



THE GOLD-RIBBED HILLS OF THE THAMES.—IN THE EARLY MINING DAYS.

The face of the hills shown in the photograph taken over forty years ago, is part of the bed from which sensational returns were won in the early days of mining in the Thames, and is now the scene of reserved effort under the deep water scheme. In the vicinity of the Normal Hill, the famous Galesbrook mine alone produced two tons of gold in 1864, and the Shovelton yielded about 1000 to four partners, and subsequently another 200,000 with the Washmill, his produce over 200,000. The main stream of gold-bearing water, the deep water scheme, is now well under the responsibility of the Washmill mine, and will be continued to be under the Galesbrook mine. There is a great deal of unexplored ground between the two levels and the depth at which operations ceased in the early days.



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THE LADY OF THE LAKE.