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## “BOZLAND.”



### THE PICKWICKIAN INNS.

#### I.—ROCHESTER.

THE old Pickwickian inns are delightful from the feeling of cosy enjoyment they inspire. This may be owing to the keen relish which “Boz” himself had for such haunts, and from his thorough understanding of their character. Indeed, any one who has “put up” at a Pickwickian inn—such as the Bull at Rochester, or the Great White Horse at Ipswich—will own to the mysterious old-world sense which steals over him. Happily a few of these old hostelries still remain with us to keep the Pickwick flavour fresh: the shrewd proprietors are beginning to find their account in the pilgrims who are curious as to the traditions, and who must be shown “Mr. Pickwick’s room” and other

localities more or less legendary. There is no one who has presented these now almost extinct scenes with such a rich fulness of detail as "Boz." They are suited exactly to the characters, their ways and costumes, and the characters to them. There are more than two dozen inns named or pictured in "Pickwick," or, more exactly, five-and-twenty! These are the Golden Cross, at Charing Cross; the Bull, Rochester, and Wright's; the Blue Lion, Muggleton; the White Hart, Borough; the Old Leather Bottle, Cobham; the Town Arms Inn, Eatanswill, and the Peacock; the Inn at Marlborough Downs; the Angel, Bury; the Magpie and Stump, London; the Great White Horse, Ipswich; the George and Vulture, George Yard, Sun Court, Lombard Street; the Marquis of Granby, Dorking; the Black Bull, Whitechapel; the Blue Boar, Leadenhall Market; the White Horse Cellars, Piccadilly; the White Hart, Bath; the Bush, Bristol; the Spaniards, Hampstead; the Bell, Berkeley Heath; the Hop Pole, Tewkesbury; the Old Royal Hotel, Birmingham; the Saracen's Head, Towcester; Osborne's Hotel, Adelphi; and the Fox under the Hill, on the river. No story assuredly was ever fitted out with more inns. Oddly enough, most