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“Is that your old sword, grandpapa?”

“Yes, my boy; that’s the old sword I wore some fifty years ago, during the hard fighting that followed the invasion.”

“May I take it down and look at it? How it is notched!”

“Ah! those notches could tell a tale or two; they were good hard blows, such as I rather doubt whether the lazy, luxurious young men of the present day could deliver.”

“Oh! grandpapa, do tell us all about them—tell us the story of all the fighting.”

“Surely you must have heard all about it. I believe I fight my battles over again, after dinner, till everybody is sick of the subject.”

“But we are not sick of the subject, grandpapa. We don’t dine with you every day, you know.”

“Well, well; I suppose your generation hasn’t heard so much about it as the last; so here goes. Shall I begin with the Battle of Dorking, where we got a regular licking, as you boys would call it?”

“No, no, grandpapa; tell us about a victory or two. I prefer them to the defeats.”

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