

Army & Navy Club,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Walsh,

Surely you must have had a quarrel with your boss before you wrote that letter, and were rudely reminded of your subordinacy. However, you are right, and I hope you'll succeed better than I have done in saving without starving to do it. I can't say, though, that I have ever felt the chain. That, probably, is the reason that I never strove to free myself from it. My own experience seems to say that the "wage-slave" is a slave because nature cut him out for one.

I was in your town last month, but was so tangled up with engagements that I found no chance to see you.

With best regards to Mrs. Walsh and Claire, I am sincerely yours,
Ambrose Bierce.

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