

OLD CLINKERS

"The hell yuh say! Conlin in the lion's den. Y'ought to set up a show down on Coney."

"Shine" winced at that thrust. "Never mind," he said, with a curse. "I done fer Doherty!"

Cripps drew him aside. "Are yuh goin' t' appear against Doherty?"

"Well, *am* I!" he cried. "Watch me! I wish t'ell it was a murder case, that's all! An' if you an' Moore won't stan' by me, yuh can go —"

"That's all right," Cripps put in hastily. "We'll stan' by yuh, 'Shine'."

"Yuh *better!*" "Shine" said.

The other men kept discreetly silent, and the boat turned back for the run down the river.