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The Astonishing History of Troy Town - published in 1888 when he was just twenty-four - has a liveliness and enthusiasm about it which is still infectious today. Troy Town is the thinly disguised Cornish port of Fowey, where Quiller-Couch spent most of his life. His novel pillories the town's genteel, English, middle-class society, whilst celebrating the down-to-earth wit and wisdom of the local Cornish.

Sir Arthur Thomas Quiller-Couch was a Cornish writer, who published under the pen name of Q. He published his *Dead Man's Rock* (a romance in the vein of Stevenson's *Treasure Island*) in 1887, and he followed this up with *Troy Town* (1888) and *The Splendid Spur* (1889). After some journalistic experience in London, mainly as a contributor to the *Speaker*, in 1891 he settled at Fowey in Cornwall. He published in 1896 a series of critical articles, *Adventures in Criticism*, and in 1898 he completed Robert Louis Stevenson's unfinished novel, *St Ives*. With the exception of the parodies entitled *Green Bays: Verses and Parodies* (1893), his poetical work is contained in *Poems and Ballads* (1896). In 1895 he published an anthology from the sixteenth and seventeenth-century English lyrics, *The Golden Pomp*, followed in 1900 by an equally successful *Oxford Book of English Verse, 1250-1900* (1900). He was made a Bard of Gorseth Kernow in 1928, taking the Bardic name Marghak Cough ('Red Knight').

Quiller-Couch was a noted literary critic, publishing editions of some of Shakespeare's plays (in the *New Shakespeare*, published by Cambridge University Press, with Dover Wilson) and several critical works, including *Studies in Literature* (1918) and *On the Art of Reading* (1920). He edited a successor to his verse anthology: *Oxford Book of English Prose*, which was published in 1923. He left his autobiography, *Memories and Opinions*, unfinished; it was nevertheless published in 1945.

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