
♦ the doors.  
♦ The sun was disappearing beyond the  
♦ highlands and a cool, soft breeze swept  
♦ up through the valley. I leaned back  
♦ in a comfortable chair that Britton had

selected for me, and puffed at my pipe,  
♦ not quite sure that my serenity was  
♦ real or assumed. This was all costing  
♦ me a pretty penny. Was I, after all,  
♦ parting with my money in the way pre-  
♦ scribed for fools? Was all this splendid  
♦ antiquity worth the—  
♦ My reflections terminated sharply at  
♦ that critical instant and I don't be-  
♦ lieve I ever felt called upon after that  
♦ to complete the inquiry.  
♦ I found myself staring as if stupi-  
♦ fied at the white figure of a woman  
♦ who stood in the topmost balcony of  
♦ the eastern wing, fully revealed by the  
♦ last glow of the sun and apparently as  
♦ deep in dreams as I had been the in-  
♦ stant before.  
♦ For ten minutes a stood there star-  
♦ ing up at her, completely bewildered  
♦ and not a little shaken. My first  
♦ thought had been of ghosts, but it  
♦ was almost instantly dispelled by a  
♦ significant action on the part of the  
♦ suspected wraith. She turned to whistle  
♦ over her shoulder, and to snap her fin-  
♦ gers peremptorily, and then she stooped  
♦ and picked up a rather lusty chow dog  
♦ which promptly barked at me across the  
♦ intervening space, having discovered me  
♦ almost at once although I was many  
♦ rods away and quite snugly ensconced  
♦ among the shadows. The lady in white  
♦ uzzled him with her hand and I could  
♦ almost imagine I heard her reproving  
♦ whispers. After a few minutes, she ap-  
♦ parently forgot the dog and lifted her  
♦ hand to adjust something in her hair.  
♦ He again barked at me, quite ferocious-  
♦ ly for a chow. This time it was quite  
♦ plain to her that he was not barking  
♦ at the now shadowy moon. She peered  
♦ over the stone balustrade and an in-  
♦ stant later disappeared from view  
♦ through the high, narrow window.  
♦ Vastly exercised, I set out in quest of

Herr Schmick, martialing Poopendyke  
♦ as I went along, realizing that I would  
♦ have to depend on his German, which  
♦ was less halting than mine and there-  
♦ fore, more likely to dovetail with that  
♦ of the Schmicks, neither of whom spoke  
♦ German because they loved it but be-  
♦ cause they had to—being Austrians.  
♦ (To Be Continued.)  
  
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