

## SUBJECTS FOR COMPOSITION.

1. "What's the News?"
2. How the Story Grew.
3. "A pedlar's life for me!" said Dominicus Pike.
4. The Story of the Day's Adventures (as told afterwards by Mr. Higginbotham's niece).
5. Mr. Higginbotham (his character and habits as they appear in the story).
6. "Yes," said the lawyer, "I remember Dominicus Pike."

## DAVID SWAN.

**111. fantasy.** A product of the imagination; not a story of real incidents.

**Virgin or not.** Whether or not it had been kissed by the other wayfarers.

**113. lynch-pin.** A pin inserted in the axle to prevent the wheel from slipping off.

**damask curtains.** Curtains made of the material known as damask, having a special kind of pattern produced by the weaving. The word is derived from *Damascus*, the city in which these materials were originally produced.

**116. leered.** Looked sideways with an expression of cunning.

**117. dirk.** Dagger.

## QUESTIONS.

1. "This idea may be illustrated by a page from the recent history of David Swan."

(a) What idea?

(b) What are we told of David Swan?

(c) How does Hawthorne illustrate the idea?

2. What use does the writer make of the fountain in developing his story?