

Unseen Enemy

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Intertitle: "The deceased doctor's orphans tearfully view their father's empty chair."

The two daughters sit, sadly, at home in a back room. The maid comes in to comfort them. In the next room, as she cleans, she discovers a hole in the wall that has been covered up.

Their brother arrives on his bicycle and shows his two sisters the money he has in his wallet.

Intertitle: "Their brother having disposed of a portion of the small estate and it being after banking hours, places the money in the safe."

The maid, from the back room, witnesses the three siblings place the money into the safe. Once the three have left the house, she tries opening the safe before making a telephone call.

Outside, the brother cycles away as a young man approaches the two sisters.

Intertitle: "To get help, the slattern maid renews an old acquaintance."

The maid speaks to her friend, resident of a boarding house.

Intertitle: "The younger sister's boyish sweetheart about to leave for college."

The young man and younger sister wander off. He tries to kiss her, but she is having none of it. The two sisters leave. The young man is dispirited.

The maid's friend leaves the boarding house.

The two sisters re-enter the house. The maid locks them in the back room. The sisters hear the maid calling for her friend, who enters the house through a window.

Intertitle: "At his office some distance away."

The brother arrives on his bicycle. He gives a note to his colleague, then leaves the office.

The older sister telephones the brother at his office. The colleague answers.

The maid stands guard with a gun as her friend tries to open the safe.

The brother's colleague and the older sister speak on the phone.

Intertitle: "They silence the children while they work."

The maid sticks the gun through the hole in the wall, and the older sister immediately hangs up. The colleague runs out of the office to find the brother.

The two sisters, terrified, huddle together in the back room.

The maid takes a swig of something while her friend works on the safe.

The colleague finds the brother outside and brings him to the phone. The older sister sneaks past the gun that is sticking out of the hole in the wall, and speaks to him on the telephone.

Intertitle: "The drink has its effect."

The sister explains to the brother what is happening.
The maid fires two shots into the room, which are heard by the brother. He and the colleague rush out of the office and find a car. They explain the situation to the owner, and everyone drives off to save the sisters.
The maid and her friend continue to work opening the safe.
The brother and his colleague drive to the house.
The two sisters are cowering in the back room.
The brother and his colleague, en route in the car, are delayed.
The younger sister tries to grab the gun, but faints.
Outside, the young man approaches the house and through a window sees the two sisters in the back room. He climbs through and carries them both out.
The safe is blown open.
The brother and his colleague arrive.
The maid and her friend exit the house and are seized. The brother retrieves the stolen money.
Outside the house, the brother encourages the younger sister to give the young man a kiss.