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PREFATORY NOTE

LEST a principal incident in this little tale should seem incredible, it may be mentioned that an instance of a child being deprived of speech for several days, at the bidding of a reputed witch, came under the author's immediate notice less than three years ago, in a village but three miles distant from his own home.

It may be added that the military details in Chapter XIII. are all drawn from authentic sources, mainly from the *Recollections of Rifleman Harris* and the *History of the Fifty-Second Regiment*.

CASTLE HILL,
28th August, 1899.

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