"Good morning, friends, 'tis twelve o'clock;
Time for a half-hour's rest."
And farmer John took out his lunch
And ate it with a zest. "A harder task it is." he said "Than following up these steers, Or mending fences, far, for me To feel my seventy years.

indication pelore the Conquest. In the course of years the property had dwindled down to the farm on which I was born. We had no relations. There certainly was an uncle, a merchant in Luverpool, of whom I sometimes heard; but he was an offshoot of a distant branch, and, being in trade, was considered to have forfeited all claim to be considered one of the family.

I was the only son. I had one sister two years younger than ruyself—a gentle, pretty child, with long golden locks. She was called Edith. All the education received, was two years at the grammar school—a curious old endowment, held by a "clerk in orders," to teach Latan and scholarship to all the boys in the parish of Ledgeley Laver. There were about a dozen beside myself; and unless the master had been endowed with the common sense to teach us writing and arithmetic, and a few ocommon branches of education, I don't think we should have had more learning than Tom Thumb carried in money from King Arthur's treasury; which, as everytook knows, was a silver threepence. My sister Edith never went to school at all: she stayed at home with my mother, and was taught to be notable. As we continually heard that we were all tharremained of the oldest family in the country, we learned to attachia mysterious importance to ourselves.

So we grew up, and did not find our lives dull, although my sister never left then honse, except sometimes to go to church. When I myself was sutteen, I had one some farm work in a way that pleased him. It was the first new book out of a shop I had ever pospessed; and I read it sloud at night, whilst my father smoked in the chimery corner and my mother and sister were busy knitting and epinning.

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The night on which I finished reading that book, was the thirty-liratof January; the date is remembered by others as well as myself.

That night I went to bed as usual, and dreamed a long consecutive dream, such as I never (dreamed before or since. I dreamed that my uncle at Liverpool sent for me to go a long voyage, on some business of his; and then I found myself standing on a quay, where there seemed hundreds of ships, and all their thin upright masts standing like a forest of popular trees in winter. I knew they were ships, though I had never seen one. I heard somebody say "this is Liverpool." I do not recollect anything about my uncle, nor the business I was going about. I had to go across several vessels, into one that kay outside the dock; saliors were going about in all directions, and there was a great deal of confusion. A large gilded figure-head of a woman was at one end of the vessel, and "Phose Sutliffe" was written under it; I thought it was the likeness of Phrebe Sutliffe" was written under it; I thought it was the likeness of Phrebe Sutliffe" was written under it; I thought it all obsected out on the green waves that were rippling against the side of the vessel, and as far as I could see, there was nothing but water. I thought it all looked out on the green waves that were rippling against the side of the vessel, and the sum was shining quite bright upon some little boats with white sails. As the ship began to make, but I lought it all looked on the green waves that were rippling against the side of the vessel, and the sum was shining quite bright upon some little boats with white sails. As the ship began to move, a voice called, loud and clear, for us to stop, and a young man with a moustache, and he wore a foreign cap.

We began to talk, but I could never in the least recollect what we had said when least recollect what we were in the least recollect what we had said. Suddenly an early the said of the province of t

the least recollect what we said. Suddenly a great storm arose, and everything was dark as pitch. I heard the wind how! I mean in my dream. It was ordinary fearfully; but I did not feel any tossing of the waves, as might have been expected. At last, there came a dreadful crash; another vessel had struck against us, and we were torne down under the keel of it.

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I found myself in the water. The young man was close beside me: he pushed a hen-coop to me; and we floated, quite pleasantly and easily, towards some rocks which lay around a beautiful green island where the sun was shining. The rocks, when we came among them, were like to ruins of a hundred old castles.

"These are the Rocks of Scarlet in the Isle of Man," said my companion; "I live here, and yonder is my father's house."

When we had clambered up the rocks, and had reached the greensward,—I thought I was unable to move a step further. A white house, with green outside shutters and surrounded by a low wall, stood close at hand; but I could not stir; and lay down on the ground fainting, though I knew all that was going on. My companion shouted, and some men came up; he sent them to the white house. In another minute, I saw a beautiful young woman clothed in white, with long black curls, standing beside us. With her was an old man.

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turf, and hedged with yew trees cut into all manner of quaint devices. Beyond the garden was an orchard containing amongst other trees, some old mulberry trees, which my sister and myself were taught to regard with great reverence.

Beyond this orchard, lay ploughed fields and meadows all belonging to my father. No other dwelling was in sight, except a few cottages belonging to the farm servants.

My father and mother were cousins, and both were descended from the same doubt were descended from the same whether anything had hurt my head.

The fact was, that the whole tenor of my life was broken, and I could not take it up again; I could not forget my strange dream. I was separated from that lovely young lady and her mother, who were more real to me than the people I saw and spoke to every day, and I felt lonely and miserable. The White House on the clitf, and the Scarlet Rocks, what had become to anything; yet still, this dream of mine fell out exactly as I have told it.

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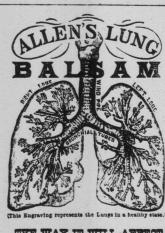
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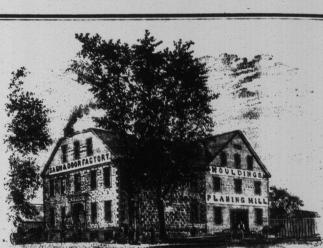
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