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THE LITTLE FOX.

CHAPTER I.

THE FOX.

I DARE say, my dear young friends, when you read the title heading these pages, you will think that you are going to hear of some wonderful doings performed by that crafty animal, the fox. But if you do, and really wish it, you will be disappointed; for I am going to tell you about something that never breathed, and yet has been of more

use than many living things or persons. I mean a little vessel named the "Fox." Perhaps you would like me to call her a ship, only she is a great deal too small for a real ship. I wish you could see her, as I have done, lying in Southampton Docks, not far away from the "Adriatic," an immense iron steamship, which helped some years ago to carry soldiers to the Crimea. If you did, you would wonder such a tiny vessel could have braved the perils and dangers I am about to tell you of.

Many years ago, several brave clever gentlemen were anxious and