

"No, sir ; the other way."

"Is Brentingham Forest very woody ?"

"Very thick with trees, sir."

"A lonely spot ?"

"Yes, sir, except for picnics."

"Are many picnics held there ?"

"Not many, sir."

"What kind of place is Rocky Reaches ?"

"Nothing but rocks and bits of sea. We catch crabs there."

"Is the water in parts deep and dangerous ?"

"In a good many parts. It ain't safe to bathe anywhere out of your depth."

"Do you remember the night of the 25th April ?"

The witness did not reply immediately, and the question was repeated, with the remark, "You are here in the interests of truth, Mrs. Tregartin. Speak frankly."

Witness : "I remember the night well, sir."

"Was it a stormy night ?"

"Very stormy. My husband said it was blowing great guns."

"In such weather, according to your experience, would Rocky Reaches be especially dangerous ?"

"Yes, sir, it would—all the water in a passion like—boiling over the rocks, and spirting up dreadful."

"You know the prisoner ?"

"Yes, sir."

(It was observed that at this first direct reference to the unfortunate young creature in the dock, the witness gazed at her with tender interest and sympathy.)