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with each other by means of cross branches, that unite them in the middle, somewhat in the style of the Siamese twins. I have heard the Doctor suggest, but know not whether he has placed the remark on record, that these parallel stems may have been but the internal fibres of some large plant, whose more succulent portions have disappeared; and certainly, while such instances of anastomosis are rare among the *stems* of plants, they are common enough among their *internal fibres*, as all who have examined the macerated *debris* of a kitchen-garden or a turnip-field must have had occasion to remark. We sometimes, however, find cases of anastomosis among the stems of even the higher plants. I have seen oftener than once, in neglected hawthorn hedges, the branch