

THE BLUE BUCKLE

A BAFFLING MYSTERY AND BREATHLESS TALE OF ADVENTURE

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On board a transatlantic liner, returning from Europe, Craig Rutherford falls in love with a girl named Miss Ballantyne. She seems to be troubled by something, but she will not tell him. She is on a mission, and she will not tell him. She is on a mission, and she will not tell him. She is on a mission, and she will not tell him. She is on a mission, and she will not tell him.

CHAPTER XIX (Continued)

Miss Ballantyne wondered how the boy could know who she was so quickly, and if it were customary in large offices like this to tell an office boy so accurately what she was doing. In a moment he was expected. In a moment he was expected. In a moment he was expected.

THE FORGED NOTE

The slow days of convalescence were naturally tedious ones to Craig Rutherford, active in body and mind as he normally was. However, he schooled his soul to patience, being aided thereby by the repeated warnings of his physician, that every care must be exercised at present to prevent a recurrence of his old ailment.

GOES TO FLORIDA

Helderman, the financier, off for a needed rest. J. Baron Helderman, that enterprising New York financier, goes to Florida, to have him driven to it by fatigue. "I'm dog-tired," he said "yesterday when the reporter found him in a 5th avenue store buying a new white yachting cap."

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"There, Miss Ballantyne, are the symbols on the second blue buckle," he said. "And take heart again! One buckle is valued without the other, at the place where they are to be presented. You still have the other?"

her, and whom Craig had repeatedly seen! It was gone forever! Leclere and Cowen looked at each other in undisguised alarm. Heads of perspiration stood on the Canadian's forehead, as he thought of what he had inadvertently done.

work in it. That's my style!" The last sentence was addressed to the salesman in reference to the cap, but it fit the eccentric financier's way of doing things. As for the cap—he bought it; and unquestionably it was his style—and fit.

Before Rutherford had ceased to ponder over this item he picked up another paper, the columns of which were more financial in character, and giving importance only to news that affected business, directly or indirectly. Here he again encountered the name of Helderman.

"Oh, if I only could be of service to you, I should be glad! But you will not see this—your formal American! And this time you give me credit for kindness I do not deserve. Who told you that I telephoned in your behalf?"

"No one," he answered, frankly. "I was informed at first that it was another person."
"Miss Ballantyne?" she interrupted, quickly. "That might well apply to me, for I am indeed Miss Ballantyne. But the one of whom you speak is the pretended Miss Ballantyne—or, rather, Miss Ballantyne, the pretender."

"Just what do you mean, Miss Arany?" asked Rutherford coolly. "Of course you are not Miss Ballantyne."
"Of course I am Miss Ballantyne," she retorted defiantly. "I am Miss Ballantyne, the daughter of the woman with whom Geoffrey Ballantyne was in love. I am the rightful heir to his fortune; and this Miss Ballantyne, alias Talcott, who is trying to rob me, has not the least claim. She's an impostor."

"Look!" she said, holding out to him a mass of papers. "Surely you will trust your own eyes! These will establish my claim, and forever quiet the false pretensions of the girl who poses as Miss Ballantyne—even duplicates her costume!"

"Miss Arany," he said quietly, "I saw some of these papers in the possession of another person, I believe they apply to her, and belong to her."
"I know you do. You have faith in the pretended Miss Ballantyne—such faith that you have moved her once overboard the testimony of your own eyes?"

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