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"Aloof, with hermit eye, I scan  
The present deeds of present man."  
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## CHAPTER I.

It was a happy day at Meadows Court; — a day long looked for, come at last; — the seventeenth birthday of the only daughter, — nay, the only child — of the house; who, from her earliest girlhood, had been promised that, on entering her eighteenth year, she should be emancipated from the trammels of the governess, and introduced into society; that is, as far as comported with the facilities of a neighbourhood, where society, according to fashionable interpretation, there was none.

There was, however, all that Amy Meadows desired. She had heard no description, and by indiscriminate reading acquired no suspicion of any species of social order more brilliant than was presented by their obscure parish; and what she chiefly ambitioned, in emerging from the school-room and getting rid of Miss Honeywood, was to devote herself exclusively to a dear, good mother, who had been prevented by pro-