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"For the lords in whose keeping the door is  
That opens on all who draw breath,  
Gave the cypress to love, my Dolores,  
The myrtle to death."

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## CHAPTER I.

### "SERGEANT USHER'S VIEWS."

"OF course you never saw John Fosadyke," said Phil, after a pause of some minutes' duration.

"Certainly not : nor you, as I understand, Foxborough. The likeness is odd, devilish odd," rejoined Morant.

Phil Soames smoked on musingly for some seconds, and then said :

"It's a curious thing that this extraordinary likeness between the two men has never been touched on as yet by any witness in the case.

You were present at the inquest, and know it was never alluded to. You're quite sure you're making no mistake?"

"Quite, if you had not told me that was the photograph of Mr. Fosdyke, I'd have sworn to its being a likeness of Foxborough."

Once again did Phil Soames meditate before he spoke, as if phlegmatic and slow of thought, as the traditional Dutchman. Then he said:

"This is a bit of information that I don't consider I am entitled to communicate to the police without your sanction; but, Herbert, Sergeant Usher, of the Criminal Investigation Department, who has charge of the case, is in the town at the present moment, and I have an idea that he would consider this important."

"Why?" rejoined Morant briefly.

"Well, there you beat me," replied Phil. "I don't know; it's a mere idea of my own, but I'll confess to being considerably im-