

Fritz obeyed, and having been again sworn, he recapitulated what he had witnessed at the meetings at the Wolf. At the close of his evidence the men were immediately remanded for one week, and marched to the cells below.

"Perhaps my learned friend, Mr. Pottsie, will undertake the defence of these men," said Mr. Larrap.

"I wash my hands of the case!" said Mr. Pottsie, pettishly.

One of the reasons why the tables had been so suddenly turned was the fact that the local chief of police had been rather irritated by the airs put on by Detective Halleck, and he had resolved to show that ambitious man that he was not quite so wise as he appeared. Accordingly, as soon as Mr. Larrap had informed him of the evidence given by Fritz, he and his men had worked night and day to round up the conspirators, with the successful result already narrated.