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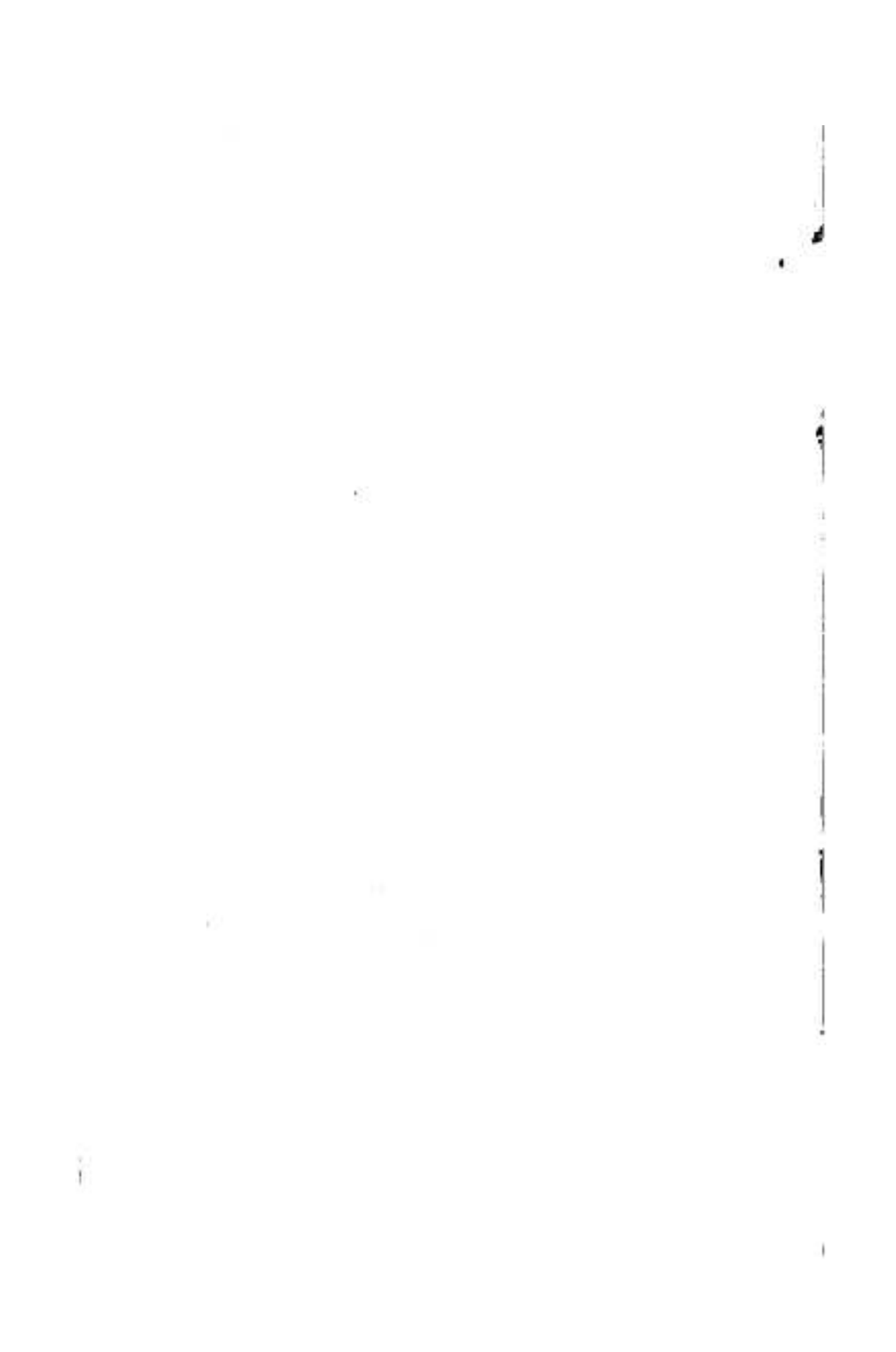
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My grown-up readers will recognise a fact in the principal incident of this story. It will recall to their minds the domestic hero of whom the same adventure is told in the *Life of Scott*. My young readers may perhaps be pleased, when they grow up to read *Scott's Life*, to find that there was really a boy who did and bore what is here told. They may also discover hereafter that the same circumstance and conduct have occurred more than once in real life.

H. M.

*Tynemouth, Northumberland,  
November, 1841.*





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