

THE BLUE BUCKLE

A BAFFLING MYSTERY AND BREATHLESS TALE OF ADVENTURE

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SYNOPSIS

On board a ship returning from Europe, Craig Rutherford falls in love with a woman, Mrs. Talcott, who is troubled by something. Her help, and second most of the time, she is troubled by something. Her help, and second most of the time, she is troubled by something.

"Place is full of lawyers!" Monty whistled hoarsely. Rutherford laughed. It was great to be at home again and get real American humor served up solemnly by the irrepressible Monty Brookfield.

"Scared you just about like it did me!" chaffed Brookfield, who had noticed his start of surprise. "Who's property is that?" demanded Crowder.

CHAPTER VII—(Continued). "Stay where you are!" the holder of the weapon commanded. She halted, gazing despairingly at her goal but two short feet away.

"You are away off!" cried Craig. "For a budding district attorney, I never saw one so obtuse! Nevertheless, it will give me a relief to confide in some one—yourself."

"Why? According to your own story, the diamonds have been smuggled in—and I happen to have been given this particular case this morning?" "Then you know where they came from—where they are?" asked Rutherford eagerly.

"Coming! Coming!" the great voice shouted. "Hurry up, you cowards! We've got you this time!" "Trapped! Trapped like rats! Caught like rats in a trap!" another voice shouted in triumph.

"I believe I asked you while ago where you stole it?" he observed. "It was washed on me!" Craig retorted. "It was the result of the whimsical humor of his friend."

"I have already heard his story," replied Brookfield, "and I sent for you because I think there is a big case behind it. Mr. Rutherford has been made the means of getting this necklace through the customs; that much is evident. Now, if you can find the real culprit, I believe you will unearth a plot so big that the present bit of clever work will pale into insignificance."

Rutherford had followed them to the head of the stairs, but saw no need of further action, now that they were gone. He looked around the hall for the rescuing party; but neither sight nor sound of human being met his gaze, after the front door slammed.

"I'll fix it," replied Monty, once more the prompt man of action. He rose and hurried over to a telephone booth. In less than half an hour after he rejoined his friend, a girl, a businesslike man presented himself. Being Brookfield engaged in a conference, he was about to draw back discreetly when the attorney motioned him forward.

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WOODEN LEGS FOR SERVIANS Red Cross Division of Emergency Aid Will Devote \$1000. Legless Servian soldiers will be supplied with wooden legs purchased from funds of the Red Cross division of the Emergency Aid Committee. One thousand dollars have been voted for the purpose. An equal sum will be given for the purchase of chloroform and iodine for the Servian wounded. It was decided at a meeting of the Red Cross division yesterday to expend these sums.

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