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and you won't even take the trouble to shut your fingers over it.'

" 'Dr. Bowser,' I said sternly, 'I've told you over and over again that I am not a physician, and that it would be wicked, simply a bare-faced fraud, for me to permit these foolish people about here to think me one.'

"He looked at me wearily, his face plainly indicating that he still did not believe me; then he said:

" 'Doctor or no doctor, nobody can deny that I am a doctor. I'll tell you what I'll do.