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From the Fifteenth to the Twentieth Century

From earliest times comes the traditional 'The Green Knight' and a sample of English folklore, 'Tom Tit Tot'. Barnaby Rudge's 'Apollonius and Silla' follows, together with 'Sir Samson Eyer' by Thomas Deloney from Elizabethan times. Daniel Defoe (with whom modern fiction is generally thought to begin) is represented by 'In Defence of his Right', whilst 'Mr Spectator' (alias Joseph Addison, that perfect stylist) turns up with 'A Story of an Heir', capped, as it were, with a sample from his brother gossip writer and *sarcasm*, Richard Steele, who talks about 'The Wedding of Jenny Distaff'. Sterne's special quality delights with 'Le Fevre' from his immortal *Tristram Shandy*.

John Hawkesworth and Oliver Goldsmith fairly represent the eighteenth century, and are followed by Scott recounting the supernatural (within a smaller compass than is usual), Allan Cunningham telling of haunted ships, and then on to a fine sample of Dickens—'The Old Man's Tale about the Queer Client'. Stevenson, master of the shorter forms, whether in ballad or tale, is represented by 'Markheim', one of the greatest short stories ever written, uncanny, unforgettable. Modern masters include Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, W. H. Hudson, Walter de la Mare, Hugh Walpole, Thomas Hardy and John Galsworthy.

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