

CHAPTER XXV

THE DOCTOR'S STORY

"In the name o' Gawd!" said McGloyne.

"Laneham!" exclaimed the Judge. "Then you mean that he had another do it for him?"

"No, nothing of the sort."

But only when he had repeated that could they believe that he was speaking literally.

"Well," said McGloyne, impatiently, "well, go ahead an' tell us."

And the Doctor began his explanation.

"There were, broadly, three questions to be answered: 'Who killed Mrs. Fisher, how he did it, and how access was obtained to the apartment.'

"For most of you the first question is already answered. If under the influence of a séance that I may now tell you was largely hocus-pocus—if after a performance which to every one else was almost meaningless, a man