
THE FLAW IN THE SAPPHIRE

did sapphire, that magnificent diamond to tempt the detective?"

"They will not tempt him," said Dennis with simple conviction and a degree of feeling that might lead one to suppose that he was an indispensable element in the situation. "He will recollect his professional pride; he will remember that he is a man."

"Oh!" exclaimed the widow with an indescribable intonation.

"Don't you think that I am right?" asked Dennis.

"Yes," replied his companion with a pronounced emphasis on the personal pronoun which followed, "yes, *you* are right"; and as she considered the frank revelation of character in his reply and contrasted it with the possible disclosures of similar situations among the majority of men she knew, she added:

"I am glad that we have read the story."