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three, as usual. Nobody but the parson and his wife beside ourselves. He has no service after the morning so we shall have a long sit."

Thus we all adjourned bedwards; and I am going to confess how long I sat over my fire finishing every form shaping the "self" from the earth, or what it may be called, till I was weary and fell asleep, hardly at five o'clock.

Hurray! here it comes. Old Bottlenose, the butler, entered solemnly, as a man who was conscious of a mission, and straightway deposited in front of my good friend and two bottles of—*claret spring water!*

Annie was before me in the larder, and had prepared quite a picnic on the kitchen table. There were the remains of a fine turkey, and a plum-pudding, with the bottle of Cognac standing ready by the side for burnt brandy with the second course. There was also, I rejoiced to see, a black bottle of curious dry sherry. There was, moreover, a candle fire, and we had made a real good meal as far as our first course. I was just burning the brandy for the pudding wine, to our dis-

associated with the wig which bore, and perhaps all bears, his name. But this derivation will hardly stand. A "busby" as our grandfathers used to style the large perukes of their day, half in jest, was but an elongation of the briefer and simpler "burr"—a buzzed and bushy docket for the occiput of the head. All the existing portraits of the great Alexander the Great, from the time of his death, show him with a close, curly wig, and a bushy beard, while it is probable that the wig of the present day is all that remains of the original "burr".

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