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A MANX PHYNODDEREE.

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On the northeastern coast of that sturdy little bit of sea-girt land set in the Irish Sea which its natives lovingly call Eilan Vannin Veg Veen, or "Dear Little Isle of Man," stands the lofty and picturesque promontory of Maughold Head.

these remote and primitive parts there was no one to inquire, no one to care, and the lad had found himself in a not altogether unpleasant bondage, so long as the vicar's library held any unread book, and he had grown to manhood the master of a useful trade and the confessed lover of Denise Quillan, the sweetest lass in northern Man, into whose willing arms he had poured his honest-hearted vows, and, by proxy, much of the lore from the vicar's musty books.

Douglas and the, to him, dreamland world beyond. One wild April day, nearly a year later, a storm was beating furiously upon the island. It lashed and tossed the bare branches of the huge yew-trees that surrounded Bishop's court, just above Kirk-michael across the island from Maughold Head, rattled the tiles of the battlemented structure and blew wild at the shuddering panes of its great windows.

She handed them to the bishop, who held them in his hand while he regarded her with a look of puzzled inquiry. "Then the phynodderee told me to lift the book," she said, "and that was the way it did as bid, an' there were two shining sovereigns, 'Tak 'em t' the bishop, Denise, t' prove your words true. Tell him he may call on Johnny Bill Cronk, this night week, he'll know the phynodderee dere is in St. Maughold Kirkyard by seep' two o' their shinin' mates lyin' at th' head o' your father's grave, an' when th' book lies on his breast, he'll speak words that'll make him mend his ways."

in the miser's debt. Calcy Quillan lies under the third mound to the right. The phynodderee's two sovereigns are upon his headstone. Ha, ha, ha! "The diabolical voice seemed beside them, beneath them above them, while the branches of the yew trees again began their wild tossings and wallings.



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