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CHAPTER II. The Stiletto Message.

"ONE" Remington gazed the word involuntarily almost without knowing that he had spoken.

"I'll search the grounds," cried the young man, dashing down stairs and stopping only long enough to step into his own room and seize a watchman's electric dark lantern tube.

The slight rain made the grounds just damp enough to plainly register any footprints, but on the wet surface Remington found nothing but the marks of his own feet.

For the second time that hour Remington felt the chill wriggle his scalp, but in an instant his natural courage rebounded, and under a pretense of raising his hands he swung the light toward the man who was pressing the revolver against him.

The glimmer sparkled on the silver of a police shield pinned to the rubber coat of an officer. The private secretary drew a relieved breath.

"What's the matter?" he asked. "What are you going around here with that gun at this time of night?" demanded the limb of the law, lowering his weapon which he had thrust through an opening in the iron fence.

"I belong here, I'm Mr. Blake's private secretary," said Remington, looking something that dropped into the yard from above," said Remington quickly. "Have you anything to prove it by?" asked the cop, undecided.

Remington produced a few letters and cards which established his identity and flashed the light on them. The policeman studied them in the ponderous fashion of his kind and finally he grunted.

"Guess there are all right. You looked mighty suspicious, making a racket with that dark lantern, but you seem to have the goods here. Where's Mr. Blake's?"

"He's out to-night."

"Isn't there anyone in the house who will speak for you?"

"No. They're all out to-night, apparently. Is there any other?" corrected Remington, under a pretense of ally. Then he added hoarsely: "What's wrong with you, anyway? Is it customary for cops to interfere with every man who comes out in his own yard after dark?"

He terminated the interview by stalking with exaggerated hauteur up the steps and into the house. As he entered he looked around and saw the vigilant and suspicious cop still watching him from a point he had moved to a few doors down the street.

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