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"Ob cou'se dere am all sohts ob doctahs," Hilary explained.

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### I

**W**HEN CALENDAR BED-FORD reached the age of sixty, it was published widely that he had retired from business; he had done more than that—he had quit. His was not the usual case of a year of tiresome globe trotting followed by a summer consecrated to golf, then into the harness again. He had something to do.

Here and there may be found a man who knows how to round out his life ripely, maturely, as October rather than December should complete the year. Bedford had discovered that the City of Leisure is more absorbing than the City of Industry, if one but knows the game. It was all simple enough: most of the so-called "classes" of society might be found within walking distance of