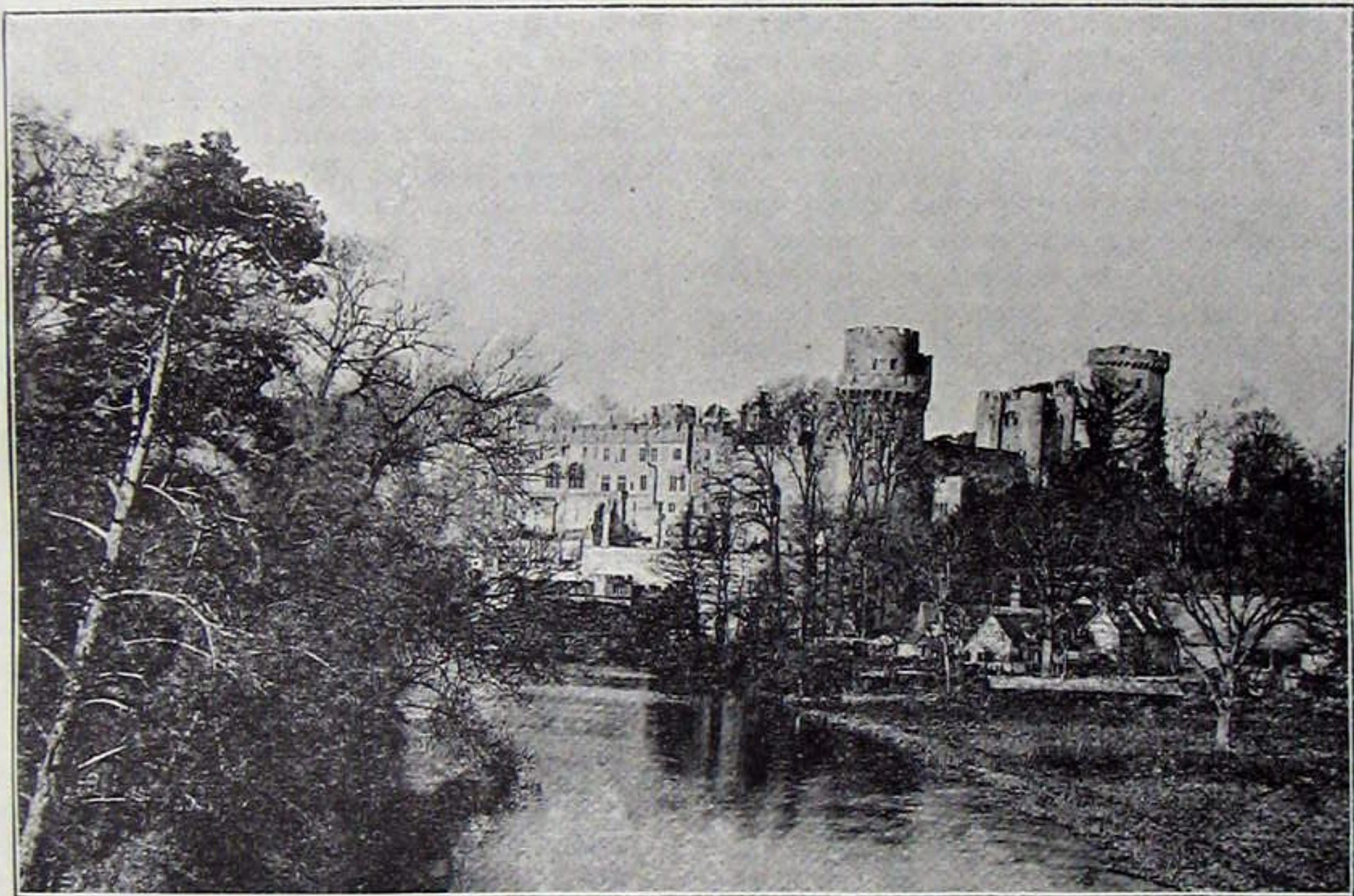


## Book Notes.

**S**CRIVELSBY, THE HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS, WITH SOME ACCOUNT OF THE MARMION AND DYMOKE FAMILIES," by the Rev. Samuel Lodge, M.A. (W. K. Morton, Horn-castle; 10/6). Lincolnshire contains many houses and institutions of historic interest, and amongst the oldest and most interesting of them must be placed the house of Scrivelsby, and the office of Championship co-existent with the barony. This book gives the history of the Championship from its inception, the history of "Broad Scrivelsby" being closely interwoven. From the Saxon and Norman periods to the last time the ceremony of

The book is well arranged, and historically and topographically the matter is of the highest interest. Maps, plans, and illustrations are well utilised, the latter being from photographs by Messrs. Smartt and Son and Messrs. Bullock Bros., Leamington.

*The Author* contains the following, signed by Mr. Walter Besant: It is one of the stock charges against us that we are helping to flood the market with new books. The exact contrary is the truth, that we do little or nothing for young authors. First of all, it is not part of our programme to do anything for them. We exist for the defence, not the creation, of literature. But if we desired to help them, a thing greatly desired by many of us, what could we do? So far as I can see, nobody but himself can possibly help the young



WARWICK CASTLE, FROM THE BRIDGE. FROM "SHAKESPEARE'S LAND."

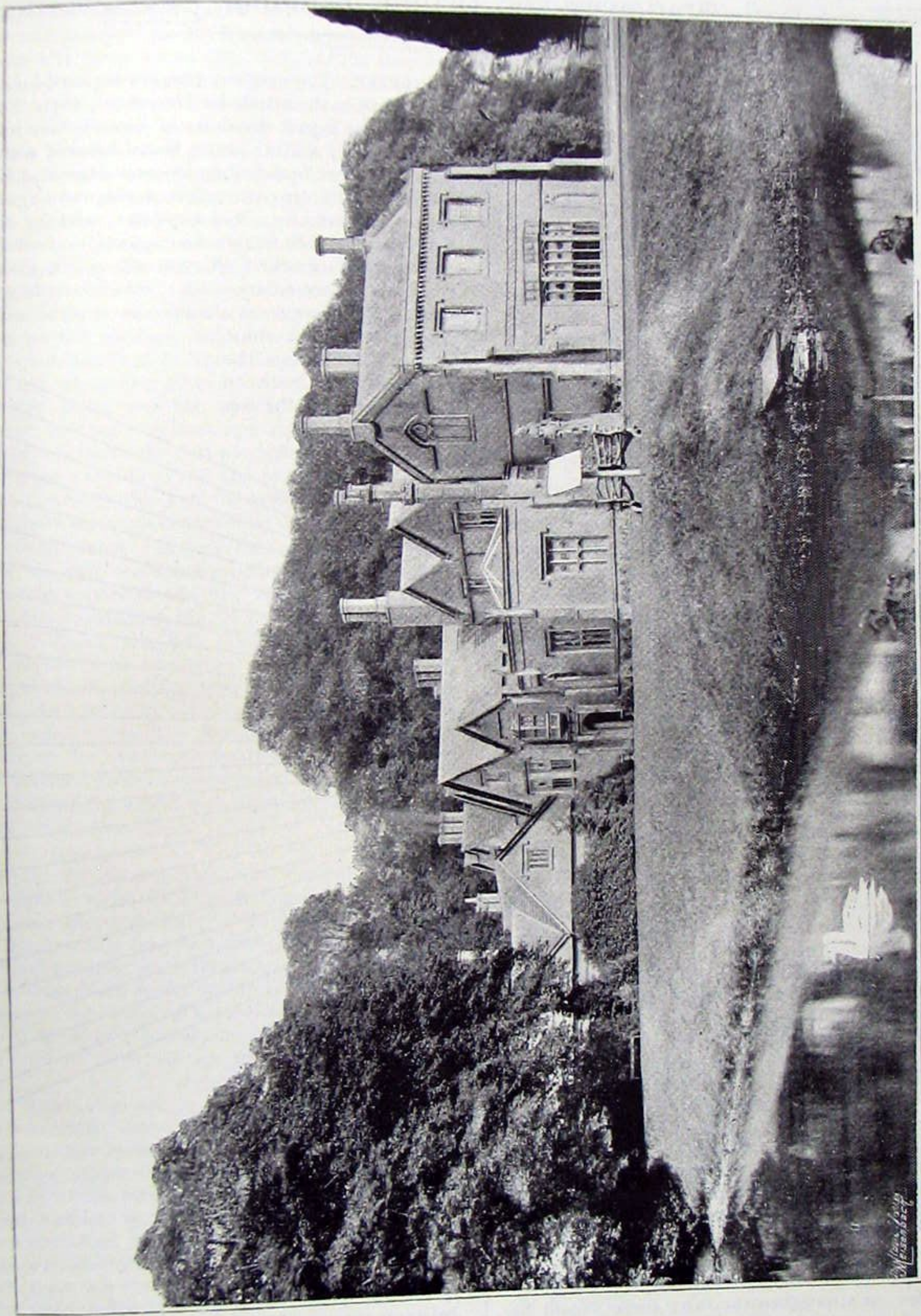
the challenge was carried out at the coronation of George IV., the varying fortunes of the old house are graphically described, and the honour of doing fitting justice to the east county has evidently been placed in worthy hands. The book itself is a crown 4to, bound in cloth, with bevelled edges and gold lettered. It is well and clearly printed and carefully arranged, making a book worthy of a place in every library.

"SHAKESPEARE'S LAND," by C. J. Ribton-Turner (Frank Glover, *Courier* office, Leamington Spa, 7/6), is descriptive of central and southern Warwickshire. Actual contact with the places famous men have lived in and worked in, somehow affects us much more than when we hear the things they have done or read what they have written. This is especially true of "Shakespeare's Land," as evidenced by the number of American visitors who visit Stratford-on-Avon.

author. He often writes to me and asks for my "influence" with editors. I know a great many editors, but there is not one with whom I have any such "influence." Editors, strange to say, are guided solely by the interests of their papers. Nobody, therefore, can help the young author but his own wit and his own pen. At the same time, if our correspondents can suggest anything, the advice would be gratefully received. It has been proposed that the Society should recommend works, and that publishers should accept their recommendations. Very good, and if I were a publisher I should give to the opinions furnished by the Society's readers respectful consideration, but I should still refer the MS. to my own reader.

In commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Izaak Walton, a tercentenary edition of "The Compleat Angler" is promised by Samuel Bagster & Son.





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(From "SCRIVELSBY, THE HOME OF THE CHAMPIONS." W. K. Morton, Horricastle.)