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## AUTHOR'S NOTE.

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**I**N this little volume have been brought together those of my short stories which have been thought most worthy of preservation in the present form. All these stories first appeared in Scribner's Monthly, except "Seth," which was published in Lippincott's Magazine.

The author begs to say to her readers, that "That Lass o' Lowrie's" and the present volume are the only works issued under her name which have been prepared and corrected for publication in book form under her personal supervision.

F. H. B.

*September 14, 1877.*







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## “SURLY TIM.”

A LANCASHIRE STORY.

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“**S**ORRY to hear my fellow-workmen speak so disparagin’ o’ me? Well, Mester, that’s as it may be yo’ know. Happen my fellow-workmen ha’ made a bit o’ a mistake — happen what seems loike crustiness to them beant so much crustiness as summat else — happen I mought do my bit o’ complainin’ too. Yo’ munnot trust aw yo’ hear, Mester; that’s aw I can say.”

I looked at the man’s bent face quite curiously, and, judging from its rather heavy but still not unprepossessing outline, I could not really call it a bad face, or even a sulky one. And yet both managers and hands had given me a bad account of Tim Hibblethwaite. “Surly Tim,” they called him, and each had something to say about his sullen disposition to silence, and his short answers. Not that he was accused of anything like misdemeanor, but he was “glum loike,” the factory people said, and