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CHAPTER I

WINTERING IN WEST CORNWALL

England's "observables"—Why I delayed visiting Cornwall—A vision of the Land's End—Flight to St. Ives—Climate—The old town—The fishermen—Their love of children—Drowned babes—The fishing fleet going out at sunset—Old memories suggested—Jackdaws at St. Ives—Feeding the birds—A greedy sheep-dog—Daws show their intelligence—Daws on the roofs—Their morning pastime—Dialogue between two daws.

"**K**NOW," said wise old Fuller, "most of the rooms of thy native country before thou goest over the threshold thereof. Especially seeing England presents thee with so many observables." But if we were to follow this advice there would be no getting out of the country at all. It is too rich in its way: the rooms are too many and too well-furnished with observables. Take my case. I have been going on rambles about the land for a good many years, and though the West Country had the