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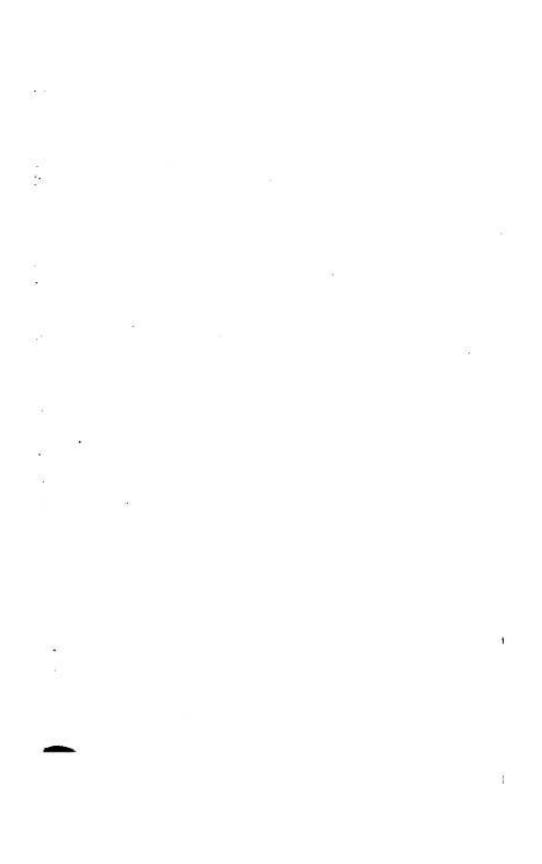
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THE LITTLE ROOM.

OW would it do for a smokingroom?

'Just the very place! only, you know, Roger, you must not

think of smoking in the house. I am almost afraid that having just a plain, common man around, let alone a smoking man, will upset Aunt Hannah. She is New England—Vermont New England—boiled down.'

- 'You leave Aunt Hannah to me; I'll find her tender side. I'm going to ask her about the old sea-captain and the yellow calico.'
 - 'Not yellow calico blue chintz.'
 - 'Well, yellow shell then,'
 - 'No, no! do n't mix it up so; you won't

know yourself what to expect, and that's half the fun.'

- 'Now you tell me again exactly what to expect; to tell the truth, I did n't half hear about it the other day; I was wool-gathering. It was something queer that happened when you were a child, was n't it?'
- 'Something that began to happen long before that, and kept happening, and may happen again; but I hope not.'
 - What was it?
- 'I wonder if the other people in the car can hear us?'
- 'I fancy not; we don't hear them not consecutively, at least.'
- 'Well, mother was born in Vermont, you know; she was the only child by a second marriage. Aunt Hannah and Aunt Maria are only half-aunts to me, you know.'
 - 'I hope they are half as nice as you are.'