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CHAPTER I.

METAPHYSICS.

“WHAT is memory, I should like to know?” said Will Burlace, using the end of his broad middle finger as a tobacco-stopper. “How does it work, Ralph, my boy? Do we remember everything in our experience, as some philosophers hold, or does each of us take out of the past only that which belongs to his character and temperament, or are recollection and oblivion a mere lottery, over which we have no control, or—”

“And what is the exact difference between memory and imagination?” I broke in. “We say the past has no existence: neither have the conceptions of the imagination. And I have heard of people imagining things until they believed them true.”