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Arthur Pendennis was about sixteen years old, we have said, when he began to reign; in person, he had what his friends would call a dumpy, but his mamma styled a neat little figure. His hair was of that brown colour which looks like gold in the sunshine, his face was round, rosy, freckled and good-humoured, his whiskers were decidedly of a reddish hue; in fact, without being a beauty, he had such a frank, good-natured, kind face, and laughed so merrily at you out of his honest blue eyes, that no wonder Mrs. Pendennis thought him the pride of the whole country. Between the ages of sixteen and eighteen he rose from five feet six to five feet eight inches in height, at which altitude he paused. But his mother wondered at it. He was three inches taller than his father. Was it possible that any man could grow to be three inches taller than Mr. Pendennis?

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الألفاظ والعبارات :

Dumpy	قصير وبدين
His face was freckled	كان في وجهه نمش
Whiskers	السبلة ، لحية جانبي الوجه
The pride of the whole country	فخر البلد كله
At which altitude he paused	وتوقف طوله عند هذا الحد
But his mother wondered at it	ولكن كان ذلك يدهش أمه