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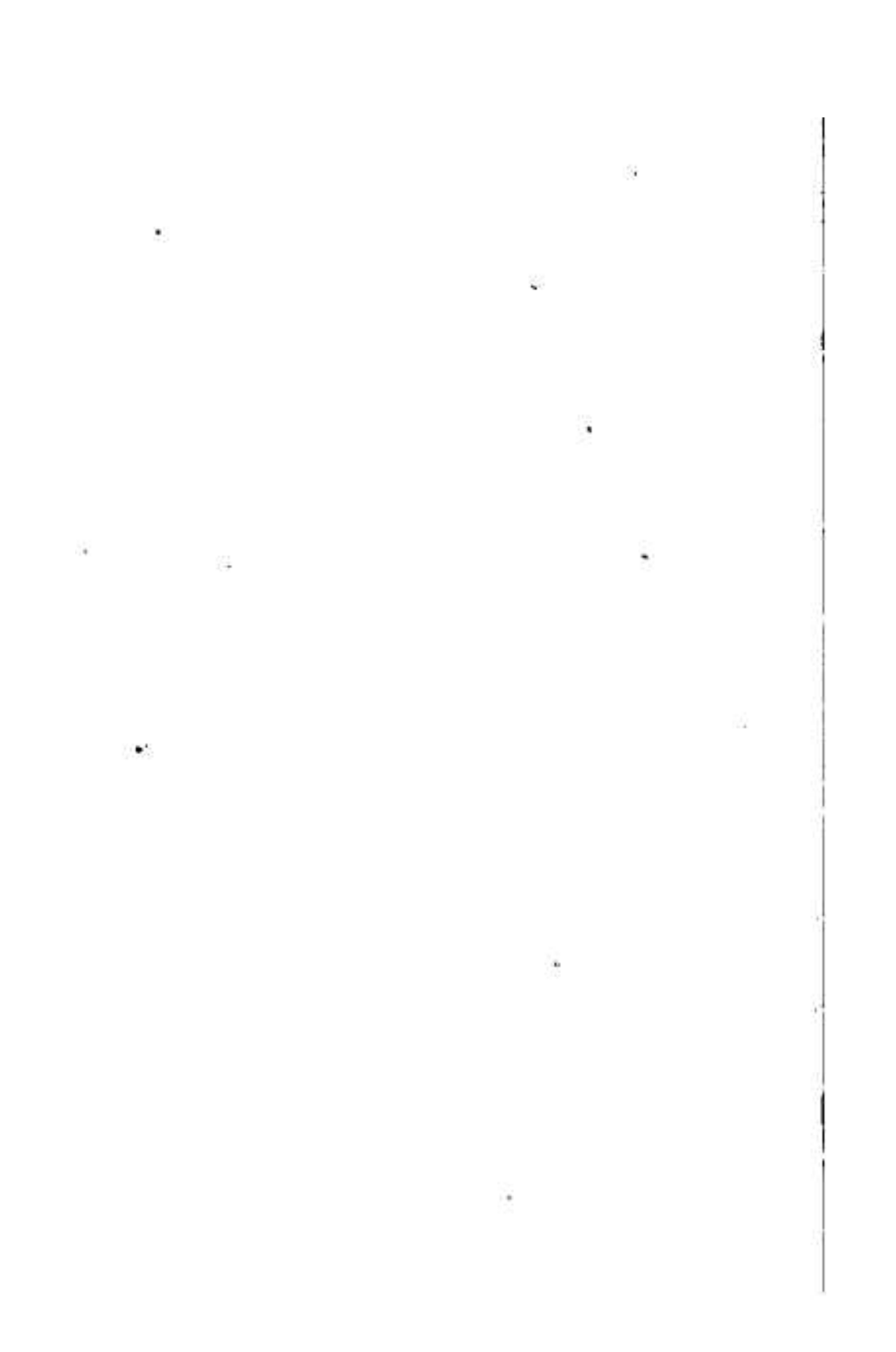
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## CHAPTER I.

### MR. AND MRS. HUDSON.

Samuel Hudson was the son of a farmer, in good circumstances, who lived in the town of S., M. county, Massachusetts ; and in the town of C., near by, lived Miss Ordella Wilder, his affianced bride. She was the daughter of a farmer, who died, leaving his widow with nine children, some of them quite small. They were all industrious, and having one of the best of mothers to superintend the management of their affairs, they succeeded in keeping their farm, and acquired a good living. They were brought up in a strict observance of good, moral, and religious principles.

Samuel and Ordella were married at an early age. They selected a farm, for their future residence, upon the lovely banks of the Nashua river, in the county of W., where they lived for many years, happily and contentedly. They gradually increased in wealth, and often enlarged the borders of their farm. In a few years they became wealthy and independent. It is

true, they labored hard, but what of that, when they could see the fruit of it.

Within five years after their marriage, they were blessed with three lovely sons. The eldest was named Jason, after his grandfather H. ; the second, Frederick, after his grandfather W. ; and the youngest, Samuel, and for a long time the fond mother called him her babe. Ordellia did not choose to keep any servants, consequently she had to work very hard. Their farm, at that time, was not all paid for, and she did not think they were able to hire. There was only sixteen months' difference in the ages of Jason and Fred ; and often did Ordellia spin her day's work, with Fred in her apron : he was always peevish, and would never be quiet away from his mother. Often would she milk four or five cows, with him on her lap, and Jason beside her. Hard, indeed, did this dear mother labor to accumulate property, which, in the decline of life, she had not the liberty of controlling. Alas ! how little do some children realize, when they become men and women, how much trouble, anxiety, and care they have caused their parents in their childhood. They seem to think their parents must conform entirely to their wishes. Far better would it be for them, if they indulge them with that kindness with which they were indulged in their childhood. Jason was a noble, generous-hearted boy, too liberal for his own good ; he loved everybody, and everybody loved him. He was always kind to his parents : their slightest wish was his will, and he always

performed it with pleasure. Frederick's character did not develop as much in childhood. He was one of the still ones, rather selfish; but on the whole might be called an obedient child. Samuel was different from either; he had a mind of his own; he was not disobedient, but would generally have his own way, either by argument or by teasing, and he would also tease for his brothers, as well as for himself. Consequently he was sometimes called "the tease." They were all very industrious, and their father thought this was of more consequence than acquiring an education. He was willing they should have the advantage of a country district school, and this was all he thought necessary; this was all the privilege he had received, and it would do very well for them; but Samuel managed, somehow, to obtain an education superior to the rest. He afterwards became competent to teach a village school.

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## CHAPTER II.

### THEIR DAUGHTER.

Ordelia toiled excessively, with her household duties, not thinking that her unceasing labors were gradually breaking down her strong constitution, and that eventually she would suffer the consequence of so doing, Alas! as the worm commences at the root of the plant, and in an invisible manner hinders the progress of its