well knew in Birmingham; and they are well known to poverty and the hammer." "In the reign of Henry VII. it was almost dangerous, particularly for a rich man, even to think against a crafty and avaricious monarch. What is singular, the man who accused Sir Simon at the bar, succeeded him in his estate. Simon Digby procured a grant of the place, in whose line it still continues. The hall was deserted by the family about the middle of the 18th century; and was taken down about the beginning of the 19th. It was probably erected by the Mountforts, was extensive, and its antique aspect without, gave a venerable pleasure to the beholder, like the half-admitted light diffused within. Every spot of the park is delightful, except that in which the half stood: our ancestors built in the valleys for the sake of water, their ancestors on the hills for the sake of air. From this uncouth swamp sprang the philosopher, the statesman, and, tradition says, the Gunpowder Plot."

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