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reached the altitude of five feet and an inch, and would have looked like a boy had not a head prematurely gray and a great width of frame shown that he had at least attained the period of manhood. In point of width, indeed, it seemed as if Nature, having curtailed him of his fair proportion in height, had endeavoured to make compensation, like a bad architect, by running out the building to an enormous extent on either side. His limbs, too, were all-powerful, though somewhat short, and the face was broad like the person, with coarse, bad features, perhaps not altogether without expression, though generally vacant, and when lighted up by a ray of intellect showing naught that was good or pleasing. The eyes themselves, small, gray, keen, and uncertain, rendered the look always sinister. One of them must have squinted violently, but which of them it was could not easily be discovered, for it was alternately the right eye and the left that was nearest to the round and turned up nose. He was dressed, according to the old phraseology, in hodden gray, with a pair of strong but light-lacing boots upon his feet, which were small in proportion to his body, and of which he was wonderfully vain. On his head was