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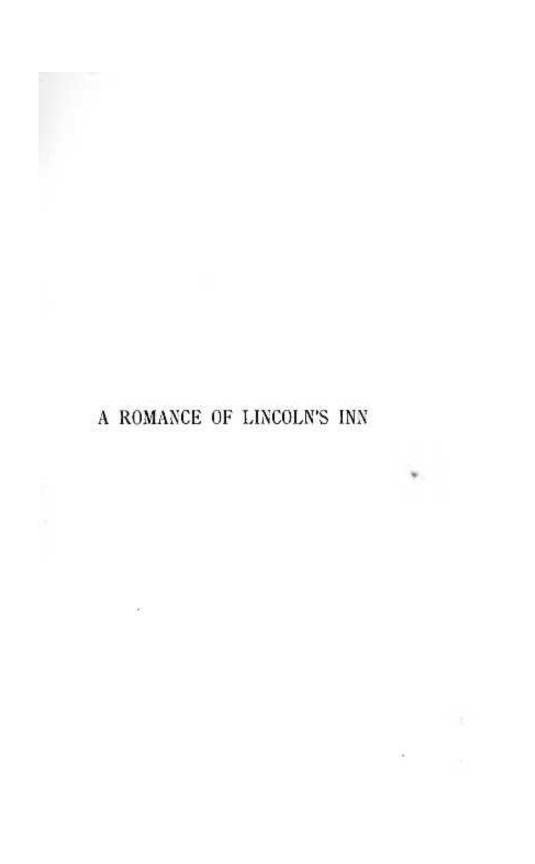
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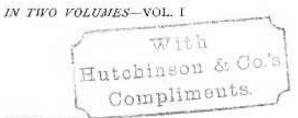
"THROUGH PAIN TO PEACE," "WHERE THE BEW FALLS IN LONDON,"

"WHERE TWO WAYS MEET," "GODIVA DURLEIGH,"

"A CHILD OF THE PRECINCT," ETC.

"And this is an old fairy tale of the heart.
It is told to all lands, in a different tongue:
Told with tenrs by the old, heard with smiles by the young.
And the late to each heart onto which it is known
this a different sense. It has puzzled my own."
"Lucine," by Owen Merrita.

"Nay," said Sir Dinadan, "for the joy of love is too short, and the serrow thereof, and what cameth thereof, dureth over long." Mokes D'Axenou.



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CHAPTER I.

THE FIRST MEETING.

"Behold her there,
As I beheld her ere she knew my heart,
My first last love; the idol of my youth."

Tennyson.

IT was half past ten o'clock on a Sunday morning in July—a smiling, old-fashioned July, bringing the rustle of the good green-wood to the feverish heart of London. There was such a whispering of leaves, and quivering of shadows, in the quiet precincts of Lincoln's Inn that Mayne Comberford, stepping out of a house in VOL. I.