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children stayed with the mother. Apparently the home was thoroughly disorganized. The mother would send Eva to the father for money. He was supposed to pay \$44 a week for the other children during part of the separation. He would generally give her \$20. She says that frequently when her parents went out to work, she would pretend to go to school but would stay home. The patient was put into several foster homes, one of them a farm at Woodstock, Illinois.

Patient says his mother had red hair, was rather plump. "She was always very apologetic, always had an inferiority complex because she couldn't talk English. She was a good mother, she was wholesome. She would take care of us kids with the little that she had." Patient says he thinks he was her favorite because of the fact that one day he found a dollar in a butcher shop and brought it to her. He says he does not know whether she could read or write Yiddish. He was quite affected by her death. "I said to myself that I didn't want to ever forget her passing, what she meant to me. That was the first experience with death in the family."

Siblings:

1. Hyman Rubenstein, sixty-one, is single and lives in Chicago. He is the distributor for Floral Supplies. "He tried to be the big brother, he was very strict with me. He was raised in a boys' home and went far in school, even to law school. He seemed like a stranger. He's nervous and high-strung and suspicious. We had a stigma in our life, a very unhappy home, we were all insecure. He had drunk a good deal at one time, more than any of the rest of us. He's got quite a temper, he'll argue and sometimes he'll fight."

2. Anna Volpert, fifty-nine, is a widow. Her husband was a salesman. She has one son. Patient says, "She's a tremendous character, very loyal. There was a Chicago doctor who was in love with her but she couldn't see him. She was very beautiful. She works in a department store." Patient says in recent years he has been sending her money because he doesn't think a person in her stage of life should have to worry too much about finances.

3. Marian Carroll, fifty-seven, is divorced. She is said to have kept the family together. "She's not good-looking, she's so emotional. We never showed our gratitude to her, we took her for granted. We felt close but she is more inclined to love us than we are to love her. She worked for the government for more than twenty years."

4. Eva L. Grant, fifty-four, has been twice divorced. She has one son who is living in the far West. She is described as "temperamental and belligerent. I have been close to her, not that I wanted to be. Wherever I went I couldn't shake her. I had a little problem with her recently, I had to slap her. She is infatuated with the Vegas Club that she has been running for me for four or five years. She thought I wanted to get rid of it and we lost the good band indirectly through her. I got very belligerent with her. Once I was driving and had one of my other sisters and her two children in the car too, and Eva insisted that I knew someone that I knew I did not ever know, but she kept on saying it. I got so excited I swerved the car. That was four or five months ago. A woman can do that. I wanted to drop the subject. My other sister got so upset she went back home with her children. I was sorry after I done it." D2