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CHAPTER I.

THE LAST CHANCE.

IN coming down so unexpectedly to Prettywell, Sir Bate has not reckoned entirely without his host. He did not by any means take Viola Rayne's first refusal (tendered by the lips of General Garnier) as a final decision. His vanity and self-appreciation would not allow him to think she was in earnest. But when her second answer reached him, written in the same strain, he began to think that something must be wrong. The girl must have mistaken the import of his letter. She could not be in her right senses; she was acting under the coercion of some stronger will than her own. It was impossible she could mean deliberately to refuse him, Annerley Hall, and twelve thousand a-year, all in one breath.