

# The Square Envelope

### A Valentine That Came on the Wings of the Wind

By HOWARD FIELDING

The eve of St. Valentine's came early an hour or more. At 4 o'clock the eets were dim with shadows flying long under the scurrying clouds that hazed the tops of the houses, and all windows were alight. It was a sture of a rainstorm without rain, ot a drop had fallen.

Among the tall buildings the wind ped in gusts with breathless calm. Hats were skipping merrily every direction, but the worst place as the edge of the new triangular yscaper, the Anderson building.

From the leeward side of this strucre came forth Mr. Reginald Forrester, very carefully dressed, as usual, t in a quiet style befitting the exme modesty of his disposition.

He carried some legal documents rather osily in his hand with a rubber band ound them, and he might have borne lighted candle without its being exgusted, for there was no more wind ere he walked than in a closed room.

He passed the edge of the building, d in an instant his hat was snatchd from his head and the papers from s hand. The hat struck an urchin, o reeled at the blow; the documents ere pasted upon the broad back of a ickman.

At the same moment a young woman s propelled against Forrester's oulder with considerable violence d caromed fortunately into the lee the building, where she stood pantg. Forrester turned to beg the young y's pardon, but she was winking the st from her eyes and did not see m.

The policeman reached a fat hand ound and pulled the papers from his ck as if they had been a plaster, d the urchin recovered Forrester's t and also a large square envelope.

"This isn't mine," said Forrester, th the envelope in his hand.

"Tain't mine, that's sure," said the y, accepting a coin and promptly nishing upon the wings of the gale.

Forrester stepped back into shelter d glanced at the envelope, which s addressed to Mr. William E. Langn, n in a script distinctly feminine, e writing of a cultivated woman, e inference was easy that the inclore was a valentine.

The human mind under proper onditions is a marvelously rapid machine. Within a few seconds there passed rough Forrester's field of consciouses a series of memories covering a usiderable period, a number of septe inferences, including a judgment character, and upon the top of this argument as to a very delicate queson of conduct. He knew William E. ngdon. The address upon the enlope fixed the identification beyond ight. As a lawyer he had had corin dealings with Langdon and had elined to have any more. Upon this ue he had broken off a partnership, s former associate persisting in conuing as Langdon's legal adviser.

Forrester knew the man to be not only promoter of dishonest corporations, trikster and a swindler, but one ose fate was sure, his exposure only matter of time, his punishment not o evaded except by successful flight. reover, Langdon was a creature of y moral standard all the way ough, a college bred crook, the "genmanly" villain of the stage.

It seemed probable that this enveloed had been dropped by the young woman ho still stood in the lee of the bulidg. If any one else had let it fall that dividual would have been visibly enged in searching for it, but the girl d something in her eye and was givg all her attention to that.

She was very pretty, and the charm youth and innocence was declared every line of her. The indefinable auty of maidenhood, the despair of the poets, glorified and made her ered, and the thought of her sending token of affection or even of remeance to such a man as Billy Langdon s a proper subject for the tears of eels. There was nothing obtrusively gic about young Mr. Forrester, but ill ask you to believe that he was honest man and a respecter of w and one that held himself to very ict account.

But what could he do? The girl s a stranger to him. He had never en her before, and it was highly obable that the scheme of destiny d not include another meeting beeen them in this world. There was recklessness of fate in the way they ad been hurled together, a seeming ilions indifference. Whatever chance ay be, it is certainly not a gentlean and has no chance of disclosing self in the opposite character. Yet s many rude folk in the world, it is ten the instrument of good. How did it be made so in the present inance?

Forrester could not scrape acquaintace with the girl for the purpose of iving her that Langdon was a rascal, ut there must be some proper way of ompensating the same end. He must d it, and time pressed.

The girl's eyes were free of dust by e. She turned toward the window d adjust her hat by the reflection. rrester drew his card and a pencil n his pocket and wrote hastily, "g you to give my card to whomever u trust most fully and ask him to call on me."

He approached the girl and made his salutation, offering the envelope. "Oh, yes," said she. "I dropped it. Thank you very much."

"Will you accept this also?" said he, and gave her the card.

The act had much the appearance of an attempt to make her acquaintance, and she was startled for an instant, but his manner reassured her. She read what he had written, at a glance, and looked up at him, surprised.

"I am very much in earnest," said he. "I regard it as important."

She inclined her head, and he felt that she meant him to understand the scarcely perceptible movement as a promise. He raised his hat again and turned away.

During the evening he gave much thought to the problem which had arisen, or at least seemed to have arisen, from this adventure. There could be little doubt that the girl's father or some other male relative would appear at Forrester's office on the following day. The strangeness of the request would be enough to assure compliance. What should he say about Langdon? If the male relative appeared to be intelligent and a person of character, it might be sufficient to suggest an investigation of Mr. Langdon, promising to assist therein, should that prove necessary.

These and many other questions occupied Forrester's mind as he consumed cigars before the sea coal fire in his study.

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masculine to be a maid, too unfriendly to be a nun.

"Well, sir," said she, and from the hall behind her came a half suppressed giggling, very dreadful to the nerves.

This must be a girls' school. The giggling was hardly mature enough to appertain to a young ladies' seminary.

"Will you give my card," said he, "to the young lady who just came in?" "Miss Berkeley?"

"Yes."

The female butler eyed him with cold suspicion. She led Forrester to a small reception room, where a woman wearing spectacles sat at a desk, seemingly oblivious of his existence. But there were other persons near at hand who were deeply interested in him.

Girls passed through the hall and stole rapid glances at him where he sat in a hard chair near the door. Some of them were lurking on the other side of the partition, and he could hear them whisper.

"That ain't him—I mean he," said one. "This one is too tall."

"Mr. Langdon's tall," said another. "I saw him once with her at the gate of her aunt's house. That's where he calls on her."

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