"I never had a more precious secret of treasure in my life," said he, "and yet I never more precious secret in my life. I have no time to be wasteful, for I have already received a telegram from the gentleman of the house, who is giving me a little time to write a little note. I know that Arthur is not finished, so I asked the gentleman himself whether he would go and see me in ten minutes. He said that he would go, and that, if he could not make it in ten minutes, he would go and see me in the