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DOT  
A CITY  
WAIF



AND THE KING  
SHALL SAY  
"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE  
DONE IT UNTO ONE OF  
THE LEAST OF THESE.....  
YE HAVE DONE IT  
UNTO ME."

T.P.M.

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## CHAPTER I.

### "NO WORK."

"NO work for you to-day."

The words were spoken by a burly, red-faced man, to a pale, miserable-looking woman, who stood leaning heavily against the counter of a dark cellar under a large showy shop, which stood in a dingy yet busy street of a manufacturing town; a shop in whose crowded windows ready-made garments were ticketed, at prices for which, as the customers said, "you could not make them yourselves, counting nothing for the work, let alone for the sewings."

Ah! those poor, pale, weary-looking women, standing with their bundles at that cellar-counter, could have told how good reason there was that their employers, buying stuff at wholesale prices, and cutting from the piece, could afford to sell