

QUIMBY'S BOONANZA

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PART I.

A more prepossessing hero than the purchaser of Blake's Neck might easily be found. He was forty, rather stout, a little bald, and not a little freckled.

As he stood upon the one knoll that the Neck boasted under the solitary tree that had battled for its life with a long succession of Atlantic storms, and surveyed his ten acres with the eye and mind of a statistician, a casual observer would not have suspected Nathaniel Quimby of building air castles.

The Neck unquestionably presented a superior claim as to the structures of that sort, because the one thing that it would exhibit in abundance was the requisite building material. Air. The whole meteorological condition of the ocean overflowed into that circumference of wave-washed beach and sand dunes.

Quimby wondered whether his little territory included ten acres at high or at low tide. He had been bred in an inland town, and the first thing that astonished him with its purchase was the instability of its boundary line.

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Quimby got out of bed and groped for his clothes in the dark. Hastily dressed, he went downstairs, and quietly let himself out into the deserted street. Now he could feel the force of the wind as it swept across the side of the town, and the deep ocean of the waves smote his ear with a diaphanous tone.

He said, slowly: "I don't know but I may later on. I haven't got my plans half-drawn yet, and I don't know this place for—a sort of investment, thinking—here Quimby made a bold front."

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At first this tumult of the elements appeared the solitary sepiator. He was stunned, and dazed with the grandeur and force of the storm, but as all the while deep down in his soul somewhere, there was a voice that answered the voice of nature, a feeling for which he could not find any other definition or language.

At last the first light of dawn broke on the tempestuous waters, and further and further the watcher could see the white-capped crests of the billows rolling in further and farther to the heaving, gray, cold horizon.

"No long, cap'n. I hear up to the village that you bought the Neck, 'n' I come over thinkin' 'thats you might want to hire a man."

"What?" "You're a sailor?" "Well, followed 't' sea twenty years, man an' boy, till I got wrecked. Here'd I got wrecked? Why, right here on the Neck."

do it for? Take charge and everything. I mean."

Quimby held his breath in amazement. "What! you give?"

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