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### MASONS AND MASONS.

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FOR THE CRAFTSMAN, BY G. S.  
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#### CHAPTER II. EL DORADO.

It was just as well that we should make the most of Miss Char'ey while we had her, for our days in Merry England were numbered, and the period of our return beyond range of anticipation. That season we were bound South in search of El Dorado. We had, as I have said, the years before us, and we opened their vista in a golden haze.

With the most pathetic tenderness, then, and the most protracted embraces, the two girls separated, under fearful vows of eternal correspondence. Lockyer kindly saw us on board, for which I did not in the least thank him, his hearty admiration of the ship leading him into such congratulatory ecstasies regarding the ingenuity of reefs and lamps and barometers, and all the other swinging contrivances by which heavy weather is to be neutralized, as utterly to appal Nell, and consign her to her torments several hours before their time. So, when he expressed a wish that he were going with us, he gave utterance to a wholly unreciprocated sentiment, and when the pilot took him off presently, there were blessings upon that old man's hoary head.

Time was, when to have doubled the Cape or rounded the Horn, ay, or even to have crossed the line, made something of an adventure. Among the brave but simple generation who flourished before Agamemnon,—that is, prior to Mr. Hargrave's discovery that the great South-