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“Aloof, with hermit eye, I scan
The present deeds of present man.”
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CHAPTER I.

LET no one imagine that, because released by this solemn event from domestic thralldom, Mark Davenport so far lost sight of the decencies of life as to renew in haste the intimacy with which it was so sadly connected. However reckless his nature, he was painfully shocked by the scene he had witnessed; still more so, by the consciousness of his share in bringing it to pass. The whole family, horror-stricken, nay even grief-stricken by the presence of death, united in beseeching him to remain with them for a time, to afford both counsel and comfort.

In New Street, therefore, was he at once established; and from thence, — from the roof which covered his father's coffin, — it would have been heinous to emerge for the direct purpose of outraging his latest wishes.

His advice too, was required in a thousand emergencies. The new head of the family seemed unwilling to take the smallest step without consulting him. — As to Lady Davenport, the knowledge she had recently acquired of his friendship for the niece and