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**THE OLD SCHOOLMASTER.**

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Events but crystallize the fame of men,—  
The greater men whose unit force enweaves  
The threadlets spun from life's co-ordinate ken,  
To make the truth-web crafty history reaves.

Some people have been heard to say, at least so I have been told, that I am by far too much of a talker; and it is just as likely as not that there is some sort of a half truth in the statement, for I know well enough that I am never very diffident in expressing an opinion when I feel convinced that my experiences have been such as to enable me to form a *sound* opinion. But surely the privileges of old age are not so many that my neighbours should seriously think of urging this characteristic of mine as something derogatory to my standing as a patriotic and law-abiding citizen. To my certain knowledge, not a few of my detractors do more talking in a day than I do in a week, and, what is more, the most of their talking is not very much to the purpose. Yet nobody ever thinks of blaming them for over much talking. Indeed, as most of us have no doubt noticed, the more there is of sound sense and steady virtue in a man, the more inclined are our surface-thinkers to magnify some harmless eccentricity of his into the seeming proportions of a vice. Therefore, and with all