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"Writing about Muncie IS a hell of a job, and about all I can say is 'your blood be on your own head."

GEO. R. DALE (to R.S.Lynd)

"Double, double toil and trouble,
Fire, burn; and, caldron, bubble."

MACBETH

Act IV. Scene I.

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