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PLATE XXVI. Scarborough from the South, p. 132.

The visitor of the sea-side who merely walks on the sands, or rides on the roads, will have but a slight notion of the many picturesque combinations of land and sea, which reward those who tread the margin of the cliffs. I affirm that half the beauty and grandeur of our coast is lost to those who follow merely the beaten tracks. The sketch is from a part of Gristhorp Cliff.

PLATE XXVII. Runswick Bay, west of Whitby, p. 141.

This has always appeared to me one of the prettiest examples of a Wick, Wyke, or Vik—the Norwegian name for small bay—which can be found on the Yorkshire coast.

PLATE XXVII. a. The Peak and Robin Hood's Bay, p. 136.

Rather distant from Scarborough and Whitby, between which no coach runs, the fine cliffs at the 'Old Peak' are seldom explored by strangers. Robin Hood's Bay furnishes accommodation for man and horse, and is a picturesque fishing village.

PLATE XXVIII. Staithes, p. 141.

At some time, perhaps, the quiet of this romantic place will be disturbed by mining, and its hardy fishermen—athletic Norwegian forms—will be set to more tedious work in ironstone pits. (This has now happened, 1854.) Staithes is unrivalled in the variety of organic remains, which may be collected from the cliffs of lias, marlstone, and ironstone, at a small_distance.

PLATE XXIX. Rockcliff, or Boulby Cliff, p. 142.

The Lias series in this great cliff is complete, except as to the base, which indeed is nowhere clearly seen on the Yorkshire coast. Among other curious appearances at the base of the cliff are shales so wasted below masses of harder material, that these look like mushrooms on pedicles.

PLATE XXX. Geological Map, p. 168.

On this Map the principal masses of strata which appear at or near the surface in Yorkshire are marked by colours, with as much fulness of detail as