

were unusually small—our traditional weight, or lightness, though often mentioned, I have forgotten; but this I remember to have heard them say, that one of the tiny teacups of that day, not more than a third as large as the smallest now in use, easily covered the entire of either one of our visages. We were born on the journey from New Brunswick to Canada, partly by water and partly by land, and resumed our way-faring three weeks after our birth. We must have suffered great discomfort as well as our poor mother, for we cried almost every waking moment till our long journey was ended, and for long after. We were both weakly,'but I was said to be the stronger of the two, and soon began, it was said, to help myself, learning to sit alone, by being placed in a horse's draft collar on the floor, at the age of six months, and took to my pins and stubbed about the floor at eight months.

Being largely cast on my own resources, I think my mental faculties must have been very precociously developed, especially observation and memory. I remember, almost consecutively, since, at my mother's knee, my nose and chin just overtopping it, I had to be fed by her with a spoon, when I could not have been more than two years old, if I was that. In all those visions of the past, my memory recalls a little white-headed child, rather less than myself, standing by my side, grovelling with me on the ground, or lying in the same cot, such as it was. Our attachment to each other became very great. We were inseparable