Does Your Writing Reveal Your Future?

WHAT RAPHAEL SCHERMANN DOES AND HOW.

(BY EUGENE S. BAGGER) I first went to see Raphael Shermann on March 23, 1923, in his apartment at No. 43 Untere Weissgaerber-

have been. It was in a spirit of of it, disappointed me. heckling, of challenge, that I pulled Schermann said: an envelope from my pocket and

make of this?"

"All right, I shall tell you about the handwriting you show me, but first I want you to write down a sentence and sign it."

"What shall I write?" I asked. "Anything. Write: 'I wonder when shall be back in New York."

This I wrote down in pencil and signed "Eugene S. Bagger." Schertrasse, in the third district of Vienna, mann then took the envelope which a nondescript middle class neighbor- bore my address in the handwriting hood. I was ushered into his study of a friend, and compared it for a and the presence of a small man of moment or two with the slip on which

strongly Jewish appearance, stockily I had written. Then he looked at me built, bald, dark complexioned. He attentively, and without particular looked like a bank teller or small law- emphasis began to talk-first in a cautious, groping way, then gradu-Accompanied by two Viennese jour- ally warming up to a level, unexcitnaists, old friends of mine, we dined. ed tone of certainty. His face, first In the course of the meal Schermann quite calm and even commonplace of began to relate some of his "cases," expression, began to twitch. But this daubs of rouge to hide her paleness, as he called them. He told about intwitching was the only remarkable so people shan't guess what is going writing, but where on earth did you creditable things in a cold, matter-of- feature in the whole affair—and not on in her. She always wears a mask." course, casual way that was more so remarkable at that. I confess irritating than mere bragging would Schermann's style, or rather the lack

handed it to Shermann with the is an extraordinary person-excepttional intellect and radiant beauty. "Now, Mr. Schermann, what do you She is very young, but her mind is older than her years. She is weak of will-must always lean on some-"Oh, you want me to perform for thing or somebody. She has great ou? All right. Kindly step into my gifts, but does not use them and worries about the way she squanders her I followed him. The two Viennese time. She is eccentric, wayward. remained in the dining room. Scher- Her chief ambition is to be different shawls with great, flowery patterns,

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from others, and to appear different embroidered in red and green and make-up-when she is very sad and beside herself she puts on additional

Schermann had given an accurate description of a friend of mine, an American girl. She is only twentytwo, but already a divorcee, a brilliant "The lady who wrote this address | mind and striking beauty, whose appearance in a room always creates a stir. What Schermann said about her use of make up was so true that I had to suppress an exclamation. As to her dress Schermann made a mistake, but he hit the truth even through the mistake. For she always wears black dresses but across these she often throws big, heavy Spanish

up? Or about the flowery pattern? Is that in the handwriting, too?"

"My friend, everything is in the handwriting. Past and present and future. And don't think for a mo ment that I deduce things. I see them. I saw the red cheeks and the embroidered stuff in this handwrit-

"Why did you glance at my handwriting, too?" I went on,

"Because." answered Schermann. "I only see things in their relations. I reconstructed her, not from her handwriting alone, but from the relation her writing bears to yours. And now I'll tell you a few things about yourself. First of all, you are given to colds, aren't you? You have often if trouble with your lungs-bronchitis. No! It isn't your lungs, it is your throat. You incline toward tonsilitis, don't you? I see-there are red spots on your throat-often."

"You are entirely wrong," I said "My lungs are perfect; I never catch cold-or perhaps once in three yearsand I don't know what a sore throat ts. This time you have missed." Schermann said:

"Be careful. Think. You must be careful. Perhaps you haven't had trouble with your throat yet, but better take care-you may have in the future. But think first. Haven't you really had trouble with your throat lately? Please tell the truth."

Schermann was right-he was eighth year I had inflamed tonsils every week: our doctor advised to have them taken out. Then the affliction suddenly ceased. In twenty years I perhaps referred to the subject but once, and that was on the eve of my sailing from New York, a few weeks before I met Schermann. I went to see my physic-ian and complained about some minor nasal trouble. The doctor examined

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"Didn't I tell you? Handwriting never lies. The red spots in your throat are there in your writing; I could see them. And I'll tell you an other thing. When you see a woman the first thing you look at is not her face-it's her ankles. If she has thick even look at her. Is that true?"

It was true. "It is in the writing," Schermann

"That means the thin ankles," he continued, "but let's go on. You are a writer, but you have become a journalist only to make your way into certain high circles—into diplomacy. Your real field is diplomacy. Didn't you ever want to become a dip-

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