

CHRISTMAS CAROL IN PROSE;  
THE CHIMES;  
THE  
CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

IN PROSE.

BEING

A GHOST STORY OF CHRISTMAS.



## P R E F A C E.



I ENDEAVOUR in this Ghostly little book, to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humour with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me. May it haunt their houses pleasantly, and no one wish to lay it!