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## CHARACTERS

JOHN RUTHERFORD,

JOHN, }  
RICHARD, } his Sons.

JANET, his Daughter.

ANN, his Sister.

MARY, young John's Wife.

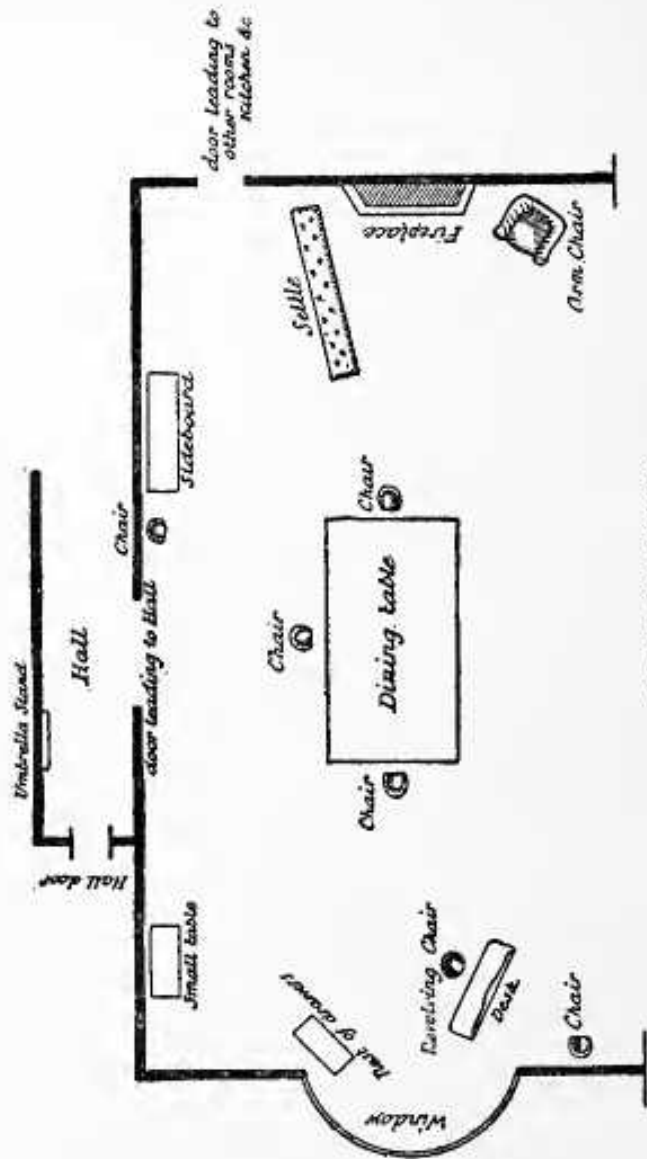
MARTIN.

MRS. HENDERSON.

SCENE.— *Living room in John Rutherford's house.*

*Two days elapse between Acts I. and II.*

*One night between Acts II. and III.*



PLAN OF STAGE

# RUTHERFORD AND SON

## ACT I

*John Rutherford's house stands on the edge of the moor, far enough from the village to serve its dignity and near enough to admit of the master going to and from the Works in a few minutes — a process known to the household as "going across." The living room, in which the family life has centred for generations, is a big square room furnished in solid mahogany and papered in red, as if to mitigate the bleakness of a climate that includes five months of winter in every year. There is a big table in the middle of the room covered with a brown cloth at which the family take their meals. An air of orderliness pervades the room, which perhaps accounts for its being extremely uncomfortable. From above the heavy polished sideboard the late John Rutherford looks down from his frame and sees the settle and armchair on either side of the fire, the marble clock on the mantelpiece, the desk with its brass inkstand and*