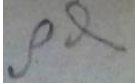









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


I once heard a story when I was living in _____ 
from the mouth of a deceased judge which struck my imagination
very forcibly. He told it by the dying light of a wood fire
with a high wind roaring outside. I ought to premise that
he had been counsel in an action that afterwards shared of the gains
attending a will made by one of the wards. This is the story:

Scotland, Slough, South?, and
Southsea are among the
suggestions put forwards, although
we are yet to find a definitive
answer

There were two old bachelor brothers of whom one **reposed** 
at Slough and the other at London. They were in the
habit of visiting each other for a week or so at a time.
It happened that the Slough brother, being on one of these
visits to the London brother, felt rather unwell
and said 'I will go home. My old _____  me.
I shall soon be all right and will **then**  come back.'

And accordingly they  **parted.** 

A few nights afterwards, the London brother, being in bed
and finding himself uncomfortable and unable to sleep, lighted a
candle and **composed himself**  to **read** .

Suddenly the door of the room opened and an **appearance** 
of his brother entered, dressed in white, **pale** 
and looking very attentively at him. He spoke to the **figure** 
but it made no answer. So he passed on to the end of the room.

Apparition?

N.B. The text in green indicates new solutions, submitted as part of our festive #SolveItDickens challenge. Thank you to everyone who took part!

The original shorthand exercise

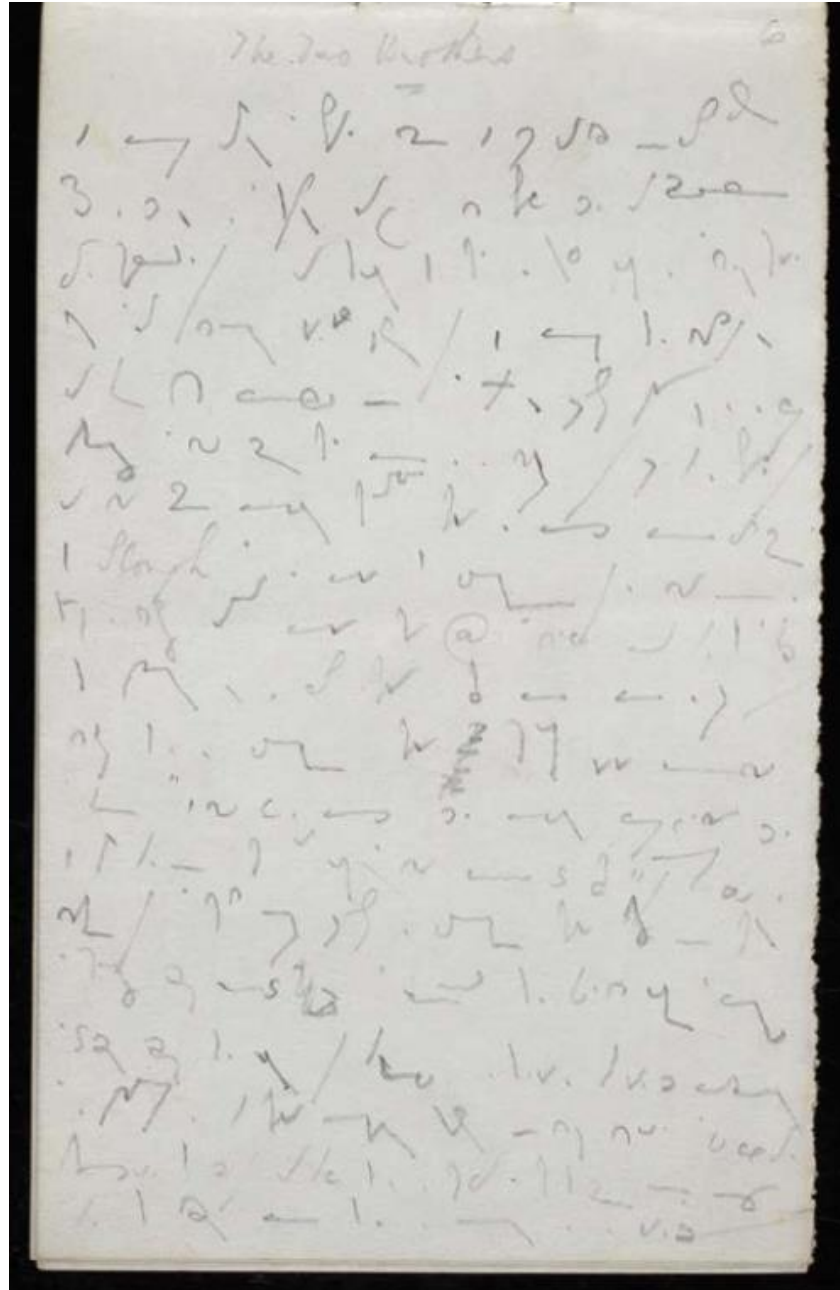


Figure 1: A shorthand exercise titled 'The Two Brothers'. Image © The Free Library of Philadelphia [ref: cdc5890009]



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