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### NOTE.

The manuscript which comprises this volume was found among the papers of the late Paul Lynde, and placed in my hands, by the publishers, for revision.

It is usual to accompany a posthumous work with some account of its author : in the present instance, the friends of the writer object to this, and I am permitted only to say that Mr. Lynde, — personally a stranger to me, — was the victim of an hereditary peculiarity, which increasing with his years, at length forced him to retreat from the world, to one of those beneficent asylums established for such unfortunates. There he wrote, dreamed, and indulged in his vagaries to the end.

“ And, truly, waking dreams were, more or less,  
An old and strange affection of his house.  
Himself, too, had wierd seizures, heaven knows what,  
On a sudden, in the midst of men and day,  
And while he walked and talked as heretofore  
He seemed to move among a world of ghosts  
And feel himself the shadow of a dream.”

Of this Romance, produced under such unusual circumstances, it is not my province to speak. The reader himself will see, beneath the sombre surface of the writer's words, the particular humor of the man.