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AN OXFORD MAN.

"Nōsse omnia hæc salus est adolescentiæ."—TERTULLIUS.

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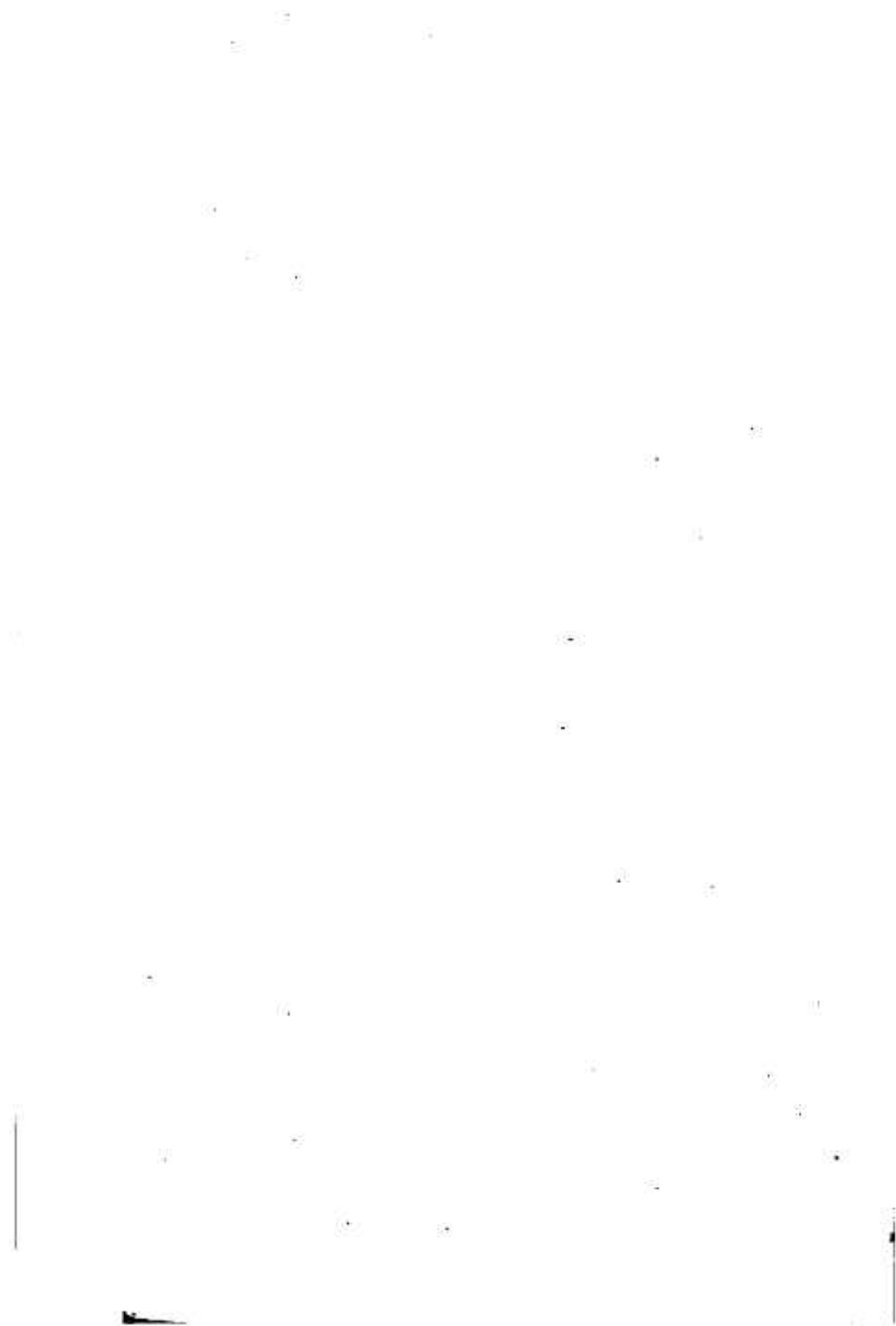
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FOUR MOUNDS  
NESTLING IN AN  
ENGLISH CEMETERY.





## PROLOGUE.

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IN the "Far West," snowed up in a miserable ranch for a month, with nothing to do, no one to talk with excepting two plough-boys.

One evening, whilst listlessly gazing into the depths of the fire, with the wind sweeping over the prairies and whistling around the corners of the ranch, the idea struck me of putting on paper the thoughts that were rushing through my brain, and which were gradually forming the groundwork of this story.

The miserable lamp flickered in the corner, fighting with the draught for its life; every thing seemed combining to make one meditate on the sorrowful threnody of life, carrying tears from its birth.

To conquer this feeling, in despair I took up my pen.

You have the result lying before you.

By the advice of those older and wiser than myself, I launch this tiny bark. Should any one "read between the lines," and a spark of nobleness, buried with the old childhood's simplicity, be reawakened; should the yearnings after the good and the beautiful take root once more in a nature sodden with worldliness—the end will be answered, the book will have done its work.

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