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THE Holdfasts used to leave us in Spring; our East winds were rather too keen for Mark, who, though not exactly an invalid, was far from robust. In the fierce struggle of the bar one or other of the nerves or cords or fibres or ligaments of the heart

had gone perilously near snapping, and the tone of his system had been permanently lowered. Consequently at times the tension needed to be relaxed; and "in other kingdoms of a sweeter air" (as poor David Gray sang) relief was found. A distant cousin had left him a modest shooting-box in a famous