SCENE III.

THE FOREST DELL.

Haunted tree C. at back. A large rock at R. of tree, upon which Noodle is seated.

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Noodle, (Sneezing.)

I've got a frightful cold. My M's and B's Are all mixed up, likewise my L's and D's. That Gnome King there, Oh, isn't he a beauty! Because, he said, I ran away from duty. Fixed me by some enchantment to this stone, And here he's left me ever since, alone.

(Takes bottle from pocket.)

Strolling the other day upon the sand, I Found this. B. R. A. N. D. Y. spells brandy. It isn't bad, though how did it come here? There's been a shipwreck, that is very clear. The country's full of geese, too, it's absurd! Which ever way I turned I found a bird, All dressed in sailor's jackets, caps and things, With spy glasses stuck underneath their wings.