# The Diamond Thieves

## TWELVE DETECTIVE STORIES BY ARTHUR STRINGER

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## VII--The Bug in the Rug

### WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE.

**Rabny Rymal, special agent and operative for the Jewelers' Protective Alliance, in New York, writes these stories for the information of Winkie, Mrs. Winfred Leland, to prove to him that although appearances were often against her, she always loved him. Rabny was dismissed from a hospital, where she was training, because she let Angelo Parento, a young Italian who had killed his sweetheart and wounded himself, escape. She later learns that he became a gem thief. As an object lesson for a group of gem thieves, Inspector Sloan, of the Alliance, gave Rabny the job of stealing the third biggest diamond in America. She was then to be arrested, tried and sent to jail—and immediately released. In the attempt at this sham robbery she chloroforms the owner of the diamond, who is later found dead, and the stone is gone from the safe when she goes to take it. The stone is later recovered from Carrie Sam, a well-known gem thief. There begins a battle of wits between the gem thieves and the representatives of law and order, and each one of these stories tells in a forceful manner the outcome of one of these interesting encounters. Toosey Attrill is a stool-pigeon for the Alliance.**

Slowly Toosey Attrill moved along, now back from a shop window, now from a shadowy doorway, now from a shop window, now from a shadowy doorway, now from a shop window, now from a shadowy doorway, now