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CHAPTER I.

“PARK LANE, Sept. 9, 1888.

“DEAREST CAROLINE,—

“I am sending ma belle *Hélène* abroad, as you know,—to Florence, that sweetest of all places,—and am not sure how I shall exist without her. It has been such an amusement to me getting her clothes,—her first *long frocks*, you know. It was just like dressing a doll, only that Helen is such a tall creature,—like all your family,—a little lanky as yet, you know, but I dare say she will cure of that. Really her things are charming, a sort of rehearsal for the trousseau that will, I suppose, be wanted some time or other, later on; though it seems absurd to think of that. It seems absurd altogether that *I* should have a grown-up daughter, and so very *much* grown, too, considering my own tiny dimensions. I hope to heaven she