



CHAPTER II.

THE MYTHICAL HISTORY OF ENGLAND.

**Albion—Histon—Brutus—Bla'dud—Lear—Ferrex
and Porrex—Dun'wal'lo Mal-mu'ti-us Bren'-
nus and Be-li'nus—El'i-dure—Lud—Cas'si-
bel-lau'nus—Cym'be-line—Ar-mor'i-ca.**

Albion.

THE early history of England is traditional. It goes back to the founding of Rome, and links us to the heroes of Troy. We have followed the account as given by John Milton in his admirable history. All history must be written with broad margins, while that which confesses to the traditional is but little better than ordinary fiction. According to the earliest accounts,

Albion, the Son of Neptune,

a contemporary of Hercules, ruled over the island, to which he gave his name. Presuming to oppose the progress of Hercules in his western march, he was slain by him.

“For Albion the son of Neptune was;
Who for the proof of his great puissance,
Out of his Albion did on dry foot pass
Into old Gaul that now is cleped France,
To fight with Hercules, that did advance