

CHAPTER II

THE ELUSIVE INSULT

WHEN a man starts on a journey he usually makes a plan before starting. He will go to this place or that at such a time or times: He will meet this man and that — and will say to them thus and so. If he is a man of trained habits — say a commercial traveller for an exacting firm — he will carry out his plans — or lie about them in his report to the home office. As my report is to be made to the public there is no need of lying. I have promised nothing and nothing is expected. My plans went all awry before I was in the United States two days. But what of that? I may not find the information I was after, but I am finding things that are interesting and amusing, so let us carry on. But first a word about those plans — for what happened to them was rather illuminating. It seems to cast a light