

and formed pictures, which in their turn would escape up the chimney to be replaced by others. There were many and varied scenes in which he had played a part: now two lovers walking slowly up a moonlit lane in a warm summer's evening; then a clear star-lit night, skating with friends over the smoothest of ice, illuminated with many coloured lights; now with a marching column or on the field in a sham fight with the volunteers; now waltzing with a partner, pretty, pensive, though jolly and just the same step, who promises to "sit out" a dance by-and-by in the dimly lighted conservatory; now strolling along the cliffs by the sea in summer time, or skimming over the water in a yacht, or perhaps diving off a pier or boat into the glorious sea; now lying under the shade of a tree on a grassy slope, with a river flowing by; now at the Albert Hall