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I believe the murderer is Rachel Howells several reasons.

The first reason is that Rachel has loved Brunton, but Brunton broke her heart and Rachel hates him. Also, Rachel is very excitable. She may be lost in emotion then she will kill Brunton so that she can release the hatred for Brunton.

The second reason is that Rachel said Brunton has gone. No one has seen him. He is not in his room. Oh yes, he is gone. Then she fell back against the wall with a shriek of laughter. Her sudden change of mood is strange.

Holmes sees a heavy stone in the centre of the cellar. Then he moves the stone to one side with a policeman. They find a small room and Brunton dead in there. I think Rachel used the stone to cover the exit of the small room. Brunton was trapped in the small room. He couldn't go out. And he didn't have any food or water. But there is a group of mushrooms was growing on the inside of the box. Brunton may eat them. Unfortunately, these mushrooms are poisonous. That causes Brunton dead.

Taking all aspects into consideration, Rachel Howells is undoubtedly the culprit behind the murder.