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"Meanwhile the gold King was asking the man, 'How many secrets knowest thou?' 'Three,' replied the man. 'Which is the most important?' said the silver King. 'The open one,' replied the other. 'Wilt thou open it to us also?' said the brass King. 'When I know the fourth!' replied the man."

"Have we not all one Father? hath not one God created us? And did not he make one?" — MALACHI ii. 10, 15.





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WAS born beneath quiet hills, among green pastures, beside still waters. My first companion was a little stream, my earliest counsellor an ancient book. Along the edge of the stream ran a footpath, so narrow, so rarely trodden, that the ferns and wild-flowers would sometimes overgrow and even hide it; and then the brook itself became my guide: one that I followed confidingly, because I knew and loved it under every change. It would sometimes so contract the channel of its hurrying waters as to leave a broad pebbly shingle, warm in the blaze of noonday, and friendly to my childish feet. The trees which fringed it on either side would now interlace their boughs so closely that I