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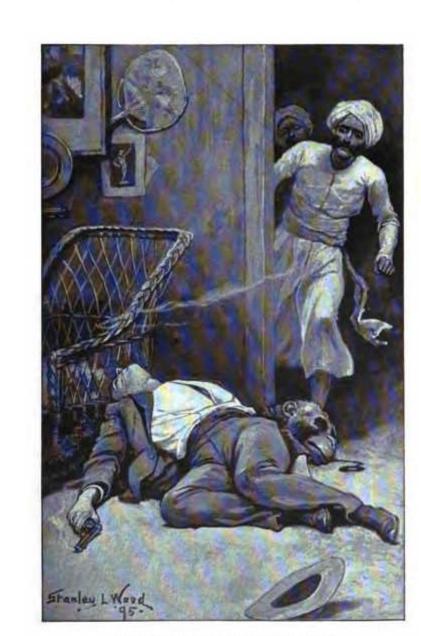
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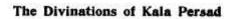
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The mixture of serpentine carriage-drive and tangled brake that did duty as the Collector's garden stood out clear and distinct to minutest detail under the full moon. Beyond the com-