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"Grasping a pistol in still twitching fingers."

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THE DIVINATION OF THE AFGHAN KUKHRI

THIS is not, properly speaking, a "detective story," although it deals with the detection of crime past and crime contemplated. That is to say, there is here no impressive professional detective, marching straight to his goal through a labyrinth of scientific deduction. There is here only common animal instinct, existing in a rather low type of human nature, and utilised more or less by chance for the elucidation of the central incident. The subsequent stories of this series will fall more aptly under the popular definition, because they will narrate the achievements of Kala Persad after he was brought to England to exercise his gift under the auspices of a professional agency. But still, in these later cases, it will be found that reason had very little to do with the successes which marked his career in London.

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-