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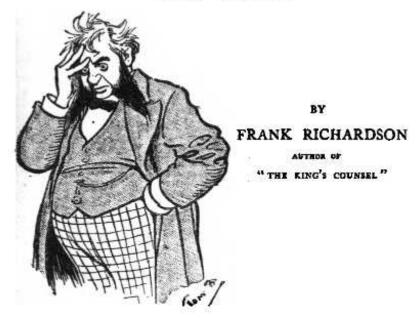
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CHAPTER I

THE MAN WITH THE FRENCH NOVEL

THE little man was absolutely dazed.

That he had escaped with his life and "Le Journal d'une Femme de Chambre" seemed almost a miracle, for the two other occupants of the first-class compartment had been practically abolished. Several carriages had been telescoped, a luggage van had been annihilated, an engine driver had been killed, and various miscellaneous mutilations had been caused by some cryptic misfeasance resulting in the wrecking at Chalk Farm Station of the mid-day express from Manchester to London.

To the congratulations of the London and North-Western officials the little man made scarcely a reply. When it had been several times explained

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