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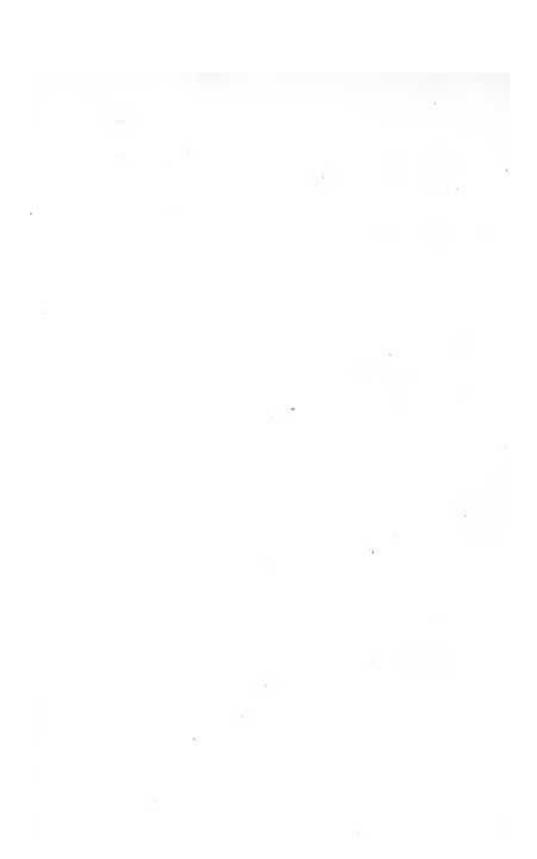
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ALL my life I have made stories, and since I was seven years old I have written them. I suppose everyone has his own way of looking at things. I think a man or woman who is an artist sees almost everything as a picture. Sunset and sunrise, country and town groups, children playing, older people at work, all form themselves into pictures when an artist looks at them.

In the same way it happens that when I see a scene, an incident, a person, I find myself quite naturally and without any conscious effort looking for the story in it. I don't know how many such stories pass through my mind in a day. Some of them merely flit through like birds across the sky, and are forgotten, but there are some that

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