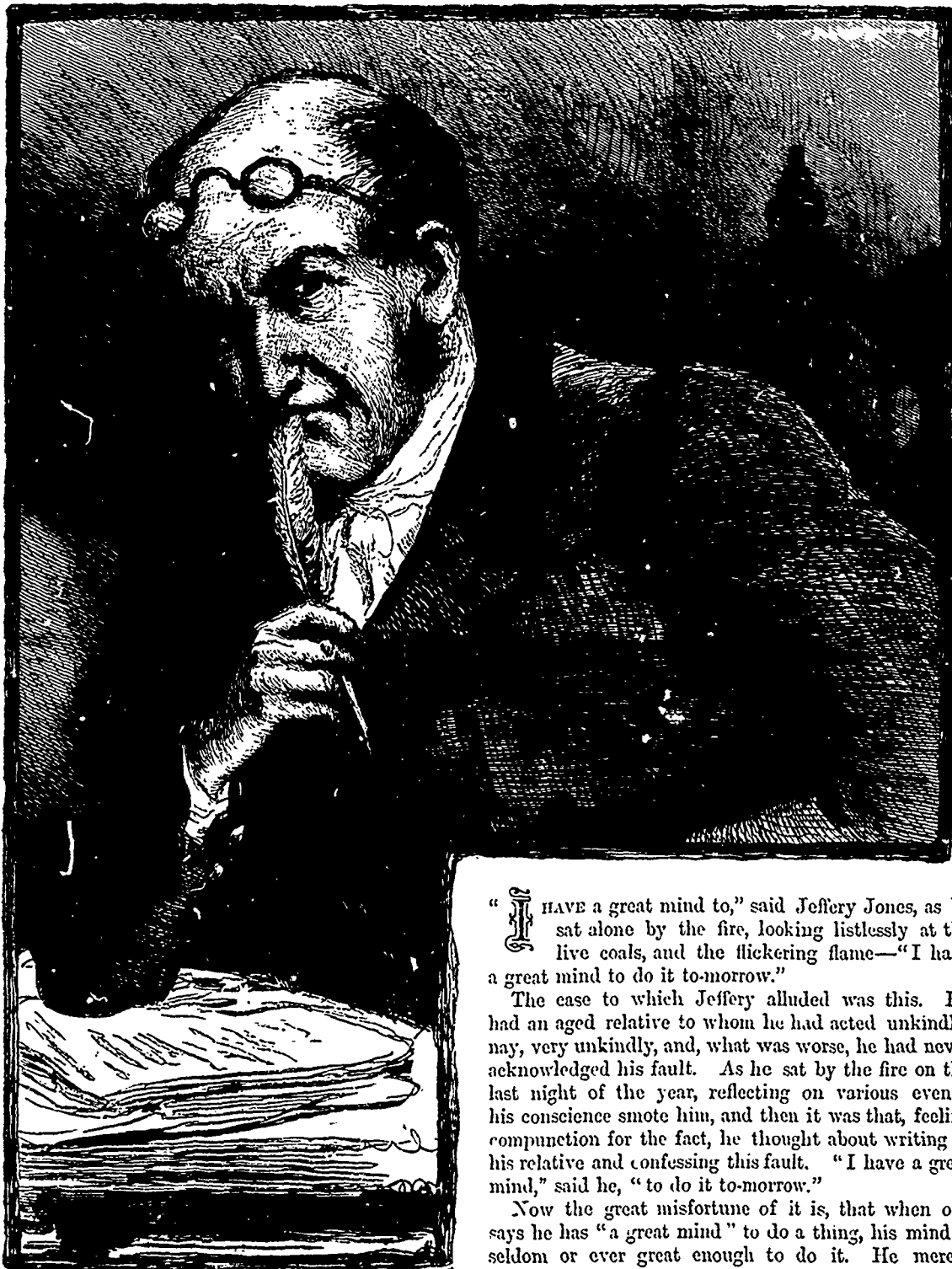


I HAVE A GREAT MIND TO,  
AND OTHER SKETCHES.



"I HAVE a great mind to," said Jeffery Jones, as he sat alone by the fire, looking listlessly at the live coals, and the flickering flame—"I have a great mind to do it to-morrow."

The case to which Jeffery alluded was this. He had an aged relative to whom he had acted unkindly, nay, very unkindly, and, what was worse, he had never acknowledged his fault. As he sat by the fire on the last night of the year, reflecting on various events, his conscience smote him, and then it was that, feeling compunction for the fact, he thought about writing to his relative and confessing this fault. "I have a great mind," said he, "to do it to-morrow."

Now the great misfortune of it is, that when one says he has "a great mind" to do a thing, his mind is seldom or ever great enough to do it. He merely means that he has some inclination to do it; but this