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Soaphead Church Curia

~~3 mitches~~

Contrary to what you may have heard, cats do not have nine lives.

We have three. The first life we use to do typically catty things: play with balls of yarn, tip over saucers of milk - lose our mittens. That sort of thing. Then somebody skins us or runs over us, and we emerge into our second life mysterious, oriental, sleek. (This is when we start staying out at night) we repel some ('oh, I hate cats) and dominate others. During this second life we are ^{inward} Feline. From that existence we ~~are~~ go the third. (The one I am in now) during which we sleep, yawn, rub our backs on table & human legs and sleep. It is then that we throw up our backs at strangers. ^{By suggesting} ~~Extending~~ the widespread notion that we "sense" evil.

Sapphire Church.

"~~Like~~ I was saying, I had a red sign in the window with black lettering ^{BOLD-PRESUMPTIVE} ~~this~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{men} is bout had it. I been in it a long time now. and don't nobody come around but ^{them} ~~old~~ ^{widows} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~laurens~~ with ^{traps} to squeeze ^{out some} ~~life~~ ^{juice} one more time for they die. I remember of an evening there'd be people standing on the porch - in line. ADVICE-HEALTH MONEY + LOVE CAN BE YOURS I TELL ALL!! Signed

A really splendid piece of work. ^{BELL} ABDUL RAHAMANA. A RIGHT GOOD LOOKER, TOO. ~~Not~~ ^{some} ^{swotty} ^{kid's} NOT BRIGHT RED LIKE A FIRE ENGINE, But a ~~heavy~~ DARK MYSTERIOUS RED. An occult RED-luxurious but serious, too. ~~Everything~~ ^{was} ~~mysterious~~.

~~Two~~ ^{Two} ~~copies~~ ^{copies} was On each side a ~~half~~ ^{half} ~~naked~~ ^{naked} girl peered ~~peering~~ ^{peering} into a glass bath.

A Really lovely display, all in all. I had smaller ones to pass out about the neighborhood. And I can remember of an evening when there would be a half dozen waiting on the porch. I would take a twenty minute rest between each interview.

~~Are you less interested in~~

You are perhaps less interested in
my past fortune and curious
about my present circumstances.

I see no recourse but to admit
that P. Chalmers, ~~whetstone~~ ~~whetstone~~ Church, ~~San~~

~~would be~~ is a far remove from

his dear father's noble aspirations
A man of quality, him, ^{because he was} educated

by Anglican missionaries ~~on a~~

~~verdant~~ ^{he} ~~island~~ determined to

repay ^{them} by ~~dedicating~~ ^{directing} his first born
into the ministry. His first born

was to be an orphan priest

bringing ^{the British} God to the natives of
that innocent island. I, of course,

was his first born. Alth would

have gone as Papa wished, but,

unfortunately, ~~it was~~ Some ~~three~~ ^{four}
months before ~~ordination~~ I was to

be ordained. I had a personal
but brief interview with God.

~~and we both knew~~ Upon parting

~~it would be of no~~ that my
~~contribution to the cause would~~

~~be of~~ we understood, God & I,

that we both had been grossly

misunderstood.

Well, when a young lad
~~finds~~ trained for the church
finds himself unfit for that
profession and ^{knows} doesn't
he does the natural thing.
go home.

~~He~~ forsaken his god and his
~~parents~~ home, he naturally turns
his talents to the lesser of either
of those

~~He~~ ^{leaving} his God ~~where else~~
must he turn turns to women.
(Not exactly
the antithesis of godliness, I might
add) But I could never
worship any thing I completely
understood. So the only thing
to do was to make them worship
me. Obviously the ~~talent~~ ability
to forecast the future would
outlast any other talents I had.
But would not preclude ~~the~~ ^{their} use.
~~of others~~

My life was an interesting one
and even, in spots, profitable.

Now I live in this ~~little~~
~~piece~~ novel - frightening children
on harassing men - ~~But~~ And
only very seldom delighting the
ladies. do I delight or even
terrify the ladies

But don't be misled by the
meanness of my circumstances.

I am not a reprobate, after all.

True, my diet is limited and my
wardrobe has suffered. But

I think it important that you

know - my linen is ~~also~~

immaculate. Perhaps you

are thinking less of my physical
degradation & more of my

spiritual? - Ah! You are

wrong ^{in the perception of my profession} there too. You think
because I have fondled those

soft and sagging breasts ~~or~~
~~touching~~ ~~soft~~ ~~that~~ ~~are~~ ~~perhaps~~ ~~a~~ ~~fraud,~~
that I am perhaps a fraud,
a fake? Not in the least.

~~I~~ most I have the gift, you
know. I am clairvoyant. Not
about A.H. that war stuff. But,
do you know, I mean really. When

I put my mind to it, I can look
into another's eyes & some ~~the~~ ^{other} ~~vision~~
vision or idea does ~~pop up~~ ^{pop up} very
often as a matter of fact:

~~But what~~ ^{And what} ~~if I didn't have~~
the gift. ^{Suppose I don't always see something}
I've helped a number
of people in other ways. ~~I~~
~~have done what the New Deal~~
~~cannot do. What Christ would~~
~~not do:~~ I give them their
heart's ^{own} desire. ~~at~~

~~Last New Moon I gave a~~
~~lady~~ Why it this morning
this very morning that I
gave a young girl a pair of
blue eyes

