

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED  
AND OTHER STORIES.

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## SAVED FROM THE WRECK.

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### I.

THERE'S not a trace left of the cottage which once stood by the Tower side of the beach, and which was the first and last house in the village of Ursley. It was a snug, cheery little place, all painted black outside, with long, low windows, whose small panes shone in the sun like diamonds; and if anybody who stepped inside hadn't called that room a reg'lar picter they must ha' been hard to please, for I don't know one single place o' the world's globe that could be mentioned but old Mat Lawson would have pointed to some sort o' a curiosity, and said, "Mate, that 'ere comes from there." Oh, he was a clever old chap, Mat was.

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