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CHAPTER I

ONE of the many regrets which, in common no doubt with many of my contemporaries, I feel as my life draws to its close, is that I have kept no record of the various scenes I have witnessed, the pleasant people I have met, or even of the dates at which those experiences of my life that would have more or less interest for the world at large, have taken place. I have met a great many persons, as the phrase goes, 'worth knowing,' heard very excellent stories, been regaled with a great deal of wit, but have only a confused recollection, such as

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