

THAT NORWARD BUSINESS ROMANCE

"You yourself have been at that game for some time back."

The two antagonists now stood facing one another.

"So there is to be no quarter given?"

"If you mean that there is no likelihood of your ever marrying May Langton, you may safely put it in the way you have put it."

"That is as it may be, old man. And now listen to me. You think to frighten me, because you deem yourself out of the woods as far as this Norward business goes. But some men, even old men with their business wits about them, often count their chickens before they are hatched. I will marry Miss Langton or anybody else I have a mind to marry, without any of your assistance and in spite of any hindrances which Mr. Farnham Farquhar can throw in my way. You may take my word for that."

"And listen to me in your turn, young man, giving you the best name I can think of for you, though that is not very *à pro-*